



2020
Sustainable Vision

Parks & Recreation

2017 - 2021

WITH THANKS

This document is the result of an innovative planning process that sought to synchronize the Pittsfield Township Master Plan with the Parks & Recreation Master Plan with the aim of articulating a cohesive and unified vision for our community. A vision that greatly prioritizes parks, green space preservation and, mostly, non-motorized amenities.

The 2020 Vision planning process was conceived and implemented by the Supervisor's Office. The participation and leadership of the Park Commissioners was critical. Their input in compiling and outlining, among other things, the park inventories and conceptual designs has helped shape the content of this document.

In the end, the 2020 Sustainable Vision Parks & Recreation Master Plan is the outcome of ideas, opinions, and research shared by the hundreds of residents, along with the numerous public and private sector stakeholders who volunteered to participate in our community survey, public forums, kick-off event, design charrettes, working sessions along with park inventory and walking tour. It is their invaluable feedback and suggestions that have shaped the 2020 Sustainable Vision Parks & Recreation Master Plan into an innovative guide for the future of our community.

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Introduction



INTRODUCTION

Beginning in 2009, Pittsfield Township began conducting a multitude of public input and engagement processes. As such, we have a strong understanding that our community demands environmental stewardship. This is evident not just through the 72% approval of the Park Millage renewal in March 2016, but also through consistent prioritization by township residents of green/park space maintenance and acquisition. As with other public input processes, the 2020 Vision planning process highlighted the fact that non-motorized and multimodal expansion is consistently prioritized at the top by survey respondents and at the public forums, not just when discussing transportation and land use but also as part of the feedback for parks, recreation, art & culture, and even open space preservation! Clearly and without a doubt, if there is one issue that unites our community, it is expansion of non-motorized – sidewalks, bike lanes, greenways/pathways – amenities in our community. This concept extends into the prioritization of trails within the parks to provide for a seamless linear park network.

With the adoption of the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan seven years ago, our community began its journey toward becoming a regional leader in the establishment of a non-motorized transportation network, expanding multimodality, incorporating public art and spaces into the fabric of our landscape, promoting environmental stewardship, and successfully striking the delicate balance between preservation and (infill) development.



Leveraging a historic \$14 million in grant funding, in those seven years, Pittsfield made significant strides in implementing the vision of the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan. In 2015, as an update to the Parks & Recreation master plan came due, we decided to implement another innovative planning process, similar to the one undertaken for the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan (2009-2011), that envisioned synchronizing our two major planning documents - Township Master Plan and Parks & Recreation Plan - to outline one cohesive vision for our community. The need and importance of doing so derives, as noted above, from the fact that land use priorities are intrinsically linked, in Pittsfield Township, to a desire to preserve open/park spaces along with expanding non-motorized amenities, which are increasingly defining our community's linear park system.

The 2020 Vision planning process, conducted October-December 2015, provided for robust public engagement and generated about 750 survey responses that are geographically representative and statistically significant. Before we delved into analyzing this input, we first undertook a review of the extent to which we had been successful in achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan. As we did so, with Working Groups for each topical area/chapter, it quickly became apparent that, since the adoption of the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan, we have operated within a framework of sustainability.

For the purposes of this document and Pittsfield Township's past and future prioritization of projects/initiatives, we are defining sustainability to mean: (a) the preservation and expansion of open/green/park spaces wherein native habitats, rain gardens, pollinator gardens and local farming are supported; (b) establishment of a multi-modal transportation network that reduces emissions

and promotes public gathering spaces; and (c) Development that relies on infill and density to minimize expansion of grey and impermeable surfaces.

This focus on sustainability arises as much from a need to preserve our environment as it does from creating a sense of place for all, including seniors and youth, such that everyone not only feels welcome but enjoys living, working and recreating in Pittsfield Township. By promoting infill and mixed-use development, our vision is to create spaces that provide immediate multimodal access to services and amenities within a green and visually pleasing environment. By promoting non-motorized and transit, our vision is to provide everyone greater access to healthy lifestyles and services/amenities that are not in close proximity. By expanding our preserved and green spaces, our vision is to respect Pittsfield's agricultural heritage by supporting local agriculture and access to local foods while providing for a seamless inclusion of green spaces and nature into the fabric of our community.

In the final analysis, this document – along with the township master plan (2020 Sustainable Vision Master Plan) – outline a vision that goes beyond the greening of our landscape by hard coding sustainability into the DNA of Pittsfield Township. In other words, we have made sustainability a central unit of analysis in updating the Parks & Recreation narrative along with our goals and objectives such that our future vision is defined within a sustainable framework to: (a) expand amenities and accessibility to park spaces, especially in deficient areas such as the northwest and northeast; (b) expand green and preserved spaces, including providing for small, organic farming; (c) implementing traffic congestion solutions that promote multi-modality and reduction in emissions; and (d) continued expansion of the non-motorized network we began establishing in 2009 such that it provides for seamless inter-connectivity between our public, residential, park, cultural, green, entertainment, commercial, green and open spaces.

The goals and objectives, as they relate to the first two points noted above, are outlined in greater detail in this document with the 2020 Sustainable Vision Master Plan providing details for the other two priorities, even as each of these documents 'speaks' with each other to put forth a cohesive 2020 Vision for defining a Premier Pittsfield.

Mandy Grewal, Ph. D.
Pittsfield Township Supervisor



Community Description





Source: ACS 2015 5-Year Estimates



PITTSFIELD PROFILE

LOCATION

Pittsfield Township has a land area of 27.4 square miles. The Township is located in southeast Washtenaw County, Michigan. It is bordered on the north by the City of Ann Arbor, and by the City of Saline to the southwest. The city of Ypsilanti is less than a mile to the east. The Township also shares borders with the Townships of Lodi, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and York. Pittsfield is transected by I-94 and US-23.

HISTORY

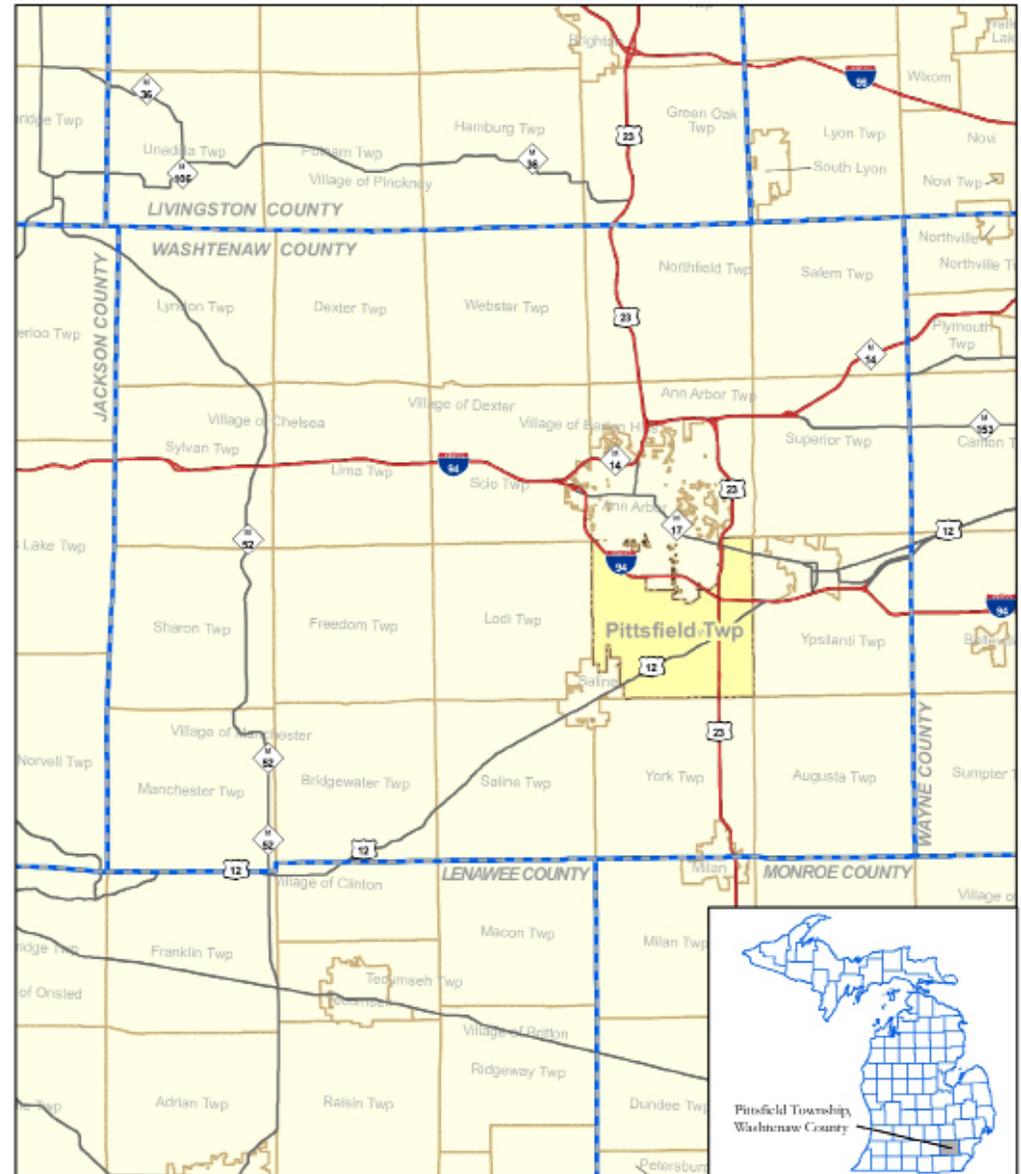
In 1824, Geo. W. Noyes made the first purchase of the federal land that would later become Pittsfield Township. This land is located in what is now Section 10 of the Township; section 10 is located between Platt and Stone School Roads, bordered by Packard Road on the north and Ellsworth Road on the south. Most of this area has been annexed by the City of Ann Arbor.

This area, once part of Wayne County, became Ann Arbor Township in 1827. The population consisted of mostly immigrants from eastern states such as New York and Pennsylvania. By 1830, the land had been divided between Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Saline Townships.

The Township was originally named Pitt Township for William Pitt, Earl of Chatham. The Sixth Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan passed the Act enabling the organization of the "Township of Pitt" on March 7, 1834. This name was retained until March 22, 1839 when it was changed to "Pittsfield Township" by act of the Michigan State Legislature. One hundred and thirty-three years later in 1972, the residents of Pittsfield Township voted to become a charter township, at which time, our community became known, as it is today, as "Pittsfield Charter Township."

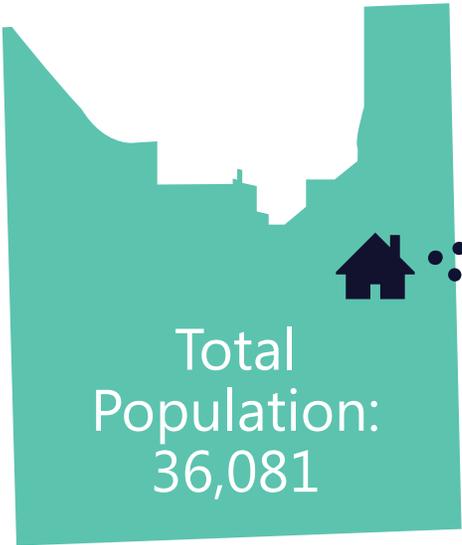
While there has been relatively steady population growth in Pittsfield since the turn of the 19th century starting at just over 1,000 residents, there was a tremendous increase when the population more than doubled between 1980 and 2000 going from 12,986 to 30,167. Between 2000 and 2010 Pittsfield Township's population grew to 34,663.

www.pittsfield-mi.gov/history



Source: McKenna Associates

SNAPSHOT OF PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP



Avg. Household Size: 2.43

Median Household Income: \$67,183

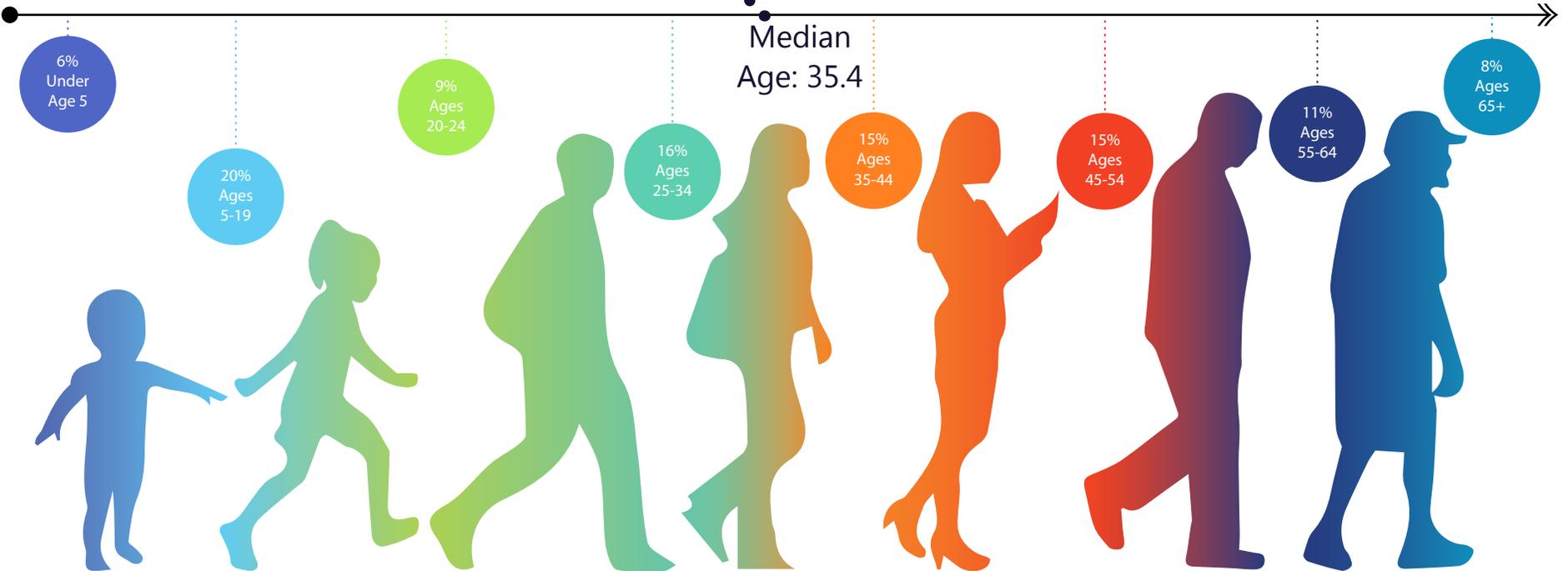
Pittsfield Township has approximately 36,000 residents and is primarily suburban. The Township has seen modest growth; between 2000 and 2014, the population has grown by about 6,000 people. Like most communities in America, the population is aging. While the median age seems relatively low, it is 4 years older than census data from 2000, and currently over 1 in 10 residents is over the age of 65, in comparison to 1 in 20 residents in 2000.

Socio-economic status

The household median income at around \$69,000 annually is about \$19,000 higher than the State of Michigan. Pittsfield Township's poverty rate is 6% lower than Michigan's, and the unemployment rate of 5.5% is about half of Michigan's rate of 9.8%.

When unemployment is broken down by age, it is over 4 times more likely for the age group 16-19 to be unemployed. The unemployment rate of this age group is 22.1%. Unemployment rates drop to their lowest between 55-59 and 60-64 where the rates are 2.9% and 2.8% respectively. The remaining age groups hover more closely to the overall average unemployment rate of 5.5%.

In Pittsfield poverty rates are highest those aged 18-24 years of age. Of those whose income falls below the poverty line, one-third of them fall into this age

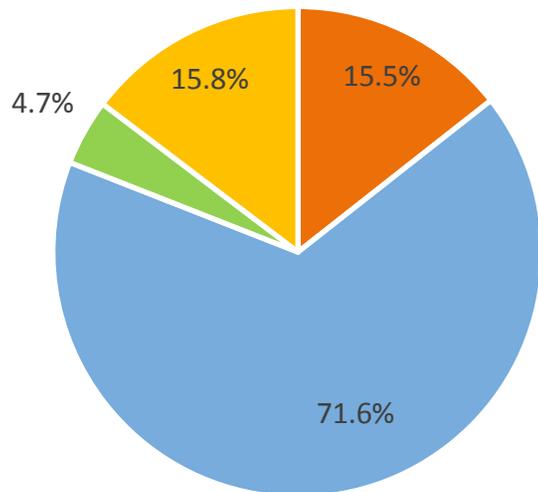


bracket. This figure can be slightly misleading as it could correspond to college-bound residents with limited student incomes. That is to say, this inflated poverty rate is likely temporary until the student find employment. The poverty rate drops by half in the next age group 25-34. More alarming however is that 9.1% of children under age 5 live in poverty.

The US Census uses six categories to describe disabilities. The disabled population discussed below includes those who have difficulty with vision, hearing, self-care, independent living, cognition, and ambulatory difficulty. Disability varies by age, typically with those aged 65 or older experiencing a higher proportion of disabilities. For example, of the 6.6% disabled population in Pittsfield Township, almost two-thirds are aged 65 or older. This age group struggles mostly with ambulatory difficulty and independent living.

Race

Pittsfield Township is primarily Caucasian. However, there have been slight changes to the racial make-up since the year 2000. The Asian population has grown by over 5%, and the Caucasian population has dropped by about 4%. As of 2014, about 18% of Pittsfield residents were foreign born.



■ African American ■ Caucasian ■ Latino/Hispanic ■ Asian

*The total exceeds 100% because Latino/Hispanic is considered an ethnicity, and is double counted amongst the other races.

The following figures provide clear picture of how diverse Pittsfield is. This demographic data, recommended for review by the Department of Natural Resources, helps inform and guide what type of amenities and infrastructure is worthwhile for further investment. For example, understanding that over 1,000 Township residents do not have access to a vehicle may highlight the importance of connecting people to parklands through alternative modes. Moreover, once a community understands the types of disabilities that its residents have, it can invest in amenities and facilities that make parks a more enjoyable place for them. Knowing the magnitude of elderly residents with ambulatory difficulty can steer investment towards programs (such as fitness classes) for the less able-bodied, and for additional ramps and/or benches.

Housing

Pittsfield Township housing tenure is split relatively equally between homeowners and renters. The majority of homeowners live in single-family, detached homes whereas renters tend to live in buildings with 5-19 units. Rentals tend to be clustered in the northern section of the township, adjacent to Ann Arbor. Interestingly, homeowners have a considerably larger household size than renters.

Owner-occupied	55.6%
Average household size (owner)	2.85
Renter-occupied	44.4%
Average household size (renter)	2.01
Number of housing units	14,661

Source: ACS 2015 5-Year Estimates

Top 3 industries

Below are the top three industries in Pittsfield Township by percentage of the population employed in these sectors. Since the year 2000, "education, health and social services" has bumped up from the third largest industry to the first (ACS 2015 5-Year Estimates).

1. Educational services, and health care and social assistance: 35.1%
2. Manufacturing: 14.2%
3. Professional, scientific, and management: 12.2%

Households earning <\$24,999	16.9%
Disabled population	6.6%
17 and under	4.8%
18-64	51.6%
65 and older	43.6%
People with no vehicle available	1,022
15-34	311
35-64	457
65 years and older	254
People below poverty level	10.3%
17 and under	21.1%
18-64	73.6%
65 and older	5.3%
Unemployment rate (age 16+)	5.5%
16-29	34.2%
30-64%	21.0%
65 and older	9.9%
Median income	\$69,164
25 and under	\$31,656
25-44	\$72,212
45-64	\$94,901
65 and older	\$47,624

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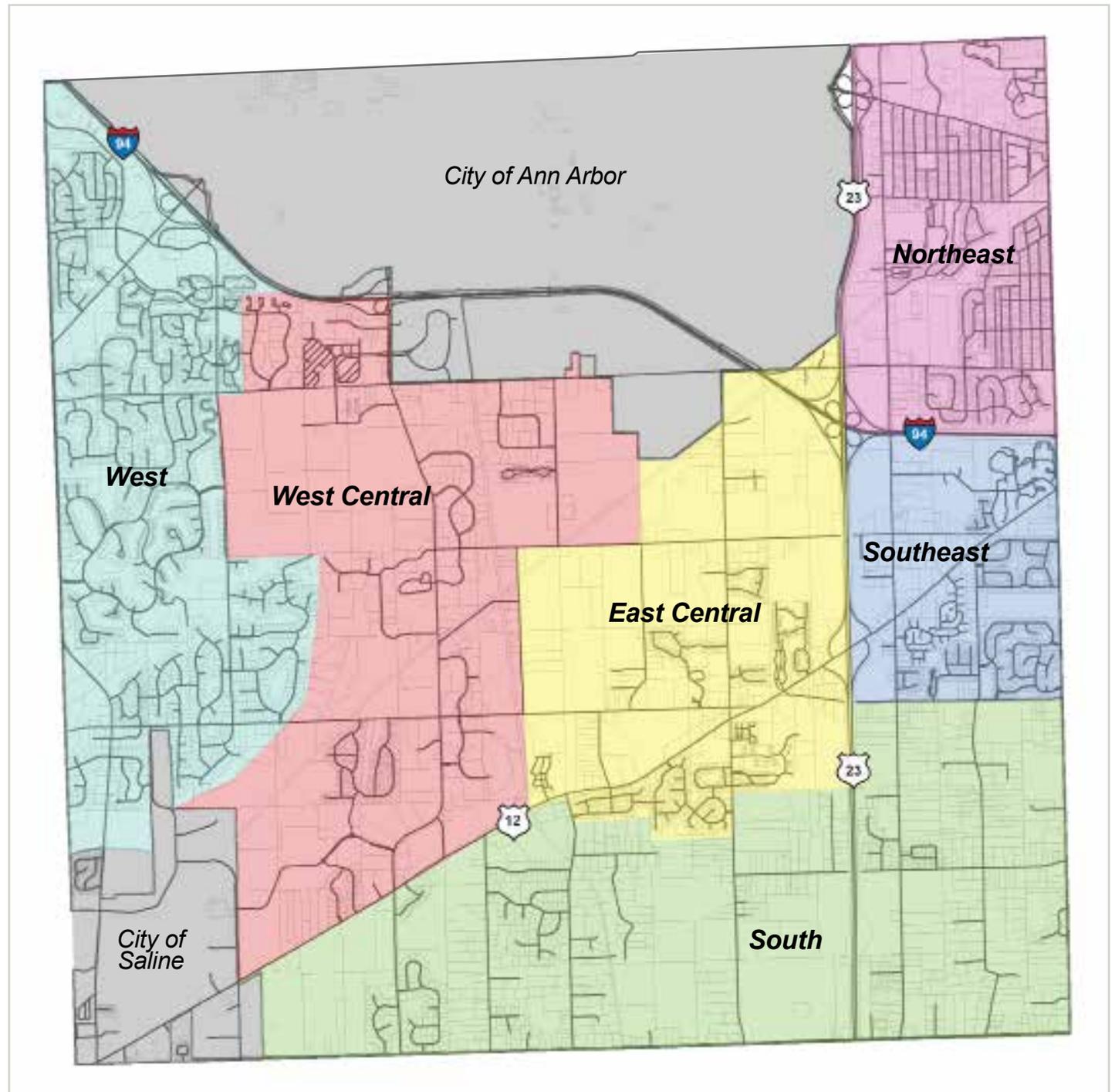
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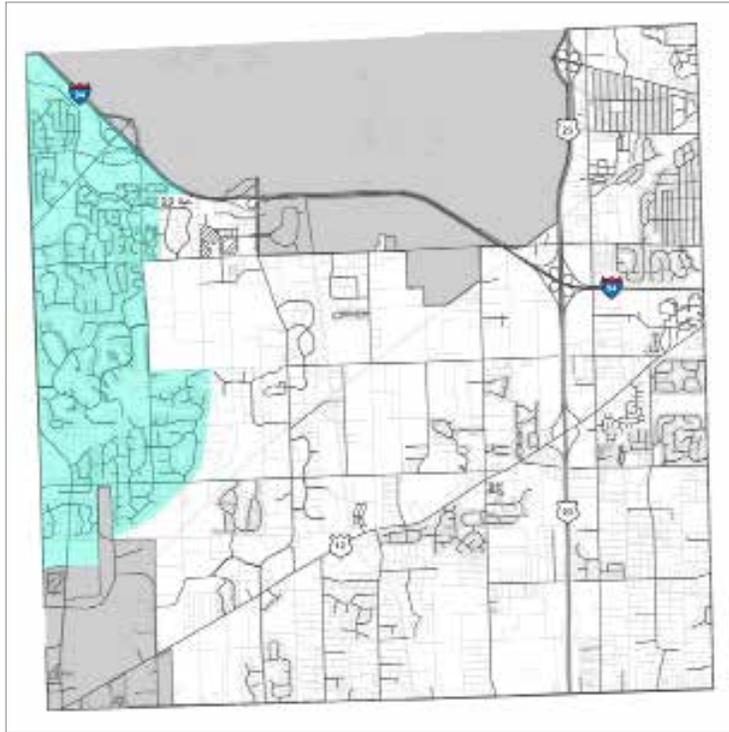
GEOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Pittsfield Township is characterized by distinctive land use patterns that are specific to certain geographic areas. This map depicts these areas based on existing land use patterns.

In understanding and respecting existing land use patterns, the following generalizations and categorizations, based on geographic location within the Township, are useful:



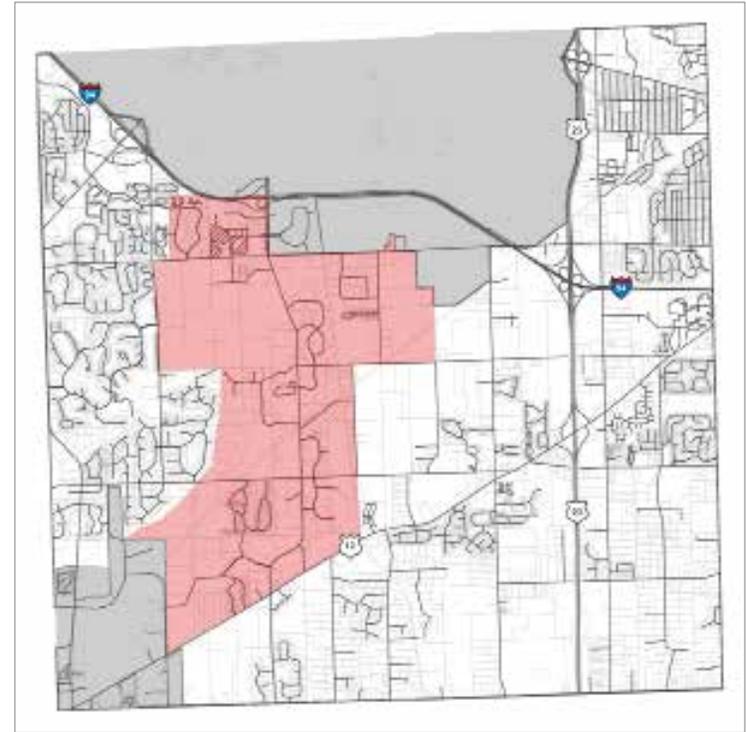
WEST



This area represents diverse residential neighborhoods, including suburban and multi-family residential, which are interspersed with two vibrant retail centers in the Ann Arbor-Saline Road vicinity. These retail centers became the first to implement mixed-use development, provided for in the 2010 Master Plan, which has resulted in seamless non-motorized connectivity, multi-unit residential and storefronts along Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

There remains a dearth of green space in this part of the Township, which is why the Board of Trustees' approved the first land purchase in eight years for a public park at the corner of Oak Valley and Waters Roads, in May 2016. This, along with our commitment to provide for green and additional park spaces, as part of future residential/commercial development in the west, should provide for that balance between green and grey infrastructure central to the 2020 Sustainable Vision.

WEST CENTRAL

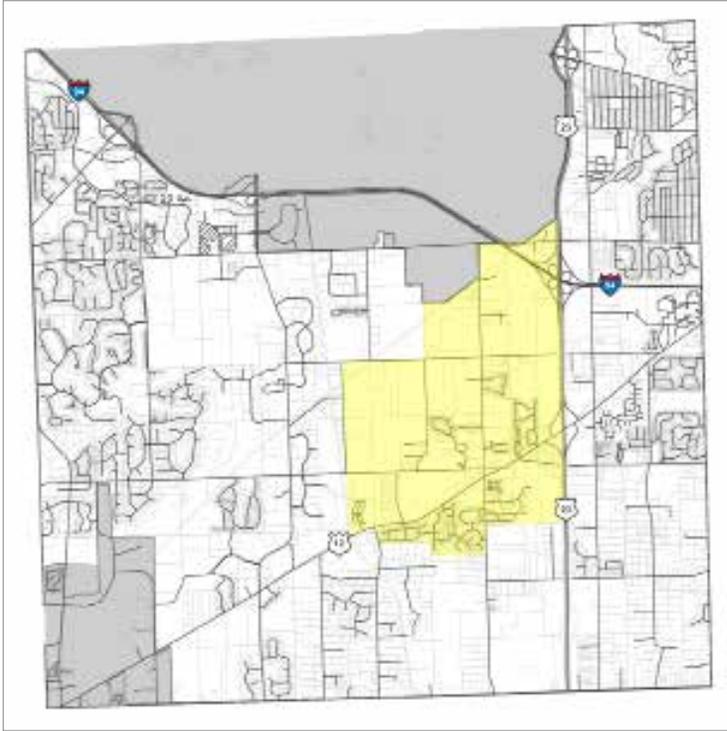


This area is characterized by the business districts within it and includes the Ann Arbor airport, which is owned and operated by the City of Ann Arbor, and some commercial activity toward the southern edge of the West Central area.

The main business corridor is located along State Street. The State Street corridor, between Ellsworth and Michigan Avenue, is home to a diverse set of employers ranging from alternative energy and technology firms, to light manufacturing, such as truck parts and medical equipment facilities. In order to address the urgent need to redesign State Street, the Board of Trustees established a Corridor Improvement Authority in December 2013 to implement a complete street that will accommodate multiple modes of transportation and incorporate greenscapes.

Since 2011, the addition of a public park and historic district; installation of greenways; expansion of transit to this part of the Township along with mixed use developments at State St. and Textile Road have greatly enhanced the vibrancy of this region. The Oak Valley Business Park continues to attract information and other technology-based firms, especially those seeking close proximity to residential units on the west.

EAST CENTRAL



The largest tract of preserved green space - the Pittsfield Preserve at approximately 500 acres - is located in this region. Public facilities, including the Township Administration campus, are located here. There are diverse residential neighborhoods within this area, including one of the largest subdivisions in the Township and several condominium complexes.

Since 2011, the preserved green space around Pittsfield Preserve has expanded with land acquisitions by the Natural Area Preservation Program and the Greenbelt Program. In addition, we have established a historic district at Harwood and a Farmers Market at Township Hall; expanded transit along Platt and Michigan; installed greenways along Michigan and Platt connecting to the Township's most vibrant parks (Lillie Park) – all of which has provided for public gathering spaces and sense of community in this part of the Township.

There continues to be a need to alleviate traffic congestion and revitalize the area along Michigan Avenue between Platt Road and the US-23 interchange not only to enhance one of the major gateways into the Township but also to leverage opportunities for infill development.

SOUTH



The area of the Township south of Michigan Avenue is defined by rural residential, open space, and agricultural land. There are large lot residential neighborhoods interspersed into the landscape, however, agricultural uses and residential homesteads on parcels that are 2.5 acres or larger dominate this area.

In 2013, Wall Park was brought online that provides for a recreational space with a goal of expanding passive recreational options. There is also a need to extend the Platt Road Greenway south of Michigan to provide for north-south non-motorized access.

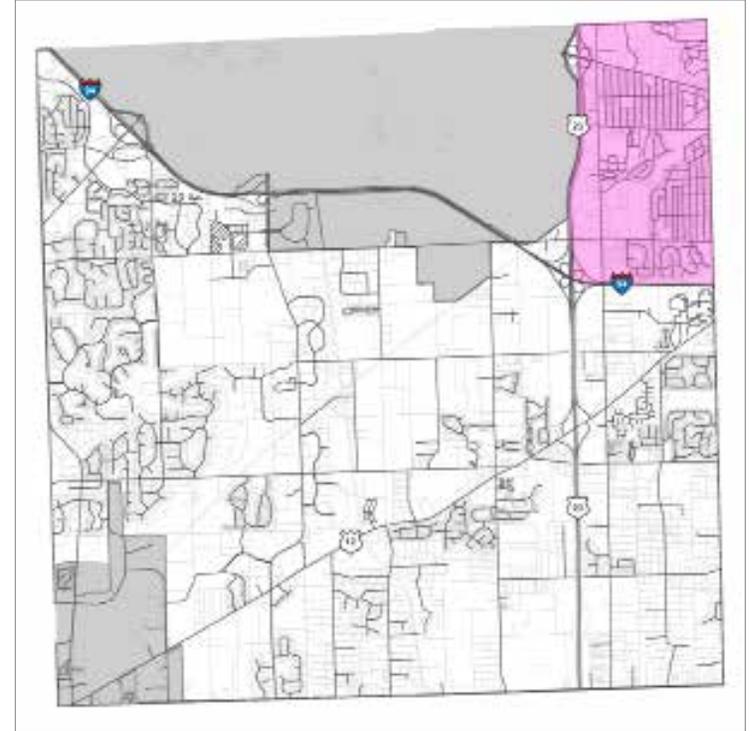
SOUTHEAST



This area contains a continuation of residential development from the Northeast area of the Township. It benefits from convenient access to both US-23 and I-94, along with access to Hickory Woods Park. The other predominant land use in this area (located along Carpenter and Morgan Roads) is industrial. Some of the few remaining industrial parcels in the entire Township are located here.

Even though greater transit options have been made available, since 2011, there continues to be a scarcity of non-motorized transportation choices such as sidewalks and pathways in this part of the Township. The inability of the existing road network, especially Michigan Avenue, to accommodate non-motorized modes of transportation is a major hurdle to the vision of full connectivity in Pittsfield.

NORTHEAST



This area comprises some of the original and most mature neighborhoods in the Township. It is characterized by a compact mix of urban residential along with commercial and retail spaces. Even more than West Pittsfield, this area is home to numerous big box retailers and chain restaurants, especially along Carpenter Road. The Carpenter corridor also contains residential units, including senior and multi-family housing complexes, and some employment centers. The first mid-block crossing in Pittsfield was installed on Carpenter Road in 2012. Since then, many other multi-modal improvements have been made along Carpenter Road and Washtenaw Avenue corridors including enhanced transit services, sidewalk installations and additional mid-block crossings.

There is tremendous potential for economic revitalization along the Washtenaw Avenue corridor as the Township continues prioritizing infill and denser mixed-use developments in areas with existing infrastructure and public amenities.

Administrative Structure



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Management and planning for Pittsfield Township Parks & Recreation are within the purview of the Parks & Recreation Department, which reports to the Township Supervisor. The Park Commission is responsible for the purchase and development of Township parks. The chart to the right depicts the organizational structure of the Parks & Recreation Department.

In 1975, the Park Commission was formally established under Michigan Public Act 156 of 1917. The primary responsibilities of the elected Park Commissioners are to recommend and promote the acquisition of land for future park development, to plan and recommend improvements to current parklands and recreation facilities within parks, and to advise on the development of recreation programs specific to park facilities. The Commission also advises on park maintenance, equipment purchases and capital improvement projects funded through the park millage.

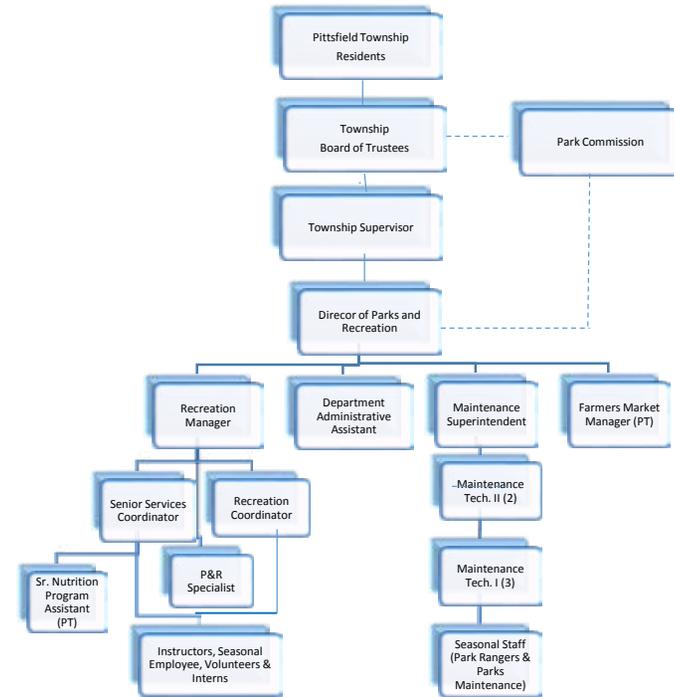
The Commission's mission statement is:

To improve the quality of life in Pittsfield Township through the purchase, development, and maintenance of park land for active and passive use; the development and maintenance of recreational programs and physical facilities that respond to the recreational needs of the entire Pittsfield community; and the cultivation of community awareness of our mission.

ADMINISTRATION

The Parks and Recreation Department, established in 1978, is headed by a full-time director who reports to the Township Supervisor. The Director oversees a variety of activities including:

- Coordination and development of park facilities and recreation programs
- Budget development and management, capital improvement program, supplies and park equipment purchases
- Personnel hiring, training, and assigning
- Park policy and law enforcement
- Park maintenance and improvement projects
- Maintaining a cooperative planning and working relationship with other community agencies
- Recreation and athletic programs and leagues
- Comprehensive community marketing program
- Research, preparation, and presentation of information required by various agencies



The Director is aided by 11 full-time and 2 part-time Department staff, including the Recreation Manager, the Senior Services Coordinator, the Recreation Coordinator, the Maintenance Superintendent, five Maintenance Technicians, a Parks and Rec Specialist and a Department Administrative Assistant. The Recreation Manager manages the daily operations of the Township's Recreation and Senior Services Program. The Senior Services Coordinator organizes the day-to-day operations of the senior program, and the development and implementation of programs for adults 55 and older. The Recreation Coordinator organizes the day-to-day operation of the recreation programs, program development, and implementation. The Specialist and Administrative Assistant provide administrative and customer service support to the department. The Maintenance Superintendent coordinates maintenance of the parks and Community Center and assists the Director in construction and park improvement projects. Since 2013, Pittsfield Township has hosted a Farmers Market, which has grown into a year round Market and was transferred from the Supervisor's Office to the Parks & Recreation Department in 2015. The Department also hires, trains, and supervises approximately 70 seasonal employees and instructors on a temporary basis each year.



PARTNERSHIPS

The Many Roles of Volunteers

The Township has many volunteers at the Pittsfield Senior Center for a variety of purposes. They have come together to instruct technology classes, including Computer Trouble Shooting, Intro to Windows 10, Use of Smart Phones, and Photoshop. They also instruct enrichment classes such as Cooking, Ukulele instruction, Pipers, and Genealogy. In addition, volunteers at the center lead activities, such as Line Dancing, Exercise classes, Bingo, and Wii Bowling. Other volunteers lead weekly groups, like Book Club, Creative Writers Group, Quilting, Wood Carving, Painting, Flower Arranging, and Red Hat Ladies.

Community volunteers and groups like scout troops, Ann Arbor Jaycees, and Pittsfield Township Historical Society help with large annual special events like the Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt, Harvest Festival, Haunted House, and Fishing Derby. Community groups, individuals, and businesses also help with park and trail clean-up activities.

Private Organizations

Pittsfield Township has also teamed up with some private organizations who have primarily led instruction for courses offered in Pittsfield Township. Some examples of local businesses include Diversified Solutions providing tennis lessons, Anyone Can Paint monthly landscape paintings, Wright's Karate instructing on self-defense. Both the Stonebridge Golf Course and Miles of Golf hold golf lessons. And, Hear Clear is a support group for those in the area who suffer from hearing loss.





Public & Religious Organizations

Many programs provided by Pittsfield Township rely on partnerships with public agencies and religious organizations. The Catholic Social Services recruits and manages a group of volunteers that help run the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's (RSVP) regular activities and office functions at the senior center such as making copies, assisting center members with trip/travel program information, making name tags, making phone calls, and giving tours of the facility to prospective new members. Similarly, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B provides volunteer assistance to a program that informs and enrolls elderly residents for Medicare and also prepares their taxes.

In addition, the Washtenaw County Office for Economic & Community Development administers grant funding that Pittsfield Township has used for the Senior Nutrition Program. Volunteers help with the Senior Nutrition Program by putting out place settings and assisting with sign-in sheets. And others help with monthly blood pressure checks. Through a grant, Washtenaw Community College also provides instruction for senior exercise classes. Lastly, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department rents out its indoor pool and studio that Pittsfield Township uses for swim lessons and its tumbling program.

School Districts

Pittsfield works with Ann Arbor Public Schools to use Carpenter Elementary for after-school programs as well as co-sponsors exercise programs at Scarlett Middle School. Together, Ann Arbor Public Schools and Pittsfield Township distribute flyers with Parent Teacher Organization information for various youth programs and contract bus services for Summer Day Camp field trips.



ANNUAL BUDGET

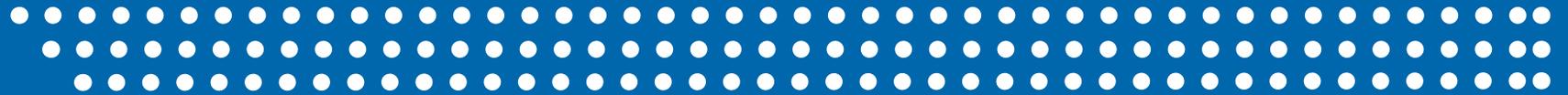
The Township's General Fund and the Park Millage support the Parks & Recreation Department. The General Fund provides about \$1 million in support, about a third of which is recouped in program fees, league charges and pavilion and field rentals. The Park Millage, which 72% of Pittsfield residents voted to extend in March 2016 for another ten-year period (2016-2026), is projected to provide about \$800,000 in revenues/year. For the past decade, the Park Millage revenues have been used, primarily, to pay the debt for the purchase of the 500 acre Pittsfield Preserve.

The below table outlines the Township's general priorities for use of the Park Millage funds, as outlined during the millage renewal process (January – March, 2016).

Year	Projected Revenue	Majority Expenditure (Projected)
2016	\$849,465	Preserve park debt: \$608,220
2017*	\$845,220	Preserve park debt: \$608,100
2018	\$841,000	Acquire park/green space
2019	\$841,000	Acquire park/green space Construct multi-modal facilities
2020	\$845,200	Construct multi-modal facilities Improve park & senior amenities
2021	\$853,650	Acquire park/green space Construct multi-modal facilities
2022	\$862,190	TBD (Public Engagement in 2020)
2023	\$870,800	TBD (Public Engagement in 2020)
2024	\$879,500	TBD (Public Engagement in 2020)
2025	\$888,310	TBD (Public Engagement in 2020)
2026	\$987,190	TBD (Public Engagement in 2020)

* In 2017, preserve park debt will close out.

Parks & Recreation Inventory



INVENTORY OF EXISTING PARKS, NATURAL AREAS, AND RECREATION FACILITIES

REGIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

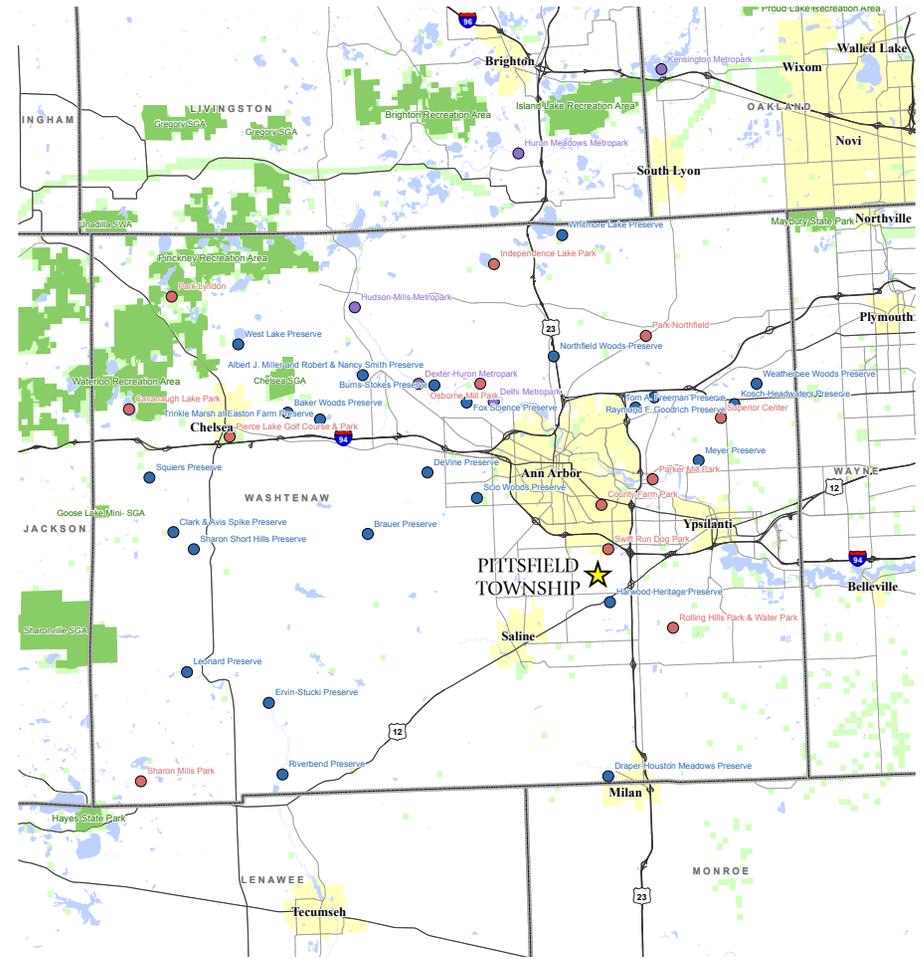
As seen from the map on the right, Pittsfield Township is in close proximity to a variety of recreational opportunities. Within Washtenaw County, there are about 15 preserves, 12 county parks, and three metro parks, as well as three state parks in the northwestern section of the county. In addition, there are several lakes that provide unique recreational opportunities such as fishing, kayaking and canoeing, and swimming. Among the different types of open space, Pittsfield residents can enjoy both passive and active outdoor activities.

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

	Description
1	None of the facilities/parks meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/parks meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most of the facilities/parks meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

Pittsfield Township's accessibility rankings span the entire range of scores 1-5. Of the 18 recreational areas evaluated, the average of scores was 2.9. The lower scores of "1" were mainly attributable to undeveloped sites which did not have trails, facilities, or parking lots to accommodate visitors. A score of "1" means that neither the park nor the facilities meet the accessibility guidelines. Only Hickory Woods was rated a "5" because the park and its facilities are well developed and use the principles of universal design. Some of the features attributed to its high score are a paved parking lot and a ramp leading to the park's several amenities: sidewalk, picnic pavilion, restrooms, and the play structures.

While all parks in Pittsfield Township have most of these amenities, the Township would like to apply for grants to both improve/expand restroom facilities and provide for universal access at parks. More thorough accessibility evaluations are included in the Inventory Table in the Appendix.



Regional Parks

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township, FEMA, Washtenaw County GIS

Legend

- ★ Pittsfield Township
- Cities
- DNR Lands
- Lakes
- Counties
- Major Roads
- Michigan State Game, Wildlife and Park Boundaries
- Metroparks
- County Parks
- Preserves



PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

An inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities owned and operated by Pittsfield Township occurred in October 2015. The Beckett & Raeder Team visited each park to take a detailed inventory of the recreation equipment and facilities, including the number, type and condition of the existing equipment. Detailed inventory sheets with this data, as well as observations, can be found in Appendix B. The parks and recreation areas range from mini parks of .34 acres to vast stretches of preserves, some as large as 500 acres. Only two parks were reported as having low use level. Since 2009, Pittsfield has installed about 7 miles of greenway (10' pathways) including the Platt Road Greenway and the Lohr-Textile Greenway (Pittsfield-mi.gov/transportation). Since their installation, these amenities have become an integral part of the community with the Lohr-Textile Greenway averaging daily use of over 200 pedestrians and cyclists.

When survey respondents were asked which of the five basic park features they enjoyed the most, a majority of respondents said they enjoyed trails (78%) and nature and wildlife viewing (59%). Playgrounds (45%) and picnic pavilions (31%) followed; athletic fields were favored by the fewest respondents (23%).

Trails dominated the list of 16 park amenities residents were asked to prioritize, taking the top two spots with "Pedestrian and bicycling trails" and a general "trails" choice. A closer look at these two results shows that pedestrian and bicycling trails were rated as the top priority by a solid margin over all trails, showing a preference for non-motorized transportation uses over recreational uses such as nature trails. Also interestingly, the response count for this item was 30 higher than for any other. This means that those respondents prioritized pedestrian and bicycling trails so highly they just marked that and moved on. With regard to specific forms of non-motorized connectivity, 10' wide pathways/greenways were the most highly prioritized, over sidewalks, bike lanes, bus transit respectively. Protected bike lanes were mentioned frequently in the open-ended comments. It is worth noting that the majority of respondents agree they can walk or bike to Township parks, and especially the 26% who strongly agree, are documenting success in this regard.

Lillie Park was the only park that a majority of respondents (65%) said they visit at least once a year, and it was also the most visited park overall. Montibeller and Pittsfield Preserve followed, each visited by 40% of respondents in a typical year. These responses highlight the need to provide parks such as Woolley and Hickory Woods that are closer to residential neighborhoods, particularly those in the northeastern and northwestern parts of Pittsfield.

Thirty percent of survey respondents noted that they had registered for a recreational program in the past two years. When asked which program, youth soccer had the highest participation rate among respondents at 9.8%, followed by youth special events with 8%. About or just under 5% of respondents' families had participated in youth T-ball, youth swimming, and adult fitness classes. For future prioritization, public input points to a need to expand adult recreational programming. Suggestions included adult beginner-level sport leagues, service focused programs, early-morning or after-work fitness program, drop-in activities, and dropping age restrictions on some seniors programs such as mahjong and sewing.



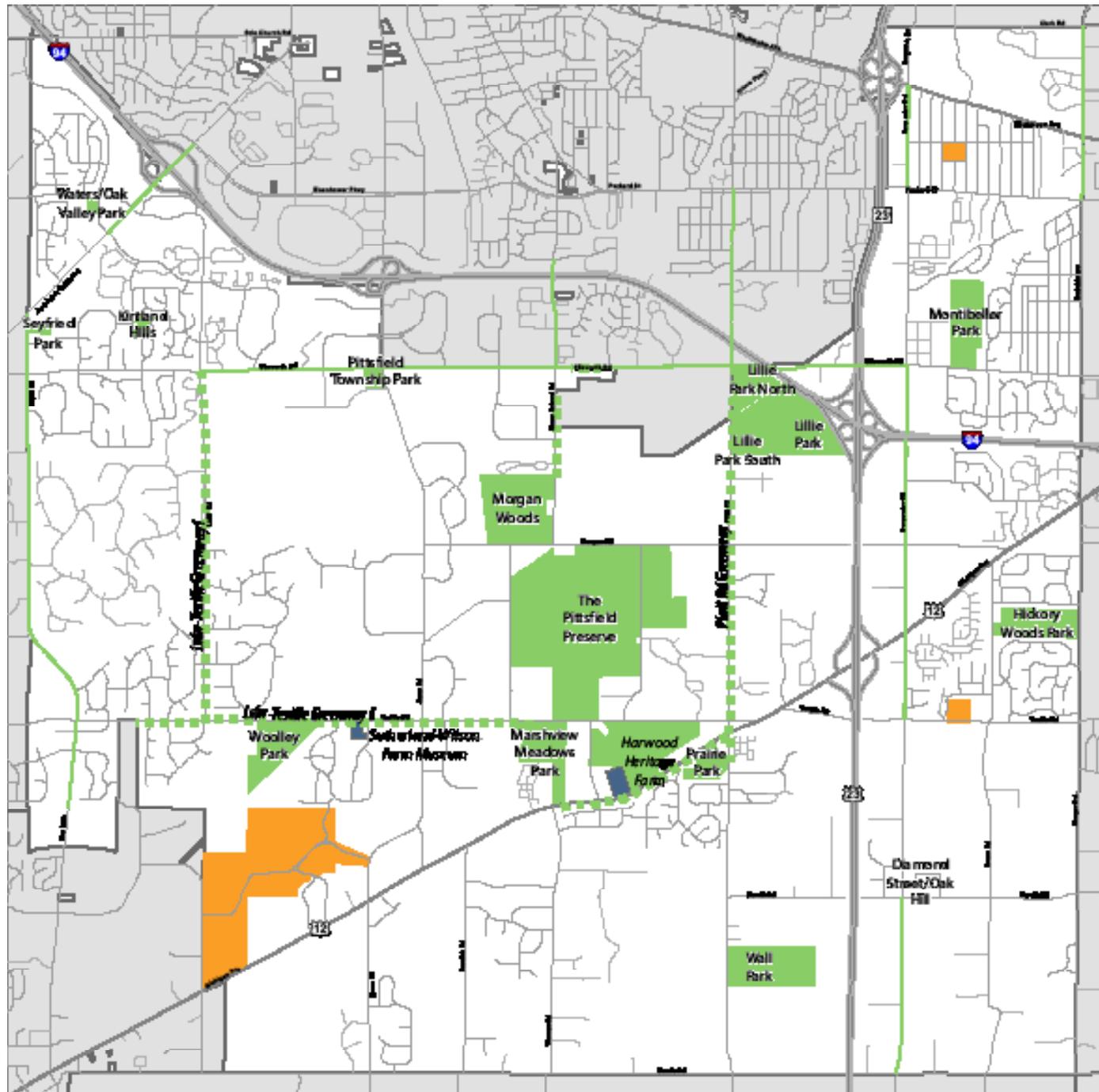
Park/Facility	General Purpose	Service Area <small>(Refer to Appendix D for definitions)</small>
Hickory Woods Park	Community Park. Multi-use trails, bio swales, wet meadows, picnic areas, play structure, small pavilion, butterfly garden	Community
Kirtland Hills Park	Trails, Swing Set	Neighborhood
Lester J. Montibeller Memorial Park	Community Park. Baseball and softball fields, multi-purpose courts, play structures	Community
Lillie Park (South, East, Central)	Large, urban park. Picnic facilities, paved trail way system, play area and multi-purpose building, soccer, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee	Regional
Lillie Park (North)	Community Park. Picnic areas, grills and a shelter, trails, fishing docks	Community
Lohr-Textile Greenway	Biking and walking trails	Greenway
Marsh View Meadows Park	Community Park. Trails, play structures, and picnic areas, restroom	Community
Oak Hill Neighborhood Park	Mini-park. Undeveloped, small wooded area	Community
Pittsfield Preserve, Morgan Woods	Natural Resource Area. Open space with wooded area with no formal trails	Regional
Pittsfield Preserve, South East [Old Hickory Trail]	Natural Resource Area. Walking paths through woods and farmland.	Regional
Pittsfield Preserve North	Natural Resource Area. Walking paths near woods, farmland, wetlands, grasslands	Regional
Pittsfield Township Park	Ball field, picnic areas, grills and a pavilion, play structure	Community
Platt Road Greenway	Biking and walking trails	Greenway
Prairie Park	Neighborhood Park. Play structures, trails, picnic areas	Neighborhood
Seyfried Park	Bee Apiary	Neighborhood
Sutherland-Wilson Farm	Natural Resource Area. Historic District	Community
Wall Park	Community Park/recreational facility. Soccer fields and a lacrosse field	Community
Woolley Park	Community Park. Soccer field, disc golf, basketball courts, play structures, picnic areas, trails, butterfly garden	Neighborhood





RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township



Pittsfield Township Network

- Township Parks
- Historic Districts
- School Facilities
- Green ways
- Bike Lanes



PREVIOUS GRANT ASSISTANCE

All of the grants that Pittsfield Township have received are closed, meaning they have been completed according to grant stipulations. The Township has a long-standing history with receiving grant assistance for their park system. Dating back to 1971, the Township has received a number of six grants total for a combined value of over \$4.5 million dollars.

The post-completion, self-certification inspection forms and photos are in the Appendix. The six grants have helped fund land acquisitions and improvement for the following projects:

1. Montibeller Park (1971)	
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$ 157,600
2. Central Area Rural Reserve - Phase 1 (2003)	
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund	\$340,800
3. Lillie Park (1995)	
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund	\$187,500
4. Lillie Park Restoration and Development (1999)	
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund	\$219,724
5. Lillie Park South and East (2000)	
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund	\$386,720
6. Hickory Woods Park Development (2009)	
Michigan Natural	\$300,000
7. Platt Road Greenway (2008)	
MDOT/STP-E	\$575,000
8. Lohr-Textile Greenway, Phase I (2012)	
Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation	\$790,000
9. Lohr-Textile, Phase II (2016)	
Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation	\$250,000
MDOT/TAP	\$1,364,708

RESOURCE INVENTORY

The Inventory is used to identify any lands that the Township may want to acquire in the future, as well as prioritizing any acquisitions. A map of each type of resource or feature that could be conserved, shown in relation to each other and to features of the built environment such as roads and boundaries, is a useful tool in the decision-making process.

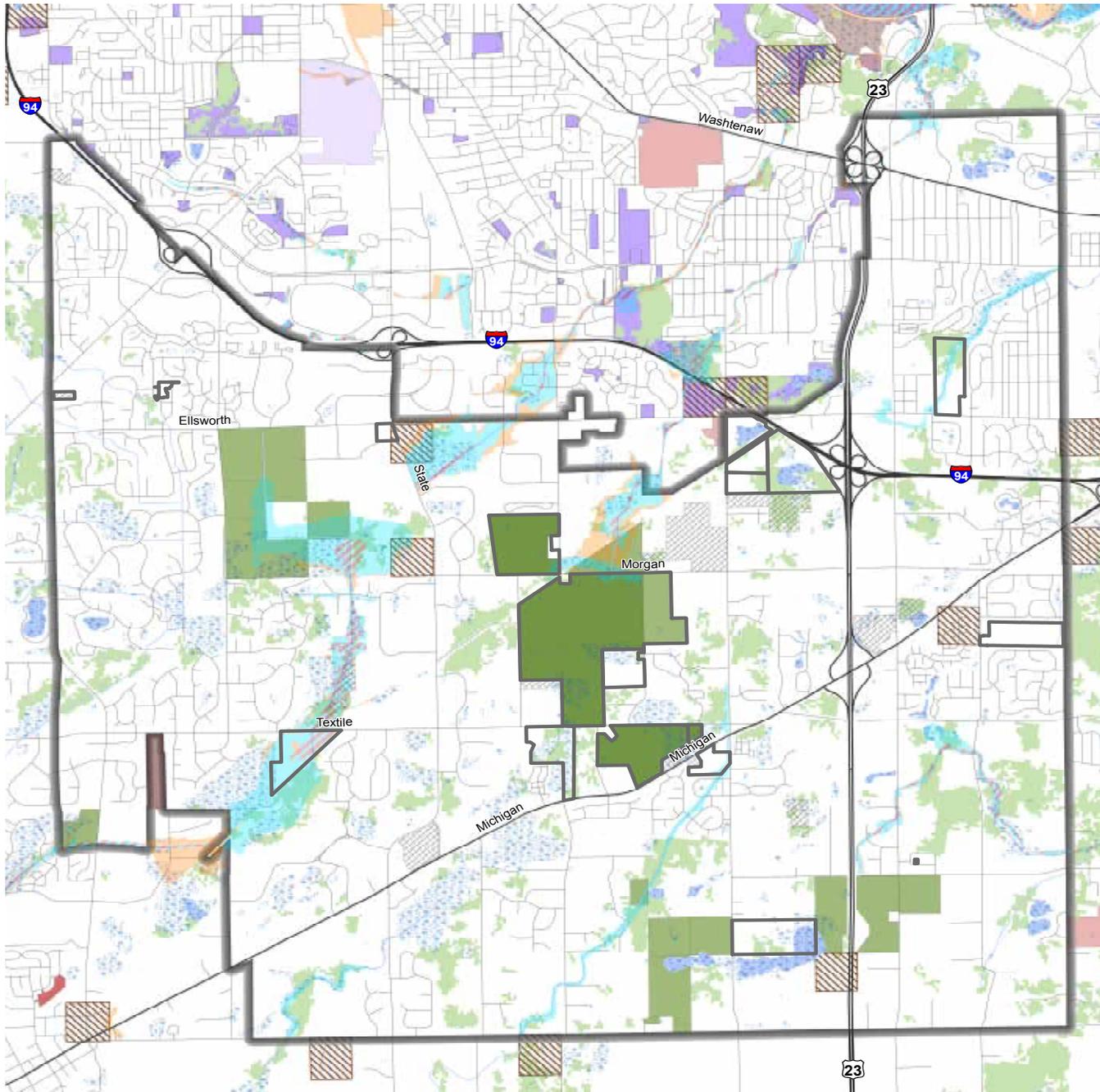
The Resource Inventory map shows the location of wetlands, floodplains, farmland, forest land, preserves, and lakes. The map shows that preserves are located in the center of the Township with cropland interspersed throughout the township, although less so along the periphery of Pittsfield's boundaries. The map also shows that the north western and north eastern corner of the Township has relatively fewer parks.





Resource Inventory

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township, FEMA, Washtenaw County GIS



Legend

- Township Parks
- Conservation Easement
- DNR Lands
- Forest Land
- Farmland/Open Space
- Pittsfield Preserve
- Wetland
- 100-Year Floodplain
- 500-Year Floodplain
- Regulatory Floodway
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Major Roads
- Minor Roads

Regional Network Parks

- University of Michigan
- City of Ann Arbor
- Ann Arbor Township
- Washtenaw County
- City of Saline



Needs Assessment & Public Participation





PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

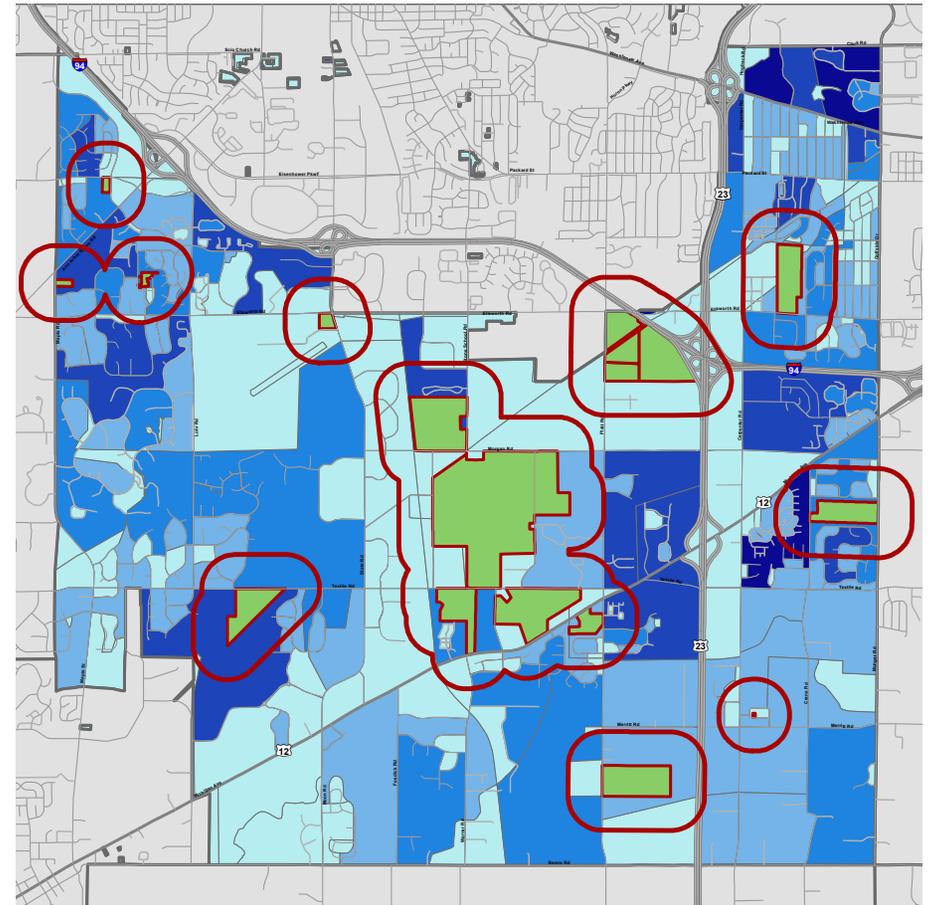
CONCURRENT AND PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

Beginning in 2009, Pittsfield Township began conducting a multitude of public input and engagement processes. As such, we have a strong understanding that our community demands environmental stewardship. This is evident not just through the 72% approval of the Park Millage renewal in March 2016, but also through consistent prioritization by township residents of green/park space maintenance and acquisition. As with other public input processes, the 2020 Vision planning process highlighted the fact that non-motorized and multimodal expansion is consistently prioritized at the top by survey respondents and the public forums, not just when discussing transportation and land use but also as part of the feedback for parks, recreation, art & culture, and even open space preservation! Clearly and without a doubt, if there is one issue that unites our community, it is expansion of non-motorized - sidewalks, bike lanes, greenways/pathways - amenities in our community. This concept extends into the prioritization of trails within the parks and transit services in northeast and northwest Pittsfield.

The 2020 Vision planning process, conducted October-December 2015, provided for robust public engagement and generated about 750 survey responses that are geographically representative and statistically significant.

We have made sustainability a central unit of analysis in updating the Parks & Recreation narrative along with our goals and objectives such that our future vision is defined within a sustainable framework. This document seeks to further the sustainability vision by: (a) expanding amenities and accessibility to park spaces, especially in deficient areas such as the northwest and northeast; (b) expanding green and preserved spaces, including providing for small, organic farming.

The Township Master Plan seeks to further the sustainability vision by: (a) implementing traffic congestion solutions that promote multi-modality and reduction in emissions; (b) expanding non-motorized amenities. Even though the two documents promote sustainability within their specific contexts, each is intrinsically linked together because of the inter-linkages between land use planning and green/park spaces. In fact, even when asked about how they would like to enhance the mixed-used destinations in the Township, 58% of survey respondents chose the need to add green/park space within these areas, especially in the northwest along Ann-Arbor Saline/Oak Valley Roads.



Park Proximity

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township

Legend

 1/4 Mile Buffer

Population

 0 - 45 People

 46 - 137 People

 138 - 301 People

 302 - 644 People

 645 - 1881 People

0 0.5 1 Miles



DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Due to our usage of citizen surveys and detailed recreation inventories, our approach parallels the "Systems Approach to Planning" defined in 1995 by the National Recreation and Park Association's "Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Guidelines" by James D. Mertes and James R. Hall.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

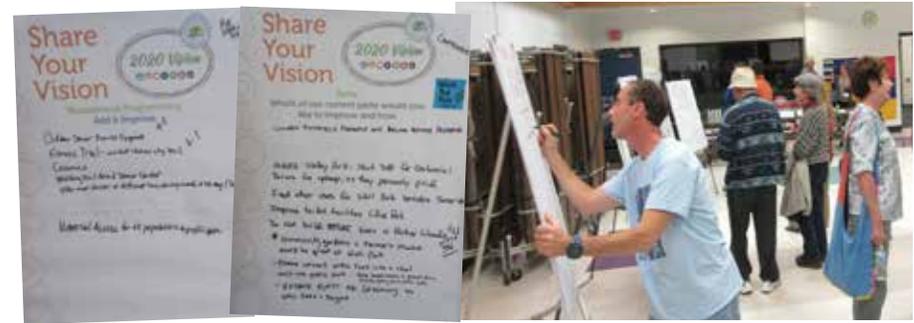
Multiple methods were used to incorporate public input early in the 2020 Vision planning process. Citizen input is not only an essential pillar of the planning process, but it's also required by the MDNR Guidelines. Multiple forms of solicitation allowed the planning team to pull information from a variety of groups, citizens, and stakeholders, paying close attention to citizens that live and work in close proximity to future projects or current park & recreation assets, as well as any underrepresented populations that may have specific park & recreation needs.

Public input must be solicited by at least two means in the park & recreation planning process, but Pittsfield Township went above and beyond the minimum requirement. The planning process for the Township included several methods of public engagement: multiple park design workshops that engaged the public regarding three parks (Wall, Township, Montibeller) for which specific site plans were developed; a hybrid stakeholder engagement workshop that was open to the public; four public forums; an online community survey to solicit specific information and data, also as a part of the Master Planning process and survey; and park inventories which were conducted in a public manner, allowing residents to attend and discuss usability, park features, concerns, and public recommendations.



Specifically, on October 1, 2015, Pittsfield Township hosted a Kick-Off event for the 2020 Vision planning process which included a presentation on existing resources and amenities with the aim of obtaining feedback from attendees, which included regional stakeholders, on future priorities and needs.

The Kick-Off event was followed by four public forums hosted at different locations throughout the Township to facilitate attendance by Township residents from each geographic area of our community. Each of the public forums was well attended and the Township obtained feedback through questions posed during the presentations and comments noted on flip charts after the presentation.



The Township, in partnership with Beckett&Raeder (BRI), hosted a public input session, park inventory, and two design workshops from October through December. Additionally, a community survey was implemented that garnered a 5.5% response rate, which is both geographically and demographically statistically significant. Public input from each of these has been incorporated in outlining the goals and objectives for this document. Soliciting public input in the multiple ways described allowed the planning team to capture responses from a variety of demographics and groups. The park design workshops, which focused on Wall Park, Montibeller Park, and Township Park, provided a specific avenue for those who lived in close proximity to these three parks to provide insight, suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding the future development or improvements to these spaces. The stakeholder engagement workshop allowed an opportunity for those members of the community with great interest or concerns to express their opinions while engaging the public or Township representatives. The online community survey provided a means for those who are typically unable to attend Township and workshop meetings the convenience of a readily-available mechanism for contributing their thoughts. Inviting the public to the park inventories provided specific means for user groups and nearby residents to contribute their local expertise on existing conditions and issues.

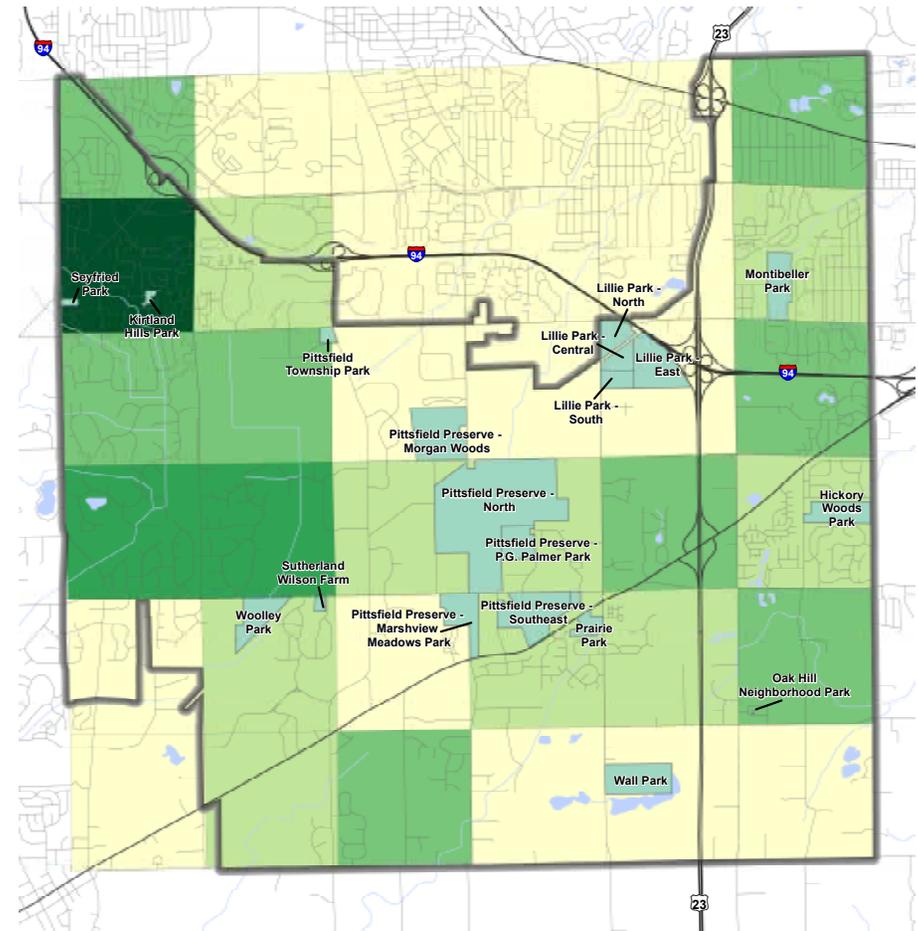
SURVEY

As part of the 2020 Vision planning process, the Township administered a community survey. Eight of the questions addressed respondent demographics; 14 questions on the survey were directly related to park and recreation planning; and the remaining 11 questions addressed broader master planning topics.

With 767 responses representing the approximately 13,776 households in the Township, the response rate of 5.5% was very good. Geographically and demographically, responses to the survey aligned reasonably well with the population distribution.

Since the survey was voluntary and respondents were self-selected randomly, the demographic questions allow an opportunity to compare the respondents' characteristics with those of the Township as a whole. This reveals that survey respondents are generally older, whiter, and wealthier than the overall composition of Township residents. In particular, several segments of the population had less than 1% representation among survey respondents, including persons younger than 25, black and Hispanic residents, and households earning less than \$25,000 per year. The greatest mismatch between survey respondents and Township residents is in income: approximately half of the households in the Township (47.3%) earn less than \$60,000 per year, but this group made up only 11% of survey respondents.

A firm majority of community survey respondents (55%) strongly agreed with the statement "Recreational programs and park amenities/facilities are important to our community and worthy of taxpayer support," and more than 96% indicated at least moderate agreement. The same impressive percentage of agreement was reported with the statement, "I feel safe when visiting Township parks," and it is hard to see how the two would not be related. Respondents agreed by a slimmer but still quite substantial margin (80%) with the statement, "The Township should invest in additional parks and recreation facilities." Though the smallest percentage of respondents agreed with the statement "I can walk / bike to Township parks," that percentage still constituted a majority (63%). For 12% of respondents, access to parks and recreation was one of the top three reasons they live in the Township (ranked 8th of 16), and over a quarter (27%; 7th of 11) cited "parks and recreation options" as one of the three most positive aspects of doing so.



Survey: Where should new parks go?

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County GIS

Legend

- Pittsfield Township
- Township Parks
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Lakes
- Rivers

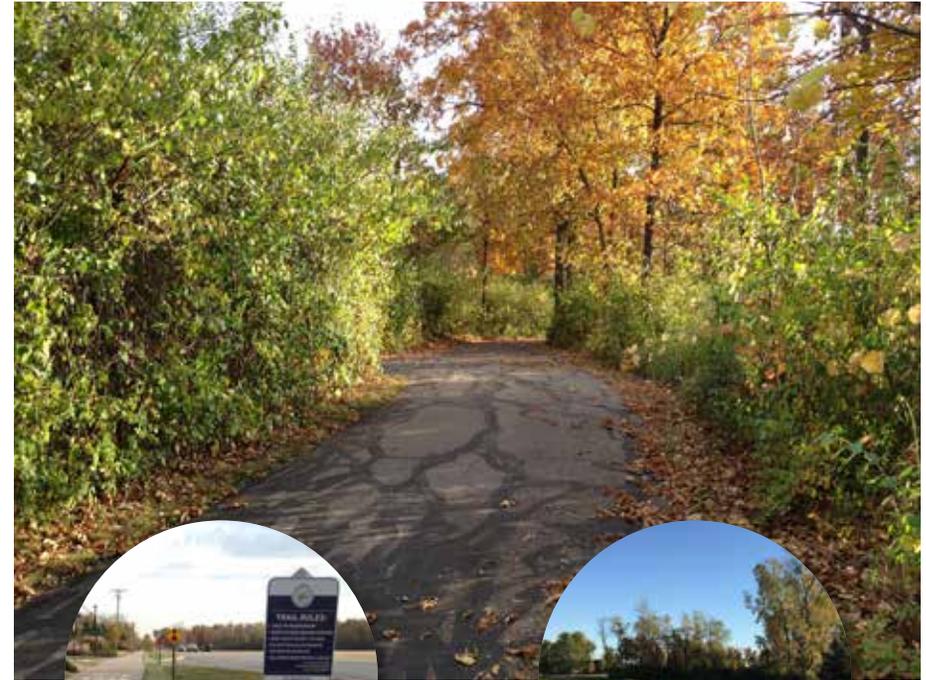
Respondents were asked, "In your opinion, if the Township were to purchase new parks and green space for preservation, which section of the Township should it be in?"

Number of Responses

- 0 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 30
- 31 - 40
- 40 +

To inform funding prioritization decisions, respondents were asked to split \$100 among nine overall master planning projects and services, including two which were related to parks and recreation, and another \$100 among projects and services specifically related to recreation. In the overall budget, park items received almost \$40¹, with the majority (\$25.20) going to acquisition of new parks and open space while the rest (\$14) went to development of existing park space. In particular, survey respondents identified park acquisition in the northwest part of Pittsfield Township as a major priority, as demonstrated in the survey map on page 41.

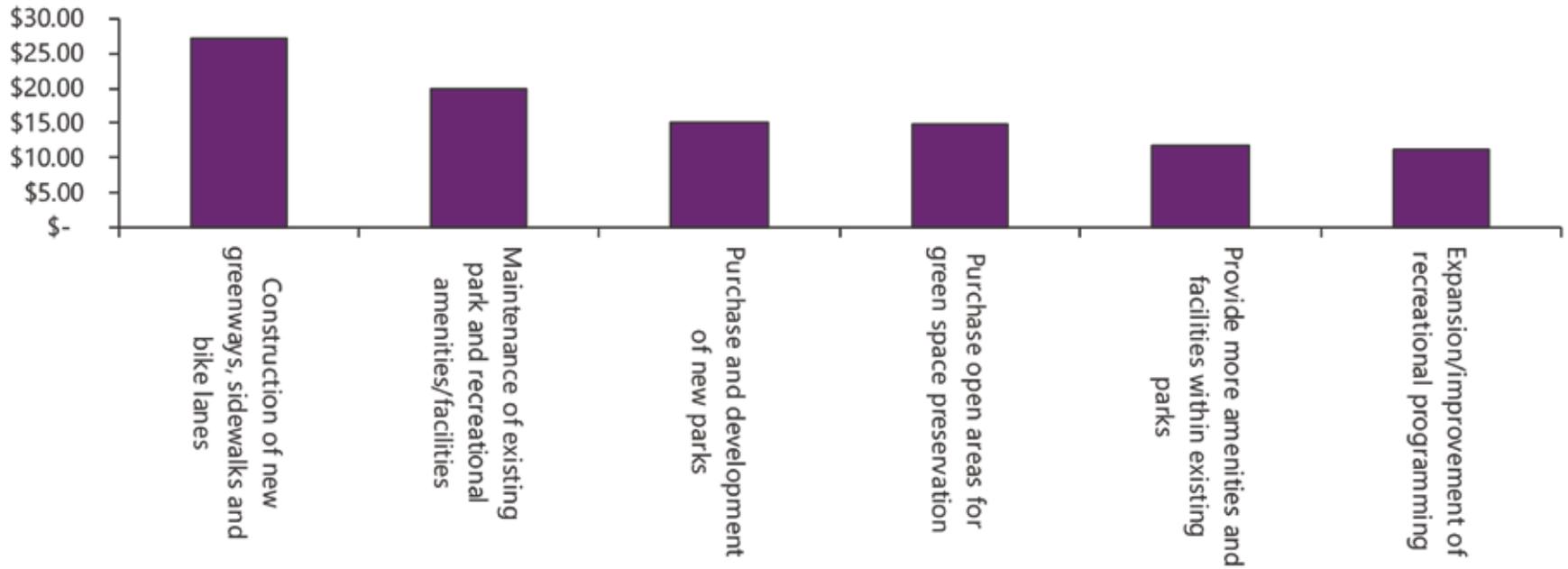
Improvements to existing roads to provide for pathways and sidewalks were another big ticket item at \$17.21, second only to road maintenance. With \$100 to spend on parks, respondents were willing to spend the most (\$27) on nonmotorized improvement construction, such as greenways, sidewalks, and bike lanes, and on maintenance of existing assets (\$20). They were a bit more likely to support purchase of new land (\$15 for new parks and \$15 for open space) than more amenities and facilities (\$12) or programming (\$11). Improvements to existing roads to provide for pathways and sidewalks were another big ticket item at \$17.21, second only to road maintenance. With \$100 to spend on parks, respondents were willing to spend the most (\$27) on nonmotorized improvement construction, such as greenways, sidewalks, and bike lanes, and on maintenance of existing assets (\$20). They were a bit more likely to support purchase of new land (\$15 for new parks and \$15 for open space) than more amenities and facilities (\$12) or programming (\$11).



¹ Methodology note: Because average totals for each item did not add up to \$100, the items were recalculated proportionately to total \$100 for clarity.



You have \$100 to split between the following categories. Please indicate how you would divide these funds:



DESIGN WORKSHOPS

In the final community engagement event, residents, regional stakeholders, administrative and elected officials were asked to actively participate in the design of the three parks. Three workshops—one per park—were held on December 5, 2015 at the Pittsfield Township Administration Building. Attendees heard a short presentation about the project before dividing into groups of 3-5 participants, each seated at a table with the results of the previous exercises and a large-format blank aerial image of the park. Participants first reviewed the information already compiled and offered feedback on the official inventory. Next, they held a discussion facilitated by BRI representatives to develop the desired program of activities to take place in the park. Once the list was complete, each group used markers and tracing paper to site the activities in the park, paying particular attention to access and to relationships among the activities.

After the groups completed their team exercises, the audience gathered around each table in turn to hear a summary of the discussion and view the results generated by each team. In all sessions, commonalities across the groups were noted. The final activity was a prioritization exercise designed to establish preferences among all of the workshop suggestions. Rotating through the tables, members of each group were asked to use post-it notes to identify the three elements they liked best about each plan and then to use a star sticker to identify the single most important item. These results have been compiled and are presented along with a tally of existing conditions. A brief summary of the most consensus findings from each park are presented below.





Montibeller Park

Trails and a building were the hottest topics at Montibeller. "Improve trails" received the highest number of votes overall, and other trail-related topics included improving trail signage, adding biking trails, connecting the tennis courts and the baseball diamonds to the parking lot with paths, improving access to the park from the subdivisions along the eastern edge of the park, and creating and/or designating an official cut-through to Meijer. A new community facilities building was closely followed by an improved pavilion; these two items combined received 70% of the "single most important element" votes. Restrooms, shade trees, and picnic tables near but not under the pavilion were also requested. Lighting represented the only safety concern mentioned, with requests for better lighting both at the ballfields and on the paths. One interesting request called for a "bookmobile" type of setup at the new community building that would rent sports equipment or games to residents.



Montibeller Park
 Pittsfield Township, Michigan
Draft Concept Plan
 December 2016

Beckett & Baeder



Pittsfield Township Park

The parking lot at Pittsfield Township Park received the most attention, with just under half of all participants voting its expansion and improvement as the item of top concern, and two people citing it as the lone safety hazard of the park. Specific suggestions included reconfiguring the parking lot to accommodate AAATA access, adding lighting, and creating a new parking point from Airport Drive. Two more ballfields (for a total of 3), a Zen garden, and a walking trail around the perimeter of the park were the most popular desired elements in the park. The Senior Center building was singled out as an asset, and requests were made for its expansion and for better maintenance. The most unique request was for a playground designed specifically for senior citizens.



Township Park
Pittsfield Township, Michigan
Draft Concept Plan
December 2016

Beckett & Paeder



Wall Park

Here again, trails and a building were the dominant topics. Lack of sidewalks on Platt Road, south of Michigan Avenue, was a major, repeatedly-cited concern, and the most frequent “must have” request was to extend the Platt Road Greenway further south to connect into the park. A pedestrian crossing at Platt Place North was also requested. A trail system for hiking was suggested, including a boardwalk and overlooks into the wetlands. A hot issue for this park is its adjacency with a residential development to the north. Neighbors experiencing traffic and noise from the soccer fields preferred to limit that use; a representative from the soccer organization who was in attendance noted that the ability to play many games simultaneously is essential to the organization’s success. The votes showed that participants overall were in favor of keeping all of the soccer fields; support was also shown for implementing a vegetative buffer between the park and the residences.



Wall Park
Pittsfield Township, Michigan
Draft Concept Plan

December 2016

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TRENDS, ISSUES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Trends

Below are some of the trends gleaned from the public engagement results:

- Survey respondents prioritized investments in pedestrian and biking trails along with non-motorized connectivity at the top. This extends to prioritizing trails as the most valued amenity at the parks and the need for a linear, inter-connected park network.
- Open space and preservation of green spaces also ranks at the top for Pittsfield Township residents. After trails, nature/wildlife viewing ranked second as the most enjoyed park feature. Further, when asked to prioritize spending \$100, survey respondents ranked "Purchase of open areas for green space preservation" as third following construction of non-motorized amenities (first) and maintenance of existing park and recreational amenities/facilities (second).
- When asked about park and recreation programming, respondents recorded a desire for more adult programming such as fitness programs, drop-in art activities, and beginner-level sports leagues. Lower on the list of priorities, ADA accessible play structures and tennis / pickleball courts were more important to parks respondents than to open space respondents.
- Some of the wealthiest and poorest residents have the least access to parks on the northwest and northeast side respectively. They also had the highest rate of participation in the various public engagement forums since they represent the greatest residential densities in Pittsfield Township.

Issues

- Although the residents are generally happy with improvements in nonmotorized connections to recreational space, lack of this type of infrastructure remains a grievance. Over 1,000 households in Pittsfield Township, most of whom are renters, do not have access to a vehicle. ACS 2014 5-year estimates shows that renters are more than twice as likely to have a housing cost-burden, and therefore less income to spend on recreational activities. Improving nonmotorized paths will allow lower-income resident better access to more recreational opportunities. Most Township parks are located in the less populated areas.
- Lack of park spaces in the denser residential areas of the Township, particularly northeast and northwest, has been identified as a definite need. While the northeast has at least one park (Montibeller), the northwest area of Pittsfield has no developed public park.
- Programming recreational facilities should include activities that are open to disabled residents. In addition to access to public structures, programming is a vital service for residents of all abilities.

Opportunities

Acquisition of open space and natural areas as appropriate protect biodiversity and the recreational/economic value of natural spaces is considered an ongoing opportunity. Criteria for stewardship of the land could be developed for the conservation/preservation areas of the Township. Attributes to emphasize include naturalness/lack of human alteration, presence of plant and animal life or rare species, occurrence of attractive landforms, and wetlands.

Goals & Objectives



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

During the community engagement phase of this process, the community reflected upon the goals and objectives from the previous Parks and Recreation Plan. The community agreed that many of these goals still applied and with minor revisions they will be used to guide this Parks and Recreation Plan.

The table below shows the seven goals from the previous Pittsfield Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan, ranked according to importance, as well as their average score on a scale from 1 – 5, where 5 is the highest. It also shows participants’ assessment of progress toward that goal, again scored on a scale of 1 – 5. In all cases, progress scores lagged importance scores, and this difference is shown in the last column of the table.

Goal	Importance	Progress (Rank)	Difference
#1 Maintain and upgrade existing park facilities that create clean, safe, attractive, and functional environments.	4.41	3.88(2)	.53
#2 Develop park facilities that respond to residents’ recreational needs	4.38	3.71 (4)	.67
#3 Participate in the establishment of a Township-wide nonmotorized transportation system	4.35	3.94 (1)	.41
#4 Continue to provide for an efficient and fiscally prudent administration of parks and recreation services	4.20	3.80 (3)	.40
#5 Maintain and enhance the quality of parks and recreation programming and services	3.79	3.69 (5)	.09
#6 Acquire future parkland and open space to meet the future recreational needs of the community	3.76	3.56 (6)	.20
#7 Continue to evaluate the need for a new community center	3.33	2.47 (7)	.87



Overall, the creation of “clean, safe, attractive, and functional” recreation environments was the most important goal to participants, and they felt that the Township was generally meeting it. The community survey documented agreement among the citizen respondents, with 84% reporting that they feel safe when visiting Township parks. Attendees recognized the greatest strides toward the establishment of a Township-wide nonmotorized transportation system, and agreed that this was one of the three most important recreation goals. However, as shown in the survey results, the respondents tended to be more affluent than the average Pittsfield resident. Even though the nonmotorized transportation systems is a recognized improvement, the importance of alternative transit modes is likely even more important than recorded as many vulnerable who were not present for community engagement exercises would benefit more from such infrastructure. As such, even though Pittsfield Township has fully implemented the Transit Plan it outlined and envisioned in the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan, the need to sustain these services is important.

For all of the goals with Importance scores above 4, resident assessment of the Township’s progress toward that goal trailed in importance by just 0.5 points. This can be read as an excellent indication that the Township is aligning

its actions with resident priorities, and that it is effectively demonstrating competence in those actions.

With regard to the remaining three goals, importance scored dropped significantly but still indicate widespread support. The programming and services goal and the parkland acquisition goal both had progress scores quite close to the importance scores, suggesting that a perfectly adequate level of Township resources are being dedicated to those activities. This is also evidenced by 80% of participants stating that the Township should invest in more parkland acquisition, particularly in the northeastern and northwestern parts of Pittsfield.

At the bottom of both rankings was the Community Center goal, with the largest gap in scores and the only progress score below 3. Though the comments from stakeholder groups mentioned particular needs for more space and afterschool activities, the prevailing sentiment was that a Township center would likely duplicate services and amenities offered by Washtenaw County and the City of Saline.



Action Program





ACTION PLAN

The action plan identifies the projects and programs that the Township wishes to undertake in the future. Priorities indicated below as "High" are projects that are intended to be top initiatives in the next 5 years. Priorities indicated as "Medium" or "Low" are intended as longer range initiatives or strategic opportunities to pursue in the event that dedicated funds become available.

Park acquisition is a high priority for the Township at this time, particularly in the dense residential areas of the Northeast and Northwest. With the renewal of the Park Millage, about \$800,000 a year will be generated in revenue, beginning in 2018, for use toward local match for grants to meet this and the other major priority outlined by Township residents - non-motorized amenities. In fact, nine of the 20 high-priority items identified during the 2020 Vision planning process are related to trails, trail amenities, and greenways.

To meet these priorities, in summer 2016 the Township entered into a lease agreement for the purchase of park space in the Northwest [Oak Valley/Waters Roads]. The Township hopes to acquire grant funds for the final purchase in 2017/2018. The Township, in 2016, applied for multiple grants to install additional greenways in our community.

Accessibility enhancement is another overall high priority for the Township. The extensive improvements planned for Montibeller Park, Wall Park, and Township Park are all intended to further universal access and enjoyment of the sites by diverse users. In particular, the development of two use areas in Montibeller Park overcomes a steep slope that currently impedes users with mobility challenges. New restrooms, pavilion shelter, and paved trails at Wall Park increase comfort for all users, but are minimum conditions for enjoyment by sensitive users. The Senior Center parking lot, adjacent to Township Park, was described by many as hazardous due to deterioration, whereas the proposed resurfacing and expansion provide benefits that are particularly appreciated by its intended users.

In the medium term and as grants become available, the Township intends to focus on developing its athletic facilities. Three parks are slated to host volleyball courts, including a sand court at Lillie Park. Fields at Lillie Park, Montibeller Park, and Pittsfield Township Park are scheduled to be renovated, while a new adult workout station and multipurpose hard surface are also planned for Montibeller. Other improvements include irrigation expansion for the soccer fields at Wall Park.

Overall Township Goals

Projects:

Funding Source: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #6, #1, #5

- Park Acquisition in Northeast & Northwest
- Nonmotorized Improvements
- Accessibility & General Park Improvements

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Hickory Woods Park

5415 Crane Road

Projects:

Funding Source: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #1, #2, #5

- Community Garden
- Pavilion
- Volleyball Court
- Disc Golf

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority





Kirtland Hills Park

Kirtland Hills Subdivison: Arcadia Drive & Burnham Road

Projects:

*Funding Source: Local
Fulfills Goals: #1, #5*

- Picnic Tables

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Lillie Park

4365 Platt Road

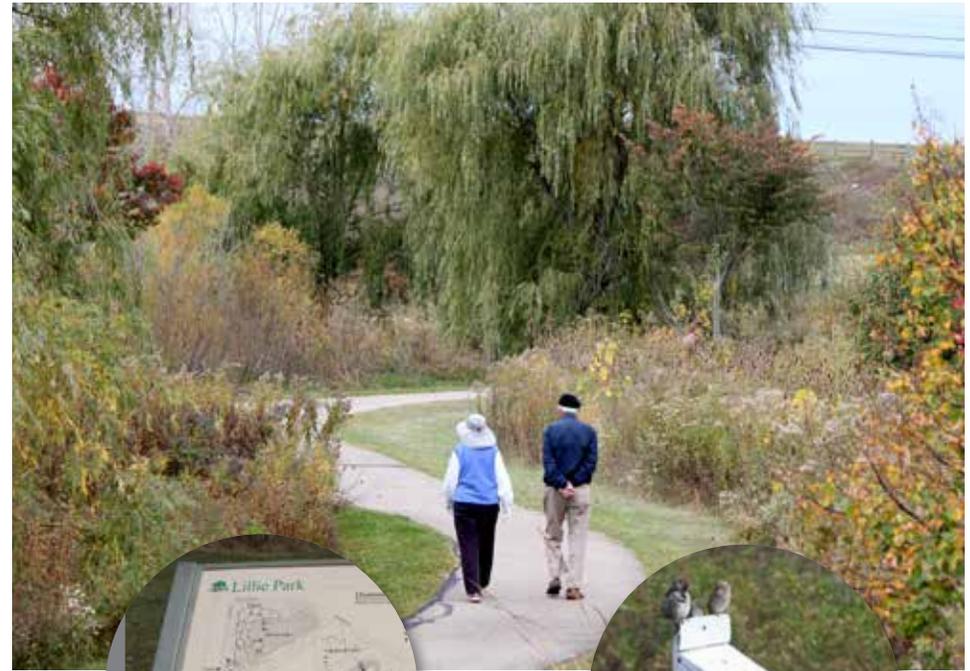
Projects:

Funding Sources: Local, Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #1, #2, #3, #5, #7

- Lillie North: New Docks/Fishing Piers
- Lillie North: Mountain/Bike Trails
- Replace Trail Signs
- Lillie Central: Develop Site Plan
- Lillie Central: Renovate Soccer Fields
- Lillie Central: Athletic Field Complex

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority





Marsh View Meadows Park

300 E. Textile Road

Projects:

Funding Sources: Local, Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #2, #5

- Trail Marking Upgrade
- Volleyball Court

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Montibeller Park

4305 Ellsworth Road

Projects:

Funding Sources: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: ##1, #2, #3, #5

- New Limestone & Boardwalk Trails
- New Paved Trails in Use Areas
- New Pavilion
- Improve Playground
- New Community Building with Restrooms
- Upgrade Ball Fields
- Improve Signage & Wayfinding
- Improve Stream
- Remove Storage Building
- New Multi-Purpose Hard Surface
- New Adult Workout Station

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Morgan Woods Park

Morgan Road

Projects:

Funding Sources: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #3

- Trail Development

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Pittsfield Township Park

701 W. Ellsworth Road

Projects:

Funding Sources: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #1, #2, #3, #5

- Improve/Extend Parking
- Renovate/Expand Senior Center
- Relocate & Improve Athletic Fields
- New Zen Garden
- Install Walking & Fitness Path
- Renovate & Improve Playground

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Prairie Park

6201 W. Michigan Avenue

Projects:

Funding Sources: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #1, #5

- Community Garden
- Shade Shelter

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Preserve/PG Palmer Park

Thomas & Marton Road between Morgan & Textile

Projects:

Funding Sources: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #5

- Replace Trail Signs

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



Wall Park

7401 Platt Road

Projects:

Funding Sources: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #1, #2, #3, #5

- Paved Trails in Use Areas
- New Limestone Fines & Boardwalk Trails
- Extend Greenway South to Park
- Enhance Residential Buffer
- New Restrooms
- New Pavilion
- Expand Soccer Field Irrigation
- Expand Parking

High Priority

Medium Priority

Low Priority



Woolley Park

1315 Textile Road

Projects:

Funding Sources: Grants & Local Match

Fulfills Goals: #1, #2, #5

- Community Garden
- Disc Golf Improvements
- Picnic Tables

High Priority
Medium Priority
Low Priority



ACTION PLAN JUSTIFICATION

The Action Plan is based on the results from various community engagement exercises, in addition to census data and parkland inventory observations. In the next five years, Pittsfield Township can refer to the Action Plan that reflects its recreational goals and funding priorities.



NONMOTORIZED TRAILS | GOAL #3

As with other public input processes since 2009, the 2020 Vision planning process highlighted the fact that non-motorized and multi-modal expansion is consistently prioritized at the top by survey respondents and at the public forums, not just when discussing transportation and land use but also as part of the feedback for parks, recreation, art and culture, and even open space preservation! Clearly and without a doubt, if there is one issue that unites our community, it is expansion of non-motorized - sidewalks, bike lanes, greenways/pathways - amenities in our community. This concept extends into the prioritization of trails within Township parks.



PARKLAND ACQUISITION | GOAL #6

Parkland was often cited as one of the best benefits of living in Pittsfield Township. Between 2000-2014, the township grew by 6,000 people. In order to maintain the same level of service for residents, Pittsfield must secure funds to acquire more parkland and open space, especially in closer proximity to residential areas. While it is difficult to "distribute" parkland evenly, Pittsfield can investigate acquiring land within close proximity to denser residential areas to provide equitable access to recreational space. A particular need is for additional parkland in the northwest part of the Township. Secondly, acquiring parkland protects and preserves natural resources and biodiversity.



PARK FACILITIES | GOAL # 2 & #6

Improving and providing for universal access at the Township parks is an important consideration to provide for the needs of all Township residents. Once residents have arrived at a park, there must be amenities that accommodate for their needs. For example, basic infrastructure like lighting, signs and restrooms that enhance safety features need to be installed more consistently throughout all Township parks. Moreover, one of the biggest concerns, especially with an aging population, is that park infrastructure is not ADA compliant. Some of the biggest necessary changes are paving parking lots and adding ramps for the elderly or disabled to use when visiting.



PROGRAMMING | GOAL #1 & #2

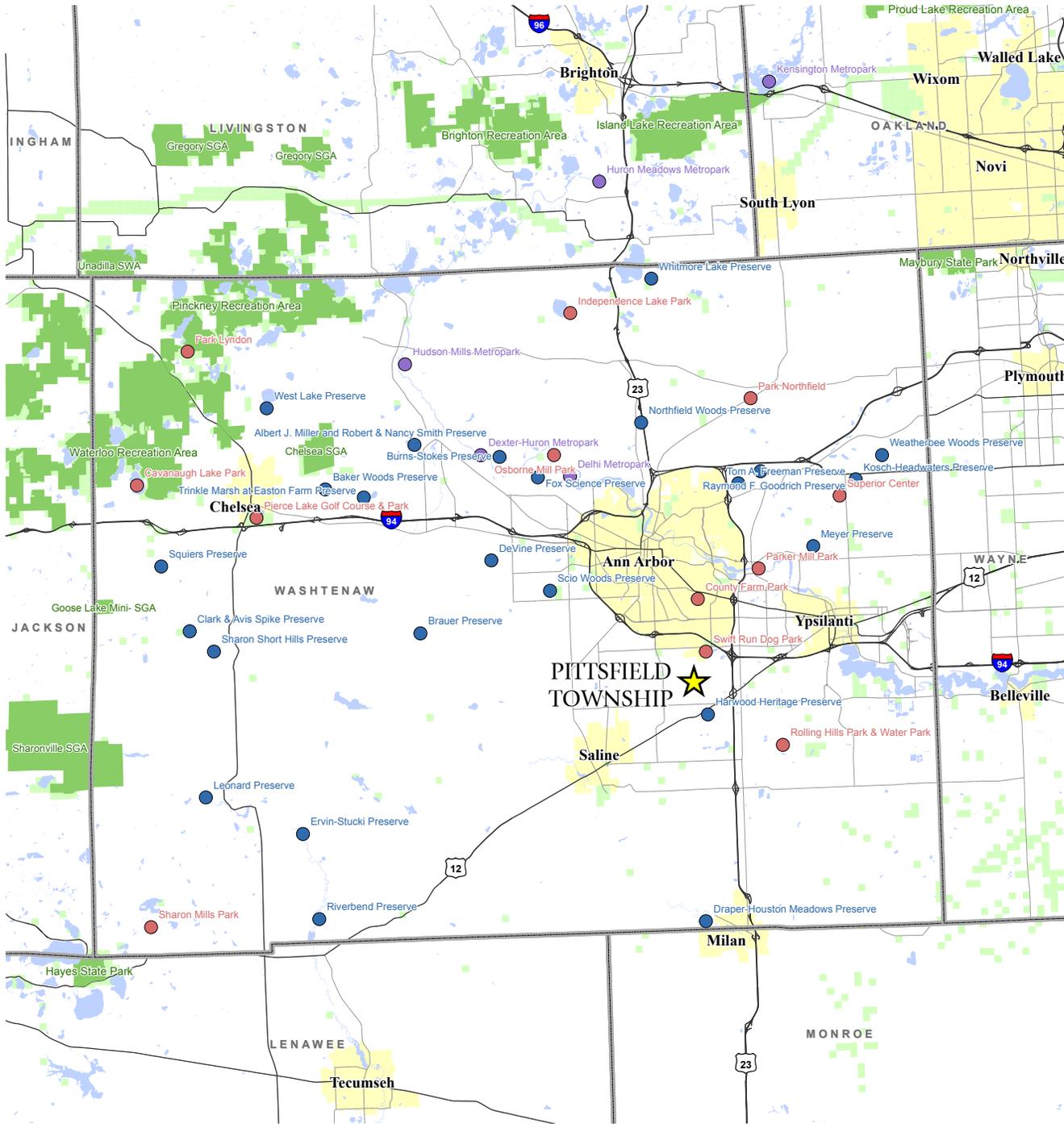
Public input through the 2020 Vision planning process stated that residents want expanded activities at the community center. The current agenda is not meeting the needs of adults who would like to take fitness classes or participate in sports leagues. While the youth programs are generally successful, more needs to be done to provide for age specific progression in such sports as soccer and baseball. More appropriate programming can not only boost revenue coming into the Parks and Recreation Department but could also foster friendships and community by providing a space for residents to socialize. The Township recently adopted "Play for the Fun of it!", as its' slogan to promote this type of social interaction and engagement.

Appendices



Appendix A

Maps



Regional Parks

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township, FEMA, Washtenaw County GIS

Legend

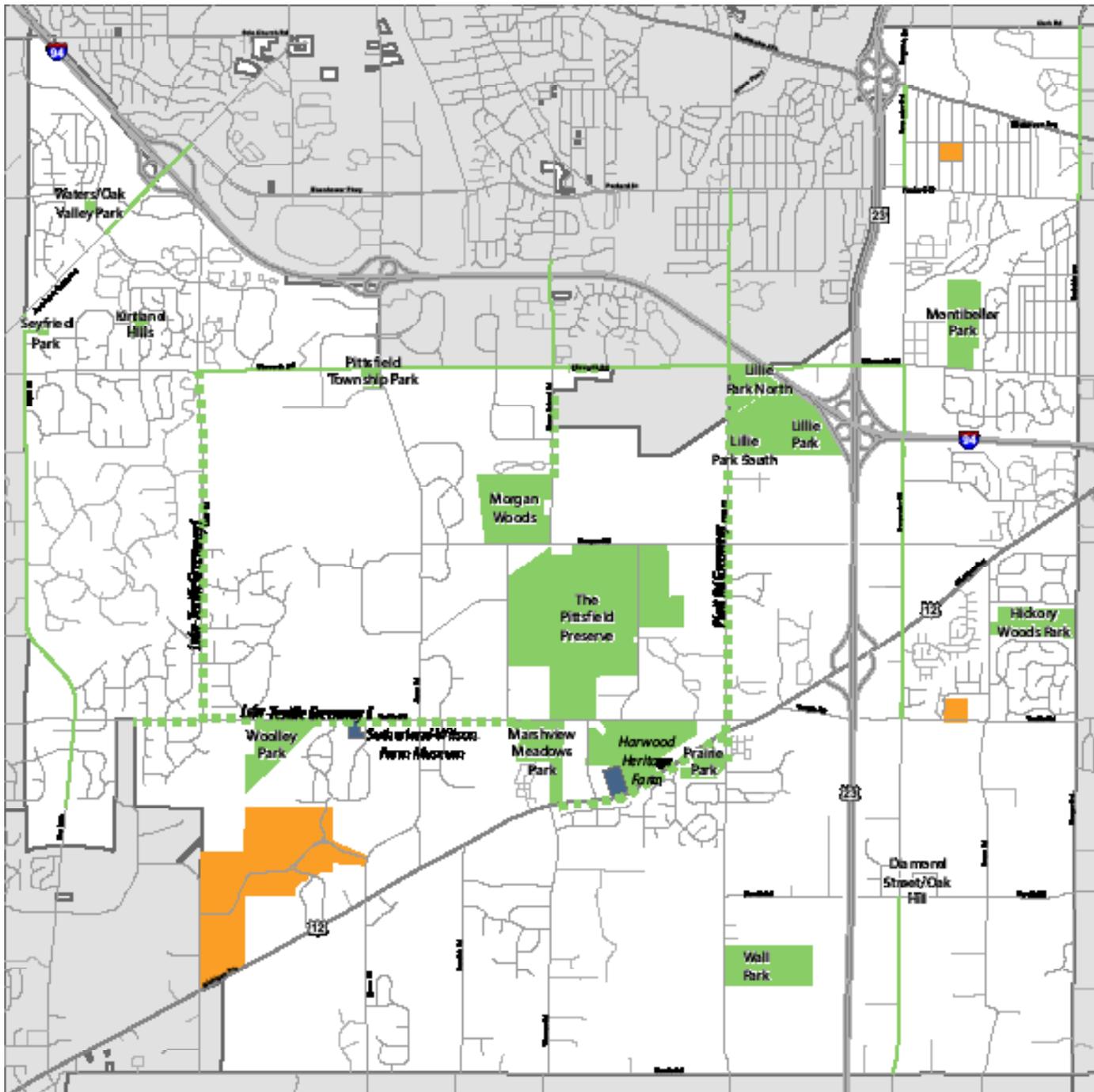
- ★ Pittsfield Township
- Cities
- DNR Lands
- Lakes
- ▭ Counties
- Major Roads
- Michigan State Game, Wildlife and Park Boundaries
- Metroparks
- County Parks
- Preserves





RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township



Pittsfield Township Network

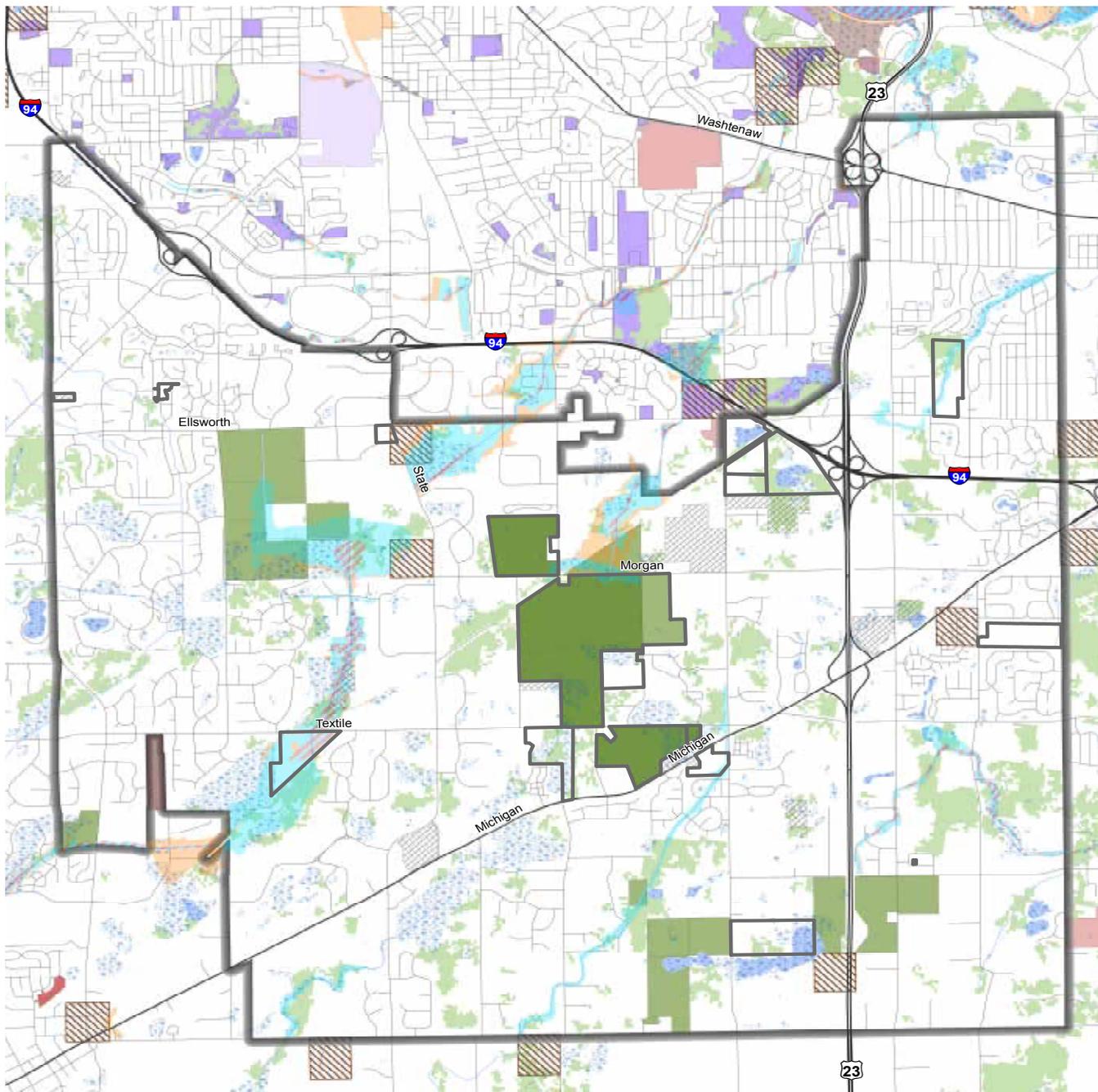
- Township Parks
- Historic Districts
- School Facilities
- Green ways
- Bike Lanes





Resource Inventory

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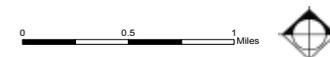


Legend

- Township Parks
- Conservation Easement
- DNR Lands
- Forest Land
- Farmland/Open Space
- Pittsfield Preserve
- Wetland
- 100-Year Floodplain
- 500-Year Floodplain
- Regulatory Floodway
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Major Roads
- Minor Roads

Regional Network Parks

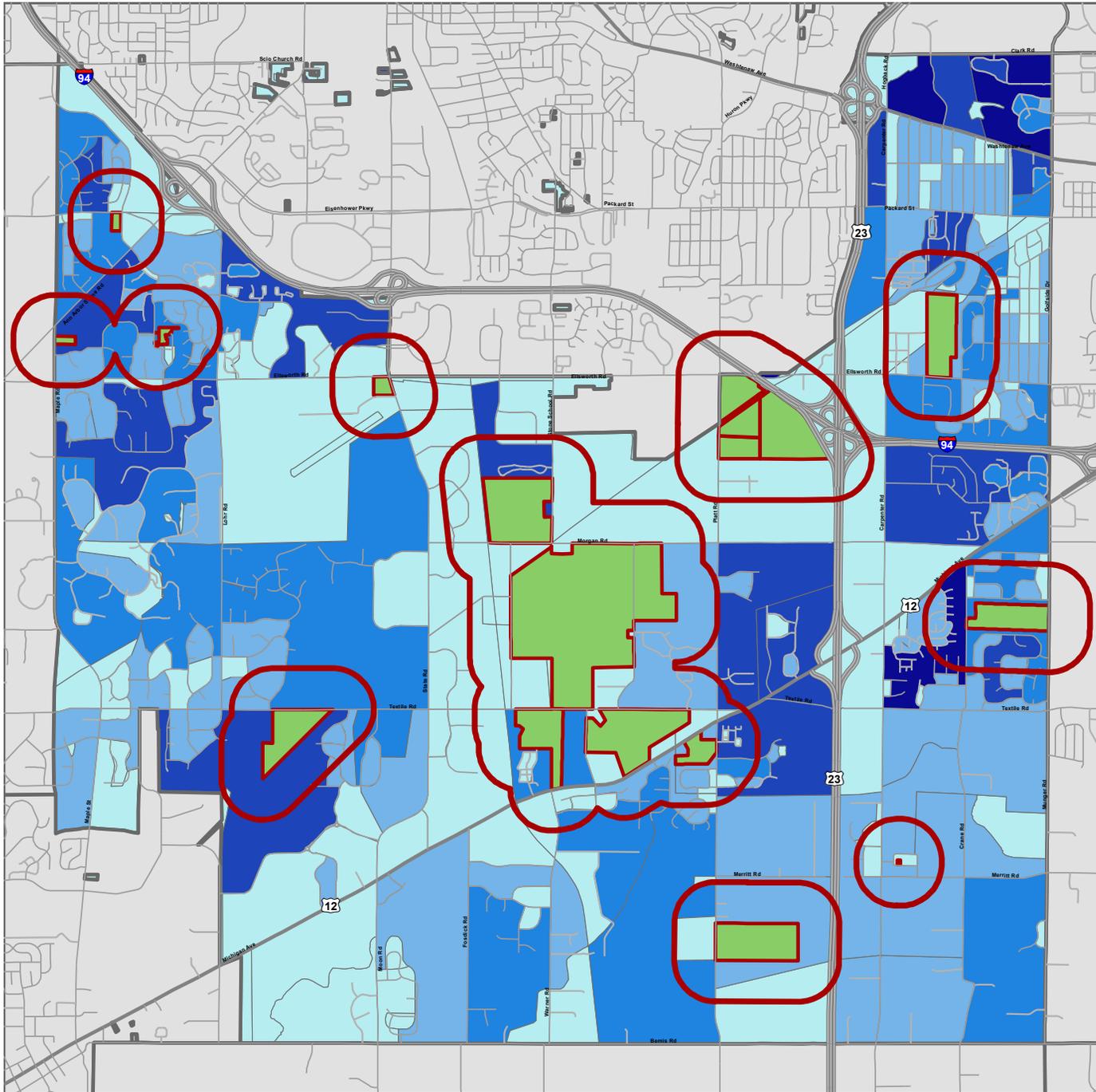
- University of Michigan
- City of Ann Arbor
- Ann Arbor Township
- Washtenaw County
- City of Saline





PARK PROXIMITY

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Pittsfield Township



- Township Parks
- 1/4 Mile Buffer

Population

- 0 - 45 People
- 46 - 137 People
- 138 - 301 People
- 302 - 644 People
- 645 - 1881 People

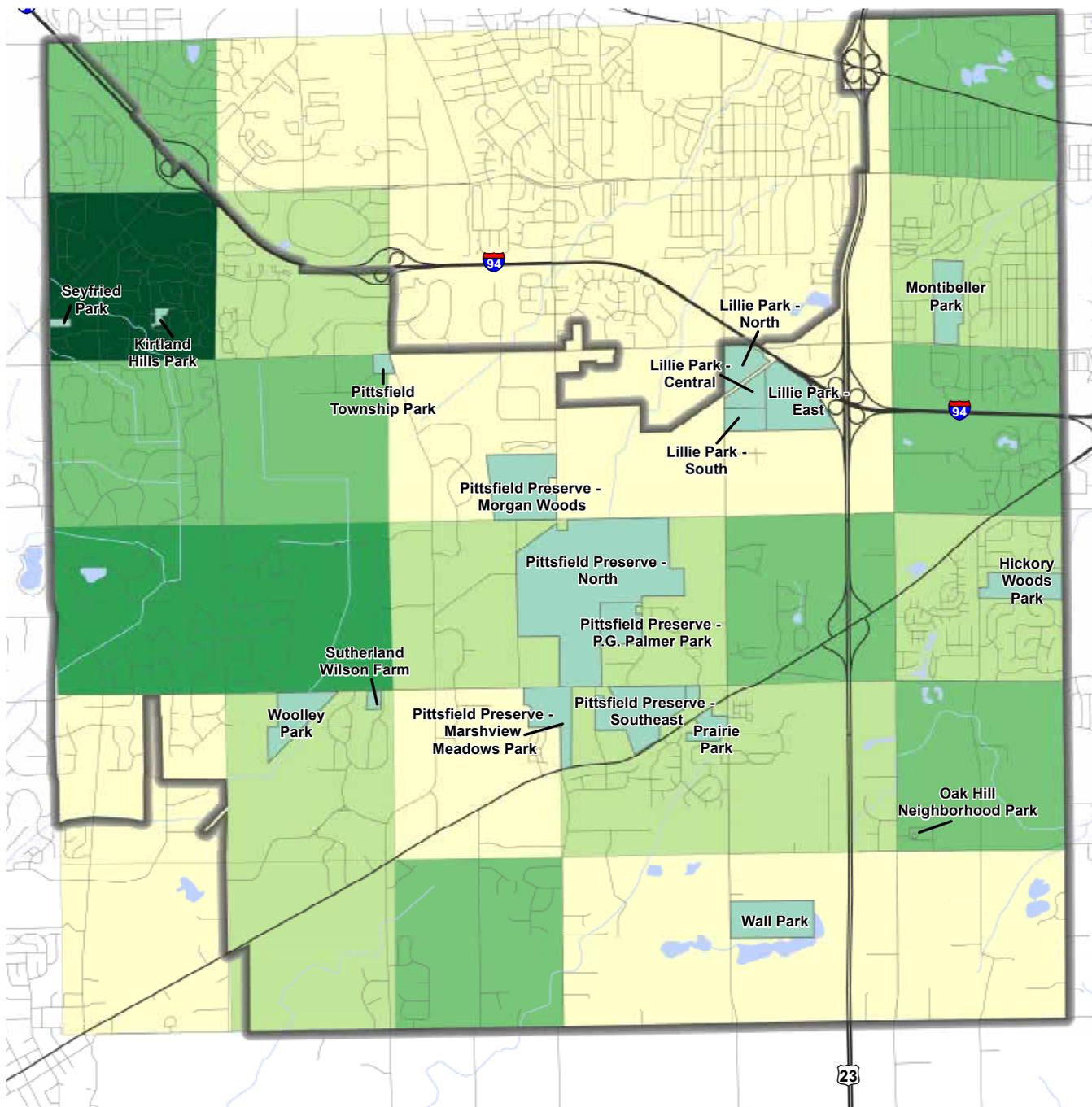
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Survey: Where should new parks go?

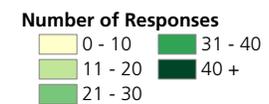
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Legend

- Pittsfield Township
- Township Parks
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Lakes
- Rivers

Respondents were asked, "In your opinion, if the Township were to purchase new parks and green space for preservation, which section of the Township should it be in?"



Appendix B

Inventory



Pittsfield Township Recreation Plan
Park Inventory

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Barrier-Free Evaluation		
Park	Score	Notes
Pittsfield Township Park	2	Accessible parking available. There is an access path to the pavilion. No other access paths. Restrooms are accessible stalls, but may not be up to current standards. Picnic tables are not the cantilevered type, but a wheelchair could possibly park at the end. No accessible swing. Play structure not accessible. No ramps into play area nor up to equipment. Park grill is not accessible.
Prairie Park	2	The play structures can be accessed by a sidewalk but not many of the play elements are accessible. There are no accessible swings. Two picnic tables are adjacent to paths but they are not the cantilevered type. The paths through the prairie are grass, so are not accessible.
Lillie Park North	3	Curb ramps from parking lot need some repair, paving doesn't reach the curb and leaves a gap. Most trails are paved and in fair condition, patches are smooth. Docks are not accessible due to steep slopes leading to them and difference in elevation between wood dock and trail, also the dock itself is slanted. Most other facilities (picnic shelter, restrooms) are accessible. No grills are accessible.
Lillie Park South, East, Central	3	Most spaces accessible with the exception of athletic fields. Pathways in play area are concrete, outer pathways bituminous. Trail area had accessible limestone fines pathways, but also woodchipped trails which were probably not accessible. Bathrooms were accessible with paved pathways to them and accessible stalls. Play areas are accessible to observe, but there is no accessible equipment. Parking area had curb ramps to the park that were in good condition. Grills were not accessible.
Hickory Woods Park	5	The paved parking lot has accessible parking spaces and a ramp up to the main sidewalk, which leads to the restroom building, play structures, picnic pavilion, and continues throughout the park. The restrooms have accessible stalls. Benches have concrete pads adjacent for wheelchair seating. The playground has a ramp from the sidewalk into the play area, and there is a ramp leading up to the upper levels of the play structure.
Woolley Park	2	Some of the existing park amenities (play structure, basketball court, picnic shelter) are linked with an asphalt path from the pedestrian entrance. The soccer field and half of the play equipment is only accessible by mowed paths. The playground has a small ramp into the woodchip area. When the new parking lot is complete, greater access will be available since currently park users must arrive to the park on foot or bicycle.
Montibeller Park	3	There were access paths to main play areas, the picnic shelter, tennis courts, and almost all the way to softball fields. The restrooms are marked accessible but are not up to current standards. The two parking lots each have access paths to some amenities, but the access paths do not connect to each other. Trails in the woods are not accessible. Very few accessible pieces of play equipment. Picnic tables are not the cantilevered type. Most park grills are in lawn areas far from paths, but a few are very near the picnic shelter.
Wall Park	2	The parking lot has accessible spaces, but there are no access paths to any of the fields. Some of the fields could conceivably be watched from the parking lot, but not easily.
Pittsfield Preserve - Morgan Woods	1	No developed facilities are present. The site is inaccessible.
Pittsfield Preserve - South East (Old Hickory Trail)	1	The parking lot is flush with the surrounding grade, and though there are two designated barrier-free parking spaces, there are not striped aisles for the spaces. The trails and parking lot are gravel and mowed, so the trails are not accessible.
Pittsfield Preserve – North	1	The parking lot is unpaved though it contains two designated barrier-free spaces, there are no parking strips or aisles. The trails are mowed paths and paths through the woods (not barrier-free), the picnic table is located in a grassy area, and the Porta-John is inaccessible.
Pittsfield Preserve - Marsh View Meadows Park	3	Accessible parking with a ramp up to the main sidewalk leads to the restrooms, picnic shelter, playgrounds, and around the open play field. The restrooms are accessible. The playground has a ramp down into the play area, but few pieces of equipment are accessible. The park grills are not along an access path. The limestone fines path through the woods varies in condition, and also varies in slope, but some areas are accessible.
Oak Hill Neighborhood Park	1	This is an undeveloped, inaccessible property.
Seyfried Park	1	There are no existing facilities. The woods are inaccessible.
Kirtland Hills Park	1	The current trails were not barrier-free as they were mowed paths.
Platt Rd. Greenway	4	The trail was asphalt paved and wide with minimal cross-slopes. The benches had ample room for adjacent wheelchair seating. Accessible parking was available at Lillie Park South parking lot with paved access to the trail. A thorough analysis of all slopes was not performed, but in general, the trail was very level.
Lohr-Textile Greenway	3	Barrier-free parking is located at Marsh View Meadows Park, Woolley Park, and Tefft Park (owned by the City of Saline), which all have access to the greenway. The trail is smooth asphalt, and all road crossings are barrier-free. A complete analysis of cross and running slopes was not performed, but in general, cross slopes seem acceptable, and running slopes appear to be occasionally too steep to be considered barrier-free. These slopes would be too difficult for some, a welcome challenge for others, and would be no challenge for yet others. Benches along the trail have adjacent spaces for wheelchair seating.
Sutherland-Wilson Farm (Historic District)	2	No parking lot is developed, only a gravel driveway. There is no designated barrier-free parking. There is an accessible entrance to the historic home, but other features do not have access paths leading to them.

Barrier-Free Evaluation Key

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design



Pittsfield Township Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 701 W Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 4818		Size: 7 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/2/15		Observed Use Level: Low	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Baseball Field (no lights)	1	Fair	2 bleachers. Needs new infield material. Fence rusting somewhat.
Multi-purpose Sports Field	2	Good	
Play structure	1	Fair	5-12 age group. Engineered wood fill surface. Paint wearing, some rust, older play equipment.
Swings	1	Excellent	4 belt swings
Picnic Shelter	1	Good	Attached restrooms and storage room. Electricity available. 1998
Picnic Tables	10	Excellent	Wood on metal frame
Grills	1	Good	
Restrooms	1	Good	1 men, 1 woman, accessible (but may not be up to current standards)
Parking Lot	1	Poor	Cracked asphalt with potholes, could use re-striping, has lights
Trash cans / Recycling	5	Good	
Drinking fountains	1	Good	
Signage (Yes / No)	Yes	Excellent	Regulatory Signage
<p>Observations: Vegetation is limited to a few trees and turf, which are in good condition. Park entrance is not well marked. Park area has mostly active play and picnicking. It is adjacent to major roads. Noise from traffic and airplanes. Very well taken care of. Accessible by bike on Ellsworth, but most users are probably coming in a vehicle. Adjacent to the senior center. Tee ball and senior center do not conflict with each other because the time of day is different. The parking lot needs to be expanded for all of the park users. The current field is too big for tee ball, so there could potentially be more tee ball fields within the park.</p> <p>Programs held here include tee ball, machine pitch baseball, the Passport to Pittsfield event, senior programs, and kid's programs indoors. The pavilion is available to rent.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 2 - Some of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines Accessible parking available. There is an access path to the pavilion. No other access paths. Restrooms are accessible stalls, but may not be up to current standards. Picnic tables are not the cantilevered type, but a wheelchair could possibly park at the end. No accessible swing. Play structure not accessible. No ramps into play area nor up to equipment. Park grill is not accessible.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Renovate ball diamonds, repave and expand parking lot, splash pad, develop walking path</p>			

Prairie Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 6201 W. Michigan Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108		Size: 10 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/02/2015		Observed Use Level: Low	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Walking Trail	1	Good	Mowed path through prairie. Invasive species present.
Play Structure	2	Excellent	1 for 5-12, 1 for 2-5. Wood chips. Sidewalk around perimeter with ramps. Woodchips are lower than the ramp.
Swings	1	Excellent	2 bucket swings
Picnic Tables	5	Good	Not the cantilevered type
Parking Lot	1	Good	Paved with curbs. Shared parking lot with Township Hall.
Trash / Recycling	5	Good	
Bicycle Parking	2	Good	Bike hoops
Bird house	1	Good	
Signage (Yes / No)	Yes	Excellent	Entrance sign, two playground signs, trail signs
<p>Observations: This park has a playground, picnicking, and trails through the prairie. The amenities are newer and in good condition. There is abundant shared parking with the Township Hall. This park has bicycle parking and sidewalks with close pedestrian access to adjacent residential land use. The prairie is scenic and has mowed grass walking trails throughout. The play structures are for multiple age groups in separate areas. Some invasive species are spreading through the prairie that may need to be controlled to maintain the prairie (buckthorn, invasive cattails, phragmites, and possibly others). This park is on a bus route (Route 67).</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 2 - Some of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines The play structures can be accessed by a sidewalk but not many of the play elements are accessible. There are no accessible swings. Two picnic tables are adjacent to paths but they are not the cantilevered type. The paths through the prairie are grass, so are not accessible.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Trail access from neighborhood, Community Garden</p>			



Lillie Park North			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 4365 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108		Size: 29 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/15/15, 10:45 AM		Observed Use Level: medium, 4 people	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Walking Trail		Fair	Bituminous, mowed edges, about 8' wide, smooth, cracked areas patched. One part of trail is a two-track and not accessible
Picnic Shelter	1	Good	Accessible, some paint is chipping, there is a broken plastic sign on one post, bird droppings are an issue and need to be addressed
Picnic Tables	10	Good	Tables located along trail and under shelter. In good condition but accessible for wheelchairs only on ends of tables
Grills	3	Fair	One is in good condition, the others are somewhat broken, none are wheelchair accessible
Restrooms	1	Excellent	Clean, non-flush type restrooms, hand sanitizer was full, accessible but door handle may be difficult for some to open
Signage (Yes / No)	YES	Excellent	Entrance signs, park map, dog station in great condition
Parking Lot	1	Good	Some potholes, has accessible curb ramp to trail but one ramp is in need of patching
Bicycle Parking	5	Good	Loops; in good shape but coating is beginning to wear off some loops
Pet Waste Bag Dispenser	1	Excellent	Had bags
Fishing docks	2	Fair	Each was tilted and seemed to be sinking. Entry to dock was uneven and presented a trip hazard, wood is in good condition
Bird House	2	Excellent	Observed two birds using a bird house
Benches	4	Good	Along walking path
Trash/Recycling	9	Good	Trash bins located around park, recycling next to shelter
Observations: Overall well-maintained, trails offer scenic views into park and pond. Some invasives noted such as teasel by pond, buckthorn next to two-track. Other landscape in good condition. Trails offer lots of places to sit on benches, dispose of trash, view the pond and nature trails, relax or play in mowed spots. Mowed edges of trail give trail a very cared-for look.			
Barrier Free Evaluation: 3 - Most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines Curb ramps from parking lot need some repair, paving doesn't reach the curb and leaves a gap. Most trails are paved and in fair condition, patches are smooth. Docks are not accessible due to steep slopes leading to them and difference in elevation between wood dock and trail, also the dock itself is slanted. Most other facilities (picnic shelter, restrooms) are accessible. No grills are accessible.			
Ideas for Improvement New docks and fishing piers			

Lillie Park South, East, Central			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 4365 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108		Size: 119 (Lillie South/ East 95 acres, Lillie Central 24 acres)	
Date of Visit: 10/15/15 11:45 AM		Observed Use Level: Medium - 7 people observed	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Soccer - adult size	2	Fair	Nets in bad shape or missing, grass is in great shape and mowed
Soccer - youth size	1	Excellent	New nets, grass is mowed and even. Adult / youth fields also used for Pee Wee
Walking / Biking Trail	Yes	Good / Excellent	Bituminous and limestone fines excellent, wood-chip path is completely broken down but is still even and walkable
Multi-purpose Sports Field	3-5	Excellent	Mowed, seem to be open to any activity - no fixed nets or lines
Play Structure	2	Excellent	One for ages 2-5, one for ages 5-12. Accessible to observe play and get next to structure, but no actual accessible play equipment.
Picnic Shelter	3	Excellent	Accessible, new looking
Restrooms	1	Good	Non-flush toilets, running water in sinks, accessible
Park Grills	4	Good	Not accessible, need to be cleaned
Picnic Tables	15	Good/Excellent	New metal tables in great condition, wood tables not as great
Drinking Fountain	1	Good	Button to push to get water is non-functional (under repair at time)
Benches	13	Fair	Metal, some by soccer fields to observe play, others along trail and playground. Benches next to playground need repair.
Pet Waste Bag Dispenser	1	Excellent	
Bicycle Parking	6	Good	Metal loops in good condition
Maintenance Shed	1	Excellent	Building looks relatively new
Bat box / bird house	2	Excellent	Did not observe birds or bats using houses, located along trail
Parking Lot	1	Good	Has some potholes, accessible, landscaping in good condition
Trash / Recycling	18	Good	Located around park and along trails
Boardwalk	1	Excellent	Accessible, wood is in great shape
Signage (Yes / No)	Yes	Good	Front entry sign, parking signs, park maps and interpretive maps in park in good condition
<p>Observations: Two small play structures were in use. Trail system seemed to include some mowed paths which were not marked on the map. Pee Wee soccer fields were in great shape w/ new nets, while adult-sized fields had broken or missing nets (except one field). Many open areas have no fixed nets, so it's unclear if these can be used for any activity. Trail area is extensive with many lookouts to observe wildlife. Buckthorn and invasive honeysuckle are present along trails, but otherwise natural areas are good quality. Most use in the park was observed on the trails. AATA route 67 stops at the entrance to the park, and there is also bike access from the Platt Rd. Greenway that runs along the road.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 3 - Most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines Most spaces accessible with the exception of athletic fields. Pathways in play area are concrete, outer pathways bituminous. Trail area had accessible limestone fines pathways, but also woodchipped trails which were probably not accessible. Bathrooms were accessible with paved pathways to them and accessible stalls. Play areas are accessible to observe, but there is no accessible equipment. Parking area had curb ramps to the park that were in good condition. Grills were not accessible.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Renovate soccer fields, remove split rail at tree nursery, safety railing along trail, identify pavilions, inspect/repair docks and bridges, inspect play structure, paint RR floor, drainage on soccer fields, mountain/bike trails, sand volleyball courts, outdoor athletic field complex including soccer/multi-use fields at Lillie Central, replace trail signs</p>			



Hickory Woods Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 5415 Crane Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197		Size: 46.7 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/11/15		Observed Use Level: High	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Parking lot	1	Excellent	Paved
Trash cans	5	Good	
Walking Paths	1	Excellent	Asphalt path and grass path through native grassland area
Pet Waste Bag Dispenser	1	Excellent	
Bicycle Parking	4	Excellent	
Restrooms	1	Excellent	1 men, 1 women
Drinking Fountain	1	Excellent	
Picnic Tables	5	Good	Wood on metal frame
Grills	3	Good	
Benches	6	Excellent	
Shelter	1	Excellent	Square with metal roof and posts, within playground area
Swings	1	Excellent	2 regular, 2 bucket
Recycling Containers	3	Excellent	
Open Play Area	Several	Excellent	
Signage (Yes / No)	Several	Excellent	Trail map sign, Interpretive signage, Park sign
<p>Observations: This park has been recently constructed and has play equipment, picnic facilities, a restroom building, and several walking trail loops. Several families were using the park. The park can be accessed both from the main parking lot and by paved paths from adjacent neighborhoods.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 5 - The entire park was developed / renovated using the principles of universal design The paved parking lot has accessible parking spaces and a ramp up to the main sidewalk, which leads to the restroom building, play structures, picnic pavilion, and continues throughout the park. The restrooms have accessible stalls. Benches have concrete pads adjacent for wheelchair seating. The playground has a ramp from the sidewalk into the play area, and there is a ramp leading up to the upper levels of the play structure.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Repaint restroom floor, community garden, dog park, pavilion, disc golf</p>			

Woolley Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Textile Road near Bicentennial Parkway		Size: 49.5 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/11/15		Observed Use Level: None	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Soccer field - youth size	1	Good	Nets and field in good condition
Volleyball	1	Good	Grass court. Net in good condition.
Basketball	1	Good	Asphalt has some patching. Hoops in good condition.
Play Structure	2	Good	Equipment good. Path into the woodchips with small ramp
Swings	1	Good	2 belt swings.
Walking / Bicycle path	1	Good	asphalt and mowed pathways
Fitness Equipment / Course	Several	Good	Exercise equipment
Picnic Shelter	1	Excellent	
Picnic Tables	4	Good	Plastic and metal, 3 at picnic shelter and 1 at playground area
Grills	2	Excellent	
Parking lot	1		
Benches	9	Fair	Some benches showing wear
Trash cans	6	Good	
Disc golf	1	Fair	Not a "regulation" course, needs new layout. Chains a little rusty
Bike parking	3	Excellent	3 structures (6 loops total)
Boardwalk	1		
Signage	Yes	Excellent	Regulatory signs, small park sign, needs park entrance sign
<p>Observations: This park was undergoing renovations at the time of the visit. A new parking lot and trail improvements were being constructed. Existing park amenities such as the playgrounds, soccer field, picnic facilities and basketball court were in good condition. This park is accessible by bicycle from the Lohr-Textile Greenway and has one pedestrian entrance and one vehicular entrance that is under construction.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 2 - Some of the features / park areas meet accessibility guidelines Some of the existing park amenities (play structure, basketball court, picnic shelter) are linked with an asphalt path from the pedestrian entrance. The soccer field and half of the play equipment is only accessible by mowed paths. The playground has a small ramp into the woodchip area. When the new parking lot is complete, greater access will be available since currently park users must arrive to the park on foot or bicycle.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement New signage, picnic tables, trail work, disc golf improvements, renovate volleyball court to include sand, new soccer nets, bleachers at soccer field</p>			



Montibeller Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 4305 Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108		Size: 52 Acres	
Date of Visit: 10/07/2015		Observed Use Level: Medium	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Baseball / Softball field (No Lights)	2	Fair	One backstop is rusted. Both have 1 bleacher set. Not up to current standards. Needs new infield material.
Open Play Field	1	Excellent	Large mowed fields with rolling hills
Volleyball	1	Good	Grass court, wooden posts with net in good condition
Tennis Court	2	Excellent	Two old courts have been taken out of use
Walking Trail	1	Good	Bituminous path from parking lots to amenities and nature trails. Nature trails need clean-up of branches and new wood chips.
Play Structure	2	Good	Wood chips need to be filled. Equipment in good condition.
Swings	1	Excellent	Two bucket seats, two belt seats
Picnic Shelter	1	Poor	Columns have needed structural repair.
Restrooms	1	Good	Men / Women. Good lighting, could use paint and concrete sidewalk is coming away from building. Not accessible.
Park Grills	4	Good	Not accessible. In lawn areas.
Picnic Tables	15	Excellent	
Drinking Fountain	1	Excellent	
Pet Waste Bag Dispenser	1	Excellent	
Bicycle Parking	1	Good	Paint scuffed up
Storage Shed	1	Good	Used for Summer Day Camp storage, and as inclement weather shelter for campers
Trash / Recycling	12	Good	
Parking Lot	2	Fair	Unpaved with bumper blocks
Signage (Yes / No)	Yes	Good / Fair	Park entry sign, park map, park pavilion listing, misc signage
<p>Observations: This park is walkable from residential areas (people were observed using the park but there were very few cars in the parking lot). Many mature trees. The wooded area has dirt trails with remnants of wood chips, and fallen limbs occasionally obstruct the paths. The wood chips were installed two years ago, and have decomposed somewhat. In the woods, there is an informal log bridge over a ditch that is a safety concern. Invasive species are present in the woods (buckthorn). Large mowed lawn areas with rolling hills are used for sledding. Some of the lawn area could be converted to prairie if it is desired to reduce mowing. Two play structures entertain 2-5 and 5-12 age groups. Good access off Ellsworth Road. There is an informal cut-through to Meijer which may need to be addressed from a safety standpoint. Of the two playground areas present, the smaller of the two was newer and is for older children. Park users say there are not enough swings.</p> <p>Programs held here include the summer day camp, softball, tennis, sled bowling, and kite flying. The pavilion is available for rent.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 3 - Most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines There were access paths to main play areas, the picnic shelter, tennis courts, and almost all the way to softball fields. The restrooms are marked accessible but are not up to current standards. The two parking lots each have access paths to some amenities, but the access paths do not connect to each other. Trails in the woods are not accessible. Very few accessible pieces of play equipment. Picnic tables are not the cantilevered type. Most park grills are in lawn areas far from paths, but a few are very near the picnic shelter.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Upgrades to softball / baseball fields, add swings, replace trail signs, pave parking lots, renovate restrooms, renovate pavilion with electricity, replace maintenance building, repurpose old tennis courts. Possible new items include sand volleyball courts, a disc golf course, a dog park, dugouts, and permanent fencing on the baseball fields. Naturalize stream.</p>			

Wall Park

Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 7401 Platt Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197		Size: 72.8 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/7/2015		Observed Use Level: High	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Soccer Field	8	Good / Excellent	No bleachers. Two fields are irrigated. Primarily Soccer fields, but one is used for lacrosse and ultimate frisbee
Parking Lot	1	Excellent	Very new. No lights.
Trash / Recycling	12	Good	
Signage (Yes / No)	Yes	Excellent	No park entry sign. Regulatory signage only.
<p>Observations: Large park with soccer fields and a parking lot. No structures open to the public. The park is very open near the road with no trees, but there are woods behind the fields with no developed trails. School teams, the Ann Arbor Soccer Club, and the public can rent the fields. The Ann Arbor Soccer Club could use more fields, but does not want to overtax the fields. AASC doesn't use the north fields on weekends to accommodate residents. AASC uses the fields Monday-Thursday for evening practice, with Saturday and Sunday games. There is a spring and a fall season (short break in the summer - Mid June until Mid-August). Parking is adequate for the soccer club.</p> <p>The fields are also used for ultimate frisbee on a weekly basis. Lacrosse groups also use the field for tournaments and games.</p> <p>This property contains a conservation easement.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 2 - Some of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines The parking lot has accessible spaces, but there are no access paths to any of the fields. Some of the fields could conceivably be watched from the parking lot, but not easily.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Install irrigation for fields 1-4; construct a restroom building, concessions / storage building, and a shelter / pavilion.</p>			



Pittsfield Preserve - Morgan Woods			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Intersection of Morgan and Stone School Roads		Size: 95 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/11/2015		Observed Use Level: None	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Signage	1	Excellent	Small Park Sign
<p>Observations: This property is part of the Pittsfield Preserve and contains wooded areas and farmland. No formalized trails have been developed. The property has no developed parking area, but can be accessed from public bordering roads by foot.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 1 - none of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines No developed facilities are present. The site is inaccessible.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Reposition sign on frontage, add sign to Stone School frontage, future trail development</p>			

Pittsfield Preserve - South East (Old Hickory Trail)

Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Textile Road between Thomas Road and Platt Road		Size: 114 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/11/2015		Observed Use Level: Medium	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Parking Lot	1	Good	Unpaved with bumper blocks
Trash Can	1	Good	
Park Signage	2	Excellent	Park Entry Sign, Park rules
Walking Paths	1	Good	Dirt paths and mowed paths
<p>Observations: This property has both woods and farmland, and the main trails run through the woods with two points of access to the farm fields. Several cars were in the parking lot. The parking lot is unpaved and the trail is mowed and a mixture of grass and dirt. Some areas of the trail were wet, and many areas had tree roots that could cause tripping and rolled ankles.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 1 - none of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines The parking lot is flush with the surrounding grade, and though there are two designated barrier-free parking spaces, there are not striped aisles for the spaces. The trails and parking lot are gravel and mowed, so the trails are not accessible.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Woodchips or limestone fines for the pathways</p>			



Pittsfield Preserve - North			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Thomas Rd. and Marton Rd. between Morgan Rd. and Textile Rd.		Size: 361 acres (need confirmation)	
Date of Visit: 10/11/2015		Observed Use Level: Medium	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Parking Lot	2	Good	Unpaved. Marton Road and Thomas Road
Picnic Tables	2	Excellent	Wooden, traditional style
Walking Paths	5 loops	Excellent	Mowed paths
Pet Waste Container	2	Excellent	One in each parking lot
Trash Can	4	Excellent	
Porta John	2	Excellent	
Park Signage	Several	Good	Most in excellent condition, one trail map box had graffiti and one trail map was smashed
<p>Observations: Pittsfield Preserve North includes the P.G. Palmer Park property. This large preserve contains both woods, farmland, wetlands, and grasslands. There were several vehicles parked at each parking lot, and several people were observed on the trails.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 1 - none of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines The parking lot is unpaved though it contains two designated barrier-free spaces, there are no parking strips or aisles. The trails are mowed paths and paths through the woods (not barrier-free), the picnic table is located in a grassy area, and the Porta-John is inaccessible.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Re-route trail around wet area (possible boardwalk?), control burn vs mowing, re-seed native plants, connect mowed trail to south end (Marsh View Meadows), replace trail signs</p>			

Pittsfield Preserve - Marsh View Meadows Park

Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township	Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township
Location: Textile Road	Size: 54 acres (need confirmation)
Date of Visit: 10/7/15	Observed Use Level: Medium

Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Open play field	1	Excellent	Large mowed area
Walking / Biking Trail	1	Good	Asphalt path is in good condition, limestone fines path has some spots where grass and moss are taking over
Play Structure	2	Good	One for 2-5, one for 5-12. Ramps to woodchip areas
Picnic Shelter	1	Excellent	
Restrooms	1	Excellent	
Park Grills	2	Good	In lawn area
Picnic Tables	16	Good	Wood on metal frame
Drinking Fountain	1	Excellent	At restroom building
Pet Waste Bag Dispenser	3	Excellent	
Bicycle Parking	4	Excellent	Metal bike loops
Trash Cans	8	Good	Metal barrels
Bat boxes	3	Good	
Parking lot	1	Excellent	Paved with curbs, ramp to main sidewalk
Benches	15	Excellent	6 in main area, 9 along wooded trails
Signage (Yes / No)	Many	Excellent	Park entry sign, trail map signs, interpretive signs, regulatory signs

Observations:
 High quality park shelter and restroom building with nice architectural character. Several families were using the park. Interpretive signage is throughout the park. Paved trails and trails through the woods, an open field, a picnic area, and play structures provide for a mix of passive and active uses.

Barrier Free Evaluation: 3 - most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines
 Accessible parking with a ramp up to the main sidewalk leads to the restrooms, picnic shelter, playgrounds, and around the open play field. The restrooms are accessible. The playground has a ramp down into the play area, but few pieces of equipment are accessible. The park grills are not along an access path. The limestone fines path through the woods varies in condition, and also varies in slope, but some areas are accessible.

Ideas for Improvement
 Paint restroom floor, trail marking upgrade, improve t-ball playing field (include at sports complex)



Oak Hill Neighborhood Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Diamond Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197		Size: 0.34 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/11/2015		Observed Use Level: None	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
None (wooded property)	1	Good	Woods with thick underbrush
Signage (Yes / No)	No		
Observations: This park is an undeveloped property in a small residential neighborhood. The property is currently wooded. No amenities are developed.			
Barrier Free Evaluation: 1 - none of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines This is an undeveloped, inaccessible property.			
Ideas for Improvement Add a park sign, determine appropriate amenities and develop			

Seyfried Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 3657 S Maple Road, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108		Size: 4 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/11/2015		Observed Use Level: None	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Driveway	1	Fair	Two-track
Signage (Yes/No)	No		
Observations: This is a recently-acquired, undeveloped parcel. A two-track driveway off Maple Road leads to a small clearing. Behind the clearing, the remainder of the property is wooded.			
Barrier Free Evaluation: 1 - none of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines There are no existing facilities. The woods are inaccessible.			
Ideas for Improvement Access pathway			



Kirtland Hills Park			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Arcadia Drive within Kirtland Hills Community		Size: 4.4 acres	
Date of Visit: 10/11/2014		Observed Use Level: None	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Walking Paths	1	Poor (under construction)	Mowed paths under construction
Signage (Yes / No)	No		
Observations: The park is situated in an open area with the rear of residential lots bordering it. This park was under construction at the time of the site visit. Mowed paths had been staked and preliminary mowing had been done to cut down underbrush and shrubs. Overall, the park property is densely vegetated with small trees and underbrush. The park can be accessed from roads within the subdivision where there are gaps between residential lots. The park has not been turned over to the township from the developer yet.			
Barrier Free Evaluation: 1 - none of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines The current trails were not barrier-free as they were mowed paths.			
Ideas for Improvement Swings and benches, park signs			

Platt Rd. Greenway			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Platt Road between Ellsworth and Textile Roads		Size: 2.1 miles	
Date of Visit: 10/20/2015		Observed Use Level: Medium	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Benches	3	Good	Some small sections were rusting
Bicycle Parking	3	Excellent	Metal post with loop
Walking / Bicycle Trail / Bridge	1	Fair / Poor / Good	Asphalt. Most of the trail was in fair condition, with one section that was heavily patched. The bridge is in good condition.
Signage	Yes	Excellent	Trail rules signs, other regulatory signs
<p>Observations: Parking for this trail was available at Lillie Park South. The asphalt trail was smooth and mostly in good condition, with one area through some woods that was heavily patched but still easy to ride. Several trail users were present</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 4 - the entire park meets accessibility guidelines The trail was asphalt paved and wide with minimal cross-slopes. The benches had ample room for adjacent wheelchair seating. Accessible parking was available at Lillie Park South parking lot with paved access to the trail. A thorough analysis of all slopes was not performed, but in general, the trail was very level.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Sections of the trail that had heavy patching should be replaced in the future. Trail map signs could be added to show linkages with other trails and areas of Pittsfield.</p>			



Lohr-Textile Greenway			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: Lohr Road between Ellsworth and Textile, and Textile road between Marton Road and Woodland Drive		Size: 4.3 miles	
Date of Visit: 10/20/2015		Observed Use Level: Medium	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Boardwalk / Bridge	3	Excellent	
Benches	4	Excellent	Metal
Trash Cans	1	Excellent	
Bicycle Parking	3	Excellent	Metal post with semi-circle loop
Walking / Bicycling Path	1	Excellent	Asphalt path
Signage	Several	Excellent	Rules and regulatory signs
<p>Observations: This trail is newly constructed and is very smooth. It is wide enough to be considered a shared-use path. Crossings over major roads are well signalized, and there are pedestrian-activated signals as well at crossing points that are not intersections.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 3 - most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines Barrier-free parking is located at Pittsfield Township's Marsh View Meadows Park, Woolley Park, as well as Tefft Park (owned by the City of Saline), which all have access to the greenway. The trail is smooth asphalt, and all road crossings are barrier-free. A complete analysis of cross and running slopes was not performed, but in general, cross slopes seem acceptable, and running slopes appear to be occasionally too steep to be considered barrier-free. These slopes would be too difficult for some, a welcome challenge for others, and would be no challenge for yet others. Benches along the trail have adjacent spaces for wheelchair seating.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement</p>			

Sutherland-Wilson Farm (Historic District)			
Owning Agency: Pittsfield Township		Party Responsible for Maintenance: Pittsfield Township	
Location: 797 Textile Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103		Size: 5 acres	
Date of Visit: 11/4/2015		Observed Use Level: None	
Facilities Inventory			
Item	Quantity	Condition	Notes
Historic homestead	1	Excellent	
Barn	2	Good	One larger barn, one smaller
Hog house	1	Fair	
Pump house	1	Good	
Ice house	1	Good	
Outhouse	1	Good	
Open field	1	Excellent	
Wood shed	1	Good	
Signage (Yes / No)	2	Excellent	Historical marker sign, park entry sign / centennial farm sign
<p>Observations: This historic farm has undergone recent renovations. Some buildings are more renovated than others. Small laminated signs are posted on the outbuildings describing how they were used in the past. A gravel driveway loops through the property, but no parking area is present.</p>			
<p>Barrier Free Evaluation: 2 - few of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines No parking lot is developed, only a gravel driveway. There is no designated barrier-free parking. There is an accessible entrance to the historic home, but other features do not have access paths leading to them.</p>			
<p>Ideas for Improvement Barrier-free parking, access paths</p>			



Barrier-Free Evaluation		
Park	Score	Notes
Pittsfield Township Park	2	Accessible parking available. There is an access path to the pavilion. No other access paths. Restrooms are accessible stalls, but may not be up to current standards. Picnic tables are not the cantilevered type, but a wheelchair could possibly park at the end. No accessible swing. Play structure not accessible. No ramps into play area nor up to equipment. Park grill is not accessible.
Prairie Park	2	The play structures can be accessed by a sidewalk but not many of the play elements are accessible. There are no accessible swings. Two picnic tables are adjacent to paths but they are not the cantilevered type. The paths through the prairie are grass, so are not accessible.
Lillie Park North	3	Curb ramps from parking lot need some repair, paving doesn't reach the curb and leaves a gap. Most trails are paved and in fair condition, patches are smooth. Docks are not accessible due to steep slopes leading to them and difference in elevation between wood dock and trail, also the dock itself is slanted. Most other facilities (picnic shelter, restrooms) are accessible. No grills are accessible.
Lillie Park South, East, Central	3	Most spaces accessible with the exception of athletic fields. Pathways in play area are concrete, outer pathways bituminous. Trail area had accessible limestone fines pathways, but also woodchipped trails which were probably not accessible. Bathrooms were accessible with paved pathways to them and accessible stalls. Play areas are accessible to observe, but there is no accessible equipment. Parking area had curb ramps to the park that were in good condition. Grills were not accessible.
Hickory Woods Park	5	The paved parking lot has accessible parking spaces and a ramp up to the main sidewalk, which leads to the restroom building, play structures, picnic pavilion, and continues throughout the park. The restrooms have accessible stalls. Benches have concrete pads adjacent for wheelchair seating. The playground has a ramp from the sidewalk into the play area, and there is a ramp leading up to the upper levels of the play structure.
Woolley Park	2	Some of the existing park amenities (play structure, basketball court, picnic shelter) are linked with an asphalt path from the pedestrian entrance. The soccer field and half of the play equipment is only accessible by mowed paths. The playground has a small ramp into the woodchip area. When the new parking lot is complete, greater access will be available since currently park users must arrive to the park on foot or bicycle.
Montibeller Park	3	There were access paths to main play areas, the picnic shelter, tennis courts, and almost all the way to softball fields. The restrooms are marked accessible but are not up to current standards. The two parking lots each have access paths to some amenities, but the access paths do not connect to each other. Trails in the woods are not accessible. Very few accessible pieces of play equipment. Picnic tables are not the cantilevered type. Most park grills are in lawn areas far from paths, but a few are very near the picnic shelter.
Wall Park	2	The parking lot has accessible spaces, but there are no access paths to any of the fields. Some of the fields could conceivably be watched from the parking lot, but not easily.
Pittsfield Preserve - Morgan Woods	1	No developed facilities are present. The site is inaccessible.
Pittsfield Preserve - South East (Old Hickory Trail)	1	The parking lot is flush with the surrounding grade, and though there are two designated barrier-free parking spaces, there are not striped aisles for the spaces. The trails and parking lot are gravel and mowed, so the trails are not accessible.
Pittsfield Preserve - North	1	The parking lot is unpaved though it contains two designated barrier-free spaces, there are no parking strips or aisles. The trails are mowed paths and paths through the woods (not barrier-free), the picnic table is located in a grassy area, and the Porta-John is inaccessible.
Pittsfield Preserve - Marsh View Meadows Park	3	Accessible parking with a ramp up to the main sidewalk leads to the restrooms, picnic shelter, playgrounds, and around the open play field. The restrooms are accessible. They playground has a ramp down into the play area, but few pieces of equipment are accessible. The park grills are not along an access path. The limestone fines path through the woods varies in condition, and also varies in slope, but some areas are accessible.
Oak Hill Neighborhood Park	1	This is an undeveloped, inaccessible property.
Seyfried Park	1	There are no existing facilities. The woods are inaccessible.
Kirtland Hills Park	1	The current trails were not barrier-free as they were mowed paths.
Platt Rd. Greenway	4	The trail was asphalt paved and wide with minimal cross-slopes. The benches had ample room for adjacent wheelchair seating. Accessible parking was available at Lillie Park South parking lot with paved access to the trail. A thorough analysis of all slopes was not performed, but in general, the trail was very level.
Lohr-Textile Greenway	3	Barrier-free parking is located at Marsh View Meadows Park, Woolley Park, and Tefft Park (owned by the City of Saline), which all have access to the greenway. The trail is smooth asphalt, and all road crossings are barrier-free. A complete analysis of cross and running slopes was not performed, but in general, cross slopes seem acceptable, and running slopes appear to be occasionally too steep to be considered barrier-free. These slopes would be too difficult for some, a welcome challenge for others, and would be no challenge for yet others. Benches along the trail have adjacent spaces for wheelchair seating.
Sutherland-Wilson Farm (Historic District)	2	No parking lot is developed, only a gravel driveway. There is no designated barrier-free parking. There is an accessible entrance to the historic home, but other features do not have access paths leading to them.

Barrier-Free Evaluation Key

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

Appendix C

Public Input Documentation

2020 Vision: Pittsfield Township Planning Survey

Share Your Vision

Thank you for taking the time to complete this planning survey to inform us of your future vision for Pittsfield Township. Your input will provide valuable information as we update the Parks & Recreation and Township Master Plan.

The survey is divided into three sections: Tell Us About Yourself; Parks & Recreation; Master Plan.

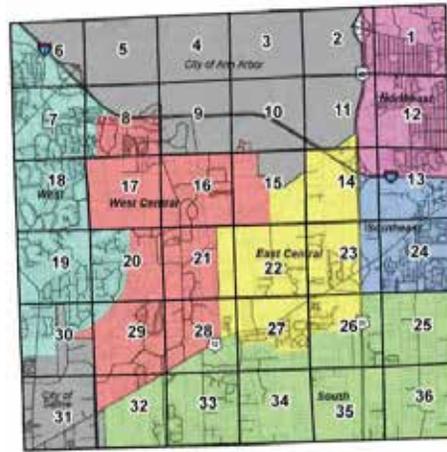
This survey will take about 20 minutes to complete and is confidential. If completing a paper version of the survey, please return the completed survey to Pittsfield Township, 6201 W. Michigan Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.



1. Using the map provided, please indicate the section number of the area in which you reside:

Section (1-36)

Other (please specify)



2. How long have you been a Pittsfield Township resident?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years
- More than 30 years
- I live outside Pittsfield Township

3. What is your age?

- Under 25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 & over

4. Please select the category that best explains your ethnicity:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White, Non-Hispanic
- Other

5. Please select your household income:

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$124,999
- \$125,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 to \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more

6. Please select your highest level of education:

- Did Not Graduate High School
- High School Graduate
- Some College, No Degree
- Associate Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate/Professional Degree

7. Please select your gender:

- Female
- Male

8. Including yourself, how many people in your household are:

Under age 5	
Ages 6-19	
Ages 20-25	
Ages 26-35	
Ages 36-44	
Ages 45-54	
Ages 55-64	
Ages 65+	

9. How would you rate the following park and recreational amenities in Pittsfield Township?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Amount of park land	<input type="radio"/>				
Greenways (10' pathways), sidewalks and bike lanes	<input type="radio"/>				
Open space/natural areas	<input type="radio"/>				
Adult recreation programming	<input type="radio"/>				
Youth recreation programming	<input type="radio"/>				
Senior recreation programming	<input type="radio"/>				
Variety of park amenities (e.g. playgrounds, pavilions, trails)	<input type="radio"/>				

Other (please specify)

10. In a typical year, how often do you and/or your family visit Pittsfield Township parks (refer to below map)?

	Over 10 times	6-10 times	5 times or less	Never
Hickory Woods Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lillie Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marsh View Meadows Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Montibeller Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pittsfield Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pittsfield Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prairie Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wall Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Woolley Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



11. Which park feature(s) do you enjoy the most (check all that apply)?

- Athletic Fields
- Nature/Wildlife viewing
- Picnic Pavilions
- Playgrounds
- Trails

Other (please specify)

12. In your opinion, how well are Pittsfield Township parks maintained?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Hickory Woods Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Lillie Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Marsh View Meadows Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Montibeller Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Pittsfield Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Pittsfield Preserve	<input type="radio"/>				
Prairie Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Wall Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Lohr-Textile Greenway	<input type="radio"/>				
Platt Road Greenway	<input type="radio"/>				

13. Have you and/or your family registered for a Pittsfield Township recreational program in the past 2 years?

- Yes
- No

14. Which recreational program(s) have you and/or your family registered for in the past 2 years?

	Over 10 times	6-10 times	5 times or less	Never
Youth after-school programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth instructional/enrichment classes (e.g., cooking, golf, horseback riding, karate)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth soccer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth special events (e.g. Daddy/Daughter Dance, Egg Hunt, Mother/Son Dance, Sled Bowling)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Summer Day Camp	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth T-ball/machine pitch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult fitness classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult instructional classes (golf, tennis)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Center activities (e.g. bingo, cards, cooking class, fitness classes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Travel - Day Trips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Travel - Extended Trips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. What changes or additions would you suggest to Pittsfield Township's youth, adult, or senior recreational programs so they better meet your needs?

16. How would you rate Pittsfield Township's Parks and Recreation department in the following?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Customer Service	<input type="radio"/>				
Registration/Rental Process	<input type="radio"/>				

17. What is the most effective way to inform you about recreational programs and parks amenities/facilities?

	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Least Effective
Brochure Mailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email/Notify Me Updates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeowners Association Newsletters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks & Recreation Homepage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pittsfield Post Newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

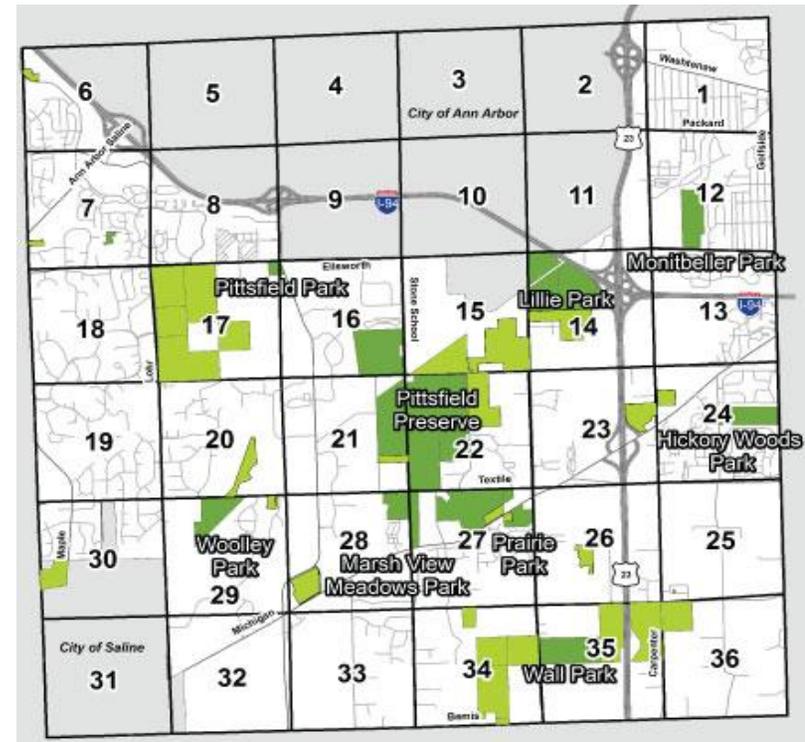
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
I can walk/bike to Township parks	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel safe when visiting Township parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Recreational programs and park amenities/facilities are important to our community and worthy of taxpayer support	<input type="radio"/>				
The Township should invest in additional parks and recreation facilities and services	<input type="radio"/>				

19. You have \$100 to split between the following categories. Please indicate how you would divide these funds:

- Construction of new greenways, sidewalks and bike lanes
- Expansion/improvement of recreational programming
- Maintenance of existing park and recreational amenities/facilities
- Provide more amenities and facilities within existing parks
- Purchase and development of new parks
- Purchase open areas for green space preservation

20. In your opinion, if the Township were to purchase new parks and green space for preservation, which section of the Township should it be in (please refer to map below)?

Section (1-36)



21. How would you prioritize the following park amenities and facilities for future development? Please indicate using a scale from 1 (high priority) to 5 (low priority). If you have no opinion, please leave blank.

	Scale (1-5)
ADA accessible play structures	
Athletic Fields (Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Cricket, Lacrosse, Soccer)	
Community Garden	
Cross-Country Ski Trails	
Disc Golf	
Dog Park	
Multipurpose Indoor Facility	
Nature Interpretation	
Pedestrian & Bicycling Trails	
Picnic Pavilions	
Restrooms	
Sledding Hills	
Spray Park/Splash Pad	
Tennis Courts/Pickleball	
Trails	
Other (e.g., Gaga ball, Foot Golf)	

22. Please provide other comments regarding your vision for Pittsfield Township Park and Recreational amenities.

23. What are the three most significant reasons you reside in Pittsfield Township?

- Access to parks and recreation
- Changed jobs
- Cost/value of home
- Friends/family live nearby
- Like the community
- Like the school district(s)
- Need a larger home
- Nice neighborhood
- Rural character
- Suburban character
- Wanted to be closer to work
- Wanted to own a home

Other (please specify)

24. What are the three most positive aspects of residing in Pittsfield Township?

- Affordable housing
- Local schools
- Parks and recreation options
- Proximity to employment
- Public safety (Police and Fire)
- Quality housing

29. If you have any suggested locations for non-motorized improvements, please indicate below.

30. In your opinion, which of the following commercial corridors should be prioritized for the following future improvements? Please indicate using a scale from 1 (high priority) to 5 (low priority). If you have no opinion, please leave blank.

	Scale (1-5)
Carpenter Road (between Ellsworth and Packard): Resurface road, add street lighting and bike lanes	
Michigan Avenue (between Platt and Carpenter): Improve intersections at Platt, U.S. 23 and Carpenter	
State Road (between Ellsworth and Michigan Avenue): Widen the roadway, provide for bike lanes and sidewalks	
Washtenaw Avenue (between Golfside and Carpenter): Reduce curb cuts, fill sidewalk gaps, improve intersections, provide green space	

31. You have \$100 to split between the following categories. Please indicate how you would divide these funds:

Acquisition of new park/open space	<input type="text"/>
Development of existing park space	<input type="text"/>
Energy efficiency improvements at public buildings	<input type="text"/>
Installation of public art & creation of public gathering places	<input type="text"/>
Improvements to existing roads to provide for pathways/sidewalks and bike lanes	<input type="text"/>
Maintenance of existing roads	<input type="text"/>
Improvements to commercial corridors (Carpenter, Michigan, State, Washtenaw)	<input type="text"/>
Expansion of transit services	<input type="text"/>
Maintenance of current transit services	<input type="text"/>



32. In your opinion, how important are each of the following priorities for Pittsfield Township to address over the next 5 to 10 years? Please indicate using a scale from 1 (high priority) to 5 (low priority). If you have no opinion, please leave blank.

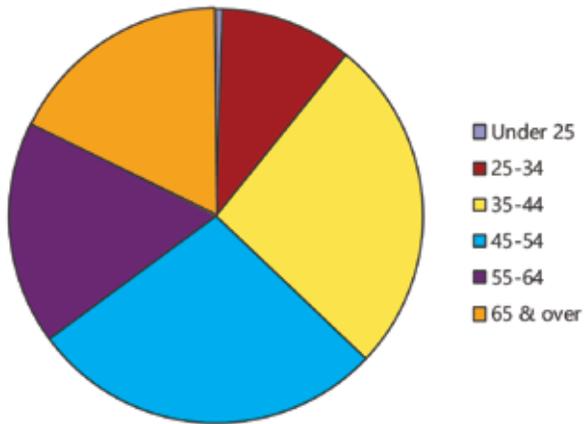
	Scale (1-5)
Improve the appearance of residential neighborhoods (sidewalks, street lights, etc.)	
Improve zoning and code enforcement efforts	
Limit residential home construction to existing, vacant subdivision lots	
Provide housing to meet the needs of seniors and young talent	
Expand the non-motorized network by adding more greenways, sidewalks and bike lanes	
Improve traffic flow on primary roads	
Maintain existing roadways	
Provide a safe and accessible non-motorized (biking/walking) transportation network	
Provide improved access to public transportation	
Coordinate with adjacent communities to achieve shared objectives	
Expand commercial/retail development	
Facilitate improved stormwater management	
Increase availability of public water and sewer	
Redevelop vacant and underutilized commercial properties	
Incentivize that new buildings be LEED certified or similar	
Improve accessibility to open spaces	
Preserve natural features (floodplains, woodlands, trees, etc.)	
Develop more parks and recreational facilities	
Incorporate art into public places	

33. Please provide other comments regarding your vision for Pittsfield Township's future development and preservation.

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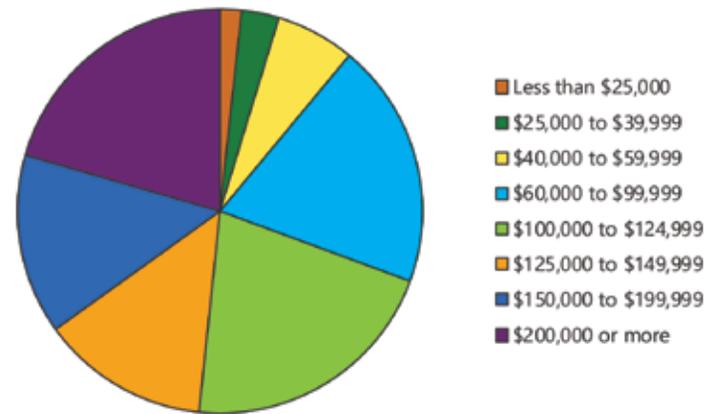
QUESTION 1

What is your age?



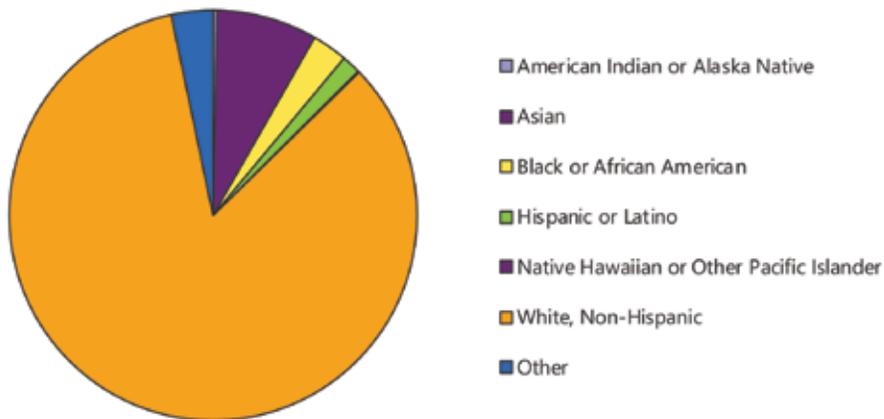
QUESTION 3

Please select your household income



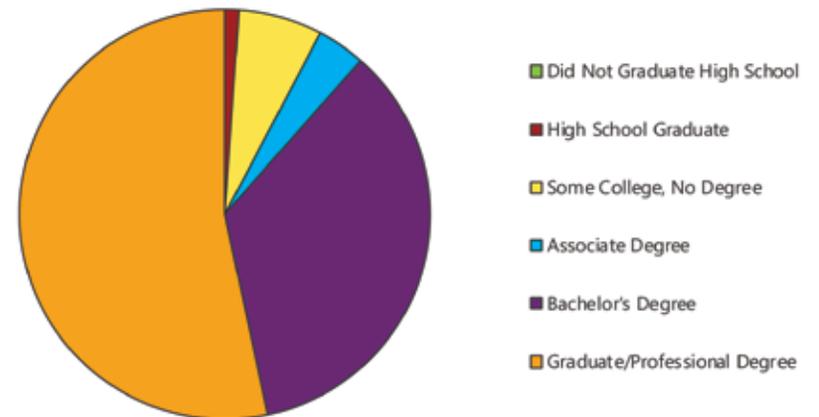
QUESTION 2

Please select the category that best explains your ethnicity



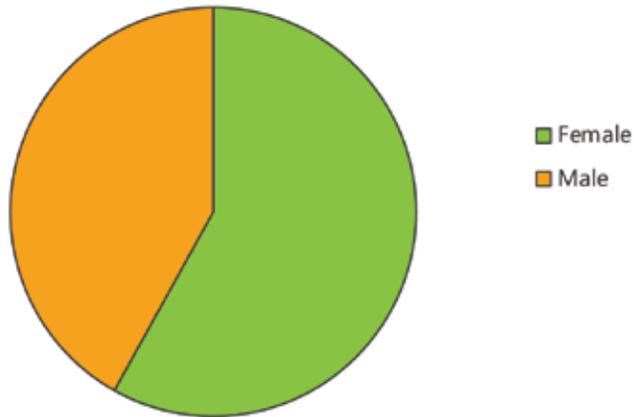
QUESTION 4

Please select your highest level of education



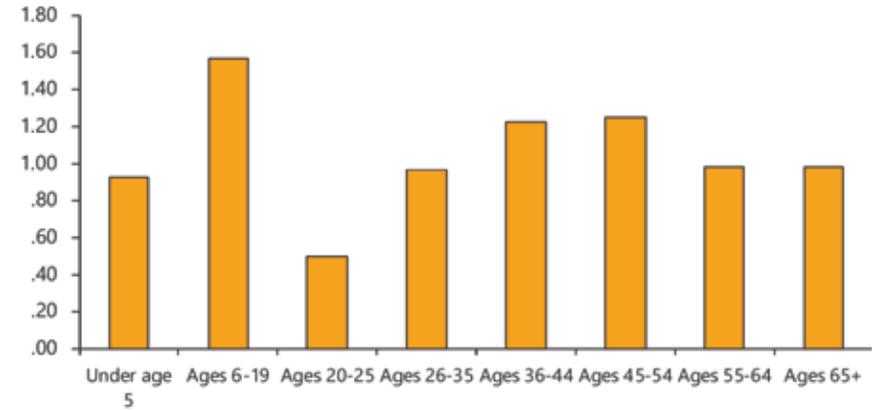
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Please select your gender



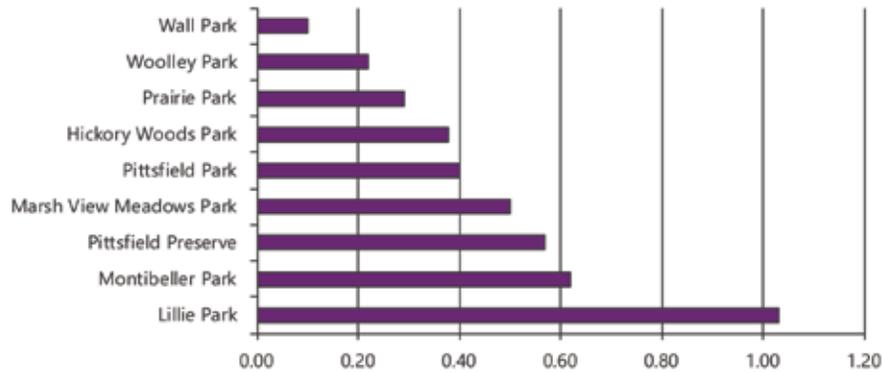
QUESTION 7

Including yourself, how many people in your household are...



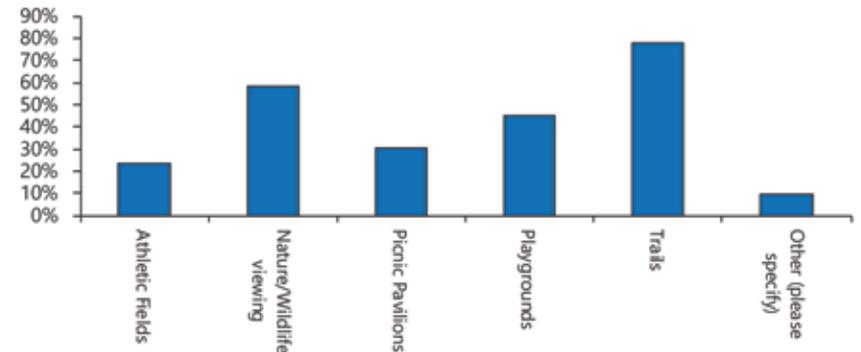
QUESTION 6

In a typical year, how often do you and/or your family visit Pittsfield Township parks?



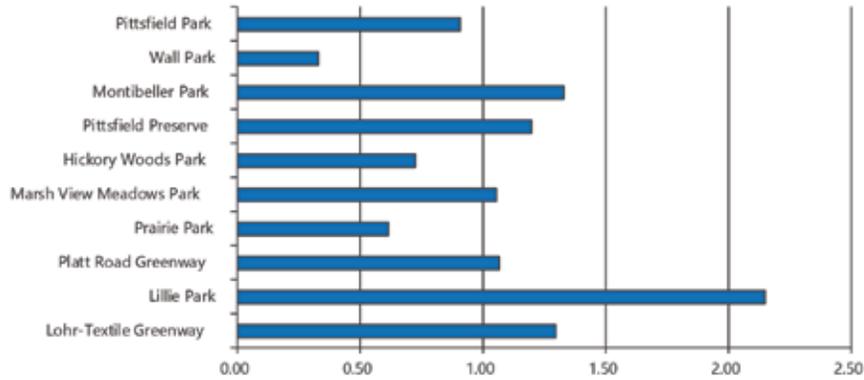
QUESTION 8

Which park feature(s) do you enjoy the most (check all that apply)?



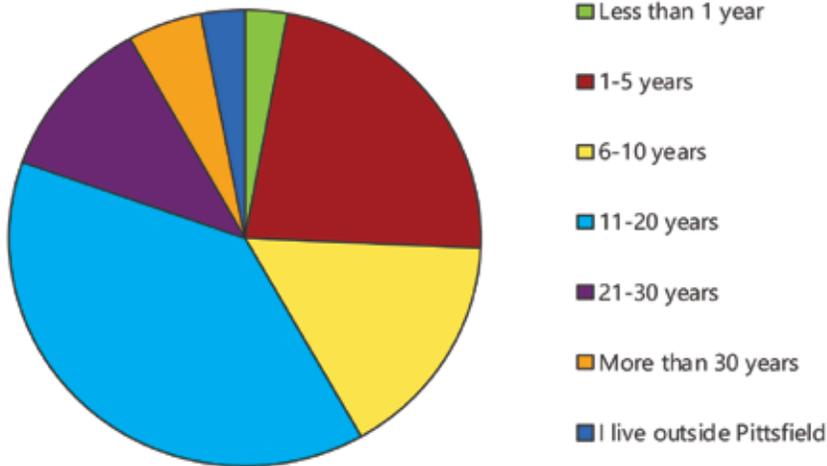
QUESTION 9

In your opinion, how well are Pittsfield Township parks maintained?



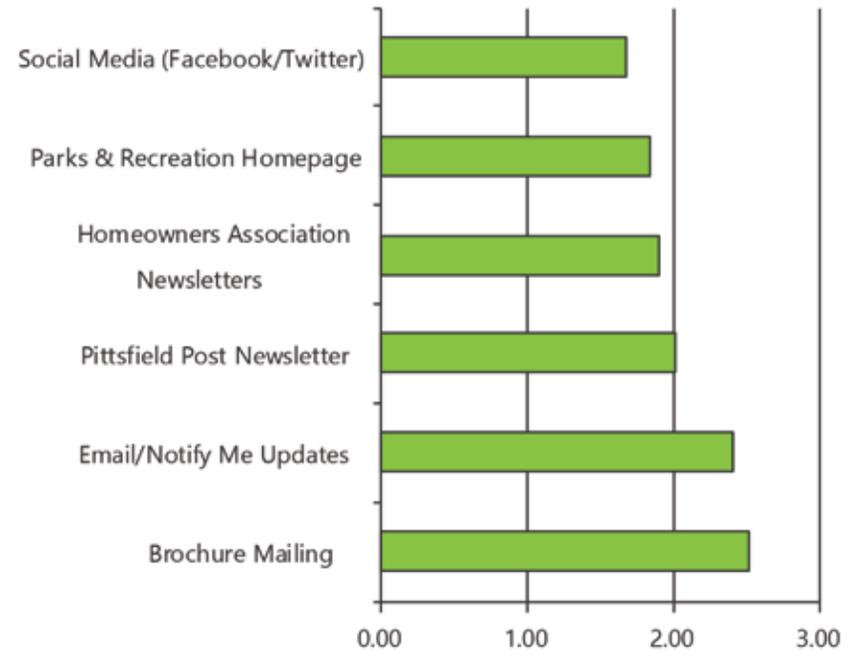
QUESTION 10

How long have you been a Pittsfield Township resident?



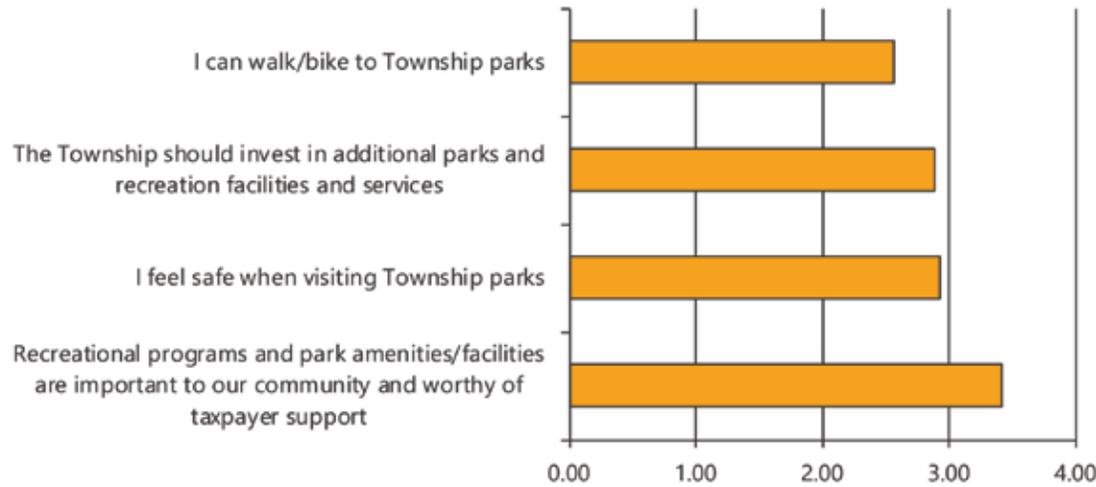
QUESTION 11

What is the most effective way to inform you about recreational programs and parks amenities/facilities?



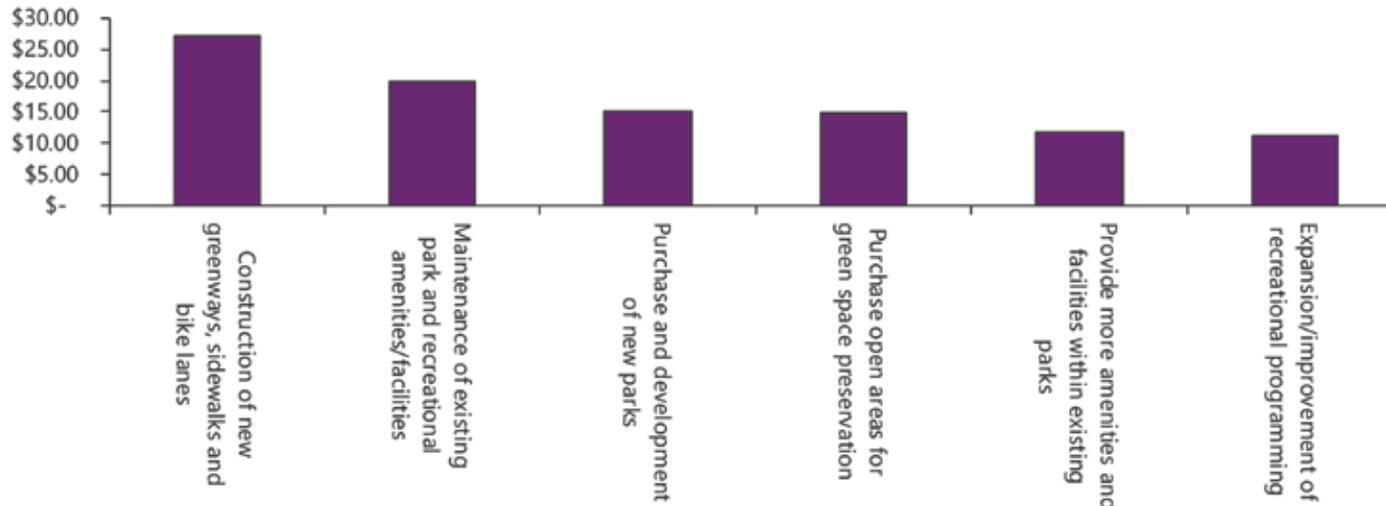
QUESTION 12

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:



QUESTION 13

You have \$100 to split between the following categories. Please indicate how you would divide these funds:





Goal: Maintain and upgrade existing park facilities that create clean, safe, attractive, and functional environments.

<p><u>Objectives</u></p>	<p><u>Achievement Ranking</u> Scale 0-5 0 = no achievement; 5 = full achievement If you do not know, mark "N/A"</p>	<p><u>Examples/Highlights of Achievement</u> (answer as applicable)</p>
<p>1. Ensure park facilities and equipment are clean.</p>	<p>1. _____</p>	<p>1a. _____</p>
<p>2. Replace/upgrade aging park equipment as needed.</p>	<p>2. _____</p>	<p>1b. _____</p> <p>2a. _____</p>
<p>3. Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones.</p>	<p>3. _____</p>	<p>2b. _____</p> <p>3a. _____</p>
<p>4. Remove barriers to universal access.</p>	<p>4. _____</p>	<p>3b. _____</p> <p>4a. _____</p>
<p>5. Refurbish parking and trail pavement surfaces.</p>	<p>5. _____</p>	<p>4b. _____</p> <p>5a. _____</p>
<p>6. Remove invasive plant species.</p>	<p>6. _____</p>	<p>5b. _____</p> <p>6a. _____</p>



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<p>7. Plant trees and shrubs to maintain and supplement wooded areas and tree rows.</p>	<p>7. _____</p>	<p>6b. _____</p> <p>7a. _____</p>
<p>8. Refurbish athletic fields as needed.</p>	<p>8. _____</p>	<p>7b. _____</p> <p>8a. _____</p> <p>8b. _____</p>
<p>9. Provide appropriate directional signage.</p>	<p>9. _____</p>	<p>9a. _____</p> <p>9b. _____</p>
<p>10. Maintain park maintenance equipment and keep storage areas in good condition.</p>	<p>10. _____</p>	<p>10a. _____</p> <p>10b. _____</p>
<p>11. Expand green management practices to reduce the Parks and Recreation Department’s carbon footprint.</p>	<p>11. _____</p>	<p>11a. _____</p> <p>11b. _____</p>
<p>12. Continue general park upkeep and stewardship.</p>	<p>12. _____</p>	<p>12a. _____</p> <p>12b. _____</p>

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<p><u>2020 Vision</u> Retain or revise current objectives or include additional objectives, if needed.</p>	<p><u>Priority Ranking of Objectives</u> Scale 1-5; 1 = low priority 5 = top priority</p>	<p><u>Examples</u> of how these objectives can translate to specific projects/initiatives</p>
<p>1. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>1a. _____ 1b. _____</p>
<p>2. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>2a. _____ 2b. _____</p>
<p>3. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>3a. _____ 3b. _____</p>
<p>4. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>4a. _____ 4b. _____</p>
<p>5. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>5a. _____ 5b. _____</p>
<p>6. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>6a. _____ 6b. _____</p>





Goal: Develop park facilities that respond to residents’ recreational needs.

<p><u>Objectives</u></p>	<p><u>Achievement Ranking</u> Scale 0-5 0 = no achievement; 5 = full achievement If you do not know, mark “N/A”</p>	<p><u>Examples/Highlights of Achievement</u> (answer as applicable)</p>
<p>1. Prepare site development plans for the undeveloped Township-owned park properties.</p>	<p>1. _____</p>	<p>1a. _____</p>
<p>2. Provide public access to all existing parks and park properties</p>	<p>2. _____</p>	<p>1b. _____</p> <p>2a. _____</p>
<p>3. Develop support facilities such as restrooms, picnic pavilions, benches, signage, and playgrounds.</p>	<p>3. _____</p>	<p>2b. _____</p> <p>3a. _____</p>
<p>4. Improve active recreation opportunities in the parks with additional athletic fields and game courts.</p>	<p>4. _____</p>	<p>3b. _____</p> <p>4a. _____</p>
<p>5. Improve passive recreation opportunities for nature and wildlife viewing and interpretation with additional nature trails, interpretive signage, and other trail support amenities.</p>	<p>5. _____</p>	<p>4b. _____</p> <p>5a. _____</p>
		<p>5b. _____</p>

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<p>1. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>1a. _____ 1b. _____</p>
<p>2. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>2a. _____ 2b. _____</p>
<p>3. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>3a. _____ 3b. _____</p>
<p>4. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>4a. _____ 4b. _____</p>
<p>5. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>5a. _____ 5b. _____</p>
<p>6. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>6a. _____ 6b. _____</p>





Goal: Continue to evaluate the need for a new community center.

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Achievement Ranking</u> Scale 0-5 0 = no achievement; 5 = full achievement If you do not know, mark "N/A"	<u>Examples/Highlights of Achievement</u> (answer as applicable)
<p>1. Continue developing a site development plan for a community center in the southwest part of the Preserve that would allow for additional future phases as the Township's recreational needs continue to grow.</p> <p>2. Look at an outdoor community gathering place as part of a first phase of the development plan.</p>	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p>	<p>1a. _____</p> <p>1b. _____</p> <p>2a. _____</p> <p>2b. _____</p>

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Goal: Continue to evaluate the need for a new community center.

<p><u>2020 Vision</u> Retain or revise current objectives or include additional objectives, if needed.</p>	<p><u>Priority Ranking of Objectives</u> Scale 1-5; 1 = low priority 5 = top priority</p>	<p><u>Examples</u> of how these objectives can translate to specific projects/initiatives</p>
1. _____ _____	_____	1a. _____ 1b. _____
2. _____ _____	_____	2a. _____ 2b. _____
3. _____ _____	_____	3a. _____ 3b. _____
4. _____ _____	_____	4a. _____ 4b. _____
5. _____ _____	_____	5a. _____ 5b. _____
6. _____ _____	_____	6a. _____ 6b. _____





Goal: Participate in the establishment of a Township-wide non-motorized transportation system.

<p><u>Objectives</u></p>	<p><u>Achievement Ranking</u> Scale 0-5 0 = no achievement; 5 = full achievement If you do not know, mark "N/A"</p>	<p><u>Examples/Highlights of Achievement</u> (answer as applicable)</p>
<p>1. Work with the Township Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission to develop a Township-wide non-motorized transportation system.</p> <p>2. Coordinate with the Washtenaw County Road Commission, Washtenaw County Parks, railroad companies, adjacent communities, and other stakeholders</p> <p>3. Encourage developers in cooperation with the Planning Commission and Township Board of Trustees to dedicate and construct pathways in new development.</p> <p>4. Establish site amenities at regular pathway access point to include a map, trash receptacles, mile markers, and directional signage.</p> <p>5. Maintain the trails and pathways once construction is completed.</p>	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p>	<p>1a. _____</p> <p>1b. _____</p> <p>2a. _____</p> <p>2b. _____</p> <p>3a. _____</p> <p>3b. _____</p> <p>4a. _____</p> <p>4b. _____</p> <p>5a. _____</p> <p>5b. _____</p>

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<p>4. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>4a. _____ 4b. _____</p>
<p>5. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>5a. _____ 5b. _____</p>
<p>6. _____ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>6a. _____ 6b. _____</p>





Goal: Acquire future parkland and open space to meet the future recreational needs of the community.

<p><u>Objectives</u></p>	<p><u>Achievement Ranking</u> Scale 0-5 0 = no achievement; 5 = full achievement If you do not know, mark "N/A"</p>	<p><u>Examples/Highlights of Achievement</u> (answer as applicable)</p>
<p>1. Acquire or preserve linear parks/greenways for pathway development</p> <p>2. Carefully consider parkland acquisition and donations that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are adjacent to existing parks • Provide linkages and that are identified as natural feature corridors • Are of a sufficient size to provide a variety of active and passive recreation, and • Are easily accessible to most Township residents or located in underserved areas of the Township • Have historic significance or appeal • Offer unique natural areas and provide wildlife areas <p>3. Encourage public preservation of open space and natural areas through the purchase of development rights and work with developers to encourage dedicated park and usable land for community uses.</p> <p>4. Encourage private preservation of open space and natural areas through conservation easements and land conservancies</p>	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p>	<p>1a. _____</p> <p>1b. _____</p> <p>2a. _____</p> <p>2b. _____</p> <p>3a. _____</p> <p>3b. _____</p> <p>4a. _____</p> <p>4b. _____</p>

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1. _____ _____	_____	1a. _____ 1b. _____
2. _____ _____	_____	2a. _____ 2b. _____
3. _____ _____	_____	3a. _____ 3b. _____
4. _____ _____	_____	4a. _____ 4b. _____
5. _____ _____	_____	5a. _____ 5b. _____
6. _____ _____	_____	6a. _____ 6b. _____





<p align="center"><u>Objectives</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Achievement Ranking</u> Scale 0-5 0 = no achievement; 5 = full achievement If you do not know, mark "N/A"</p>	<p align="center"><u>Examples/Highlights of Achievement</u> (answer as applicable)</p>
<p>1. Encourage healthy and active lifestyles.</p>	<p>1. _____</p>	<p>1a. _____</p>
<p>2. Foster environmental appreciation and enjoyment through programming.</p>	<p>2. _____</p>	<p>1b. _____</p> <p>2a. _____</p>
<p>3. Develop programs that build community.</p>	<p>3. _____</p>	<p>2b. _____</p> <p>3a. _____</p>
<p>4. Broaden the variety of activities offered.</p>	<p>4. _____</p>	<p>3b. _____</p> <p>4a. _____</p>
<p>5. Monitor and evaluate recreation programs to assess gaps in the provision of services.</p>	<p>5. _____</p>	<p>4b. _____</p> <p>5a. _____</p>
<p>6. Expand the use of web-based communication tools such as email blasts, Facebook, etc.</p>	<p>6. _____</p>	<p>5b. _____</p> <p>6a. _____</p>
		<p>6b. _____</p>

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<p>7. Explore and implement an online system for program registration.</p> <p>8. Provide opportunities for volunteers and community stewardship projects.</p>	<p>7. _____</p> <p>8. _____</p>	<p>7a. _____</p> <p>7b. _____</p> <p>8a. _____</p> <p>8b. _____</p>
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2020 Vision Parks & Recreation Working Group

Goal: Maintain and enhance the quality of parks and recreation programming and services.

<u>2020 Vision</u> Retain or revise current objectives or include additional objectives, if needed.	<u>Priority Ranking of Objectives</u> Scale 1-5; 1 = low priority 5 = top priority	<u>Examples</u> of how these objectives can translate to specific projects/initiatives
1. _____ _____	_____	1a. _____ 1b. _____
2. _____ _____	_____	2a. _____ 2b. _____
3. _____ _____	_____	3a. _____ 3b. _____
4. _____ _____	_____	4a. _____ 4b. _____
5. _____ _____	_____	5a. _____ 5b. _____
6. _____ _____	_____	6a. _____ 6b. _____



Goal: Continue to provide for an efficient and fiscal administration of parks and recreation services.

<p><u>Objectives</u></p>	<p><u>Achievement Ranking</u> Scale 0-5 0 = no achievement; 5 = full achievement If you do not know, mark "N/A"</p>	<p><u>Examples/Highlights of Achievement</u> (answer as applicable)</p>
<p>1. Increase staffing and maintenance equipment as needed to support additional services.</p>	<p>1. _____</p>	<p>1a. _____ 1b. _____</p>
<p>2. Increase opportunities for staff professional development and team learning.</p>	<p>2. _____</p>	<p>2a. _____ 2b. _____</p>
<p>3. Continue evaluating fees and charge polices for programs and services and work to increase program cost recovery.</p>	<p>3. _____</p>	<p>3a. _____ 3b. _____</p>
<p>4. Participate in state and regional recreation planning organizations.</p>	<p>4. _____</p>	<p>4a. _____ 4b. _____</p>
<p>5. Maintain existing partnerships and forge new ones with public and private recreation providers that support efficient and effective service and program delivery.</p>	<p>5. _____</p>	<p>5a. _____ 5b. _____</p>
<p>6. Increase public awareness of Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation through additional communication and education.</p>	<p>6. _____</p>	<p>6a. _____ 6b. _____</p>



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<p>7. Build a “Friends of the Parks” group which could be active in providing additional support for park projects and funding.</p> <p>8. Continue to aggressively pursue grants for parkland development of both active and passive uses, and continue trail acquisition and development.</p>	<p>7. _____</p> <p>8. _____</p>	<p>7a. _____</p> <p>7b. _____</p> <p>8a. _____</p> <p>8b. _____</p>
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Goal: Continue to provide for an efficient and fiscal administration of parks and recreation services.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2020 Vision</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Retain or revise current objectives or include additional objectives, if needed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Priority Ranking of Objectives</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scale 1-5; 1 = low priority 5 = top priority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Examples</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">of how these objectives can translate to specific projects/initiatives</p>
<p>1. _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>1a. _____</p> <p>1b. _____</p>
<p>2. _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>2a. _____</p> <p>2b. _____</p>
<p>3. _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>3a. _____</p> <p>3b. _____</p>
<p>4. _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>4a. _____</p> <p>4b. _____</p>
<p>5. _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>5a. _____</p> <p>5b. _____</p>
<p>6. _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>6a. _____</p> <p>6b. _____</p>



CONCEPT PLANS



Township Park
Pittsfield Township, Michigan
Draft Concept Plan
December 2016



Wall Park
 Pitusfield Township, Michigan
Draft Concept Plan
 December 2016

Beckett&Raeder



Appendix D

Definitions



Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Neighborhood	Basic unit of park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation	1/4 to 1/2 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and barriers	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5-10 acres is optimal
Community	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3 mile distance	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30-50 acres
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community	Strategically located community-wide facilities	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, 40-80 acres is optimal
Natural Resource Areas	Land set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
Greenway	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable

Appendix E

Action Plan

Park	Project	Funding Source	Goal	Priority
Overall Township Goals	Park Acquisition in Northeast & Northwest	Grants & Local Match	6	High
	Nonmotorized Improvements	Grants & Local Match		High
	Accessibility Improvements	Grants & Local Match	1, 5	High
Hickory Woods	Community Garden	Grants & Local Match	5	High
	Pavilion	Grants & Local Match	1, 5	Medium
	Volleyball Court	Grants & Local Match	2, 5	Low
	Disc Golf	Grants & Local Match	2, 5	Low
	Dog Park	Grants & Local Match	2, 5	Low
Kirtland Hills	Picnic Tables	Local	1, 5	High
Lillie Park	Replace Trail Signs	Local	1	Medium
	Sand Volleyball Courts	Grants & Local Match	1, 5	Medium
Lillie Park (North)	New Docks/Fishing Piers	Grants & Local Match	1, 5	High
	Mountain/Bike Trails	Grants & Local Match	3	High



Park	Project	Funding Source	Goal	Priority
Marsh View Meadows	Trail Marking Upgrade	Local	5	High
	Volleyball Court	Grants & Local Match	2, 5	Medium
	Horseshoe Pit	Grants & Local Match	2, 5	Medium
Montibeller	New Limestone Fines & Boardwalk Trails	Grants & Local Match	3	High
	New Paved Trails in Use Areas	Grants & Local Match	2	High
	New Pavilion	Grants & Local Match	1, 5	High
	Improve Playground	Grants & Local Match	5	High
	New Community Building with Restrooms	Grants & Local Match	1	Medium
	Upgrade Ball Fields	Grants & Local Match	5	Medium
	Improve Signage and Wayfinding	Grants & Local Match	5	Medium
	Improve Stream	Grants & Local Match	1	Medium
	Remove Storage Building	Grants & Local Match	1	Medium
	New Multi-Purpose Hard Surface	Grants & Local Match	1	Medium
New Adult Workout Station	Grants & Local Match	1, 2, 5	Medium	

Park	Project	Funding Source	Goal	Priority
Morgan Woods	Future Trail Development	Grants & Local Match	3	High
Pittsfield Township Park	Improve/Extend Parking		1	High
	Expand Senior Center		1, 2, 5	High
	Relocate and Improve Athletic Fields		1	Medium
	New Zen Garden		5	Medium
	Install Walking & Fitness Path		3	Medium
	Renovate & Improve Playground		1, 5	Medium
Prairie Park	Community Garden		5	High
	Shade Shelter		1	Medium
Preserve/PG Palmer	Replace Trail Signs	Local	5	High
Montibeller	New Limestone Fines & Boardwalk Trails	Grants & Local Match	3	High
	New Paved Trails in use Areas	Grants & Local Match	3	High
	New Pavilion	Grants & Local Match	1, 5	High
	Improve Playground	Grants & Local Match	5	High



Park	Project	Funding Source	Goal	Priority
Wall Park	Paved Trails in Use Areas		3	High
	New Limestone Fines & Boardwalk Trails		3	High
	Extend Greenway to Park		3	High
	Enhance Residential Buffer		1	High
	New Restrooms		1, 2	Medium
	New Pavilion		1, 5	Medium
	Expand Soccer Field Irrigation		1, 5	Medium
	Expand Parking		1	Medium
Woolley Park	Disc Golf Improvements		2, 5	High
	Picnic Tables		1, 5	Medium

Appendix F

Supporting Documents



**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees will be held at the Pittsfield Township Administration Building, located at 6201 West Michigan Avenue in said Township on Wednesday February 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

At this meeting, the Township Board of Trustees will consider and hold a public hearing on the following matter:

Pittsfield Township has prepared a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan ("Plan") to guide the future development of parks, recreation, open space and trails in the community. The Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing for the Plan. The public is invited to view a copy of the draft plan and provide comments in advance of the public hearing. The draft plan can be viewed at <http://pittsfield-mi.gov> or during regular business hours at Pittsfield Township Hall, 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

More specific information may be obtained at the office of the Township Clerk at the Township Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Township will receive written comments until the date of hearing, delivered to 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Any person having an interest in said Township, or their duly appointed representative, shall be heard at the meeting or any adjournment thereof, regarding any matters that should properly come before the Township Board of Trustees.

If necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services can be provided at the meeting to individuals with disabilities, by contacting Clerk Michelle L. Anzaldi at the above address or at (734) 822-3120 at least two days in advance.

This notice is in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 (as amended) Open Meetings Act, MCL 41.72b and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).


Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township
(734) 822-3120

Published: January 20, 2017

**Resolution in Support of the Adoption of the
Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

WHEREAS, Pittsfield Township has undertaken the update of its five-year recreation plan which describes the community's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve the parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2016 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission discussed and reviewed the *Pittsfield Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan* during the course of several public meetings held from October 2015 to January 2017; and

WHEREAS, the *Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan's* goals and objectives were developed in response to needs identified by public input meetings, as well as input from a resident survey which took place during the months of November and December, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the *Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan* has been made available by Pittsfield Township for public review in the manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the *Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan* meets the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Division, thereby making Pittsfield Township eligible for state and federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the adoption of the *Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan* by the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees.

motion by: Deborah Hoffman
supported by: Joan Coxton
votes in favor: Deborah Hoffman, Joan Coxton,
Christopher Loftus, Tanya Padgett, Theresa Tupacz
votes opposed: None
abstained: None
absent: None

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Pittsfield Township-Parks and Recreation Commission at a public meeting held on the 7th day of February, 2017.


Theresa Tupacz, Chairperson
Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission,
Washtenaw County, Michigan



**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RES #17-11
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2017-2021**

February 22, 2017

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board for Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Pittsfield Township Administration Building, located at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, in said Township on Wednesday the 22nd day of February, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Present: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph.
Absent: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Treasurer Scribner, and supported by Trustee Krone.

WHEREAS, Pittsfield Township has undertaken an update of its Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the community's demographics, existing parks and recreation facilities along with outlining a vision, priorities and initiatives, based on public and stakeholder input, that will improve the parks facilities and amenities with its recreational programming in the next five years; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsfield Township and the Pittsfield Township Parks Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan by hosting several public forums, design workshops and implementing a very successful public survey, all of which were conducted from October 2015 to December 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan's goals and objectives were developed in response to input received through these public forums from both residents and other stakeholders while, at the same time, reflecting a cohesive and sustainable vision for our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been made available by Pittsfield Township for public review in the manner required by law and all comments from the public and other stakeholders have been considered by the Pittsfield Township Parks Commission and the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been developed for the benefit of the entire community and a public hearing was held on February 22, 2017 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express further opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the same; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan meets the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Division, thereby making Pittsfield Township eligible for state and federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission, on February 7, 2017, recommended the adoption of the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be effective 2017-2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Mandy Grewal, Supervisor
Pittsfield Charter Township

DATED: February 23, 2017

CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle L. Anzaldi, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2017, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township

DATED: February 23, 2017