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# Introduction

## *About the Recreation Plan for the Davison Area*



### **A Regional Collaboration**

The Davison Area, inclusive of Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township, and Davison Community Schools, have collaborated to develop this Recreation Plan to serve as a guideline for improving recreation facilities and to develop new recreational opportunities in the region. To that end, this document forms the basis to guide policy for implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests for the Davison Area and its constituents. The plan was guided by a special committee, with representatives from Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township, and Davison Community Schools.

Before any Recreation Plan is adopted and enacted, it is important to understand what the needs of the residents are, what recreational opportunities already exist, and what sort of programs and projects are needed for residents based on age, ability, population, density, and the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities. This plan has carefully considered input and suggestions via active communication from Davison Area residents, officials, and other community stakeholders. This input is a critical component to this plan, and, together, the voices from the Davison Area have united to develop a Recreation Plan to enhance the quality of life for all interests.

The foundation for the development of the Davison Area Recreation Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the Davison Area community in the process to develop a five-year Recreation Plan,
- Identify and map existing Davison Area recreational facilities,
- Build common ground among Davison Area stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the area,
- Enable the participating agencies from the Davison Area to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the Recreation Plan,
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives, and actions, and
- Continue to support and implement improvements for barrier-free, universal access to Davison Area parks and recreational sites.

Broadly speaking, officials from the Davison Area intend to use this plan to guide their work on all future recreational and parks projects within Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township, and Davison Community Schools. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and parks improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for *Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved Recreation Plan is necessary for Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township, and Davison Community Schools to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This Recreation Plan is written for the Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township, and Davison Community Schools and it covers all aspects of recreation within the Davison Area.



Veterans Court of Honor Township Park in Davison Township.

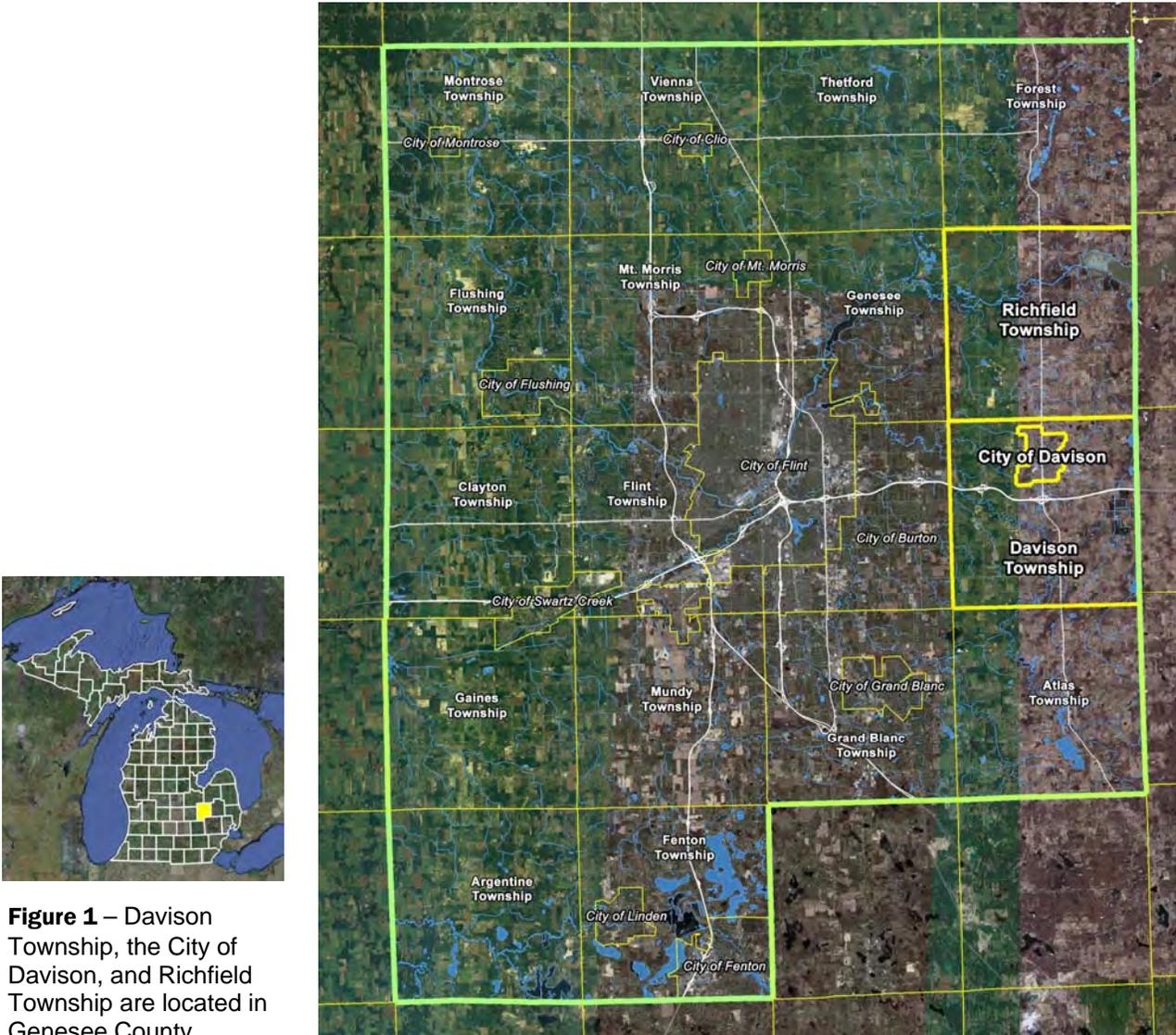
# Community Description

*All about the Davison Area*



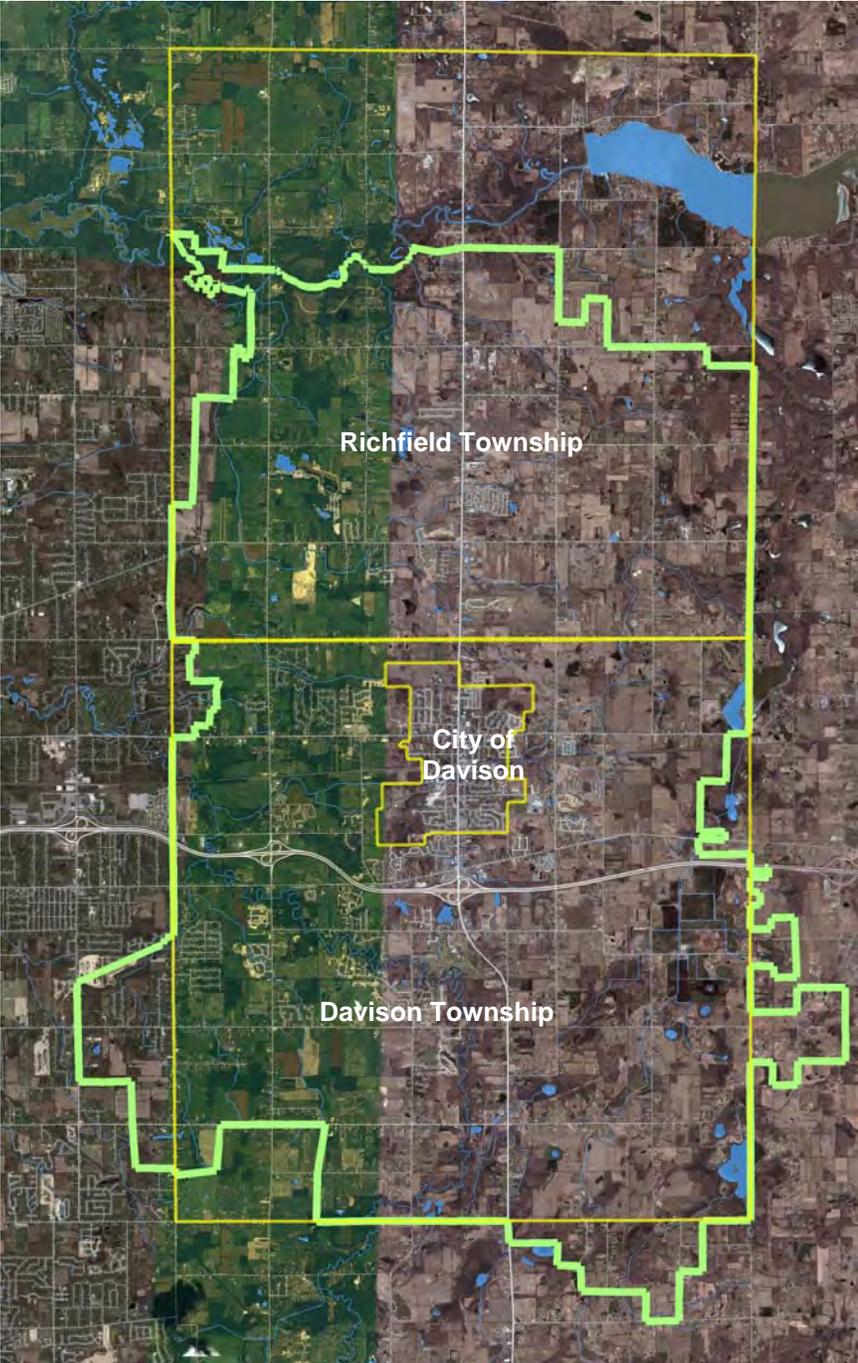
## Overview

The Davison Area, for the purposes of this Recreation Plan, is a regional collaboration that includes Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township, located on the eastern edge of Genesee County in mid-Michigan, as shown below in Figure 1.



**Figure 1** – Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township are located in Genesee County.

Also collaborating with these three municipalities is Davison Community Schools (Figure 2). The school district covers the City of Davison in its entirety, nearly all of Davison Township, and over half of Richfield Township. It also covers small portions of the City of Burton and Atlas Township in Genesee County, and Elba and Oregon Townships in Lapeer County. Three small portions of Davison Township are also served by other school districts, which includes Lapeer on the east, Goodrich to the south, and Kearsley on the northeast.



**Figure 2** – Boundaries of the Davison Community School District.

## General Population and Housing Information

According to the U.S. Census, the 2010 population for the City of Davison is 5,173, for Davison Township it is 19,575, and for Richfield Township, it is 8,730, for a combined population of 33,478. See Figure 3. Population estimates from the Census for 2012 indicate a relatively stable population level of 33,329 people. Other significant 2010 Census data for the Davison Area as compared to Genesee County and Michigan is shown in Figure 3 below. For example, of note is the population over the age of 65 in the City of Davison. Comparatively speaking, it is much higher in the City (16.9%) when compared to Davison Township (13.9%) and Richfield Township (13.6%). This is most likely due to the large number of senior citizen apartments in the City of Davison.

Regarding housing, it is important to note that both the City of Davison (45.2%) and Davison Township (34.3%) have a relatively higher rate of occupied housing units occupied by renters when compared to Genesee County (29.7%) and Michigan (27.9%). Renters tend to have a greater need for open space and public park facilities, as they usually live in more dense housing such as apartment complexes that do not offer large yards or open space. Richfield Township has a relatively low rate of occupied units occupied by renters (9.5%).

**Figure 3**  
**Select 2010 Census Data for the**  
**Davison Area, Genesee County, and Michigan**

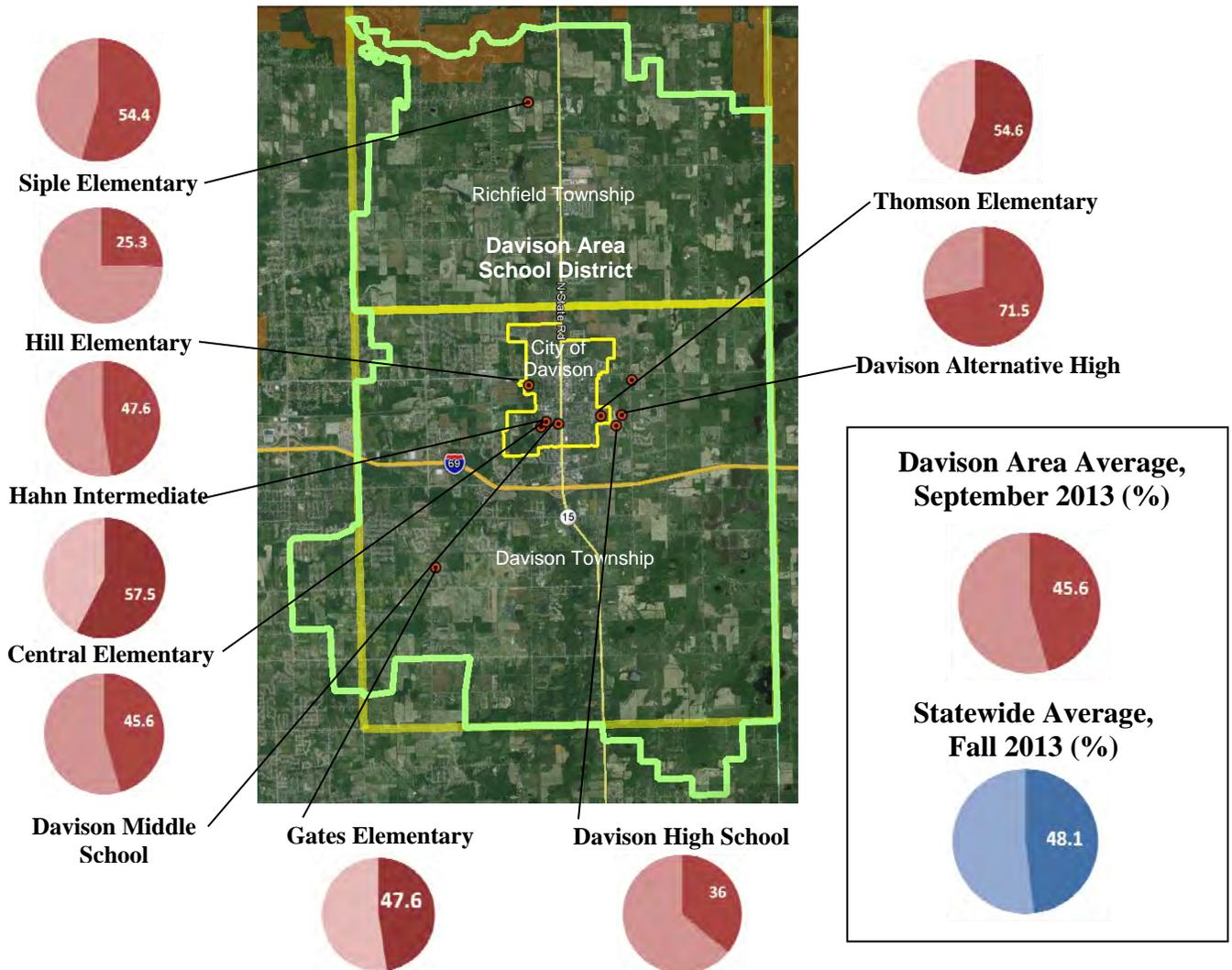
	Davison Twp	City of Davison	Richfield Twp	Genesee County	Michigan
Population – 2010 Census	19,575	5,173	8,730	425,790	9,883,706*
Population – 2012 estimate**	19,476	5,181	8,672	425,337	9,897,264
% of Population 65 & older	13.9%	16.9%	13.6%	13.7%	13.8%
% of Population under 18	23.7%	23.5%	24.8%	25.0%	23.7%
% Civilian non-institutionalized population with a disability**	11.4%	13.6%	11.5%	15.5%	13.5%
Median age	38.4	39.5	40.9	38.5	38.9
% Bachelor's degree or higher**	21.8%	19.0%	16.3%	19.0%	25.5%
Median household income**	\$49,172	\$35,250	\$57,375	\$42,730	\$48,471
Per capita income**	\$26,577	\$22,698	\$25,819	\$22,526	\$25,547
Average household size	2.38	2.18	2.69	2.48	2.49
Median housing value**	\$134,600	\$98,400	\$126,900	\$99,900	\$128,600
Renter-occupied housing as % of total occupied units	34.3%	45.2%	9.5%	29.7%	27.9%

\* This figure reflects a revised census number from December 21, 2012.

\*\* These figures are derived from 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates.

## Economic Need in the Davison Area

Economic need in Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township can be understood in part by exploring federal aid programs available to children in the area, including the Free and Reduced School lunch program. Free lunch eligibility is based on household income at or below 130 percent of poverty level. Reduced lunch is available to students living in households with median household income between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty level. For these reasons, rates of free and reduced school lunch use offer a general indication of economic need in the Davison Area Community. While the Davison Area as a whole had lower rates of free and reduced rate school lunches than did the State of Michigan in fall 2013, certain areas within the community have relatively high need. See figure 4 below. The figures below represent rates of free and reduced school lunch for individual Davison Area Schools in September 2013. Davison Community Schools had a total free and reduced school lunch rate of 45.6% in September of 2013. The State of Michigan had an average of 48.1% in fall 2013.



**Figure 4** – Distribution of Free and Reduced Lunches in Davison Community Schools, September 2013 (%). Source: Davison Community Schools.

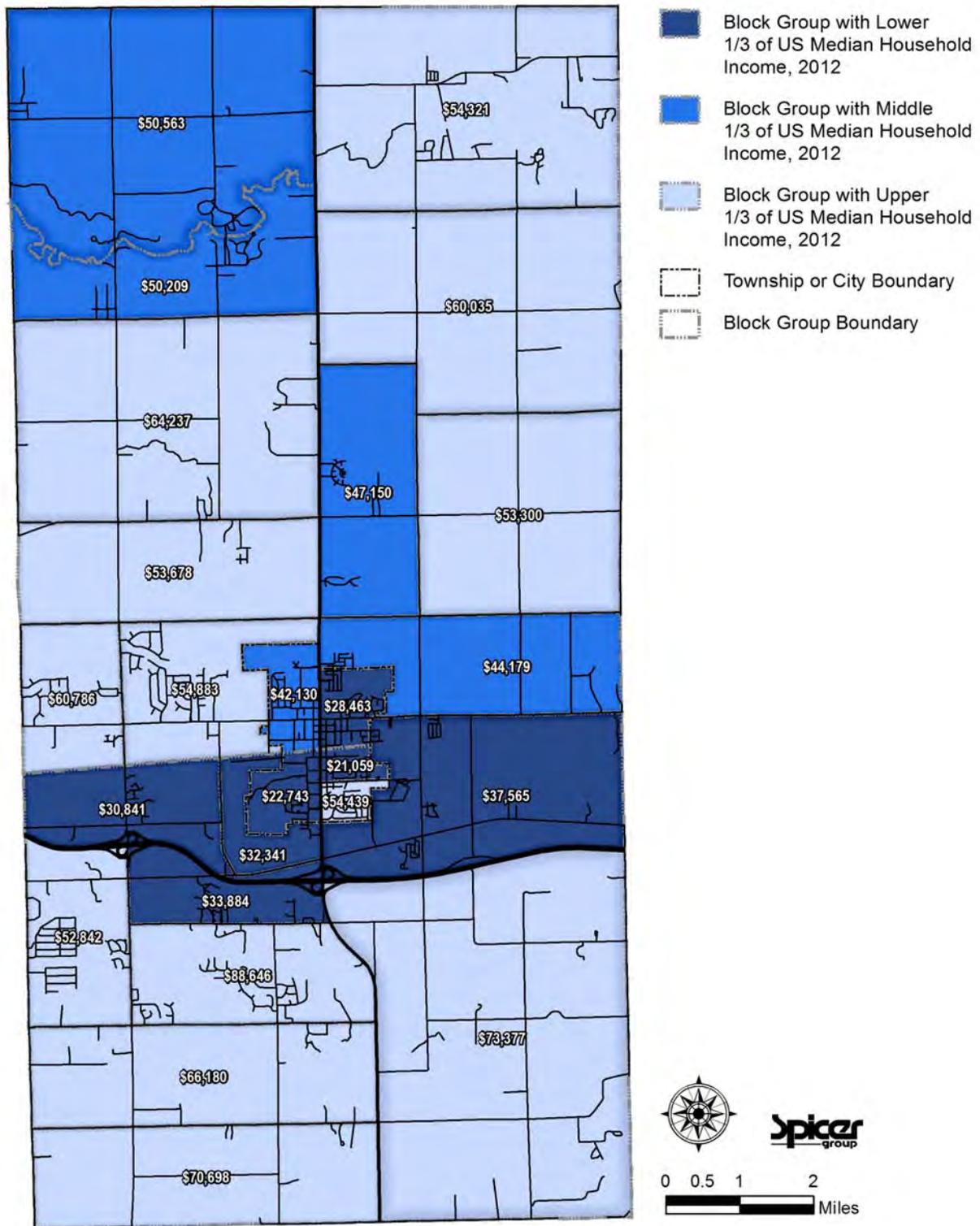
The Davison Area also includes a varied economic landscape with regard to Median Household Income (MHI). Based on estimates provided by the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS), census block groups in the City of Davison and the Townships of Davison and Richfield had a wide variety of Median Household Incomes. The State of Michigan DNR has provided data about Median Household Incomes throughout the state broken into three groups including the following:

- Upper one-third of median household income (greater than \$51,467).
- Middle one-third of median household income (\$40,729-\$51,467).
- Lowest one-third of median household income (up to \$40,729).

Median household income and per capita income for the City of Davison, Davison Township, and Richfield Township, as well as Median Household Income for each census block group within these three jurisdictions, are described in Figure 5 below as well as in the map in Figure 6 on the following page.

Year	Entity	Description	MHI*	PCI**	L 1/3	M 1/3	H 1/3	
Jurisdiction Data, 2012 (Data from 2012 5-year US Census estimates)								* Median Household Income
2012	City of	Davison	Davison	\$35,250	\$22,698	x		** Per Capita Income
2012	Township of	Davison	Davison Twp	\$49,172	\$26,577		x	*** L 1/3: Lower 1/3 Median Household Income Group
2012	Township of	Richfield	Richfield Twp	\$57,375	\$25,819		x	
Jurisdiction Data, 2010 (Data from 2010 5-year US Census estimates)								
2010	City of	Davison	Davison	\$37,793	\$23,132	NA		M 1/3: Middle 1/3 Median Household Income Group
2010	Township of	Davison	Davison Twp	\$48,286	\$25,163	NA		
2010	Township of	Richfield	Richfield Twp	\$55,566	\$23,853	NA		
Block Group Data, 2012 (Data from 2012 5-year US Census estimates)								H 1/3: Upper 1/3 Median Household Income Group
2012	BG	0490117112	E City of Davison	\$21,059	NA	x		
2012	BG	0490117111	SW City of Davison	\$22,743	NA	x		
2012	BG	0490117102	NE City of Davison	\$28,463	NA	x		
2012	BG	0490117131	NW Davison Twp	\$30,841	NA	x		
2012	BG	0490117132	W Davison Twp	\$32,341	NA	x		
2012	BG	0490116102	W Davison Twp	\$33,884	NA	x		
2012	BG	0490117122	E Davison Twp	\$37,565	NA	x		
2012	BG	0490117101	NW City of Davison	\$42,130	NA		x	
2012	BG	0490117121	NE Davison Twp	\$44,179	NA		x	
2012	BG	0490119023	SE Richfield Twp	\$47,150	NA		x	
2012	BG	0490119013	NW Richfield Twp	\$50,209	NA		x	
2012	BG	0490119011	NW Richfield Twp	\$50,563	NA		x	
2012	BG	0490116101	SW Davison Twp	\$52,842	NA			x
2012	BG	0490119022	SE Richfield Twp	\$53,300	NA			x
2012	BG	0490118002	SW Richfield Twp	\$53,678	NA			x
2012	BG	0490119012	NE Richfield Twp	\$54,321	NA			x
2012	BG	0490117113	SE City of Davison	\$54,439	NA			x
2012	BG	0490117142	NW Davison Twp	\$54,883	NA			x
2012	BG	0490119021	E Richfield Twp	\$60,035	NA			x
2012	BG	0490117141	NW Davison Twp	\$60,786	NA			x
2012	BG	0490118001	W Richfield Twp	\$64,237	NA			x
2012	BG	0490116011	SW Davison Twp	\$66,180	NA			x
2012	BG	0490116013	SW Davison Twp	\$70,698	NA			x
2012	BG	0490116012	SE Davison Twp	\$73,377	NA			x
2012	BG	0490116103	W Davison Twp	\$88,646	NA			x

**Figure 5 – Median Household Income and Per Capita Income in the Davison Area, 2012.**  
Source: US Census, 2010 and American Community Survey, 2012.



**Figure 6** – Median Household Income by Block Group in the Davison Area, 2012.

Source: American Community Survey, 2012.

## Special Population Groups

Based upon the analysis of social characteristics in the Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township, there are two significant special population groups that have distinct needs for recreational facilities and programming:

**Senior citizens:** There is a relatively high senior population in the area, especially in the City of Davison, and these numbers are expected to grow. Seniors have different needs in recreation facilities (for example, pathways vs. playgrounds) and those on fixed incomes may need low-cost recreational opportunities.

**Residents in multi-family housing, apartment dwellers, and renters in general:** Residents in high-density housing have a greater need for open space and recreational facilities because they do not have large yards or open areas of their own.

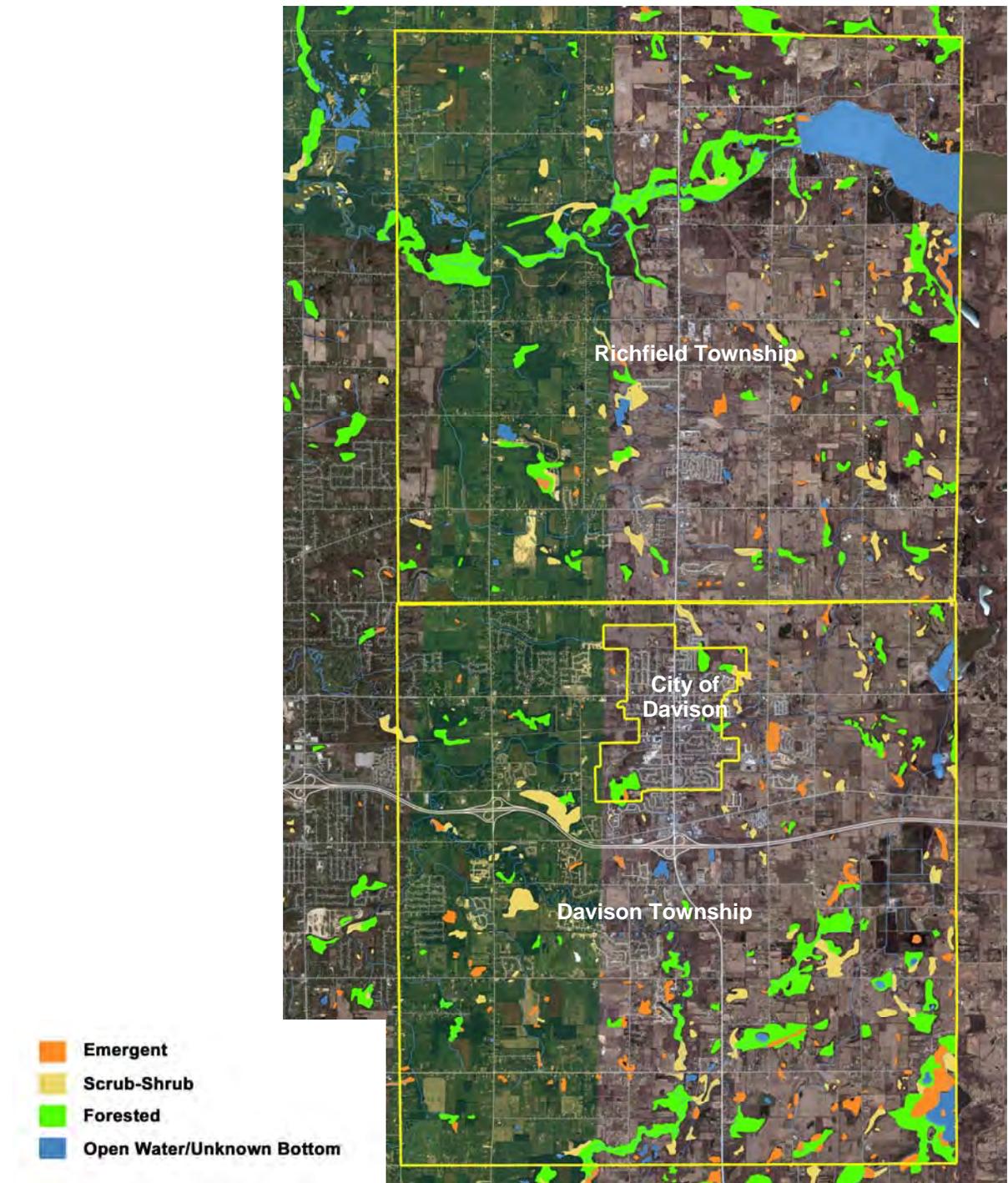
## Natural Resources Inventory

When studying parks and recreation resources in a community, it can be worthwhile to examine significant natural resources that may be in need of conservation or protection. In the Davison Area, the most significant natural resources would most likely be considered to be the water bodies and the wetlands.

Much of Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township are part of the Kearsley Creek Watershed which is a sub watershed of the Flint River and Lake Huron. Lakes in Davison Township include Hasler Lake, Potters Lake, Lake Griffin, and Jones Lake. The Kearsley Creek and Black Creek are the principal watercourses in Davison Township and the City of Davison. The Flint River and the Black Creek are the principal watercourses in Richfield Township. The Holloway Reservoir, part of the Flint River, occupies about 1,000 acres in Richfield Township.

Wetlands are valuable natural resources as they provide many important functions. Wetlands help regulate water levels within watersheds; improve water quality, reduce flood and storm damage; provide important fish and wildlife habitat; and support hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities.

Wetlands in the Davison Area are shown on Figure 7.



**Figure 7** – Waterways and Wetland Features.

Emergent: Characterized by erect, rooted, herbaceous hydrophytes, excluding mosses and lichens. This vegetation is present for most of the growing season in most years. Dominated by perennial plants.

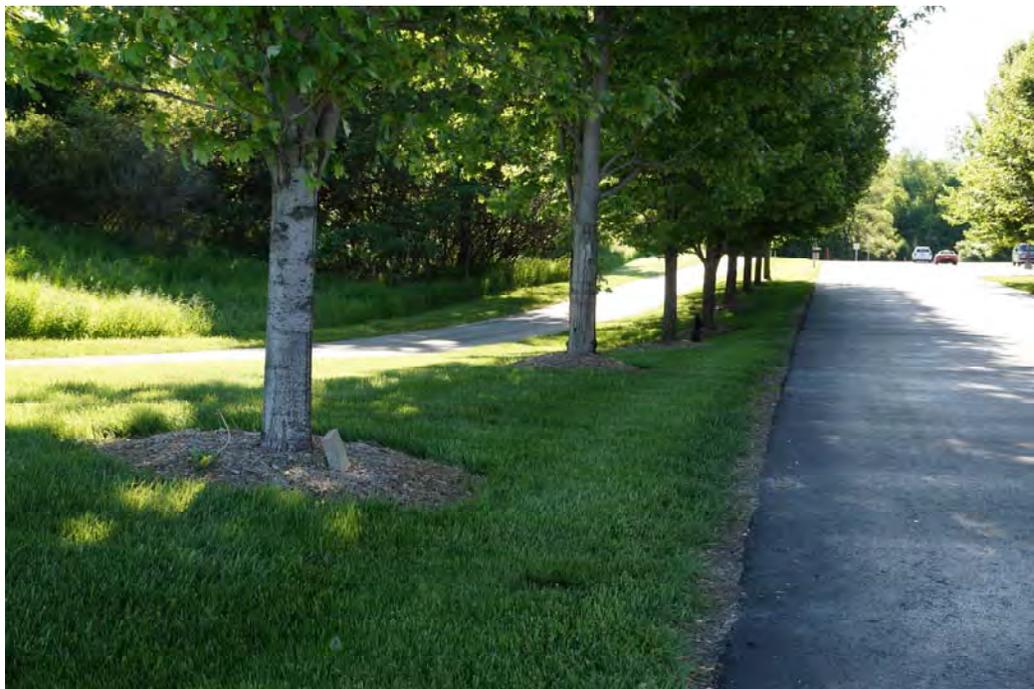
Forested: Characterized by woody vegetation that is at least 20 feet tall.

Scrub-Shrub: Includes areas dominated by woody vegetation less than 20 feet tall. Includes true shrubs, young trees, and trees or shrubs that are small or stunted because of environmental conditions.

According to the National Wetlands Inventory, approximately 2,000 acres of land within the City of Davison and Davison Township are classified as wetlands. At the heart of Michigan's wetland regulatory program is Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994), formerly referred to as the Goemaere-Anderson Wetlands Protection Act, P.A. 203 of 1979. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Land and Water Management Division administers the permit program. This legislation was passed to protect wetlands by restricting their use to certain activities (fishing, boating, farming, among others) while permitting other activities only after permit approval by the State of Michigan. Permits are approved only upon a review of an environmental assessment filed by the petitioner that shows that the avoidance of wetland resources to the greatest extent possible and minimization of unavoidable wetland impacts.

Under the Act, the following wetlands are protected:

- Wetlands contiguous to an inland lake, pond, river, stream, or similar natural water course. Wetlands adjacent to the drains and creeks in the Davison Area would fall in this category.
- Wetlands five acres in size, or larger, in counties that contain a population of at least 100,000 people. Since Genesee County has more than 100,000 people this category does apply to the Davison area.



Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail in Davison Township.

# Administrative Structure

## *How Parks and Recreation Work in the Davison Area*



### **Funding and Budgets**

For park maintenance, each community participating in this Recreation Plan is responsible for its own operation, maintenance, and capital improvements for recreational facilities. Sources of funding for parks and recreation in each community include the general fund, usage and rental fees, and occasional donations. Budget information for each entity is shown below in Figures 6a through 6d.

### **Organization and Staffing**

Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) oversees recreational programming in the Davison Area and is governed by a consortium with representatives from the City of Davison, Davison Township, and Davison Community Schools. Programming for all three municipalities of the City of Davison, Davison Township and Richfield Township is provided by Davison Community Schools via DCER. A three-member Advisory Board recommends changes and improvements for programs to the Board of Education, which handles all personnel and budgeting. Day-to-day operations of DCER are facilitated by three staff, including the DCER Supervisor, the Enrichment and Recreation Coordinator, and the Facility Use Coordinator. The DCER Supervisor is appointed by the Superintendent of Davison Community Schools. Additional recreation programming responsibilities are allocated among the Recreation Advisory Board, which is appointed by the Davison Community Schools Board of Education. The Advisory Board meets annually. An organizational chart for parks and recreation programming in the Davison Area is shown in Figure 9.

**Figure 6a: Davison Township Recreation Budgets**

	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Operations & Maintenance	\$292,000	\$80,000
Programming	\$45,000	\$45,000
Capital Improvements	\$292,000	\$420,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$629,000</b>	<b>\$545,000</b>

**Figure 6b: City of Davison Recreation Budgets**

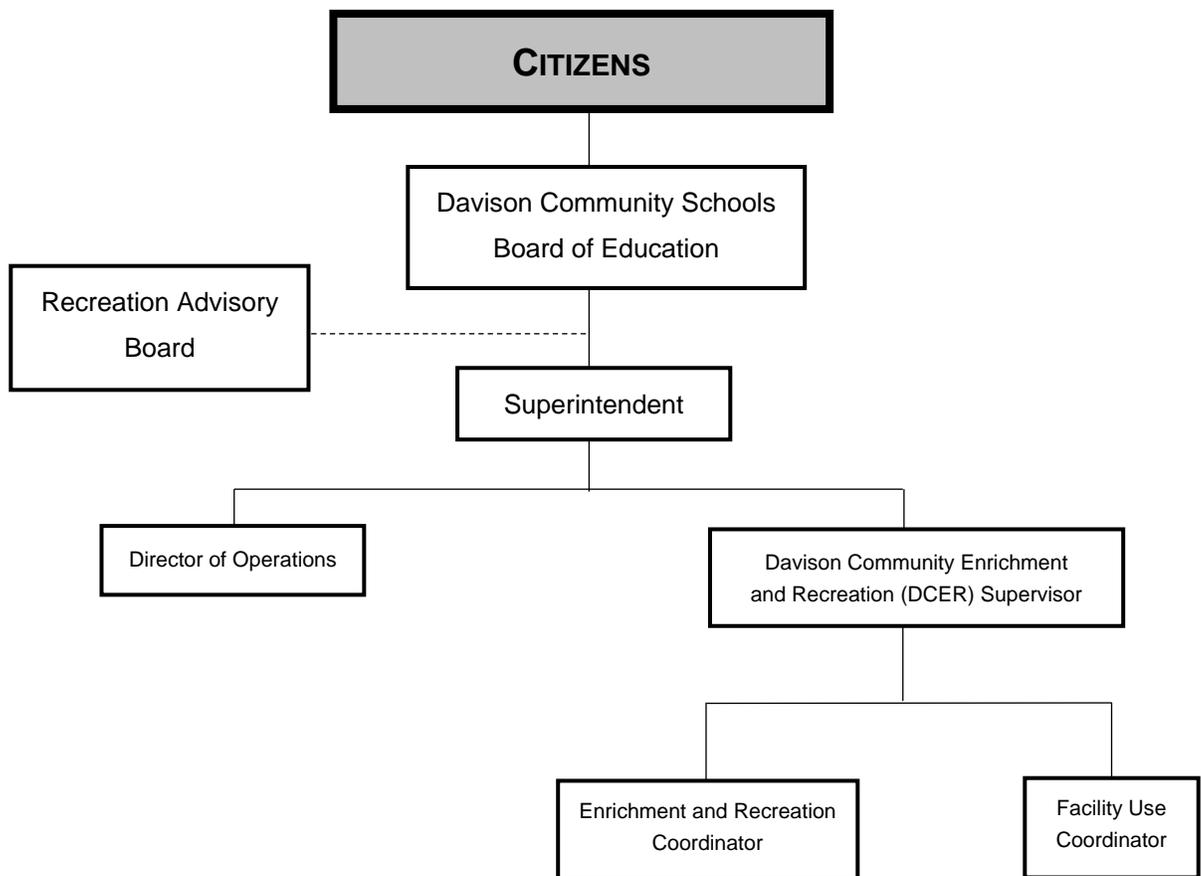
	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Operations & Maintenance	\$87,400	\$123,250
Programming	\$45,000	\$45,000
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$132,400</b>	<b>\$168,250</b>

**Figure 6c: Richfield Township Recreation Budgets**

	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Operations & Maintenance	\$6,200	\$9,000
Programming	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvements	\$4,000	\$3,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$10,200</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

**Figure 6d: Davison Community Schools Recreation Budgets**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Operations & Maintenance	\$17,644	\$30,000
Programming	\$301,307	\$323,078
Capital Improvements	\$1,234	\$4,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$320,185</b>	<b>\$357,078</b>



**Figure 9** – Organizational chart for parks and recreation programming in the Davison Area.

Each of the Davison area communities of the City of Davison, Davison Township, and Richfield Township has a unique administrative structure and distinct park and recreational facility management methods.

The City of Davison operates under a Council / Manager form of government. The City's Department of Public Works (DPW) maintains its parks. The City has no formal Parks Board or Commission. The City Manager makes an annual budget recommendation to the City Council for approval to allocate general funds for parks. This serves as the appropriations authority for parks funding. The City Manager makes a recommendation to City Council for their approval to appoint a representative of DCER for the City.

Davison Township is a General Law Township operated by the Board of Trustees under the direction of the Township Supervisor. The maintenance of parks is provided by the Water and Sewer Department. The Township has no formal parks department and no formal parks board or commission. Parks are funded after a budget recommended for parks expenditures is approved by the Board of Trustees, after a primary recommendation is passed by Township staff to the Supervisor. Davison Township appoints a DCER representative by a staff recommendation for their approval.

Richfield Township is also a General Law Township operated by a Board of Trustees under the direction of the Supervisor. As in Davison Township, the Water and Sewer Department maintains Richfield Township's park, and the Township lacks a formal parks department and parks commission. A budget recommendation from staff to the Supervisor for Board of Trustees approval serves as the appropriations authority for parks funding in Richfield Township. The Township has no DCER representative, unlike the City of Davison and Davison Township.



Entrance to the Davison Area Dog Park in Davison Township.

## Recreation Grant History

The Natural Resources Trust Fund Act (Part 19 of 1994 PA 451) states that local units of government are eligible to apply for grant assistance from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The statute defines local units of government as, "...a county, city, township, village, school district, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, or any authority composed of counties, cities, townships, villages, or school districts, or any combination thereof, which authority is legally constituted to provide public recreation." Past Trust Fund and other state-funded grants awarded to each community participating in the Davison Area Recreation Plan are provided in the table below.

**Figure 10**  
**GRANT HISTORY OF DAVISON AREA PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

Grant Title	Grantee	Grant Number	Grant Type	Grant Source*	Year	Amount Awarded	Description
Davison Regional Park Trailways	City of Davison	TF02-139	Development	TF	2002	\$307,700.00	Construction of 9,350 linear feet of a barrier-free, 8-foot wide trailway system in the Davison Regional Park along Black Creek and Westwood Lake.
Davison Regional Park	City of Davison	26-00354	Development	LWCF	1972	\$308,264.00	Acquire 100.8 acres; develop 130.8 acres to include; picnic area, water/sewer system, 1 toilet building, landscaping, 2 ball fields, 1 football field, tot lot, 2 lighted tennis courts, 1 toilet/concession building, road signs, fencing, horse exhibition.
Davison Regional Park Development Phase II	City of Davison	26-00967	Development	LWCF	1977	\$39,989.81	Develop: playground equipment, bleachers, and related paving for existing softball field, and LWCF sign, 2 tennis courts.
Davison Regional Park Phase IV Development	City of Davison	26-01374	Development	LWCF	1985	\$15,085.39	Develop: picnic shelter, water service for ball fields and picnic shelter, fencing for ball fields.
Davison Regional Park	City of Davison	BF89-094	Development	BF	1989	\$94,884.00	Fitness trail, 20 picnic tables, 22 grills, multi-purpose games court, water main, play-electrical service, and playground equipment.
Davison Township Trail	Davison Township	TF04-147	Development	TF	2004	\$266,400.00	Development of an 8-foot wide, 5,800 linear foot asphalt trail and boardwalk which will provide 3,500 feet of access to the Black Creek and connect Davison Township to the existing trail system in the City of Davison.
R. Williams Nature Park Improvements	Davison Township	26-01729	Development	LWCF	2013	\$79,200.00	Development to include improvements to R. Williams Nature Park.
R. Williams Nature Park Improvements II	Davison Township	TF13-036	Development	TF	2013	\$220,500.00	Nature trail along the Kearsley Creek, overlook structure for wildlife viewing and outdoor education programs, interpretive signs, amenities and parking at the R. Williams Nature Park and Learning Center.
Richfield Park Path and Road Acquisition	Richfield Township	TF10-147	Acquisition	TF	2010	\$21,600.00	Acquisition of approximately .5 mile long, 88 feet wide greenspace for Richfield Park.
Township Property Acquisition	Richfield Township	TF90-400	Acquisition	TF	1990	\$9,000.00	To acquire approximately 7.5 acres as an addition to the Richfield Township park, adjacent to the Township Hall.
Richfield Regional Park	Richfield Township	BF90-076	Development	BF	1990	\$75,000.00	Ball diamond fence, pavilion, restrooms/shower building, picnic play equipment and parking lot paving.

\* TF = Michigan DNR Trust Fund  
LWCF = Land and Water Conservation Fund  
BF = Bond Fund

# Recreation Inventory

## *Learning about the Recreational Opportunities in the Davison Area*



### Introduction

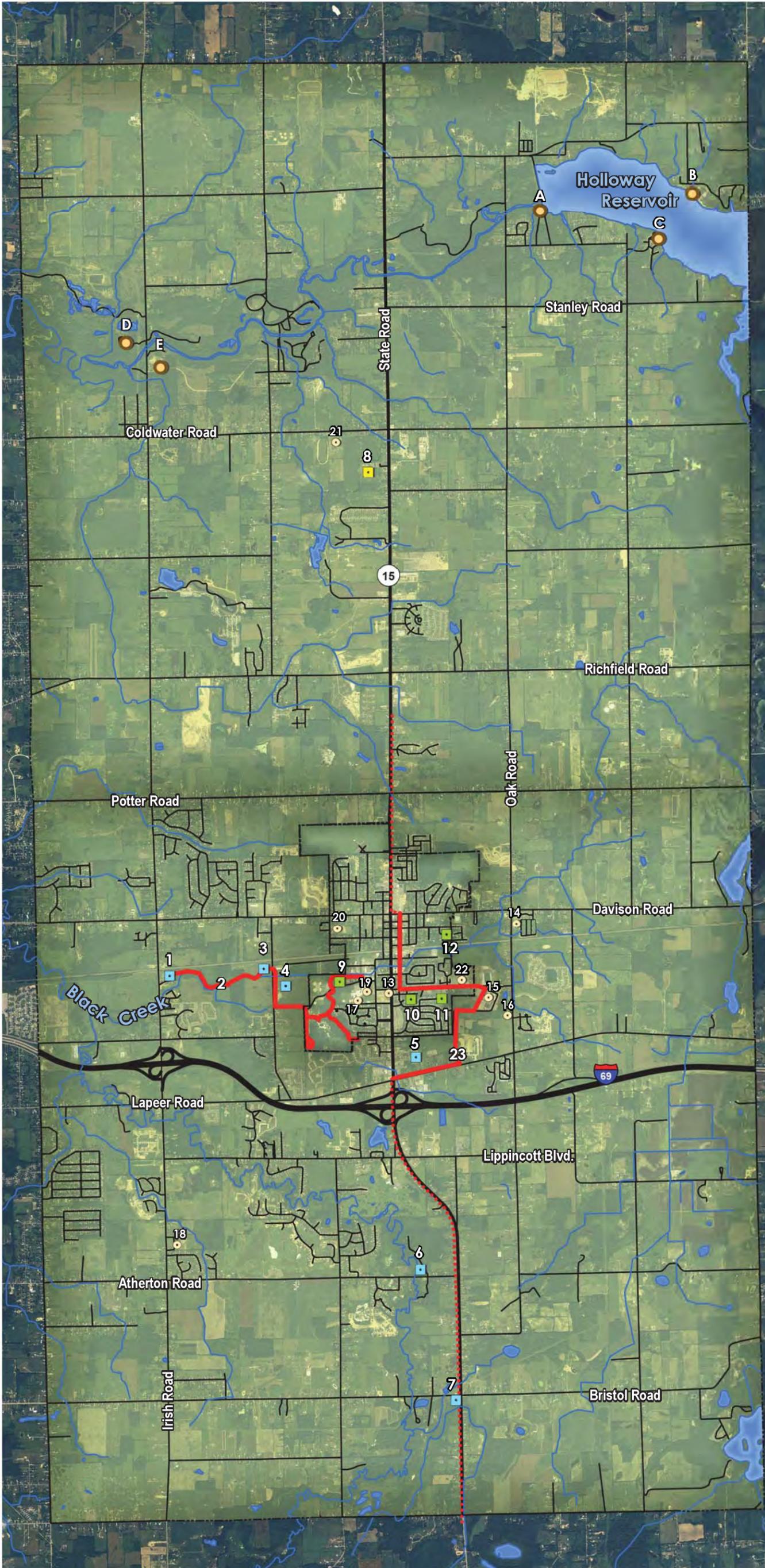
In order to plan for parks and recreation in the future, each community examined the types of facilities that currently exist in the Davison Area. It is also helpful to compare the existing facilities to various standards as one measure of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities in the area. The inventory was completed by visiting each of the parks in the Davison Area and noting which recreational amenities and facilities are available on site. A review for accessibility was also completed for each park. Charts and maps showing amenities and other data begin with a park location map (Figure 11) and a detailed parks inventory chart (Figure 12).

Classifying parks into categories helps define their role in the overall system, demonstrates their relationship to each other, highlights deficiencies, helps to develop an action program, and assists in allocating funding. The classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association guide recommended by the MDNR for recreation standards. It describes park types based on size, service area, facilities, and use groups. The Davison Area currently classifies parks into five groups:

1. A **Mini-Park** is less than one acre in size and is less than 1/4 mile from a residential setting. Access is primarily pedestrian and by bicycle, with no on-site parking. It is used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.
2. **Neighborhood Parks** are generally 5 - 10 acres in size and they serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. They are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and have bike access. Their service area is generally 1/4 to 1/2 mile.
3. **Schools** can combine parks with school sites to help meet the recreational space needs for the community. Mini-parks, neighborhood parks, and school parks all tend to be part of a smaller municipal park system such as is found in a city.
4. **Community Parks** serve a broader purpose than Neighborhood Parks. They have more amenities and usually serve two or more neighborhoods within 1/2 to three miles and are generally 30 to 50 acres in size. Access is primarily vehicular and parking is included on-site.
5. A **Park Trail** is a multipurpose trail located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas.

# Davison Area

Figure 11. Parks and Recreational Facilities, 2014



## ■ Davison Township Parks

1. Veterans Court of Honor Township Park
2. Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail
3. Davison Community Dog Park
4. Lake Callis Recreation Area
5. Davison Area Senior Center
6. The Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center
7. Zirnelt Park / Kitchen School

## ■ Richfield Township Parks

8. Richfield Township Park

## ■ City of Davison Parks

9. Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park
10. Waterworks Park
11. Manford Park
12. Scofield Park

## ● Davison Community Schools

13. Central Elementary
14. Cardinal Center / Cardinal's Nest
15. Davison High School
16. Davison Alternative Education
17. Davison Middle School
18. Gates Elementary
19. Hahn Elementary
20. Hill Elementary
21. Sipple Elementary
22. Thomson Elementary

## Regional Features

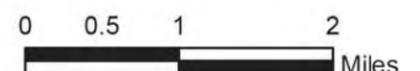
23. M-15 Heritage Trail

## ● Genesee County Parks

- A. Holloway Dam Public Access
- B. Wolverine Campgrounds & Beach
- C. Walleye Pike Boat Launch
- D. Richfield County Park
- E. Goldenrod Disc Golf Course

## ..... Future Bike Paths or Trails

## — Existing Bike Paths or Trails



**Figure 12 – Davison Area Parks & Recreation Inventory**

	Veterans Court of Honor Twp Park	Robert R. Williams Nature & Historic Learning Center	Davison Community Dog Park	Lake Callis Recreation Area	M-15 Heritage Trail	Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail	Zirnhelt Park	Davison Area Senior Center	Richfield Township Park	Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park	Waterworks Park	Scofield Park	Manford Park
Classification *	N	C, T	C	C		T	N	C	C	C	M	M	N
Accessibility **	3	3	3		1	4	2	3	3	3	2	2	2
Service Area ***	a	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	a	a	a
Acreage	1.0	100	3.5	40	na	na	2.5	8.0	16	132	3.0	0.3	7.0
Ball Diamonds				-- Opening Spring 2015 --	T				4	4			1
Basketball										4			1
X-Country Skiing		X								X			
Soccer												X	1
Horseshoe Pits										1			
Paths	X	X				X	X			X			
Picnic Area	X	X							X	X			
Playground							X		2	X			X
Shelter/Pavilion	X						X			5			
Restrooms	X	X	X					X	X	X			
Open Playfield										X	X	X	
Skating Rink										X			
Skate Park										X			
Tennis Courts											2		
Track													
Volleyball Courts											2		
Shuffleboard									X				
Stadium													
Gymnasium													

\* **Park Type:** M = Mini-Park, N = Neighborhood Park, C = Community Park, S = School, T = Park Trail

\*\* **Accessibility:** See Figure 14

\*\*\* **Service Area:** a = Local neighborhood, b = Davison Area (inclusive of Davison Township, City of Davison, and Richfield Township)

## Comparison to Standards

General parks and recreation industry standards suggest a minimum of 5 to 10 acres of park land per 1,000 citizens. With a Census 2010 population of 33,478 people for the Davison Area, the recommended park acreage for all three communities combined would range from 167 to 334 acres. Together, Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township have at least 312 acres of parkland. This comparison does not include the over 6 miles constructed throughout Davison Township and the City of Davison along the Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail and pathways connecting to this trail, nor does it include the M-15 Heritage Trail. It also doesn't also include the nearly 5,000 acres of park land owned by Genesee County at the Holloway Reservoir in northern Richfield Township. Therefore, on a broad scale, this indicates the Davison Area has an adequate allocation of park land for its citizens. This figure is broken-down further into different park types, as noted below, by detailing each park within its classification. Figure 10 shows the total acreage for each park type classification and compares them to recommended standards.

	State Standards: Recommended Acres Per 1,000 Population	Existing Acreage	Recommended for the Davison Area	
			Population 33,478	Deficiency
<b>Entire Park System</b>	<b>5 to 10</b>	<b>313.3</b>	<b>167 - 334</b>	<b>none</b>
Community Parks	5 to 8	299.5	167	none
Neighborhood Parks	1 to 2	10.5	33.5	23.5
Mini-Parks	0.25 to 0.5	3.3	8.4	5.1
Park Trail	variable	--		
<b>Acres available per 1,000 residents</b>	<b>9.5</b>			

**Figure 13** – Comparison of existing park space to adopted standards. This analysis of parks in the Davison Area is based on DNR recommended standards for park space per unit of population.

## Mini-Parks

Parks in this classification include the following:

- **Waterworks Park** – Owned and operated by the City of Davison, located at East Lexington Street, near South Main Street and East Clark Street.
- **Scofield Park** – Owned and operated by the City of Davison, located off Carriage Way, near East Third Street.

These parks types are typically specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as small children or senior citizens. The service area is less than 1/4 mile from a residential setting and the park size is an acre or less. Mini-Parks are ideally located within neighborhoods and in close proximity to apartment complexes, townhouses, or housing for the elderly. Access is primarily pedestrian and by bicycle, with no on-site parking.

The standard acreage for mini parks is 0.25 to .050 acres per 1,000 population. In the Davison Area, Waterworks Park and Scofield Park are the only Mini-Parks. Using the national criteria as a guide, the Davison Area should have at least 7.9 acres of Mini-Parks.

Currently, the Davison Area has only 3.3 acres designated as Mini-Parks. This deficiency in acreage and number of parks affects the three special population groups identified earlier in this plan: senior citizens, low-to-moderate income households, and apartment dwellers. Quality of life for each of these groups is improved when they have nearby access to open space and Mini-Parks.



## Neighborhood Parks

Parks in this classification include the following:

- **Manford Park** – Owned and operated by the City of Davison, located at East Lexington Street, near South Main Street and East Clark Street.
- **Davison Township Park** – Owned and operated by Davison Township, located at 1280 North Irish Road, located in front of the Davison Township Municipal Center.
- **Zirnhelt Park / Kitchen School** – Owned and operated by Davison Township, located at the southwest corner of M-15 and Bristol Road, about 2.5 miles south of I-69.

Parks in this classification are normally suited for more intense development. That is, they are designed for more intense recreational activities such as field games, court games, crafts, playground equipment, skating, picnicking, wading pools, for example.

Neighborhood Parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and are geographically centered within safe walking distance and have bike access. Typically, Neighborhood Parks are generally 5 to 10 acres in size and they serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. Their service area is generally 1/4 to 1/2 mile.

Manford Park is classified as a Neighborhood Park and offers a ball diamond, a basketball court, a soccer field, picnic tables, and playground equipment. Davison Township Park is located in front of the Davison Township Municipal Center on Irish Road and provides a paved pathway loop, a pavilion, impressive landscaping, a Veteran's memorial, and benches in a contemplative setting. Zirnhelt Park is the location of the old Kitchen School, a one-room schoolhouse that was donated to Davison Township. Renovations began in 2006, and as of 2009, the site has been restored and is used regularly by the local historical society and Davison Area schools.

National standards recommend 1 to 2 acres of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The Davison Area provides 11 acres of Neighborhood Park space, in comparison to the national standards which recommend a minimum of 31.4 acres for the Davison Area. This leaves a deficiency of approximately 20 acres.



## Schools

School sites in this classification include the following:

- **Central Elementary** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 600 South State Road in the City of Davison.
- **Administration Office/Pre-School** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 1250 North Oak Road in Davison Township.
- **Davison High School** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 1250 North Oak Road in Davison Township.
- **Davison Alternative Education** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 1250 North Oak Road in Davison Township.
- **Davison Middle School** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 600 South Dayton Street in the City of Davison.
- **Gates Elementary** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 2359 South Irish Road in Davison Township.
- **Hahn Intermediate** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 500 South Dayton Street in the City of Davison.
- **Hill Elementary** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 404 Aloha Street in the City of Davison.
- **Siple Elementary** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 9286 East Coldwater Road in Richfield Township.
- **Thomson Elementary** – Owned and operated by Davison Community Schools, located at 617 East Clark Street in the City of Davison.

Davison Community Schools owns ten sites throughout the Davison Area, providing educational services to a population of about 5,500 students. All buildings are accredited by the North Central Association and the mission statement of the school district is “to develop individuals who demonstrate skills necessary for lifelong success in a changing, global society.” The Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) oversees recreational programming in the Davison Area and is governed by a consortium with representatives from the City of Davison, Davison Township, and Davison Community Schools. Activities are provided to the general public and include youth programs, adult programs, and special events.



## Community Parks

Parks in this classification include the following:

- **Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park** – Owned and operated by the City of Davison, located on Frank Boyce Parkway.
- **Richfield Township Park** – Owned and operated by Richfield Township, located at 5381 North State Road (M-15) behind the Richfield Township office.
- **Davison Area Senior Center** – Located at 10135 Lapeer Road in Davison Township.
- **Robert Williams Nature & Historic Learning Center** – Owned and operated by Davison Township in cooperation with Davison Community Schools and DCER, located 0.2 miles west of M-15 on the north side of Atherton Road in Davison Township.
- **Davison Community Dog Park** – Owned and operated by Davison Township, located just south of the railroad on the west side of Gale Road.
- **Lake Callis Recreation Area** – Owned and operated by Davison Township, located just south of the Black Creek on the east side of Gale Road in Davison Township. This park will be opened in Spring of 2015.

Parks in this classification serve several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. Community Parks have many more amenities than Neighborhood Parks and usually serve two or more neighborhoods within 1/2 to three miles and are generally 30 to 50 acres in size. Access is primarily vehicular and parking is included on-site. National recommendations for community parks are for 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 residents, or about 157 acres for the Davison Area. The three Community Parks in the Davison Area provide a total of 156 acres, short just one acre of the recommended park area.

Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park, located at the heart of the Davison Area, provides a wide range of recreational facilities and is used by patrons from all across Genesee County. The park includes a playscape-style playground, skate park, pavilions, volleyball, tennis, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, softball fields, a concession stand, and nature trails. Trail offerings include an 18 station fitness trail, nature trails, and a 1.7-mile accessible pathway way connected to the larger Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail. The City of Davison would like to acquire additional adjacent property to expand the park.

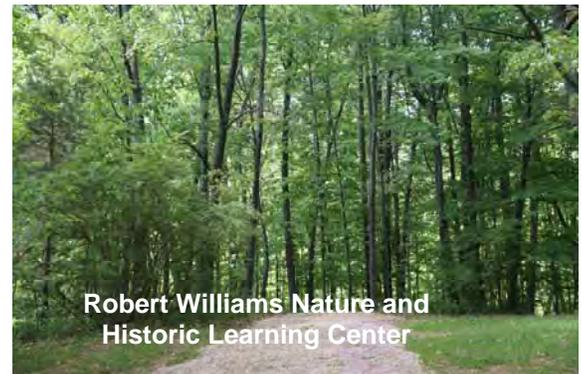


Richfield Township Park is conveniently located off M-15 and provides four baseball fields, two playgrounds, concessions, a pavilion, a gazebo, grills, and restrooms. While Richfield Township Park is only 16 acres in size, it is classified as a Community Park because it serves a broader service area than a Neighborhood Park, indicated by the availability of on-site parking.



The Davison Area Senior Center has staff and volunteers that provide a range of services and activities to promote personal growth, health, friendship, and independence for those 50 and older in the Davison Area. The goal of the center is to ensure that area seniors will always have a place where they can come together in friendship for activities they enjoy, services and information they need, and classes and volunteer opportunities they find stimulating. While the Davison Area Senior Center sits on an 8 acre site, the facility is considered a Community Park because it serves the broader population living throughout the Davison Area. The Davison Area Senior Center is funded primarily through a County millage.

The Robert Williams Nature and Historic Learning Center is a 100-acre parcel which is home to an extensive trail system and a Historical Museum. The Center includes a number of structures including a building to be used for classroom instruction for future programs in environmental science, the Davison Historical Museum, a building used for the restoration of artifacts, and a building to be developed into an arts / nature studio.



Davison Township owns and operates the Davison Area Dog Park, a 3.5-acre off-leash dog park facility. The Davison Area Environmental Team organizes volunteers and fundraising efforts for the benefit of the park. The facility includes a small dog area and an area for all dogs, as well as fire hydrant watering stations, a fire hydrant water fountain, a dog bone walk, a dog house entry way, and pavilions serviced by electricity. The facility, which was the first of its kind in Genesee County, was opened in October 2011. The facility is funded by donations from businesses and individuals. North of the Dog Park, Davison Township is currently installing a 60 foot sledding hill and possible ice skating rink.



Lake Callis Recreation Area is a newly designed community recreation facility on the east side of Gale Road in Davison Township. The 45-acre Recreation Area's conceptual design includes a man-made lake with a beach, a walking trail, sand volleyball courts, a pavilion, an overlook platform, and a picnic area. Preliminary discussions are also underway for community events such as a concert night at Lake Callis with gourmet food trucks. The Recreation Area was named after Bob Callis, a long-time Davison community resident and educator in the Genesee County area. Construction of Lake Callis Recreation Area is expected to be complete in Spring 2015.

## Park Trails

Trails in this classification include the following:

- **Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail** – Owned and operated by Davison Township, this trail begins behind the Davison Township office at 1280 North Irish Road.
- **M-15 Heritage Trail** – Owned and operated by the State of Michigan, the trail runs eastward from the intersection of M-15 and Lapeer Road, then north on Russell Alger Drive, to the intersection of the High School's access drive with East Clark Street, then west on Clark Street, ending on Main Street downtown.
- **Trails in the Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park** – Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park includes over two miles of pathways including trail loops interior to the park and the adjacent subdivision sidewalk to the east. These trails are as follows:
  - **Blue Trail Loop:** 0.37 miles, from the center of the Park to its southeast corner.
  - **Red Trail Loop:** 0.43 miles along the north end of the Park, parallel to the railroad tracks.
  - **Yellow Trail Loop:** 0.49 miles in the west and northwest portion of the Park adjacent to the softball fields and sledding hill.
  - **Green Trail Loop:** 0.56 miles (including a round trip with the loop) along the southwest edge of the Park.
  - **Subdivision sidewalk:** 0.39 miles of subdivision sidewalks along Collingwood Drive parallel to the eastern edge of the Park.

A Park Trail is a multipurpose trail located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas. The Davison Township Trail was completed in 2006 and runs from behind the Township Office on Irish Road eastward along the Black Creek to Gale Road for almost a mile, ending about a half-mile from Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park. The trail connects to other pathways which weave through residential areas on the west side of the City of Davison.

The M-15 Recreational Heritage Route, which was in its first phase of development at the time of the 2010 Davison Area Recreation Plan, has been extended along M-15 in Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township. The extension was completed on the trail extension in August 2013, at which time the trail was open to traffic. Remaining work including tree planting, watering, and cultivating was completed in September 2013. The \$484,000 project was funded by a federal scenic byways grant. Funding for the first phase was awarded in 2009. A feasibility study for the M-15 Heritage Route was completed in 2003.

Locations of existing trails and pathways in the Davison Area, including future connections to the M-15 Recreational Heritage Route were shown on page 18.



The eastern trail head of the Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail in Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park.

### **Accessibility**

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on the American Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five point system ranging from one (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines), to five (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design). See Figure 14 on the following page.

An ADA compliance assessment of parks owned and operated by Davison Township, the City of Davison, and Richfield Township was conducted during the summer of 2009 and re-assessed in the summer of 2014. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regards to access, circulation in relation to the park facilities. The Davison Area is dedicated to improving accessibility at each of its

parks when improvements are made. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities and signage.

**Figure 14 – MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities**

Accessibility Grade	Definition
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.

### Recreation Trends

As a supplement to the recommended standards for park acreage, data from the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) is another way to help understand recreation trends. It is important to be aware of national recreation trends to be able to anticipate activities that would likely have a high level of participants and those which show the greatest growth in popularity. The SGMA conducts an annual survey that analyzes the size of sports product markets in order to determine sports participation trends. Summarized results of the 2011 Sports, Fitness & Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report are given in Appendix A. The participation data column for 2010, which is on the right-hand side of the charts, shows the most recent data for aerobic activities, conditioning activities, strength activities, individual sports, racquet sports, team sports, outdoor sports, and winter sports. As reported by the SGMA, the most popular sports and fitness activities are, with number of participants:

1. Fitness Walking (114 million)
2. Bowling (55.9 million)
3. Treadmill (53.1 million)
4. Running/Jogging (49.4 million)
5. Hand Weights (45.9 million)
6. Billiards/Pool (39.4 million)
7. Bicycling (39.3 million)
8. Freshwater Fishing (38.9 million)
9. Weight/Resistance Machines (38.6 million)
10. Dumbbells (37.4 million)

## Programming

The Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) oversees recreational programming in the Davison Area and is governed by a consortium with representatives from the City of Davison, Davison Township, and Davison Community Schools. Activities are provided to the general public and include youth programs, adult programs, and special events. This chart summarizes the number of programs and participation tracked by DCER for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

<b>Figure 15: Davison Community Enrichment &amp; Recreation Participation and Program Summary by Category, 2013-2014</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b># of Programs</b>	<b># of Participants</b>
Adult Programs		
Computers	10	68
Cooking	7	42
Arts	10	41
Crafts	23	51
Finance	14	36
Fitness	73	546
Health / Safety	15	98
Foreign Languages	2	11
Pet	1	9
Softball Leagues and State Tournament	24	1,764
Special Events	5	924
<b>Adult Subtotals</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>3,590</b>
Youth Programs		
Arts/Crafts/Cooking	4	29
Fitness	117	1,333
Health/Safety	8	98
Music	1	1
Youth Education*	73	1,343
Special Events	1	379
<b>Youth Subtotals</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>3,183</b>
<b>Combined Totals July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>6,773</b>

\* Includes after school clubs and day camp

# Public Input

## *Listening to Residents in the Davison Area*



### Overview

To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, the Davison area offered several types of public input opportunities along with a 30-day period for review and comment on the draft plan. A compilation of all of the input received is contained in Appendix B. A summary of the various methods of input and feedback received is described in the following pages. From the outset of the Recreation Plan process in February 2014, a Facebook page was launched to provide information about Davison area parks and recreational facilities and allow Facebook users to comment on the Plan. The website domain was [www.facebook.com/davisonarea](http://www.facebook.com/davisonarea). Also around this time, a press release was sent out to the local media to advertise the community input online survey.

### Public Input Survey

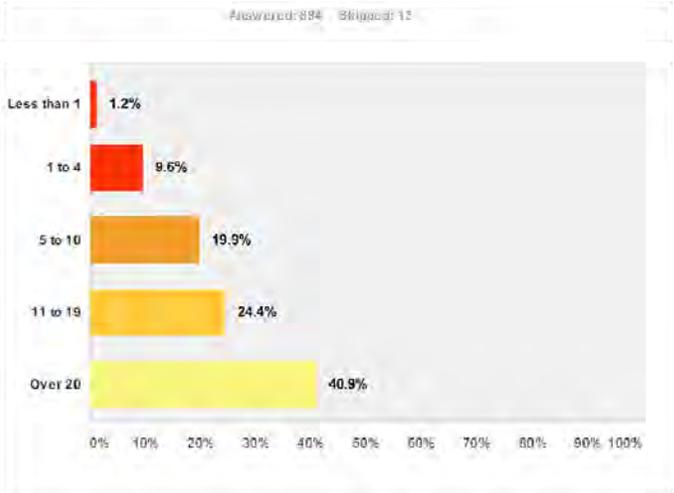
#### Background

The City of Davison, Davison and Richfield Townships, and the Davison Community Schools also began developing a draft survey to be used to obtain public input around this time. In March 2014, a press release was submitted to promote the survey. The survey was assigned the web domain, "DavisonSurvey.com" and Facebook users could also be linked to the survey by visiting the Recreation Plan website. Between March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 907 total responses were received among residents of the Davison Area communities and others interested in providing input. The online survey included 15 questions regarding public parks and recreational facilities, natural features, and recreational opportunities in the Davison area. The key points of the survey will be described on the following pages. More detailed information about the survey can be found in Appendix B.

#### About the Respondents

The distribution of respondents from different communities was roughly proportional to the size of the communities they represented. Davison Township, with the largest population of all Davison area communities, was represented by 50.1% of respondents.

19.8% of respondents came from Richfield Township, while about 19.6% of respondents came from the City of Davison. Apart from the size of the community they live in, the length of time respondents had lived in the Davison area strongly correlated to their rates of response. While only 1.2% of respondents were those who have lived in the Davison area for less than 1 year, 40.9% of respondents were those who have lived in the Davison area for over 20 years. The figure to the right shows how response rate correlated with the length of time respondents had lived in the Davison area.



Respondents in the middle age groups represented the highest proportion of respondents. Of those who took the survey, 32.1% were between the ages of 30-39, 30.1% were between the ages of 40-49, and 21.3% were between the ages of 50-64. Only 11.9% of respondents were under 30 years old. Only 4.7% of respondents were 65 or older.

This survey was well-promoted to people affiliated with the Davison Community Schools, with 68.5% of respondents having either attended or knowing someone who attended Davison Community Schools during the time of the survey.

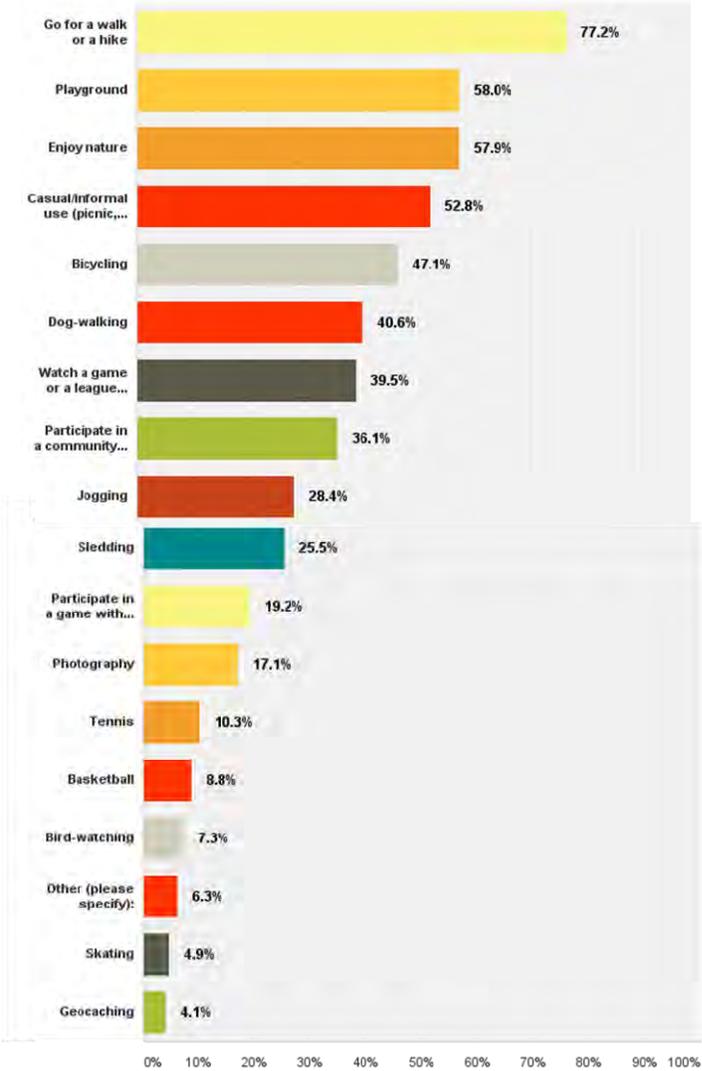
### Frequency of Visits

The first question of the survey asked residents, “How many times did you visit each of the following Township or City parks or facilities in the Davison Area in the past year?” Davison area residents are given an ever-growing list of options for parks and recreational facilities to visit. Some of these facilities stand out as clear favorites. Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park appears to be the most popular, with 92.7% of all residents having visited the park in the past year, and 67.5% of respondents visiting 6 or more times. The Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail also proved to be popular, with 70.2% of respondents visiting the trail in the past year and over half of respondents (53.2%) visiting 3 or more times. The Davison Community Dog Park was visited by 53.0% of respondents, and 38.7% of respondents had visited the M-15 Heritage Trail during the past year. Parks that were relatively low in popularity tended to be serving small areas or specific sub-groups of the sample population. Scofield Park, for example, a small neighborhood park in the City of Davison, was not visited at all in the past year by

87.1% of respondents. Similarly, 85% of respondents had not visited the Davison Area Senior Center.

### Why Parks are Visited

The second question in the survey asked Davison area residents to explain why they visit the parks and recreational facilities in the Davison area, with the option of selecting more than one reason. Some of the most popular choices included to go for a walk or a hike (77.2%), going to the playground (58.6%) and enjoying nature (57.5%). Other popular choices were casual or informal uses (52.9%) and bicycling (47.1%). Some of the less popular items included more specialized activities such as bird-watching (7.3%), skating (4.9%), and geocaching (4.1%). The figure to the right shows the full breakdown of responses for this choice.



## Quality of the Parks

The third question in the survey asked Davison area residents to evaluate the quality of various Davison area parks features. These included the following categories:

- Quality of Programs
- Quality / Friendliness of Staff
- Variety of Facilities / Amenities
- Maintenance and Appearance
- Safety and/or Security
- Hours of Operation

Davison area parks and recreational facilities generally scored well in all of these categories. Among these, hours of operation received the highest ratings, with 32.2% of respondents rating this as “very good”. Safety and security were also rated well, with 60.1% of respondents rating this as “good” or “very good”, followed by maintenance and appearance, with 58.0% rating this the same way. Variety of facilities and amenities was rated substantially less strongly, with under 50% of respondents rating these as “good” or “very good”. 50.7% of respondents rated quality of programs as “good” or “very good”, while 52.7% rated quality / friendliness of staff this way.

## Additional Facility Needs

Question 4 asked respondents, “What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the Davison Area parks?” Respondents were allowed to choose one or more item from a list of 24 options including an option for “other” (to which respondents were asked to write in any other suggestions). Respondents showed a preference for water-based recreational opportunities. Some of the most popular responses for this question included the following:

- A splash pad (57.4%),
- A pool (52.4%),
- A lake (39.1%),
- Additional restrooms (53.0%),
- Additional walking and biking paths (43.0%),
- Opportunities for ice skating (40.6%),
- Drinking fountains (40.0%), and
- An amphitheater (39.4%).

Some of the less popular options included historical interpretation (8.5%), a dog park (7.7%), and a BMX track (6.6%). With regard to these and other less popular options, the

need for such items may be partially satisfied by existing facilities in the area (dog park and historical interpretation) or, in some cases, the tendency for some users not to require as formal of facilities (BMX track).

## Quality of the Programs

Question 5 asked respondents to rate the quality of programs in the Davison area on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being “excellent” and 5 being “inadequate”. The respondents were able to specifically rate youth sports leagues, adult sports leagues, instructional classes, health and fitness classes, and senior citizen activities. Among these options, youth sports leagues ranked the highest, with 476 respondents (58.5%) rating these as either 1 or 2. Senior citizen activities were also rated well, with 52.1% of respondents rating these as either 1 or 2. Instructional classes, which include topics such as archery, hunter safety, babysitter class, culinary, and fly fishing, received the lowest rating, with only 367 respondents (47.8%) rating these as 1 or 2 and 165 respondents (21.5%) rating these as 4 or 5. For all programs, it is worth noting that at least double the number of respondents rated the program as 1 or 2 compared to those who rated a program as 4 or 5.

## Additional Program Needs

Question 6 asked respondents to list any additional recreational programs they’d like to see offered in the Davison Area not listed in question 5. A total of 129 responses were received for this question, meaning that more than one out of every six respondents offered additional programs for consideration. Some of the most popular items listed in these responses included:

- Swimming-related activities
- Kids’ programs and leagues
- Leagues in general
- Bike-related programs
- Yoga
- Science / educational activities

See the word cloud shown on the following page for a depiction of some of the most commonly used words used in responses to question 6.

Activities Ball Beginners Bike Community  
Concerts Educational Fun Garden Golf Instructional Classes  
Kids Leagues Middle Park Play Pool  
Programs Rec Center Recreation Richfield Science  
Splash Pad Swimming Tennis Walking Clubs  
Yoga Youth

## Feelings about Natural Features

It is important to gauge how connected Davison area residents feel to the area's surrounding natural features as a potential way to seek new recreational opportunities that use those features. Question 7 asked respondents to strongly agree, agree, express a neutral opinion, disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement that "It is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities on lakes, rivers and creeks in the Davison Area." An overwhelming majority of respondents (91.5%) either strongly agree or agree with this statement, with 62.0% strongly agreeing. Only 2.4% of respondents either disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement. It is clear that Davison area residents feel that natural resources and recreational opportunities should be enhanced along waterways adjacent to the Davison area.

## Davison Area Residents at the County Parks

Question 8 asked respondents to indicate whether they had visited any of the Davison area's Genesee County Parks facilities in the past year. These include:

- Holloway Dam Public Access
- Wolverine Campgrounds & Beach
- Walleye Pike Boat Launch
- Richfield County Park
- Goldenrod Disc Golf Course

A total of 659 respondents (74.0%) had visited one of these facilities.

## Improving Accessibility

Accessibility is key to ensuring park users of all abilities can enjoy parks and recreational facilities. Question 9 asked respondents, "If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make Davison Area parks more user-friendly for you and your family member." Respondents were given the option to check all that applied given the following choices:

- No one with a disability in our family
- Flatter, easier grades
- Accessible playgrounds
- Accessible parking
- Accessible waterfront access
- Accessible restrooms
- Paved trails
- Interpreters
- Other (please specify)

Among the 131 respondents with family members having disabilities, the most popular choice was paved trails, with 76 respondents (58.0% of this sub-sample) selecting this. Other popular choices included accessible restrooms (75 respondents, or 57.2%), flatter, easier grades and accessible parking (each with 61 respondents, or 46.6%).

What do you like best about the Parks?

Question 10 asked respondents to list any aspects they most enjoy about parks and recreation in the Davison Area. A total of 501 respondents (55.2%) answered this question. Some of the most popular choices included items such as:

- Trails and paths (150 responses)
- The cleanliness of facilities (89 responses)
- Access and convenient location of park facilities (79 responses)
- Safety of the parks (65 responses)
- The quality of maintenance and upkeep at park facilities (40 responses)

The figure below shows a word cloud which depicts some of the most popularly used words or phrases in responding to this question.



How would you improve the Parks?

Question 11 asked respondents to list what one thing they would do to improve parks and recreation in the Davison Area. A total of 452 respondents (49.8%) answered this question. Some of the most popular choices included items such as:

- Adding new park facilities (117 responses),
- Adding more restrooms (47 responses),
- Adding a splash pad, (33 responses),
- Adding a community pool (20 responses), and
- Adding / expanding bike trails (18 responses).

This question invoked a wider variety of responses, with less uniform emphasis on single items than was shown in the previous question about aspects of the parks the community thought was best. The figure below shows a word cloud which depicts some of the most popularly used words or phrases in responding to this question.



The public input survey was a major resource for gaining a better understanding of what park facilities are needed and desired in the Davison area. Upon completing the draft of the recreation plan, the 30-day review period and public hearing provided further opportunities for public input, as discussed below.

### **Draft Plan and Public Hearing**

After the draft Recreation Plan was completed, it was made available for public review for 30 days. Interested persons could view the plan in person at the offices of Davison Township, the City of Davison (Genesee District Library / Davison Area Library), and Richfield Township. The 30-day review of the plan was advertised in The Davison Index on September 25, 2014 and again on October 16, 2014. A public hearing, which was also advertised in these listings, was held for all participating community representatives on October 27, 2014 at the City of Davison Council Chambers. An additional opportunity for public input was held on December 8, 2014 at the City of Davison's public hearing. This hearing was also held at the City of Davison Council Chambers.

# Goals and Objectives



## *Transforming Ideas into Reality*

### **Introduction**

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the parks and recreation planning process. The overall goal is to provide recreation opportunities for the people living in Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township, and the Davison Community School District. More specific goals are based on the demographic characteristics of the population served, the physical and environmental characteristics of the area, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level. They are over-reaching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. Action items are the last level, and they identify specific projects and programs to be pursued over the next five years. Action items can also include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. The Davison Area's *ad hoc* Recreation Committee of leaders from the area's communities and the school district formulated the following goals and objectives based upon the characteristics of the overall community, the input received in the online community input survey, and other factors such as sports participation trends.

### **Goals**

#### **Goal A: Continue to develop non-motorized pathways and linkages for recreational and transportation use throughout the Davison area/region.**

The Davison area has an expanding network of paths including more than 5 miles of non-motorized pathways. In the City of Davison sidewalks extend throughout the City. Non-motorized pathways were found to be very popular in comments received in the 2009 community input open house. Based on the comments received from this Plan's online community input survey, it is clear that non-motorized pathways are still very popular in the Davison Area. All forms of non-motorized transportation are becoming increasingly important across the United States. Multi-use paths, paved trails, and bike lanes are increasingly being used for recreation and transportation purposes. Improvements toward adding non-motorized pathways in the Davison Area will go a long way toward increasing the quality of life for residents. In 2007, the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission developed the "Genesee County Regional Trail Plan". This plan is a comprehensive look at existing and proposed non-motorized pathways throughout each

individual community, the county, and beyond. This plan also included public input. The following objectives are designed to support this goal and to help strengthen the development of non-motorized connections in the Davison area.

Objective 1: Connect the Davison area parks and public properties to existing pathway and sidewalk systems in neighboring communities.

Objective 2: Support regional planning efforts to study the feasibility of a regional non-motorized pathway system that takes advantage of existing road, railroad, and utility right-of-ways.

Objective 3: Utilize the regional planning efforts by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission's Genesee County Regional Trail Plan as a guide in developing non-motorized pathways in the Davison area.

Objective 4: Support regional collaboration for non-motorized pathways.

**Goal B: Promote and provide diverse recreational opportunities to satisfy all age groups and levels of ability.**

Providing a diverse range of recreation opportunities that are appropriate for different age groups and user types will help improve the health and fitness, as well as the quality of life for Davison area residents. These opportunities will also be fun, create long-lasting memories and should help retain families in the community. Census data show that within the Davison area, the City of Davison has an increased number of senior citizens when compared to the rest of Michigan, and new recreational amenities would only help to encourage participation across all age groups. Results from the community input survey indicated that new recreational amenities are needed for all age groups in the Davison area.

Objective 1: Provide a broad range of recreational opportunities to the residents of the Davison area that can be enjoyed by all, irrespective of age, ability, and income.

Objective 2: Monitor trends and new emerging recreational opportunities that are growing in popularity.

Objective 3: Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

**Top 10 Reasons Why Parks are Important**

The National Recreation and Park Association maintains a top ten list of reasons why parks are important in the United States:

1. Public parks provide millions of Americans with the opportunity to be physically active.
2. Parks have true economic benefits.
3. Parks provide vital green space in a fast-developing American landscape.
4. Parks preserve critical wildlife habitat.
5. Parks and recreation facilitate social interactions.
6. Leisure activities in parks improve moods, reduce stress and enhance a sense of wellness.
7. Recreational programs provide organized, structured, enjoyable activities.
8. Community recreation services provide a refuge of safety for at-risk youth.
9. Therapeutic recreation is an outlet that individuals with disabilities have.
10. Public parks embody the American tradition of preserving public lands.

This list is from the article, *Top 10 Reasons Parks Are Important*, by Richard J. Dolesh, Monica Hobbs Vinluan, and Michael Phillips.

Objective 4: Ensure that improvements and upgrades to park facilities are handicap accessible, where feasible.

**Goal C: Continue the high level of care and maintenance at existing parks and retain and expand public land for use by existing residents and future generations.**

The Davison area recognizes that parks and recreational amenities contribute to the quality of life for its residents. When access to open spaces and natural areas is enhanced, these areas are a draw for not only residents, but also for the region. New lands may need to be acquired so specific facilities can be added or so that special natural features can be preserved. For the Davison area, providing additional recreational amenities is a priority, and the results of the community input survey show that additional recreation is needed.

Objective 1: Retain existing park land and acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.

Objective 2: Partner with other recreation providers in the region to support opportunities for new and expanded recreational facilities and activities.

Objective 3: Seek and apply for grants to support new recreational opportunities through grant agencies such as the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and local foundations.

**Goal D: Develop and strengthen water-based recreational opportunities.**

Many of the comments received from the community input survey support increased opportunities for access to the lakes and rivers in the Davison area. These are special resources that offer new opportunities for active and passive recreation. Consideration for providing unique access and related amenities to area lakes and rivers should be given a high priority since there are few public access sites in the Davison area.

Objective 1: Provide an increased level of access to waterways in the Davison area for recreational activities such as fishing, boating, canoeing, kayaking, and swimming.

Objective 2: Preserve and protect open space and other important natural features in the Davison area.

**Using Parks for Economic Development**

The American Planning Association has a briefing paper called *How Cities Use Parks for Economic Development*. The paper lists five key points that support the development of parks:

1. Real property values are positively affected.
2. Municipal revenues are increased.
3. Affluent retirees are attracted and retained.
4. Knowledge workers and talent are attracted to live and work.
5. Homebuyers are attracted to purchase homes.

**Goal E: Identify and encourage accessibility improvements at area parks by incorporating Universal Design in all new updates and when upgrading existing amenities, as appropriate.**

Parks in the Davison area are already handicap accessible, but improvements are needed. Demographically speaking, at some point in the near future, the Davison area parks will more than likely need updates to address an aging population. Input from the community suggests a need to improve the accessibility of existing facilities, further bolstered by the fact that U.S. Census estimates from 2012 show that about 12% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population in the Davison Area has a disability. This goal and subsequent objectives are designed to support accessibility improvements in Davison Area parks.

Objective 1: Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

**Goal F: Create and broaden community awareness of the region's recreational opportunities and promote them in new and creative ways to residents, students, and other potential user groups.**

The Davison area should continue to increase user awareness and promote and market their parks and facilities. As Michigan recovers from a recession, it is important to take advantage of regional collaboration as a cost effective way to offer recreation. Collaboration with neighboring communities, and other recreation-related organizations, will most likely prove to be an important component in providing quality recreation to Davison area residents.

Objective 1: Actively market the Davison Area's parks, programs, and amenities.

Objective 2: Partner with other local units of government, agencies, and other recreation providers in the Davison area to further promote the community's recreational opportunities and activities.

# Action Program



## *Working Hard for Results*

### **Overview**

With goals and objectives in place, each community has developed a five-year action plan that will enable it to move toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The action program details the direction the Davison area wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of its park and recreation opportunities.

Potential projects are shown on the following three charts. Each of the action items on the project lists relate to one or more of the lettered goals from the Goals and Objectives section of this plan. The potential capital improvements that are described have been established to provide a framework for decision makers, and to enable each of the communities participating in the Davison Area Recreation Plan to apply for grant funding for the proposed projects.

The project lists are not fixed elements nor are they exhaustive. The project lists reflect the results of the input received from Davison and Richfield Township staff, the City of Davison, Davison Community Schools, and the open house. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may influence the order in which the projects are completed.

### **Financing Potential Improvements**

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a range of local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. At the end of this section, there is a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.

## Davison Area Recreation Plan – Project List for Davison Township

Project/Capital Improvements	Relates to Goal	Justification
1. Provide additional ADA parking spaces to the Black Creek Trail.	B, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
2. Develop a brochure that describes parks in the Davison area.	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
3. Develop an inventory of significant open space and natural resources in the Davison area.	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
4. Continue to work with Genesee County on regional non-motorized pathway planning and development initiatives.	A, F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
5. Develop a splash pad at Lake Callis Recreation Area.	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
6. Complete the development of a sledding hill facility on Gale Road.	B, F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>

## Davison Area Recreation Plan – Project List for the City of Davison

Project/Capital Improvements	Relates to Goal	Justification
1. Construct additional pavilions at Abernathy Regional Park.	B, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
2. Extend Heritage Route Trail to northern city limits.	A, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
3. Develop additional park facilities at Abernathy Regional Park (water facilities, disc golf course, ice rink, athletic fields, recreation center) as desired.	B, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
4. Use best practices to install improved standard park signage at City parks.	C, F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
5. Continue placement of memorial trees and landscaping at Abernathy Regional Park.	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
6. Develop and promote family and other related events.	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
7. Continue the development of sidewalks and trail networks throughout the City.	A, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
8. Review opportunities to utilize and enhance the Black Creek as a passive recreational asset.	D, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>

## Davison Area Recreation Plan – Project List for Richfield Township

Project/Capital Improvements	Relates to Goal	Justification
1. Work with the Genesee County Drain Commission and property owners to secure easements for a shared use right-of-way from the Tiger Run subdivision toward Siple Elementary for the purpose of developing a path from Tiger Run subdivision to Siple Elementary.	A, B, C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
2. Expand and update existing facilities at the Richfield Township Park to include open space for soccer / youth football, adult size ball fields, basketball, and field lighting.	B, C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
3. Increase seating for trail and ballpark area.	A, B, C, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
4. Develop expanded uses at the Richfield Township Park so that it is used by more groups, or, at least, more days out of the year.	B, C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
5. Develop a brochure/program listings/map for the various recreation amenities in Richfield Township, including those sites on Genesee County Park property, located throughout Richfield Township.	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
6. Construct a splash pad.	B, D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
7. Update bathroom facilities for Richfield Township Park.	B, E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>
8. Develop a road side park on the Russelville Ball Room property.	B, C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public input comments, staff input.</li> </ul>

## Potential Funding Sources for Parks and Recreation Projects

### Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
  - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
  - Maximum Grant Request \$500,000
- Acquisition grants
  - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
  - Resource Protection – very important
  - Water Access
  - Community Recreation
  - Urban Recreation
  - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1 (secondary application for acquisition only in August)
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)

### Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF, applications due annually on March 1
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$75,000 (\$150,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)

### Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Enhancement Funds

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation & operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) - Go to “Projects and Programs”

### Other Programs to Consider:

#### *Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service*

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- [www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm)

#### *Specific sports and sports foundations*

- United States Tennis Association (USTA) –
  - funding for tennis courts and programs
  - [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com)
- Major League Baseball
  - Baseball Tomorrow Fund, more info at [www.baseballtomorrow.com](http://www.baseballtomorrow.com)
- United States Soccer - [www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org)

#### *Safe Routes to School*

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
  - Sidewalks and off-street pedestrian facilities
  - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
  - Traffic calming and speed reduction
  - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
  - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- [www.saferoutesmichigan.org](http://www.saferoutesmichigan.org)

#### *Trust for Public Land (TPL)*

- Conservation Transactions: TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- More information at [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

#### *Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants*

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq) - Go to “Surface Water” and then to “Non-point Source Pollution”

#### *Community Forestry Grant Program*

- Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. Project categories are: Management and Planning, Education and Training, Library Resources and Tree Planting.
- 50% match required.
- <http://www.mi.gov/dnrucf> - Go to “Community Forestry Grants”

#### *Community Foundations, Private Foundations, and Endowments*

- Community Foundation of Greater Flint

# Planning Process

## *Community Outreach*



### **A Commitment to Sound Planning Principles**

In an effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the Davison Area has developed this recreation plan as a tool to guide the development of park and recreational facilities over the next five years. This plan represents its ongoing commitment by the Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township and Davison Schools to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide the Davison area eligibility for grants from the Department of Natural Resources to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

The Davison Area contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw to assist the Davison area communities with the completion of this plan. These communities were represented by an ad hoc committee with members from each of the four entities involved, being Davison Township, the City of Davison, Richfield Township and Davison Schools. The first meeting was held in March 2014. This group met with Spicer Group multiple times during the development of the plan. The draft plan was reviewed with all entities on September 10, 2014. The public hearing was held on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Data was collected about the Davison area, including demographics and an inventory of the recreational facilities. This data was gathered from a number of resources including Davison and Richfield Townships staff, the City of Davison, Davison Schools, area master plans, research of aerial images provided by Google Earth, and through field visits. Some of this information was obtained during the process of creating the 2010 – 2014 area Recreation Plan. This information helped determine where the Davison area was in terms of providing recreational facilities in comparison to recommended standards.

A total of two opportunities for input and participation were provided during the development of this plan, the results of which were described in an earlier section of this plan. Based upon the existing information and the public input, the community representatives developed goals for parks and recreation in the Davison area. The community representatives also planned for action programs in each community to accomplish the goals of the plan.

Spicer Group completed a draft recreation plan which was subsequently available for review at the offices of Davison Township, the City of Davison and Richfield Township. The 30 day Notice of Review which announced the locations of reviewable drafts of the Plan and the public hearing for the Plan was published in The Davison Index on Thursday, September 25, 2014 and again on October 16, 2014. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to adoption of the plan, which was held on Monday, October 27, 2014 with all community representatives at the City of Davison Council Chambers. After this public hearing, the Davison Area Recreation Plan was approved by separate resolutions from Davison Township on Monday, November 17, 2014, by Richfield Township on December 9, 2014, and by Davison Schools on December 1, 2014. Additionally, the City of Davison facilitated a second public hearing for gathering input on the Plan prior to adopting it on Monday, December 8, 2014 and adopted the Plan after this public hearing. Copies of the recreation plan were transmitted to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission and GLS Region V Planning & Development Commission, and submitted digitally to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in March 2015. Copies of the notification advertisements, public hearing minutes, resolutions, and the transmittal letters are included in Appendix C.

# Appendix A

*SGMA 2012 Sports and Fitness  
Participation Report*

The Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association

**Sports, Fitness & Recreational Activities  
Topline Participation Report  
2011**



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## 10 PARTICIPATION DATA

Throughout the report significant changes have been highlighted in orange. Note: The population from 2000 to 2009 increased by 9% - so sports that have increased 9% have shown no significant change since the year 2000.

Aerobic Activities	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Aerobics (High impact)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	11,790	11,287	12,272	13,269	15,864	19.6%	34.6%
Casual	1-49 times		5,004	5,765	5,935	7,462	25.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		2,156	2,299	2,658	3,215	21.0%	
Frequent	100+ times		4,127	4,208	4,676	5,186	10.9%	
CORE	50+ times		6,283	6,507	7,334	8,401	14.5%	
<b>Aerobics (Low impact)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	21,384	22,397	24,168	25,685	27,177	5.8%	27.1%
Casual	1-49 times		9,341	11,021	11,034	12,415	12.5%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,523	5,064	5,313	6,013	13.2%	
Frequent	100+ times		8,533	8,083	9,338	8,748	-6.3%	
CORE	50+ times		13,056	13,147	14,651	14,761	0.8%	
<b>Aerobics (Step)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,867	8,528	10,318	10,784	11,283	4.6%	3.8%
Casual	1-49 times		4,454	6,021	5,475	6,203	13.3%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,647	1,891	2,340	2,291	-2.1%	
Frequent	100+ times		2,427	2,406	2,969	2,790	-6.0%	
CORE	50+ times		4,074	4,297	5,309	5,081	-4.3%	
<b>Aquatic Exercise</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,303	9,757	9,267	8,662	9,231	6.6%	-0.8%
Casual	1-49 times		5,993	5,794	5,027	5,663	12.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,789	1,809	1,853	1,681	-9.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		1,975	1,664	1,782	1,887	5.9%	
CORE	50+ times		3,764	3,473	3,635	3,568	-1.8%	
<b>Cardio Kickboxing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,765	4,812	4,997	6,002	6,571	9.5%	-25.0%
Casual	1-49 times		2,987	3,273	3,571	4,469	25.1%	
Regular	50-99 times		905	771	1,266	1,037	-18.1%	
Frequent	100+ times		920	953	1,165	1,065	-8.6%	
CORE	50+ times		1,825	1,724	2,431	2,102	-13.5%	
<b>Cross-Country Ski Machine</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,541	3,696	3,490	3,097	3,084	-0.4%	-52.9%
Casual	1-49 times		1,857	1,981	1,512	1,753	15.9%	
Regular	50-99 times		688	548	569	533	-6.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		1,151	961	1,016	798	-21.5%	
CORE	50+ times		1,839	1,508	1,585	1,331	-16.0%	
<b>Elliptical Motion Trainer</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	7,371	23,586	25,284	26,521	28,117	6.0%	281.5%
Casual	1-49 times		10,972	11,728	12,085	13,363	10.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,968	5,464	5,349	5,872	9.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		7,646	8,092	9,087	8,882	-2.3%	
CORE	50+ times		12,614	13,556	14,436	14,754	2.2%	
<b>Other Exercise to Music</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	16,065	22,294	21,893	22,045	22,960	4.2%	42.9%
Casual	1-49 times		9,661	9,504	9,740	11,115	14.1%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,560	4,620	4,423	4,603	4.1%	
Frequent	100+ times		8,073	7,769	7,882	7,241	-8.1%	
CORE	50+ times		12,633	12,388	12,305	11,844	-3.7%	

All participation figures are in 000s for the US population ages 6 and over

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Aerobic Activities (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Running/Jogging</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	31,398	41,064	41,130	43,892	49,408	12.6%	57.4%
Casual	1-49 times		16,824	17,728	18,333	21,744	18.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		8,237	8,428	9,113	9,326	2.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		16,003	14,974	16,446	18,338	11.5%	
CORE	50+ times		24,240	23,402	25,559	27,664	8.2%	
<b>Stair Climbing Machine</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	15,282	13,521	14,204	13,101	13,436	2.6%	-12.1%
Casual	1-49 times		7,107	8,017	7,004	7,462	6.5%	
Regular	50-99 times		2,651	2,702	2,581	2,516	-2.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		3,763	3,485	3,516	3,457	-1.7%	
CORE	50+ times		6,414	6,188	6,097	5,973	-2.0%	
<b>Stationary Cycling (Recumbent)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,810	10,818	11,389	11,208	11,709	4.5%	32.9%
Casual	1-49 times		5,261	6,020	5,550	6,146	10.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		2,331	2,090	2,230	2,426	8.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		3,226	3,279	3,428	3,137	-8.5%	
CORE	50+ times		5,557	5,369	5,658	5,563	-1.7%	
<b>Stationary Cycling (Group)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,709	6,314	6,693	6,831	8,876	29.9%	88.5%
Casual	1-49 times		3,371	3,868	3,820	5,251	37.5%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,221	1,078	1,316	1,555	18.2%	
Frequent	100+ times		1,722	1,747	1,695	2,070	22.1%	
CORE	50+ times		2,943	2,825	3,011	3,625	20.4%	
<b>Stationary Cycling (Upright)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	27,159	24,531	25,304	24,528	24,627	0.4%	-9.3%
Casual	1-49 times		11,581	12,653	11,795	12,571	6.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		5,210	4,738	5,097	4,588	-10.0%	
Frequent	100+ times		7,740	7,913	7,636	7,468	-2.2%	
CORE	50+ times		12,950	12,651	12,733	12,056	-5.3%	
<b>Swimming (Fitness/Competition)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	16,144	18,368	19,041	17,443	17,145	-1.7%	6.2%
Casual	1-49 times		11,131	11,741	11,024	10,620	-3.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		3,946	4,322	3,471	3,343	-3.7%	
Frequent	100+ times		3,291	2,978	2,948	3,000	1.8%	
CORE	50+ times		7,237	7,300	6,419	6,343	-1.2%	
<b>Treadmill</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	37,287	50,073	49,371	51,418	53,131	3.3%	42.5%
Casual	1-49 times		20,891	21,262	21,060	22,732	7.9%	
Regular	50-99 times		10,728	10,353	10,571	10,940	3.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		18,454	17,756	19,787	19,458	-1.7%	
CORE	50+ times		29,182	28,109	30,358	30,398	0.1%	
<b>Walking for Fitness</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	90,982	108,740	111,668	110,095	114,068	3.6%	25.4%
Casual	1-49 times		31,903	35,293	33,746	35,329	4.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		20,045	20,164	19,898	20,190	1.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		56,792	56,211	56,451	58,549	3.7%	
CORE	50+ times		76,837	76,375	76,349	78,739	3.1%	

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Conditioning Activities	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Abdominal Machine/Device</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	21,354	20,426	19,917	19,465	18,491	-5.0%	-13.4%
Casual	1-49 times		7,625	7,939	6,957	7,809	12.2%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,319	4,224	4,364	3,697	-15.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		8,482	7,754	8,144	6,986	-14.2%	
CORE	50+ times		12,801	11,978	12,508	10,683	-14.6%	
<b>Calisthenics</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	7,758	8,629	9,147	9,106	9,088	-0.2%	17.1%
Casual	1-49 times		2,041	3,037	3,226	3,138	-2.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,787	2,021	1,826	1,927	5.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		4,801	4,080	4,054	4,023	-0.8%	
CORE	50+ times		6,588	6,101	5,880	5,950	1.2%	
<b>Pilates Training</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	1,556	9,192	8,886	8,653	8,154	-5.8%	424.2%
Casual	1-49 times		5,085	5,348	4,805	4,920	2.4%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,920	1,516	1,839	1,505	-18.2%	
Frequent	100+ times		2,187	2,022	2,009	1,729	-13.9%	
CORE	50+ times		4,107	3,539	3,848	3,234	-16.0%	
<b>Rowing Machine</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,407	8,782	9,021	9,174	9,763	6.4%	3.8%
Casual	1-49 times		4,451	4,776	4,725	5,320	12.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,609	1,850	1,806	1,579	-12.6%	
Frequent	100+ times		2,722	2,395	2,643	2,864	8.4%	
CORE	50+ times		4,331	4,245	4,449	4,443	-0.1%	
<b>Stretching</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	24,613	36,181	36,288	36,310	35,129	-3.3%	42.7%
Casual	1-49 times		7,863	8,669	8,784	8,371	-4.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		5,906	6,106	6,105	5,831	-4.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		22,412	21,513	21,421	20,927	-2.3%	
CORE	50+ times		28,318	27,619	27,526	26,758	-2.8%	
<b>Tai Chi</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			3,424	3,205	3,180	-0.8%	
Casual	1-49 times			1,827	1,843	1,794	-2.7%	
Regular	50-99 times			520	489	578	18.2%	
Frequent	100+ times			1,077	873	808	-7.4%	
CORE	50+ times			1,597	1,362	1,386	1.8%	
<b>Yoga</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			17,758	20,109	21,886	8.8%	
Casual	1-49 times			10,736	11,549	12,541	8.6%	
Regular	50-99 times			2,808	3,786	3,817	0.8%	
Frequent	100+ times			4,214	4,774	5,528	15.8%	
CORE	50+ times			7,022	8,560	9,345	9.2%	

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Strength Activities	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Free Weights (Barbells)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	24,800	25,499	26,142	27,048	27,339	1.1%	10.2%
Casual	1-49 times		8,181	8,727	8,329	9,814	<b>17.8%</b>	
Regular	50-99 times		4,950	5,402	5,470	5,266	-3.7%	
Frequent	100+ times		12,368	12,013	13,249	12,259	<b>-7.5%</b>	
CORE	50+ times		17,318	17,415	18,719	17,525	<b>-6.4%</b>	
<b>Free Weights (Dumbbells)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	27,470	32,371	34,391	35,744	37,388	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>36.1%</b>
Casual	1-49 times		10,797	11,814	11,452	13,504	<b>17.9%</b>	
Regular	50-99 times		6,594	6,997	7,666	7,992	4.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		14,980	15,580	16,626	15,892	-4.4%	
CORE	50+ times		21,574	22,577	24,292	23,884	-1.7%	
<b>Free Weights (Hand Weights)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	33,784	43,821	42,997	45,934	45,922	0.0%	<b>35.9%</b>
Casual	1-49 times		15,635	16,070	15,563	17,228	<b>10.7%</b>	
Regular	50-99 times		8,819	8,884	9,562	9,655	1.0%	
Frequent	100+ times		19,367	18,043	20,809	19,039	<b>-8.5%</b>	
CORE	50+ times		28,186	26,927	30,371	28,694	<b>-5.5%</b>	
<b>Home Gym Exercise</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	20,626	25,823	24,514	24,762	24,581	-0.7%	<b>19.2%</b>
Casual	1-49 times		9,577	9,604	9,615	9,658	0.4%	
Regular	50-99 times		5,313	4,907	4,843	4,660	-3.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		10,933	10,003	10,304	10,263	-0.4%	
CORE	50+ times		16,246	14,910	15,147	14,923	-1.5%	
<b>Weight/Resistance Machines</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	32,144	39,290	38,397	39,752	38,618	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
Casual	1-49 times		14,555	14,929	13,892	15,076	<b>8.5%</b>	
Regular	50-99 times		8,012	8,063	8,382	7,800	-6.9%	
Frequent	100+ times		16,723	15,405	17,478	15,742	<b>-9.9%</b>	
CORE	50+ times		24,735	23,469	25,860	23,542	<b>-9.0%</b>	

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Individual Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Adventure Racing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		698	920	1,089	1,339	23.0%	
Casual	1 time		257	185	501	367	-26.7%	
Regular	2-9 times		215	471	429	486	13.3%	
Frequent	10+ times		226	264	159	326	105.0%	
CORE	2+ times		441	735	588	812	38.1%	
<b>Archery</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,285	5,950	6,409	6,326	6,319	-0.1%	0.5%
Casual	1-25 times		4,839	5,300	5,371	5,402	0.6%	
Regular	26-51 times		687	548	534	540	1.1%	
Frequent	52+ times		424	561	421	377	-10.5%	
CORE	26+ times		1,111	1,109	955	917	-4.0%	
<b>Billiards/Pool</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	46,336	51,089	49,018	43,005	39,385	-8.4%	-15.0%
Casual	1-12 times		30,795	31,840	27,303	25,817	-5.4%	
Regular	13-24 times		6,824	5,823	5,574	4,861	-12.8%	
Frequent	25+ times		13,470	11,355	10,128	8,707	-14.0%	
CORE	13+ times		20,294	17,178	15,702	13,568	-13.6%	
<b>Bowling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	51,938	60,184	58,650	57,293	55,877	-2.5%	7.6%
Casual	1-12 times		44,762	45,167	43,997	43,467	-1.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		5,225	4,458	4,394	4,290	-2.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		10,197	9,025	8,902	8,119	-8.8%	
CORE	13+ times		15,422	13,482	13,296	12,409	-6.7%	
<b>Boxing for Fitness *</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					4,788		
Casual	1-12 times					2,495		
Regular	13-24 times					605		
Frequent	25+ times					1,688		
CORE	13+ times					2,293		
<b>Boxing for Competition *</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					855		
Casual	1-12 times					598		
Regular	13-24 times					104		
Frequent	25+ times					153		
CORE	13+ times					257		
<b>Darts</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		24,709	23,451	20,022	18,118	-9.5%	
Casual	1-12 times		16,106	15,584	13,281	12,053	-9.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		2,951	2,817	2,286	2,033	-11.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		5,652	5,050	4,455	4,031	-9.5%	
CORE	13+ times		8,603	7,866	6,741	6,064	-10.0%	
<b>Golf (9/18 Hole Course)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	28,844	29,528	28,571	27,103	26,122	-3.6%	-9.4%
<b>Horseback Riding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		12,098	10,816	9,755	9,809	0.6%	
Casual	1-12 times		8,330	7,384	6,883	6,971	1.3%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,029	971	763	828	8.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,739	2,461	2,109	2,010	-4.7%	
CORE	13+ times		3,768	3,432	2,872	2,838	-1.2%	
<b>Ice Skating</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	11,835	11,430	10,999	10,929	12,024	10.0%	1.6%
Casual	1-12 times		9,514	9,598	9,361	10,273	9.7%	
Regular	13-24 times		770	556	668	679	1.6%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,146	845	900	1,072	19.1%	
CORE	13+ times		1,916	1,401	1,568	1,751	11.7%	

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Individual Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Martial Arts *</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,161	6,865	6,770	6,516	5,488	-15.8%	-10.9%
Casual	1-12 times		1,366	1,495	1,374	1,473	7.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		691	622	560	466	-16.8%	
Frequent	25+ times		4,808	4,653	4,582	3,549	-22.5%	
CORE	13+ times		5,499	5,276	5,142	4,015	-21.9%	
<b>Mixed Martial Arts for Competition</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					910		
Casual	1-12 times					528		
Regular	13-24 times					124		
Frequent	25+ times					258		
CORE	13+ times					382		
<b>Mixed Martial Arts for Fitness</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					1,745		
Casual	1-12 times					577		
Regular	13-24 times					219		
Frequent	25+ times					949		
CORE	13+ times					1,168		
<b>Roller Skating (2x2 wheels)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	7,746	8,921	7,855	8,147	8,126	-0.3%	4.9%
Casual	1-12 times		7,004	6,291	6,357	6,220	-2.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		675	456	546	576	5.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,242	1,108	1,244	1,330	6.9%	
CORE	13+ times		1,917	1,564	1,790	1,906	6.5%	
<b>Roller Skating (Inline wheels)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	21,912	10,814	9,608	8,276	7,980	-3.6%	-63.6%
Casual	1-12 times		6,094	5,909	5,234	5,280	0.9%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,365	1,228	1,090	1,119	2.7%	
Frequent	25+ times		3,355	2,471	1,952	1,581	-19.0%	
CORE	13+ times		4,720	3,699	3,042	2,700	-11.2%	
<b>Scooter Riding (Non-motorized)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,968	6,782	6,394	5,064	4,861	-4.0%	-51.2%
Casual	1-12 times		2,971	2,168	1,676	1,755	4.7%	
Regular	13-24 times		927	1,017	684	776	13.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,884	3,216	2,704	2,330	-13.8%	
CORE	13+ times		4,460	4,233	3,388	3,106	-8.3%	
<b>Skateboarding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,859	8,429	7,807	7,352	6,808	-7.4%	-30.9%
Casual	1-25 times		4,589	4,074	3,937	3,727	-5.3%	
Regular	26-51 times		1,491	1,444	1,130	1,188	5.1%	
Frequent	52+ times		2,349	2,289	2,285	1,892	-17.2%	
CORE	26+ times		3,840	3,733	3,415	3,080	-9.8%	
<b>Trail Running</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,167	4,216	4,857	4,833	5,136	6.3%	23.3%
<b>Triathlon (Non-Traditional/Off Road)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		483	602	666	929	39.5%	
Casual	1 time		121	288	219	192	-12.3%	
Regular	2-9 times		219	197	286	435	52.3%	
Frequent	10+ times		143	117	161	259	60.7%	
CORE	2+ times		362	314	447	694	55.3%	
<b>Triathlon (Traditional/Road)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		798	1,087	1,208	1,978	63.7%	
Casual	1 time		248	352	396	595	50.2%	
Regular	2-9 times		375	497	519	668	28.7%	
Frequent	10+ times		175	238	293	529	80.5%	
CORE	2+ times		550	736	812	1,197	47.4%	

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Racquet Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Badminton</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,769	7,057	7,239	7,699	7,590	-1.4%	-13.4%
Casual	1-12 times		4,785	5,089	5,156	4,789	-7.1%	
Regular	13-24 times		910	905	1,094	983	-10.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,362	1,245	1,449	1,818	25.5%	
CORE	13+ times		2,272	2,150	2,543	2,801	10.1%	
<b>Cardio Tennis</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			830	1,177	1,503	27.7%	
<b>Racquetball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,475	4,229	4,993	4,575	4,630	1.2%	3.5%
Casual	1-12 times		2,292	2,914	2,699	2,809	4.1%	
Regular	13-24 times		544	649	638	594	-6.9%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,393	1,430	1,238	1,228	-0.8%	
CORE	13+ times		1,937	2,079	1,876	1,822	-2.9%	
<b>Squash</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		612	706	885	1,177	33.0%	
Casual	1-7 times		323	456	567	811	43.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		66	98	140	74	-47.1%	
Frequent	15+ times		223	152	178	292	64.2%	
CORE	8+ times		289	250	318	366	15.2%	
<b>Table Tennis</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	12,712	15,955	17,201	19,301	19,446	0.8%	53.0%
Casual	1-12 times		10,865	12,196	13,351	13,139	-1.6%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,787	1,892	2,008	2,167	7.9%	
Frequent	25+ times		3,303	3,113	3,942	4,140	5.0%	
CORE	13+ times		5,090	5,005	5,950	6,307	6.0%	
<b>Tennis</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	12,974	16,940	18,558	18,534	18,903	2.0%	45.7%

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Team Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Baseball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	15,848	16,058	15,020	13,837	14,558	5.2%	-8.1%
Casual	1-12 times		4,493	4,854	4,424	4,856	9.8%	
Regular	13-24 times		2,780	2,422	2,352	2,318	-1.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		8,785	7,744	7,061	7,385	4.6%	
CORE	13+ times		11,565	10,166	9,413	9,703	3.1%	
<b>Basketball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	26,215	25,961	26,254	24,007	26,304	9.6%	0.3%
Casual	1-12 times		7,956	8,582	7,558	8,629	14.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		4,279	3,997	3,961	4,029	1.7%	
Frequent	25+ times		13,726	13,675	12,488	13,646	9.3%	
CORE	13+ times		18,005	17,672	16,449	17,675	7.5%	
<b>Cheerleading</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,634	3,279	3,104	3,036	3,232	6.5%	22.7%
Casual	1-25 times		1,144	1,357	1,260	1,664	32.1%	
Regular	26-51 times		649	724	650	581	-10.6%	
Frequent	52+ times		1,485	1,023	1,126	987	-12.3%	
CORE	26+ times		2,135	1,746	1,776	1,568	-11.7%	
<b>Field Hockey</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,127	1,118	1,066	1,298	21.8%	
Casual	1-7 times		550	570	415	662	59.5%	
Regular	8-14 times		62	165	171	254	48.5%	
Frequent	15+ times		515	383	480	383	-20.2%	
CORE	8+ times		577	548	651	637	-2.2%	
<b>Football (Flag)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			7,310	6,553	6,767	3.3%	
Casual	1-12 times			4,001	3,551	3,695	4.1%	
Regular	13-24 times			1,169	1,304	1,226	-6.0%	
Frequent	25+ times			2,140	1,698	1,846	8.7%	
CORE	13+ times			3,309	3,002	3,072	2.3%	
<b>Football (Touch)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			10,493	8,959	8,367	-6.6%	
Casual	1-12 times			6,199	5,100	4,947	-3.0%	
Regular	13-24 times			1,562	1,401	1,052	-24.9%	
Frequent	25+ times			2,732	2,458	2,367	-3.7%	
CORE	13+ times			4,294	3,859	3,419	-11.4%	
<b>Football (Tackle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,229	7,939	7,692	6,794	6,905	1.6%	-16.1%
Casual	1-25 times		3,700	3,470	3,112	3,008	-3.3%	
Regular	26-51 times		1,578	1,740	1,205	1,251	3.8%	
Frequent	52+ times		2,661	2,482	2,477	2,646	6.8%	
CORE	26+ times		4,239	4,221	3,682	3,897	5.8%	
<b>Gymnastics</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,876	4,066	3,883	4,021	4,815	19.7%	-1.2%
Casual	1-49 times		2,262	2,379	2,542	2,926	15.1%	
Regular	50-99 times		822	804	766	910	18.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		982	700	713	978	37.2%	
CORE	50+ times		1,804	1,504	1,479	1,888	27.7%	

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Team Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Ice Hockey</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,432	1,840	1,902	2,134	2,145	0.5%	-11.8%
Casual	1-12 times		558	889	946	1,066	12.7%	
Regular	13-24 times		254	213	307	227	-26.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,028	800	881	853	-3.2%	
CORE	13+ times		1,282	1,014	1,188	1,080	-9.1%	
<b>Lacrosse</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	518	1,058	1,127	1,197	1,648	37.7%	218.1%
Casual	1-12 times		349	562	523	751	43.6%	
Regular	13-24 times		127	183	102	198	94.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		582	382	572	699	22.2%	
CORE	13+ times		709	565	674	897	33.1%	
<b>Paintball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,615	5,476	4,857	4,552	3,655	-19.7%	1.1%
Casual	1-7 times		3,195	2,929	2,842	2,635	-7.3%	
Regular	8-14 times		735	785	800	363	-54.6%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,546	1,143	910	657	-27.8%	
CORE	8+ times		2,281	1,929	1,710	1,020	-40.4%	
<b>Roller Hockey</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,888	1,681	1,456	1,397	1,350	-3.4%	-65.3%
Casual	1-12 times		950	968	836	1,015	21.4%	
Regular	13-24 times		187	109	178	42	-76.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		544	379	383	293	-23.5%	
CORE	13+ times		731	488	561	335	-40.3%	
<b>Rugby</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		617	690	750	1,130	50.7%	
Casual	1-7 times		301	401	440	757	72.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		71	50	102	81	-20.6%	
Frequent	15+ times		245	239	208	292	40.4%	
CORE	8+ times		316	289	310	373	20.3%	
<b>Soccer (Indoor)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,237	4,737	4,913	4,927	0.3%	
Casual	1-12 times		1,866	2,099	2,002	2,309	15.3%	
Regular	13-24 times		805	847	1,046	825	-21.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,566	1,791	1,865	1,793	-3.9%	
CORE	13+ times		2,371	2,638	2,911	2,618	-10.1%	
<b>Soccer (Outdoor)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		13,708	14,223	13,691	14,075	2.8%	
Casual	1-25 times		7,342	7,742	7,347	7,488	1.9%	
Regular	26-51 times		3,536	3,647	3,376	3,544	5.0%	
Frequent	52+ times		2,830	2,834	2,968	3,043	2.5%	
CORE	26+ times		6,366	6,481	6,344	6,587	3.8%	
<b>Softball (Fast Pitch)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,693	2,345	2,316	2,636	2,389	-9.4%	-11.3%
Casual	1-25 times		1,013	1,096	1,236	1,397	13.0%	
Regular	26-51 times		570	528	581	463	-20.3%	
Frequent	52+ times		762	692	819	530	-35.3%	
CORE	26+ times		1,332	1,220	1,400	993	-29.1%	

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<b>Softball (Slow-Pitch)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	13,577	9,485	9,835	8,525	8,429	-1.1%	<b>-37.9%</b>
Casual	1-12 times		3,415	3,929	3,388	3,597	6.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		2,121	2,104	1,898	1,799	-5.2%	
Frequent	25+ times		3,949	3,802	3,239	3,033	-6.4%	
CORE	13+ times		6,070	5,906	5,137	4,832	-5.9%	
<b>Track and Field</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,691	4,516	4,443	4,322	-2.7%	
Casual	1-25 times		1,977	2,204	2,145	1,869	-12.9%	
Regular	26-51 times		1,152	1,045	1,049	1,011	-3.6%	
Frequent	52+ times		1,562	1,267	1,249	1,442	15.5%	
CORE	26+ times		2,714	2,312	2,298	2,453	6.7%	
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,038	4,879	4,392	4,749	8.1%	
Casual	1-12 times		2,720	3,520	3,119	3,230	3.6%	
Regular	13-24 times		470	464	444	615	38.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		848	895	829	903	8.9%	
CORE	13+ times		1,318	1,359	1,273	1,518	19.2%	
<b>Volleyball (Beach)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	5,248	3,878	4,171	4,476	5,028	<b>12.3%</b>	-4.2%
Casual	1-12 times		2,439	3,091	3,215	3,529	9.8%	
Regular	13-24 times		625	430	549	617	12.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		814	651	712	883	24.0%	
CORE	13+ times		1,330	1,080	1,261	1,500	19.0%	
<b>Volleyball (Court)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,986	8,190	7,283	7,346	0.9%	
Casual	1-12 times		2,930	3,491	3,297	3,224	-2.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,182	1,206	1,115	1,129	1.3%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,874	3,493	2,871	2,994	4.3%	
CORE	13+ times		4,056	4,699	3,986	4,123	3.4%	
<b>Volleyball (Grass)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,940	5,086	4,853	4,574	-5.7%	
Casual	1-12 times		3,280	3,840	3,558	3,160	-11.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		771	407	586	443	-24.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		889	839	709	971	<b>37.0%</b>	
CORE	13+ times		1,660	1,246	1,295	1,414	9.2%	
<b>Wrestling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,743	3,313	3,358	2,982	2,089	<b>-29.9%</b>	<b>-44.2%</b>
Casual	1-25 times		1,736	1,877	1,756	967	<b>-44.9%</b>	
Regular	26-51 times		596	656	457	481	5.3%	
Frequent	52+ times		981	825	769	641	-16.6%	
CORE	26+ times		1,458	1,481	1,226	1,122	-8.5%	

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Outdoor Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Backpacking Overnight - More Than 1/4 Mile From Vehicle/Home</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,637	7,867	7,647	8,349	9.2%	
<b>Bicycling - BMX</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,213	1,887	1,904	1,811	2,369	30.8%	-26.3%
Casual	1-12 times		750	761	724	1,006	39.0%	
Regular	13-24 times		169	294	143	185	29.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		968	849	944	1,179	24.9%	
CORE	13+ times		1,137	1,143	1,087	1,364	25.5%	
<b>Bicycling (Mountain/Non-Paved Surface)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,892	7,592	7,142	7,161	0.3%	
Casual	1-12 times		3,051	3,491	3,296	3,476	5.5%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,003	1,274	1,015	1,141	12.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,838	2,827	2,831	2,422	-14.4%	
CORE	13+ times		3,841	4,101	3,846	3,563	-7.4%	
<b>Bicycling (Road/paved surface)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		38,940	38,114	40,140	39,320	-2.0%	
Casual	1-25 times		17,789	18,164	18,906	19,025	0.6%	
Regular	26-51 times		8,669	8,456	8,991	8,716	-3.1%	
Frequent	52+ times		12,482	11,494	12,243	11,505	-6.0%	
CORE	26+ times		21,151	19,950	21,234	20,221	-4.8%	
<b>Birdwatching More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		13,476	14,399	13,294	13,339	0.3%	
<b>Camping (Recreational vehicle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	17,893	16,168	16,517	17,436	15,865	-9.0%	-11.3%
Casual	1-7 times		7,942	8,019	8,782	8,146	-7.2%	
Regular	8-14 times		3,032	3,476	3,356	2,875	-14.3%	
Frequent	15+ times		5,194	5,022	5,298	4,845	-8.6%	
CORE	8+ times		8,226	8,498	8,654	7,720	-10.8%	
<b>Camping Within 1/4 Mile of Vehicle/Home</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		31,375	33,686	34,338	30,996	-9.7%	
<b>Climbing (Sport/Indoor/Boulder)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,514	4,769	4,313	4,770	10.6%	
<b>Climbing (Traditional/Ice/Mountaineering)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,062	2,288	1,835	2,198	19.8%	
<b>Fishing (Fly)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,717	5,756	5,941	5,568	5,478	-1.6%	-18.4%
Casual	1-7 times		2,923	3,113	3,084	2,960	-4.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		975	1,167	969	953	-1.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,858	1,661	1,515	1,565	3.3%	
CORE	8+ times		2,833	2,828	2,484	2,518	1.4%	
<b>Fishing (Freshwater-Other)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	43,696	43,859	40,331	40,961	38,860	-5.1%	-11.1%
Casual	1-7 times		20,145	18,916	20,082	19,071	-5.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		8,262	7,387	7,454	7,246	-2.8%	
Frequent	15+ times		15,452	14,028	13,425	12,543	-6.6%	
CORE	8+ times		23,714	21,415	20,879	19,789	-5.2%	
<b>Fishing (Saltwater)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	14,739	14,437	13,804	12,303	11,809	-4.0%	-19.9%
Casual	1-7 times		8,460	8,415	7,316	6,959	-4.9%	
Regular	8-14 times		2,169	2,050	1,741	1,953	12.2%	
Frequent	15+ times		3,808	3,339	3,246	2,896	-10.8%	
CORE	8+ times		5,977	5,389	4,987	4,849	-2.8%	

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Outdoor Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Hiking (Day)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	30,051	29,965	32,511	32,572	32,496	-0.2%	8.1%
<b>Hunting (Bow)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,633	3,818	3,722	4,226	3,908	-7.5%	<b>-15.6%</b>
Casual	1-7 times		1,718	1,742	2,133	1,810	<b>-15.1%</b>	
Regular	8-14 times		596	655	784	929	18.5%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,504	1,325	1,309	1,169	-10.7%	
CORE	8+ times		2,100	1,980	2,093	2,098	0.2%	
<b>Hunting (Handgun)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,595	2,873	2,276	2,709	<b>19.0%</b>	
Casual	1-7 times		1,572	1,776	1,451	1,710	17.8%	
Regular	8-14 times		449	495	306	499	<b>63.1%</b>	
Frequent	15+ times		574	602	519	500	-3.7%	
CORE	8+ times		1,023	1,097	825	999	21.1%	
<b>Hunting (Rifle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		10,635	10,344	11,114	10,150	<b>-8.7%</b>	
Casual	1-12 times		6,960	6,958	8,056	7,296	<b>-9.4%</b>	
Regular	13-24 times		1,742	1,848	1,712	1,544	-9.8%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,933	1,538	1,346	1,309	-2.7%	
CORE	13+ times		3,675	3,385	3,058	2,853	-6.7%	
<b>Hunting (Shotgun)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		8,545	8,731	8,490	8,062	-5.0%	
Casual	1-7 times		4,171	4,473	4,767	4,210	<b>-11.7%</b>	
Regular	8-14 times		1,797	1,835	1,635	1,788	9.4%	
Frequent	15+ times		2,577	2,423	2,088	2,064	-1.1%	
CORE	8+ times		4,374	4,258	3,723	3,852	3.5%	
<b>Shooting (Sport Clays)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,437	4,115	4,282	4,182	4,399	5.2%	-0.9%
Casual	1-7 times		2,596	2,773	2,674	2,941	10.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		525	652	546	728	33.3%	
Frequent	15+ times		994	857	962	731	<b>-24.0%</b>	
CORE	8+ times		1,519	1,509	1,508	1,459	-3.2%	
<b>Shooting (Trap/Skeet)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,416	3,376	3,669	3,368	3,610	7.2%	5.7%
Casual	1-7 times		2,051	2,212	2,171	2,414	11.2%	
Regular	8-14 times		462	611	421	501	19.0%	
Frequent	15+ times		863	846	776	695	-10.4%	
CORE	8+ times		1,325	1,457	1,197	1,196	-0.1%	
<b>Target Shooting (Handgun)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		11,736	13,365	12,473	12,497	0.2%	
Casual	1-7 times		6,222	7,305	7,253	7,437	2.5%	
Regular	8-14 times		2,090	2,342	1,886	1,924	2.0%	
Frequent	15+ times		3,424	3,718	3,334	3,136	-5.9%	
CORE	8+ times		5,514	6,060	5,220	5,060	-3.1%	
<b>Target Shooting (Rifle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,022	12,436	13,102	12,730	12,544	-1.5%	<b>25.2%</b>
Casual	1-7 times		6,743	7,399	7,530	7,678	2.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		2,097	2,057	1,854	1,952	5.3%	
Frequent	15+ times		3,596	3,646	3,346	2,914	<b>-12.9%</b>	
CORE	8+ times		5,693	5,704	5,200	4,866	-6.4%	
<b>Wildlife Viewing More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		22,974	24,113	21,291	21,025	-1.2%	

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Winter Sports	Definition		2006/2007 season	2007/2008 season	2008/2009 season	2009/2010 season	1 year change	3 year change
<b>Skiing (Alpine/Downhill)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		10,362	10,346	10,919	11,504	5.4%	11.0%
<b>Skiing (Cross-country)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		3,530	3,848	4,157	4,530	9.0%	28.3%
<b>Skiing (Freestyle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,817	2,711	2,950	3,647	23.6%	29.5%
<b>Snowboarding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,841	7,159	7,421	8,196	10.4%	19.8%
<b>Snowmobiling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,811	4,660	4,798	5,116	6.6%	6.3%
Casual	1-7 times		2,814	2,917	2,995	3,177	6.1%	12.9%
Regular	8-14 times		799	541	861	709	-17.7%	-11.2%
Frequent	15+ times		1,198	1,202	942	1,230	30.6%	2.7%
CORE	8+ times		1,997	1,743	1,803	1,939	7.5%	-2.9%
<b>Snowshoeing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,400	2,922	3,431	3,823	11.4%	59.3%
<b>Telemarking (Downhill)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,173	1,435	1,482	1,821	22.9%	55.2%

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Water Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Boardsailing/Windsurfing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	1,739	1,118	1,307	1,128	1,617	43.4%	-7.0%
Casual	1-7 times		796	969	864	1,027	18.9%	
Regular	8-14 times		121	122	112	320	185.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		201	216	152	271	78.3%	
CORE	8+ times		322	339	264	591	123.9%	
<b>Canoeing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,880	9,797	9,935	10,058	10,553	4.9%	-3.0%
<b>Jet Skiing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,475	8,055	7,815	7,724	7,753	0.4%	-18.2%
Casual	1-7 times		4,919	5,135	5,140	5,265	2.4%	
Regular	8-14 times		1,217	1,037	1,116	1,078	-3.4%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,919	1,643	1,468	1,409	-4.0%	
CORE	8+ times		2,727	2,680	2,584	2,487	-3.8%	
<b>Kayaking (Recreational)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		5,070	6,240	6,212	6,465	4.1%	
<b>Kayaking (Sea/Touring)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,485	1,780	1,771	2,144	21.1%	
<b>Kayaking (White Water)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,207	1,242	1,369	1,842	34.6%	
<b>Rafting</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	5,259	4,340	4,651	4,318	4,460	3.3%	-15.2%
<b>Sailing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,405	3,786	4,226	4,342	3,869	-10.9%	-12.2%
Casual	1-7 times		2,264	2,640	2,733	2,475	-9.4%	
Regular	8-14 times		696	633	666	555	-16.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		826	953	943	839	-11.0%	
CORE	8+ times		1,421	1,586	1,609	1,394	-13.4%	

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<b>Scuba Diving</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,305	2,965	3,216	2,723	3,153	15.8%	-26.8%
Casual	1-7 times		1,947	2,183	1,847	2,180	18.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		445	542	386	489	26.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		573	491	490	485	-1.0%	
CORE	8+ times		1,018	1,033	876	974	11.2%	
<b>Snorkeling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,302	9,294	10,296	9,358	9,305	-0.6%	-9.7%
Casual	1-7 times		7,168	7,968	7,464	7,194	-3.6%	
Regular	8-14 times		1,142	1,232	1,106	1,201	8.6%	
Frequent	15+ times		984	1,096	788	911	15.6%	
CORE	8+ times		1,919	2,328	1,894	2,112	11.5%	
<b>Stand-Up Paddling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					1,050		
Casual	1-7 times					819		
Regular	8-14 times					121		
Frequent	15+ times					109		
CORE	8+ times					230		
<b>Surfing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,191	2,206	2,607	2,403	2,767	15.1%	26.3%
Casual	1-7 times		1,256	1,559	1,298	1,548	19.3%	
Regular	8-14 times		402	263	398	482	21.1%	
Frequent	15+ times		548	785	707	737	4.2%	
CORE	8+ times		950	1,048	1,105	1,219	10.3%	
<b>Wakeboarding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,558	3,521	3,544	3,577	3,645	1.9%	-20.0%
Casual	1-7 times		2,405	2,413	2,423	2,500	3.2%	
Regular	8-14 times		451	537	530	569	7.4%	
Frequent	15+ times		665	594	624	577	-7.5%	
CORE	8+ times		1,116	1,131	1,154	1,146	-0.7%	
<b>Water Skiing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,765	5,918	5,593	4,862	4,836	-0.5%	-44.8%
Casual	1-7 times		3,811	3,781	3,308	3,248	-1.8%	
Regular	8-14 times		805	845	756	838	10.8%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,302	967	798	749	-6.1%	
CORE	8+ times		2,107	1,812	1,554	1,587	2.1%	

All participation figures are in 000s for the US population ages 6 and over



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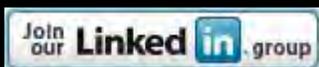
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## The SGMA Survey Says 'Social Networking' Has Significant Impact on Sports Participation

Date: 4/13/11

### 'Generation Y' Is Most Active Part of Population

**SILVER SPRING, MD – April 15, 2011** – 'Social networking' is having a major impact on sports participation patterns in the U.S. – particularly for those aged 12 to 30 ('Generation Y'). According to the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association's (SGMA) *Sports & Fitness Participation Topline Report* (2011 edition), the approach of 'Generation Y' toward athletic activity and exercise is changing because of the influences of Twitter, Texting, Facebook, and YouTube.

### The True Impact of 'Generation Y'

In all areas of exercise, those who are 'Generation Y' (born between 1980 and 1999) outnumber both the 'Baby Boomers' (born between 1945 and 1964) and 'Generation X' (born between 1965 and 1979) in every area of sports participation – individual sports, racquet sports, team sports, outdoor sports, winter sports, water sports, and fitness sports. The most popular category for 'Generation Y' is fitness sports where 51.3 million of them are engaged in some type of fitness-oriented pursuit. Those in the 'Generation Y' segment of the population have the strongest 'social' mindset which is influencing what they do with their free time. As a result of their strong 'social' attitudes, the 'Generation Y' portion of the population is strongly gravitating toward group exercise.

"The 'social' mindset of 'Generation Y' is the reason why health club memberships are picking up and group-oriented exercise classes are gaining in popularity. 'Generation Y' enjoys working out and exercising with friends, whereas 'Generation X' has been focused more on individual pursuits," said SGMA President/CEO Tom Cove. "For 'Generation Y,' it's as much about the socialization as it is the perspiration."

Since 2009, a few group exercise activities have experienced double-digit gains in overall participation. This growth has been affected by the 'Generation Y' philosophy on exercise:

Group Exercise Activities Showcasing Increases in 'Overall' Participation Since 2009:

- 1.) Group Cycling – up 29.9%
- 2.) Cardio Tennis – up 27.7%
- 3.) High Impact Aerobics – up 19.6%

### Team Sports News

In team sports, there is good news to report. Many traditional endeavors such as outdoor soccer, indoor soccer, tackle football, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, and court volleyball have experienced small degrees of growth in 'overall' participation since 2009 – reversing a recent trend in the other direction. The other good news on team sports is that 'overall' participation in some 'niche' team sports activities has showcased dramatic increases since 2009, such as rugby – up 50.7%, lacrosse – up 37.7%, field hockey – up 21.8%, and beach volleyball – up 12.3%. After analyzing team sports participation patterns at the 'core' level, four team sports have had double-digit percentage increases in participation since 2009. They are lacrosse (13+ times/year....up 33.1%), rugby (8+ times/year..... up 20.3%), ultimate frisbee (13+ times/year....up 19.2%), and beach volleyball (13+ times/year.....up 18.9%).

### Endurance Activities

There are two other sports which have risen in popularity: (1) triathlon and (2) adventure racing. Since 2009, 'overall' participation in traditional triathlons is up 63.7%, up 39.5% in non-traditional triathlons, and up 23% in adventure racing. Those who have made a commitment to triathlons and adventure racing are doing so for fitness, fun, and the thrill of the finish.

"It appears that this trend is tied to a basic desire to belong to a group and identify with a team or club," said Steve Furniss, founder of TYR Sport, a manufacturer of products and accessories for swimming and endurance sports. "The triathlon is unique in its ability to couple a person's fitness routine with a strong sense of community and social interaction, particularly for those not inclined to traditional sports. Other appeal factors include the fact that it is an adult sport, it appeals to both genders, it offers training diversity (swimming, cycling and running) and has the cachet of being the latest 'Everest' fitness endeavor, much like accomplishing a marathon was for many in the 1970s and 1980s. However, unlike a marathon, triathlons and adventure racing have so many formats that it can encompass a greater participant base. At the end of the day, triathlons and adventure racing offer social interaction and a sense of community while providing the ability to stay fit. That's a powerful formula."

### America's Top Ten Sports & Fitness Activities

The most popular sports and activities in the U.S. – as measured by people who participate at least once a year in any given activity, i.e. 'overall' participation – have a strong focus on fitness as seven out of the top ten activities are fitness-related:

RANK	ACTIVITY	# of PARTICIPANTS
1	Walking for Fitness	114.1 million
2	Bowling	55.9 million
3	Treadmill	53.1 million
4	Running/Jogging	49.4 million
5	Hand Weights	45.9 million
6	Billiards/Pool	39.4 million
7	Bicycling	39.3 million
8	Freshwater Fishing	38.9 million
9	Weight/Resistance Machines	38.6 million
10	Dumbbells	37.4 million

Finally, in a survey of non sports participants, they were asked which sports they would be most interested in participating.....and swimming and weight training were most frequently mentioned.

This year's *Sports & Fitness Participation Topline Report* has overall participation figures for 119 sports in 14 different categories (fitness activities, equipment exercise, team sports, racquet sports, outdoor activities, fishing, winter sports, personal contact sports, indoor sports, wheeled sports, hunting, shooting sports, water sports, and other sports/activities). Copies of the *Sports & Fitness Participation Topline Report* (2011 edition) are available from [www.sgma.com](http://www.sgma.com).

This year's study has been done as a joint effort of The Physical Activity Council, a collaboration of sports associations that have been doing participation research separately for a number of years: Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, Tennis Industry Association, National Golf Foundation, IHRSA, Snowsports Industries America, The Outdoor Foundation, and the United States Tennis Association.

The Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA), the #1 source for sport and fitness research, is the leading global trade association of manufacturers, retailers, and marketers in the sports products industry. SGMA helps lead the sports and fitness industries by fostering participation through research, thought leadership, product promotion, and public policy. More information about SGMA membership and SGMA's National Health Through Fitness Day can be found at [www.SGMA.com](http://www.SGMA.com).

# **Appendix B**

## *Public Input Documentation*

<b>PRESS RELEASE</b>
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## **Davison Area Offers Online Input Survey for Recreation Plan**

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*Davison* — The Davison Area, which includes the Davison Community Schools, the City of Davison, Davison Township and Richfield Township, want to hear input from the community as part of the update to the community's 5-Year Recreation Plan. We are launching a survey that is accessible online at [www.davisonsurvey.com](http://www.davisonsurvey.com). The survey is brief and should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Those who live, work, and go to school in the Davison area, as well as other interested parties, are highly encouraged to take the survey. Input from the Davison Area community will be a critical factor to the success of this recreation planning effort. The online survey will be available until May 1, 2014.

The school district, city and townships began the process of updating the Recreation Plan earlier this year and it is expected to be complete in late 2014. The main purpose of a Recreation Plan is to guide and enable a community to establish a future direction for the development and enhancement of its parks and recreational facilities. The updated Recreation Plan will offer an inventory and evaluation of area parks and recreational facilities and goals and action items that will be used to guide future parks and recreation projects. This information is necessary to complete an area Recreation Plan, as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) guidelines for the development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

If you have questions about the Davison Community Recreation Plan, please contact Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Davison Community Schools, at [elieske@davisonschools.org](mailto:elieske@davisonschools.org).

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## Online survey available for input from Davison-area residents on five-year recreation plan

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DAVISON, MI -- Officials from the City of Davison, Davison Township, Davison Community Schools and Richfield Township area are seeking input from residents on a five-year recreation plan.

The survey, available at [www.davisonsurvey.com](http://www.davisonsurvey.com) until May 1, 2014, should take no longer than five minutes to complete, reads a press release, noting "Those who live, work, and go to school in the Davison area, as well as other interested parties, are highly encouraged to take the survey."

Having begun the plan process earlier in the year and expected to be complete by late 2014, the release states "The main purpose of a Recreation Plan is to guide and enable a community to establish a future direction for the development and enhancement of its parks and recreational facilities."

Questions in the survey include how often people have visited local parks, what types of activities they take part in, quality of parks and services, along with potential additions.

The plan is expected to offer an inventory and evaluation of local parks and recreational facilities and provide goals and action items to be used in guiding future projects in the community.

A recreation plan is required by the state Department of Natural Resources guidelines for developing community park, recreation, open space and greenway plans.

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# Davison Area Recreation Plan

## Summary of Community Input

June 16, 2014



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- Online survey with 15 questions available 03/15/2014 through 04/30/2014
- Publicity to announce community input included press release, community website, e-mail blasts, and Facebook
- 907 total responses
- 804 survey respondents (89.5%) said they were from the target communities of the City of Davison, Davison Township, and Richfield Township
- 176 survey respondents (19.4%) said they were from the City of Davison.
- Recreation Plan project also on Facebook (with 205 likes):  
<https://www.facebook.com/davisonarea>

# Davison Area Recreation Plan

## Why Develop a Recreation Plan?

- ▣ Parks are an important Quality of Life element in any community – one of the reasons that people choose to live in a particular place
- ▣ A Recreation Plan forces you to focus, reflect, and look ahead for parks and recreation in your community
- ▣ A Recreation Plan pre-qualifies you for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources!
  - ▣ **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund:** Grants up to **\$300,000.**
  - ▣ **Land and Water Conservation Fund:** Grants up to **\$100,000.**
  - ▣ **Recreation Passport Fund:** Grants up to **\$45,000.**
- ▣ A plan can be used as a gateway to many other grants as well

# Davison Area Recreation Plan

## Summary of Existing Recreational Facilities

- ❑ **Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park:** Harvey Drive and Dayton Street, [Davison, MI](#)
- ❑ **Waterworks Park:** Near Manford Ct. and Main Street, [Davison, MI](#)
- ❑ **Scofield Park:** Near Carriage Way and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, [Davison, MI](#)
- ❑ **Manford Park:** Off of Balsam Drive, [Davison, MI](#)
- ❑ **Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail:** From 1280 Irish Road, [Davison Township, MI](#), to Frank Boyce Parkway at Jack N. Abernathy Park, [Davison, MI](#)
- ❑ **M-15 Heritage Trail:** Along M-15 in [Davison](#), [Davison Township](#), and [Richfield Township](#)
- ❑ **Veterans Court of Honor Township Park:** 1280 Irish Road, [Davison Township, MI](#)
- ❑ **Lake Callis Recreation Area:** West of Jack N. Abernathy Park off of Gale Road, [Davison Township, MI](#)
- ❑ **Davison Area Senior Center:** 10135 Lapeer Road, [Davison Township, MI](#)
- ❑ **Davison Community Dog Park:** 1285 N. Gale Road, [Davison Township, MI](#)
- ❑ **The Robert R. Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center:** 10069 E. Atherton Road, [Davison Township, MI](#)
- ❑ **Zirnhelt Park / Kitchen School:** Bristol and State Road, [Davison Township, MI](#)
- ❑ **Richfield Township Park:** On the west side of M-15 between Richfield Road and Coldwater Road in [Richfield Township](#)

# Davison Area Recreation Inventory:

## Davison City and Township Parks and Recreational Facilities, 2014



### Davison Township Parks

1. Veterans Court of Honor Township Park
2. Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail
3. Davison Community Dog Park
4. Callis Lake Recreation Area
5. Davison Area Senior Center
6. The Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center
7. Zirnehl Park / Kitchen School
8. M-15 Heritage Trail

### City of Davison Parks

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13. Scofield Park

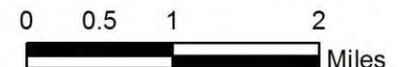
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23. Thomson Elementary



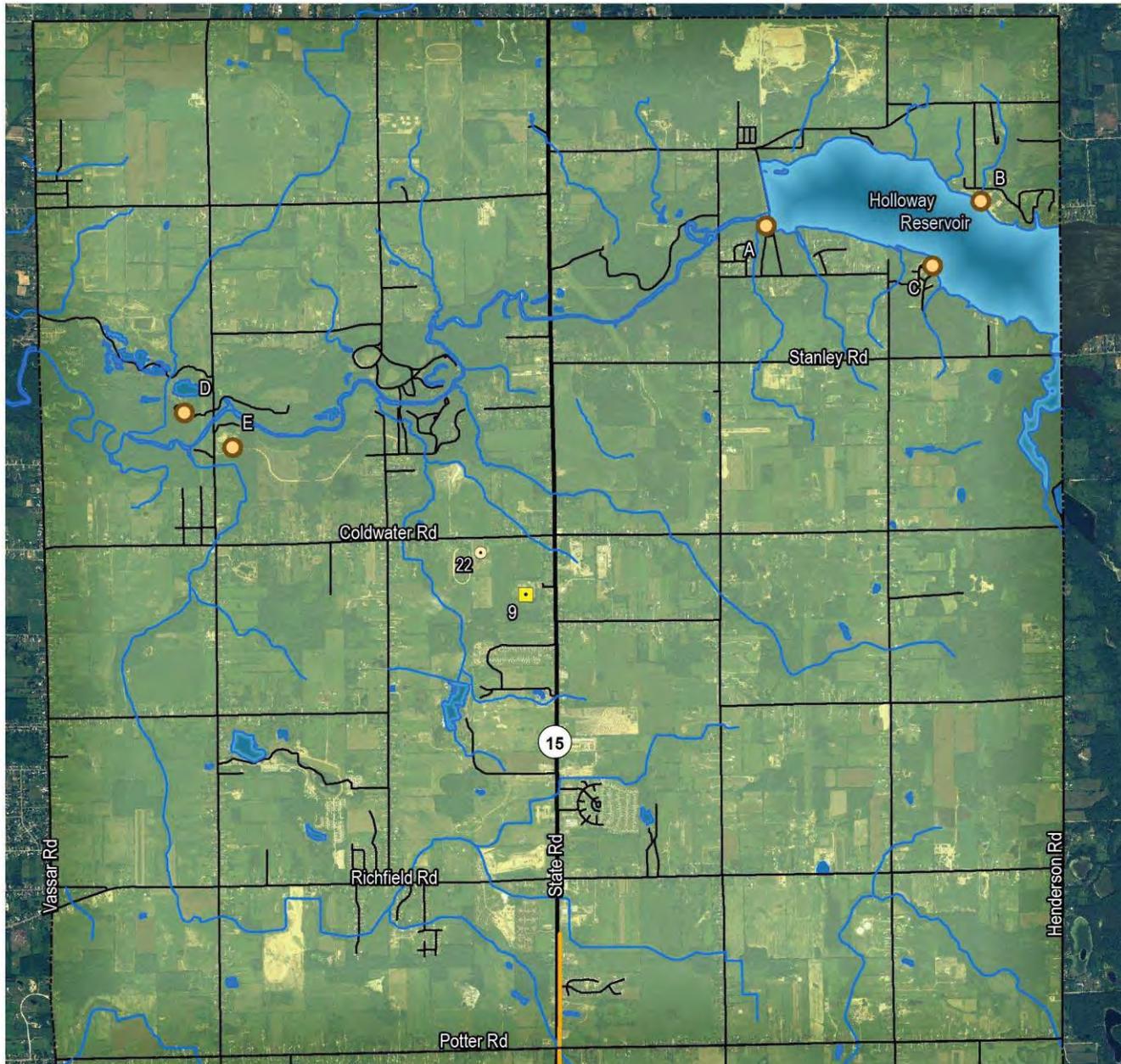
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## Genesee County and Richfield Township Parks and Recreational Facilities, 2014



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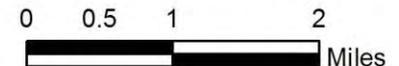
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### Genesee County Parks

- A. Holloway Dam Public Access
- B. Wolverine Campgrounds & Beach
- C. Walleye Pike Boat Launch
- D. Richfield County Park
- E. Goldenrod Disc Golf Course



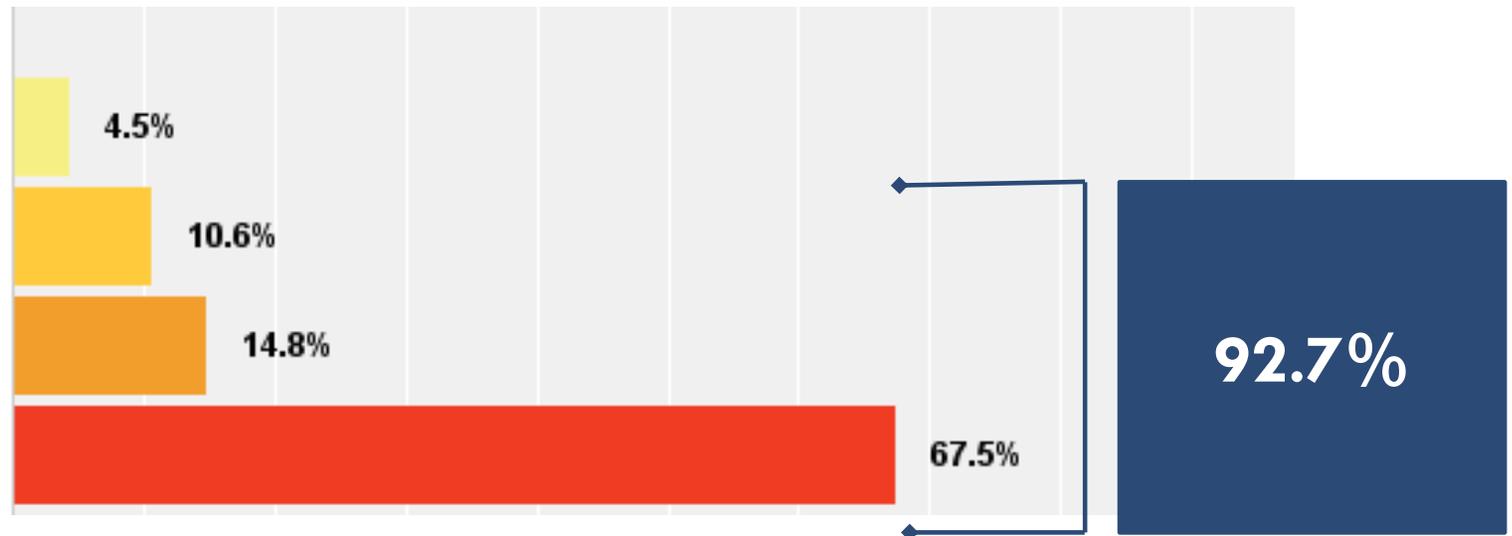
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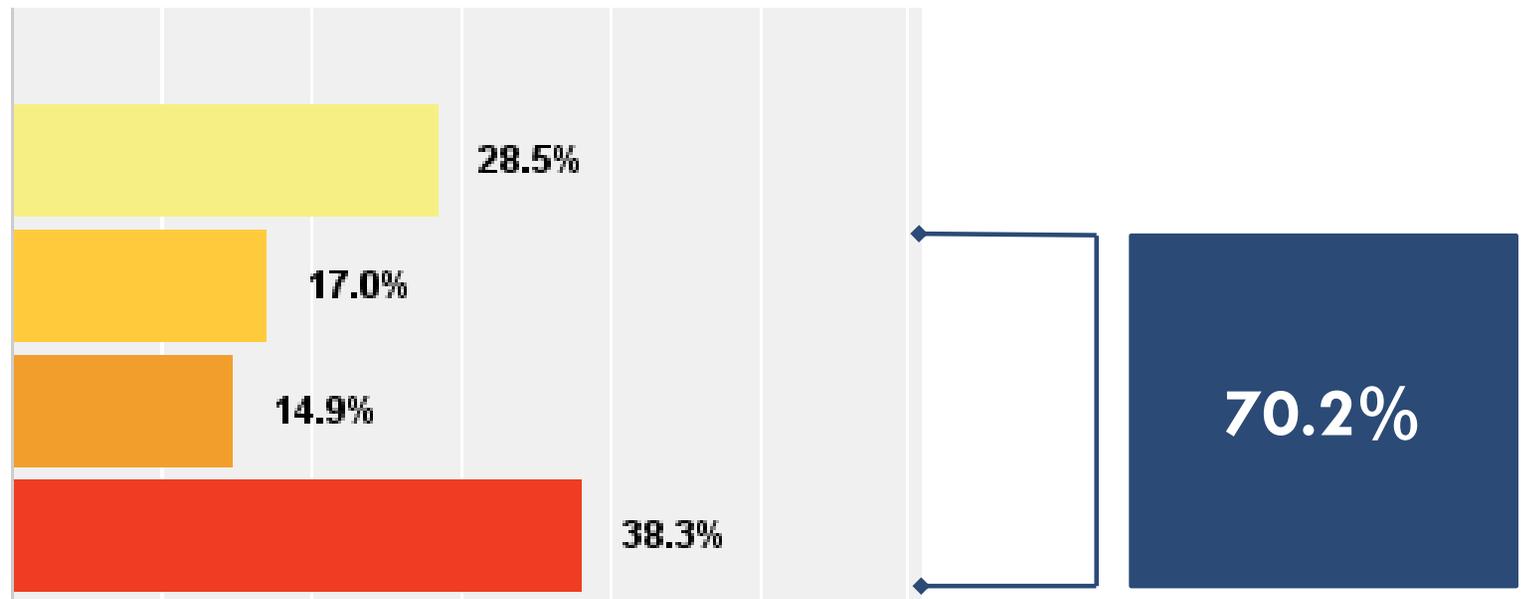


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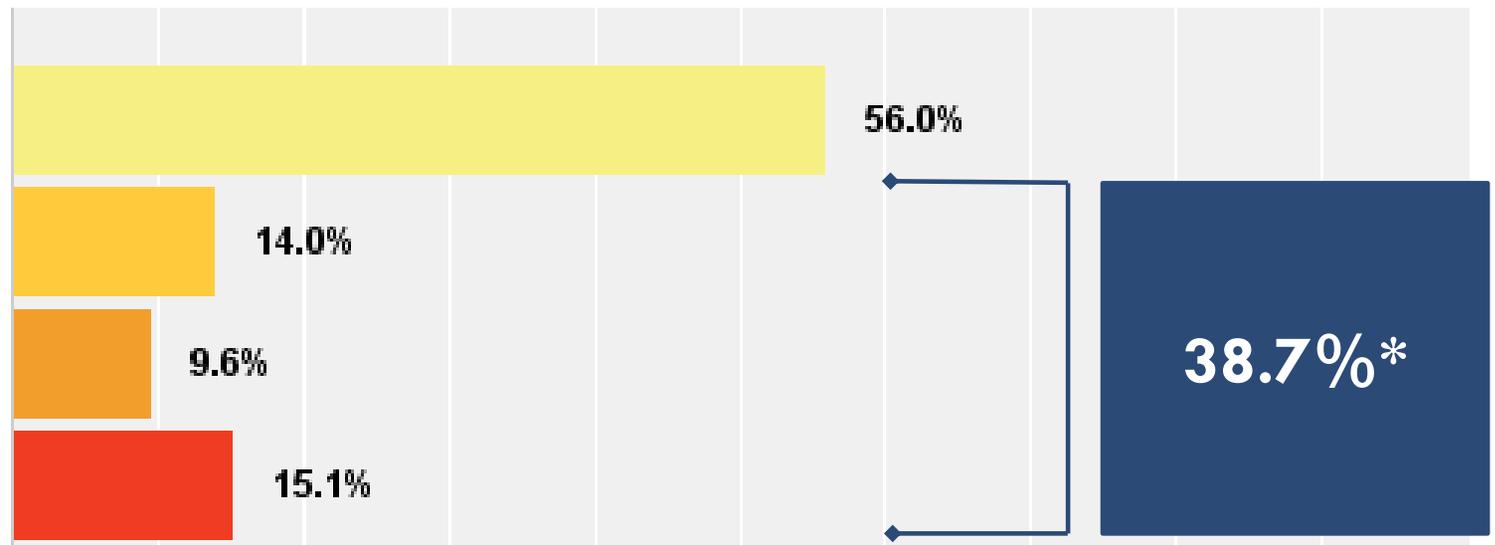


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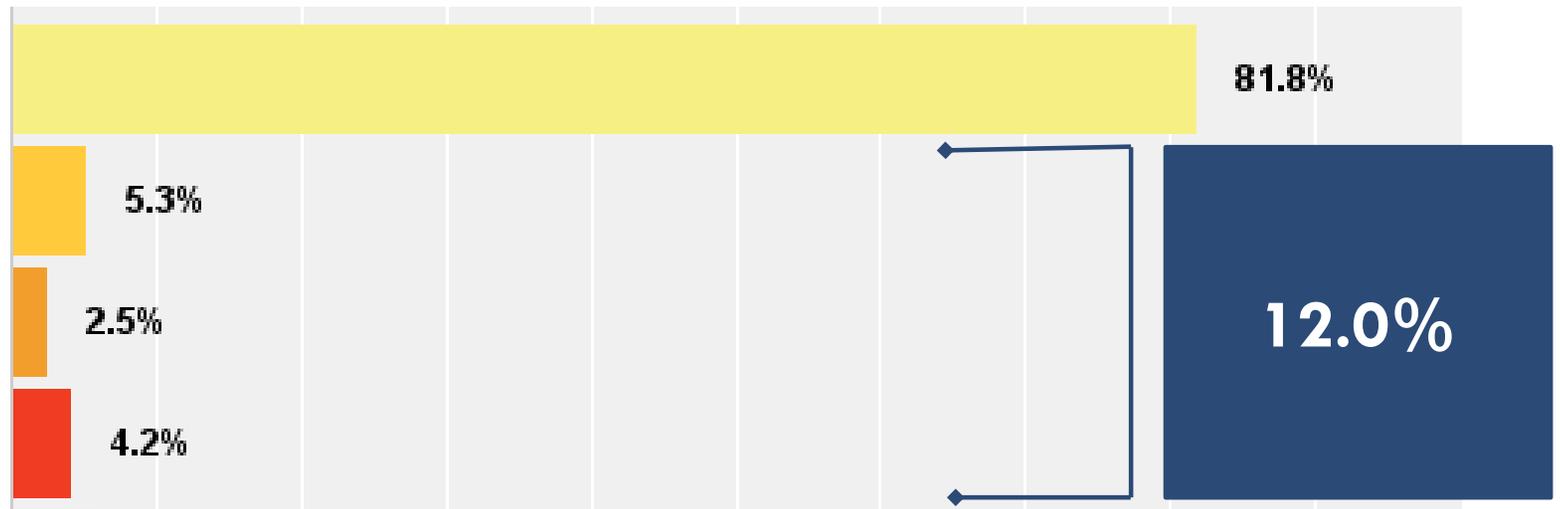
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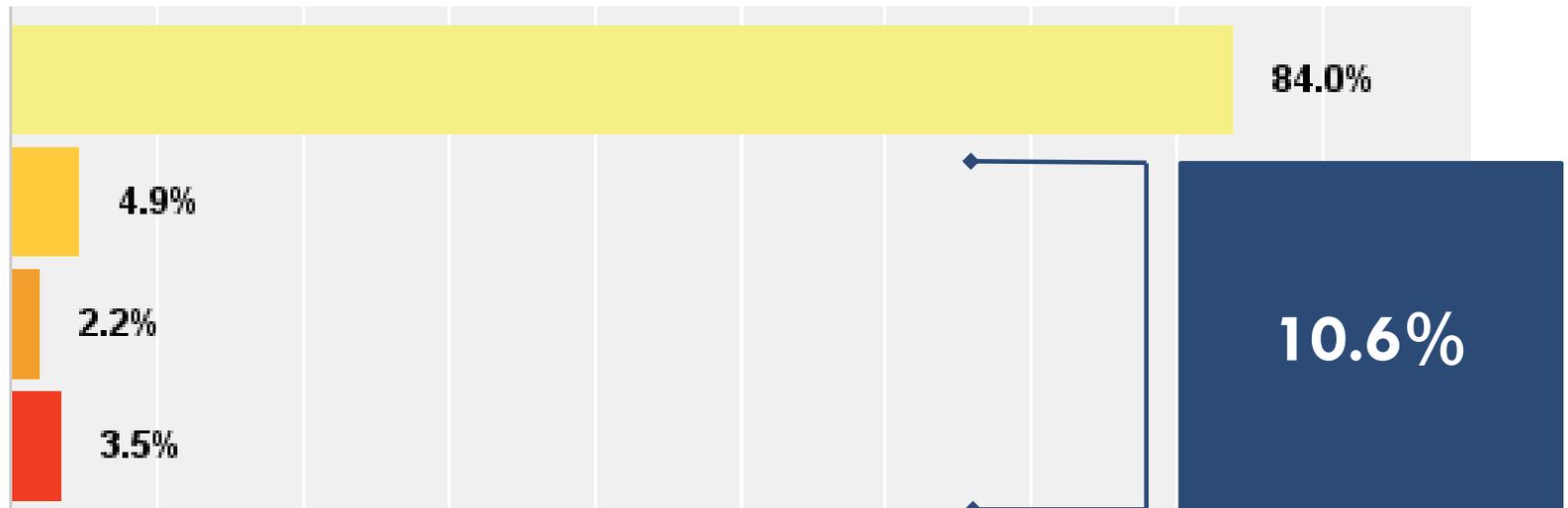


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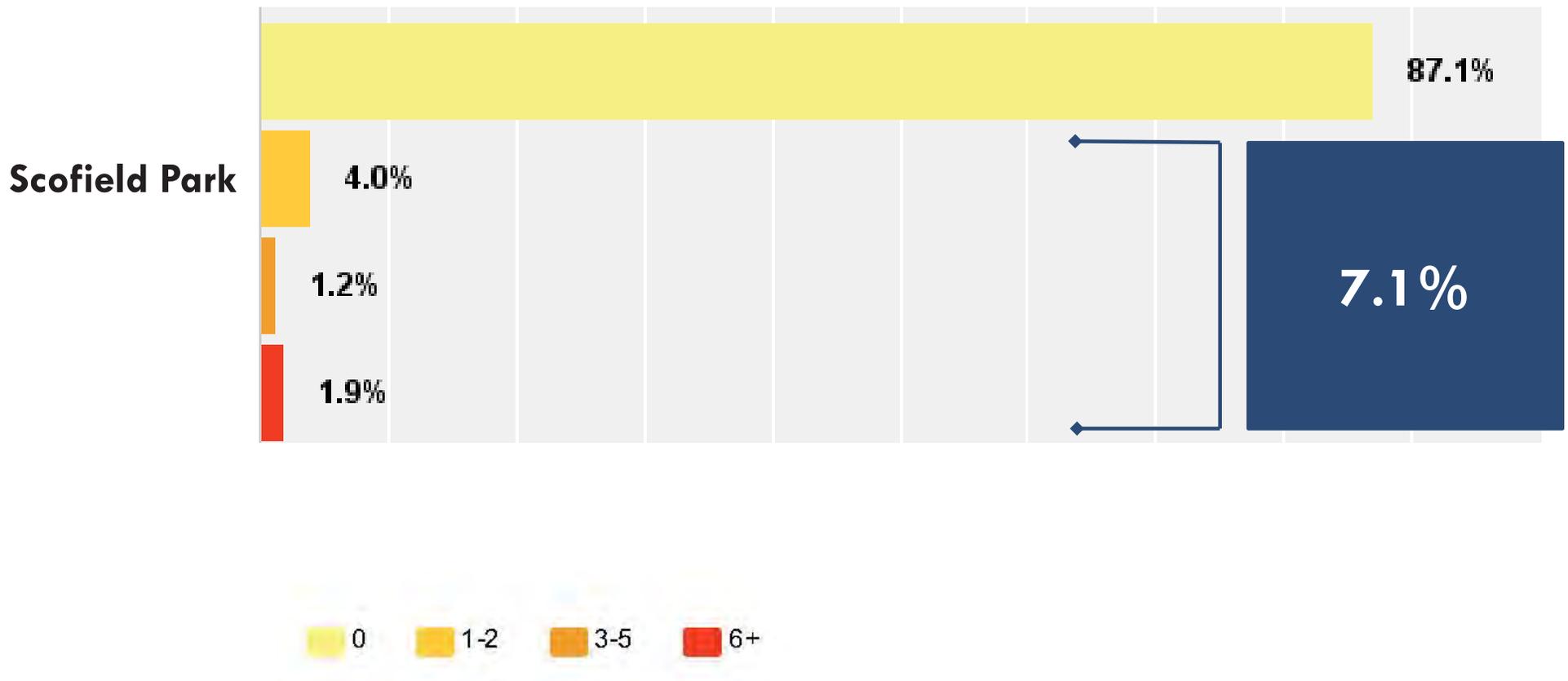
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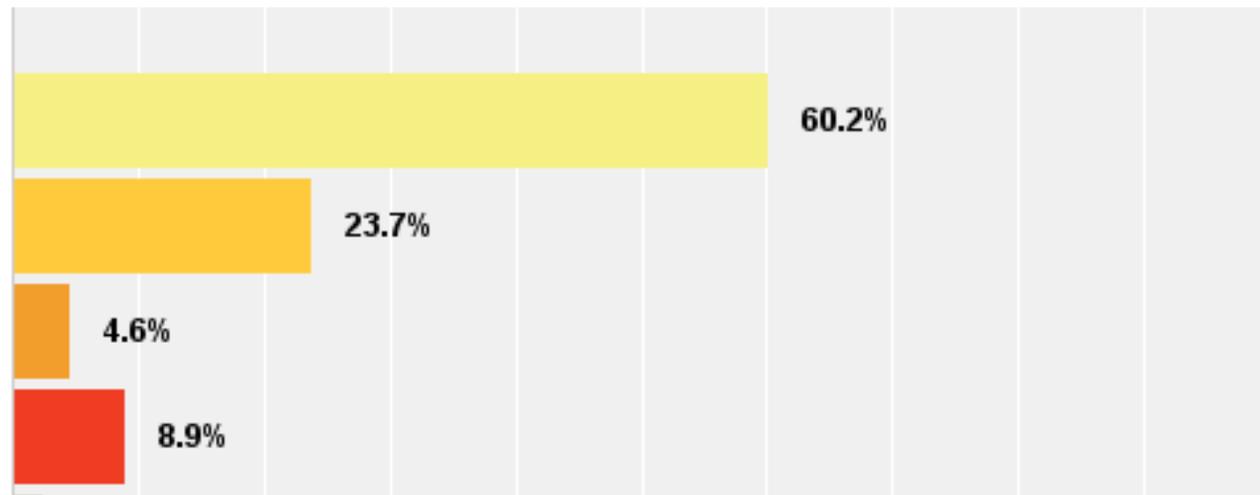
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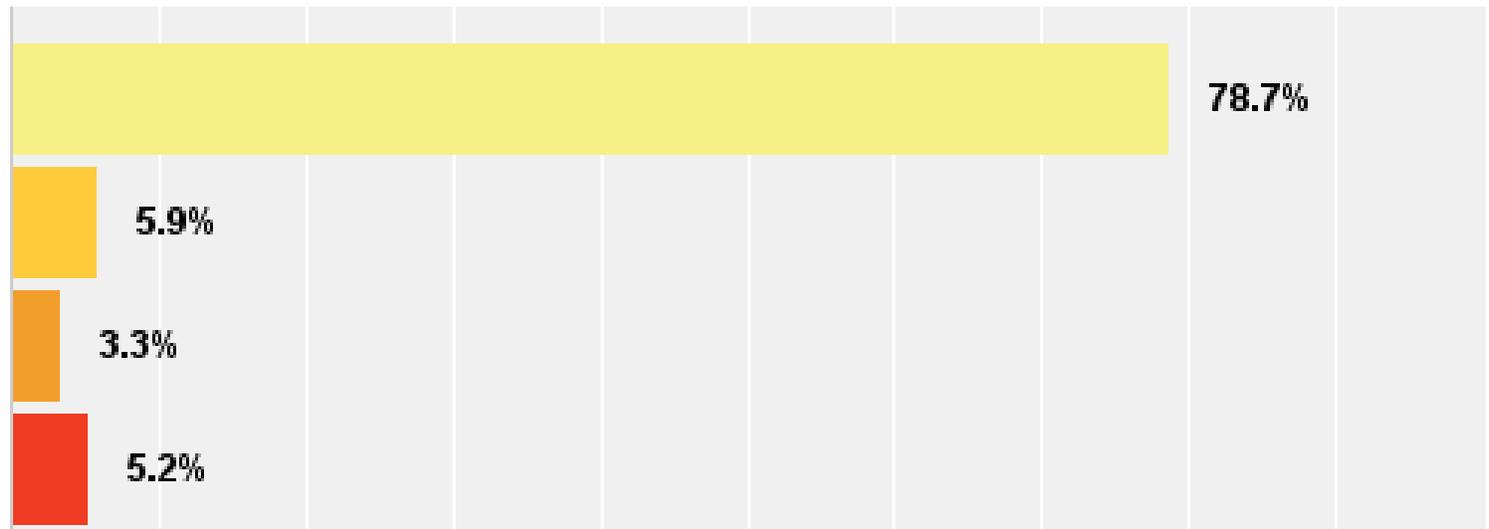


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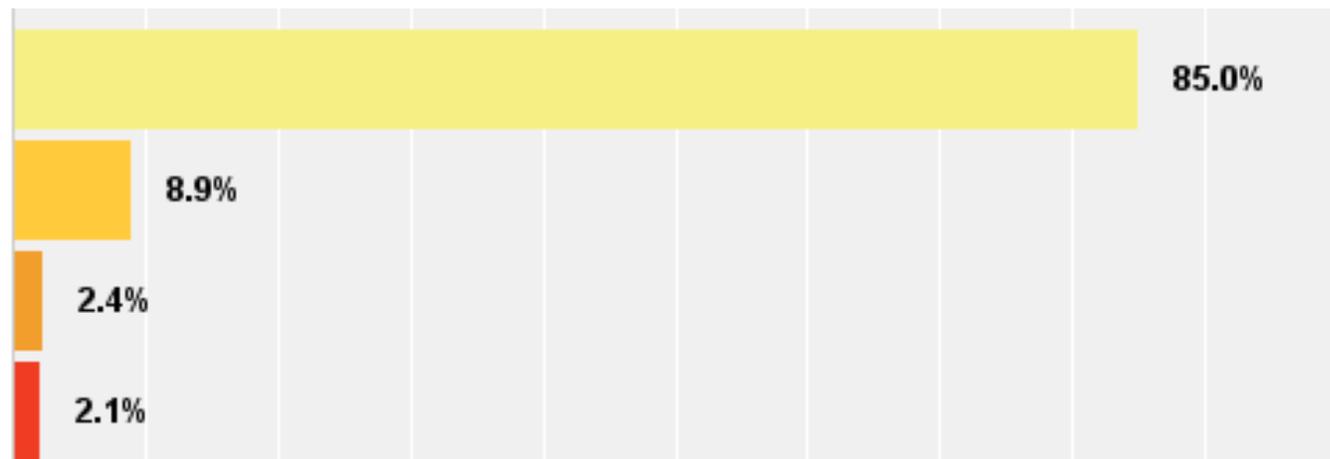


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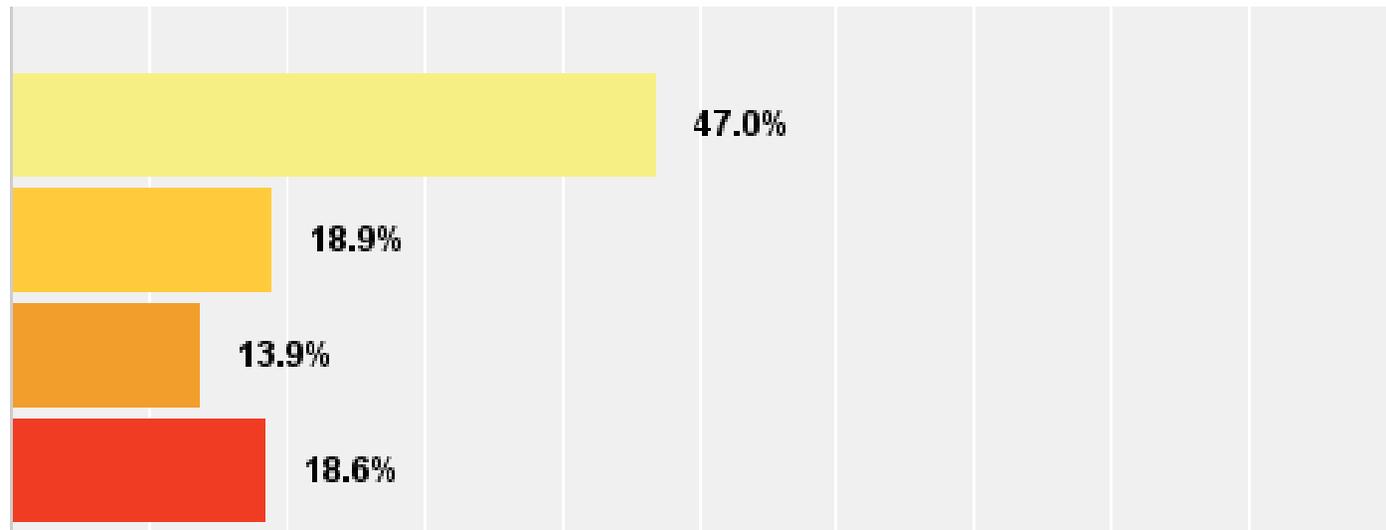


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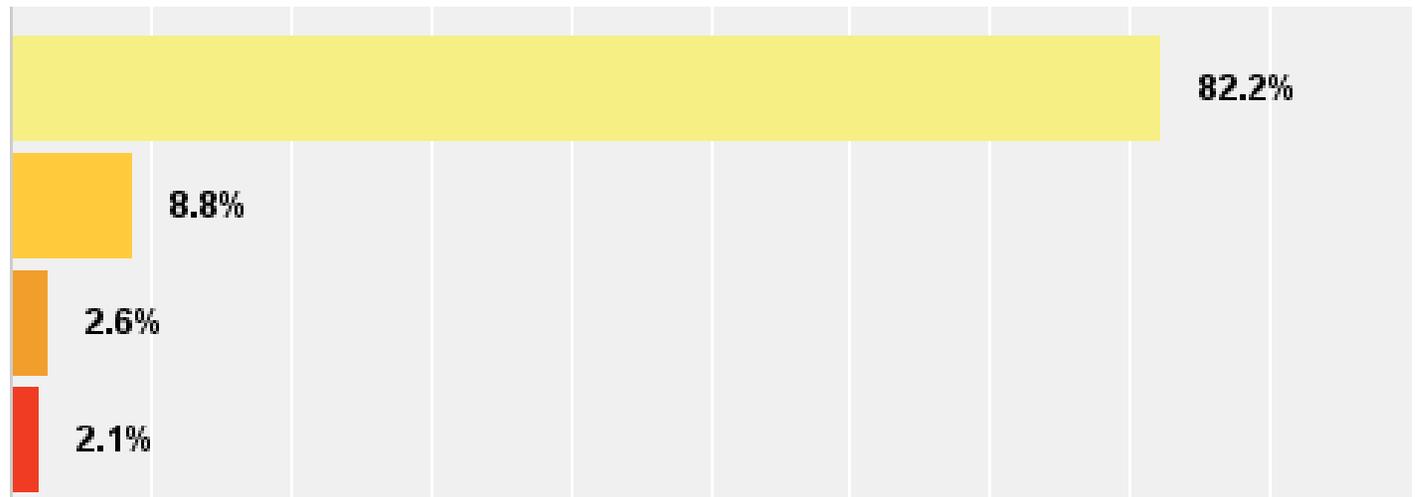
**Davison  
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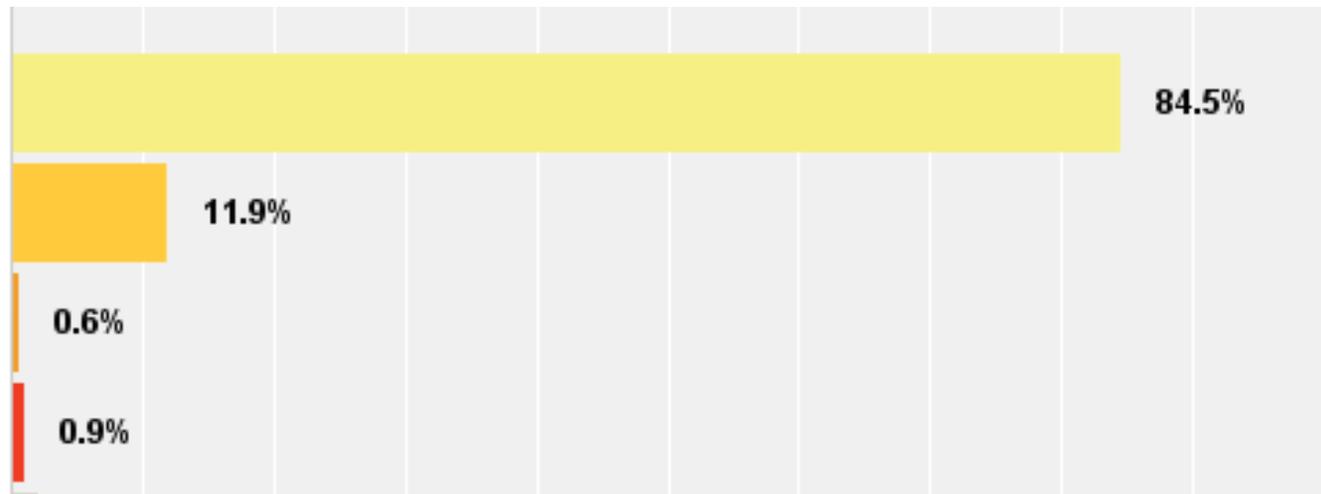


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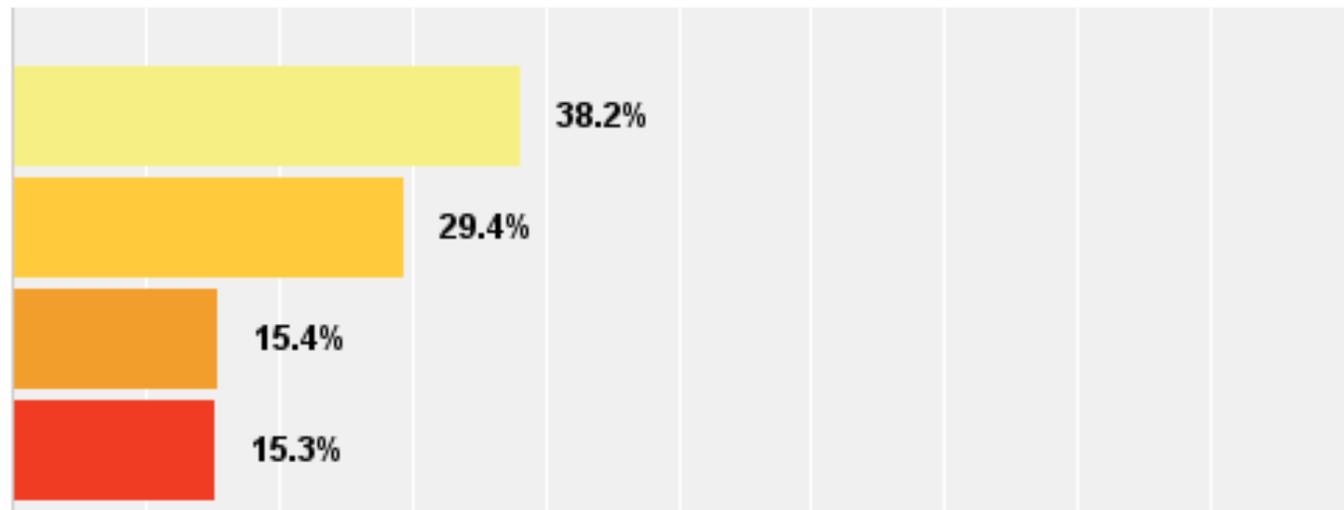


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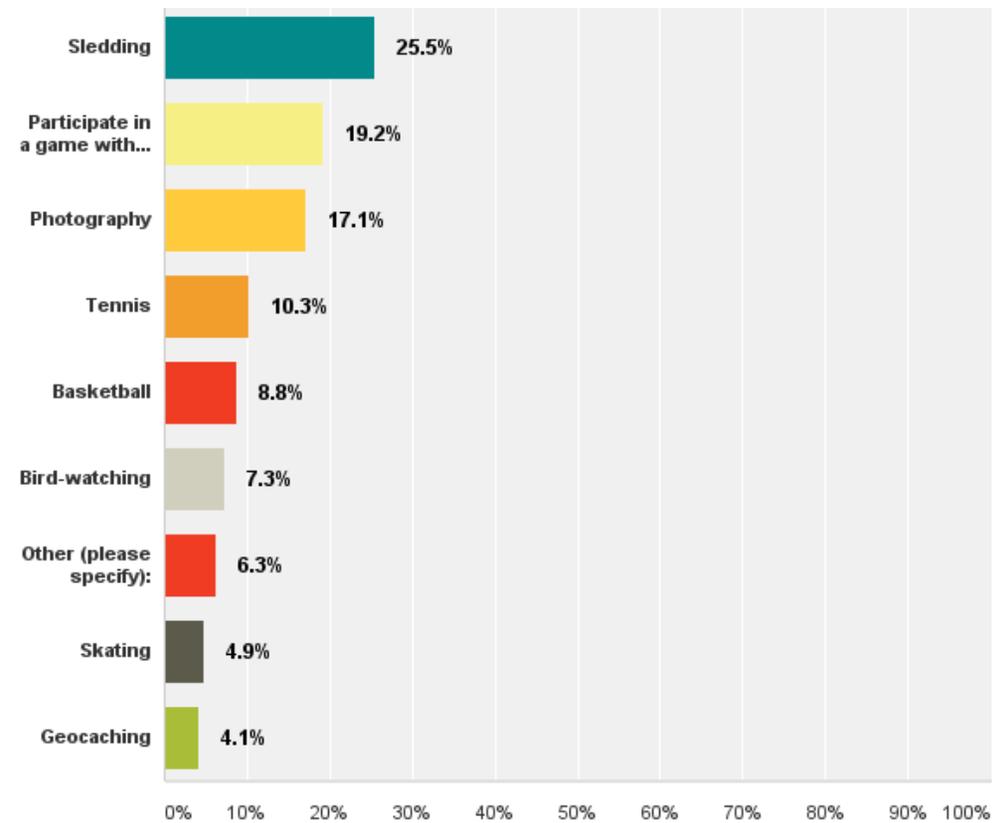
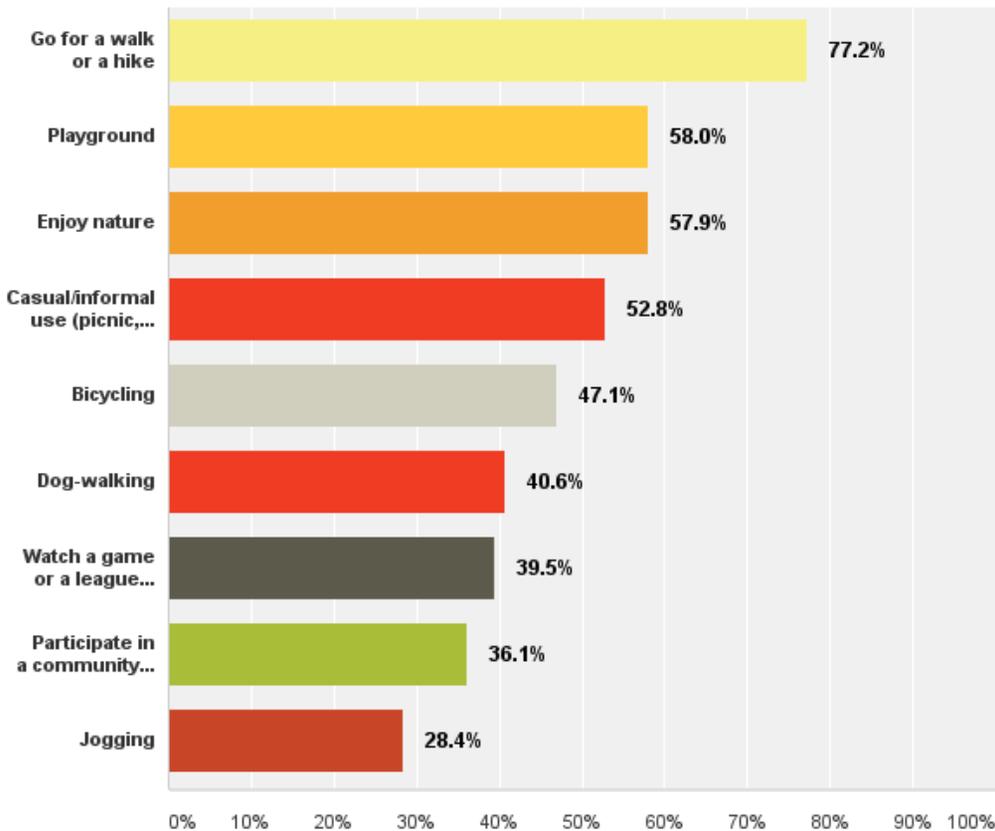
**Richfield Township Park**



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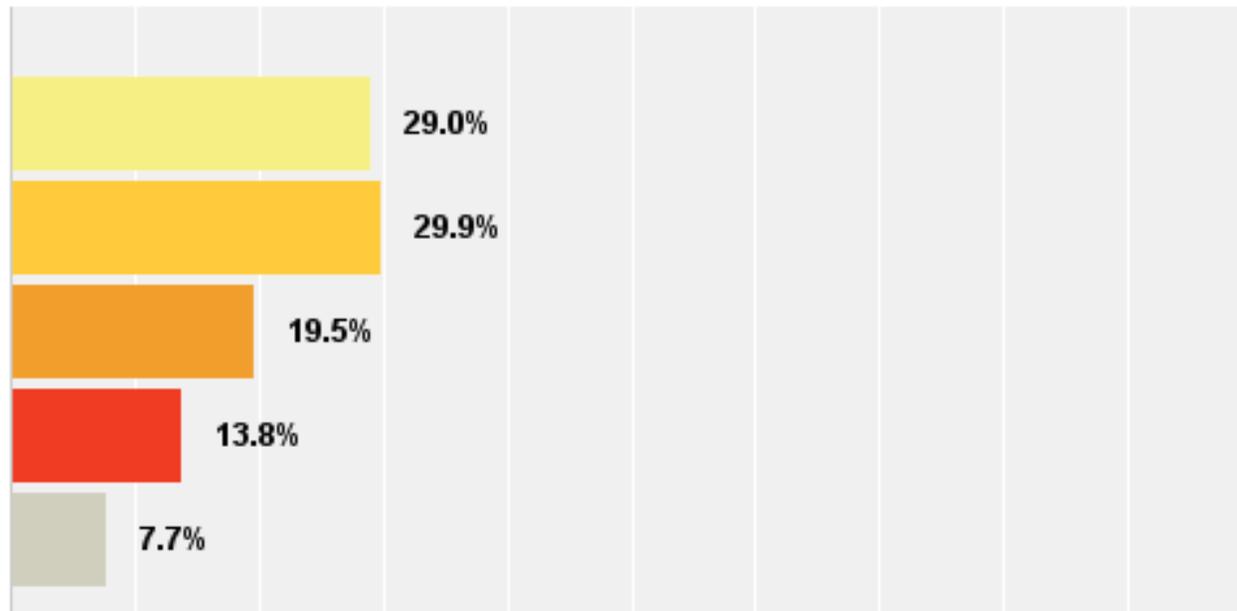
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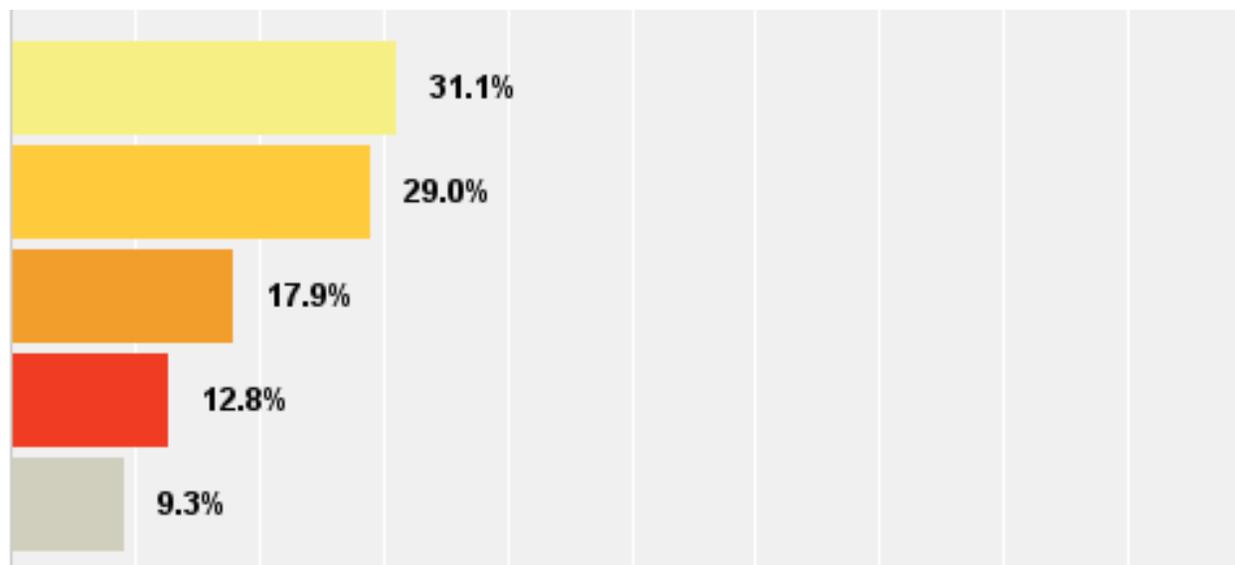


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**Safety and Security**

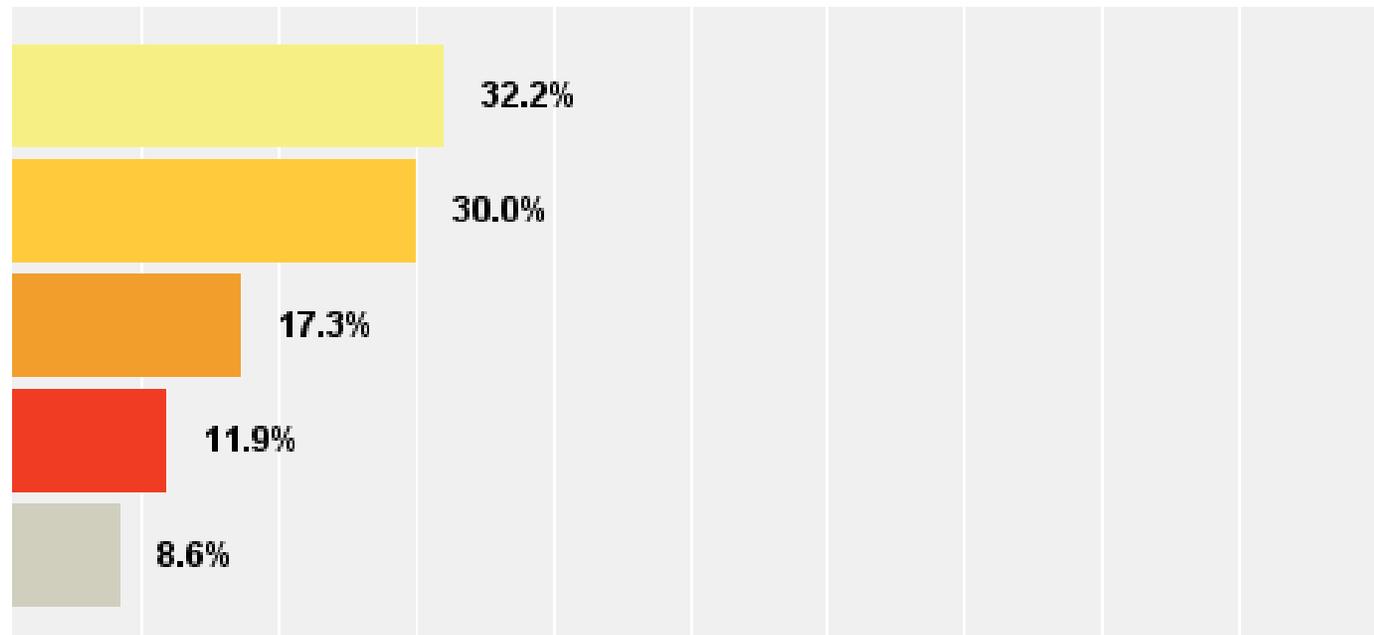


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**Hours of Operation**

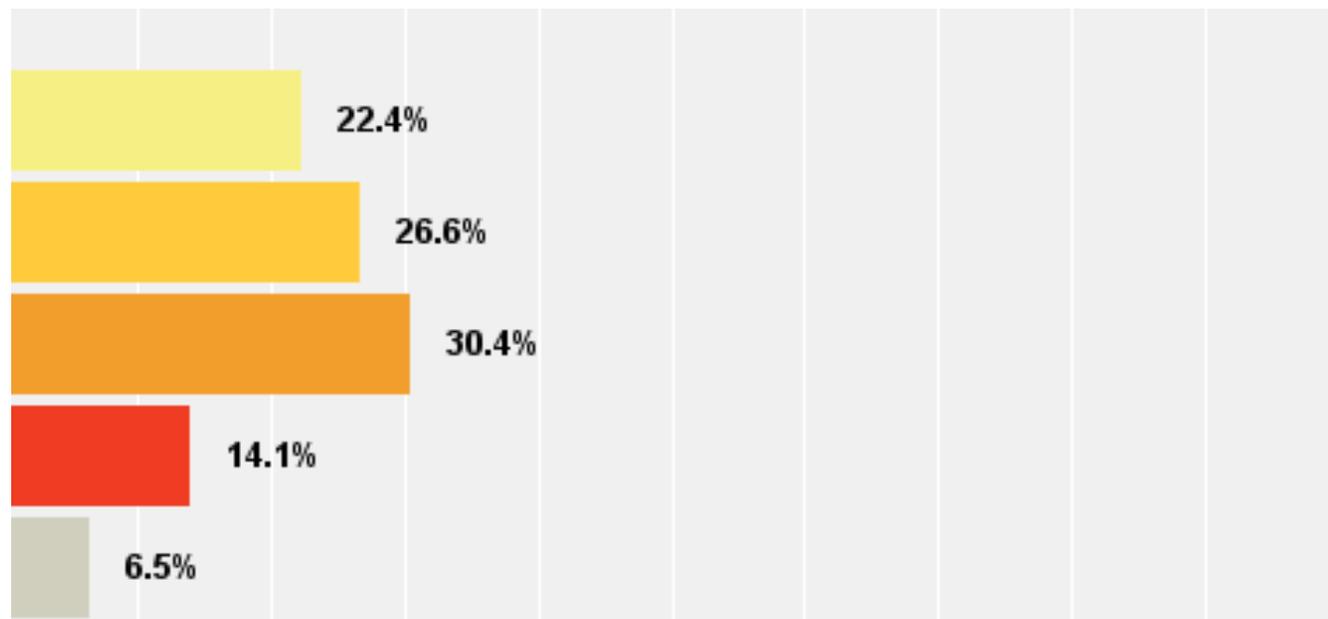


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**Variety of  
Facilities /  
Amenities**

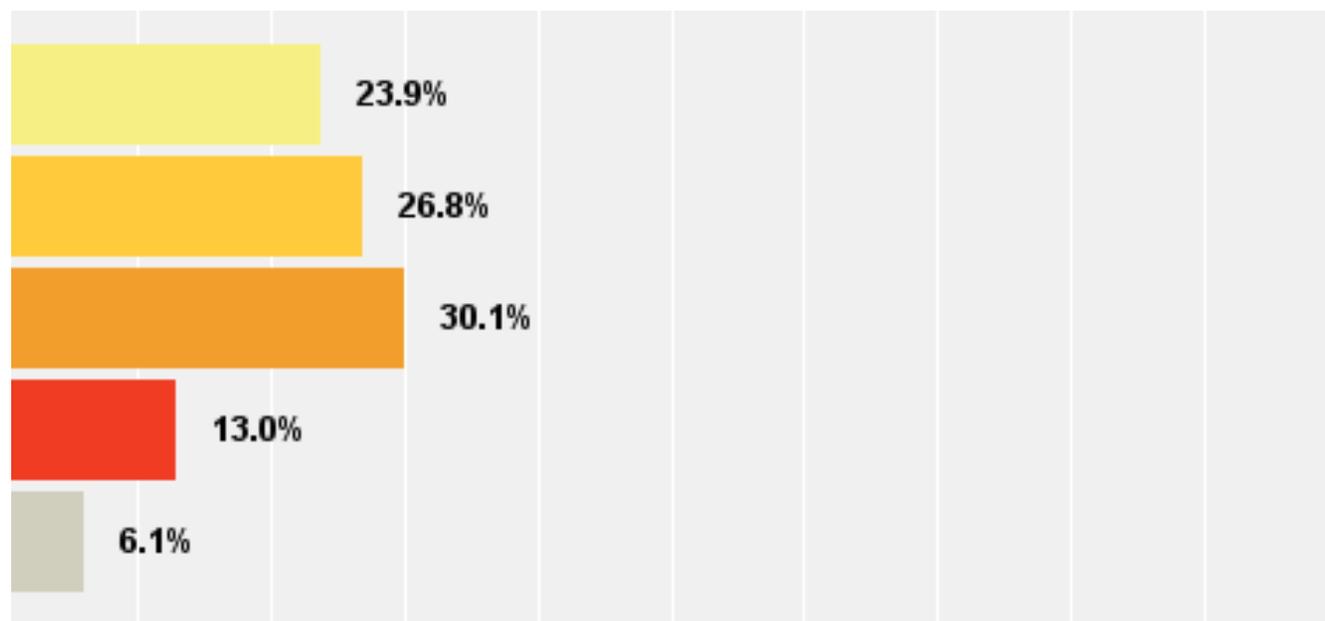


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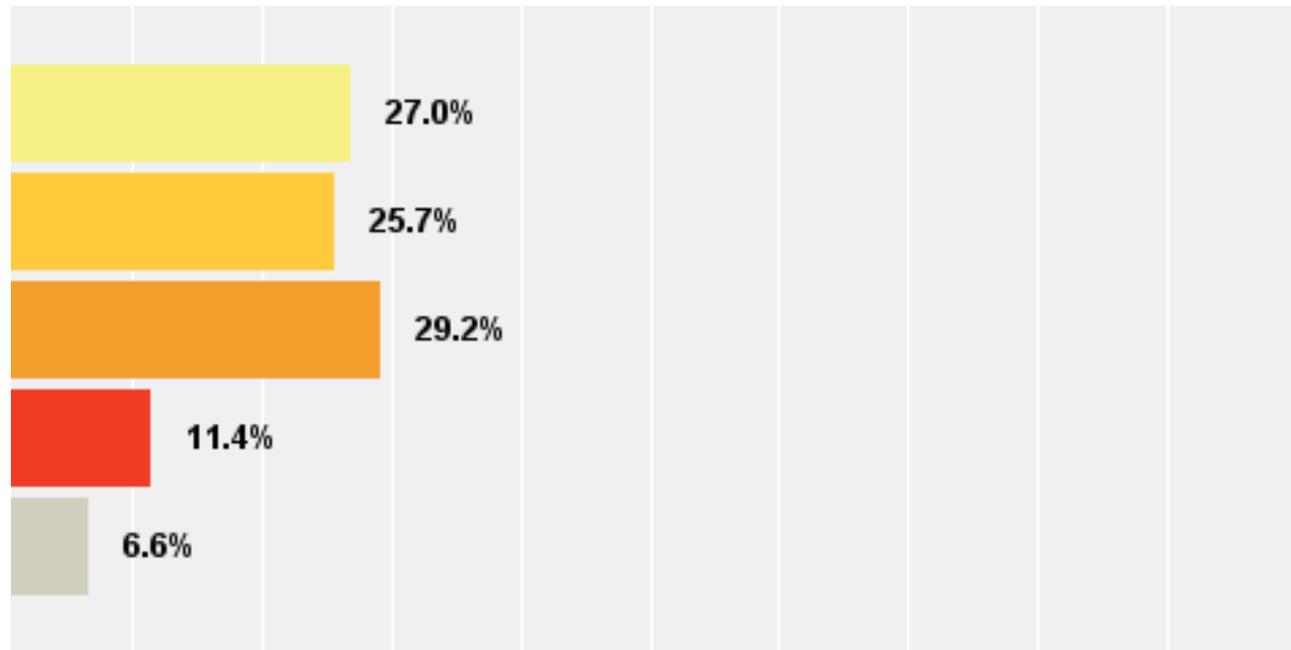


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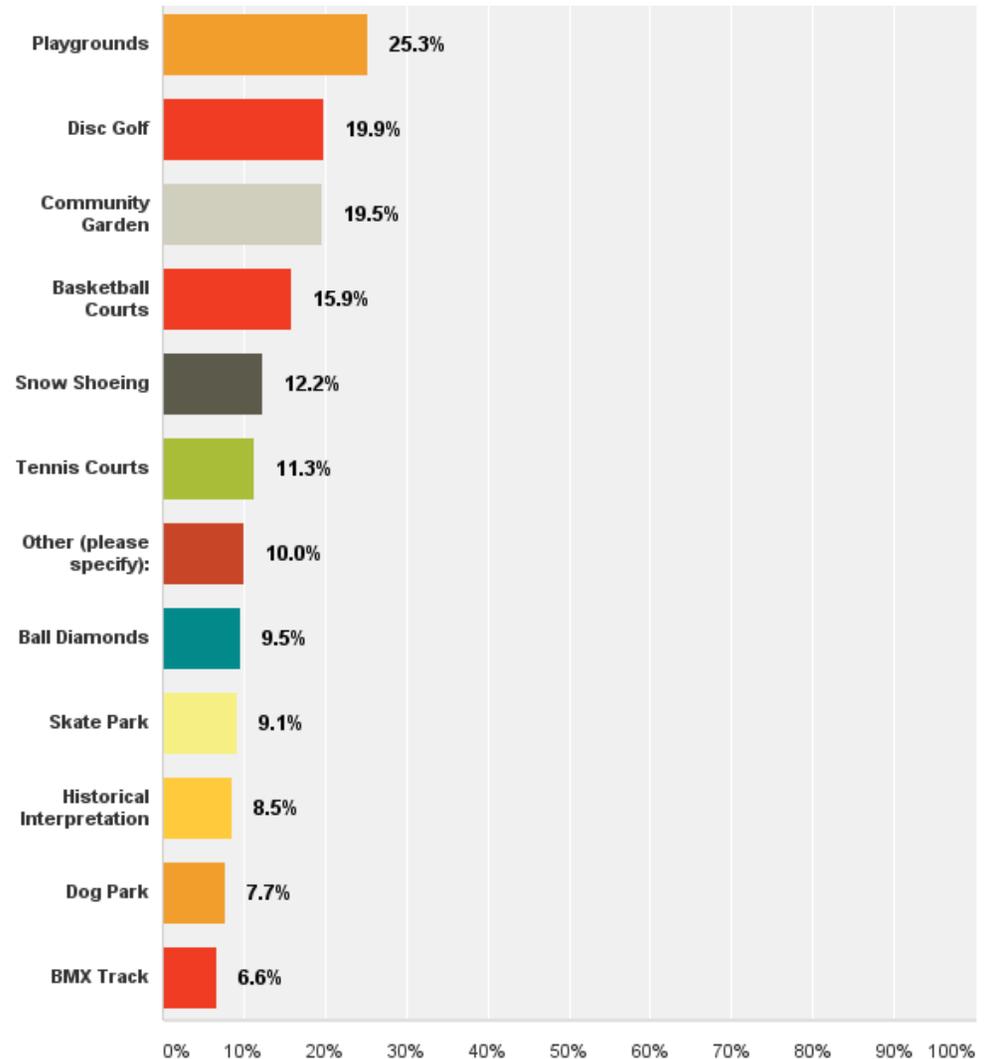
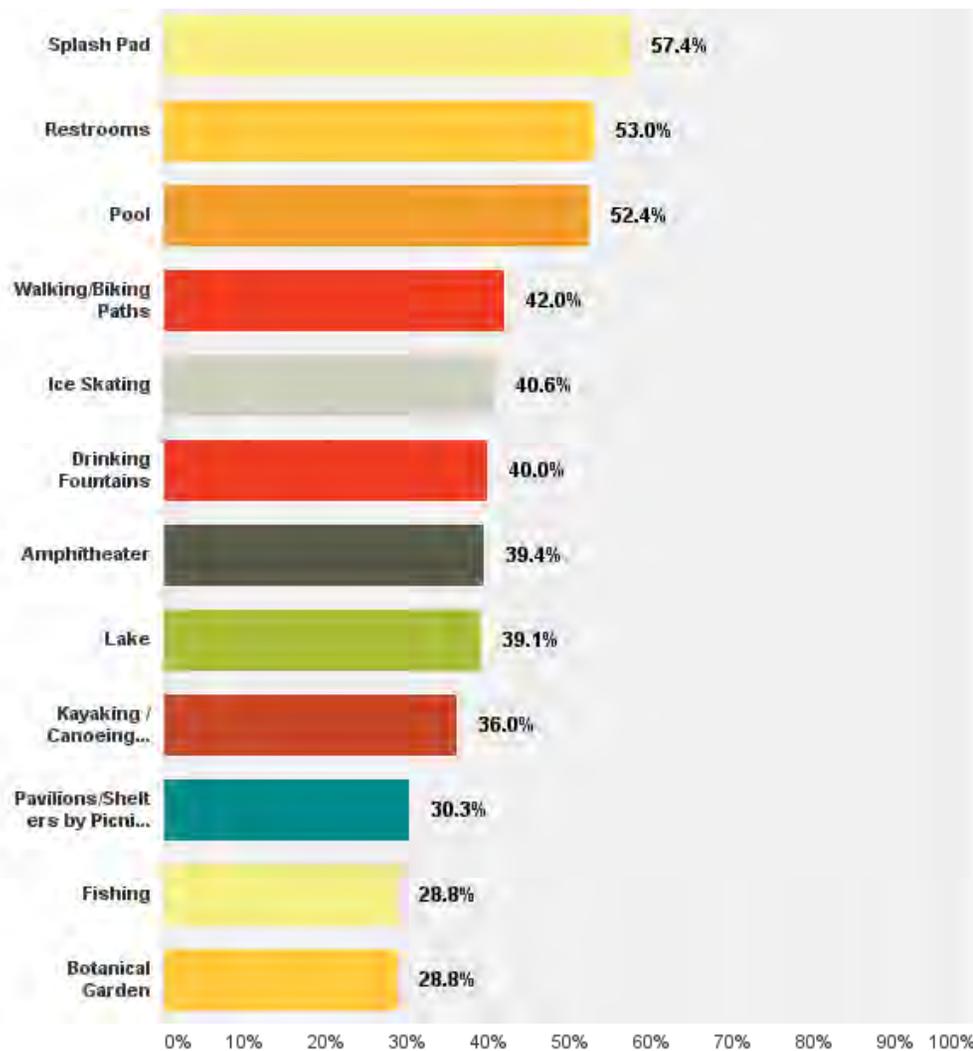
**Quality /  
Friendliness of  
Staff**



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# Question 4: What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the Davison Area parks? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 891 Skipped: 16



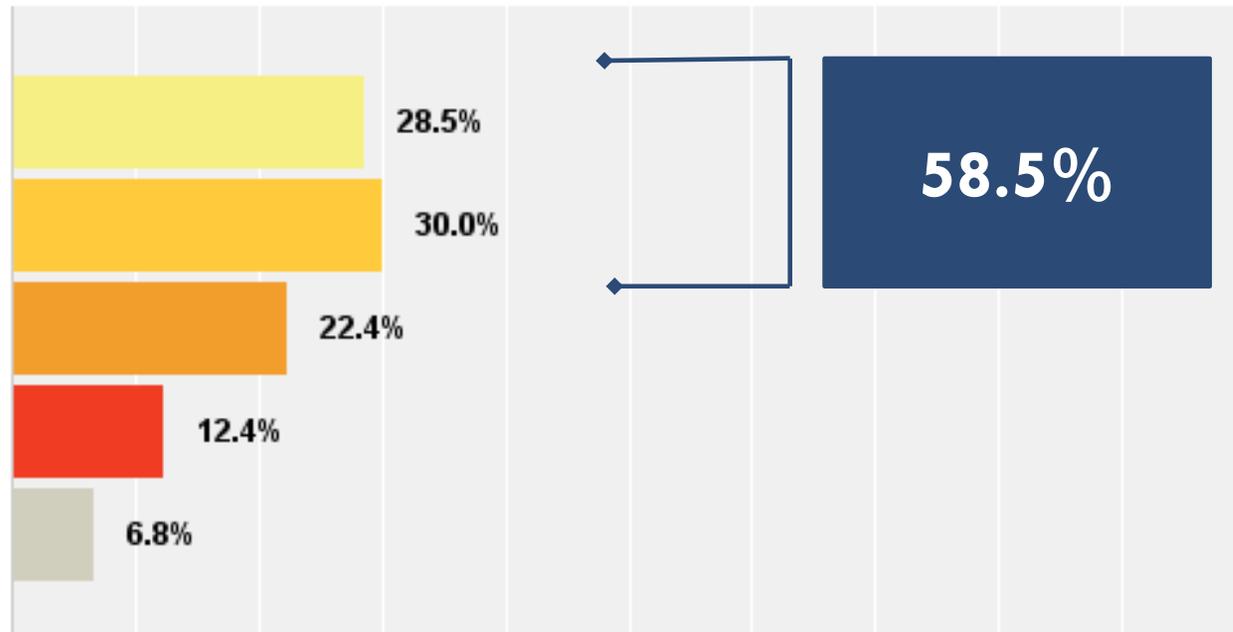
## Question 4: What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the Davison Area parks? (Check all that apply.) (City of Davison).

1	RC track
2	I would like to see Davison have a Community Center with a pool and indoor tennis courts similar to Genesys or the Lapeer Recreational Center. I would also like to see more and improved tennis courts.
3	community center!
4	Horseshoe Pits, Bocce Ball Coarse
5	There Re not enough bathrooms an we don't like that twy so not open until spring it seems when we r there they are always closed
6	Camping
7	SPLASH PAD!!!!!!!
8	Community center with pool, children's water play, ping pong and other Indoor activities
9	Beach area, volleyball courts
10	I think it is sad with all the addition to Davison there is no pool. An indoor pool would be great. tHe athletic Club is too expensive and why go to kearsley or the YMCA or Lapeer.
11	Soccer fields
12	Expansion of bike/walking paths should and must continue.
13	would really like to see splash pads in more than one park and to see that other parks (not just Abernathy) are developed more and given more attention
14	Kids special needs area
15	It would be very good if the original entrance to Richfield Park off of Gale Road was reopened. It would also be good if cars were allowed to drive on the trails in the west end of the park as they once could.

**Question 5:** Please assess the quality of recreational programs offered in the Davison Area by using a scale of 1 to 5, where "1" is considered Excellent and "5" is considered Inadequate.

Answered: 830 Skipped: 77

**Youth Sports Leagues**

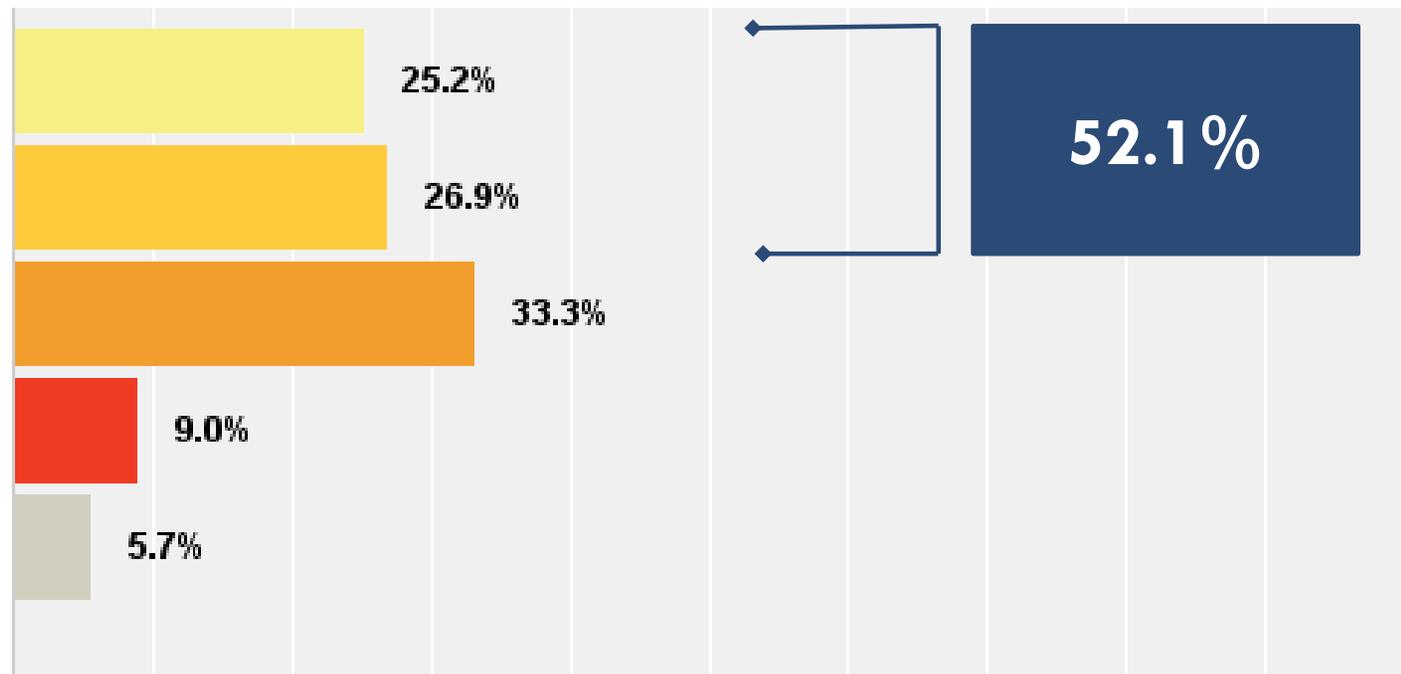


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**Senior Citizen Activities**

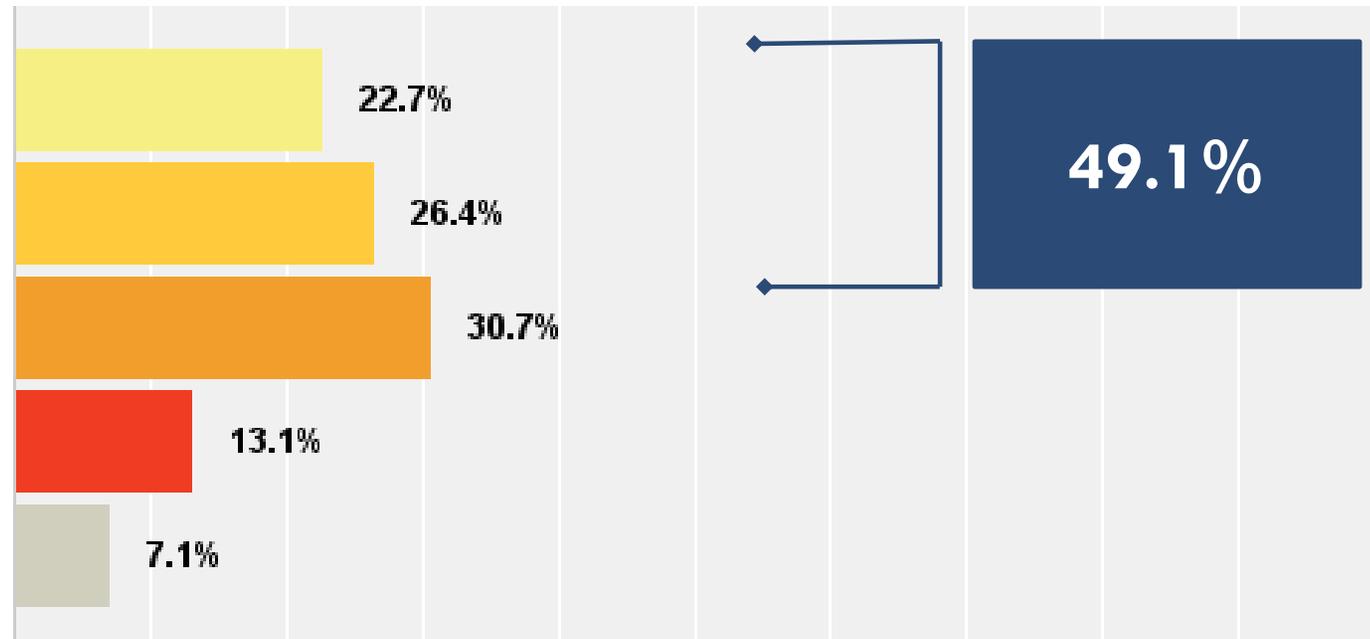


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Answered: 830 Skipped: 77

**Health and Fitness Classes**

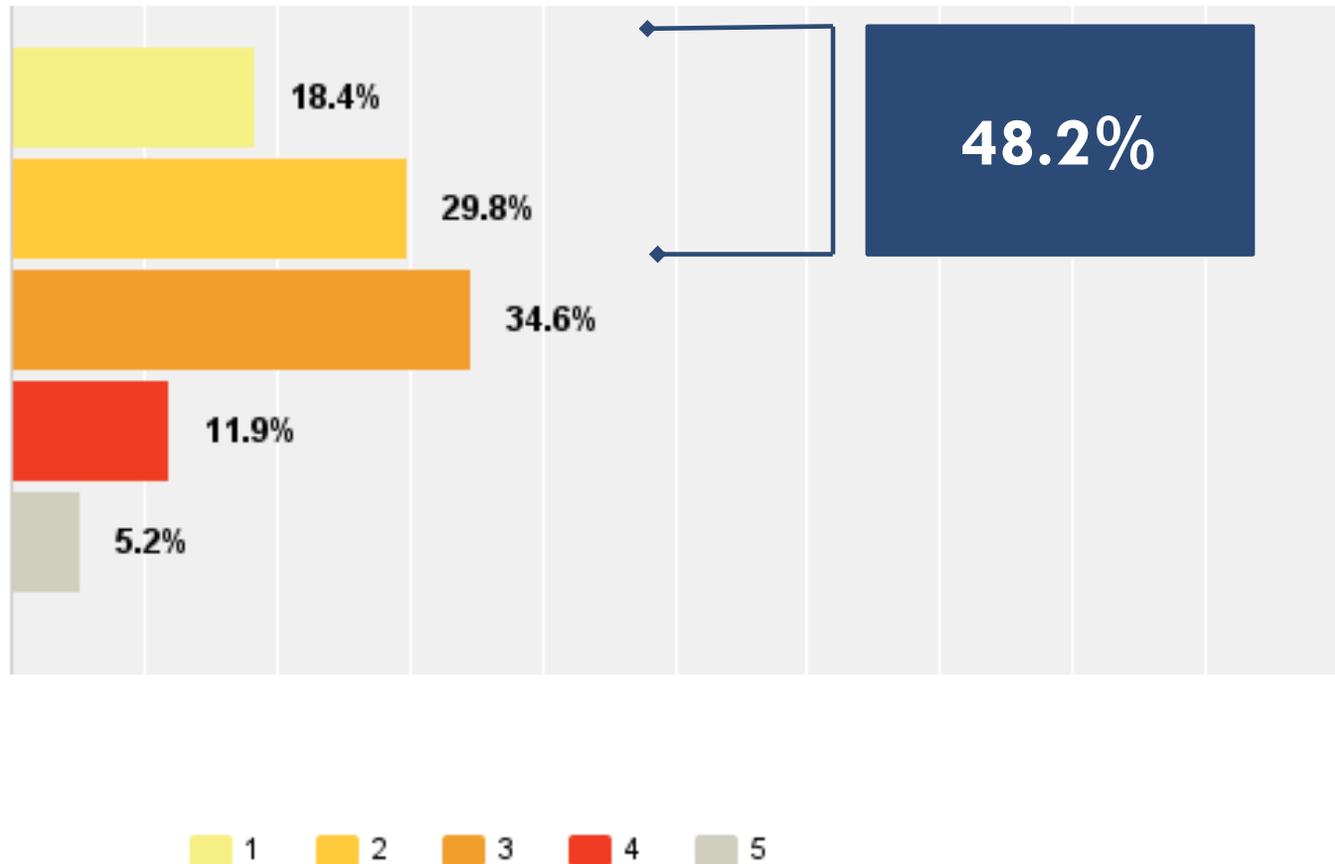


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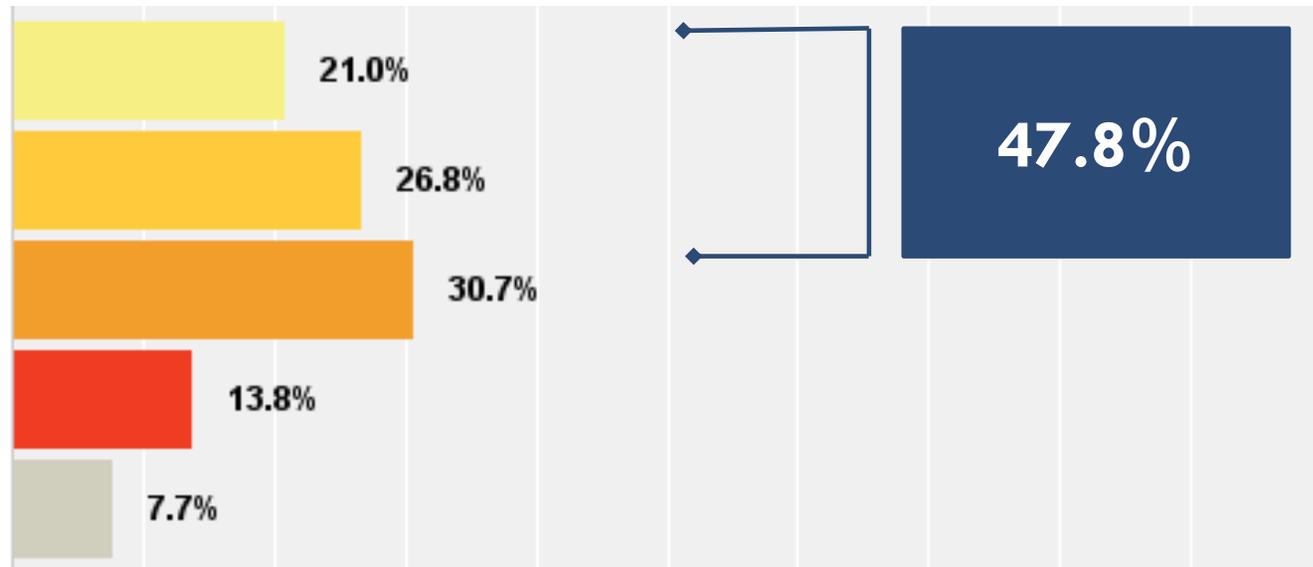
**Adult Sports  
Leagues**



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**Instructional  
Classes**



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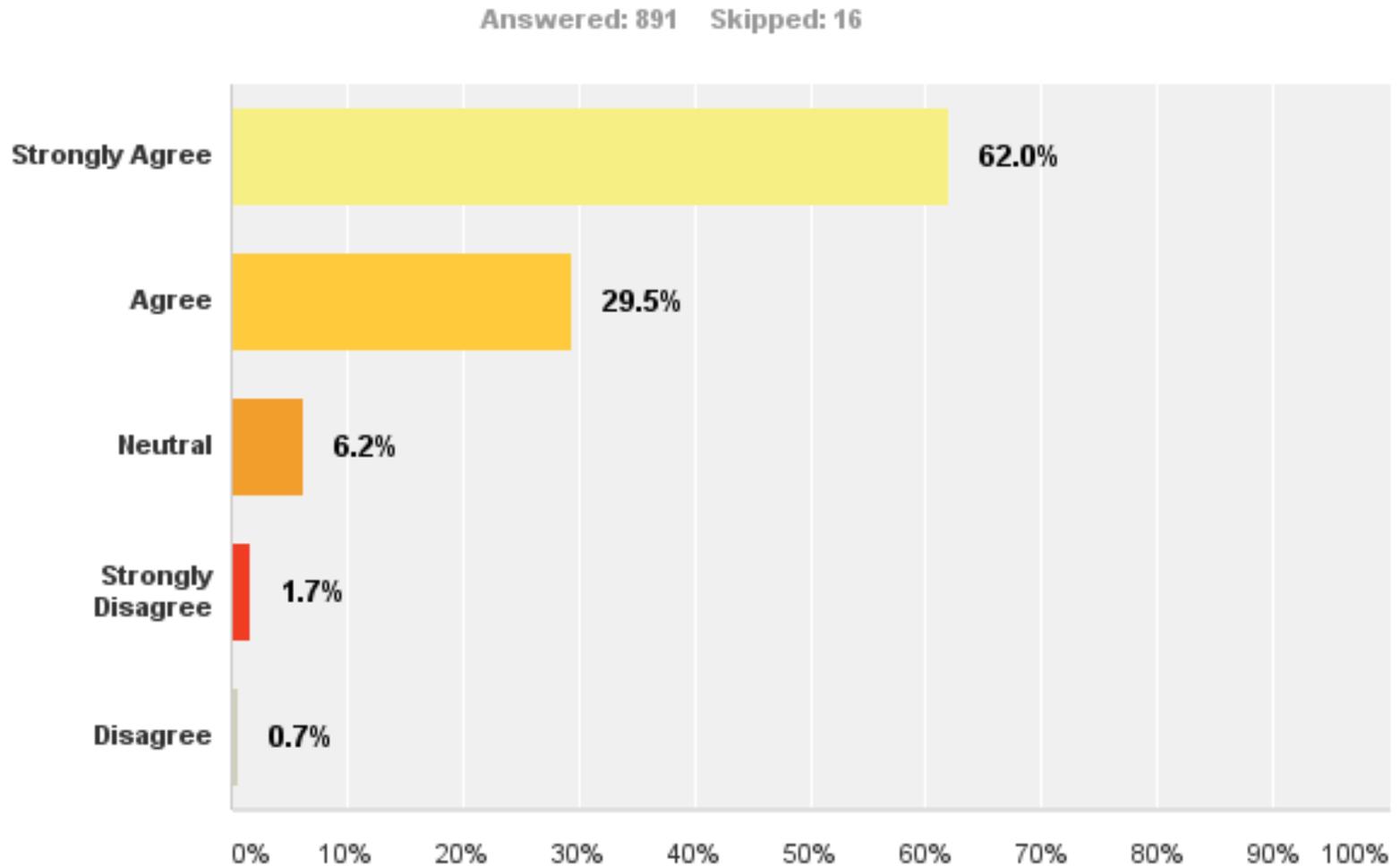
## Question 6. Are there other types of recreation related programs not listed in Question 5 that you would like to see offered in the Davison Area (City of Davison)?

24 comments were given by respondents from the City of Davison. Common suggestions included:

- Educational or cultural activities (concerts in the park, educational foraging, etc.) – 5 comments.
- Team sports (Volleyball, LaCrosse, etc.) – 5 comments.
- Individual sports (Archery, Tennis, etc.) – 3 comments.
- Individual exercises or hobbies (Yoga, Pilates, crafts, etc.) – 3 comments.

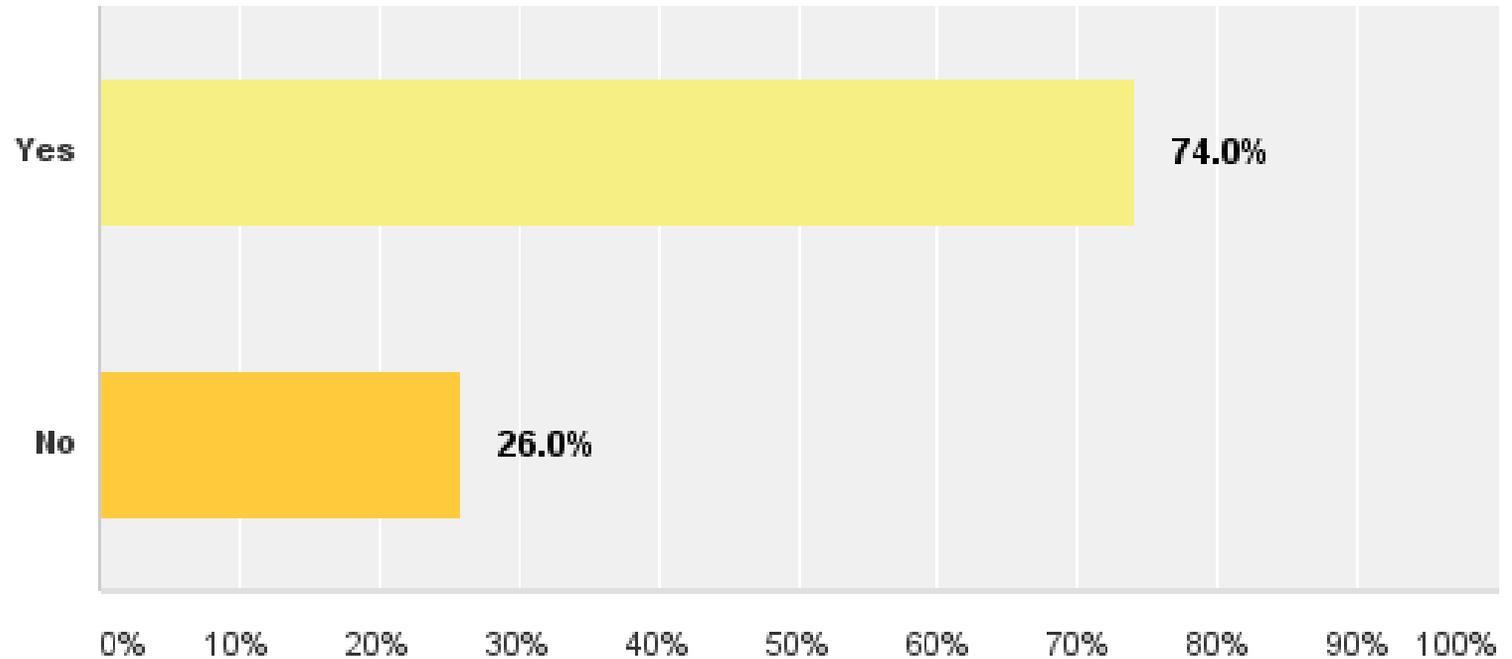


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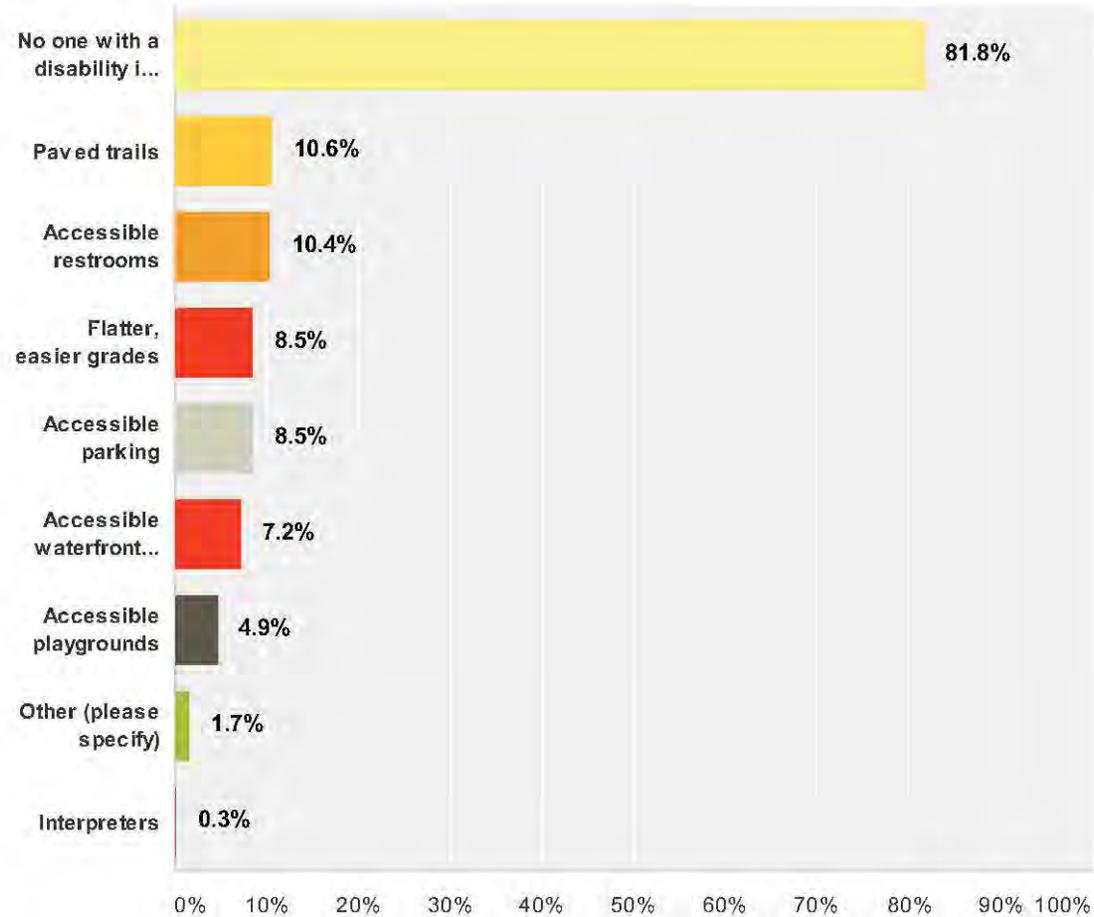
**Question 8.** In the past year, have you visited any of the Genesee County parks in the area? These County parks include the Holloway Dam Public Access Area, Wolverine Campground & Beach, Walleye Pike Boat Launch, Richfield County Park, and Goldenrod Disc Golf Course.

Answered: 890 Skipped: 17



**Question 9.** If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make Davison Area parks more user-friendly for you and your family member. (Check all that apply).

Answered: 718 Skipped: 189



## Question 10. What do you like best about parks and recreation in the Davison Area (City of Davison)?

109 comments were given by respondents from the City of Davison:

- ❑ Biking / walking / trails – 24 comments
- ❑ Access / location – 24 comments
- ❑ Maintenance / cleanliness – 22 comments
- ❑ Opportunities for nature / enjoying the outdoors / passive recreation – 13 comments
- ❑ Opportunities for kids – 13 comments



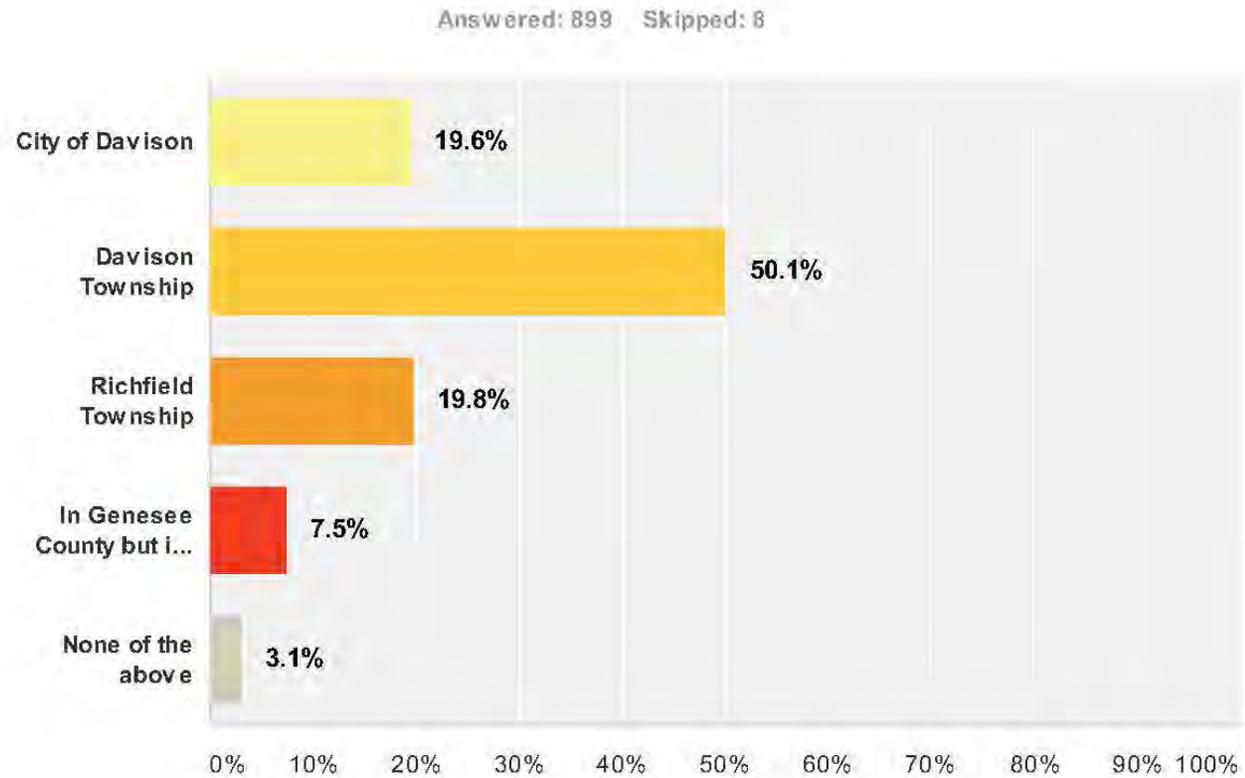
## Question 11. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation in the Davison Area (City of Davison)?

100 comments were given by respondents from the City of Davison:

- ❑ Add bathrooms and other site amenities – 20 comments
- ❑ Trail maintenance, upkeep and expansion – 15 comments
- ❑ Swimming and water-based activities / facilities – 14 comments
- ❑ Add to the variety of events and activities – 13 comments
- ❑ Resolve pest control issues (mosquitoes, bees, etc.) – 9 comments

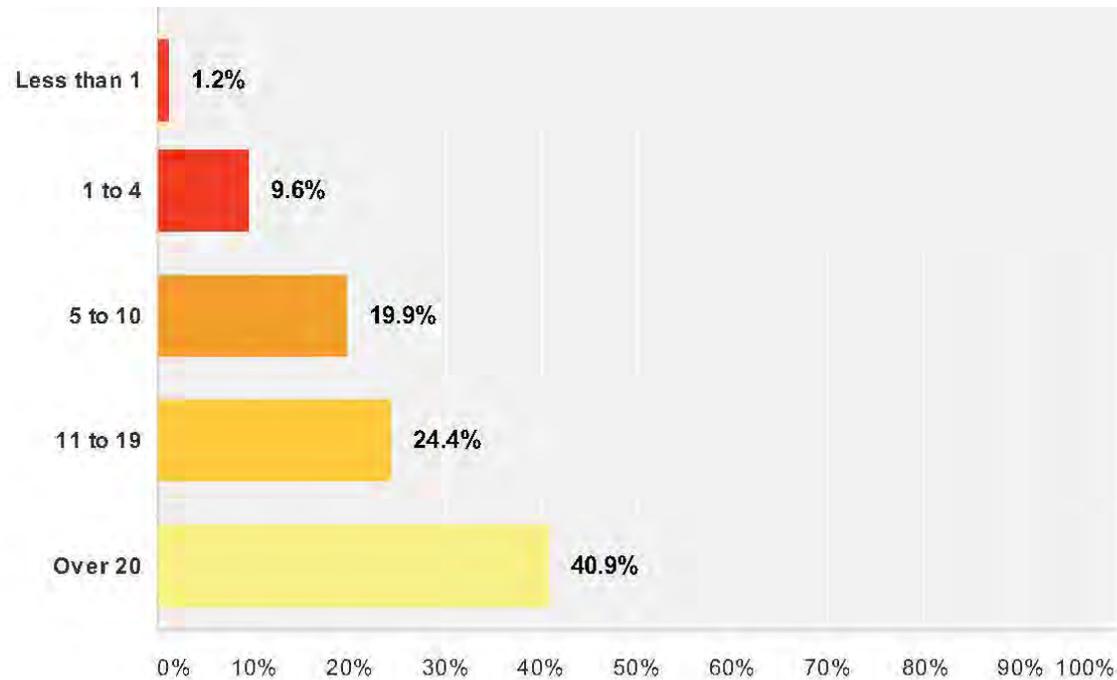


## Question 12. Where do you live?



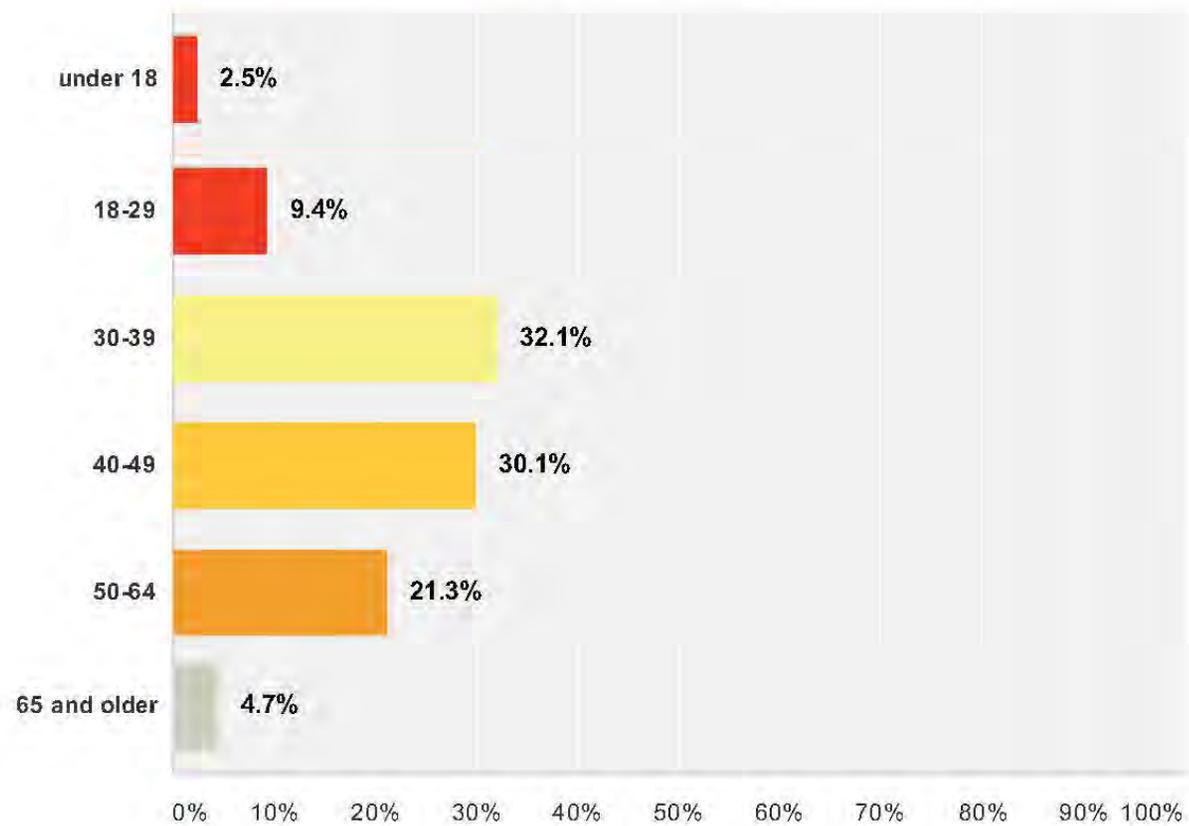
# Question 13. How many years have you lived in the Davison area?

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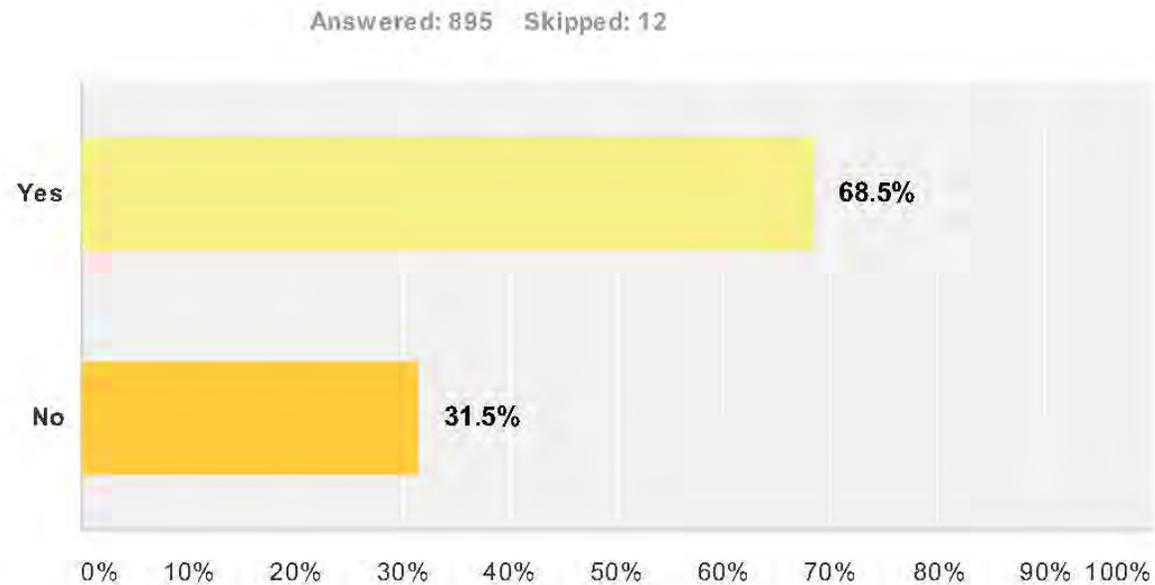


## Question 14. What is your age?

Answered: 897 Skipped: 10



## Question 15. Do you currently attend or do you have children who currently attend Davison Community Schools?



# Davison Area Recreation Survey on Social Media



- Recreation Plan project also on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/davisonarea>
- 223 survey responses (24.6% of the total) came from people who clicked on the Facebook ad.
- Comments on social media emphasized swimming or water-based activities, appreciation for the trails and a desire to expand them, and overall maintenance suggestions.

# Davison Area Recreation Plan Survey: Takeaways

- There is a strong desire for a splash pad and a pool, which emphasizes the importance of water-based activities to respondents.
- Water recreation and water resources in general are very important to the City.
- Abernathy Park is the most visited park in the Davison Area.
- Residents perceive the need for a variety of new amenities and park spaces, programming and events, and general maintenance including the management of mosquitoes and other pests, as top concerns regarding parks and recreation.
- Residents appreciate their growing network of trails.
- Parks in the City of Davison are relatively sparsely used, likely predominately serving those living immediately adjacent to them.
- Most respondents (55.3%) have lived in the Davison area for more than 10 years.

# Davison Area Recreation Plan Survey: Next Steps

1

The three target communities and the Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) will **develop goals and action items.**

2

They will then **complete a draft of the Plan.**

3

**Hold a public hearing.**

4

Each community will **adopt the Plan.**

5

The Plan will be submitted to the **DNR for approval.**

6

**Seek grants!**

# Questions?





The City of Davison, Davison Township, Richfield Township and the Davison Community Schools are working together to develop a 5-year parks and recreation plan. We need your input regarding recreational facilities and programming provided by the Davison Area Communities. Please take a few moments to complete the following opinion survey. It should take you about 5 minutes to complete.

For your information, the following park and recreational facilities exist in the Davison Area:

#### Township- and City-owned Parks

- 1) Veterans Court of Honor Township Park
- 2) Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail
- 3) Kitchen School / Zirnheld Park
- 4) Davison Area Senior Center
- 5) Richfield Township Park
- 6) Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park
- 7) Waterworks Park
- 8) Scofield Park
- 9) Manford Park
- 10) Robert Williams Nature and Learning Center
- 11) Davison Community Dog Park
- 12) Callis Lake Park
- 13) M-15 Heritage Route Trail

#### Davison Community Schools

- 1) Central Elementary
- 2) Cardinals Nest/Cardinal Center
- 3) Davison High School
- 4) Davison Alternative Education
- 5) Davison Middle School
- 6) Gates Elementary
- 7) Hahn Intermediate
- 8) Hill Elementary
- 9) Siple Elementary
- 10) Thomson Elementary

Please see below for a map of Davison area parks and recreational facilities:



1. How many times did you visit each of the following Township or City parks or facilities in the Davison Area in the past year?

	0	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 or more	don't know
Veterans Court of Honor Township Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Black Creek Nature Trail / Irish Road Trail	<input type="radio"/>				
Kitchen School / Zirnheld Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Davison Area Senior Center	<input type="radio"/>				
Richfield Township Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Waterworks Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Scofield Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Manford Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Robert Williams Nature and Learning Center	<input type="radio"/>				
Davison Community Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Callis Lake Park	<input type="radio"/>				
M-15 Heritage Route Trail	<input type="radio"/>				

2. Why do you visit parks in the Davison Area? (Check all that apply.)

- |   |   |                                     |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a game with friends or with a league                | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go for a walk or a hike          | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a game or a league sporting event                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy nature                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird-watching  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a community event | <input type="checkbox"/> Casual/informal use (picnic, playground, geocaching, pickup games) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog-walking  |                                     |

Other (please specify):

3. Please evaluate the following general aspects of parks and recreation in the Davison Area.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor
Quality/Friendliness of Staff	<input type="radio"/>				
Safety and Security	<input type="radio"/>				
Variety of Facilities / Amenities	<input type="radio"/>				
Maintenance and Appearance	<input type="radio"/>				
Hours of Operation	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of Programs	<input type="radio"/>				

4. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the Davison Area parks? (Check all that apply.)

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Splash Pad                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Fountains | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Biking Paths               | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms          | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Shoeing                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pavilions/Shelters by Picnic Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf          | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball Diamonds                      | <input type="checkbox"/> BMX Track          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking / Canoeing Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts      | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool               | <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical Garden               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake               | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Interpretation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):            |   |   |

5. Please assess the current quality of the following types of recreational programs offered in the Davison Area.

	Excellent	Good/Adequate	Marginal	Inadequate	No opinion
Youth sports leagues	<input type="radio"/>				
Adult sports leagues	<input type="radio"/>				
Instructional classes (Archery, Hunter Safety, Babysitter Class, Arts & Culinary, Hunter Safety, Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>				
Health and fitness classes (Zumba, Dance, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>				
Senior citizen activities	<input type="radio"/>				

Other comments regarding recreational programs

6. Are there other types of recreation related programs not listed in Question 6 that you would like to see offered in the Davison Area?

7. It is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities on lakes, rivers and creeks in the Davison Area.

- Strongly Agree     Agree     Neutral     Disagree     Strongly Disagree

8. Do you visit any of the County parks or recreational facilities, including the Holloway Dam Public Access Area, Wolverine Campground & Beach, Walleye Pike Boat Launch, Richfield County Park, or Goldenrod Disc Golf Course?

- Yes  
 No

9. If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make Davison area parks more user-friendly for you and your family member. (Check all that apply.)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No one with a disability in our family | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible waterfront access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flatter, easier grades                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible restrooms         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible playgrounds                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Paved trails                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible parking                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreters                 |

Other (please specify)



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Planning the future of parks and recreation in the Davison Area!

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Davison Area Recreation Plan shared a link.

April 21

In less than two weeks...



**MI News Wire - Annual M-15 Heritage Route Yard Sale, Saturday, May 3**

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April 15

This is a fun and interesting article!



Davison Area Recreation Plan March 14

Have ideas on how to improve parks & recreation in the Davison Area? We need your input!



Like Comment Share

Ashley Loper, Ricardo Arias, Dax Urioste and 54 others like this. Top Comments

19 shares

- Karin Holcomb Jackson A pool or splash pad for the kids.
Ryan Dunning Tell chatwell club to stop building the low income housing behind it before it ruins the Davison parks and lake they are putting in!!!!
Linda Newton Bloomfield Put a street light at Lapeer and Gale for all who use the walking path and dog park...really needed!!
Christy Leigh Splash pad!
Nicole Evans Please spray the trails!! I can't enjoy them while being eaten alive
Harold Works Sidewalks on gale road, sidewalk on court to get to the new farmers market, splash pad would be great, disc golf course.
Russ Dice Nature learning walks for the youth. Also maybe mosquito control, it could be bad this year. I hear Custom Lawn Care does a great job.
Adam Amon Keep expanding the trail network. Best feature of Davison by far. Splash pad. Trail to the farmers market
Kelly Baller Volway I think we desperately need a splash pad. The kids have no way of cooling off during the summer while getting some much needed outside time.
Ashley Bednard Spray bug repellent along the walking trails!
Kasey Rondo Clarkston had concerts in the park. Its a place to meet and talk get out new messages and even a balloon person for the kids
Ron Stier Develop a network to connect the bike path to the subdivisions and neighborhoods.
Toby Pratt I agree the maps are horrible. Wish there was a way to get some drinking

# Appendix C

## *Adoption Documentation*

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9/25/14

Stacey Hulber

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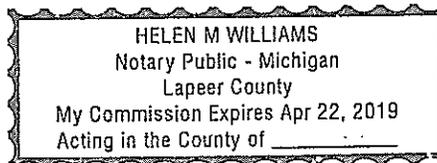
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Helen M Williams  
Notary Public, Lapeer County, Michigan

My commission expires Apr 22, 2019

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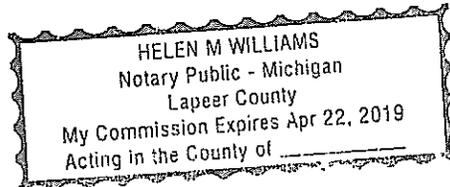
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For more information, please contact:

Michael Hart  
City Manager  
City of Davison  
200 E. Flint Street, Suite 2  
Davison, MI 48423  
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- Online at [www.facebook.com/davisonarea](http://www.facebook.com/davisonarea)

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the draft Recreation Plan, please send written comments to the address listed below by December 8, 2014. In addition, the City Council at their regular meeting on December 8, 2014, 7:30 pm, invites the public to attend and provide their input and comments on the draft recreation plan in Council chambers at the City of Davison Municipal Building, 200 East Flint Street, Davison, 48423.

For more information, please

contact:  
Michael Hart  
City Manager  
City of Davison  
200 E. Flint Street, Suite 2  
Davison, MI 48423  
(810) 653-2191

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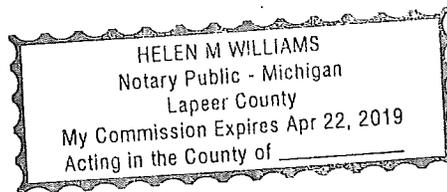
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day of November, 20 14

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Notary Public, Lapeer County, Michigan

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**Davison Area Recreation Plan 2015-2019 Meeting**  
**October 27, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**  
**City of Davison**  
**City Council Chambers**

Present: 12

**CALL TO ORDER**

Alan Bean called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

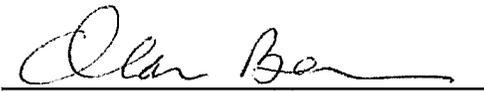
**DAVISON AREA RECREATION PLAN 2015-2019**

Mr. Bean of Spicer Group facilitated the meeting. Mr. Bean presented and explained the five year plan and stated it is a regional collaboration of Davison Township, Richfield Township, City of Davison, and Davison Community Schools. Topics reviewed where the purpose, process, inventory, community input, goals, action programs, and next steps.

After the presentation, Mr. Bean opened the public input portion of the meeting. A question and answer period was conducted and three citizens addressed Mr. Bean. Questions centered on non-motorized pathways, in general, ranging from whether or not motorized wheelchairs are permitted on pathways, and defining what is meant by "non-motorized pathway" and Complete Streets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried.



**Alan Bean**  
**Spicer Group**



**City Clerk Andrea Schroeder**  
**City of Davison**

Initials: KDC

## DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### Board of Education

Monday, December 1, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Conover  
Lawrence Finkbeiner  
Dale Green  
Kim Lindsay  
Mark McGlashen  
Kathleen Sudia  
Doug Theodoroff

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Amanda George  
Ryan Myers

**ADMINISTRATION:** Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Schools  
Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent  
Holly Halabicky, Executive Director of Student Services  
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information  
Phil Thom, Director of Operations  
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services  
David Beamer, Athletic Director  
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Middle School Principal  
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal  
Lance Harper, Central Elementary Principal  
Josie Paquette, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Matthew Shanafelt, High School Principal  
Jennifer Torok, Hill Elementary Principal

**STAFF:** Kristen Slattery (DEA), Eric Chorley, Jim Bass, David Bond,  
Susan Droscha, Joe Francis, Tom Masters, Ronald Painter,  
Jim Ridings

**OTHER GUESTS:** Andrew Hall, Corrie Arthur, Stephanie Carpenter, Michelle Rottiers, Rebecca Looney, Tonya Farrer, Doug Halabicky, Pastor Ron Stier, Michael Bitar, John Jacobson, Lynn Griffin, Chelsea Griffin, Cameron Griffin, Trevor Edwards, Rose Smith, Daisy Smith



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<b>Policy</b>	<b>Title</b>
2260.01	Section 501/ADA Prohibition against Discrimination Based on Disability
3122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
3123	Section 504/ADA Prohibition against Disability Discrimination in Employment
4122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
4123	Section 504/ADA Prohibition against Disability Discrimination in Employment
1662	Anti-Harassment
3362	Anti-Harassment
4362	Anti-Harassment
5517	Anti-Harassment

The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **Special Presentations**

- **Cenergistic Energy Pacesetter Award:** Through the district's partnership with Cenergistic, Davison Community Schools has reached a 28 percent cost savings in 40 months totaling \$854,761. Cenergistic Regional President Mike Bitar presented the District with the Energy Pacesetter Award for outstanding environmental and financial resource stewardship and for serving as a model in "setting the pace" in energy conservation for other organizations. Energy Specialist Eric Chorley, Director of Operations Phil Thom, District Maintenance employee Dave Bond and various members of the district's custodial staff were present to receive accolades for fulfilling their commitment to this cost-savings partnership. Administrators were also acknowledged for the continued work in their respective building to promote staff member awareness and continued cost savings/energy conservation practices.

**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. There was no response from the public.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to be read.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF BEST PRACTICES INCENTIVE RESOLUTION:** For the 2014/15 school year's budget, the state is providing financial incentives to schools districts that provide best practices. The district meets seven of the nine best practices as identified in Section 22f of the State School Aid Act which will enable the district to receive the \$50 per pupil incentive. A resolution was presented certifying that the district has complied with the required criteria. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug

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Theodoroff, to approve this resolution as recommended. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISION:** Director of Business Service Leslie Young provided information regarding updated student enrollment data, known and anticipated changes in state funding, and other relevant information as it relates to the general fund budget. The proposed revision has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the general fund budget revision as recommended. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF POLICIES FOR THE FIRST READING:** The Board Policy & Planning Committee recommended approval of the following policies for the first reading:

0000 – Board Bylaws  
7630 – Graduation Requirements

Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Dale Green, to approve the first reading of the recommended policies. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF DAVISON AREA RECREATION PLAN:** The City of Davison, Davison Township, Richfield Township and Davison Community Schools recently revised the Davison Area Recreation Plan for the next five years. This plan provides additional opportunities to the community for grants and aligns the community's recreation needs. A resolution was provided indicating the District's collaboration in the Davison Area Recreation Plan through 2019. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve this resolution as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:** Moved by Doug Theodoroff, supported by Mark McGlashen, to gratefully accept the following contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Davison resident Don Parker, in memory of his wife Doris Parker, donated drawing and painting books and canvases to the Davison High School Art Department for art students' use.
- The Davison McDonalds donated \$245 to the Davison High School Class of 2015. This money was collected through a sponsored fundraising event where McDonalds donated a portion (12%) of the proceeds received during breakfast sales on October 3rd.

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- Davison Eagle Riders # 3589 donated \$250 to the Davison Schools Cardinals Care Account. The money will be used to help sponsor families in need through the Holiday Assistance Program.
- Davison parent Stacy Rhines designed and created a metal art piece of a reader holding a book on a milk can and donated it to Hahn Intermediate and Davison Middle School for a visual art display in their media center.
- Jen Bellot, Pyper Alpern, Eric Caudell, Brie Clark, Marisa Linn, Elizabeth Hammond, Paul and Jill Porter, Sarah, Linda and Pete Patrick, Josh Heddy and Marilyn Alvey donated \$745 to the Cardinals Care fund to be used in the District's gifted program. This donation is provided in memory of Sandra Owen who worked tirelessly to help establish the gifted program. Mrs. Owen's two daughters graduated from Davison High School (1995, 1997) and her husband, Len, served as a former school board member.
- Dr. Harold Steinman of Eyecare Associates in Davison donated \$50 to the Prescription Drug Task Force to help support awareness efforts in preventing the student misuse of prescription and other drugs.
- Board Secretary Karen Conover donated 12 sleds to Hill Elementary School for students to use during recess time.

There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

##### **From our Superintendent:**

- Superintendent Lieske informed the Board the annual Cool to Care Holiday Food Drive ends December 2. The increased promotion throughout the district's buildings has continued in hope that this year's giving goal will be reached.
- The GCASBM Holiday Gathering is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 5:30 pm at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth. Reservations have been made for those planning to attend this enjoyable event.
- Board Trustee Doug Theodoroff was acknowledged and thanked for his highly respected, dignified service and commitment to the Board for the past 4½ years.
- The MASA/MASB Superintendent Evaluation Training dates are currently in the process of being finalized. Final confirmation is expected by the end of the week.

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**From our Student Representatives:**

- Amanda George and Ryan Myers reported on events of interest at Davison High School.

**Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board (From Board members):**

- Board Trustee Doug Theodoroff expressed his appreciation during his term served as a member of the Board of Education for the past 4½ years.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2015  
7:00 pm  
Davison High School  
Athletic Meeting Room  
1250 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Karen Conover, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Karen D. Conover, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education

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# Resolution of Adoption

## Davison Area Recreation Plan

### Davison Community Schools

WHEREAS, Davison Community Schools has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan, in collaboration with Richfield Township, the City of Davison, and Davison Township, which describes for Davison Community Schools, as well as the other participating entities, the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period beginning 2014 through the end of 2019 and,

WHEREAS, an online input survey was made available to the public from March 15 to April 30, 2014, to provide an opportunity for area citizens to answer questions and to share opinions regarding the future of parks and recreation in the Davison Area, and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from September 25, 2014, to October 27, 2014, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on October 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Council chambers at the City of Davison Municipal Building, 200 East Flint Street, Davison, to provide an opportunity for citizens from the Davison Area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Davison Community Schools has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that Davison Community Schools adopts said Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents living in the Davison Area.

Yeas:   7  

Nays:   0  

Absent:   0  

I, Karen Conover, Board of Education Secretary, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Davison Community Schools Board of Education at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

  
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Karen Conover, Secretary  
Davison Community Schools

DAVISON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 17, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Karen Miller, Clerk Cindy Shields, Treasurer Pat Miller, Trustee Tim Elkins

Attorney David Lattie

Building/Planning Administrator Randy Stewart

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Matthew Karr

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Krueger, Alice Smith, Al Moreno, Jim Morey, Travis Howell

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Building 1280 N. Irish Rd., Davison, MI 48423. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION BY P. MILLER, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to approve the October 15, 2014 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY P. MILLER, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the October 20, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SUPPORT BY P. MILLER** to approve the October 31, 2014 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Miller gave the Treasurer's report for October, 2014 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 369,180.29
Construction Fund	671,583.02
Tax Fund	<u>2,941,727.00</u>
Total	\$3,982,490.31

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BOARD BILLS**

Ms. Miller gave the board bills for October, 2014 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 627,134.96
Construction Fund	41,473.84
Tax Fund	<u>389,971.43</u>
Total	\$1,058,580.23

**MOTION BY P. MILLER, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve payment of the board bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Police Special Assessment Hearing**

The Police Special Assessment public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Miller stated that the hearing is held to hear any protest in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Protests can be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk prior to the close of said public hearing. The total for each improved parcel is \$157.45 a \$7.49 increase from 2013 with the exception of a few parcels. And the assessment for unimproved (vacant land) parcels is \$52.48, an increase of \$2.50 from 2013. She then asked if there was anyone in the audience that wanted to protest the Police Special Assessment if so please state your name and address for the record.

There was no protests. The hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

**MOTION BY ELKINS, SUPPORT BY P. MILLER** to approve the Police Special Assessment as presented. Roll call: Yes – P. Miller, Shields, K. Miller, Elkins. Motion carried.

**CDBG Needs Hearing discussion**

Ms. Miller said that a special meeting was in order to choose the project to be determined. She is still waiting for the County to contact her about the suggestions that will be acceptable. The sledding hill area parking lot may or may not be an approved project.

**Medical Marijuana Moratorium extension**

Mr. Lattie stated that an extension of two years be accepted for the Medical Marijuana Dispensaries even though the legislation is meeting on the legalities of the dispensaries. Hopefully this will clarify itself and the moratorium can end.

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**MOTION BY P. MILLER, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the Resolution declaring a moratorium on establishment of Medical Marihuana Dispensaries as presented. Roll call: Yes – Shields, K. Miller, Elkins, P. Miller. Motion carried.

**Garbage Special Assessment Hearing**

Ms. Miller opened the Garbage Special Assessment hearing at 7:10 p.m. again to hear any protest. The Garbage Special Assessment did not increase this year and is \$118 per benefited parcel.

There were no protest except Al Moreno, 1428 S. State Rd., complained about the recycling. The hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the Garbage Special Assessment as presented. Roll call: Yes – K. Miller, Elkins, P. Miller, Shields. Motion carried.

**Griffin Lake Special Assessment**

The Griffin Lake Special Assessment hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. Ms. Miller stated that the 2015 assessment for weed control for Griffin Lake is \$428.57 per benefited parcel. This cost covers eight treatments, state licenses, mailing fees and extra treatment if needed and the actual cost for 2014 Griffin Lake assessment is \$392.22 per benefited parcel. If the actual cost is lower than the estimated cost than the actual cost is reflected on the December tax bill. Ms. Miller then asked if anyone wanted to protest.

Alice Smith – 1404 S. State Rd., stated that there were only seven treatments this year and the price of the State licenses was supposed to be \$200 not \$400. He doesn't treat the whole lake and can get a cheaper permit. She reserved her right to protest the assessment.

There was discussion about the full assessment for 2015, the contract negotiation, treatment of the whole lake, the home owners association, and the fact that the assessment amount will change due to the fact that there were only seven treatments.

**MOTION BY ELKINS, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to approve the Griffin Lake Special Assessment as presented. Roll call: Yes – Elkins, P. Miller, Shields, K. Miller. Motion carried.

**Genesee County Road Commission 50/50 Plan**

Ms. Miller said that the Genesee County Road Commission 50/50 Plan will cover ditching and hydro seeding in various locations on Maple Ave. and Atlas Rd. in the amount of \$47,318.65, tree removal in various locations in the amount of \$5,000 and driveways culverts in the amount of \$4,488.52. She suggested approval with the stipulation of clarification on the ditching and tree removal projects.

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**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the Genesee County Road Commission 50/50 Plan with the clarification on the ditching and tree removal projects as presented. Roll call: Yes – P. Miller, Shields, K. Miller, Elkins. Motion carried.

**Investment Policy changes**

Mr. Miller explained that there were other Class A investment institutions that he would like to invest township funds. These must be included on the investment policy. He suggested that the board approve these institutions along with Elga Credit Union being included on the list.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the Davison Township Investment and Depository Designation Resolution with the inclusion of Elga Credit Union as presented. Roll call: Yes – Shields, K. Miller, Elkins, P. Miller. Motion carried.

**Resolution for Emergency Plan**

Ms. Miller said that this plan will make her the Genesee County Emergency Plan Director for Davison Township.

**MOTION BY ELKINS, SUPPORT BY P. MILLER** to approve the Resolution to Appoint an Emergency Management Director and Emergency Management Coordinator as presented. Roll call: Yes – K. Miller, Elkins, P. Miller, Shields. Motion carried.

**Hours of operation**

Ms. Miller stated that there were people trying to get in before the 9 a.m. operating hours and Mr. Miller had asked if the board could discuss changing the hours of operation.

Mr. Miller said that he talked with the Clerk about changing the summer hours and it was mentioned that the hours would work year round. My premise on all this is people cannot make it in on the 9 to 5 time frame and our employees can get home before dark, avoid hazardous conditions, enjoy more of the summer, we could save on electric and to adopt a policy of no flex hours for the employees.

Ms. Shields stated that these were two separate issues and would like to discuss as such.

Ms. Miller said that an email has been sent to the employees about the hours of operation discussion and discussion has taken place about how it would be distributed to the public. It can be published in the Davison Index and a flyer can be sent out with the winter tax bills.

Mr. Elkins said that he didn't feel this was better for the public. His neighbors leave for work before 8 a.m. and don't get home before 4 p.m. How is this helping those people?

Ms. Shields stated there is a drop box and online payments are accepted.

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There was discussion about credit cards being accepted.

**MOTION BY P. MILLER, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to begin December 1, 2014 hours of operation change to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Roll call: No- Elkins, Yes – P. Miller, Shields, K. Miller. Motion carried.

**Davison Area Recreational Plan 2015-2019**

Ms. Miller explained that the recreation plan was presented to the public a few weeks ago and there has been some additions added to our park systems. We added a splash pad at the Callis Lake Recreational Area.

**MOTION BY K. MILLER, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to adopt the Davison Area Recreational Plan 2015-2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Cemetery Policy change**

Mr. Miller stated that it had been brought to his attention that Additional Rights of Burial policy should be changed. This right allows more than one person be buried in one plot. There is the cost of opening and closing the grave but we need to limit the amount of persons buried in one plot.

Mr. Stewart said that the policy is antiquated and does need to be updated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The public comment period was opened at 7:55 p.m.

John Krueger – 7278 Davison Rd. – asked if the trails are considered non-motorized can someone with an Amigo use the trails, about the Board of Review meeting dates be changed, and if there is any news about the Board of Review classes.

Randy Stewart stated if the person is handicapped then a motorized vehicle can be used on the trail system.

Karen Miller said that the meeting dates cannot be changed and no news about the classes.

The public comment period was closed at 8:01 p.m.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Judge John Conover retirement party date is December 4, 2014

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Genesee County has been selected for the 14 point Assessment Review through the State so we are preparing for that.

The last group of interior inspections letters are getting ready to go out soon. The questionnaire is included.

United Way has asked for another fund raiser with the employees.

Clerk Department new employee – Ashley West will begin work on December 1, 2014.

FANG updates

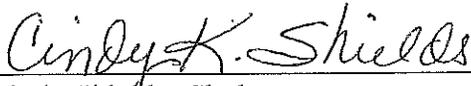
Davison Area Library Board by-laws update

Trash/Recycling day to begin on Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

Tax bills will be mailed out late this year due to Genesee County Commissioners passing the new millages.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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Cindy Shields, Clerk

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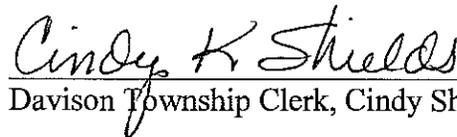
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Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

I, Cindy Shields, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Davison Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on November 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

  
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Davison Township Clerk, Cindy Shields

**City of Davison  
City Council Meeting  
December 8, 2014  
7:30 PM  
City Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Tim Bishop, Jack Abernathy, Paul Hammond, Gary Peppin, Pat Stetson, Joan Snyder and Ron Emery

Absent:

Staff: City Manager Michael Hart, Clerk Andrea Schroeder, Acting Chief Don Harris, and Treasurer Julie Pray

Others: 9 General public

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**MOTION 243-14 APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Mr. Stetson to approve the regular agenda for December 8, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**DAVISON MASTER RECREATION PLAN COMMENTS & FEEDBACK**

**MOTION 244-14 RECEIVING OF THE 2013-2014 AUDIT PRESENTATION – PLANTE MORAN, PLLC**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Ms. Snyder to receive the Audit presentation from Plante Moran, PLLC. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. DDA Minutes – November 19, 2014 – Draft
- B. 2015 Holiday Calendar
- C. Committee and Board Appointments & Reappointments

**MOTION 245-14 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Hammond, and seconded by Ms. Snyder to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 246-14 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 24, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Mr. Stetson to approve the November 24, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION 247-14 BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT**

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Abernathy to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$237,128.35. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL MEETING  
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**COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL**

City Hall Food Drive – Outreach East

**APPOINTED OFFICERS REPORT**

Mr. Hart and Mr. Skunda presented the Monthly Permits, Inspections and Zoning Violation Report for November 2014. Mr. Skunda gave an update in regards to snow removal and request for quote.

Mr. Hart presented the Monthly DPW Report for November 2014.

Acting Chief Harris presented the Monthly Police Report for November 2014.

Mrs. Pray presented the Monthly Revenue & Expenditure Report for November 2014.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Hart gave an update of the current political happenings in Lansing in regards to road funding.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Abernathy: Fire Authority met and received the Audit.

Mr. Peppin: Small Cities met in Clio and the speaker was from Genesee County Health Plan.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Leann Panduren gave a brief update of the Scrap Tire Grant application process.

**MOTION 248-14 SCRAP TIRE GRANT APPLICATION & FUNDING**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Mr. Peppin to move forward and apply for Scrap Tire Grant for Cambridge Drive and Church Street with our funding share of \$110,000 coming from EVIP for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

**MOTION 249-14 \$2500 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE ASSISTANCE**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Mr. Stetson to approve the expenditure of \$2500 for ROWE Professional Services for Capital Improvement Plan Update Assistance. Motion carried.

**MOTION 250-14 RESOLUTION 2014-37 DAVISON AREA RECREATION PLAN**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Mr. Emery to adopt Resolution 2014-37 Davison Area Recreation Plan and to have City Clerk complete and sign the resolution. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**MOTION 251-14 SECOND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2014-05 CHAPTER 690.01 FIREWORKS**

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Abernathy to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2014-05 Chapter 690.01 Fireworks as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION 252-14 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2014-32 SCHEDULE OF FEES/ REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FORM**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Mr. Emery to approve resolution 2014-32 Schedule of Fees & Request for Application form as presented. Motion carried.

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 8, 2014**

**MOTION 253-14 SECOND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2014-08 CHAPTER 674.14 SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS**

Motion by Mr. Peppin, and seconded by Mr. Hammond to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2014-08 Chapter 674.14 Solid Waste Containers as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION 254-14 SECOND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2014-09 CHAPTER 1288.30 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FACILITIES**

Motion by Mr. Hammond, and seconded by Mr. Emery to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2014-09 an Ordinance to amend Chapter 1288 replacing 1288.30, screening requirements for solid waste collection facilities as presented. Motion carried.

**2014 LEAF COLLECTION COSTS**

An estimate of the 2014 cost was given to Council.

**MOTION 255-14 LEAF COLLECTION TO FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Abernathy to have the Finance Committee review leaf collection and complete a case study. Motion carried.

**OPEN ISSUES LOG**

Finance Committee: Add leaf collection review and case study.

Policy Committee: Remove Fireworks Ordinance, put Purchasing Ordinance as priority 1, Noxious weeds as priority 2 with a completion date of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015, Fees as priority 3 with a completion date of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015, Sidewalk construction and Maintenance as priority 4, and Ordinance review as priority 5.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2014-33 SCHEDULE OF FEES**

This item to be placed under unfinished business for January 12, 2015.

**MOTION 256-14 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2014-34 LIQUOR LICENSE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Motion by Ms. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Stetson to approve Resolution 2014-34 Liquor License Redevelopment District as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION 257-14 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2014-35 GENESEE COUNTY IMPROVED PARCEL REFUSAL**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Ms. Snyder to approve Resolution 2014-35 Genesee County Improved Parcel Refusal as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION 258-14 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2014-36 2015 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Stetson to approve Resolution 2014-36 2015 Council Meeting Dates as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION 259-14 PROPOSED BUDGET CALENDAR**

Motion by Mr. Hammond, and seconded by Ms. Snyder to approve replacing the date in item (1) in the proposed Budget calendar to January 12, 2015. Motion carried.

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**MOTION 260-14 GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Motion by Mr. Peppin, and seconded by Mr. Abernathy to have Ms. Snyder and Mr. Abernathy be ambassadors to work on the Goals and Objectives schedule for 2015. Motion carried

**MOTION 261-14 CITY OF DAVISON COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1288.30**

Motion by Mr. Hammond, and seconded by Ms. Snyder that City Council direct Manager Hart make arrangements that all commercial solid waste containers under City control be brought into compliance with Ordinance 1288.30 as soon as practical. Motion carried.

**MOTION 262-14 FIRE AUTHORITY COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1288.30**

Motion by Mr. Hammond, and seconded by Mr. Stetson that City Council direct Manager Hart request of the Davison Richfield Fire Authority that all commercial solid waste containers under Fire Authority control within the City be brought into compliance with Ordinance 1288.30 as soon as practical. Motion carried.

**MOTION 263-14 2015-24 LATERAL SEWER OPERATIONS AND/OR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, and seconded by Mr. Peppin to approve the 2015-2024 Lateral Sewer Operations and/or Maintenance Agreement with selecting no on all of the options given in the scope of services. Motion carried.

**MOTION 264-14 CANCELLATION OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 22, 2014**

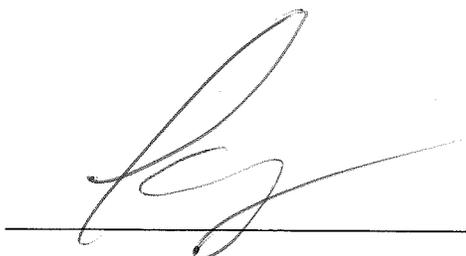
Motion by Mr. Hammond, and seconded by Ms. Snyder to cancel the City Council Meeting Scheduled for December 22, 2014. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

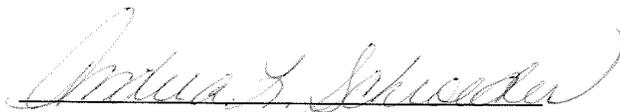
Quad Unit Meeting will be at Whitey's on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION 265-14 ADJOURNMENT**

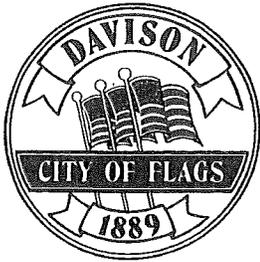
Motion by Mr. Stetson, and seconded by Mr. Abernathy to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried.



**Mayor Tim Bishop**



**Clerk Andrea L. Schroeder**



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## **Resolution 2014-37** **Davison Area Recreation Plan** City of Davison, Michigan

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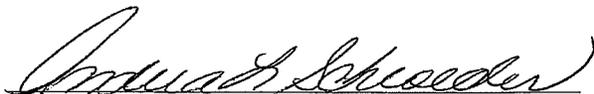
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Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I, Andrea Schroeder, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Davison City Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 8, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

  
City of Davison Clerk, Andrea Schroeder

## **RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**December 9, 2014**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Madore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Teri Webber, Gerald Masters, Joseph Madore, Debbie Buterakos, and Keith Pyles

**Approve Agenda:** Masters moved to approve the amended agenda. Supported by Webber. Motion carried.

**Review/Accept Minutes November 10, 2014:** Madore moved to accept the minutes as presented. Supported by Pyles. Motion carried.

**Review/Accept Minutes Special Meeting November 18, 2014:** Webber moved to accept the minutes as presented. Supported by Pyles. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guests:** None.

**Guests:** Monica and Craig Dufour, Bob Guth, Bill Brandon, David and Alex Turner, and Chief Tony Craig.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None.

**Presentation of Bills & Payment :** Buterakos moved the board approve the bills in the amount of \$853,490.23. Supported by Masters. **Roll Call: Gerald Masters-Yes, Joseph Madore-Yes, Debbie Buterakos-Yes, Keith Pyles-Yes, and Teri Webber-Yes.**

**Review/accept Treasurers Report:** Madore moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Master. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

- A) Adopt 2015 Holiday Schedule. Madore moved the board accept the schedule as presented. Supported by Masters. Motion carried.
- B) Adopt 2015 Meeting Dates. Madore moved the board approve the meeting dates as presented. Supported by Masters. Motion carried.
- C) Zoning Board Appointments: Madore said members Ray Curtin, and Pete Sherba's terms are up. Madore said he spoke with both of them day before and both want to continue serving. Madore moved the board reappointing Curtin and Sherba with their terms ending December 2017. Supported by Masters. Motion Carried.
- D) Planning Commission Appointment (2 members). Madore said there were two seats up this year-John Hemingway and Bob Irrer. Madore said Hemingway wants to run another term, but Irrer has decided to step down. Madore moved the board reappoint Hemmingway for another term ending December 2017. Supported by Webber. Motion carried. Madore moved the board approve Travis Covert to the vacant position ending December 2017. Supported by Masters. Motion carried.
- E) Metro Alliance Appointment. Madore moved the board reappoint Gerald Masters. Supported by Webber. Motion carried.

- F) Tax Reverted Property Dispositions 16-33-627-083 thru 16-33-627-128: Madore moved the board deny receiving the tax reverted properties from the county treasurer. Supported by Buterakos. Motion carried.
- G) Board of Review 2015 Appointments: Madore said there are five positions on the board (three regular positions and two alternates). He moved to reappoint Brenda Hunt, Sheryl Layman and Betty Fromwiller as regular members of the Board of Review. Supported by Masters. Motion Carried. Madore moved the board appoint Bob Delay and Liz Lusk-Maitland as alternates. Supported by Pyles. Motion carried.
- H) Chief of Police Agreement: Madore moved the board approve adding Chief Tony Craig's wife, Kelly Craig instead of "spouse," for medical benefits once Chief Craig retires. Supported by Masters. Motion carried.
- I) Resolution 14-16 Davison Area Recreation Plan. Madore moved the board approve Resolution 14-16. Supported by Webber. Motion carried.
- J) Mott Building Taxes. Madore moved the board pay the amount of \$3,200. Supported by Buterakos. **Roll Call: Teri Webber-Yes, Gerald Masters-Yes, Joseph Madore-Yes, Debbie Buterakos-Yes, Keith Pyles-Yes.**

**Old Business:**

- A) Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Part-Time Position. Madore moved to approve the part-time position. Supported by Webber. **Roll Call: Joseph Madore-Yes, Gerald Masters-Yes, Debbie Buterakos,-Yes, but the board should look over and Teri Webber -Yes. Pyles abstained.** Madore moved the board approve January 1, 2015 as the effective date for the position. Supported by Masters. Motion carried.
- B) MI. Senate Bill 7-Health Care Options. Madore moved to opt out again this year from the Health Care Options. Supported by Masters. Motion carried.
- C) Poverty Guidelines. Madore moved the board approve the property income guidelines of 120 percent of the property rate Supported by Masters. Motion carried. Madore moved the asset portion be set at 6 times the maximum income level. Supported by Masters. Motion carried.
- D) Resolution 14-15 Township Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Assets Test. Madore moved the board approve Resolution 14-15. Supported by Buterakos. Motion carried.

**Department Reports:**

Police Report: Chief Tony Craig said the department is still looking for a part-time police officer. radio batteries.

Fire Authority: Madore said the township had four fire runs for the month of November which overall was good.

Planning Commission: None.

Building Department/Ordinance Enforcement: None.

Assessor: Madore said the board of review met that day and there are two requests for property exemptions.

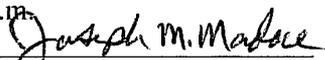
Parks & Recreation: Madore introduced Eagle Scout Alex Turner, who has volunteered to make two dugouts for the baseball diamonds at Richfield Park sometime in April. Madore said the township will support Turner in his project.

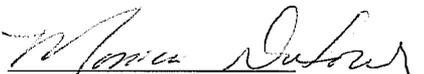
**Any General Public Comments:**

Resident Robert Guth asked about the No Landfill signs showing up in the township. Bill Brandon said there were some people wanting to show they were against the dump reopening.

**Next Regular Meeting:** January 13, 2015.

Adjournment: 8:23 p.m.

  
Joseph M. Madore, Supervisor

  
Monica Dufour, Deputy Clerk  
December 11, 2014

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# Resolution 14-16

## Davison Area Recreation Plan

Richfield Township, Michigan

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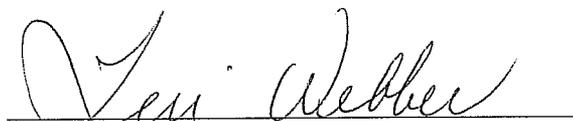
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Yeas:   5  

Nays:   0  

Absent:   0  

I, Teri Webber, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Richfield Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richfield Township Clerk, Teri Webber



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Date of the Notice October 30, 2014

Type of Notice Newspaper Advertisement - Davison Index

Plan Location Davison City Hall, Davison Community Library, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/davisonarea

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 39 days

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice November 27, 2014

Name of Newspaper Davison Index

Date of Meeting December 8, 2014

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Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2-17-2015  
Date

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Karen M. Miller

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2/18/15

Date

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I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

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Joseph M. Madore  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2-14-15  
Date

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RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

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PLAN INFORMATION		
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