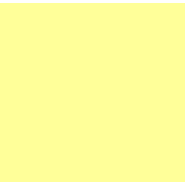
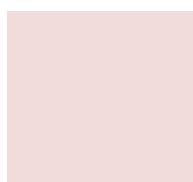




THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS



PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



2017 - 2021



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Well-designed, programmed, and maintained amenities provide higher quality-of-life for current residents and can, in turn, attract new residents and families to the area. Mount Clemens has many unique assets in its parks, open space, museums and cultural resources, and natural areas along the Clinton River. Physical and programmatic linkages can enhance these assets and provide a greater sense of place within the community, create visibility, and promote use. Recreational and cultural amenities greatly enhance a vibrant experience and stimulate development. They should be promoted and encouraged throughout Mount Clemens.



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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

This plan update covers the years 2017-2021. It is largely influenced by the 2011 Parks and Recreation Sub-Area Plan created by Hamilton Anderson Associates, who also created the 2010 Master Plan. It discusses the eleven major city parks, in addition to Regional and Local Trails, the Michigan Transit Museum, the Farmers' Market, and other museums and cultural centers. The Mount Clemens City Commission adopted a Master Plan update in 2016. This plan, while not a direct sub-area plan, will correlate with the vision set by the Master Plan.

Mount Clemens' parks number and size have largely stayed the same over the years. In total, the eleven parks make up 122 acres of land. This is about 5% of the land area in Mount Clemens. Mount Clemens is home to an estimated 16,399 people. There are 7.4 park acres for every 1,000 residents. This is an average number for cities across America. Local trails, the Transit Museum, the Farmers' Market, and any other playfields are an additional amenity to residents.

While the physical layout of the city parks have not changed much since the plan, the public's recreational needs and city's opportunities for recreation facilities may have changed. City Staff presented the community with an opportunity to take a survey related to Parks and Recreation in Mount Clemens. The survey results are considered a general representation of the views of Mount Clemens' residents. As typically described in census data, and represented in the survey results, the Mount Clemens community is aging. Many survey-takers responded to be age 50+ and showed an interest in making the parks accessible for all. This prompted accessibility to be one of the major goals listed in the goals and strategies section. Additional survey results and goals are listed in their respective sections later in the plan.

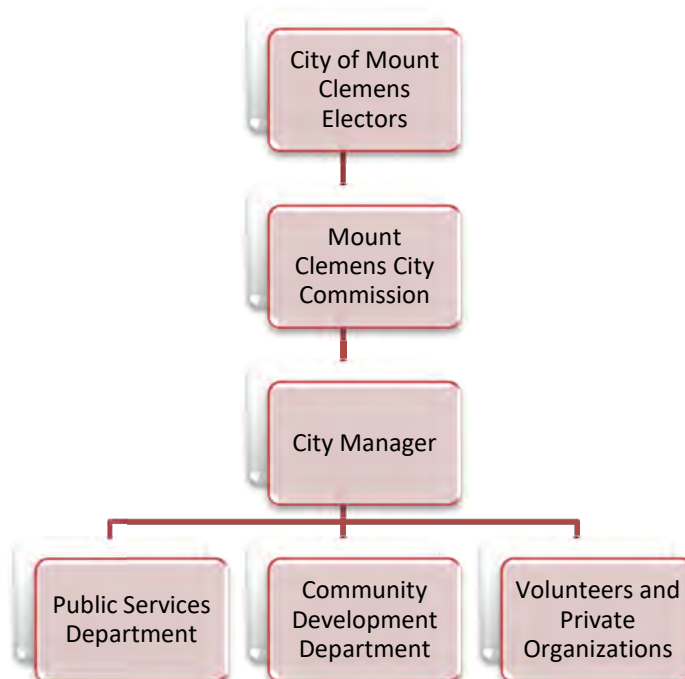
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

For many years the City of Mount Clemens maintained a Parks and Recreation Department and a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Unfortunately, due to economic conditions, in 2003 the City eliminated the Parks and Recreation Department and disbanded the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. At that time employees were transferred from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Public Services Department (DPS). The Parks Division of DPS is now responsible for the maintenance of the eleven parks within the City limits.

The difficult times also impacted the City's ability to operate and manage recreation facilities in the community. The City sought public-private partnerships with various agencies to operate and manage recreation facilities in order to keep them open to the public. The once city-run Mount Clemens Ice Arena and Community Center was closed until a contract with RT Arena Management, LLC, for the use and programming of the ice arena and community center could be made. The City has also partnered with Mount Clemens Community Schools to operate the Jermaine Jackson Community Center. These public-private partnerships have proven to be a success, and the City looks for additional opportunities to maximize resources.

Figure 1, below, is a representation of the current organizational chart showing City staff functions and lines of authority.

Figure 1: Mount Clemens Organizational Chart



FUNDING

Funding for parks maintenance comes primarily from the City's General Fund. In some years, this is supplemented by other funding sources such as Community Development Block Grants. The City does not directly fund any recreational activities. However, it does support such activities through its lease arrangements with RT Arena Management, LLC and Mount Clemens Community Schools, and DPS staff organization of recreational leagues at Memorial Park. The City will continue to foster these relationships and search for additional partnerships complimentary to the recreational needs of the community.

Table 1: Parks and Recreation Budget (2017-2022)

	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
Operation and Maintenance	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Improvements	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total	177,000.00	177,000.00	177,000.00	177,000.00	177,000.00

INVENTORY OF EXISTING PARKS

The City of Mount Clemens has many recreation areas and facilities and natural areas located throughout the community for the general public to enjoy. Among these areas, the City has eleven designated parks:

1. Clemens Park
2. Clinton River Park
3. Dorothea Leonore Park
4. Lawndale Park
5. MacArthur Park
6. Memorial Park
7. Olsen Park
8. Rotary Park
9. Shadyside Park
10. Sleepy Hollow
Nature Preserve
11. Kenneth D. Kirkum
Memorial Park (Wilson Park)



Each park is categorized and discussed according to its general use, location, and size. The classification categories are based on the recommended categories from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources *GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLANS*. Mount Clemens has a variety of the types of parks represented on the classification list including community parks, neighborhood parks, and pocket parks. The classification categories are listed in Table 2, and shaded categories are specific types discussed in this plan.

Table 2: Parks Classification

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population
Mini-Park (Pocket)	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25 to 0.5 A
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1.0 to 2.0 A
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable-depends on function.	Variable
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5.0 to 8.0 A
Large Urban Park	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal.	Variable.
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.	Variable.
Regional / Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.	5.0 to 10.0 A
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.	Variable.

Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.	Variable.
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single- purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.	Variable.
Private Park/ Recreation Facility	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.	Variable.

Classification	General Description	Description of each type	Acres / 1,000 Population
Park Trail	Multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with natural environment.	- Type I: Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists / in-line skaters. - Type II: Multipurpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians and bicyclists/in-line skaters. - Type III: Nature trails for pedestrians. May be hard or soft-surfaced.	Variable.
Connector Trails	Multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community. Focus is as much on transportation as it is on recreation.	- Type I: Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists / in-line skaters <u>located in independent r.o.w. (e.g., old railroad r.o.w.)</u>. - Type II: Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists/in-line skaters. <u>Typically located within road r.o.w.</u>	Variable.
On-Street Bikeways	Paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic.	Bike Route: Designated portions of the roadway for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists. Bike Lane: Shared portions of the roadway that provide separation between motor vehicles and bicyclists, such as paved shoulders.	Variable.
All-Terrain Bike Trail	Off-road trail for all-terrain (mountain) bikes.	Single-purpose loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.	Variable.
Cross-Country Ski Trail	Trails developed for traditional and skate-style cross-country skiing.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.	Variable.
Equestrian Trail	Trails developed for horseback riding.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.	Variable.

Each park was observed and evaluated during site visits in August and September of 2016. The observations and evaluations aid city staff in forming educated opinions about the size, site layout, and types of uses. The results of the observation and evaluation of amenities can be found in Table 3: Park Evaluation.

Additionally, the following pages include a discussion of each park. Each park discussion contains a site analysis of existing conditions, as well as a discussion of access, amenities, and recommendations for the future. Keeping with the 2011 Parks and Recreation Sub-Area Plan the parks will be discussed as they are classified.

Barrier Free Accessibility Assessment

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of City parks and recreation facilities has been conducted.

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below and the accessibility rankings can be found in Table 3: Park Evaluation.

Level 1. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes few paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 2. The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 3. The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

Level 4. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The parking areas and pathways area paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas area easily accessible.

Level 5. The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

As funding becomes available the City will attempt to provide for universal accessible recreation elements. For example, the City recently finished installation of a universal accessible kayak launch along the boardwalk at MacArthur Park.

Table 3: Park Evaluation

Park	Size (acres)	Classification	BBQs	Benches	Boardwalk	Boat slips	Dog Park	Dog Station	Fishing Pier	Kid Play equipment	Kid Swings	Passive lawn	Picnic Tables	Restrooms	Shelter	Softball/Baseball	Tot Play equipment	Tot Swings	Trail	Trash receptacles	Water Fountain	Pedestrian access	Vehicle access	Accessibility Assessment	Additional Amenities
Shadyside Park	43.2	Community Park	3	3	2			2	2	4	3	2	4	5	1	3	5	3	2	1	5	3	1	3	Boat launch, basketball court, gazebo, horseshoe pits, skate park, volleyball pit
Sleepy Hollow Nature Area	19.3	Natural Resource Area																	4			2	5	1	
Memorial Park	42.8	Sports Complex		2			3	2		4	1		1	4	1	1	5	1		1	5	3	1	2	Dog park, sledding hill, soccer field
Clinton River Park	2.9	Neighborhood		2	2	3			3			1								1		2	3	2	Gazebo, boat slips, boat house
Lawndale Park	2.1	Neighborhood	3	2				2		1	1	2	3					3		1	5	2	1	3	
MacArthur Park	2.3	Neighborhood		2	2	2			2			2							2	1		3	2	4	
Olsen Park	4.6	Neighborhood		2						1	2	2	2			3	1		2	1	5	3	4	3	Tennis courts
Wilson Park	2.2	Neighborhood		2				2		1	1	2	2	3		2	1	1		1		1	1	3	Public art, landscaping
Clemens Park	1.8	Pocket		2								2										3	4	2	
Dorothea Leonore Park	0.9	Pocket		2				2		1		3	3			3		3		1	5	4	2	3	
Rotary Park	0.1	Plaza (pocket)		2									3							1		1	3	3	Public art, clock tower, landscaping
Total Acres	122.2																								

Key: 1 = Excellent

2 = Very Good

3 = Good

4 = Fair

5 = Poor

Existing Community, Sports, and Nature Parks

Shadyside Park, Memorial Park, and Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve are the three largest parks and recreation spaces within Mount Clemens. Each has completely different amenities available for public use which affects the purpose of the park. Shadyside Park's location between a residential neighborhood and the Clinton River creates a draw from both local residents and water enthusiasts who come to use the boating access site and fishing dock. Memorial Park is a large sports complex serving the entire area. Both of these active-recreation areas are balanced with the large Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve that provides nearby residents with an opportunity to experience a natural riparian landscape. Combined, these three parks make up 105.3 acres, or 86% of the total park acres in Mount Clemens. Their location, Shadyside and Sleepy Hollow in the south and Memorial in the north, split the recreation resources for city residents.

Community, Sports, and Nature Parks	Size (Acreage)
Shadyside Park	43.2
Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve	19.3
Memorial Park	42.8
Total Acreage	105.3

Status of Grant Assisted Sites

Since 1972 the City has been the recipient of six Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants, impacting five areas; Memorial Park, Shadyside Park, Clinton River Park, Cairns Field and the Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserver. All five areas are still City-owned, however Cairns Field is currently leased to Mount Clemens Community Schools via a 99-year lease. Additional information can be found in the *Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports* submitted separate from this Plan.

Memorial Park

The City received a 1972 grant to develop a 3-acre lighted softball diamond with fencing. This park still provides several diamonds for baseball and/or softball activities.

Shadyside Park

The City received grants in 1973 (40 acre development work involving fencing, lighting, picnic areas with shelters, small amphitheater, ball fields, play area for small children, multi-purpose court, trails, parking, a toilet building, horseshoe and shuffleboard) and 1990 (development of a boat launch ramp, fishing pier and dock, access road and parking). Most of these developments are still in place today, with some having been upgraded over time. The basketball court and children play area were upgraded in 2018, while the maintenance/bathroom building was demolished in 2017.

Clinton River Park

The City received a grant in 1989 for the construction of a segment of boardwalk along the west bank of the Clinton River. This boardwalk is still in place.

Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve

The City received a grant in 1989 to purchase approximately 12 acres of heavily wooded land. This land is still a natural area open to the public.

Cairns Field

The City received a grant in 1999 for basketball court and playground equipment. These items are still in place.

SHADYSIDE PARK

Shadyside is a large irregularly-shaped park on the south border of Mount Clemens on the banks of the Clinton River. Shadyside Park is bordered by Shadyside Drive on the north, Clinton River Drive on west, the Clinton River on the south and east, and Northbound Gratiot Avenue on a portion of the southwest.

**LEGEND**

-  Park
-  Building
-  Park Access

Shadyside Park and Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve Existing Conditions

ACCESS

The main drive in to the park is from Barbara Street, while pedestrians may use the paved trail entrances at Northbound Gratiot on the west or a connection to Clinton Township and the Macomb County Freedom Trail on the south. Observations during the site visit showed worn paths marking unofficial pedestrian entrances along Clinton River Drive and where Burt Road dead-ends into the park. Pedestrians using transit may use the Gratiot Route, Route 560 or 565 with a stop at Clinton River Dr. Water enthusiasts may use the boating access site via the Clinton River Water Trail.



Main entrance from Barbara Street



Trail entrance at NB Gratiot



Trail entrance from Freedom Trail



Boating access site



Unmarked pedestrian entrance



Unmarked pedestrian entrance at Burt Road dead-end

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

Of the Mount Clemens parks, Shadyside offers the largest variety of facilities and amenities. In addition to the paved trail connecting Mount Clemens to the Freedom Trail, boating access site, and fishing dock on the Clinton River Water Trail, Shadyside offers a skate park, basketball court, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, baseball/softball backstop, bar-be-que pits, a picnic pavilion, tot and kid playground equipment with a sand surface, kid and tot swings, and several large passive play fields. Basic amenities such as a port-a-john and a doggie waste station were present as well as benches, picnic tables, and drinking fountains. Large canopy trees shade the area along the river and dot the interior of the park.

With so many amenities available, Shadyside Park also has the largest room for improvement. During observation it was noted several of the benches were in poor condition, sagging in the middle or completely broken. The drinking fountains did not have the water turned on. There were several areas where the grass was worn down showing a path to the picnic pavilion and a continuation of the paved trail where it stopped. Much of the play equipment was worn from use or lacked a purpose for play. The play area also lacked any shade nearby. With no water running and shade at a distance, time to use the play area is limited. The basketball basket posts are in the middle of the court and are in need of new nets and rims. The baseball field and volleyball courts are far from the main park and easily overlooked.

Pedestrian Access

The various entry points to the park need further consideration. Residents living west of Northbound Gratiot have been observed crossing NB Gratiot to reach Shadyside Park. Gratiot is a three-lane, state highway, without a marked crosswalk or crossing signals. Although the speed limit is 35 MPH, traffic regularly travels faster than this. This can be a hazardous location for pedestrians. For bicyclists, the non-motorized path through Shadyside ends at the intersection of NB Gratiot and Clinton River Dr. Bicyclists have been viewed using the sidewalk on NB Gratiot, however there are multiple curb cuts, or conflict points along the route.

The park was also observed to have unmarked entrances connecting it to the nearby neighborhood. These worn paths are an opportunity to improve and continue the paved trail within the park and connect it to Kibbee Flats. These connection points would give 1,500 Kibbee Flats residents intentional access to the park.



View of maintenance building and play equipment



Existing drinking fountain



Worn park bench



Double basketball court with Freedom Trail bridge in background

RECOMMENDATIONS

Observations and survey feedback indicate Shadyside Park has the most potential of all of the Mount Clemens parks. The following are recommendations to improve conditions at Shadyside.

- Install appropriate signage on the Gratiot corridors, the Clinton River, and the Freedom Trail to maximize exposure and wayfinding
- Install appropriate signage in the interior of the park to encourage utilization of existing amenities
- Promote Shadyside Park boat launch as an attractive watercraft location as it is centrally located between George George Park in Clinton Township and MacArthur Park in downtown Mount Clemens.
- Encourage relationships with local businesses, schools, and churches to promote utilization and exposure of the park. For example, partner with a local skate shop to host events, sponsor skate park amenities, and provide feedback as to skate park conditions. Or partner with a summer day-camp program to hold the camp at Shadyside Park.
- **Encourage vendors and watersports to activate the park**
- Remove existing playscape and install playscape equipment comparable to Dorothea-Leonore and Lawndale Parks' equipment
- Create shaded oasis near playscape area with park benches that will resist weathering and wear and working drinking fountains
- Install new rims and nets on basketball hoops
- Demolish maintenance building
- Build or remodel bathroom facilities to be open during daylight hours of summer months
- Install lighting in parking lot
- Work with Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to install emergency signals along trail
- Complete safety study of pedestrian crossing at Northbound Gratiot and Clinton River Dr.
- **Create a non-motorized connection between Shadyside Park and MacArthur Park**
 - o Propose designated Bike Route from Shadyside to Downtown Mount Clemens and other parks. For example, Barbara, to Robertson, to S. Main St.
- Install bike parking
- Extend paved paths within interior of the park where worn grass shows frequent activity (at Burt Road dead end, from parking lot to the pavilion, and from Freedom Trail bridge to Barbara Street.)

Proposed changes to Shadyside Park



New playscape equipment



Renovated skate park



Signalized pedestrian crossing at NB Gratiot and Clinton River Dr.

SLEEPY HOLLOW NATURE PRESERVE

The Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve is a heavily-wooded area between the eastern bank of the Clinton River and Riverside Drive in southeast Mount Clemens.

ACCESS

There is no formal entrance to Sleepy Hollow. On-street parking is forbidden on Riverside Drive. The nature area is only reasonably accessible by pedestrians or those living within a short distance of the park.



No on-street parking at Sleepy Hollow

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

Trails are difficult to access and not maintained. Forest overgrowth has made the park difficult to use.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on survey feedback natural areas and wildlife habitat were described as important features to preserve in Mount Clemens parks.

- Maintain and promote Sleepy Hollow as a nature appreciation location

MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park is located at the northwest edge of Mount Clemens, along Groesbeck Highway.



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Building
-  Park Access

ACCESS

A large parking area at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena serves Memorial Park. The lot is accessible from North Rose and North Groesbeck Highway. Sidewalks line North Rose for pedestrian access, but do not extend along North Groesbeck Highway.

A smaller lot with an entrance off of Lafayette Street at the northeast corner of the park is used by visitors to the dog park. Lafayette is also the entrance to the ball and soccer fields in the interior of the park, as well as an entrance to a residential area bordering the east side of the park. The residential area to the south of the park can be accessed by Hubbard Street. The larger area surrounding the park is predominantly industrial.



AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

The park features eight ball diamonds, a soccer field, a picnic shelter, play equipment, a sledding hill for winter activity, and Behnke Dog Park. Basic amenities include park and picnic benches, water fountains, port-a-johns, and doggie-waste stations.



Baseball diamond north of Lafayette St.



Picnic pavilion



Dog waste station at dog park

The ball diamonds are in varying conditions, but are all playable and maintained. The four fields to the north of Lafayette Street are in the best condition, have running water fountains, metal bleachers, and are near port-a-johns, nice play equipment, and permanent restrooms. The remaining four ball fields as well as the soccer field are south of Lafayette Street and can be accessed from a dirt loop from McCormick Street. The largest of the ball fields has wood bleachers, an announcer's booth, a concession stand, and lights.

The equipment accessed from the Ice Arena parking lot is in deteriorating condition. The play equipment especially, is worn from use and weathering and sits directly on the grass without an appropriate play surface for safety. There is also a deteriorating, rusted scoreboard nearby that could be hazardous for children. There is a large cemented area fenced with lights and what used to be a water fountain. This area is underutilized and lacks purpose. The sledding hill is eroded and unattractive during warmer months.



Worn play equipment



Existing slide landing



Dilapidated score board



Cement surface with no function



Sledding hill



Unuseable drinking fountain

The main purpose for this park is a sports park. It is heavily used throughout the summer months and moderately used during the spring and fall. Uses are mainly baseball and softball leagues of all ages using the ball diamonds. The dog park also has moderate use throughout the day. Although DPS does not organize the leagues, they are responsible for scheduling the activities.

Pedestrian Access and Accessibility

Pedestrian access and accessibility is limited throughout the park as well as along adjacent roadways. The western half of the park is well connected by a sidewalk along North Rose and a pedestrian bridge across the intersection of North Rose and North Groesbeck, but the sidewalk ends at the parking lot. There are no paved trails throughout the park, making it difficult for persons with mobility issues to reach the pavilion, concession stand, and other inner areas of the park. Additionally, the sidewalk on Lafayette Street ends at the border of the park.



Aerial view of Groesbeck/N. Rose St. pedestrian bridge



Sidewalk on Lafayette St. ends at Memorial Park property



Pedestrian bridge at Groesbeck/N. Rose St.

Additionally, in a recent study completed by Macomb County for the Green Macomb initiative, Memorial Park was identified as having low levels of tree canopy coverage. When identifying tree canopy coverage, special sensitivity was given to areas where ball and play fields are present, however areas on the perimeter of the ball fields and areas around the play equipment should be reconsidered for tree canopy coverage. More

information about Green Macomb and Urban Forestry efforts for Mount Clemens can be found on page 61 of this plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Propose designated Bike Route from Memorial to Downtown Mount Clemens. For example, Cass Ave., to Eldredge, to N. Wilson.
- Install bike parking
- Extend sidewalk adjacent to Lafayette on park grounds
- Continue paved paths through interior of park connecting parking lots, pavilion, concession stand, ball fields, and dog park
- Install appropriate signage in the interior of the park to encourage utilization of existing amenities
- Institute a recreational soccer league to meet growing demand for recreational leagues
- Continue to schedule leagues through Department of Public Services
- Seek funding to optimize or convert ball fields south of Lafayette
- Remove existing playscape and install playscape equipment comparable to Dorothea-Leonore and Lawndale Parks' equipment
- Build or remodel bathroom facilities to be open during daylight hours of summer months
- Plant additional trees around perimeter of ball fields and around the central play area to increase canopy coverage
- Determine best use for fenced, paved area near playscape

Proposed changes to Memorial Park



Additional trails and trees shown in blue



New playscape equipment



New use for large cement area

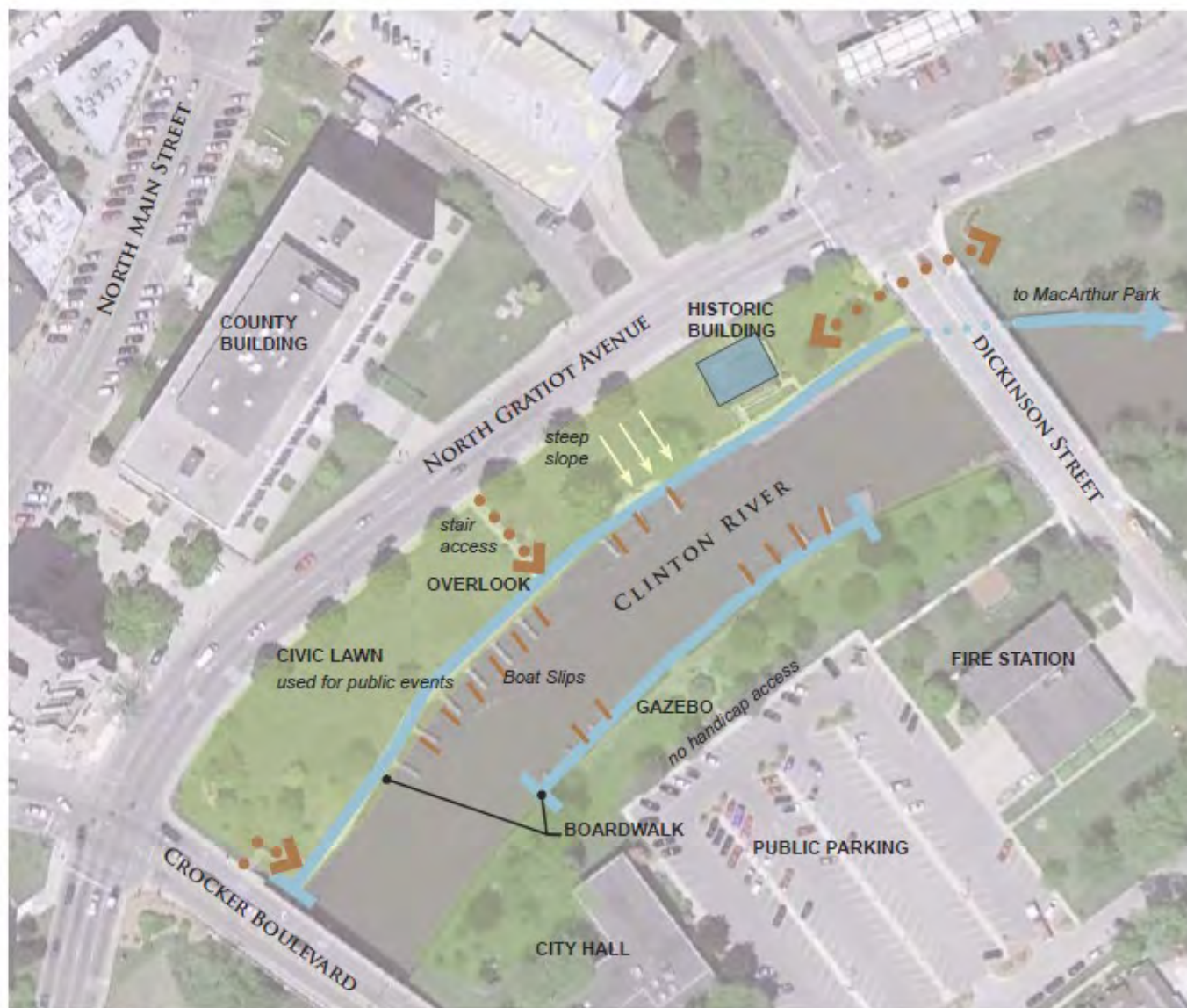
Existing Neighborhood Parks

There are currently five neighborhood parks in Mount Clemens, totaling 14.1 acres. The parks are distributed evenly throughout the city and serve most residential area within a ½ mile, or 10 minute walk from one's home.

Neighborhood Parks	Size (acres)
Clinton River Park	2.9
Lawndale Park	2.1
MacArthur Park	2.3
Olsen Park	4.6
Wilson Park	2.2
Total Acreage	14.1

CLINTON RIVER PARK

Clinton River Park is an urban park encompassing both banks of the Clinton River from the Crocker Boulevard Bridge to the Dickinson Street Bridge.



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Building
-  Park Access
-  Boardwalk

ACCESS

The south bank of Clinton River Park is accessible from a large municipal, metered parking area. This lot offers pedestrian access to the gazebo and boat slips. The north bank of Clinton River Park is accessible by walking along Northbound Gratiot Avenue, adjacent to Downtown Mount Clemens. Pedestrians using transit may use the Gratiot Route, Route 560 or 565 with a stop north of Cass Avenue. At water level on the north bank, a boardwalk under the Dickinson Street Bridge connects Clinton River Park and the boat slips to the YMCA and MacArthur Park.



Clinton River Park from NB Gratiot Ave.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

The park is often used for large community events, concerts, parties, and parades. A gazebo is located on the south bank of the Clinton River and is often used for marriage ceremonies. A recreational harbor along both banks of the river bring boaters from upstream, as well as Lake St. Clair. Boat slips are rented during major events, but are largely first come, first serve throughout the season. The large sloping lawn on both banks provides space for passive activities.

The boat house sits on the north bank of the river, but due to lack of demand, sits mostly vacant. Renewed interest in paddling and kayaking along the Clinton River could prompt renovations to the boat house to make it more desirable for use. Additionally, in response to increased activity on the river, the Mount Clemens Fire Department is pursuing options to build a boat launch within the Clinton River Park/MacArthur Park area to launch a rescue boat. The fire station's proximity to the Clinton River and surrounding parks make this an ideal location for the Fire Department's rescue boat launch as well as a boat launch open to the public. The only other boat launch in Mount Clemens is located in Shadyside Park.



Clinton River Park entrance at Crocker St. bridge



Clinton River Park looking towards Crocker St. bridge



Clinton River Park gazebo - boathouse in background



Clinton River Park looking toward Dickinson St. bridge

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Include Clinton River Park in Bike Route Network
- Install bike parking
- Use signage to identify parking opportunities for visitors
- Support continued maintenance, cleanup, and restoration of the Clinton River
- Encourage recreation on the Clinton River
- **Encourage vendors and watersports to activate the park**
- **Rehabilitate bath house into usable vendor space**
- Encourage improvements that will positively impact Downtown Mount Clemens
- **Add design features along Gratiot to celebrate the presence of the river, such as pedestrian scaled lights, banner poles, and landscaping**
- **Add midblock crossings on Gratiot to connect the park to Downtown**
- **Create an urban park edge (promenade) along Gratiot and the river's edge**
- Encourage river boardwalk to be connecting path between Clinton River Park, MacArthur Park, and Downtown Mount Clemens through active recreation
- Include Clinton River Park in future water sports recreation improvements to compliment improvements at MacArthur Park
- Support Mount Clemens Fire Department's efforts to build boat launch for City and public use

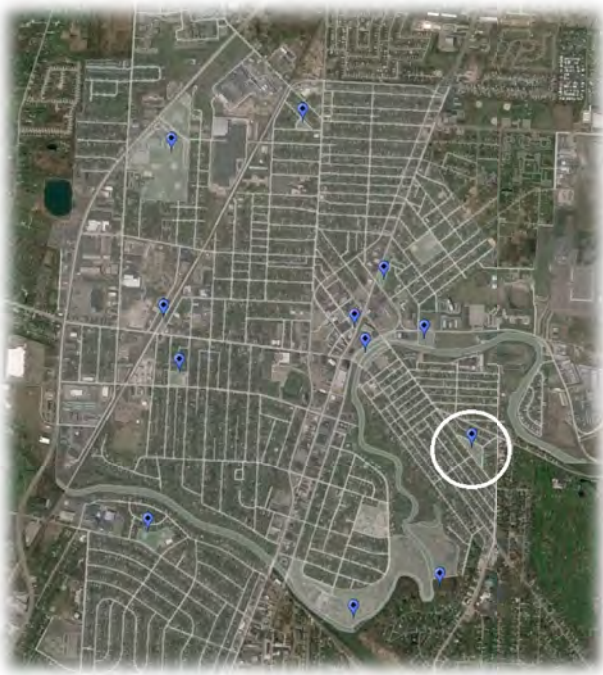
LAWNDALE PARK

Lawndale is a tree-lined, triangular-shaped park in a residential neighborhood in eastern Mount Clemens.



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Entrance sign
-  Picnic table
-  Park Access



ACCESS

On-street parking is ample and available on all three sides of the park. A sidewalk with curb cuts at either end runs through the park along Dickinson Ave. for pedestrian access.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

Open lawns are located at the northwestern half of the park and play equipment, picnic tables, park benches, and a bar-be-que pit are at the southern end. The park is well-shaded by mature trees. The play equipment is in good condition, however ADA accessibility standards should be considered to allow for hard surfaces.

Lawndale Park is an important neighborhood resource. It rates within the top five parks in Mount Clemens according to the community survey, and it received a rating of 27% “very good” in overall quality. Lawndale Park provides important green space within in the community and it is has adequate tree canopy coverage according to Green Macomb.



Lawndale Park signage



Lawndale Park playscape

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Include Lawndale Park in Bike Route Network
- Install bike parking
- Add signage to indicate proximity to City Hall, Clinton River Park, and Downtown Mount Clemens

MACARTHUR PARK

MacArthur Park is located on the north bank of the Clinton River east of the Dickinson Street Bridge. A tree-covered open lawn is bordered by the Macomb Family YMCA parking lot on the west side, North River Road on the North, and Jones Street on the east.



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Park Access

ACCESS

Parking for MacArthur Park is at the end of Jones Street as it dead-ends into the park. Overflow parking can be found at the YMCA. Pedestrians using transit may use the Gratiot Route, Route 560 or 565 with a stop north of Cass Avenue. Pedestrians may enter the park from the sidewalk along North River Road or the boardwalk on the Clinton River Water Trail. The boardwalk connects MacArthur Park to Clinton River Park and Downtown Mount Clemens. Water enthusiasts may tie up their boat at the boardwalk and walk in.



AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

The trees in MacArthur Park make up the Jack Prescott Arboretum. The park can be used as an outdoor classroom for nature enthusiasts. Throughout the park is a paved trail connecting the Jones Street parking lot, the boardwalk, and the YMCA. Picnic tables and park benches are scattered along the trail. The boardwalk is a primary feature allowing for boat tie ups, fishing, and connectivity to Downtown Mount Clemens via Clinton River Park. The bank of the Clinton River at MacArthur Park is held up by a seawall. Some concerns have been raised over the remaining lifespan of the wall and whether extensive repairs will need to be done in the near future.



MacArthur Park signage



MacArthur Park trail



Existing boardwalk



Existing Seawall

Proposed Plans for MacArthur Park

The City of Mount Clemens has partnered with the Clinton River Watershed Council and twelve other communities along the Clinton River as part of the WATERTOWNS Initiative. This effort is funded in part through a Coastal Zone Management Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of the grant is to increase access to the Clinton River Water Trail by creating accessible access points in the communities involved in the initiative. This initiative supports Mount Clemens' goal to increase access to water recreation.

What does this mean for MacArthur Park?

MacArthur Park was selected as the Mount Clemens site to receive improvements to become an improved water access location. Proposed plans and renderings include:

- Jones Street improvements to include accessible parking and truck and trailer parking
- A welcome plaza with signage and kayak storage
- Accessible restrooms and picnic tables
- An accessible kayak launch alongside the existing boardwalk



These plans were presented to the Mount Clemens City Commission on September 6, 2016, and fundraising for a portion of the project was completed in January 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Implement improvements to make MacArthur Park an improved water access location including accessible kayak launch, lockers, bathrooms, picnic area, and parking lot reconfiguration
- Increase recreational activity, accessibility for users, and safety in MacArthur Park
- **Encourage vendors and watersports to activate the park**
- Seek opportunities to maximize the impact of improvement project in other ways in MacArthur Park and in other nearby parks
 - o Assess future lifespan of boardwalk and seawall structures
 - o Address perceptions of safety on the boardwalk under the Dickinson Street Bridge
 - o Seek funding to improve the Clinton River Park boathouse for recreation opportunities
- Actively program to maintain activity levels in the park
- Include MacArthur Park in Bike Route Network
- **Create a non-motorized connection between Shadyside Park and MacArthur Park**
- **Improve the non-motorized link between Clinton River Park and MacArthur Park**
- Install bike parking
- Create pedestrian crossing on North River Rd. at Park St. to create connection with residents living north of MacArthur Park

OLSEN PARK

Olsen Park is an irregularly shaped park in southwestern Mount Clemens, adjacent to Mount Clemens Montessori School.



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Building
-  County regional trail
-  Fence

ACCESS

Olsen Park frontage is on Harrington Street between Hampton and Roslyn Roads. Parking is extremely limited at Olsen Park. There are two spaces on site, and street parking on Harrington is prohibited. Olsen Park's proximity to a school, largely residential area, and major hospital allow many visitors to walk or bike to the park. Pedestrian access is available using a sidewalk on the south east side connecting the park and the school.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

The park features a large open lawn with a baseball backstop, two full tennis courts, and play equipment for multiple ages. Picnic tables and park benches dot the park. Olsen Park is partially shaded by mature trees near the tennis courts leaving much of the ball field and play area to the east unprotected. The tree canopy rating of this park is 0-10% coverage.

The tennis courts, play equipment, and benches are in good condition. The baseball backstop is also in good condition, but the field is uneven and lacks markings. There is a water spout near the tennis courts, but it is unusable.



Olsen Park signage and tennis courts



Tennis courts



Olsen Park playscape



Picnic and park bench



View of Olsen Park looking towards Harrington St. Baseball backstop and walking path

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Expand parking pad to accommodate more cars
- Add pedestrian cross walks at Roslyn Street and Hampton Road
- Extend sidewalk from the south east edge of the park along Harrington Street including add curb cuts at Roslyn Street
- Add paved walking path from playscape area around ball field to tennis courts
- Include Olsen Park in Bike Route Network
- Install bike parking
- Plant additional trees or build a picnic pavilion near playscape for shade
- Add a water source near the play equipment and the tennis courts
- Add a doggy waste station to help keep the park clean

Proposed changes to Olsen Park



Additional trails and trees shown in blue



Drinking fountains



Doggy waste station

KENNETH D. KIRKUM MEMORIAL PARK

What is best known as Wilson Park, is now Kenneth D. Kirkum Memorial Park. It is located in west-central Mount Clemens at the northwest corner of Wilson Boulevard and Church Street. The site is a former school, with only the gymnasium remaining. Although operated by the Department of Public Services, the gym was not included in this evaluation.



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Building
-  Entrance sign
-  Park Access

ACCESS

Wilson Park is served by a small parking lot accessible from Wilson and Church Streets. Sidewalks line the park on all sides offering pedestrian access.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

In addition to a parking lot and sidewalks, Wilson Park offers two sets of play equipment designated for different age groups. As you enter the park from the parking lot, a play area designated for 2-5 year olds is on the left. A play area designated for 5-12 year olds is on the right. The area as a whole is well shaded, has numerous park benches and picnic tables for guardians to wait, and pavers marking the pathways through the area.

Adjacent to the play area, to the west is a ball field with a small baseball backstop, and an older set of swings and a slide.

Survey results indicate Wilson Park is well cared for and well used by the public. Wilson Park had the most favorable response for overall quality receiving 54% Very Good or better rating.



Playscape for ages 2-5 year olds



Playscape for ages 5-12 year olds



Swings and slide



Baseball backstop and play field

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Add permanent bathrooms and water fountains
- Actively program Wilson Park
- Include Wilson Park in Bike Route Network

Existing Pocket Parks

Mount Clemens has two traditional pocket parks (or mini-parks as they are sometimes referred to), with an additional plaza space in the downtown area. Pocket parks typically have a ¼ mile area of service, and are accessible within a five minute walk from one's home. Mount Clemens' pocket parks serve two main areas. For areas underserved by parks, a pocket park is an option to create recreation or green space where there is limited space.

Pocket Parks	Size (Acres)
Clemens Park	1.8
Dorothea Leonore Park	0.9
Rotary Park	0.1
Total Acreage	2.8

CLEMENS PARK

Clemens Park is located at the intersection of Welts Street, Main Street, and Northbound Gratiot Avenue. Christian Clemens, the founder of Mount Clemens, provided the land for use as a town cemetery. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are buried within the park.



-  PARK
-  HISTORICAL MARKER
-  ACCESS

ACCESS

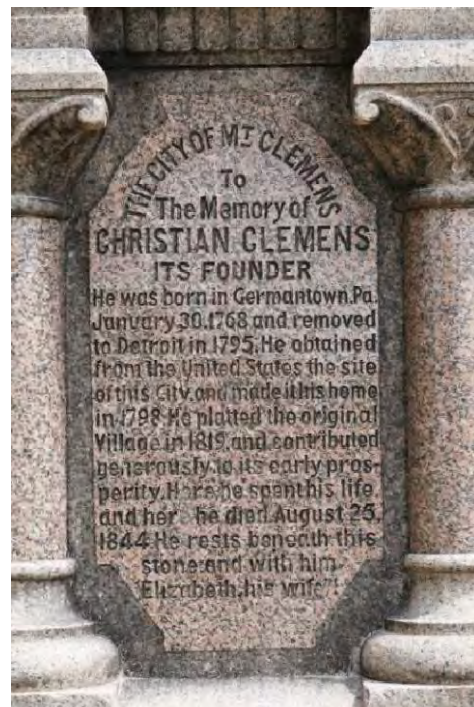
Access to Clemens Park by car is limited. On-street parking is available on Park Street. Pedestrian access is much easier. Pedestrians have access from the neighborhood north of Clemens Park off of Park Street and access from Downtown Mount Clemens across Northbound Gratiot Avenue. Sidewalks line both Park Street and Northbound Gratiot. Pedestrians using transit may use the Gratiot Route, Route 560 or 565 with a stop at Clemens Park.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

As described, Clemens Park is dedicated to the founder of Mount Clemens, Christian Clemens. A historical monument marks he and his wife's burial site. More recently, Clemens Park was the site of blight remediation. The City of Mount Clemens used grant funding to demolish vacant residential structures at the center of the park. The City is expected to tear down the last remaining house in 2017 and add the land to the park. The north end of the park is a passive green area with large shade trees. The south end of the park is a recreation field with few trees. Park benches are throughout the park.



Monument to Mount Clemens' founder Christian Clemens



Monument detail



Clemens Park passive field



Remaining residential structure at Clemens Park

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Include Clemens Park in Bike Route Network
- Install bike parking
- Create intentional connection between neighborhood north and east of Clemens Park and Downtown Mount Clemens
 - o Extend the paved trail across NB Gratiot through the park to Park Street
- Install additional signage to tell pedestrians the route and distance to Downtown Mount Clemens, as well as tell motorists where parking for Clemens Park is located
- Plant trees and install park benches to green space when remaining house is torn down

DOROTHEA LEONORE PARK

Dorothea Leonore Park is a wedge-shaped pocket park in a residential area in the northern neighborhoods of Mount Clemens, at the intersection of Dorothea and Leonore Streets.



LEGEND

 Park

 Entrance sign

ACCESS

On-street parking is ample and available on all three sides of the park. As a pocket park, it is accessible to residents in the adjacent neighborhood. Although sidewalks line each street in front of surrounding houses, the park lacks sidewalks and curb cuts to make it accessible.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

A majority of the park is a large open lawn area with play equipment located in the eastern corner. Trees line the perimeter and shade the play structures.

The Mount Clemens Foundation supported the installation of a new playscape in 2007. The playscape is for toddlers and older children, and is in very good condition. The newest equipment is installed in wood chip surfacing, while older equipment is installed directly on turf. Benches and picnic tables are in good condition. A dog station is available and stocked with plastic waste bags. The northern corner of the park offers a softball backstop. The multi-purpose open lawn area is in good condition. Trash receptacles are placed throughout the park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Add accessibility features such as sidewalks on all side of the park, curb cuts, crosswalks at corners
- Solid, smooth paths to and around each piece of equipment should be added to the interior of the park
- Installed safety surfacing around the older play equipment
- Include Clemens Park in Bike Route Network
- Install bike parking



Dorothea-Leonore Park playscape



Dorothea-Leonore Park baseball backstop

ROTARY PARK

More accurately defined as a plaza, Rotary Park is a pocket-sized urban park located in Downtown Mount Clemens. The southern half of the park is located between two two-story buildings, North Walnut Street and North Main Street. The northern half of the park is wedge-shaped open plaza between New Street and North Main Street.



ACCESS

Rotary Park is most easily accessible by walking. Metered parking is located throughout Downtown Mount Clemens, but wide sidewalks, street furniture, and public art encourage pedestrian activity.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

Rotary Park offers a break from the retail/commercial areas along Main Street. Pedestrians are encouraged to view several pieces of public art, eat lunch at a picnic table, or simply rest at a park bench. Additionally, the clock tower, fountain, and flower beds add character to the Mount Clemens streetscape.

The improvements to Downtown crosswalks, discussed below, have dramatically improved the walkability of Downtown Mount Clemens. Improvements like this help make Downtown a destination.



View of park looking towards N. Walnut St.



Park benches and window artwork



Picnic benches



Rotary Park public art



Rotary Park public art



Map of Downtown Mount Clemens at Rotary Park

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to encourage placemaking improvements to improve walkability of Downtown
 - o Implement pedestrian safety infrastructure at additional marked crosswalks in Downtown
- **Refresh existing downtown open spaces with lighting, landscaping and site furnishings as needed**
- Implement green infrastructure project and **enhance existing pedestrian connections at Cherry Street, through the Red Lot to Cass Street, and between New Street and Market Street**
- Include Rotary Park in Bike Route Network
- Install bike parking

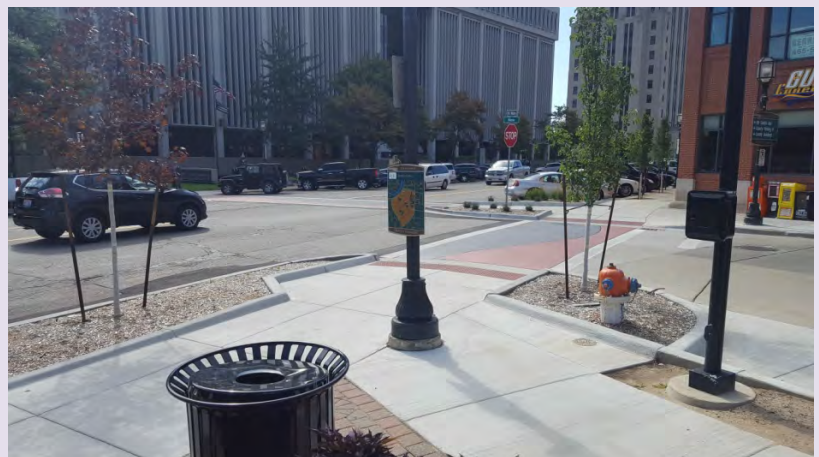
2016 Improvements to Downtown Mount Clemens

The City of Mount Clemens applied for and received a Transportation Alternative Grant (TAP) through the Michigan Department of Transportation. TAP is a competitive grant program that uses federal transportation funds designated by Congress for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options.

What does this mean for Rotary Park?

Rotary Park (the clock tower plaza) and the adjacent New Street/Main Street intersection were identified as one of several areas to receive improvements. These improvements are meant to increase the safety and walkability of Downtown Mount Clemens. The improvements included:

- Redesigned pedestrian crosswalks in each direction
- Reconfigured curb cuts and ADA accessible features at crosswalks
- Added green infrastructure including street trees
- Pedestrian amenities and street furniture



The grant was applied for in 2015 and the improvements were made in Spring of 2016. Other planned improvements for Downtown Mount Clemens are discussed above in Recommendations.

Other Parks and Amenities

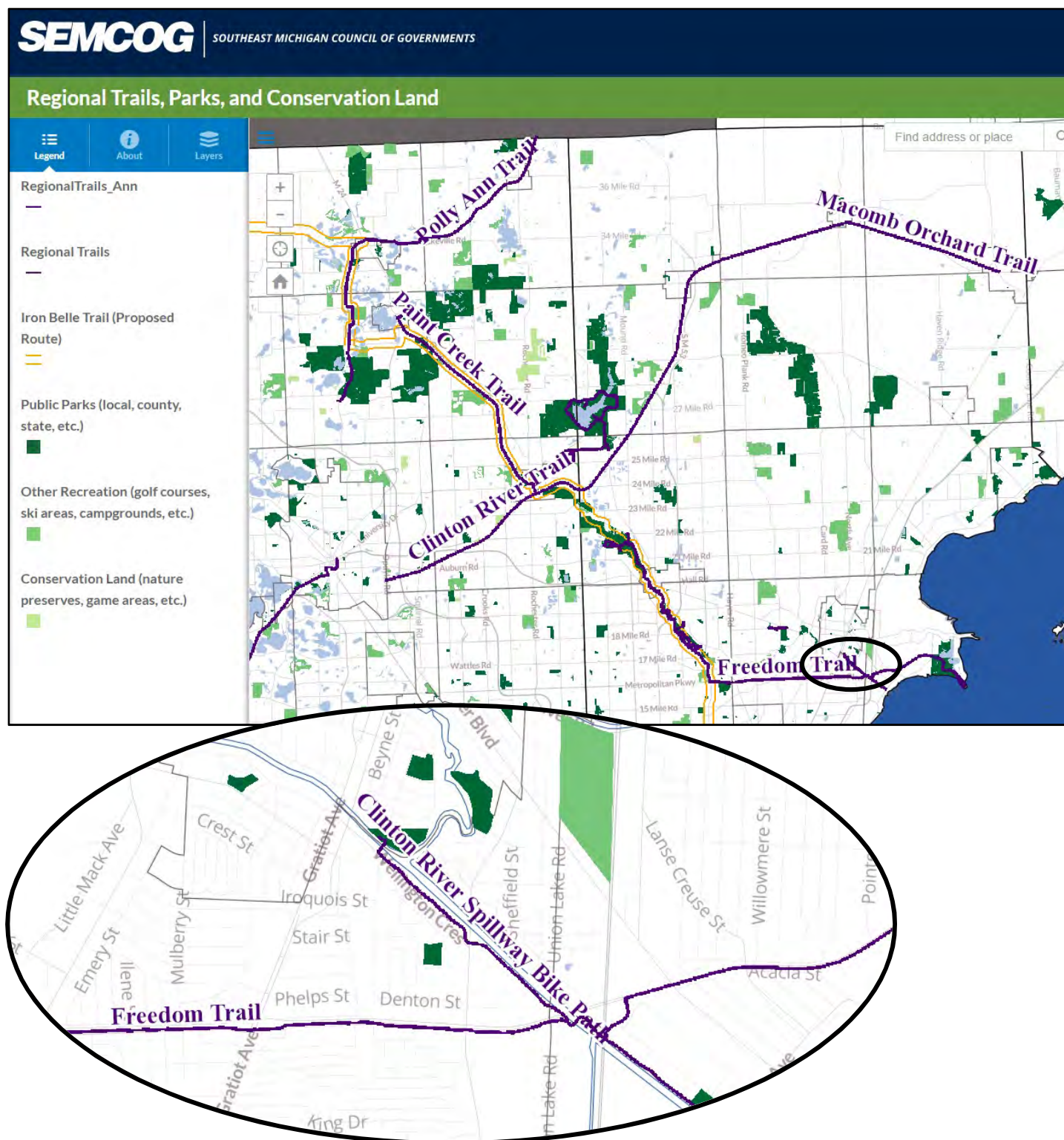
Mount Clemens offers a variety of public spaces beyond the established parks. The sidewalk system allows for active and passive recreation, the Historic Michigan Transit Museum offers education recreation, and the Mount Clemens Farmers' Market offers an opportunity to purchase goods and produce from local vendors. Each of these is an asset to the community, adding to the vibrancy of Mount Clemens.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL TRAILS

Mount Clemens is positioned to be connected by both land and water trails. As previously discussed, the Freedom Trail, a paved bike trail intersecting many Macomb County communities, and the Clinton River Water Trail both go through Mount Clemens. These are assets to the residents of Mount Clemens as well as local businesses who may benefit from passers-by using a connected network of non-motorized trails.

REGIONAL TRAILS

Mount Clemens is directly served by the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail extends along Metropolitan Parkway from Schoenherr Road to Lake Saint Clair Metropark with a deviation into Shadyside Park. This route is 10.9 miles of independent trail and 2.8 miles of shared use path (13.7 miles total). The larger network of trails in and around Macomb County is shown in the following image. These include the Macomb Orchard Trail, the Clinton River Trail, and the Paint Creek Trail. Independent trails and shared use paths in Macomb County alone account for over 90 miles of trails.

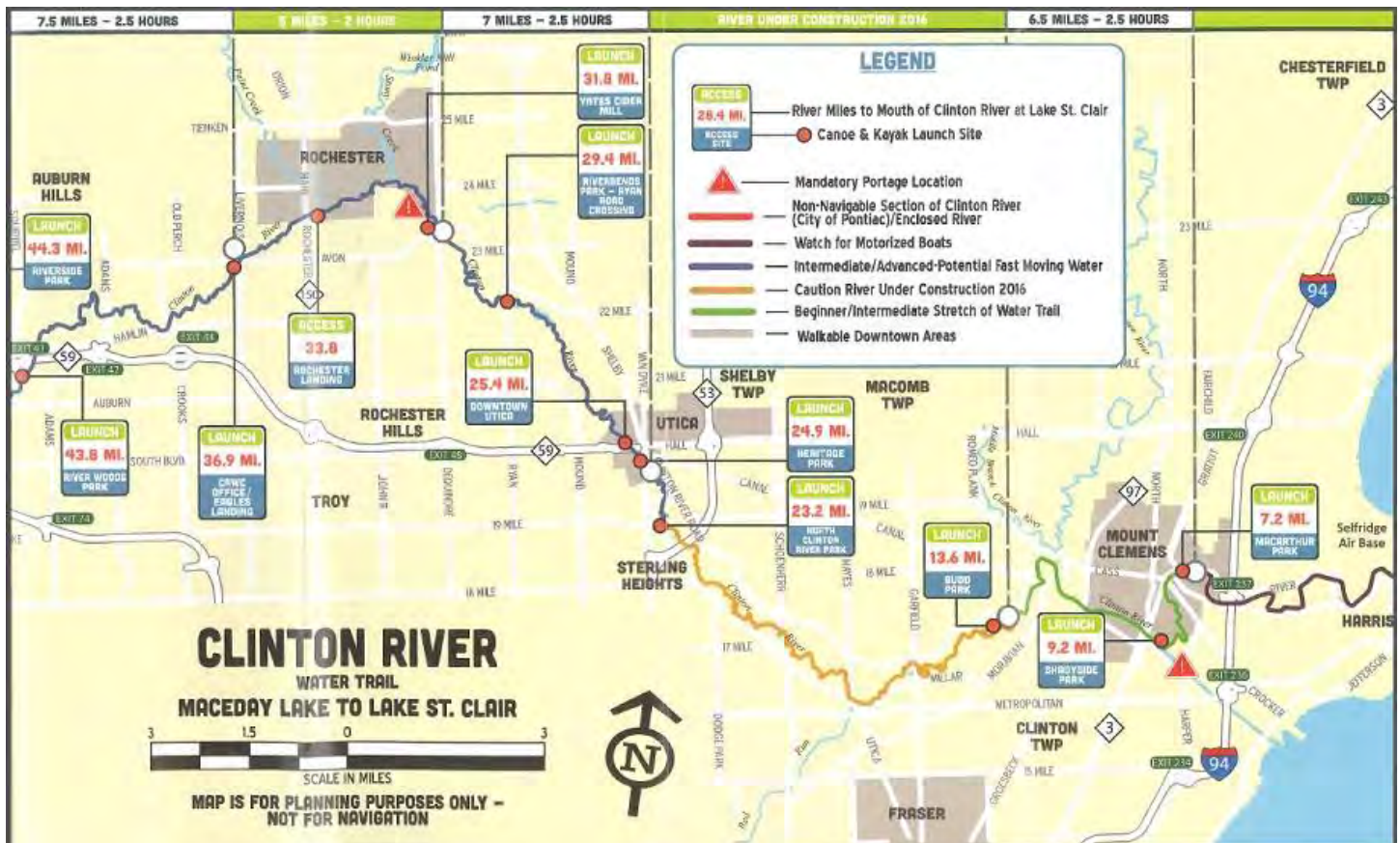


<http://maps.semco.org/parkstrails/>

CLINTON RIVER WATER TRAIL

The Clinton River Watershed Council has taken the initiative to formalize and publicize the navigable portions of the Clinton River as a recreational water trail. From Maceday Lake in Waterford Township to the Mouth at Lake St. Clair, the Clinton River is 62.9 miles. A portion of the river in Pontiac is not navigable, and in other locations portage is mandatory. The image below shows a portion of the river from Interstate 75 to Harrison Township.

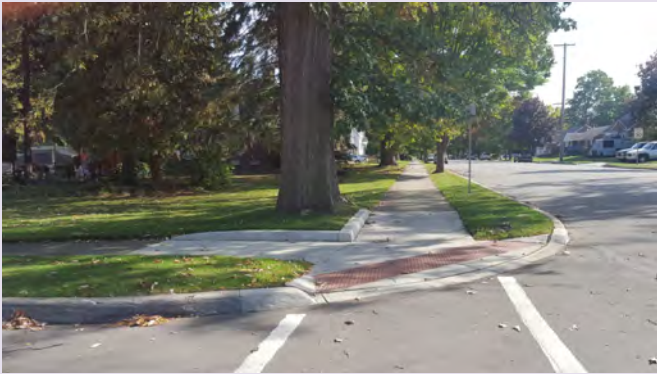
As discussed in the MacArthur Park section of the plan, the City of Mount Clemens is a partner in the Watershed Council's efforts to improve recreation on the river. In addition to installing accessible kayak launches, the Watershed Council is working with local communities to place signage along the river. The signage will be placed at difficult sections of the river as an identification marker for paddlers to report their location if a rescue team is needed in an emergency situation. The Mount Clemens Fire Department is involved with water rescues and currently trains on the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair. They are seeking opportunities to acquire new rescue equipment and build a launch point closer to their station. The Fire Department is considering building a launch in Clinton River Park, and has discussed how this might be incorporated with the improvements planned for MacArthur Park.



Clinton River Watershed Council

Local Trails

Mount Clemens' local trails include an interconnected sidewalk network. Many streets are lined with sidewalks allowing pedestrians access to different neighborhoods. Most recently, sidewalk improvements have been done on Crocker Boulevard and Church Street where road repairs have occurred. The City of Mount Clemens will continue to make sidewalk repairs and improvements in an organized and timely manner as described in a plan developed by the Department of Public Services and City Engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein, and Westrick, Inc.



Rebuilt sidewalk ramp on Crocker Blvd.



Rebuilt sidewalk ramp on Church St.

Building a Formal Bike Route Network

Using the existing sidewalk network and on-street bike paths where possible, this plan recommends creating a formalized Bike Route Network. This network would encourage alternative transportation use for trips within Mount Clemens, create a safe travel network where drivers are aware of bikers' presence on the road, and further connect local destinations including City parks and Downtown Mount Clemens. Survey results indicate bicycling on paved trails or roads ranks among the top five activities enjoyed by survey respondents. The following images show additional amenities to build upon the Bike Route Network:



Bike route road sign



Example of a designated bike lane and signage



MICHIGAN TRANSIT MUSEUM

The Michigan Transit Museum is located at 200 Grand Avenue, north of Cass Avenue in the Grand Trunk Depot Historic District. The site is approximately 0.73 acres. Built in 1859, this property is a designated historic district, Mount Clemens' only historic district.



ACCESS

Pedestrians and vehicles have access to the property from Cass Avenue and Grand Avenue.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

A Michigan Historic Sign welcomes visitors to the historic rail station. The interior of the station was inaccessible and was not included in this evaluation. A brick paver path leads from Grand Avenue to the station. Two out buildings are located at the north end of the property.

Since 2010, the City has partnered with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and the federal National Park Service on three grant projects for the exterior rehabilitation of the Depot. As a Certified Local Government through these agencies, the City has been able to utilize special grant funds to complete the repair and restoration of the exterior brick and masonry, the repair and painting of exterior woodwork and arched brackets, the rehabilitation and painting of exterior windows on the south facing wall, and most recently this past year, the installation of a new roof. These projects have amounted to a nearly \$90,000 investment into the Train Depot. The majority of this funding has come from the federal government, including Community Development Block Grant Funds, which have been used as the local match for two of three grant projects.

There is a continued need for repair and maintenance on the main building and the two out buildings. The furnace will likely need to be replaced within the next couple of years and the outbuildings need new siding and paint as well as new roofs. Additionally, to increase accessibility the sidewalk should be extended beyond the parking lot along Grand Avenue, and the brick paver walkway should be repaired to the best it can while maintaining its historical integrity.



Mount Clemens Train Station, Michigan Transit Museum

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Partner with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (MSHPO) on continued improvements
- Extend sidewalk along Grand Avenue
- Institute other recommendations and goals set by the Mount Clemens Train Depot Rehabilitation Master Plan created by Hamilton Anderson Associates



Michigan Transit Museum outbuildings



Historical marker



Brick paved path

MOUNT CLEMENS FARMERS' MARKET

ACCESS

The Farmers' Market is located at 141 North River Road, and is accessible from North River Road. Sidewalks line North River Road, and Parking is available on site. The Market is open on Friday and Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM, May - November.

AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS

The Market is an open air experience where shoppers can purchase the freshest, locally grown produce directly from area farmers. The Market is full of lively conversations where farmers and customers chat about the products, farms and sometimes even secret family recipes!



The Farmers' Market, in connection with the City of Mount Clemens and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are exploring options to build a permanent structure to house the Market. More information about the Market can be found on their website, <http://www.mountclemensfarmersmarket.com/>.

RECOMMENDATIONS

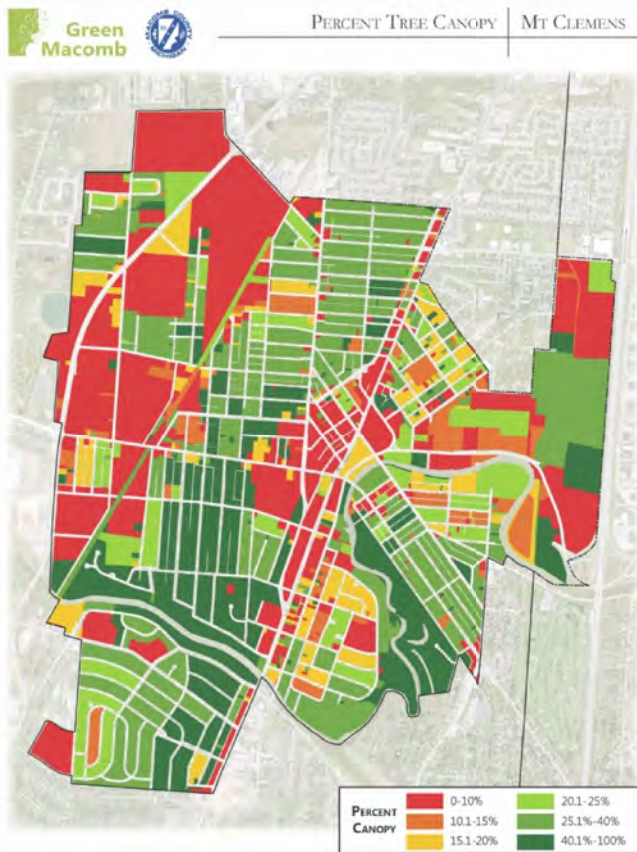
- Continue to support the Farmers' Market and the DDA as they seek alternative options for the Market facility

Green Macomb Urban Forest Partnership

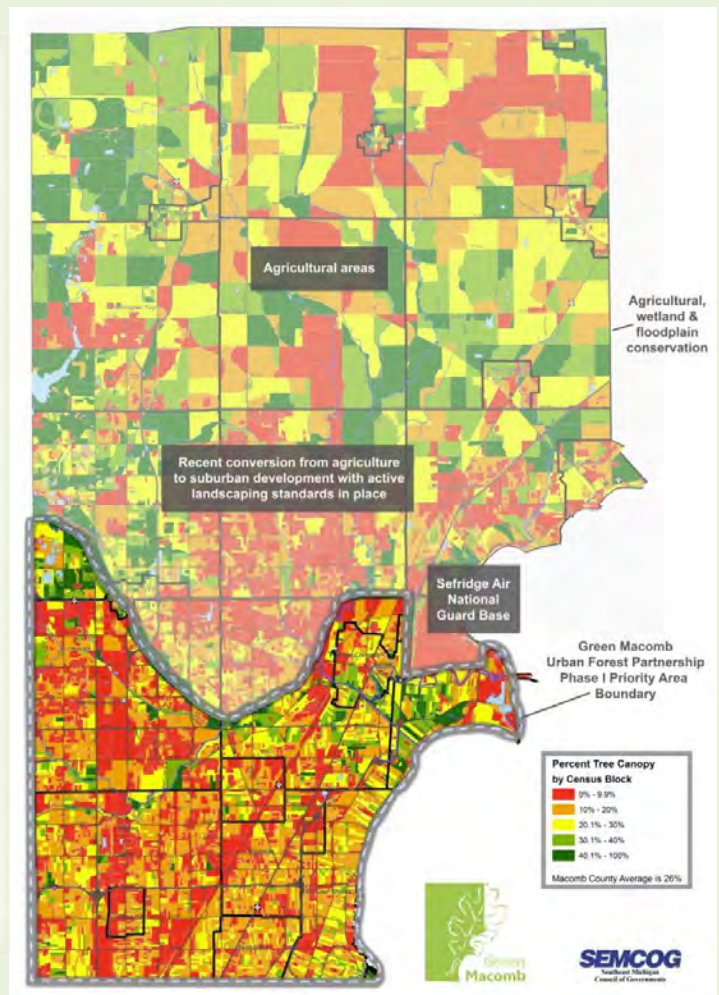
The City of Mount Clemens is a partner community in Macomb County's effort to increase tree canopy coverage across Macomb County, but especially in the southern half of the county. Southern communities are invited to participate in quarterly discussions about the challenges and opportunities of increasing tree canopy coverage on both public and private land. 12 targeted communities, including Mount Clemens, will have the opportunity to receive trees through a non-competitive and a competitive grant process.

What does this mean for tree canopy coverage in Mount Clemens?

Overall, Mount Clemens current canopy coverage is 24%. This plan focuses on canopy coverage in Mount Clemens parks. Of the eleven parks, five of them have less than 25% canopy coverage. These are Clinton River, Memorial, Olsen, Rotary, and Wilson Parks. It is recommended that Mount Clemens set a tree canopy coverage goal and use future tree planting opportunities to increase tree canopy coverage in these areas.



Mount Clemens detail tree canopy



Macomb County tree canopy

More information about this effort can be found here <http://green.macombgov.org/Green-UrbanForestPartnership>

PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

The City provided Mount Clemens residents and stakeholders in general, with numerous opportunities to get involved with the Parks and Recreation Plan update.

Work on the new Plan was announced at the City Commission meeting on September 6, 2016. This included announcing the creation of the City of Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Plan Facebook page. An announcement for the Parks Plan was also posted in the Clementimes Newsletter.

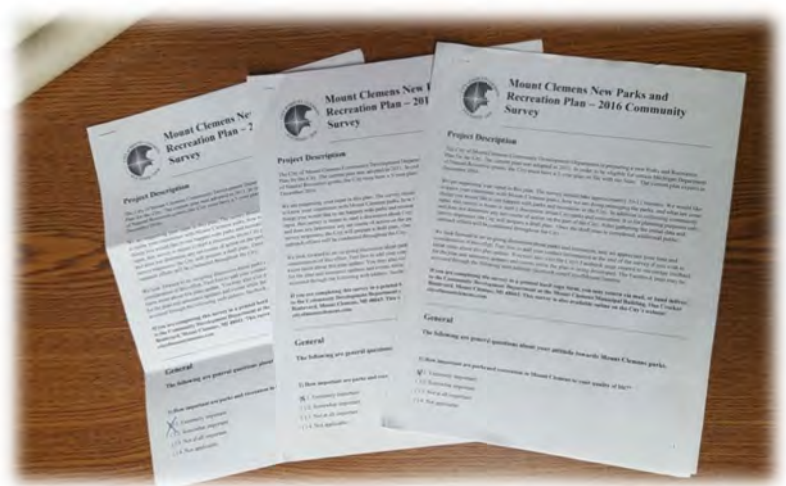


SOCIAL MEDIA

The social media platform, Facebook, was used to inform, promote, and gather community feedback for the Parks and Recreation Plan update. The page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofMountClemens/>. The site provided information about the parks, upcoming events for the plan as well as events in the city, and an opportunity for the public to send us comments and questions directly.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

A Community Survey was used to solicit initial feedback from the both residents and visitors interested in parks. The survey was available to the public in both an electronic and hard copy format. Links to the online Survey Gizmo survey were posted to the City's website and Facebook page. More than two hundred hard copies were distributed to 17 locations throughout the city. The survey was available from the end of September through the end of November. 41 surveys were collected, and the completion rate was 61%.

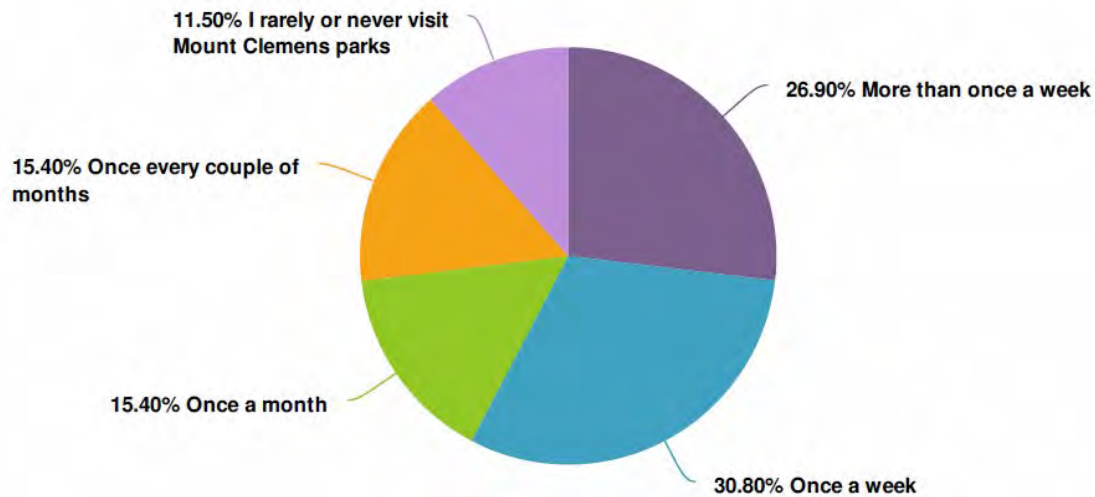


The survey was 24 questions including both multiple choice and open-ended questions. Survey-takers were asked basic demographic information, about their general attitude towards the parks and recreation activities, and about their vision for the future of the parks. No question was intended to signify an attitude the City has towards the parks, but to begin a discussion about the current state of the parks and their future opportunities.

Survey Results

As mentioned, the completion rate was 61%; many partial surveys were collected. In addition to sample results included in several of the park sections, the following are major findings reported in the survey. A complete list of survey results can be found in Appendix A.

Question #2: Of the 26 respondents, more than 57% use Mount Clemens parks once a week or more.



The Michigan Transit Museum was included as a “park” in this survey. It received the second highest percentage (15.4%) of “excellent” rankings in question #3, “Rate the overall quality of Mount Clemens parks,” and it received the second highest score when evaluated in question #4, “Please prioritize the parks in order of importance.”

Question #6: The top five recreation activities or programs regularly participated in by survey-takers:

Rank	Activity	Percent	Count
1	Walking	68	17
2	Shop at Farmers’ Market	56	14
3	Bicycling on paved trails or roads	52	13
3	Playing on playground equipment	48	12
5	Nature appreciation	44	11

Question #12 asked survey-takers to rank their level of support for various topics related to their long term vision for the parks:

	Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Neither Support or Oppose	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose
No changes should be made to the parks and recreation system	1 4.0%	2 8.0%	6 24.0%	6 24.0%	10 40.0%
The City should offer more recreational opportunities to better utilize the parks	12 48.0%	7 28.0%	6 24.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
The City should improve existing amenities	11 44.0%	9 36.0%	5 20.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
The City should add additional amenities	9 36.0%	6 24.0%	10 40.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
The City should ensure that parks are accessible to all	17 68.0%	5 20.0%	2 8.0%	1 4.0%	0 0.0%
The City should pursue a dedicated parks and recreation tax millage	7 28.0%	5 20.0%	7 28.0%	3 12.0%	3 12.0%
The City should explore partnering with other communities and/or agencies to improve the parks and recreation system	12 48.0%	5 20.0%	6 24.0%	1 4.0%	1 4.0%

This question has been translated in the plan to reflect the general accessibility of each park. Accessibility relates to the ease of which a person with mobility issues or a person with a disability may use park facilities. Also of note in this question, survey-takers were more opposed to no changes to the parks than those who are in support of no changes.

Question #16 asked how the survey-taker would like to receive information about Mount Clemens parks. The top three responses were Clementimes Newsletter (64%), the Mount Clemens city website (60%), and Facebook (48%). This may be reflective of the methods in which information about the survey was distributed.

OUTREACH FOR DRAFT PLAN

After staff had sufficient time to prepare an inventory, taking into consideration feedback gathered from the community survey, Community Development staff presented a Draft Plan to the public. The draft plan was available for public review and comment from 12/28/2016 – 1/31/2017. Community Development staff held an open house at the Macomb Family YMCA for the public to ask questions and make comments on January 12, 2017. Feedback gathered from the open house was incorporated into the Plan. The sign in sheet and comment cards can be found in Appendix B.

**Notice of Availability of the Draft
2017 Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of
Mount Clemens
For Public Review and Comment**

The draft 2017 Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Mount Clemens is available to the public for review and comment through January 31, 2017. The plan is available on the City website at www.cityof-mountclemens.com and at the following locations:

- Mount Clemens Municipal Building, One Crocker Blvd.
- Mount Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass Ave.
- Mount Clemens Ice Arena, 200 N. Groesbeck Hwy.

Staff will host an open house on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Mount Clemens YMCA, located at 10 N. River Rd. Mount Clemens MI 48043 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM to provide another opportunity for review and comment.

If you have any questions or would like to comment, please contact the Community Development Department at 586-469-6818 ext. 2 or jneal@cityofmountclemens.com

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Open house presentation boards set up for viewing at Mount Clemens City Hall

FINAL DRAFT AND ADOPTION

After the close of the public comment period, a Public Meeting was held on February 6, 2017 to solicit public feedback for the Plan. Minutes from the Public Meeting can be found in Appendix C. After close of the Public Meeting, the Plan was adopted by the Mount Clemens' City Commission on February 06, 2017. The signed resolution can be found in Appendix D. Appendix D also contains the Affidavits of Publication from the Macomb Daily for the 30-day review period and public hearing. The Plan will then be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for final approval. With a new Parks and Recreation Plan on file with the MDNR, the City will be able to apply for various MDNR grants.

**Notice of Public Hearing
City of Mount Clemens 2017-2022
Parks and Recreation Plan
Public Review and Comment**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Mount Clemens City Commission will hold a public hearing during their regular meeting, Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Mount Clemens Municipal Building, One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and offer their comments. Comments can also be submitted in writing to the Community Development Department at the above address or at jneal@cityofmountclemens.com.

Copies of the proposed plan are available for public review at the Municipal Building during normal office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and can be found on the City's website: www.cityof-mountclemens.com. The plan will assist the City in identifying parks and recreation needs within the community and includes an inventory and analysis of the existing recreation facilities, and recommended projects for the next five years.

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ACTION PROGRAM - GOALS AND STRATEGIES

The goals and strategies discussed in this section are developed based on public feedback, on-site observations, and best practices for parks planning. The goals are broad vision items that describe how Mount Clemens envisions the parks. Strategies are implementation opportunities to fulfill the goal, including where both public and private resources may be employed. The following is a table of goals and strategies proposed for the duration of this plan.

Goal	Strategy
The parks should be accessible to all	Extend sidewalk network along all sides of parks, especially Dorothea-Leonore and Memorial Parks
	Ensure all crosswalks entering a park from an adjoining sidewalk network are accessible
	Extend paved trail network in interior of parks, especially Olsen, Memorial, and Shadyside Park
	Include accessible picnic tables when replacing aged park equipment
	Include solid play surfaces when installing new play equipment
	Install doggy waste stations in all Mount Clemens Parks to encourage persons using a service animal to use the park
	Install playscape equipment that matches a variety of developmental needs
	Include universal accessible playground equipment and swings where possible
The parks should be better utilized	Continue current organized leagues and create additional recreation opportunities where feasible
	Explore partnerships with other communities and/or agencies to program parks
	Encourage vendors and watersports to activate certain parks
	Install additional wayfinding signage on main corridors
	Install wayfinding signage to the interior of major parks
	Install wayfinding signage at river launches and on the river
	Promote Shadyside boating access site and soon-to-be MacArthur improved water access location as prime water activity destinations
	Complete safety study of pedestrian crossings at major intersections near parks
The City should maintain existing amenities	Maintain Sleepy Hollow as a nature appreciation location
	Support continued maintenance, clean up, and restoration of the Clinton River
	Perform engineering analysis of the existing useful life of Clinton River seawall
The City should improve existing amenities	Remove existing playscape at Shadyside and Memorial Parks and install playscape equipment similar to Dorothea-Leonore's playscape equipment
	Implement best use for fenced-in, concrete area at Memorial Park
	Install running water fountains at MacArthur, Memorial, Olsen, Shadyside, and Wilson Parks
	Replace worn park benches with weather- and wear-resistant benches
	Open bathroom facilities to public during daylight hours of summer months at MacArthur, Memorial, Olsen, Shadyside, and Wilson Parks
	Install overhead lighting for heavily used recreation areas and parking lots
	Improve amenities for four baseball fields south of Lafayette at Memorial Park
	Implement tree planting program to increase tree canopy coverage, especially near playscapes
	Rehabilitate bath house into usable vendor space

Increase access to water recreation	Promote Clinton River as a designated Water Trail
	Promote Shadyside boating access site
	Implement improved water access plans at MacArthur Park
	Encourage water sports vendors to activate parks with waterfront amenities
Increase alternative transportation	Implement Sidewalk Improvement Program
	Create Bike Route Network
	Install bike parking at all parks
	Promote regional non-motorized trail connection at Shadyside Park
	Encourage and promote DDA City Sneakers Program

Throughout the duration of the plan, the City will monitor the progress of goal and strategy implementation.

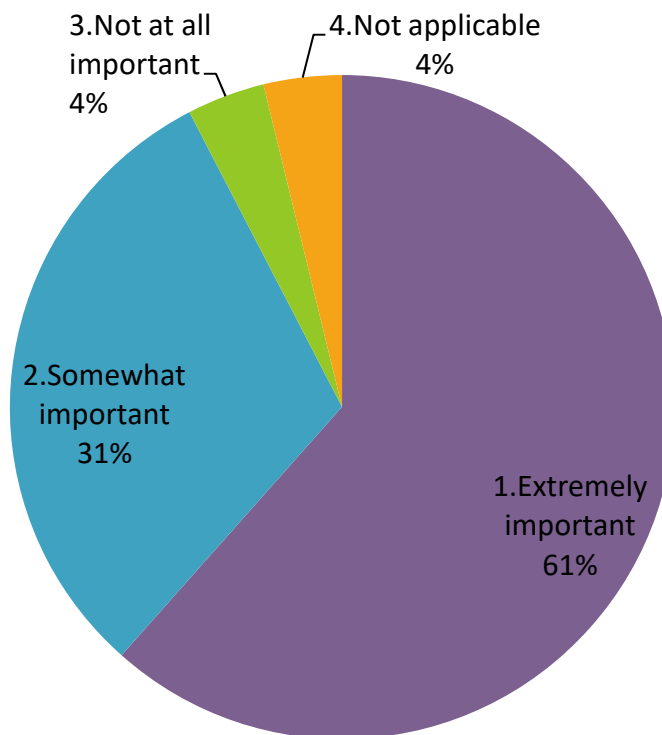
APPENDIX A

Mount Clemens New Parks and Recreation Plan - 2016 Community Survey

Response Statistics

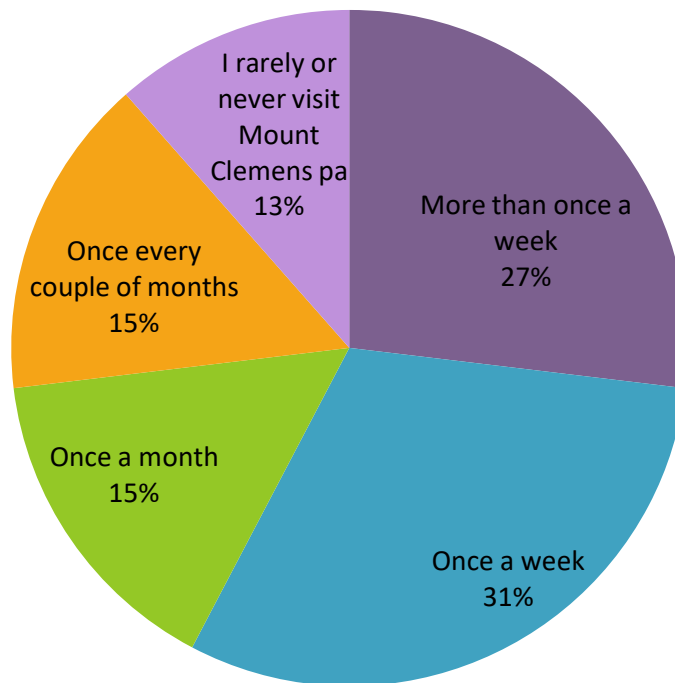
	Count	Percent
Complete	25	61
Partial	16	39
Disqualified	0	0
Total	41	

1. How important are parks and recreation in Mount Clemens to your quality of life?



Value	Percent	Count
1. Extremely important	61.5%	16
2. Somewhat important	30.8%	8
3. Not at all important	3.8%	1
4. Not applicable	3.8%	1
	Total	26

2. Indicate your usage of Mount Clemens parks.



Value	Percent	Count
More than once a week	26.9%	7
Once a week	30.8%	8
Once a month	15.4%	4
Once every couple of months	15.4%	4
I rarely or never visit Mount Clemens parks	11.5%	3
	Total	26

3. Rate the overall quality of Mount Clemens parks.

	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		Unknown	
Behnke Dog Park at Memorial Park	3.8%	1	23.1%	6	3.8%	1	11.5%	3	11.5%	3	46.2%	12
Clemens Park	0%	0	19.2%	5	19.2%	5	26.9%	7	0%	0	34.6%	9
Clinton River Park	7.7%	2	26.9%	7	15.4%	4	19.2%	5	3.8%	1	26.9%	7
Dorothea Leonore Park	0%	0	34.6%	9	26.9%	7	15.4%	4	3.8%	1	19.2%	5
Lawndale Park	0%	0	26.9%	7	38.5%	10	7.7%	2	0%	0	26.9%	7
MacArthur Park	3.8%	1	19.2%	5	34.6%	9	11.5%	3	11.5%	3	19.2%	5
Memorial Park	0%	0	30.8%	8	30.8%	8	3.8%	1	0%	0	34.6%	9
Michigan Train Museum	15.4%	4	19.2%	5	34.6%	9	7.7%	2	3.8%	1	19.2%	5
Olsen Park	7.7%	2	30.8%	8	19.2%	5	3.8%	1	3.8%	1	34.6%	9
Rotary Park	3.8%	1	19.2%	5	30.8%	8	7.7%	2	3.8%	1	34.6%	9
Shadyside Park	3.8%	1	19.2%	5	30.8%	8	15.4%	4	23.1%	6	7.7%	2
Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve	3.8%	1	15.4%	4	26.9%	7	15.4%	4	3.8%	1	34.6%	9
Wilson Park	19.2%	5	34.6%	9	11.5%	3	15.4%	4	3.8%	1	15.4%	4

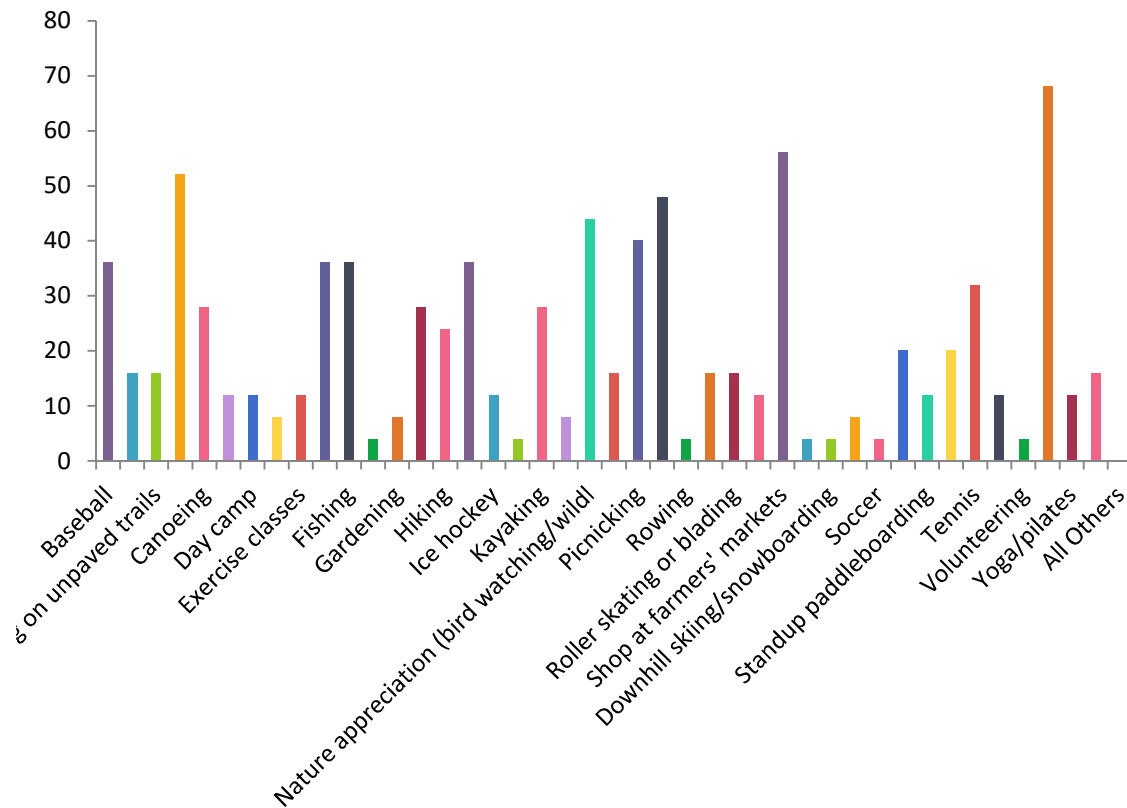
4. Please prioritize the parks in order of importance. From #1, the most important, to #13 the least important. For those completing a printed survey, please write the numbers 1-13 next to the park name.

Overall Rank	Item	Score	Total Respondents
1	Clinton River Park	210	25
2	Michigan Train Museum	205	25
3	Memorial Park	202	25
4	Lawndale Park	192	25
5	Wilson Park	182	25
6	Dorothea Leonore Park	177	25
7	Behnke Dog Park at Memorial Park	177	25
8	MacArthur Park	175	25
9	Shadyside Park	169	25
10	Olsen Park	152	25
11	Clemens Park	148	25
12	Rotary Park	145	25
13	Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve	141	25

5. What other parks or recreation facilities do you visit regularly outside of Mount Clemens parks?

Count	Response
2	No response
1	Clinton Twp. Civic Center, Stoney Creek, Paint Creek Park, Thelma Spencer (Rochester Hills)
1	George George Park
1	George George
1	George George - Clinton
1	George George - Clinton, Lake St. Clair Metro Park
1	George George Park, Brandenburg Park, Metro Beach
1	George George Park, Metro Beach, partridge Creel Mall park
1	George George Park; Spillway Trail; Lake St. Clair Metropark; Playground @ Trinity Lutheran & King School
1	Lake Saint Clair metro park, stony creek metro park, George George Park
1	Metro Park
1	Metro Parks
1	None
1	macomb/oakland metro parks
1	metro
1	mount clemens next theboats
1	none

6. What recreation activities or programs do you and your family members regularly participate at City of Mount Clemens Parks and/or other areas. Select all that apply.



Value	Percent	Count
Baseball	36.0%	9
Basketball	16.0%	4
Bicycling on unpaved trails	16.0%	4
Bicycling on paved trails or roads	52.0%	13
Canoeing	28.0%	7
Dance	12.0%	3
Day camp	12.0%	3
Disc golf	8.0%	2
Exercise classes	12.0%	3
Exercise with dog	36.0%	9

Fishing	36.0%	9
Football	4.0%	1
Gardening	8.0%	2
Golfing	28.0%	7
Hiking	24.0%	6
Historical/education	36.0%	9
Ice hockey	12.0%	3
Floor hockey	4.0%	1
Kayaking	28.0%	7
Motorized watercraft	8.0%	2
Nature appreciation (bird watching/wildlife observation)	44.0%	11
Natural area stewardship	16.0%	4
Picnicking	40.0%	10
Playing on playground equipment	48.0%	12
Rowing	4.0%	1
Running/jogging	16.0%	4
Roller skating or blading	16.0%	4
Senior programs	12.0%	3
Shop at farmers' markets	56.0%	14
Skateboarding	4.0%	1
Downhill skiing/snowboarding	4.0%	1
Sledding/tubing	8.0%	2
Soccer	4.0%	1
Softball	20.0%	5
Standup paddleboarding	12.0%	3

Swimming	20.0%	5
Tennis	32.0%	8
Volleyball	12.0%	3
Volunteering	4.0%	1
Walking	68.0%	17
Yoga/pilates	12.0%	3
Other - Write In	16.0%	4

Other - Write In	Count
Kickball	1
Park sponsored activities for families	1
Summertime youth activities	1
salvation army&mt.clemens library	1
Total	4

7. Rate the overall importance of having the following facilities and amenities in Mount Clemens parks.

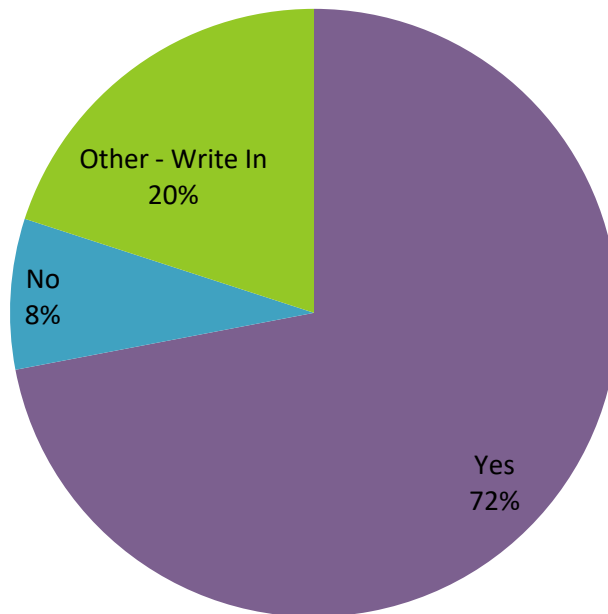
	Important		Somewhat Important		Not Important		Unknown	
Athletic fields	68%	17	24%	6	0%	0	8%	2
Dog parks	40%	10	32%	8	20%	5	8%	2
Picnic shelters	56%	14	36%	9	4%	1	4%	1
Playground equipment	64%	16	24%	6	8%	2	4%	1
Restrooms	68%	17	12%	3	16%	4	4%	1
Signage	40%	10	44%	11	12%	3	4%	1
Tennis courts	24%	6	36%	9	28%	7	12%	3
Trails and pathways	56%	14	32%	8	12%	3	0%	0
Tree canopy/Shade	60%	15	36%	9	4%	1	0%	0
Universal accessibility features	64%	16	20%	5	12%	3	4%	1

8. Rate the quality of the following facilities and amenities in Mount Clemens parks.

	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		Unknown	
Athletic fields	12%	3	28%	7	28%	7	12%	3	0%	0	20%	5
Dog parks	8%	2	16%	4	32%	8	0%	0	12%	3	32%	8
Picnic shelters	4%	1	12%	3	24%	6	36%	9	0%	0	24%	6
Playground equipment	4%	1	12%	3	52%	13	8%	2	12%	3	12%	3
Restrooms	4%	1	0%	0	24%	6	20%	5	20%	5	32%	8
Signage	12%	3	4%	1	28%	7	28%	7	12%	3	16%	4
Tennis courts	4%	1	12%	3	36%	9	12%	3	8%	2	28%	7
Trails and pathways	4%	1	12%	3	20%	5	20%	5	16%	4	28%	7
Tree canopy/Shade	8%	2	24%	6	32%	8	20%	5	8%	2	8%	2
Universal accessibility features	0%	0	20%	5	16%	4	28%	7	8%	2	28%	7

9. Rate your overall satisfaction regarding maintenance at Mount Clemens parks, including cleanliness, mowing, natural area management, trash removal, snow removal, and tree trimming.

	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		Unknown	
Cleanliness	8%	2	40%	10	28%	7	16%	4	4%	1	4%	1
Mowing and landscaping	4%	1	56%	14	28%	7	8%	2	0%	0	4%	1
Natural area management	4%	1	40%	10	28%	7	20%	5	0%	0	8%	2
Trash removal	0%	0	40%	10	24%	6	20%	5	8%	2	8%	2
Snow removal	0%	0	36%	9	44%	11	4%	1	0%	0	16%	4
Tree trimming	0%	0	40%	10	52%	13	0%	0	4%	1	4%	1

10. Do you generally feel safe in Mount Clemens parks?

Value	Percent	Count
Yes	72.0%	18
No	8.0%	2
Other - Write In	20.0%	5
	Total	25

Other - Write In	Count
During the day.	1
Some of them - Not Shadyside or Lawndale	1
Wouldn\'t feel safe in any parks. Parks are a magnet for perverts.	1
most	1
problem with beggars	1
Total	5

11. Share an experience where you felt particularly safe or unsafe. Tell us where you were, what time it was, who you were with, and any other details you would like to share.

Count	Response
1	9 year old grand daughter can walk by herself to our neighborhood park. She loves the independence and feels safe and so do I
1	At Dorothea-Leonore Park there with son and granddaughter. People kept staring out their windows watching us. Uncomfortable feeling. Other than that - we had fun!
1	Bettter application of Shadysidy park would be nice with lighting and program schedules
1	Homeless in rotary park and macarthur
1	I have felt unsafe near the park by the ymca. I have been approached and offered pot there on more than one occasion
1	I walked by Wilson Park instead of stopping with my granddaughter because a group of teens were hanging out on the equipment and getting loud, but they might have made way for us. I didn't want to bother.
1	I'm very new to the Mount Clemens area and am a senior. As I live across the street from MacArthur Park, I've been there number of times. I'm a hiker and enjoy wooded trails. Look forward to visiting Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve.
1	In park area after coming back from a walk with other members of community usual time is 8am and feel unsafe when dog owners allow their dogs to run around unleashed.
1	It was our first time visiting Shadyside Park. My wife and I drove down there to walk along the river. When we got there, there was a large group of guys all huddled around one car. They were obviously buying drugs. We left immediately and have never been back.
1	Kidding, right? Walking outside the house, anytime, can be scary.
1	No response
1	One evening I had to call the police because there was a homeless man sleeping in Wilson Park under a tree. The sheriff came and removed the man.
1	Shadyside, 6:00 pm - meeting @ park. Seniors, (cars parked everywhere, not in designated spots, vulgar language, drinking alcohol openly.

1	Walking side street alone at night
1	rotary park is a day use area for begging
1	the parks tosit down very good andsafe

12. The City would like your opinion on several topics related to the long term vision of the parks and recreation system. Please rank your level of support for each category.

	Strongly Support		Moderately Support		Neither Support or Oppose		Moderately Oppose		Strongly Oppose	
No changes should be made to the parks and recreation system	4%	1	8%	2	24%	6	24%	6	40%	10
The City should offer more recreational opportunities to better utilize the parks	48%	12	28%	7	24%	6	0%	0	0%	0
The City should improve existing amenities	44%	11	36%	9	20%	5	0%	0	0%	0
The City should add additional amenities	36%	9	24%	6	40%	10	0%	0	0%	0
The City should ensure that parks are accessible to all	68%	17	20%	5	8%	2	4%	1	0%	0
The City should pursue a dedicated parks and recreation tax millage	28%	7	20%	5	28%	7	12%	3	12%	3
The City should explore partnering with other communities and/or agencies to improve the parks and recreation system	48%	12	20%	5	24%	6	4%	1	4%	1

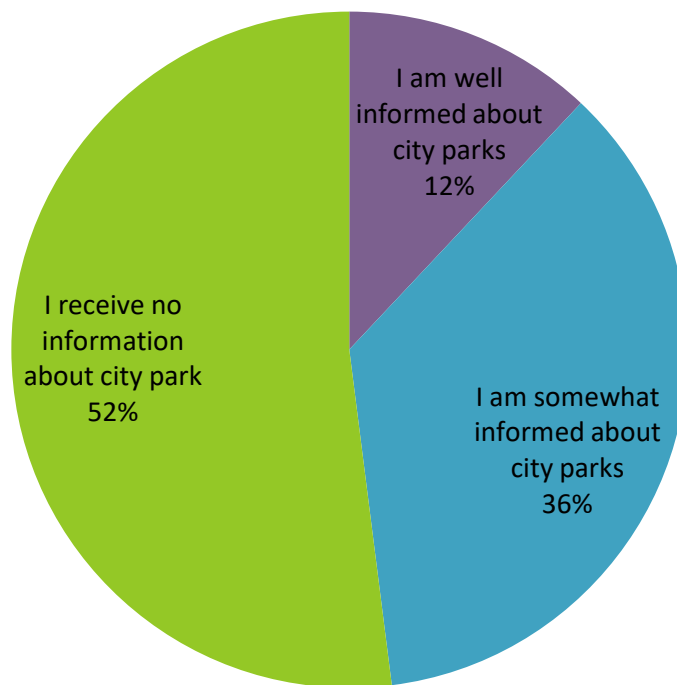
13. What, if any, new programs, activities, or amenities should the City of Mount Clemens prioritize for future implementation? Provide comments here:

Count	Response
1	A Mount Clemens little league baseball would be nice to have.
1	A radio control car area with runway for boys and girls.
1	Fishing derby, Easter egg hunt, Haunted forest, Sledding Hoarse drawn carriage rides, camp outs for girl scouts and boy scouts, outside theatres
1	Fitness programs/facilities for seniors
1	Majority rules, here. Doesn't matter to me.
1	Make a park more like George George Park in Clinton Township, install bathrooms, walking paths, photography ops
1	More green space downtown
1	Movies in the summer evenings outdoors in the parks
1	New playground equipment. Bench, tables, summer children's activities in neighborhood parks.
1	No response
1	Senior activity
1	Soccer
1	Summer programmed activities for all ages partnered with University parks and recreation students planning a career
1	Utilizing water better for kayaking canoeing row boats paddle boats. Do more with ANY park on the river since that's where people gravitate.
1	Youth sports leagues, adult sports leagues, exercise/fitness classes.
1	doors on shelter at dog park. also rest room for dog park.

14. If you or anyone in your household has a disability, what kind of accommodations would make Mount Clemens parks and recreation facilities easier to use?

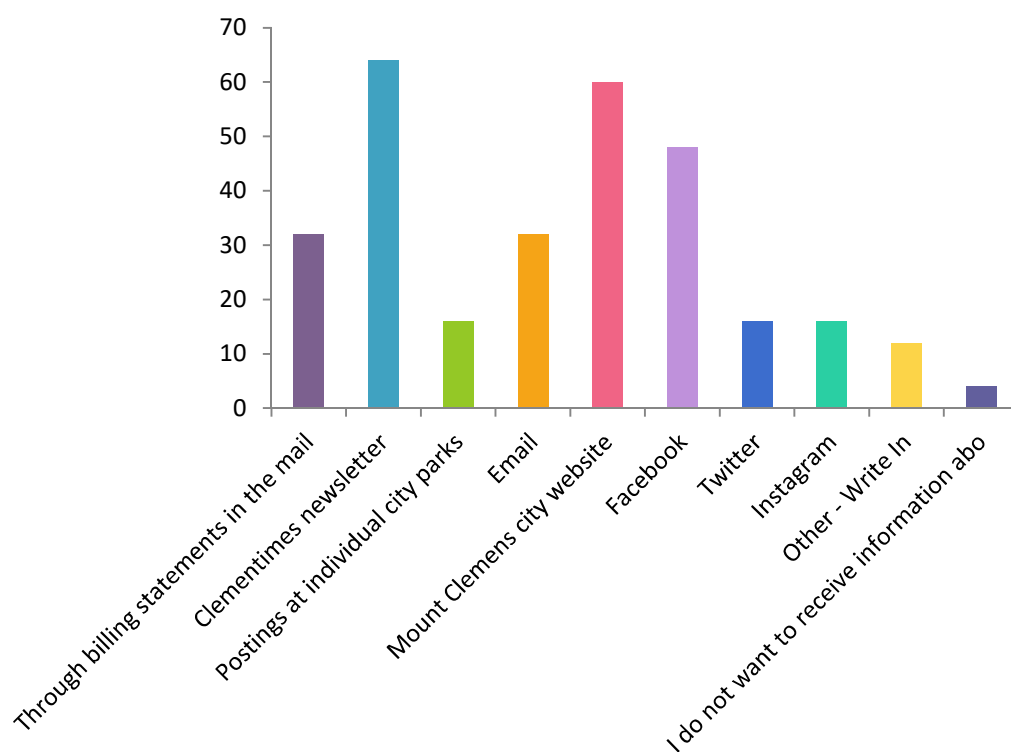
Count	Response
1	.?
1	ADA compliant
1	Handicap access
1	N/a
1	No response
1	Ramps, playground equipment designed for disabled children
1	Restrooms.
1	disaled signs
1	n/a
1	rails, ramps

15. Indicate the level of information you receive about Mount Clemens City Parks.



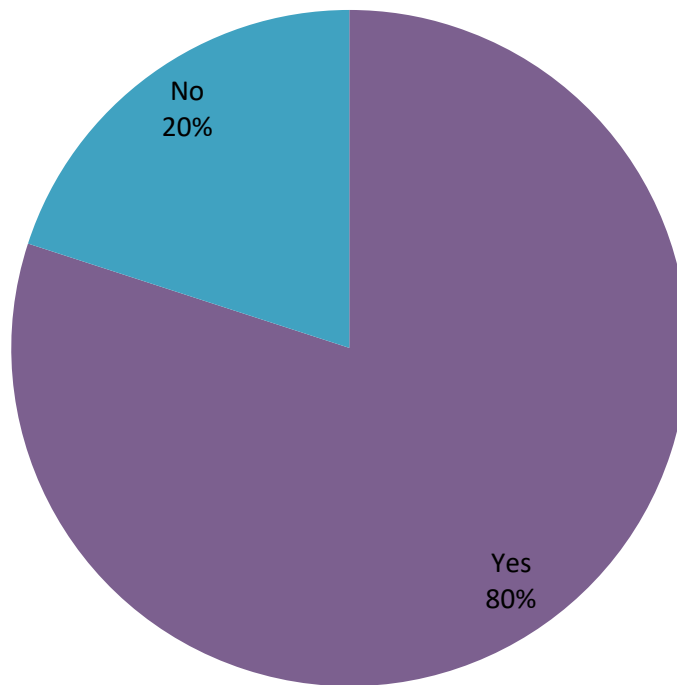
Value	Percent	Count
I am well informed about city parks	12.0%	3
I am somewhat informed about city parks	36.0%	9
I receive no information about city parks	52.0%	13
	Total	25

16. How would you like to receive information about Mount Clemens parks? Select all that apply



Value	Percent	Count
Through billing statements in the mail	32.0%	8
Clementimes newsletter	64.0%	16
Postings at individual city parks	16.0%	4
Email	32.0%	8
Mount Clemens city website	60.0%	15
Facebook	48.0%	12
Twitter	16.0%	4
Instagram	16.0%	4
Other - Write In	12.0%	3
I do not want to receive information about Mount Clemens parks	4.0%	1

Other - Write In	Count
Newspaper (local)	1
No response	1
i get it atmt.clemenslibrary	1
Total	3

17. Would you recommend Mount Clemens parks to others?

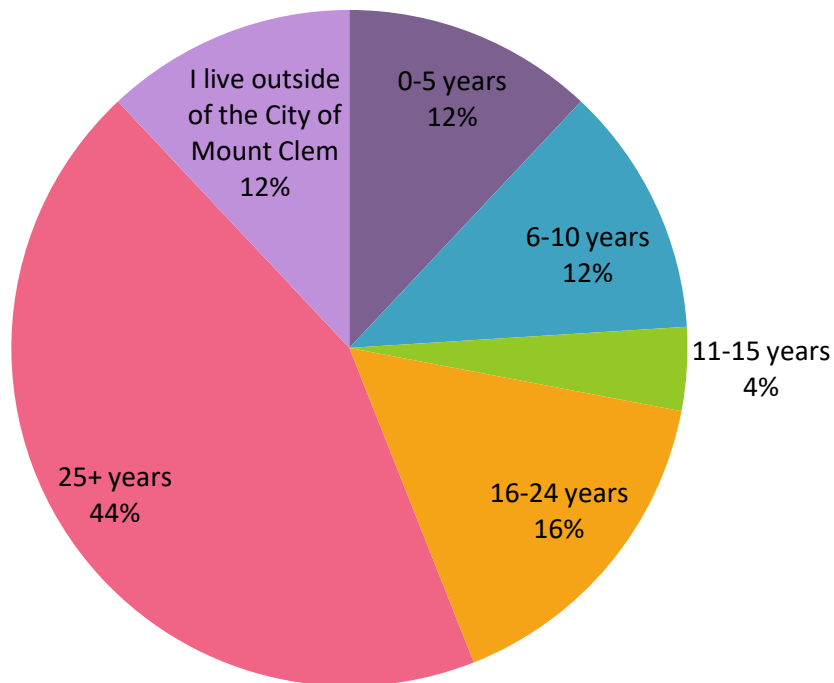
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	80.0%	20
No	20.0%	5
	Total	25

18. If you would like to add any additional comments about Mount Clemens parks, please describe them here.

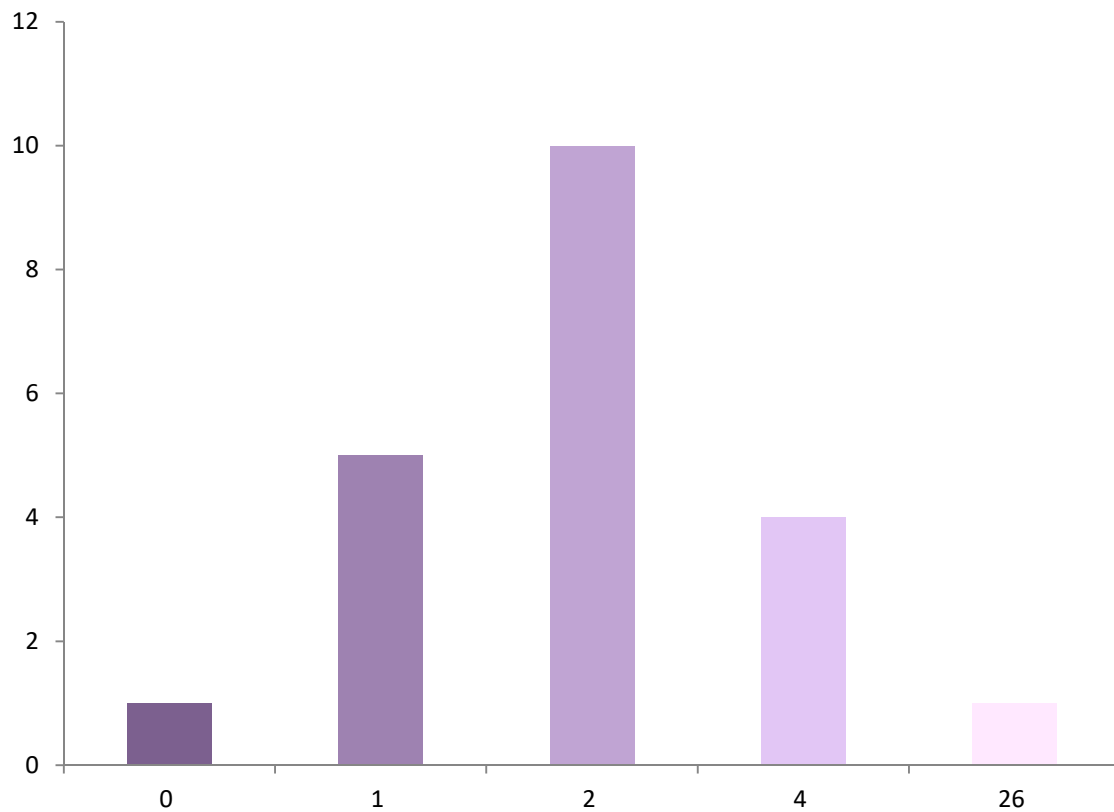
Count	Response
1	.
1	Do not sell any park land for development. The Ice Arena has become a valuable asset. An expansion might be in order in the future.
1	Invest in current assets to achieve high quality & make Mount Clemens parks a destination.
1	Jeff Wood always responds when I inquire about something at Olsen Park or I show concern about an issue.
1	Nothing going on in the parks to receive information about. Recommend some - not all. Parks are very underutilized. Need activities to draw people to the park. Only parks that are used is Memorial Field for baseball program.
1	Park and Recreation resources are extraordinary and should be better utioized through planned activities and better promotion and public interactivity
1	Should be more "kid friendly
1	Some sort of order should be used for reserving an area in park. Use to be able to get a park permit for certain areas. This would allow for things being done decently and in order with a way to enforce usage.
1	The first thing I thought of is Shadyside.
1	areas for small children
1	make spay bug for the ants

19. What are the nearest cross streets to your residence?

Count	Response
1	Crocker/Lawndale
1	Gratiot and Cass
1	Gratiot and Harrington
1	Gross beck and Gratiot
1	Harrington & Hampton
1	Harrington/Balmoral
1	Hubbard and North
1	Joy Blvd - Euclid
1	Joy Blvd / Gratiot (NB)
1	Lawndale
1	Lincoln and North Aveue
1	Market and new st
1	Meadle and Kibbee Streets
1	North Avenue / Cass
1	North and Kendrick
1	Park St. and N. Broadway
1	Washington and Grand Ave
1	Wilson Park
1	crocker and fourth street
1	gratiot at dickinson
1	hubbard madison

20. How long have you lived in Mount Clemens?

Value	Percent	Count
0-5 years	12.0%	3
6-10 years	12.0%	3
11-15 years	4.0%	1
16-24 years	16.0%	4
25+ years	44.0%	11
I live outside of the City of Mount Clemens	12.0%	3
	Total	25

21. Including yourself, how many people reside in your household?

Count	Response
1	0
5	1
10	2
4	4
1	26

22. What are their ages?

Count	Response
2	63
1	0
1	19, 22, 48, 49
1	25+
1	33, 32
1	38, 38, 6, 9 years old
1	40, 40, >10, >10
1	40-50
1	43 and 60
1	47
1	51, 12, 25 (sometimes)
1	53, 52, 14, 9
1	61 and 64
1	65
1	65, 61
1	70
1	70 +
1	74, 74
1	self 48 male

23. If you would like to receive information about Mount Clemens parks, updates on the Parks and Recreation Plan, or other public participation opportunities, please provide your email address.

Sign In

Name _____

Address

Email

Would you like to be contacted?

BILL FORD	836125	YES
MILNER GURCHIE	250 Full AUNTIE 72 DYKOR. Can ck	
JAMES RUSVACK	39500 JEFFERS IT HARRISON twa	YES
Douglas	41234 Gloriana HAVESON Typ 16 4815	
JUDITH RUSVACK	see above	NO
RUTH STEVENSON	69 Bayne Teegranaw Yaho.com	YES

Comments received by the public:

Draw for Shadyside

Regional bike trail Trail head location

This with connection to other improvements

Get County + State (MDOT) involved (Roads Trails)

Get Private businesses involved cleanup, maintenance, projects

Comment James Puswack

Problem bringing people in by boat is homeless living

under Crocker + Dickinson St

Bridges. Consider protecting

boats when they're unattended

Like Boat launchers - especially

at Shadyside. Thinks that would

be the best location for paddle launch

Food Truck vendors @

Maximus Lane w/ vendors

Lighting video surveillance

Bring ^{put the} tennis courts back to
shady side
Clean up river (tree branches)
to encourage river utilization
Add another shed
Prefers porta john restroom
Likes new play equipment
Not sure about shade trees - maybe
pavilion

Add ^{Deletes} video surveillance
rental fees + forms for
pavilion (make people accountable)
(concerts, programming in park)

Comment
Add lighting video-surveillance
a place to tie up along the
river (Clinton River Park)

make ~~attractive~~ under bridges
more attractive

Looks & Sounds
Fantastic
Kathy Brown

I think that Your Plan is amazing!
And will bring more People to Mount
Clemens!



USE FORMER PARKING
GARAGE LOT AS
GREENSPACE

LISA TAYLOR
BUSINESS OWNER
& RESIDENT

No new parking
structure Main St
& Market

Former parking area
to be made into a
"GREEN SPACE"

NATHAN RAULERSON

Make it
a green space!
Manny Donohue

These changes would be excellent. To bring more people to an downtown area, we must look welcoming & clean. This would definitely help in that process. Greenspace is so important especially because it helps the environment.

Would be a great idea to use the former parking structure on Main & Market as a park!

Katie Sewick
Resident & business
owner

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**County of Macomb
State of Michigan**

**February 6, 2017
Commission Chambers**

A regular meeting of the Mount Clemens City Commission was held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building, One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, Michigan. Present at this meeting were Mayor Barb Dempsey and Commissioners Roger Bunton, Ronald Campbell, Bill “Sonny” Ford, Lois Hill, and Denise Mentzer. Commissioner Laura Kropp was absent. Also in attendance were Lisa Borgacz, Interim City Manager/City Clerk, Michael Murray, City Attorney and Cathleen Martin, Deputy City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Dempsey asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mount Clemens City Assessor and City Commissioner, Gary Blash.

Commissioner Bunton made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hill to excuse Commissioner Kropp from the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS, WERE PRESENTED AND ADDRESSED, ITEM 4.

THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WAS CONSIDERED, ITEM 5.

Commissioner Hill made a motion, supported by Commissioner Bunton, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WAS CONDUCTED, ITEM 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE TO ISSUES OR QUESTIONS RAISED DURING PREVIOUS MEETINGS WAS RECEIVED, ITEM 7.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WAS CONSIDERED, ITEM 8.

Commissioner Bunton made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hill, to approve the minutes of the Work Session of January 17, 2017 and the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, ITEM 9-A.

Commissioner Mentzer made a motion, supported by Commissioner Campbell to open the Public Hearing for the Adoption of a New Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing opened at 7:08 p.m.

February 6, 2017

Comments were received by the following resident:

Delores Gosciniak, 250 Euclid

Commissioner Bunton made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hill to close the Public Hearing for the Adoption of a New Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, WAS CONSIDERED, ITEM 9-B.

Commissioner Mentzer made a motion, supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the Resolution Adopting a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ITEM 9-C.

Commissioner Bunton made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hill to approve the Resolution of Intent and direct the City Clerk to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. The motion passed unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF UTILITIES DIRECTOR, ITEM 9-D.

Commissioner Hill made a motion, supported by Commissioner Bunton to confirm the Interim City Manager's appointment of Jeanette Best to the position of Utilities Director, effective February 7, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES AND PAYMENTS WERE CONSIDERED, ITEM 9-E.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hill to approve purchases and payments of invoices as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS CONSIDERED, ITEM 10.

Commissioner Hill made a motion, supported by Commissioner Bunton to approve the consent agenda as presented.

In Item 10-A, the agreement for the Macomb County Animal Shelter Services, was approved.

In Item 10-B, the following reappointments were approved:

David Herrington was reappointed to the Retirement Board of Trustees. This is for a 3-year term which expires January 31, 2020.

Fred Henk was reappointed to the Traffic Safety Committee. This is for a 3-year term which expires January 31, 2020.

February 6, 2017

Richard Shoemaker was reappointed to the Traffic Safety Committee. This is for a 3-year term which expires January 31, 2020.

In Item 10-C, the American Cancer Society Strides Against Breast Cancer Macomb County Community Event on Saturday, October 28, 2017, including the closure and the use of the City Hall Parking Lot from 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2017 through October 28, 2017, was approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY MANAGER’S REPORT WAS GIVEN, ITEM 11.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ITEM 12.

Commissioner Bunton made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hill to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Dempsey, Mayor

Cathleen Martin, Deputy City Clerk

APPENDIX D

**CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS
PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Clemens has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2017 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment at the Mount Clemens Municipal Building, the Mount Clemens Public Library, the Mount Clemens Ice Arena and the City website for a required period of thirty (30) days beginning on December 28, 2016 and ending on January 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public open house was held Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Macomb Family YMCA to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. to take further public comment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Clemens has developed the Parks and Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mount Clemens City Commission hereby adopts the City of Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Plan for the years 2017-2021 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Mount Clemens

The above resolution was offered by City Commissioner Mentzer and supported by City Commissioner Campbell, with the vote being as follows:

YES: Ford, Bunton, Mentzer, Dempsey, Hill, Campbell

NO: None

ABSENT: Kropp

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Mount Clemens City Commission at a regular meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2017.

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS,
a Michigan Municipal Corporation


Barb Dempsey, Mayor


Lisa Borgacz, City Clerk

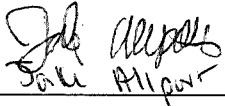
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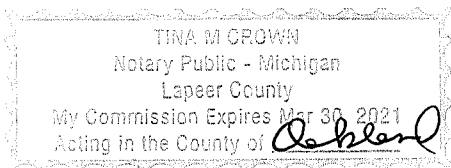
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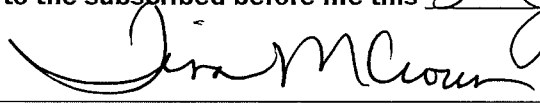
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Notice of Availability of the Draft 2017 Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Mount Clemens For Public Review and Comment

The draft 2017 Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Mount Clemens is available to the public for review and comment through January 31, 2017. The plan is available on the City website at www.cityof-mountclemens.com and at the following locations:

- Mount Clemens Municipal Building, One Crocker Blvd.
- Mount Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass Ave.
- Mount Clemens Ice Arena, 200 N. Groesbeck Hwy.

Staff will host an open house on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Mount Clemens YMCA, located at 10 N. River Rd., Mount Clemens MI 48043 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM to provide another opportunity for review and comment.

If you have any questions or would like to comment, please contact the Community Development Department at 586-469-6818 ext. 2 or jneal@cityofmountclemens.com

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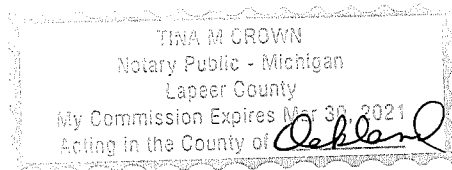
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Notice of Public Hearing City of Mount Clemens 2017-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan Public Review and Comment

Notice is hereby given that the City of Mount Clemens City Commission will hold a public hearing during their regular meeting, Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Mount Clemens Municipal Building, One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and offer their comments. Comments can also be submitted in writing to the Community Development Department at the above address or at jneal@cityofmountclemens.com.

Copies of the proposed plan are available for public review at the Municipal Building during normal office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and can be found on the City's website: www.cityof-mountclemens.com. The plan will assist the City in identifying parks and recreation needs within the community and includes an inventory and analysis of the existing recreation facilities, and recommended projects for the next five years.

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