

# City of Muskegon 2022 Parks & Recreation Plan

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# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 1

#### INTRODUCTION

Parks, Recreation and Open Space are important elements of all communities and reflect positively on the quality of life for residents. In recent years, a more holistic approach to recreational planning has been encouraged, stretching beyond the boundaries of traditional parks to include sidewalks, linear trails, greenways, town squares, plazas and other publicly and privately owned lands. In addition to the human benefits of recreation and open space, there are also important environmental benefits such as water resource protection, reduced vehicular traffic and plant and wildlife protection. The youth of the community are given places to go and activities that provide positive and constructive ways for them to use their leisure time. Families can find fun and inexpensive means of getting together with their friends and neighbors in a manner that builds a positive image of the community. The elderly also benefits from such programs in ways that provide for healthy and happy retirement.

#### PLAN PURPOSE

This 2022 City of Muskegon Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a guide for the future development of recreation opportunities for the residents and visitors of the City. The plan addresses current recreation issues and identifies future needs of the community and the means for meeting those needs over the up-coming five-year period. It addresses both short and long-range goals and objectives and identifies an action program by which these goals and objectives can be accomplished. In addition, the plan serves as an educational tool to acquaint local officials and residents of the need for a sound and balanced recreation program.

This Plan has been developed both to reflect the needs and goals of the community and to meet the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for qualifying for Federal and State funding assistance. These funds are available for land acquisition, facility development, and improvements to new and existing parklands.





#### PLAN SCOPE

The scope of this plan includes the City's active and passive recreation facilities, undeveloped open space and linear "green" corridors within the city boundaries. However, consideration is also made of neighboring municipal facilities and regional facilities that influence use patterns. Recreational programming is also and important consideration in the plan. In terms of time, the Capital Improvement Schedule of this document covers development over the next five years. However, the Goals and Objectives developed to guide recreation planning may continue to be relevant for many more years to come.

The following Parks and Recreation Plan is an outgrowth of the impending need for increased recreational programs and facilities as the population of the City of Muskegon and the surrounding area grows and diversifies. A well-conceived strategy for the acquisition of land, the development of facilities, expansion of programs, and the continuation of on-going operation and maintenance practices will assist the City in meeting future recreational and leisure-time needs as they develop.

This recreation plan identifies facility and program needs, develops short and long-range goals and objectives, presents an action plan which includes maintenance of all facilities, and provides justification for the implementation of the goals and objectives. The plan is task specific on the short range elements and more generalized on the long range elements to allow some degree of flexibility to respond to changes in need or interest at the local level. Deviations to the plan would, however, be subject to review and analysis prior to the modification of this plan.





# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 2

#### **COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

#### INTRODUCTION

Bound on the west by Lake Michigan, the north by Muskegon Lake, and the east by wetlands of the Muskegon River, Muskegon is located among some of the finest fishing and water sports areas in Michigan and is the county seat of Muskegon County. The downtown serves as an entertainment district for the area. Cultural venues include the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts, the Mercy Health Arena, the Muskegon Museum of Art, the Lakeshore Museum Center, the Hackley-Hume Historic sites, and the newly renovated Russell Block building: home of the West Michigan Symphony.

#### **HISTORY**

Incorporated in 1869, the City of Muskegon is an older, established metropolitan community located in Western Michigan on Lake Michigan. Like most cities, it has undergone several stages of evolution, two of which have had major impacts on both its physical and socio-economic character.

The first change occurred during the period 1890 through World War I, following the end of the booming lumber era. With the harvest of Michigan's prime timberlands, Muskegon's sawmills began closing in rapid succession. Between mid-1800 and 1900, the number of mills declined from a high of 47 to a mere handful. With no other economic base, the City faced a crisis.

During the next 20 to 30 years, Muskegon was transformed from a lumber town to a manufacturing/industrial center. The process was slow and a painful; however, it proved successful.

The strong industrial base established through the production of tanks, war equipment, and automobiles grew throughout the first half of the century, but by the early sixties this base, too, began to deteriorate. It was a phenomenon all too common to Michigan cities whose economy was tied so heavily to manufacturing.

The second change occurred in the mid-seventies. Auto-related activities continued to deteriorate and the City was forced to look for other ways to spur the economy. Existing manufacturing diversified and tourism became the focal point of future growth.

The City and surrounding governmental agencies began developing facilities and events targeting the tourism market. The Muskegon Economic Growth Alliance (a regional





agency that later became known as Greater Muskegon Economic Development teamed up with the Convention and Visitors' Bureau and soon Parties in the Park, Shoreline Spectacular, Summer Celebration, and several other festivals were born. As popularity grew events like Muskegon Bike Time, and Taste of Muskegon were created. Heritage Landing is a focal point for several music festivals including Unity Christian Music Festival, Michigan Irish Music Festival, Shoreline Jazz Festival and Moose Fest. Heritage Landing is also home to a playground, picnic area, covered stage and shoreline fishing. In addition, the Mercy Health Arena, home of the USHL Muskegon Lumberjacks hockey team, began hosting concerts, youth and adult hockey leagues, public skating, graduation ceremonies, circuses and more. The Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park at the Muskegon State Park, the Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum, the Aquastar, the Milwaukee Clipper, the Navy Landing Craft (LST) and the Grand Trunk Launch Ramp all continue attracting tourists to the area.

Private developments have also served to increase tourism in Muskegon. Great Lakes Marina, Torresen Marine, and the Muskegon Yacht Club have helped reestablish marine traffic to Muskegon Lake. As a component to the expansion of former SPX Corporate Headquarters on the former Lakey Property, a marina and restaurant were constructed. The property is now home to Terrace Point Marina and The Lake House Waterfront Grille. The revamping of Shoreline Inn & Suites rounds out the downtown waterfront revitalization. The Muskegon Mall site which once sat in the center of downtown has also experienced growth by the construction of a modern Farmer's Market. The downtown area is home to several historic structures that have been expertly rehabilitated, providing a unique shopping and dining experience. The Russell Block and Noble Building -- now house Muskegon's first craft beer microbreweries. The Russell Block building, known as "The Block" is downtown's newest performance hall and rental space and is the new home of the West Michigan Symphony. Adjacent to that is the beautifully-restored Century Club, boasting unique boutique-style shopping. The continued expansion of Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park; now a part of Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, brings quality family entertainment to the area as well. All of these developments have contributed to the available tourist-related activities and services available in the Muskegon area.

The Muskegon County Convention and Visitors' Bureau has become an integral part of the overall economic development focus for the county and the CVB has taken an assertive role in attracting tourists and conventions to Muskegon. It is comprised of four basic components:

- General Tourism
- Visitors Center Operation





- Group Tour Development
- Meeting and Convention Development

The city maintains a streamlined process for special event review and approvals which helps ensure a robust and diverse variety of special events throughout the city on an annual basis for residents and visitors. With the facilities and activities already in place, Muskegon's many natural resources, the City's events staff, and the County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the future of tourism in Muskegon continues to hold promise.

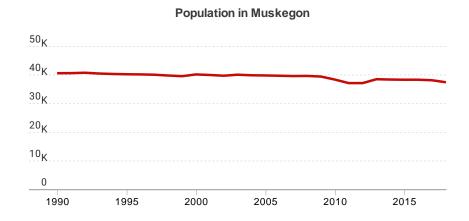
Over the last several years, Muskegon's manufacturing employment has remained stable, despite a difficult economy. The City works with the private sector to address concerns, and assists with business retention and expansion. The City partners with organizations such as GMED (the County-wide economic development organization), the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce, the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, the County of Muskegon, and various State departments in an effort to provide the best possible opportunities for business and industry.

In cooperation, a unified vision has been deployed, moving forward together for the future of Muskegon.

#### SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### **POPULATION**

Population for the City of Muskegon Census, April 1, 202 was 38,318. This is down slightly from the April 1, 2010 census of 38,401.



Data from census.gov via Data Commons

#### POPULATION BY RACE





According to the most recent community profile information the racial composition of Muskegon is: White 58.8%, Black 32%, American Indian or Alaska Native 0.8% Asian, 0.2%, Hispanic 9.7% and Multi Racial being 6.8%.

#### HOUSHOLD INCOME

Median household income has risen from \$25,989 (2014) to \$32,433 (2019). Qualifies as a disadvantaged community with 27.9% (2019) on persons in poverty.

# PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/RESOURCE INVENTORY TOPOGRAPHY

Muskegon is fortunate to have Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake bordering the community. Muskegon River provides the primary source of water into Muskegon Lake. The barrier sand dunes are a prominent feature of the city, as most of the remainder of the city is relatively flat. The only other major elevation change occurs along the banks of Muskegon Lake and the various streams that flow into Muskegon Lake.

#### WATER, FISH, AND WILDLIFE

With Lake Michigan to the west and Muskegon Lake to the north, Muskegon has some of the finest water resources in Michigan. Fishing is at its finest in Michigan. Because the city is densely populated, wildlife is predominantly limited to species found in urban settings; however, deer roam the sand dunes and it is not unusual to spot flocks of wild turkey and an occasional fox. The city's Lakeshore Trail bike path, which travels the entire length of the southern shoreline of Muskegon Lake, offers spectacular views and allows trail-goers to interact with nature. A priority of the city is to continually improve public access to Muskegon Lake for various types of recreation.

#### SOILS AND VEGETATION

Because of the dunes along Lake Michigan, Muskegon's soil is primarily sand, with a strip of clay running through the middle of the city. Much of the area along Muskegon Lake is a mixture of fill material from extinct foundries and sawdust remnants from the bygone lumber era. The city is heavily wooded and has been designated a U.S.A. Tree City by the national Arbor Day Foundation. Since the majority of the city is densely populated, natural areas exist along Ruddiman and Ryerson Creeks, the Muskegon River, and in a myriad of parks including those along Lake Michigan.

#### **CLIMATE**

The City of Muskegon has an average annual rainfall of 34 inches per year, and an annual average snowfall of 76 inches. The mean temperature in July is 80 degrees and 31 degrees





in January. Effects of Lake Michigan cause Muskegon to be one of the cloudiest areas in the United States.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Historically, many foundries and manufacturing plants dotted the shoreline and other locations throughout the city. Unfortunately, a legacy of environmental problems was left in their wake. Over the past several decades, the city has worked diligently to repurpose or remove the buildings and contamination. The city has partnered with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and private developers/owners to have the properties environmentally remediated. In addition, an Area-Wide site assessment was completed through a MDEQ Site Assessment Grant.

The assessment serves to assist in the preservation and redevelopment of the shoreline. The process is ongoing.

#### **ZONING**

The city has 20 different zoning districts. In addition, Muskegon has a Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to regulate zoning throughout the community. The current Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 1987. A new Form Base Code was approved for the downtown lakefront area in 2015 and has been incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance. The Form Based Code has been expanded further into the Nelson Neighborhood and has been added in the Lakeside Business District and surrounding area.

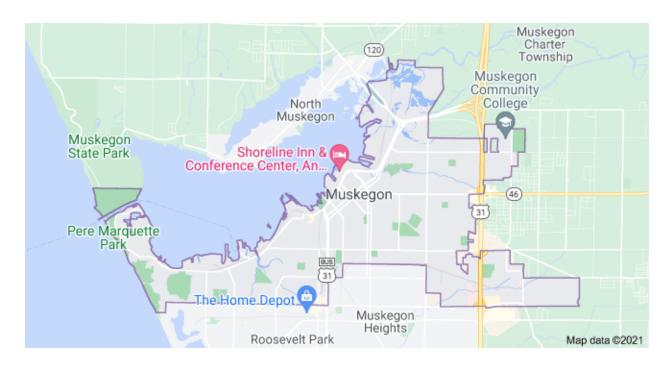
#### **TRANSPORTATION**

With US-31 running north and south, and I-96 and M-46 heading east, Muskegon is easily accessible from every direction. The Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) serves most of the county. The Muskegon Airport has daily flights to Chicago, and the Lake Express, a high-speed, cross-lake ferry service between Muskegon and Milwaukee, carries passengers and automobiles alike. Several trails provide non-motorized transportation alternatives within the city and connect to regional or other local trails. The Lakeshore Trail provides users access to Lake Michigan, Muskegon Lake, sand dunes, parks, marshlands, and more with many different types of scenery along the way. The Laketon Trail is an east-west route connecting Nelson Neighborhood on the west to the Port City Industrial Park and the regional, Musketawa Trail to the east. On-street biking is accessible to all skill levels with the majority of city streets designed for all modes.





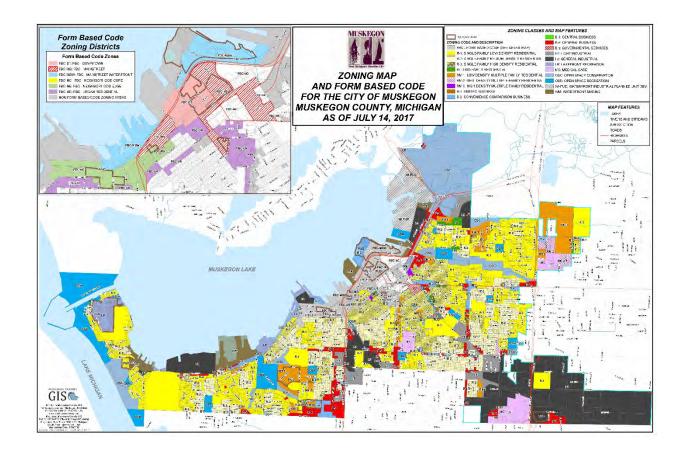
# **LOCATION MAP**







# **ZONING MAP**







# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 3

#### ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Muskegon has had a Commission-Manager form of government since 1919. The seven commissioners are elected by the citizens and act as the legislative body for the city. Two commissioners are elected at large and one commissioner is elected from each of the four wards. The mayor is also elected at-large and is the presiding officer and chairperson of the commission.

A City Manager is appointed by the commission and serves as chief administrator of most city departments. The City Commission also appoints the Finance Director, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and the City Attorney. The Directors of Public Safety, Public Works, and Development Services are hired by the City Manager. The city has a contract with Muskegon County Equalization for assessing needs, and as of 2013, it contracts with a private company, SAFEbuilt of West Michigan, for building inspections, environmental code enforcement and rental housing inspections.

# The City Commission's Role

The Muskegon City Commission established the Department of Recreation and Parks on October 25, 1949. The ordinance provided for the creation of a department and staff to be administered by a Director. It also established a Board of Recreation and Parks (later changed to the Leisure Services Board, or LSB), which determined policy and procedures for the operation and maintenance of the Park system. The Leisure Services Department and the Leisure Services Board were disbanded in 2010 due to budget constraints.

#### **City Departments**

Historically Parks duties were handled by the Leisure Services Division within the city, however upon the dissolution of the Leisure Services Department those duties have been split into several different divisions within the City structure:

#### **Public Works Division**

Parks Department - This department is administered by the Public Works Division and is responsible for the general maintenance and operation of all city-owned parks and recreational facilities. Also included within the department's responsibilities are the grounds of city buildings, other non-recreational properties, maintenance and operation of the city trail network, and the graffiti program. The Parks Supervisor serves as head of the





department. There are three (3) Leisure Service Maintenance I employees, seven (7) Leisure Service Maintenance II employees, and a part time Customer Service Representative II. Approximately 20-30 seasonal employees are hired during the summer months each year.

Cemetery/Forestry Department – This department is administered by the Public Works Division and is responsible to maintain and operate four (4) cemeteries, one (1) mausoleum, and oversee the forestry operations for all city owned/maintained properties. As a general fund-supported department, DPW Parks Administrative Staff recommends the City Commission directs the overall policies and procedures. Staff includes one (1) Supervisor, two (2) Leisure Services Maintenance III (Forestry), two (2) Leisure Services Maintenance II (Cemetery), one (1) Customer Service Representative II, and fifteen (15) seasonal staff.

Marina / Launch Ramp Department – This department is administered by the Public Works Division and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the city-owned Hartshorn Marina, four boat launch ramps, and moorings at Pere Marquette Park and Harbour Towne Beach. The city has contracted with a private company to administer Hartshorn Marina. Various DPW staff maintain the launches and dry storage areas.

#### **Finance Division**

Mercy Health Arena (formerly L. C. Walker Arena) – The Mercy Health Arena is administered by the Finance Division and is fully owned and operated by the City of Muskegon. Until 1987, the city was directly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Arena. In the fall of 1987, a management agreement was signed with Civic Arena Management Corporation for the management of the Arena. In 1996, the city entered into an agreement with Arena Management Group (AMG). In 2008, AMG was bought by the new owners of the Muskegon Lumberjacks hockey team for the management of the Arena. In 2011, the city entered into a new agreement with Logger Hockey, LLC for the operations, management, and promotion of Mercy Health Arena and Conference Center. More recently, the city has taken over management of the arena; leasing space for the hockey team and other activities.

#### **Community Engagement Division**

Farmers Market/Flea Market – The markets are administered by the Finance Division. The Market Manager oversees the farmers' market and flea market. The farmers' market is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from May to November and on Saturdays only during December. The flea market is open on Wednesdays from May to October.





Special Events and Film/Music Events – There is no separate department for this work and the tasks are overseen by a variety of staff from various city departments. A special event refers to any public event using city property or requiring city services. Annually, the city approves over 50 special event applications from Easter egg hunts to road races to Muskegon's Rebel Road: a four-day motorcycle-themed festival drawing thousands of people to Muskegon each year. Muskegon encourages film production in the city, and coordination of film and music events has been added to the responsibilities of the Public Works Division as well.

**ANNUAL BUDGET** – Parks O&M for FY21/22 = \$2.1M (101-70751 + 101-70757). Parks Capital for FY21/22 = \$700K

For the future the O&M budget should be fairly steady with nominal adjustments for inflationary purposes. Future Capital budget plan to be centered around an annual allocation of \$1M. Funding sources are all City General Fund. Primary revenue for the general fund are property tax and income tax. Parks specific revenue line items in the general fund are, fees and charges (shelter / community building rental), and paid parking revenue at the Beach. For future years we are proposing to dedicate a portion of a few brownfield reimbursements and the arena naming rights revenue to support the parks capital investments.

#### **BUDGET PROCESS**

The annual City budget calendar year is formulated on the basis of balancing known and anticipated revenues against anticipated expenses for each of the various city departments. Annually, the City Manager prepares a budget that is reviewed by the various department heads. A final budget is submitted to the City Commission for its consideration and approval as mandated by the Charter. Parks and Recreation relies on six basic sources of funding:

The Parks Department, Cemetery/Forestry Department, and Special Events are operated within the City General Fund (101). In total these three departments account for approximately \$2.5M in expenses within the 2021/2022 fiscal year; which covers the cost for full-time and seasonal labor, equipment, supplies, contractual expenses, as well as capital upgrades. The revenue within the General Fund is composed of a multitude of sources best left to the annual city budget rather than regurgitated here. The Parks Department generates revenue for the General Fund through the application of user fees for rental space, along with paid parking at select waterfront parks. The Cemetery/Forestry Department generate revenue for the General Fund through plot sales, and burial costs,





along with drawing from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Special Events generate revenue for the General Fund through application and event fees.

The Farmers Market (252) along with the Mercy Health Arena (254) are operated as Special Revenue Funds within the City Budget. In total these two departments account for just over \$2M in expenses within the 2021/2022 fiscal year. These expenses cover the cost for full-time and part-time labor, equipment, supplies, contractual expenses, as well as capital upgrades to the facilities. As special revenue funds these assets primarily generate revenue through user fees associated with the rental of the facilities, and hosting of events within the sites. In many years both of these funds require an operating transfer from the general fund to maintain fund solvency.

The Marina Department (594) is operated as an Enterprise Fund within the annual city budget. In total this department accounts for just under \$500K in expenses within the 2021/2022 fiscal year. These expenses cover the cost for full-time and seasonal labor, equipment, supplies, contractual expenses, as well as capital upgrades to the facilities. As an enterprise fund this account is designed to primarily be self sufficient with the revenue generated through the sale of launch ramp permits, and slips within the municipal marina. During the recent high water cycles the marina has sustained severe damage requiring significant capital investment while experiencing a substantial loss in revenue related to a necessary reduction in the number of available slips. As such this fund has operated in a deficit position for many of the last several years.

#### Additional Revenue Sources

#### - Gifts, Donations, Trusts

This method of funding assists in financing annual maintenance programs for particular parks or facilities and various capital improvement projects. Trust funds are established to maintain and improve specific parks. Currently McGraft Park has a trust fund. Reese and Hackley Parks have been moved to the city's general fund, so they no longer need to transfer funds from the trusts.

Established by Edith Wickham McGraft in the mid-sixties, the McGraft Trust fluctuates yearly depending on prevailing interest rates. It is billed annually by the Parks Department for maintenance costs and capital improvements. Any surpluses are reinvested and utilized in future years. The only stipulation on this trust is that the facility continues to be named McGraft Park.





In the age of shrinking budgets, private and corporate gifts provide major sources of funding for capital improvement projects. The Community Foundation for Muskegon County has provided many grants for special projects within city facilities.

Marsh Field is largely operated and maintained through an agreement with the West Michigan Clippers Baseball Club. The Clippers provide maintenance and upkeep for the baseball field which they in turn utilize as the home field for their minor league team. In addition this agreement ensures the field is kept up to excellent standards at no direct cost to the city.

The Clippers also make the field available for use by the Muskegon Public Schools baseball team to host their games. The field is a hub of activity throughout the baseball season and the public/private partnership therein has proved invaluable to ensuring the field is maintained and preserved.

Many city parks have been "adopted" and are now being maintained by private businesses, organizations, and individuals through the "Adopt-a-Park" program. Such gifts will become more critical as funding resources diminish.

#### State and Federal Funding

The city has been fortunate to receive numerous state and federal grants that have helped build or rebuild many of the park facilities over the years.

State and federal grant funding are important components to developing and sustaining our park facilities. However, the funding stream can be inconsistent due to numerous features and should not be considered a steady source of revenue.

The city should continue to pursue grant programs when they are the right fit for a project, but should not expect to complete the robust goals of this plan primarily on the basis of grant funding.

#### **CDBG**

Community Development Block Grant Funds from HUD have funded central-city recreation programs since the early 1980's. Recently CDBG funding has been utilized to upgrade playground equipment at Aamodt Park and to assist in construction of several missing sidewalk connections throughout various central-city parks.





#### **ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS**

The city uses volunteers whenever possible to support investment in the park system. Volunteers currently maintain many of the small parks through the Adopt-a-Park program.

The city works with various agencies and groups to complete volunteer projects throughout the year. These projects vary from year to year based on the engaged groups. Having engaged groups of volunteers is key to sustaining the parks; engaged volunteers are most likely the frequent users of a particular park and can bring insight into the park needs that staff may not always readily identify. Sustaining and growing volunteer opportunities within the parks of the city should be a focus area. Some groups have recurring events but most are one time events.





# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 4

#### EXISTING RECREATION INVENTORY

To determine the recreational needs for the City of Muskegon, an analysis of the existing facilities was undertaken. The intent of the analysis is to provide a clear evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing recreational opportunities the City has to offer its citizens. The inventory is based on information provided by City staff and site inspections carried out by MCSA Group as part of the planning process.

#### **CITY PARK AND OPEN SPACE FACILITIES**

Muskegon provides a range of passive and active recreation opportunities for residents within its City Parks. There are forty (40) parks that have existing recreational facilities on approximately 399.25 acres of public land.

The City properties can be classified as follows: twenty-eight (28) neighborhood parks and twelve (12) community parks. This classification is adapted from "Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines," J. D. Mertes and J. R. Hall, 1995, as recommended by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A more detailed description and photographic inventory of each site follows. An Existing Recreation Facilities map at the end of this section illustrates the location of public park/recreation areas within the City, and an Existing Recreation Facilities matrix provides a summary of the facilities provided at each location.

An Accessibility Assessment of each facility was undertaken using the following ranking system for the site elements based upon the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design:

- 1 NONE
- 2 SOME
- 3 MOST
- 4 ALL
- 5 THE FACILITY MEETS THE PRINCIPALS OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Equitable Design, Flexibility in Use, Simple and Intuitive Use, Perceptible Information and Tolerance for Error, Low Physical Effort and Size and Space for Approach and Use.







### **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

Neighborhood parks remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. This park typically serves a ¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers. A size of 5-10 acres is considered optimal for this type of park. The focus is on informal active and passive recreational activities, such as walking, field games, court games, playground equipment, and picnicking. Although slightly smaller, Muskegon has twenty-eight (28) that fit this category.





# Aamodt Park 390 Marquette Ave 2.00 Acres

Aamodt Park is located at Wood St and Marquette Ave. It is a neighborhood park located in the north-central section of Muskegon. It includes a playground, picnic tables, grills, and a shelter. On-street-parking is available.

# Accessibility Rating: 4

All elements meet ADA

# Accessibility Improvements:

Play equipment and picnic shelter are new as of 2021.

#### Condition:

Park is old, but well maintained.

Please provide updated photo of new equipment at aamodt park





Beidler Street Tot Lot 725 Young Ave. 0.08 Acres

Lot is vacant

Accessibility Rating: N/A

Accessibility Improvements: N/A

Condition: N/A

Beachwood Park 3157 Dune St. 3.40 Acres

Beachwood Park maximizes the natural beauty of the dunes while providing active year-round recreational facilities. The sledding hills and ice rink draw a significant gathering during the winter months and the large oaks trees provide a shaded area over the play apparatus. There is also a picnic area with grills, heated restroom building, a shelter and fireplace. The Lakeshore Trail runs along the park



perimeter guiding walkers and bicyclists to the Lake Michigan beach park.

# Accessibility Rating: 3

This park has no route into the pickleball court. The playground equipment should be replaced with more accessible equipment.

# Accessibility Improvements:





Consider adding new inclusive play equipment and ADA compliant playground surfacing. Update all pathways and amenities to be barrier free.

#### Condition:

The park needs updates. Play equipment and other facilities are aging and in structural decline.

# Clara Shepherd Park Between W. Southern and W. Grand Ave. 1.00 Acres

This park consists of two full court basketball courts, parking areas, and seating.

#### Accessibility Rating: 4

Two accessible parking lots are provided as well as accessible routes to courts and seating areas.

# Accessibility Improvements:

N/A

*Condition:* The park is in good condition.

Grand Trunk Launch Ramp

2029 Lakeshore Dr.

**4.60** Acres

This boat launch is on property owned by the State of Michigan-Waterways Division but is leased to the City of Muskegon as a boat launch facility providing access to Muskegon Lake. The site includes two boat launch ramps, parking, and picnic tables.

#### Accessibility Rating: 2

The parking lot and drives are in fair to poor condition but are mostly level and compacted gravel that provides an accessible route to the launch ramps. An accessible route is provided to access the small shelter and picnic tables.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding paved ADA designated parking spaces.





#### Condition:

The parking areas and roads within the launch area are broken asphalt, gravel, and in some areas rutted or have large potholes. The two boat launch ramps appear to be in good condition.

# Hackley Park City block bounded by Webster, Clay, Third, and Fourth Streets 2.30 Acres

This National Historic Designated Park is a formally designed park dedicated to the memory of Civil War veterans, presented to the City in 1890 by Charles H. Hackley.

Its focal point is an eighty-foot-tall soldier's monument in the center of the park. Statues of Farragut, Sherman, Grant, and Lincoln grace the corners of the park. The park creates a strong visual image upon entering the downtown area and provides visual and physical relief from the urban environment.

It is often used to host various ceremonies, rallies, and concerts, and annually hosts the Lakeshore Art Festival and Parties-in-the-Park in summer months. The park is decorated for the Christmas season and hosts a Lighting of the Tree festivity. The proximity to Heritage Village, the County Museum, Hackley Library, and the Art Museum add to its value to the City.



# Accessibility Rating: 4

This park has good barrier free elements. Sidewalk ramps at the four corners allow access from on-street parking spaces. Numerous benches are provided around the site.

# Accessibility Improvements:

All elements meet ADA requirements.

#### Condition:

The park is in good condition and well maintained.





# Harbour Towne Beach 3315 Fulton Ave. *3.50 Acres*

Small public beach along the west end of Muskegon Lake near the channel leading to

Lake Michigan. Amenities include ample parking, portable restroom, and a fire pit area.

Accessibility Rating: 3

There is no barrier free access to the beach



# Accessibility Improvements:

Add portable beach mat to allow accessibility to the beach

**Condition:** The parking lot could use improvements

# Heritage Memorial Garden 545 W Western Ave

#### 0.29 Acres

Heritage Memorial Garden was built and dedicated in downtown Muskegon in 2005 in memory of Ed Babbitt. Its unique design was constructed by local contractors and gardeners. The layout uses the gazebo as the center of a flower design with the sidewalks acting as outlines of the flower petals. There are two memorial fountains located in the garden. The garden is open year-round at all hours. It has different flowering plants each week throughout the warmer months.

# Accessibility Rating: 3

The benches and picnic tables are not accessible

# Accessibility Improvements:





Add pathways and companion spaces to benches and pathway to picnic table

#### Condition:

The park is well maintained



Jaycee's Launch Ramp 2912 Lakeshore Dr. 0.60 Acres

A boat launch facility providing access to Muskegon Lake. The site includes two boat launch ramps and parking.

# Accessibility Rating: 2

The parking lot and drives are in fair to poor condition but are mostly level and compacted gravel that provides an accessible route to the launch ramps.

# Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding new inclusive play equipment and ADA compliant playground surfacing. Update all pathways and amenities to be barrier free.

#### Condition:





The park needs updates. Play equipment, shelter building, and other facilities are aging and in structural decline.

# Margaret Drake Elliott Park 1651 Beach St. 0.60 Acres

North of Pere Marquette Park, this major picnicking site has the beautiful backdrop of the Muskegon Channel and is in walking distance to Lake Michigan beach. Fishing is also a popular activity at the channel. A well shaded grassy area provides an ideal picnic location with 3 options for reserving table space. One large shelter accommodates approximately 80 persons; a smaller shelter situated on the channel wall accommodates



approximately 24 people and groups of unsheltered tables may also be booked. The channel wall pavilion is often used for small scale weddings.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

This park has designated ADA parking spaces and accessible paths. The sand surfacing at the play equipment is not a suitable surfacing.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding new inclusive play equipment and ADA compliant playground surfacing. Update all pathways and amenities to be barrier free as necessary.

#### Condition:

The park is in general good condition. Play equipment, asphalt surfacing, and other facilities are showing signs of age.

Marsh Field Park 1800 Peck St. 6.10 Acres





Marsh Field is a major baseball facility in the Greater Muskegon area. Field contains permanent grandstands for spectators, a walking trail and roller blade area. Other facilities include a lighted baseball diamond, concession stand, restrooms, play structure, and picnic tables.

# Accessibility Rating: 4

This park features adequate ADA designated parking spaces and provides accessible features throughout the park.



# Accessibility

#### Improvements:

Consider adding additional inclusive play equipment and updating ADA compliant playground surfacing.

#### Condition:

The park in in overall good condition. General maintenance and updates should upheld.

# Muskgon Farmers Market/ Flea Market 242 W Western Ave

#### 6 Acres

The markets are administered by the Finance Division. The Market Manager oversees the farmers' market and flea market. The farmers' market is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from May to November and on Saturdays only during December. The flea market is open on Wednesdays from May to October.

#### Accessibility Rating: 4

This facility is ADA compliant

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding Universal Design Elements

#### Condition:





This facility is in good condition



Richards Park 95 N. Causeway 7.50 Acres

Richards Park, also known as Boom Park, is a small rustic park located south of the Causeway and the Veteran's Memorial Park, allowing access the Muskegon River and Lake. Despite the remote location, the park is gaining popularity with the addition of a Disc Golf Course. Other facilities include a public boat launch and gravel parking area.

# Accessibility Rating: 1

This park has no accessible parking or walks separated from the main park drive.

### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding new pathways and paving the barrier free parking spaces. Add accessible walkway between disc golf tees.

*Condition:* The park needs updates. Road is in poor condition.







Sheldon Park 1059 E. Isabella 5.80 Acres

Numerous white and red oaks lend themselves to the residential setting and provide an excellent picnic and passive recreation area. Sheldon Park ball diamond is the home of Muskegon East Little League. The park offers a basketball court, little league baseball and softball diamonds, playground, concession stand, restrooms, and a picnic area.

# Accessibility Rating: 4

There are some accessible routes to the ballfields and playground.

# Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding new inclusive play equipment and ADA compliant playground surfacing. Add and update all pathways and amenities to be barrier free. Update Restroom building to Accessibility standards.

#### Condition:

The park needs updates. Play equipment and other facilities are aging.







Saint Joseph Park 291 Monroe Ave. 0.70 Acres

St. Joseph Park was created in conjunction with the St. Joseph Church and the Nelson Neighborhood

Association. It features paved sidewalks, picnic tables and benches, grills, play equipment, and on street parking. Musical Instruments were added in 2020.



# Accessibility Rating: 3





Although there are accessible routes, the playground equipment does not have many ground level play elements.

# Accessibility Improvements:

Consider updating the play equipment with Universally Accessible Equipment *Condition:* The park is well maintained.

# Kearny Memorial Park 1040 Peck St. 0.23 Acres

A small open space at the intersection of Peck and Terrace Streets, Kearny Memorial Park includes a restored historical cast iron fountain, statue, shade trees, and a picnic

table.



# Accessibility Rating: 3

The park has perimeter sidewalks but none to the site amenities

# Accessibility Improvements:

An accessible sidewalk to the memorial and site amenities is needed.

*Condition:* The park is well maintained

Lighthouse Park Beach St. 1.1 Acres

Lighthouse Park is a 1.1-acre plot of land at the corner of Beach and Fulton streets. It overlooks the Muskegon Channel. The property had been surplus acreage owned by the federal government. It was deeded to the city for park land in 2003 by the U.S. General Services Administration.







Accessibility Rating: N/A

Accessibility Improvements: N/A

Condition: N/A

Western Market Chalets 325 Western Ave

1 Acre

17 unique chalets located in Downtown Muskegon for rent as Pop-up Stores from May to Mid-December. Portable restrooms. Open sand space used for ping pong, volleyball, sand soccer and fowling.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

Some of the facility is accessible, the sand and chalets themselves are not accessible.

# Accessibility Improvements:

Due to the small size, accessibility inside the chalets would be a challenge.

Condition: The facility was built in 2017 and is well maintained







Victoria Garden 1299 Jefferson 0.22 <u>Acres</u>

English Victorian Theme Garden. Is maintained by the Phoenix Consortium. Contains fountain plantings and decorative arch.



# Accessibility Rating: 4

Paths are accessible but site is not universally accessible.

Accessibility Improvements: Add accessible routes to benches, consider adding companion spaces next to existing benches.

*Condition:* Park is newer and in good condition.





Russel Lee Root Memorial Park 181 W. Muskegon Ave. .07 Acre

A small triangle island created by the intersection of W.Apple Ave, W. Muskegon Ave, and First St., the Russel Lee Root Memorial features a historically significant fountain, flag pole, and benches.



# Accessibility Rating: 4

Ramps at all sidewalk connections allow for ADA access to the island. No accessible space is provided next to benches.

# Accessibility Improvements:

Provide a companion space next to existing benches.

Condition: Park and amenities are in good condition.





3<sup>rd</sup> Street Promenade 380 W. Western Ave. .57 Acre

The promenade features a picnic table plaza, small stage/performance space, numerous benches and site amenities, and landscaping.



Accessibility Rating: 4 Ramps at all sidewalk connections allow for ADA access into the site. Accessible spaces next to benches, ramps from street level to building entrances as well as to the performance

stage makes the promenade space highly accessible.

# Accessibility Improvements:

N/A

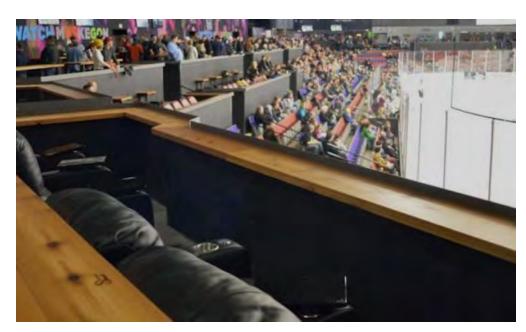
Condition: Park and amenities are in good condition.





Mercy Health Arena (Indoors) 470 W. Western Ave. .59 Acre

In 2019, Mercy Health Arena underwent a significant renovation adding restaurants, executive suites, club seating, new party decks, and new restrooms. The facility is home to the Muskegon Lumberjacks of the United States Hockey League, the West Michigan Ironmen of the American Arena League (football), the Muskegon Risers of the Major Arena Soccer League II, and the Muskegon Risers Women's Team. Mercy Health Arena is Muskegon's hub for youth hockey and figure skating. The facility is home to the Muskegon Junior Lumberjacks and the West Michigan Shoreline Figure Skating Club. The facility also hosts several recreational hockey leagues for players of all ages, skills, and abilities. The arena is also home to dozens of annual non-



sporting events: concerts, graduation ceremonies, job fairs, etc.

Accessibility
Rating: 4
Amenities are
newly updated
and to code.

Accessibility
Improvements:
N/A

**Condition:** Facility is in good condition.





## Foundry Park 1060 W. Western Ave. 7.25 Acres

The eastern half of the peninsula next to Hartshorn Marina features a single boat ramp into Muskegon Lake and open lawn space.

#### Accessibility Rating: 2

The park space is rudimentary with no parking or site features/amenities.

## Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding Universal Design Elements

*Condition:* Lot is vacant except for boat launch.

Robert L. Fisher Memorial Park 1490 Lakeshore Dr. .98 Acres\_\_\_\_

A section of bluff along Lakeshore Dr. is designated as a memorial for Robert L. Fisher.

## Accessibility Rating: 1

The park space is rudimentary with no parking or site features/amenities.

## Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding Universal Design Elements

*Condition:* A steep bluff between Lakeshore Dr. and the railroad tracks, the bluff is heavily vegetated with no trails or amenities.





## Muskegon City Hall (Exterior and Campus) 933 Terrace St. 2.68 Acres

The eastern half of the peninsula next to Hartshorn Marina features a single boat ramp into Muskegon Lake and open lawn space.

## Accessibility Rating: 4

Barrier free entrances and ramps to the building and from the street level to the building are provided where needed.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding Universal Design Elements







Robert C. Lighton Memorial Park 965 Terrace St. .63 Acres

A small island created by the intersection of W. Walton, Sanford, W. Apple, and Terrace Streets. The simple park features a paved plaza with bench seating, small hills with evergreen trees.

## Accessibility Rating: 4

Barrier free sidewalk ramps are provided. Sidewalks and plaza space are smooth and free of obstacles. Some benches are ADA compliant.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding Universal Design Elements







Muskegon Splash Pad Park 285 W. Western Ave. .47 Acres

The free to access splash pad is a popular destination to downtown Muskegon. The splash pad is open from the first Saturday in May through the third Saturday in September.

#### Accessibility Rating: 4

Barrier free access is provided throughout the site. Sidewalks and plaza space are smooth and free of obstacles. Some benches are ADA compliant.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding Universal Design Elements







## Downtown Muskegon Dog Park 793 W. Western Ave. .95 Acres

The free to access splash dog park is open year-round. It features a parking lot with accessible spaces, large and small dog areas, and a small seating area.

#### Accessibility Rating: 4

Barrier free access is provided throughout the site. Sidewalks and parking spaces are smooth and free of obstacles. Some benches are ADA compliant.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Consider adding additional Universal Design Elements such as accessible picnic tables.







## Carpenter Brother's Park 793 Western Ave 6.6 Acres

Lot is vacant

Accessibility Rating: N/A

Accessibility Improvements: N/A

Condition: N/A







Additionally, The City of Muskegon assists in the care and maintenance of 8 parks and gardens but does not own the properties. These include:

<u>Baha'I Peace Park</u> – 584 Marquette Ave – 1.57 Acres and includes a plaza and seating

<u>Day of Caring Park</u>  $-7^{th}$  Street and W. Muskegon Ave. -0.9 Acres and includes a playground and open green space

<u>Joe Clifford Park</u> – Wesley Street - 1.8 Acres and includes playground equipment, picnic area with grill, picnic shelter and spray fountain.

<u>McGlaughlin Park</u> – 1278 Terrace – 0.95 Acres and includes a playground, pavilion, picnic tables, grills

<u>Nims Park</u> – 1161 W. Southern Ave - 1.38 Acres and includes playground and community garden.

<u>The Monet Garden of Muskegon</u> – Clay and  $5^{th}$  – 0.17 Acres and includes gardens and seating.

**Robert C. Lighton Memorial Park** – Sanford and Apple – 0.46 Acres and includes a paved plaza with benches and picnic tables

 $\underline{\textbf{Social Sandbox}}$  – 251  $2^{\text{nd}}$  Street – 0.29 Acres and includes sand, picnic tables, sun sails and bistro lights.







In addition, there are 6 properties that have food source plots. These include:

<u>First Congregational Community Garden</u> – 1201 Jefferson – 0.28 Acres

**298** Allen – 0.46 Acres

**<u>Love Community Garden</u>** – 482 Monroe Ave – 1.24 Acres

<u>McLaaughlin Grows</u> – 175 Larch – 2.35 Acres

 $\underline{\textbf{Mike Miller Memorial Garden}} - 257 \ West \ Muskegon - 0.18 \ Acres$ 

 $\underline{\textbf{Roger Allison Memorial Garden}} - 1348 \ 6^{th} \ Street - 0.29 \ Acres$ 





## **COMMUNITY PARKS**

Community-wide parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks and provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting structured and unstructured community participation. These areas are typically between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance. Facilities may include wooded or natural areas, picnic shelters and grills, bike or hiking trails and other semi-active and passive uses for large groups of people. They may also contain specialized recreational facilities such as swimming pools, community centers, and lighted ball diamonds. Community Parks should be easily accessible from throughout their service area. Currently there are thirteen (13) City parks classified within this category.







Beukema Playfield 1188 Wesley Ave. 10 Acres

This park serves as a neighborhood park providing recreation facilities within the Marquette Neighborhood. The northeast portion of the park has numerous mature oak trees providing a pleasant area for picnickers. Other facilities include a play structure, 2 softball diamonds, open play space, restroom facilities, and a picnic area.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

The playground surfacing is sand and there is no accessible route. Many of the pieces of playground equipment do not meet code. (A new playground has been purchased and is scheduled to be installed in 2022.)

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Replace and add accessible surfacing and route to playground

*Condition:* The playground should be replaced and the field regraded and freshened up.









Campbell Field 1940 Barclay St. 9.50 Acres

The Campbell Field serves the Campbell Neighborhood by providing a home for the Muskegon West Little League. The park space also includes facilities such as a play structure, baseball and softball fields, open field space, concession building, restrooms, and a picnic shelter.

## Accessibility Rating: 4

Park is accessible

## Accessibility Improvements:

Playground equipment, surfacing and accessible route

#### Condition:

Renovations to dugouts and restroom building should be considered. Remove old playground equipment.







Kruse Park 3205 W. Sherman Blvd. 52.3 Acres

Norman F. Kruse Park offers nearly one mile of beautiful Lake Michigan Beach with breathtaking views of Lake Michigan and the surrounding dunes. The city has allocated a section of the northern beach for leashed dogs and their owners to enjoy. There are accessible ramps and boardwalks to the beach area and into the dunes. The public beach offers a rescue board with water safety/lifesaving equipment (provided between Memorial Day and Labor Day).

The upper portion of the park is a major picnic attraction. Facilities include nature trails, accessible dune walks and overlooks, playground, basketball court, restrooms, ample parking, and 4 picnic shelters. <u>Picnic shelters are furnished with charcoal grills, picnic tables, restrooms/infant changing stations, electricity, water, and a grassy play area.</u>

Accessibility Rating: 4

Park is accessible

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Make improvements achieve universal accessibility

Condition: The park is very old and should be renovated.







McCrea Playfield Kenneth St. at Catawba Ave. 9.50 Acres

McCrea Playfield offers a baseball diamond, open space area for non-organized field games, and a large, shaded area for limited passive activities and picnicking. The park serves as a primary recreation facility for the local neighborhood.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

Ballfields are inaccessible, there are no barrier free parking spaces and there are no accessible walks in the park. Structures such as play equipment, restroom and storage buildings are aging and may not be to code.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Make ballfields accessible and add barrier parking spaces and walking trail that connects the picnic tables. Update play equipment to include accessible elements and renovate structures to bring up to code as needed.



*Condition:* The ballfields should be improved.





Reese Playfield 1345 E. Forest Ave. 13 Acres

Reese serves as a neighborhood park for the adjoining East Muskegon area and home field to the Muskegon High School Softball program. Permanent bleachers are provided for spectator viewing. The football/soccer field is lighted and services area soccer programs. Large oak trees along the parking lot shade picnic areas. Also provided is a playground area, basketball court, picnic tables, and restrooms.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

Most of the park is accessible except the tennis courts and playground

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Add barrier free surfacing and access ramps into the playground equipment. Add Accessible route to the tennis courts. The city of Muskegon has approved the purchase of new playground equipment that is scheduled to be installed in 2022.

*Condition:* The park is old and should be updated.







Smith-Ryerson Park 650 Wood St. 23.0 Acres

The park serves as a focal point for recreational activities within the Jackson Hill neighborhood. The park lies in a natural valley bordered on the south by Ryerson Creek and is interspersed with a wide variety of lowland flora (maple, birch, willow, basswood, etc.) providing an excellent setting for picnicking. The annual Maranda Park Party is hosted here, and The Port City Boys football program has made this their home field. Facilities provided include, playground, basketball courts, restroom facilities, football field, open space for field games, picnic tables, a picnic shelter, and a community center that is the home of the Muskegon Boxing Club. A shelter and rooms in the building are available for rent.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

The playground and field are not accessible and there are no barrier free picnic tables in the lawn

## Accessibility Improvements:

Add accessible routes to the playground, picnic tables and football field.

Condition: Some parts of this park are very old and should be updated.







McGraft Park 2204 Wickham Dr. 92.0 Acres

The park is set within an area of rolling hills alongside Ruddiman Creek and encompasses approximately 92 acres. Portions of the park have been developed for active recreational use while other areas are reserved in a more naturalistic setting. Many visitors enjoy the views at the lagoon on Ruddiman Creek and the site is available for small weddings.

Facilities provided include playground area, softball diamond, tennis courts (lighted), pickle ball courts, shuffleboard courts, basketball court, horseshoe pits, open air amphitheater, open space for field games, picnic area, disc golf course, sledding hill, and a community building that may be rented. The building can accommodate approximately 100 persons and has restrooms, kitchen facilities, and tables and chairs.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

The playground and ballfield are not accessible

## Accessibility Improvements:

Add an accessible route to the playground and ballfield

**Condition:** The park is very well used and should be updated







Pere Marquette Beach Park 3510 Channel Dr. 27.5 Acres

Pere Marquette is the northern most end of 2.5 miles of City-owned Lake Michigan frontage, bordered on the north by the Muskegon Channel. The beautiful expanse of clean, sandy beach is surf raked daily. The 200' handicapped walkway allows easy access for all. Visitors will often view the amazing site of kite boarders as the beach has become a popular draw for the sport and spectators.

Amenities located at Pere Marquette Beach include a restaurant, snack bar, playground area, restrooms, handicapped walkways, picnic tables, sand volleyball courts, rescue boards with water safety/lifesaving equipment (provided between Memorial Day and Labor Day), kite-boarding rentals/lessons, paddleboard and jet-ski rentals, and access to the Lakeshore Trail.

#### Accessibility Rating: 4

Most of the park is accessible.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Continue to make improvements to achieve Universal Accessibility

**Condition:** The park has been very well maintained, but future improvements to the restroom building should be considered.







Seyferth Park 2250 W. Sherman Blvd. 16.0 Acres

Seyferth Park provides both active and passive recreation opportunities for the community. Physically, the park is divided into two distinct areas. The north half is primarily flat open space used for field games. The south half along Sherman Boulevard contains many mature oak trees providing an attractive setting for picnics and family-oriented recreation activities. Facilities provided include playground area, softball diamond, football/soccer field, skating half pipe, basketball courts, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, and a picnic shelter available for rent.

Accessibility Rating: 3
Ballfields are not accessible

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Add Accessibility to Ballfields

*Condition:* This park is aging and the portions of the skatepark and ice rink were recently removed.







Fisherman's Landing Park & Campground 501 E. Western Ave. 18.6 Acres

Located on 18.6 acres on the east end of Muskegon Lake, with easy access to Lake Michigan, Fisherman's Landing is geared towards the large sports fishing industry. The parking lot for 250 vehicles contains oversize spaces to accommodate both car and trailer. In time, it is planned to be a self-supporting tourist facility for regional usage. Facilities provided include boat launch ramps (4), restrooms, shower facility, playground equipment, picnic shelters, campsites (105), fish cleaning station (1), vehicle stored waste disposal site, and open space for picnicking.

#### Accessibility Rating: 3

There are few accessible routes to the playground and other amenities.

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Accessible routes to the playground, picnic tables and other amenities should be added

*Condition:* The parking area is showing signs of age and should be improved.









## Hartshorn Marina 920 W. Western Ave. 10.3 Acres

Hartshorn is the only public marina on Muskegon Lake. It includes 134 major slips, 30 small slips, 102 moorings, 2 boat launch ramps, a restroom building, and picnic area with grills.

## Accessibility Rating: 4

Additionally, there are no barrier free pull through spaces.

## Accessibility Improvements:

Add barrier free parking spaces.

*Condition:* In addition to the accessibility upgrades, The boat launch is showing signs of age and should be replaced.





Veteran's Memorial Park 101. M. Causeway 28.0 Acres

A lowland park containing a lagoon and island with several war memorials. A large fountain anchors the south end of the park with a Vietnam Memorial proudly occupies the north end. The park is easily viewed while traveling north and south along the Causeway. The Veteran's organization constructed a concrete walkway throughout the park that includes memorial and donor bronze plaques. This property is owned by the county and maintained by the City of Muskegon.

#### Accessibility Rating: 4

There is no accessible route from the pathway to the amenities (plaques, cannons, etc.)

#### Accessibility Improvements:

Add accessible route to the amenities

*Condition:* The park is in good condition.







#### NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

Natural resource areas are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, landscapes, and open space. These sites are typically unsuitable for development but offer natural resource potential and can support recreational activities at a level that preserves the integrity of the natural resource. The location and size of these parks are largely governed by availability.

Green Acres Park Wood Street 29.6 Acres

Green Acres Park is a wetland area. The Ryerson Creek cuts the property in half. It is currently undeveloped.

Accessibility Rating: N/A

Accessibility Improvements: N/A

Condition: N/A







#### **ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES**

The following are additional properties owned and maintained by the City that are currently vacant. A majority of these are City lots that do not add to the Park Systems and should be sold for residential infill. They include:

1561 Albert – 0.42 Acres

325 Jackson – 0.62 Acres

58 Grand – 0.33 Acres

6<sup>th</sup> Street Pocket Park – 0.80 Acres

Meurer Court – 1.17 Acres

In addition, there are a few triangles of leftover land that will continue to be maintained by the City. They include:

2<sup>nd</sup> and Muskegon – 0.8 Acres

 $4^{th}$  and Jefferson -0.14 Acres

Beach and Sherman – 0.1 Acres

Borgman S Nelson Park  $-2^{nd}$  and Houston -0.07 Acres

Gene and Barbara Greenwood – Peck and Arthur – 0.14 Acres

Kenneth and Evanston - 0.07 Acres

Laketon and Montgomery – 0.1 Acres

Montgomery and Ruddiman – 0.08 Acres

Torrent and Moon – 0.21 Acres





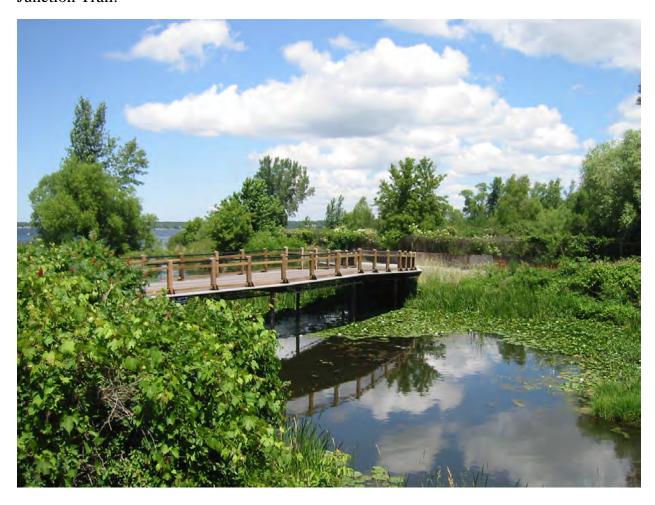
#### **LINEAR PARKS AND PATHWAYS**

## **Muskegon Lakeshore Trail**

The Muskegon Lakeshore Trail is approximately 12 miles long and winds along the shore of Muskegon Lake. Paralleling Lakeshore Drive and Shoreline Drive, the trail offers beautiful views of the lakes, the channel, the South Pier Light House, sand dunes and Muskegon parks, and provides pedestrian access to historic and maritime attractions, dining venues, and seasonal festivals.

Parking is available at Pere Marquette Park on the south end, Heritage Landing at approximately the midpoint, the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve on the north end, as well as various marked spots along Lakeshore Drive.

The Lakeshore Trail connects to the Laketon Trail which connects to the Musketawa trail, heading south-east. North of Muskegon, the trail connects to the Fred Meyer Berry Junction Trail.







#### **DNR Recreation Grant Inventory**

The City of Muskegon has been fortunate to receive a total of seventeen (17) grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources over the last 55 years. The acquisition grants assisted with acquisition of properties along Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake.

The development grants assisted with Fisherman's World, Beukema Park, Reese Field, Pere Marquette Park, Harthorn Marina, Bronson Park, Smith-Ryerson Community Center and Park, Muskegon Lakeshore Trail, Seyferth Park, Campbell Field, Beachwood Park,

An itemized Recreation Grant History is provided in this plan.

#### **SCHOOLS**

All schools within the Muskegon Public School District include outdoor recreational facilities. The schools are evenly distributed throughout the City, and for the most part, meet the recreational needs of school-aged children within the surrounding neighborhoods. In effect, they serve as local neighborhood playgrounds for the City.

## <u>Elementary Schools – Bunker, Marquette, Moon and Oakview Elementary; and Glenside Early Childhood Center</u>

The five elementary schools provide basic recreation needs for school-aged children. The typical playground consists of a variety of play apparatus (swings, climbing bars, slides, etc.), a hard-court surface, and an open space game field with softball diamond. In all cases, the play apparatuses appear plentiful, with only general maintenance required (e.g. replacement of missing swings, painting). All schools contain hard surface basketball courts; however, in all cases the hoop has been eliminated. Vandalism and theft of basketball hoops has been a major problem.

The open space areas for field games are ample, although the ball diamonds vary considerably in quality. For the most part, the ball diamonds receive no care other than scheduled mowing of the lawn areas. Marquette School has no ball field of its own. However, it is directly adjacent to Beukema Playfield, which possesses excellent softball facilities. Bunker Elementary does not have an outdoor recreation area either. The nearby City-owned Seyferth Park provides these facilities for the school and the surrounding neighborhood.

#### **Middle School**

The Muskegon Middle School, formerly Steele School, serves the entire Muskegon Public School District. The former Bunker Middle School on the City's west side is now Bunker





Elementary. The Middle School is equipped with a gymnasium and an indoor pool. However, these are not generally open to the public due to budget restrictions which prohibit necessary supervision. It also has a football field and track, which are generally well-maintained and provide adequate open space for recreational purposes.

#### **Senior High School (Central Campus)**

Muskegon Senior High School has been at its current location since 1926. The campus includes Hackley Stadium, a 6,500-seat facility for football games and other events. The gymnasium and swimming pool complex are used by swim teams from other school districts in addition to Muskegon's. The facility primarily serves the needs of the high school population but is used during the winter for community recreation programs funded through a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Overall, the City school facilities provide the local neighborhoods with playground and open space recreation facilities. The level of service appears adequate and maintained. However, the central City facilities need to be expanded, as no parkland exists in some areas.

# SCHOOL-RELATED RECREATION FACILITIES (NOT PART OF MUSKEGON SCHOOL DISTRICT)

There are a few remaining schools within the City limits that are not part of the Muskegon Public School District. These include the Greater Muskegon Catholic Schools, Muskegon Christian Schools, the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District, Three Oakes Charter Academy, Baker College, and Muskegon Community College.

There are two Catholic schools - Catholic Central High School and Middle School. The high school facilities include football field and track, baseball field, soccer field, tennis courts, softball field and open space for field games. In all cases, the facilities primarily serve the school population. The general population does not utilize Catholic Central facilities. The proximity of the City-owned Campbell Playfield serves this function.

Three Oaks Public School Academy contains a comprehensive recreation complex. The facilities are designed for K-12 age groups. Included are four tennis courts, six basketball courts, a soccer field, a track, two softball fields, open space, and numerous play apparatuses. All facilities except the softball fields are well maintained. The facilities do receive a fair amount of use by the neighborhood, despite the proximity to Sheldon Park.

The Intermediate School District's Wesley School provides play apparatus designed especially for students with special needs, as well as an open space for the students. The neighborhood population makes limited use of the facilities even though Muskegon Townhouse Apartments are located directly across the street.





Muskegon Community College located on 110 acres in the northeast corner of the City provides numerous recreational opportunities for the residents of Muskegon County. The facilities include six excellent tennis courts, one baseball and one softball field, open space for field games, a walking trail and a nature trail covering eight to ten acres of woodland. The gym and fields are available for rent. The College also owns University Park Golf Course that is adjacent to the main campus. The college is under-utilized by the community.

Baker College is located just across the street from the Community College. There is a gym, which is not utilized by the public to any great degree.

Even though the additional school related facilities are few, they do provide additional recreational opportunities to the citizens of Muskegon. This is especially true with the West Michigan Christian, Baker College, and Muskegon Community College facilities. Overall community-wide recreation planning should not overlook these resources.

#### OTHER FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

Within the City of Muskegon there exist numerous institutions, facilities and establishments that provide recreational experiences outside the typical municipal park/playground environment. These facilities may be public, semi-public or private. The private sector provides the residents of the City and outlying areas a wide variety of recreation choices.

Within the City limits, there are two golf courses and one miniature golf course to meet the active recreational needs of the population. The first golf course is the University Golf Course, which is opened to the public and the second is the Muskegon Country Club which is a private course. The miniature golf course is the Bat-N-Club and offers batting cages. There are two miniature golf courses outside the City limits. They are Putters Creek located on the Causeway, and Craig's Cruisers located off US-31, all open to the public. Private marinas provide local and transient boaters with docking and storage facilities supplementing the facilities provided by the City-owned Hartshorn Marina and moorings. Private and public (state and county) campgrounds supplement the facilities provided by the City. The YMCA building: recently sold to Muskegon Community College and includes the Lakeshore Fitness Centers, is located within the City of Muskegon, and provides indoor recreational facilities for its members.

There are also a vast number of cultural recreation experiences within the City. The Muskegon Civic Theatre is a private non-profit organization providing theater devotees with the opportunity to view live stage productions performed by local artists. The West Michigan Symphony enables local musicians to exhibit their talents within the structure of a professional orchestra.

facility outlet for live concert and stage productions. The Beardsley Theatre, which seats about 200 people, is also located in this fine facility.

The Muskegon County Museum, the nationally recognized Muskegon Art Museum, and the Hackley Public Library are all tax-supported, non-profit facilities located downtown which rely on private contributions for a portion of their operation and capital improvement funding. These facilities provide quality cultural activities beyond those normally found in a City the size of Muskegon.

The Hackley-Hume Home National Register Properties and other nearby properties are significant Victorian structures open to the public for touring for those interested in historic preservation. These properties have proven critical to the recreation and tourist potential of the downtown area. These facilities are owned by the Muskegon County Museum.

#### OTHER FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

Michigan's Adventure, which is owned by Cedar Fair, is located just north of Muskegon and is the largest Amusement Park in Michigan. There are also ten golf courses within Muskegon County and two fitness clubs: Planet Fitness and Norton Pines Athletic Club.

The Muskegon County Parks system includes outdoor facilities that are centered on camping and inland lakes. Pioneer Park is the most heavily used park. It is a major camping facility located on Lake Michigan. A recent addition is Hilt's Landing, a Lakeshore Museum Center, and historical park located in Montague. Most of the other political jurisdictions have small parks that primarily serve residents. The only two exceptions are Ross Park in Norton Shores and Softball World in Muskegon Township. Muskegon Township has built a skate park as well.

Additionally, Heritage Landing is located between the YMCA to the west and the Mart Dock to the east. This 19 Acre Facility, formerly known as the Michigan Foundry Supply Property, it had been used for scrap metal operations. A Remedial Action Plan was developed with the approval of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and over \$2,000,000 of federal, state, and local financial resources were spent on an environmental clean-up of the property.

Heritage Landing is owned by the County of Muskegon and is considered a county facility, not a park. With several grants over the years, Heritage Landing has become the focal point for many festivals. The outdoor amphitheater is used extensively during summer months. Rotary Park is located within the Heritage Landing Facility.





The Muskegon area is fortunate to have three state Parks. Hoffmaster State Park is located just south of Muskegon in Norton Shores. Muskegon State Park is just north of Muskegon in Laketon Township. Duck Lake is located just south of Whitehall. These facilities bring thousands of people into the Muskegon area every year, and many residents spend time there. The Muskegon Winter Sports Complex, which is in the Muskegon State Park, is the home of one of three luge tracks in the country, as well as cross country skiing, lighted trails, and ice rink. There were improvements that included a three-mile wheelchair accessible path to the state park's Lost Lake in 2008-09, and the U.S. Luge Association is attempting to become part of the Winter Paralympics. There will also be a year-round, wheeled luge track made of fiberglass stretching nearly 1,000 feet, operated by the Muskegon Sports Council.

These and other recreational avenues outside of the typical park/playground mode are an essential part of the overall recreational opportunities available. They must be viewed as integral elements of a complete recreational analysis and plan.



# MAP KEY



BOUNDARY

MUSKEGON AREA TRAILS

CITY OF MUSKEGON PARK

1/2 MILE RADIUS FROM PARK LOCATION

PARKS, NATURAL AREAS, AND TRAILS PROXIMITY MAP 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN CITY OF MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN







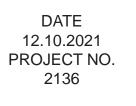


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390 MARQUETTE AVE
2 ACRES

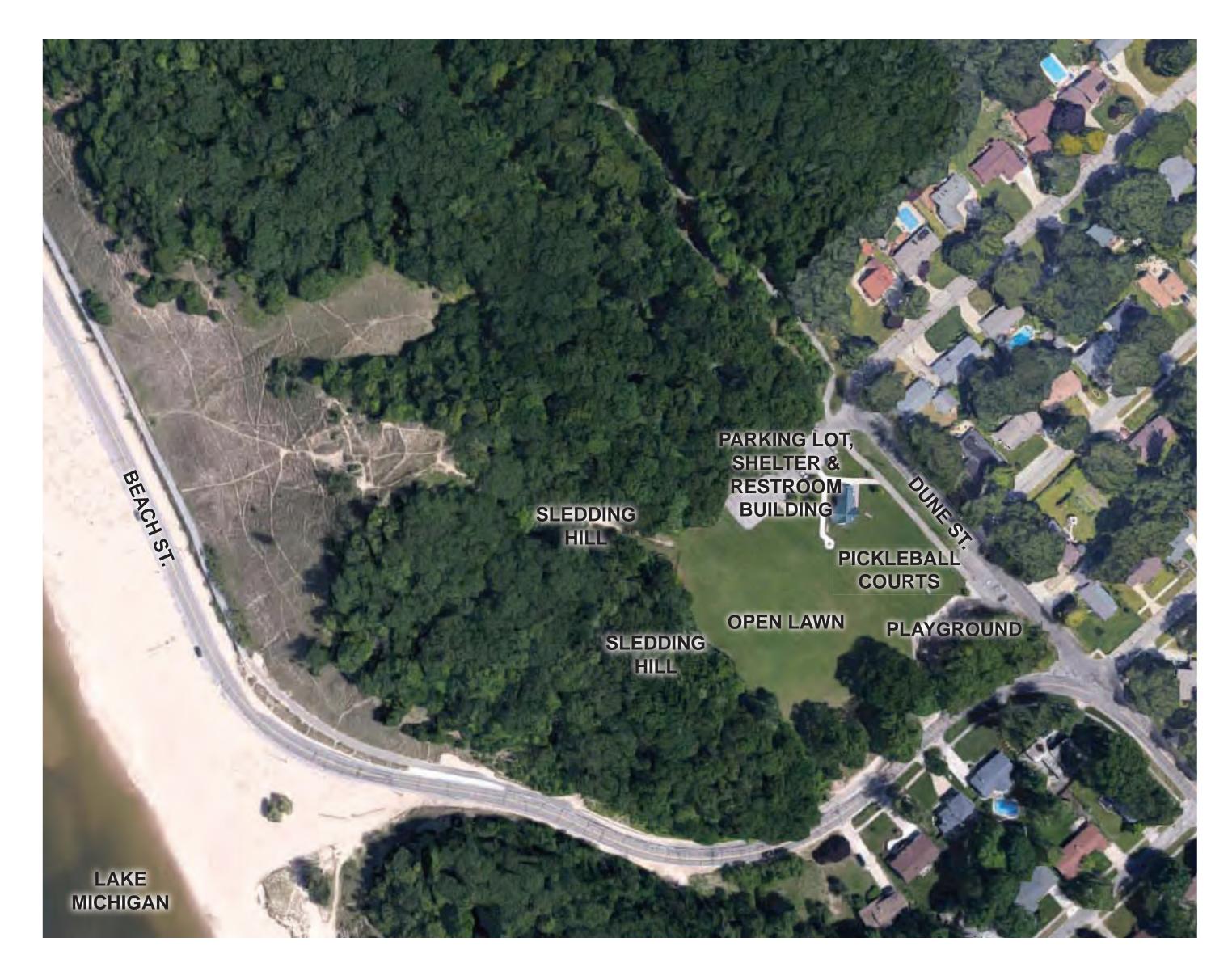


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.08 ACRES

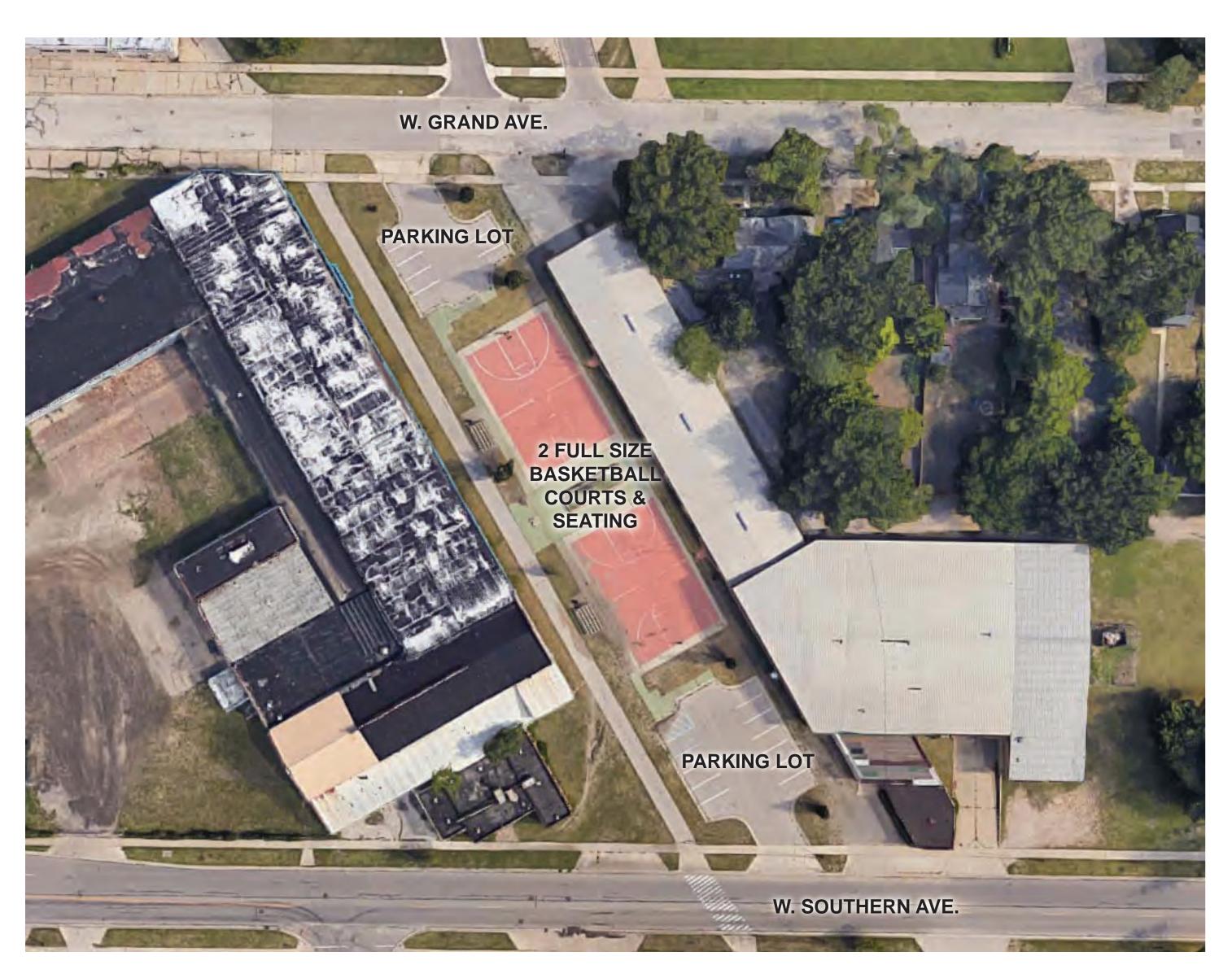








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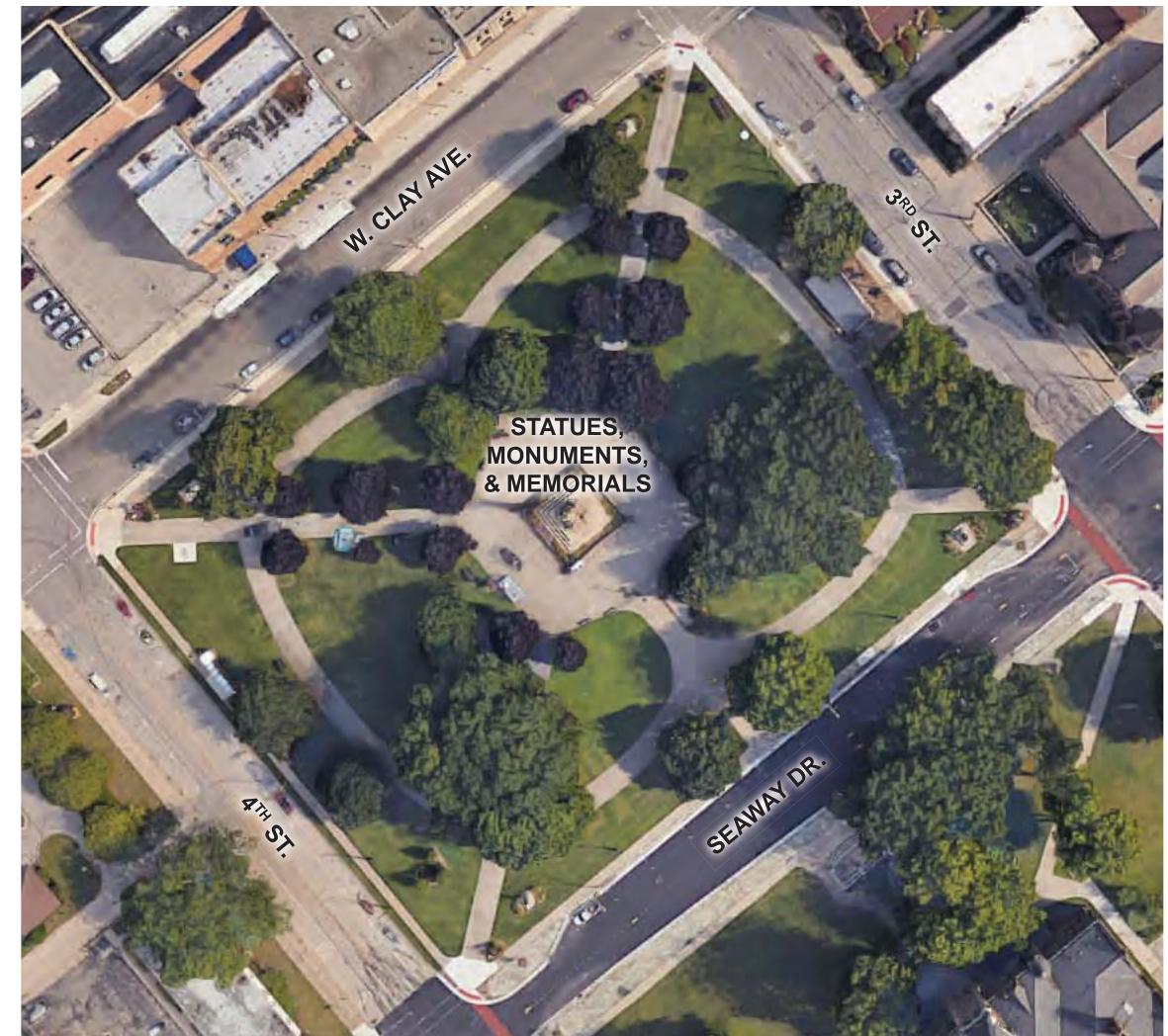
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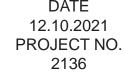
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**HACKLEY PARK** WEBSTER, CLAY, THIRD, AND FOURTH STREETS 2.3 ACRES









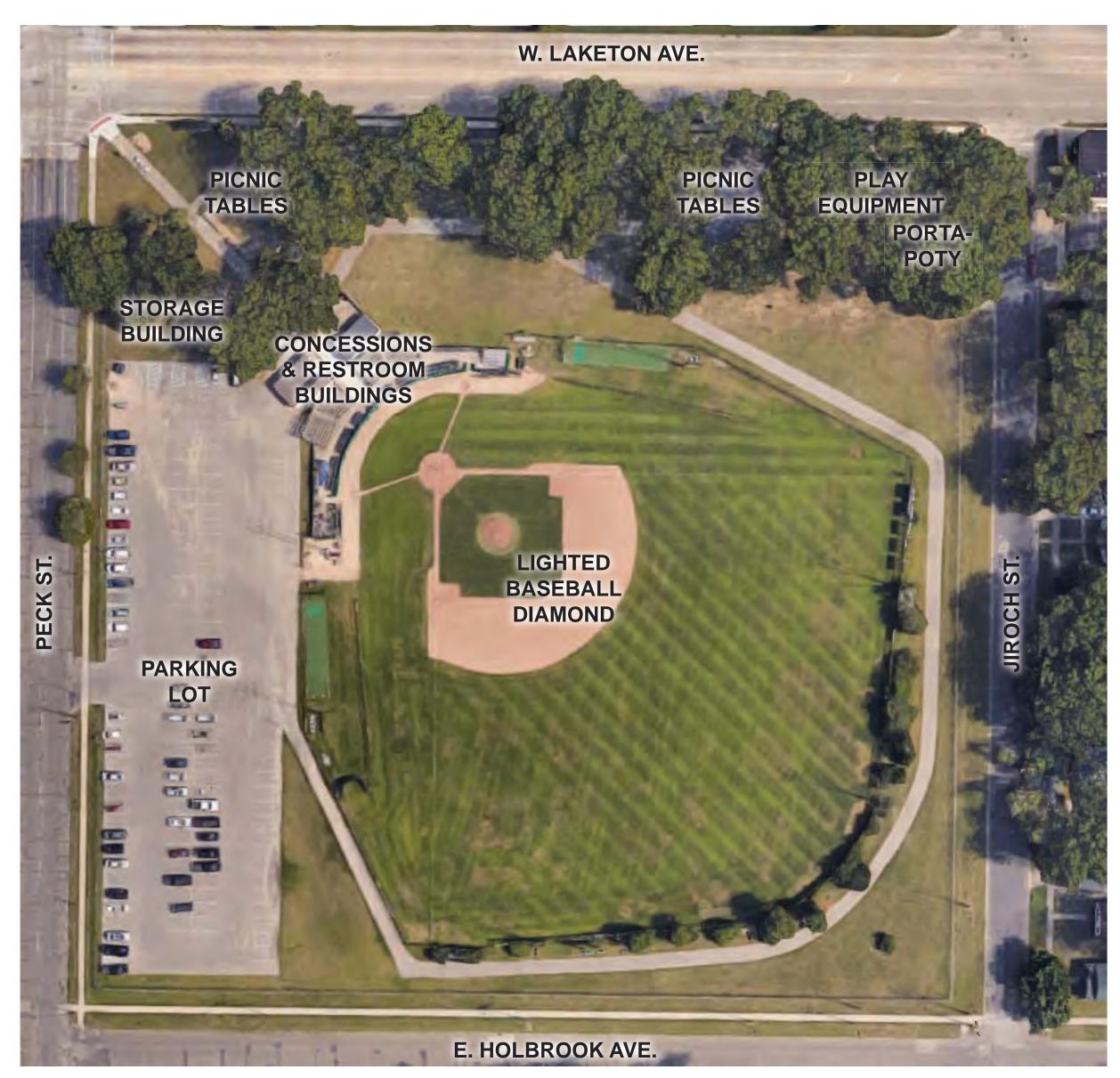
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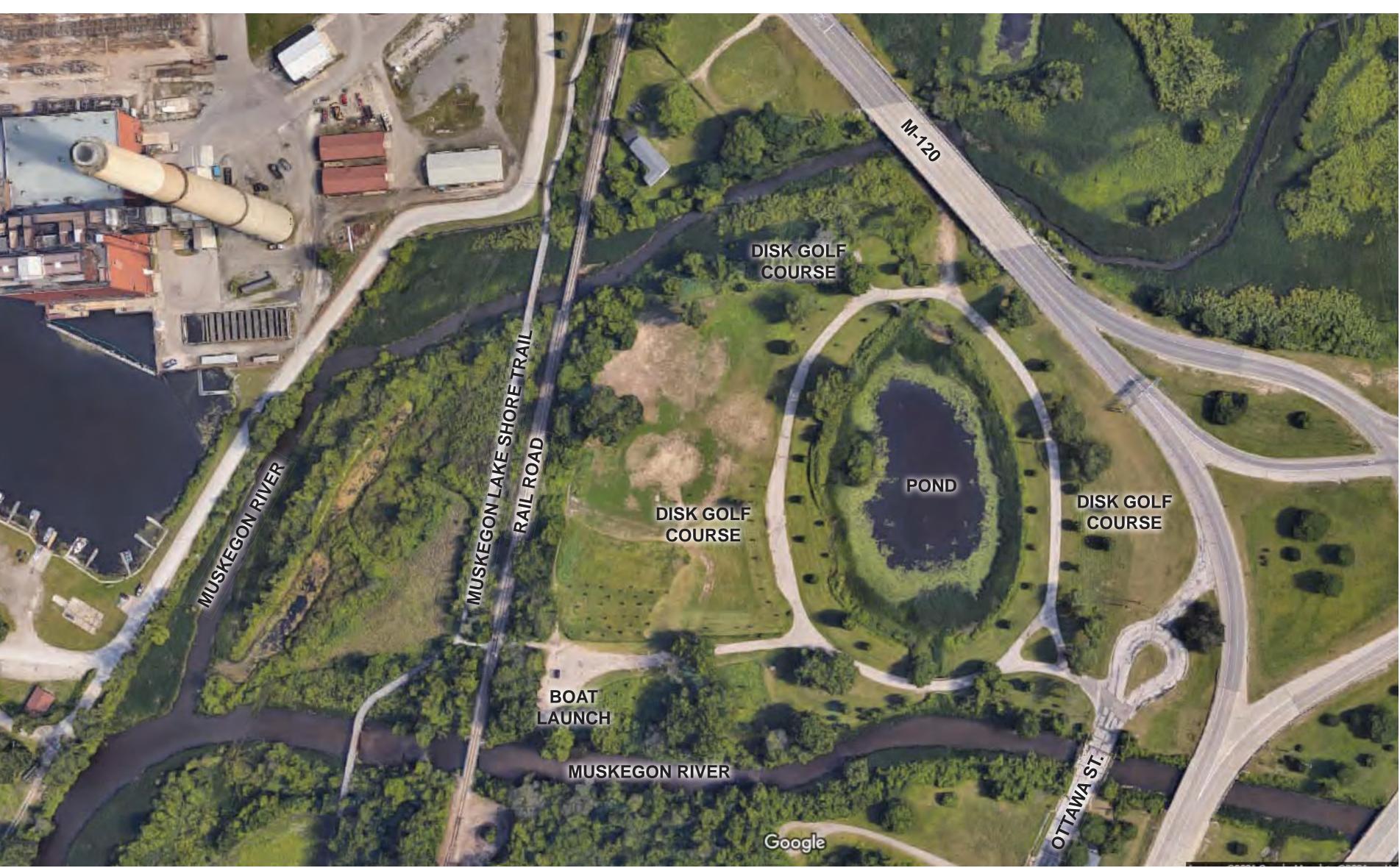
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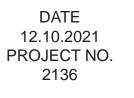




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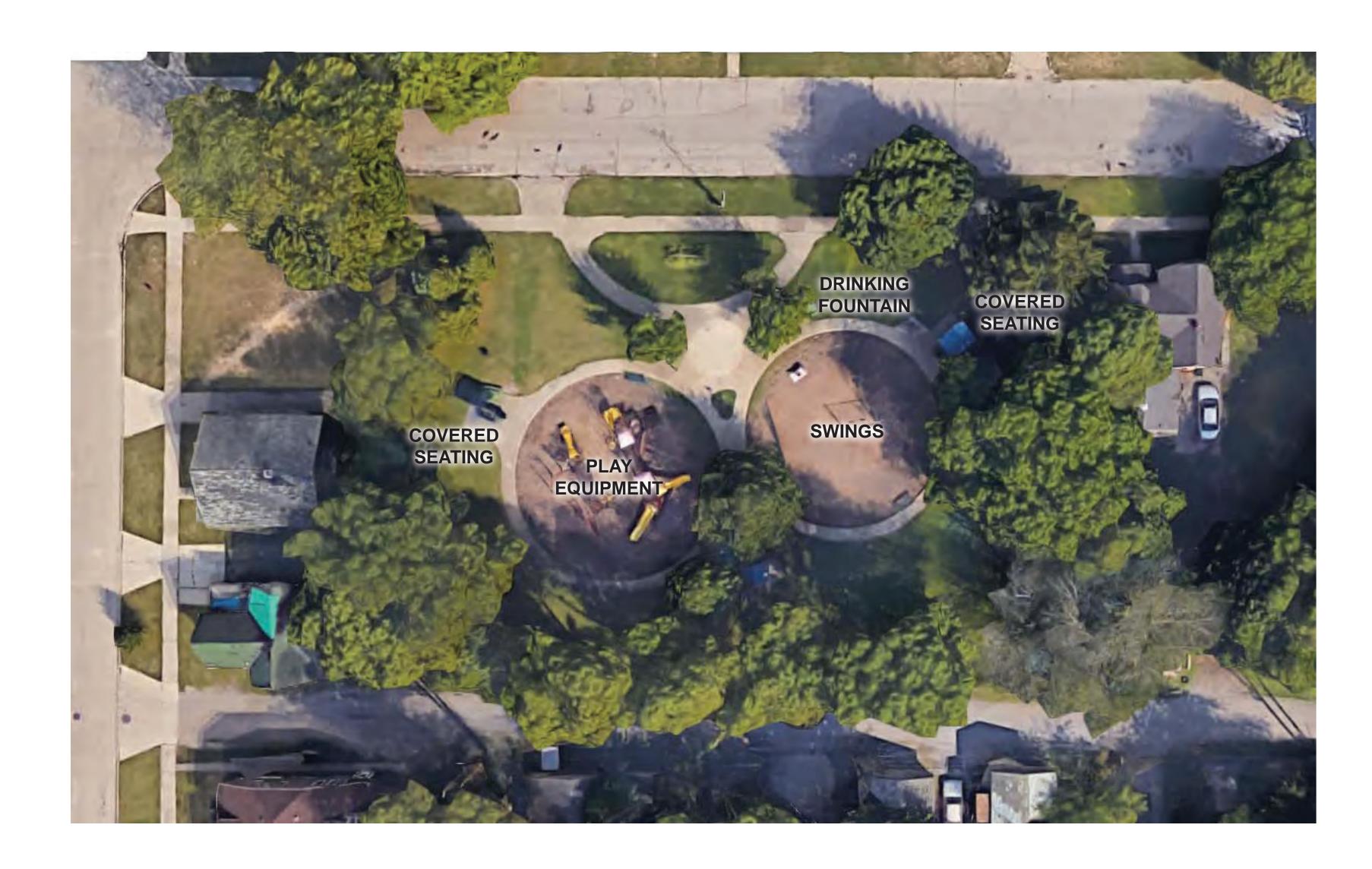
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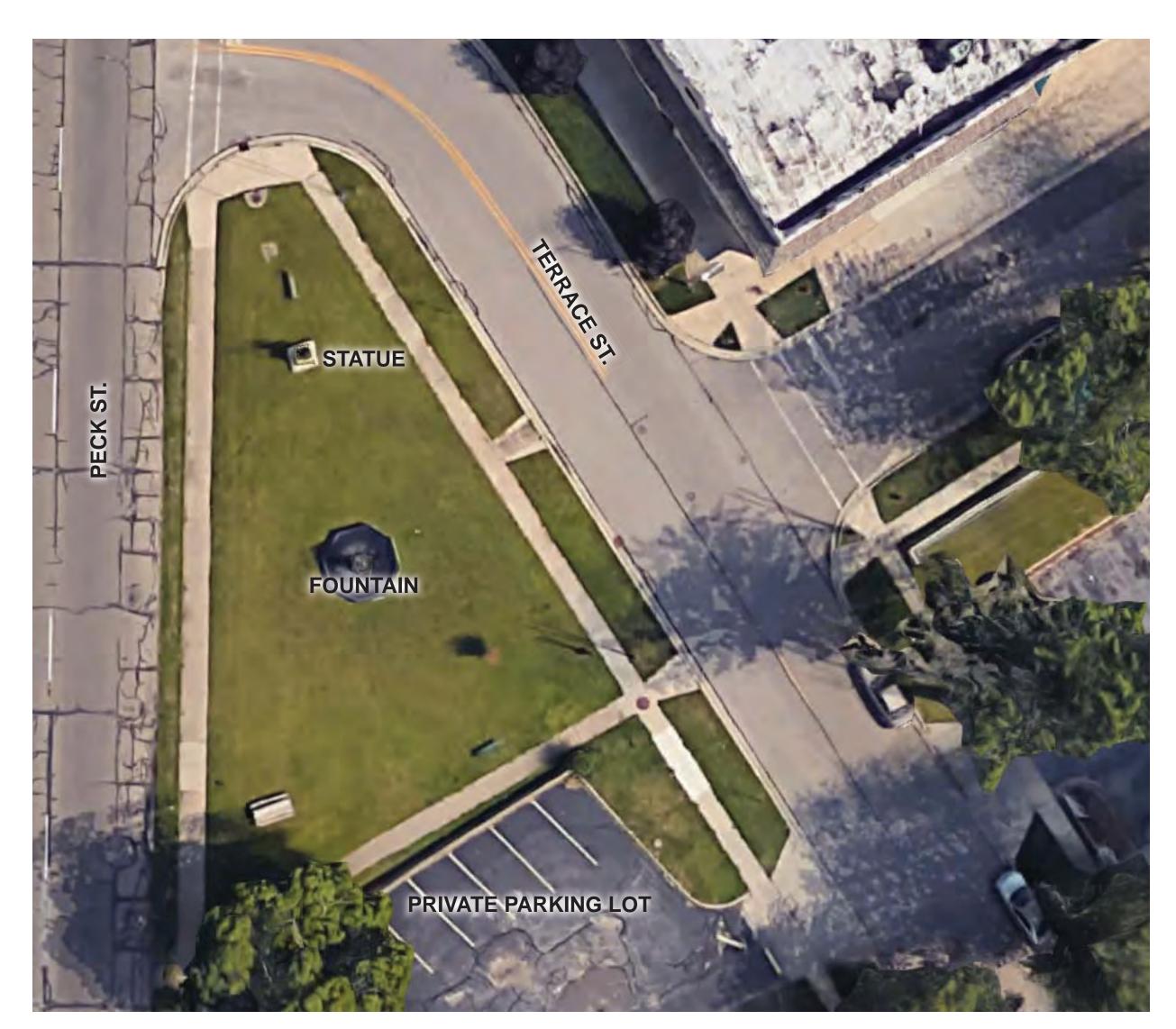








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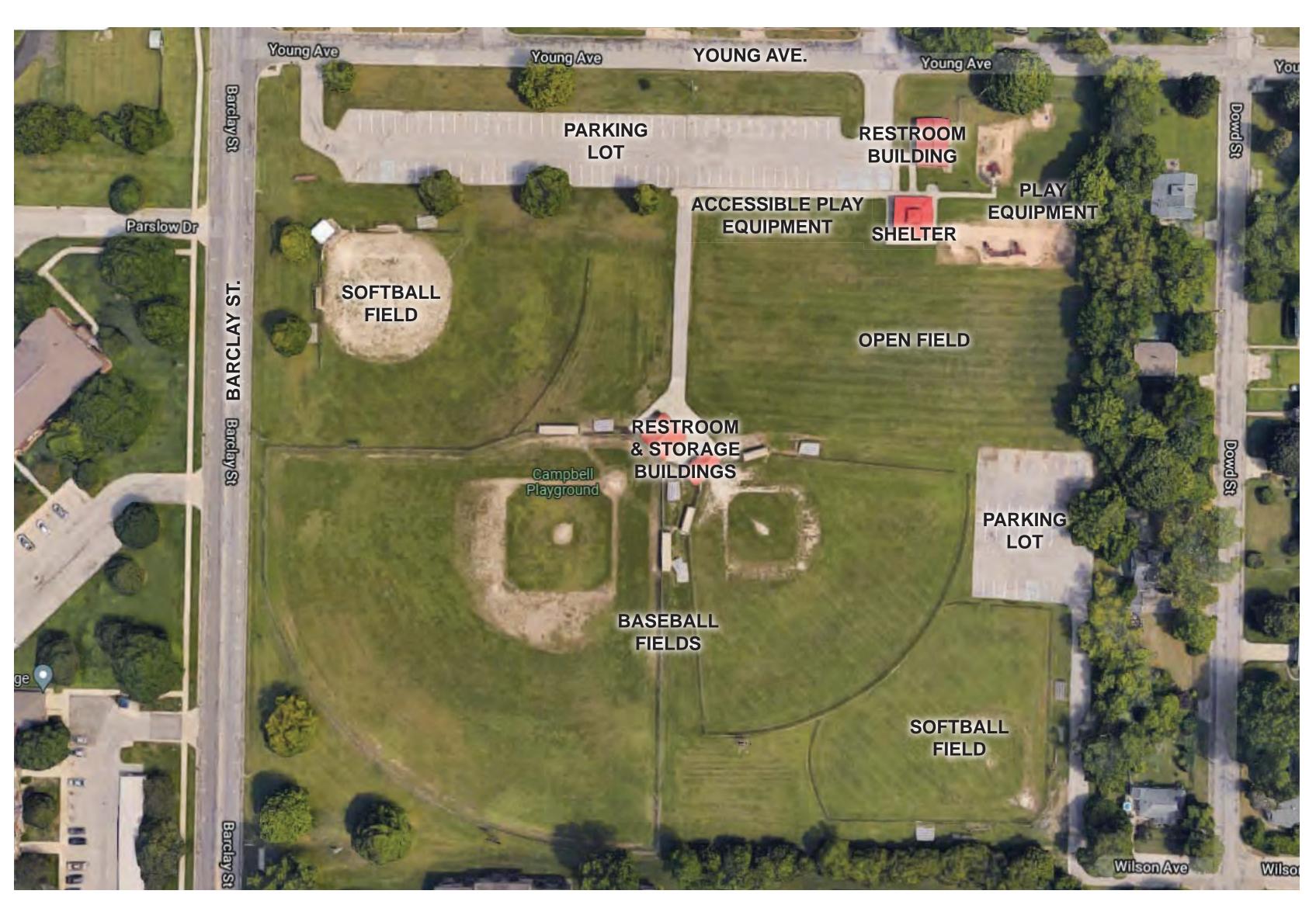


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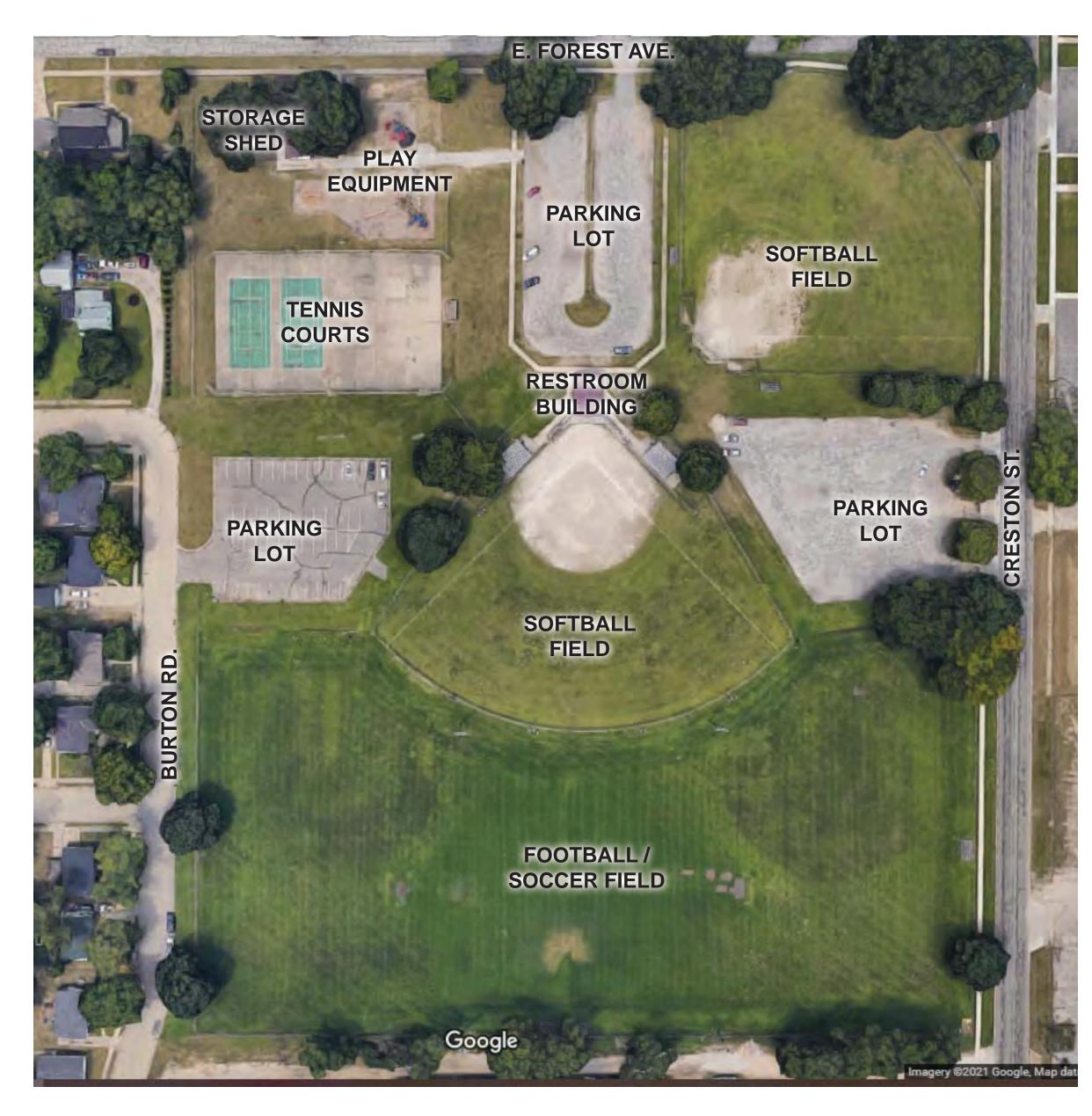
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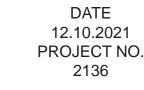


REESE PLAYFIELD PARK 1345 E. FOREST AVE. 13 ACRES



MCCREA PLAYFIELD PARK KENNETH ST. AT CATAWBA AVE. 9.1 ACRES









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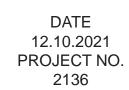
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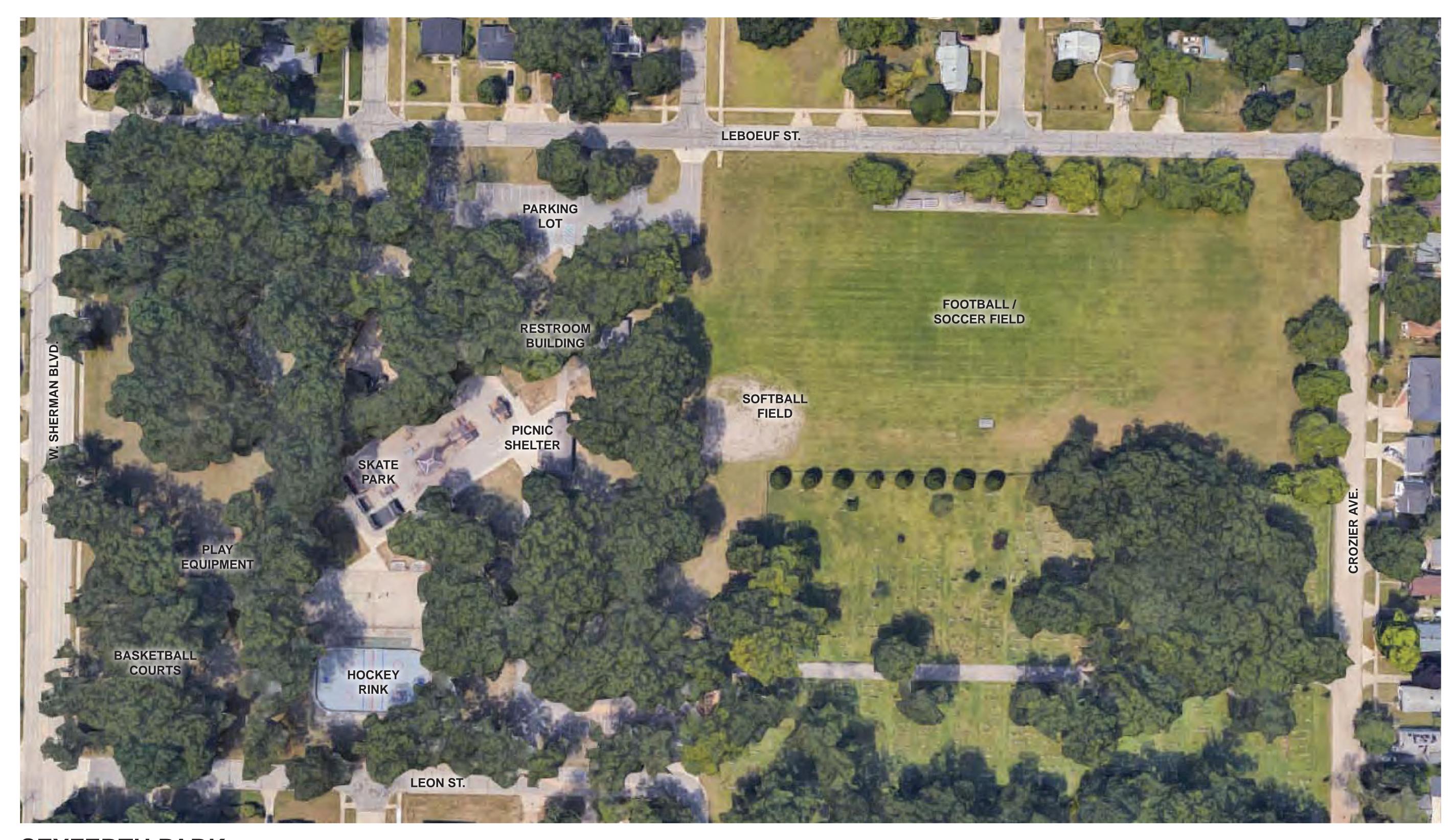




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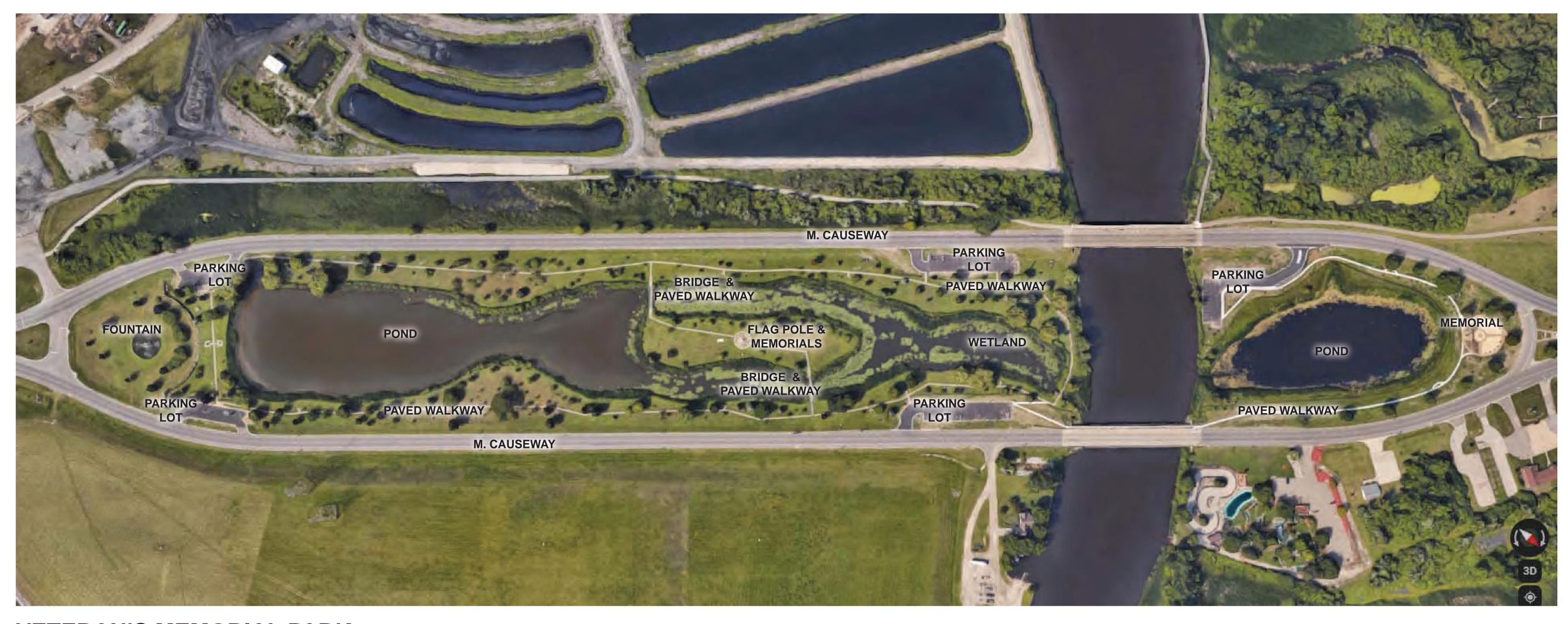




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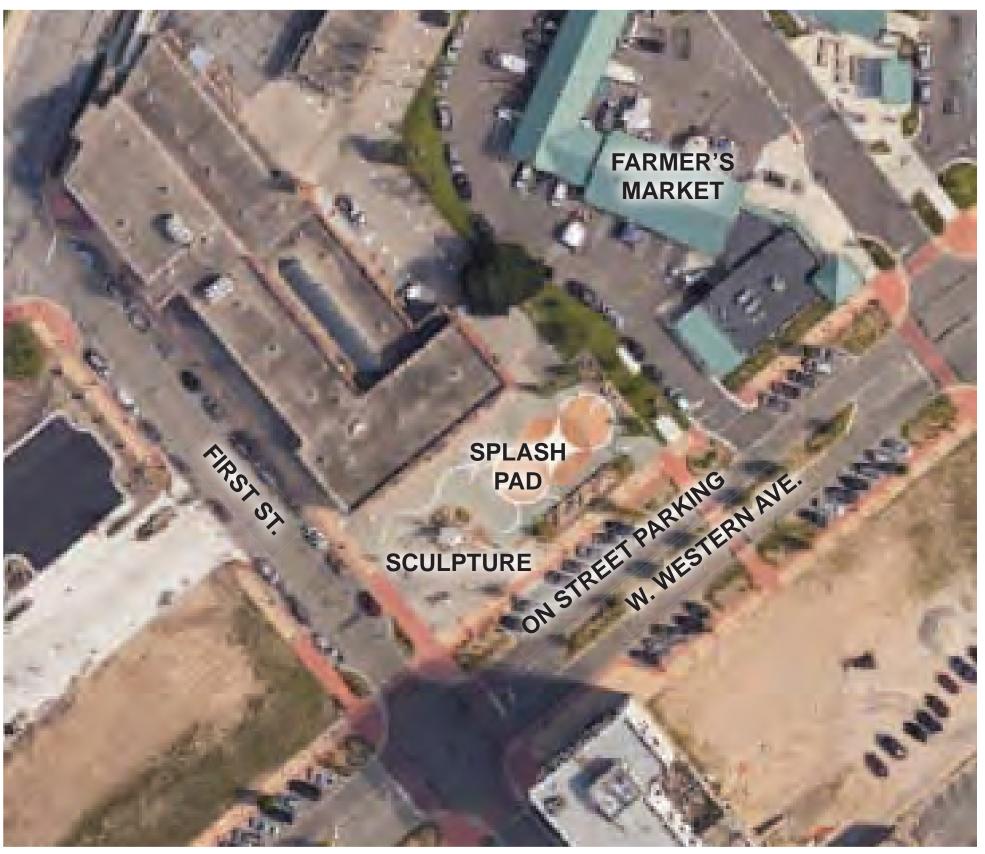
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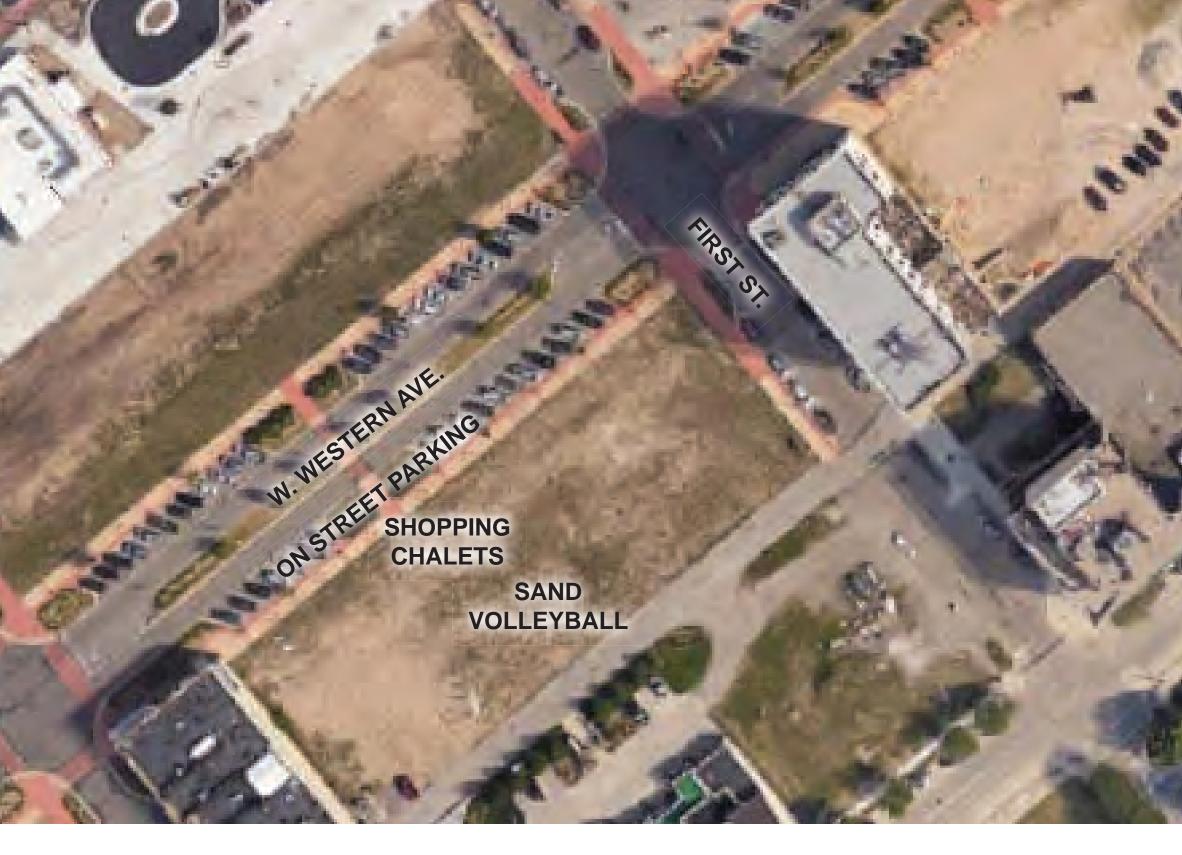




MUSKEGON FARMERS MARKET 242 W. WESTERN AVE. 6 ACRES



WESTERN MARKET CHALETS
339 W. WESTERN AVE.
1 ACRE



MUSKEGON SPLASH PAD 285 W. WESTERN AVE. .47 ACRES







RUSSEL LEE ROOT MEMORIAL PARK 181 W. MUSKEGON AVE. .07 ACRES



ROBERT C. LIGHTON MEMORIAL PARK 965 TERRACE ST. .63 ACRE

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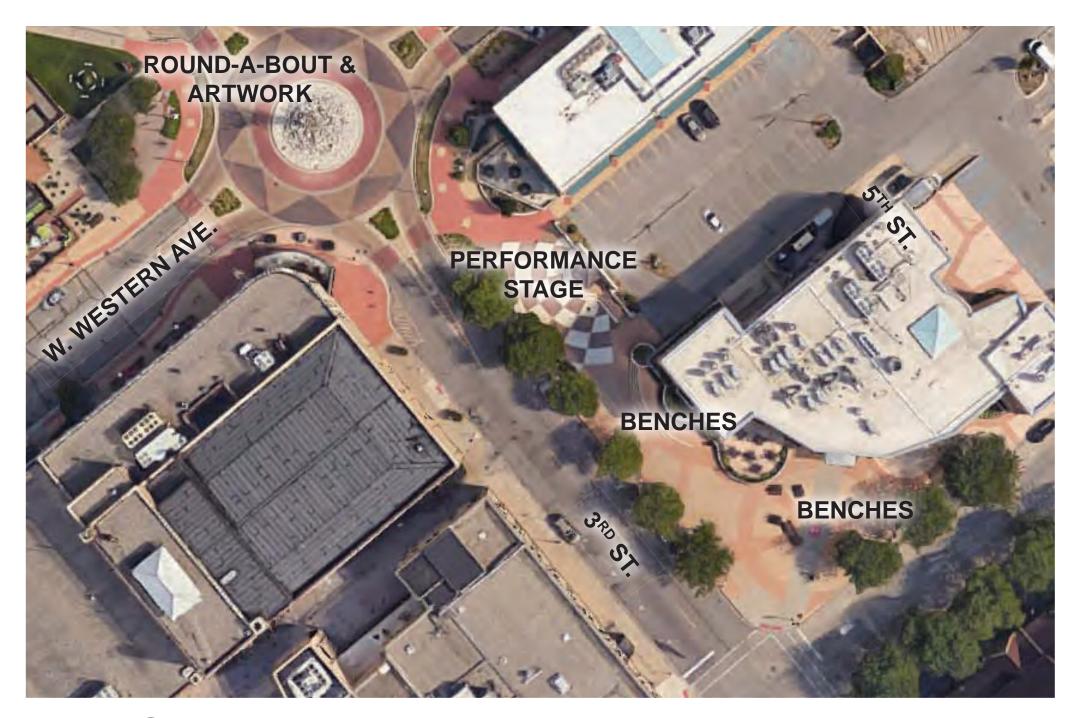
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HERITAGE MEMORIAL GARDEN PARK 545 W. WESTERN AVE. .29 ACRES



7<sup>TH</sup> ST. NELSON MUSIC PARK SHORELINE DR, 7<sup>TH</sup> ST., AND W. WESTERN AVE. .41 ACRE



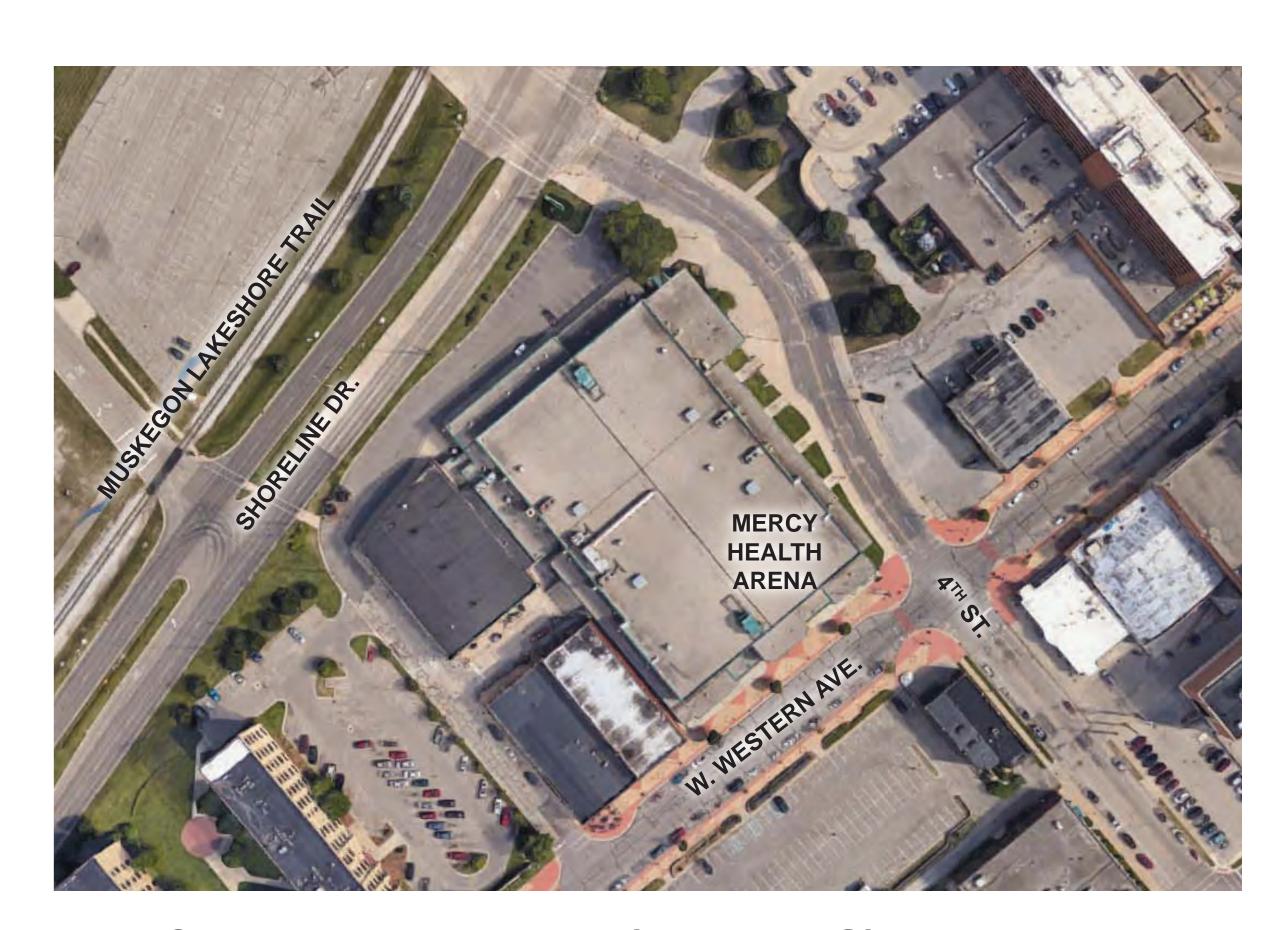
3RD ST. PROMENADE 380 W. WESTERN AVE. .57ACRES







FOUNDRY PARK 1060 W. WESTERN AVE. 7.25 ACRES



MERCY HEALTH ARENA (INDOORS) 470 W. WESTERN AVE. .59 ACRE

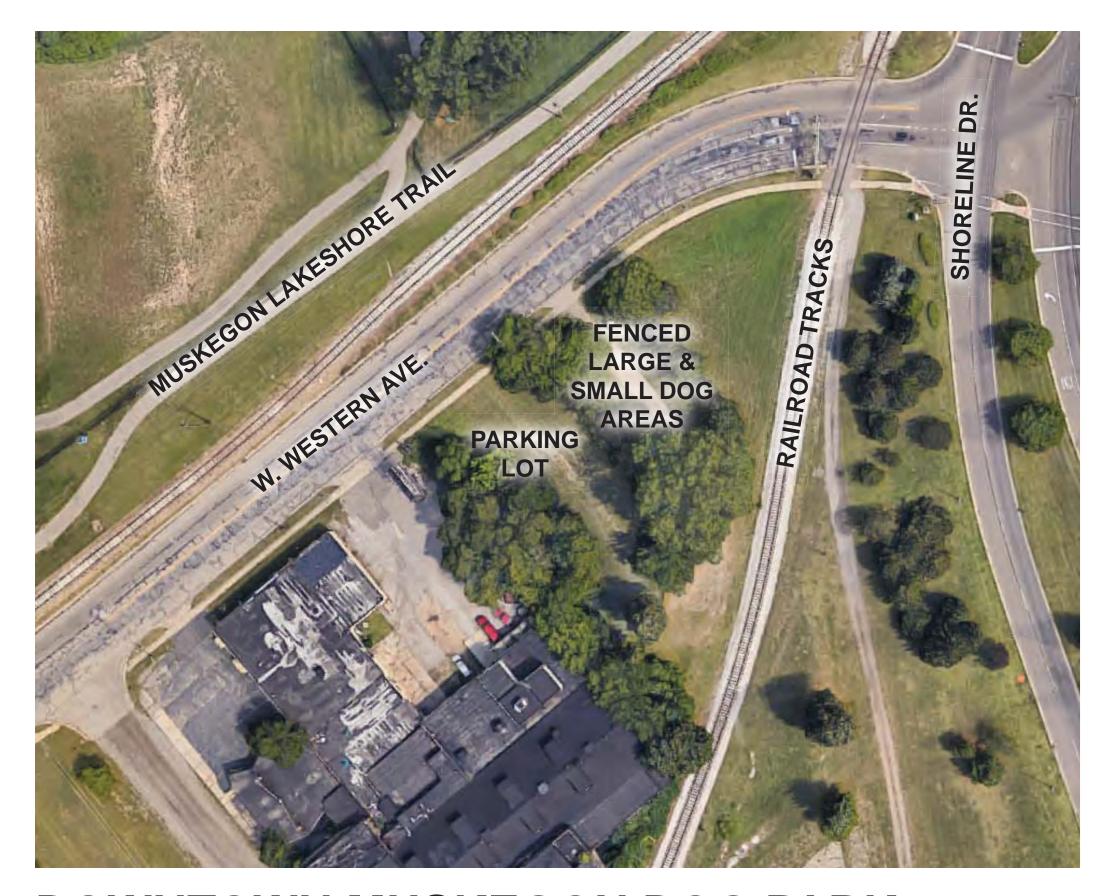


LIGHTHOUSE PARK 1380 BEACH ST. 1.1 ACRES









DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON DOG PARK 793 W. WESTERN AVE. .95 ACRES



CARPENTER BROTHER'S PARK 793 WESTERN AVE. 6.6 ACRES









### CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 5

### PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

### **RECREATION PLANNING**

Recreation planning plays an important role in maintaining the quality of life in a community. If a community is to provide effective recreational opportunities, it needs a way of identifying and solving current problems and anticipating future needs. Recreation planning is one means of obtaining a perspective on these problems; developing realistic alternatives; formulating goals, policies, and recommendations for public and private decisions; developing criteria to measure change; and involving people in the planning, design and decision processes.

This Parks and Recreation Plan presents an evaluation of the City's recreational needs and opportunities. It considers the existing amenities in the City, the current and anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities, and the means for providing those facilities.

This plan is to serve as a guideline for directing the City in the operation and maintenance of existing and future facilities and programs to meet the recreational needs of its citizens. The plan summarizes long-term recommendations intended to guide the development of recreation opportunities and describes an action and capital improvement program for implementation over the next five years.

### PLAN PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT

This 2022 Community Park and Recreation Plan was developed by the City, with the assistance of MCSA Group, Inc, a park and recreation planning consultant. City staff met regularly with representatives of MCSA Group, between November 2021 and February 2022 for the development of this Plan.

Criteria considered and evaluated for plan development evolved from the examination of goals and recreation standards determined through a wide variety of input sources. This information was collected from the inventory and review of existing facilities; the





identification of recreation needs and deficiencies; public opinion; current statewide recreation issues and priorities; and future expectations.

Public input was sought throughout the process by means of a public survey to solicit public desires and concerns regarding parks and recreation. The survey was advertised via the City's website. The survey was available on the internet via Survey Monkey, as well as printed copies at the by request. A total of ( ) surveys were completed. A copy of the survey and a summary of the results are included at the end of this section. Additionally a Community Wide Needs Assessment was completed in August of 2021 through Connect Muskegon, the City's Engagement Platform. A total of 781 surveys were completed. Due to the size of the results, they are not included in this plan but can be found at <a href="https://www.connectmkgcity.com/results-of-community-wide-needs-assessment-available">https://www.connectmkgcity.com/results-of-community-wide-needs-assessment-available</a>

The survey was well received and indicated a high level of satisfaction with the City's Park and Recreation system. The most popular activities that the respondents would like to see expanded in the parks were *(to be inserted after closing survey)*. Of the City's recreation locations, the TBD is the most frequented, with TBD also well used. (TBD) is the least visited City Park. The maintenance of the City of Muskegon parks was rated as "TBD" by the majority of respondents.

Another important part of the planning process was the development of concept plans for each of the major park properties. These were made available for viewing on the City's website. The plans were generally well received. The City responded to comments made and refined the plans as necessary.

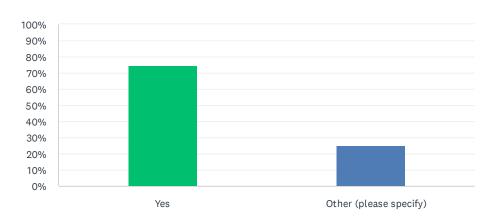
Comments from the survey were incorporated into a final draft of the Plan, which was made available to the public for one month commencing on December 18 to solicit further comments prior to a public hearing and plan adoption.

Following the one-month review period, the final plan was presented during a public hearing to the City Council on January 25, 2022. The Resolution to formally adopt this plan can be found in Section 9.



### Q1 Do you live in the City of Muskegon? If not, what City, Village or Township?

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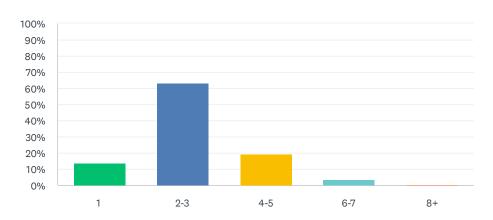
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|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes                    | 74.85%    | 128 |
| Other (please specify) | 25.15%    | 43  |
| TOTAL                  |           | 171 |

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| City of Muskegon Parks and Recreation Survey |                                      | SurveyMonkey        |
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### Q2 How many people currently live in your household?

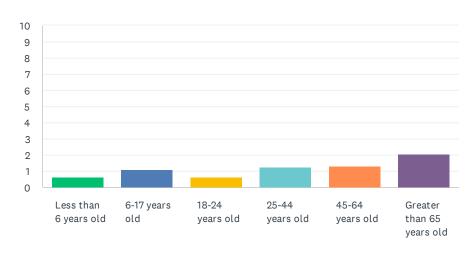
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1              | 13.53%    | 23  |
| 2-3            | 62.94%    | 107 |
| 4-5            | 19.41%    | 33  |
| 6-7            | 3.53%     | 6   |
| 8+             | 0.59%     | 1   |
| TOTAL          |           | 170 |

### Q3 How many people in your household are:

Answered: 170 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES            | AVERAGE NUMBER | TOTAL NUMBER | RESPONSES |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Less than 6 years old     | 1              | 35           | 57        |
| 6-17 years old            | 1              | 74           | 67        |
| 18-24 years old           | 1              | 31           | 49        |
| 25-44 years old           | 1              | 96           | 77        |
| 45-64 years old           | 1              | 129          | 97        |
| Greater than 65 years old | 2              | 166          | 81        |
| Total Respondents: 170    |                |              |           |

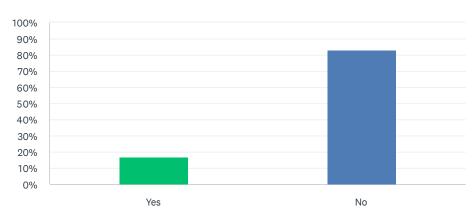
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### Q4 Do any members of your household have a disability?





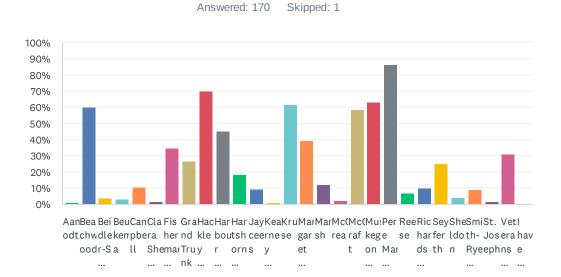
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes            | 16.67%    | 28  |
| No             | 83.33%    | 140 |
| TOTAL          |           | 168 |

Q5 If you answered "No" to question #4, please skip to question #6. If you answered "Yes" to question #5, please indicate what (if any) activities the disabled member(s) of your household wish they could participate in but cannot due to lack of facilities.

Answered: 21 Skipped: 150

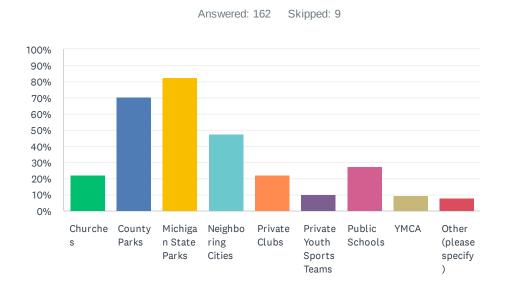
| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE                |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1  | walk around a paved outside track (fenced in)   | 11/22/2021 6:50 PM  |
| 2  | Swimming  | 11/21/2021 3:48 PM  |
| 3  | Adequate parking close to activities  | 11/20/2021 6:42 PM  |
| 4  | Skate park, accessible kayak launch, universal accessible playground, splash pad  | 11/20/2021 5:05 PM  |
| 5  | Not really any  | 11/20/2021 4:21 PM  |
| 6  | Sensory friendly environment, fences for safety   | 11/20/2021 12:56 PM |
| 7  | can not walk far  | 11/20/2021 10:48 AM |
| 8  | The beach   | 11/20/2021 8:06 AM  |
| 9  | I want a beautiful, sandy beach on Muskegon Lake in the Nims neighborhood to go to. Please! It is clean, warmer water. And I need the exercise!   | 11/20/2021 12:40 AM |
| 10 | more public bathrooms needed  | 11/20/2021 12:20 AM |
| 11 | swings  | 11/19/2021 11:31 PM |
| 12 | Fishing from shore, getting to beach with wheelchair or walker  | 11/19/2021 10:05 PM |
| 13 | None  | 11/19/2021 7:48 PM  |
| 14 | N/a   | 11/19/2021 7:14 PM  |
| 15 | My son has Autisum, and has minor physical disabilities. Anything where there isn't a lot of climbing would be great. Even parks close to home so we could actually enjoy them.   | 11/19/2021 5:57 PM  |
| 16 | Close parking to main park feature.   | 11/19/2021 5:31 PM  |
| 17 | Get down to Lake Michigan   | 11/19/2021 2:32 PM  |
| 18 | None, as long as there's restroom access nearby   | 11/19/2021 12:10 PM |
| 19 | Elderly person, who thoroughly enjoys the outdoors, finds it hard to walk smoothly on most surfaces so cannot reach shoreline or enjoy natural trails as they once could.   | 11/19/2021 12:10 PM |
| 20 | More beach activities, more available parking, wc picnic tables on spider park.   | 11/19/2021 10:44 AM |
| 21 | He is 21 years old. [Autism non verbal.] It would be nice to have a playground for disabled young adults. They like to play. Some are adult age. But their level could be child like. So can't take him to a regular playground. Peoples looks. And comments. | 11/19/2021 10:26 AM |
|    |   |                     |

# Q6 Which of the City's park facilities have you or members of your household utilized in the last 12 months?



| Aanoth         1.18%         2           Beachwood         60.00%         1028           Beider-Street         50.00%         10.00%           Beukema         2.94%         7.00%           Campbell         10.59%         1.81           Clard Shepherd         1.76%         3.3           Fishermar's Landing         34.71%         5.00           Grand Trunk         27.00%         4.0           Hackley Park         70.00%         1.01           Hardrout Towne Beach         45.29%         7.0           Hardrout Towne Beach         45.29%         7.0           Keaney Memorial Park         1.0         4.0           Kuse         1.18%         2.2           Kuse         1.17%         1.0           Marsh         1.23%         1.0           MacCrea         1.23%         1.0           McCrea         1.23%         1.0           McCrea         1.23%         1.0           McCrea         1.0         1.0           McCrea         1.0         1.0           Rese         7.0         1.0           Rese         1.0         1.0           Scheldon <th< th=""><th>ANSWER CHOICES</th><th>RESPONSES</th><th></th></th<>                                 | ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |     |
|--|---|-----------|-----|
| Bediler-Street         3.53%         6           Bediler-Street         2.94%         5           Campbell         10.59%         18           Clara Shepherd         1.76%         3           Fisherman's Landing         3.4.71%         55           Grand Trunk         27.06%         46           Habour Towne Beach         45.29%         77           Harshom Marina         18.24%         3.3           Jaycees         9.41%         16           Keamey Memorial Park         1.18%         2           Kuse         6.176%         105           Margaret Drake Elliott         39.41%         67           McCrea         2.35%         24           McCrea         2.35%         24           McCrea         2.35%         24           McCrea         3.64%         3.0           Muskegon Lakeshore Trail         62.94%         10           Feese         7.06%         12           Reese         7.06%         12           Flichards Park         10.00%         17           Seldon         4.12%         7           Sheldon         4.12%         7           Smith-  | Aamodt  | 1.18%     | 2   |
| Beukema         2.94%         5           Campbell         10.59%         18           Clara Shepherd         1.76%         3           Fisherman's Landing         34.71%         58           Grand Trunk         27.06%         45           Hackley Park         70.00%         119           Harbour Towne Beach         52.99%         77           Harshon Marina         18.24%         31           Jaycees         9.41%         16           Kearney Memorial Park         1.18%         2           Kuse         1.76%         1.18%         2           Margaret Drake Elliott         39.41%         6         1           McCrea         2.35%         4         1           McCrea         2.35%         4         1           McCrea         58.24%         9         1           Muskegon Lakeshore Trail         62.94%         1         1           Resea         7.00%         1         2           Researed         7.00%         1         2           Seyferth         52.29%         4         3           Seyferth         52.29%         4         3           S  | Beachwood   | 60.00%    | 102 |
| Campbell         10.59%         18.29%           Clara Shepherd         1.76%         3.8           Fisherman's Landing         34.11%         5.9           Grand Trunk         27.06%         4.6           Hackley Park         70.00%         1.18           Harbour Towne Beach         52.99%         7.7           Hartshom Marina         18.24%         3.1           Jaycees         61.76%         1.18%         2.2           Kearney Memorial Park         1.18%         2.7           Kuse         61.76%         1.0         1.0           Margaret Drake Elliott         2.35%         4           McCrea         2.35%         4           McCrea         58.24%         9.9           Muskegon Lakeshore Trail         62.94%         1.0           Reese         7.06%         2.1           Richards Park         10.00%         1.7           Seyferth         25.29%         4           Seyferth         25.29%         4           Seyferth         25.29%         1.7           Seyferth         25.29%         1.7           Seyferth         25.29%         1.7           Seyferth  | Beidler-Street  | 3.53%     | 6   |
| Clara Shepherd         1.76%         3           Fisherman's Landing         34.71%         59           Grand Trunk         27.06%         46           Hackley Park         70.00%         119           Harbour Towne Beach         45.29%         77           Harshorn Marina         18.24%         31           Jaycees         9.41%         16           Kearney Memorial Park         1.18%         2           Kruse         61.76%         105           Margaret Drake Elliott         39.41%         67           McCrea         2.35%         4           McCrea         2.35%         4           McCrea         58.24%         99           Muskegon Lakeshore Trail         62.94%         107           Pere Marquette         66.47%         147           Reese         7.06%         12           Seyferth         52.29%         43           Sheldon         41.2%         7           Smith-Ryerson         8.82%         15           St. Joseph         1.76%         3           Veterans Memorial Park         1.18%         5           I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months. <td>Beukema</td> <td>2.94%</td> <td>5</td> | Beukema   | 2.94%     | 5   |
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| Hartshorn Marina         18.24%         31           Jaycees         9.41%         16           Kearney Memorial Park         1.18%         2           Kruse         61.76%         105           Margaret Drake Elliott         39.41%         67           Marsh         12.35%         21           McCrea         2.35%         4           McGraft         58.24%         99           Muskegon Lakeshore Trail         62.94%         107           Pere Marquette         86.47%         147           Reese         7.06%         12           Richards Park         10.00%         17           Seyferth         52.59%         43           Sheldon         4.12%         7           Smith-Ryerson         8.82%         15           St. Joseph         1.76%         3           Veterans Memorial Park         31.18%         53           I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.         60.00%         0         0   | Hackley Park  | 70.00%    | 119 |
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| McGraft       58.24%       99         Muskegon Lakeshore Trail       62.94%       107         Pere Marquette       86.47%       147         Reese       7.06%       12         Richards Park       10.00%       17         Seyferth       25.29%       43         Sheldon       4.12%       7         Smith-Ryerson       8.82%       15         St. Joseph       1.76%       3         Veterans Memorial Park       31.18%       53         I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.       0.00%       0   | Marsh   | 12.35%    | 21  |
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| Reese       7.06%       12         Richards Park       10.00%       17         Seyferth       25.29%       43         Sheldon       4.12%       7         Smith-Ryerson       8.82%       15         St. Joseph       1.76%       3         Veterans Memorial Park       31.18%       53         I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.       0.00%       0   | Muskegon Lakeshore Trail  | 62.94%    | 107 |
| Richards Park       10.00%       17         Seyferth       25.29%       43         Sheldon       4.12%       7         Smith-Ryerson       8.82%       15         St. Joseph       1.76%       3         Veterans Memorial Park       31.18%       53         I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.       0.00%       0  | Pere Marquette  | 86.47%    | 147 |
| Seyferth       25.29%       43         Sheldon       4.12%       7         Smith-Ryerson       8.82%       15         St. Joseph       1.76%       3         Veterans Memorial Park       31.18%       53         I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.       0.00%       0  | Reese   | 7.06%     | 12  |
| Sheldon         4.12%         7           Smith-Ryerson         8.82%         15           St. Joseph         1.76%         3           Veterans Memorial Park         31.18%         53           I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.         0.00%         0   | Richards Park   | 10.00%    | 17  |
| Smith-Ryerson         8.82%         15           St. Joseph         1.76%         3           Veterans Memorial Park         31.18%         53           I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.         0.00%         0   | Seyferth  | 25.29%    | 43  |
| St. Joseph  St. Joseph  Veterans Memorial Park  I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.  1.76% 3  31.18% 53  0.00% 0   | Sheldon   | 4.12%     | 7   |
| Veterans Memorial Park  I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.  31.18% 53  0.00% 0  | Smith-Ryerson   | 8.82%     | 15  |
| I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months.  0.00%  0  | St. Joseph  | 1.76%     | 3   |
| . That's not visited a strip of machineger. That is past = months.   | Veterans Memorial Park  | 31.18%    | 53  |
| Total Respondents: 170   | I have not visited a City of Muskegon Park in the past 12 months. | 0.00%     | 0   |
|  | Total Respondents: 170  |           |     |

# Q7 Check all the organizations that you or members of your household have used for indoor or outdoor recreation activities during the last 12 months.

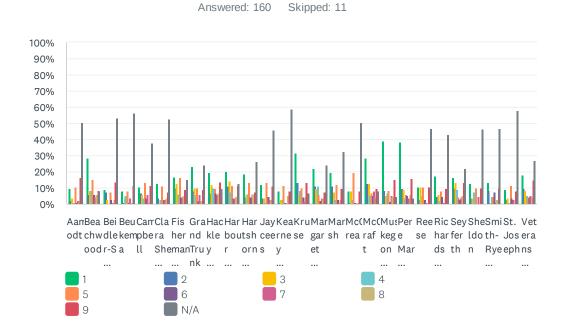


| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES |    |
|----------------------------|-----------|----|
| Churches                   | 22.22%    | 36 |
| County Parks               | 70.37%    | .4 |
| Michigan State Parks       | 82.72%    | 34 |
| Neighboring Cities         | 47.53% 7  | 77 |
| Private Clubs              | 22.22%    | 36 |
| Private Youth Sports Teams | 9.88%     | L6 |
| Public Schools             | 27.16%    | 14 |
| YMCA                       | 9.26%     | L5 |
| Other (please specify)     | 8.02%     | L3 |
| Total Respondents: 162     |           |    |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)                    | DATE                |
|---|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Just us no organization                   | 11/20/2021 8:06 AM  |
| 2 | Fisherman Landing boat launch and Camping | 11/20/2021 2:51 AM  |
| 3 | None                                      | 11/20/2021 12:40 AM |
| 4 | Boys and Girls club                       | 11/19/2021 10:14 PM |
| 5 | various pickle ball court locations       | 11/19/2021 7:25 PM  |
| 6 | None                                      | 11/19/2021 5:57 PM  |
| 7 | none due to Covid                         | 11/19/2021 3:14 PM  |
| 8 | Environmental groups (3)                  | 11/19/2021 2:39 PM  |
| 9 | None                                      | 11/19/2021 1:18 PM  |

| City o | f Muskegon Parks and Recreation Survey | SurveyMonkey        |
|--------|--|---------------------|
| 10     | local parks                            | 11/19/2021 12:10 PM |
| 11     | muskegon lake nature preserve          | 11/19/2021 11:44 AM |
| 12     | LARC                                   | 11/19/2021 10:44 AM |
| 13     | None                                   | 11/19/2021 10:26 AM |

# Q8 Please rank the City's Park facilities you would like to see improved or expanded. 1=High Priority, 9=Low Priority



|                                | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4            | 5            | 6          | 7          | 8          | 9            | N/A          | TOTAL | WEIGHT<br>AVERAG |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------|------------------|
| Aamodt                         | 9.41%<br>8   | 2.35%        | 3.53%<br>3   | 1.18%        | 10.59%<br>9  | 1.18%      | 2.35%      | 2.35%      | 16.47%<br>14 | 50.59%<br>43 | 85    | 5                |
| Beachwood                      | 28.45%<br>33 | 6.03%<br>7   | 8.62%<br>10  | 8.62%<br>10  | 15.52%<br>18 | 6.03%<br>7 | 4.31%<br>5 | 6.03%<br>7 | 8.62%<br>10  | 7.76%<br>9   | 116   | 4                |
| Beidler-<br>Street             | 8.86%<br>7   | 7.59%<br>6   | 2.53%<br>2   | 0.00%        | 7.59%<br>6   | 2.53%      | 1.27%      | 2.53%      | 13.92%<br>11 | 53.16%<br>42 | 79    | 5                |
| Beukema                        | 7.69%<br>6   | 1.28%        | 3.85%        | 5.13%<br>4   | 7.69%<br>6   | 1.28%      | 3.85%      | 1.28%      | 11.54%<br>9  | 56.41%<br>44 | 78    | 5                |
| Campbell                       | 10.59%<br>9  | 7.06%<br>6   | 5.88%<br>5   | 3.53%        | 12.94%<br>11 | 3.53%      | 5.88%<br>5 | 1.18%      | 11.76%<br>10 | 37.65%<br>32 | 85    | 4                |
| Clara<br>Shepherd              | 12.50%<br>10 | 3.75%<br>3   | 1.25%<br>1   | 2.50%        | 11.25%<br>9  | 2.50%      | 2.50%      | 3.75%      | 7.50%<br>6   | 52.50%<br>42 | 80    | 4                |
| Fisherman's<br>Landing         | 16.96%<br>19 | 9.82%<br>11  | 12.50%<br>14 | 6.25%<br>7   | 16.07%<br>18 | 4.46%<br>5 | 4.46%<br>5 | 5.36%<br>6 | 8.93%<br>10  | 15.18%<br>17 | 112   | 4                |
| Grand<br>Trunk                 | 23.00%<br>23 | 8.00%<br>8   | 10.00%<br>10 | 6.00%        | 10.00%<br>10 | 2.00%      | 6.00%      | 2.00%      | 9.00%        | 24.00%<br>24 | 100   | 3                |
| Hackley<br>Park                | 19.49%<br>23 | 6.78%<br>8   | 11.86%<br>14 | 10.17%<br>12 | 9.32%<br>11  | 6.78%      | 5.93%<br>7 | 6.78%      | 13.56%<br>16 | 9.32%<br>11  | 118   | 4                |
| Harbour<br>Towne<br>Beach      | 19.82%<br>22 | 10.81%<br>12 | 14.41%<br>16 | 7.21%        | 11.71%<br>13 | 3.60%      | 3.60%      | 4.50%<br>5 | 11.71%<br>13 | 12.61%<br>14 | 111   | 4                |
| Hartshorn<br>Marina            | 18.48%<br>17 | 4.35%<br>4   | 6.52%<br>6   | 6.52%<br>6   | 13.04%<br>12 | 4.35%<br>4 | 6.52%<br>6 | 6.52%<br>6 | 7.61%<br>7   | 26.09%<br>24 | 92    | 4                |
| Jaycees                        | 12.05%<br>10 | 3.61%        | 3.61%        | 1.20%        | 13.25%<br>11 | 4.82%<br>4 | 2.41%      | 2.41%      | 10.84%<br>9  | 45.78%<br>38 | 83    | 4                |
| Kearney<br>Memorial<br>Park    | 7.89%<br>6   | 1.32%<br>1   | 2.63%        | 2.63%        | 11.84%<br>9  | 1.32%      | 0.00%      | 5.26%<br>4 | 7.89%<br>6   | 59.21%<br>45 | 76    | 5                |
| Kruse                          | 31.67%<br>38 | 13.33%<br>16 | 6.67%<br>8   | 8.33%<br>10  | 10.00%<br>12 | 4.17%<br>5 | 1.67%      | 4.17%<br>5 | 13.33%<br>16 | 6.67%        | 120   | 3                |
| Margaret<br>Drake<br>Elliott   | 22.22%<br>24 | 11.11%<br>12 | 9.26%        | 11.11%<br>12 | 5.56%<br>6   | 1.85%      | 3.70%<br>4 | 3.70%<br>4 | 7.41%<br>8   | 24.07%<br>26 | 108   | 3                |
| Marsh                          | 19.28%<br>16 | 10.84%<br>9  | 7.23%<br>6   | 2.41%        | 12.05%<br>10 | 2.41%      | 1.20%      | 2.41%      | 9.64%        | 32.53%<br>27 | 83    | 3                |
| McCrea                         | 7.79%        | 1.30%        | 7.79%<br>6   | 2.60%        | 19.48%<br>15 | 1.30%      | 0.00%      | 1.30%      | 7.79%<br>6   | 50.65%<br>39 | 77    | 4                |
| McGraft                        | 28.21%<br>33 | 12.82%<br>15 | 12.82%<br>15 | 5.13%<br>6   | 6.84%        | 5.13%      | 7.69%      | 4.27%<br>5 | 9.40%<br>11  | 7.69%<br>9   | 117   | 3                |
| Muskegon<br>Lakeshore<br>Trail | 38.76%<br>50 | 8.53%<br>11  | 5.43%<br>7   | 6.98%        | 8.53%<br>11  | 1.55%      | 5.43%      | 4.65%      | 15.50%<br>20 | 4.65%        | 129   | 3                |
| Pere<br>Marquette              | 38.41%<br>53 | 9.42%<br>13  | 8.70%<br>12  | 3.62%<br>5   | 5.80%        | 5.07%<br>7 | 3.62%<br>5 | 5.80%      | 15.94%<br>22 | 3.62%<br>5   | 138   | 3                |
| Reese                          | 10.39%<br>8  | 2.60%        | 10.39%<br>8  | 5.19%<br>4   | 10.39%<br>8  | 2.60%      | 1.30%      | 0.00%      | 10.39%<br>8  | 46.75%<br>36 | 77    | 4                |
| Richards<br>Park               | 17.44%<br>15 | 4.65%<br>4   | 5.81%<br>5   | 2.33%        | 8.14%<br>7   | 4.65%<br>4 | 1.16%      | 3.49%      | 9.30%        | 43.02%<br>37 | 86    | 4                |
| Seyferth                       | 16.16%<br>16 | 10.10%<br>10 | 13.13%<br>13 | 9.09%        | 4.04%        | 3.03%      | 4.04%      | 5.05%<br>5 | 13.13%<br>13 | 22.22%       | 99    | 4                |
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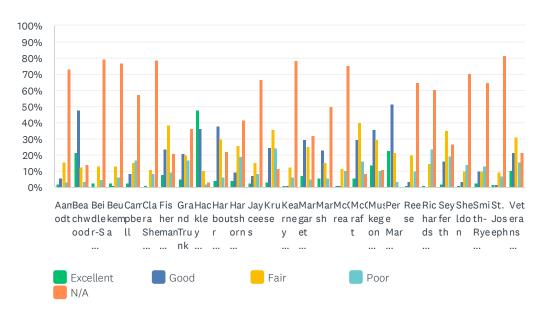
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| Sheldon                      | 12.50%<br>10 | 3.75%<br>3 | 3.75%<br>3 | 7.50%<br>6 | 10.00%<br>8 | 0.00%      | 5.00%<br>4 | 1.25%<br>1 | 10.00%<br>8  | 46.25%<br>37 | 80 | 4 |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----|---|
| Smith-<br>Ryerson            | 13.25%<br>11 | 8.43%<br>7 | 1.20%      | 4.82%<br>4 | 4.82%<br>4  | 7.23%      | 1.20%      | 2.41%      | 9.64%        | 46.99%<br>39 | 83 | 4 |
| St. Joseph                   | 8.97%<br>7   | 2.56%      | 3.85%      | 1.28%      | 11.54%<br>9 | 3.85%      | 2.56%      | 0.00%      | 7.69%<br>6   | 57.69%<br>45 | 78 | 4 |
| Veterans<br>Memorial<br>Park | 17.71%<br>17 | 9.38%      | 8.33%<br>8 | 5.21%<br>5 | 4.17%<br>4  | 4.17%<br>4 | 5.21%<br>5 | 4.17%<br>4 | 14.58%<br>14 | 27.08%<br>26 | 96 | 4 |

## Q9 How would you rate the maintenance of City Parks you have visited?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 13



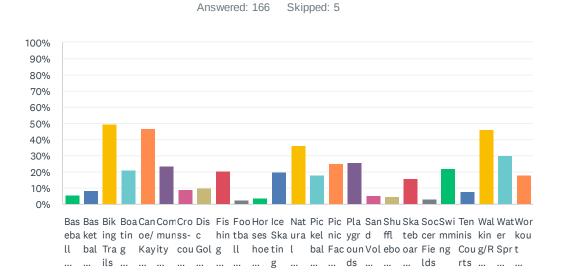
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|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|------------------|
| Aamodt                   | 2.25%<br>2   | 5.62%<br>5   | 15.73%<br>14 | 3.37%<br>3   | 73.03%<br>65 | 89    | 2.75             |
| Beachwood                | 21.71%<br>28 | 48.06%<br>62 | 12.40%<br>16 | 3.88%        | 13.95%<br>18 | 129   | 1.98             |
| Beidler-Street           | 2.44%        | 0.00%        | 13.41%<br>11 | 4.88%        | 79.27%<br>65 | 82    | 3.00             |
| Beukema                  | 2.44%        | 1.22%<br>1   | 13.41%<br>11 | 6.10%<br>5   | 76.83%<br>63 | 82    | 3.00             |
| Campbell                 | 2.38%        | 8.33%<br>7   | 15.48%<br>13 | 16.67%<br>14 | 57.14%<br>48 | 84    | 3.08             |
| Clara Shepherd           | 1.23%<br>1   | 0.00%        | 11.11%<br>9  | 8.64%<br>7   | 79.01%<br>64 | 81    | 3.29             |
| Fisherman's Landing      | 7.83%<br>9   | 23.48%<br>27 | 38.26%<br>44 | 9.57%<br>11  | 20.87%<br>24 | 115   | 2.63             |
| Grand Trunk              | 5.32%<br>5   | 21.28%<br>20 | 20.21%<br>19 | 17.02%<br>16 | 36.17%<br>34 | 94    | 2.77             |
| Hackley Park             | 48.15%<br>65 | 36.30%<br>49 | 10.37%<br>14 | 2.22%        | 2.96%        | 135   | 1.66             |
| Harbour Towne Beach      | 4.39%        | 37.72%<br>43 | 29.82%<br>34 | 6.14%        | 21.93%<br>25 | 114   | 2.48             |
| Hartshorn Marina         | 4.17%        | 9.38%        | 26.04%<br>25 | 18.75%<br>18 | 41.67%<br>40 | 96    | 3.02             |
| Jaycees                  | 2.38%        | 7.14%        | 15.48%<br>13 | 8.33%<br>7   | 66.67%<br>56 | 84    | 2.89             |
| Kruse                    | 3.33%        | 25.00%<br>30 | 35.83%<br>43 | 24.17%<br>29 | 11.67%<br>14 | 120   | 2.92             |
| Kearney Memorial Park    | 1.28%        | 1.28%        | 12.82%<br>10 | 6.41%        | 78.21%<br>61 | 78    | 3.12             |
| Margaret Drake Elliott   | 7.63%        | 29.66%<br>35 | 25.42%<br>30 | 5.08%        | 32.20%<br>38 | 118   | 2.41             |
| Marsh                    | 5.81%        | 23.26%       | 15.12%<br>13 | 5.81%<br>5   | 50.00%<br>43 | 86    | 2.42             |
| McCrea                   | 1.30%        | 1.30%        | 11.69%       | 10.39%       | 75.32%<br>58 | 77    | 3.26             |
| McGraft                  | 5.93%<br>7   | 29.66%<br>35 | 39.83%<br>47 | 16.10%<br>19 | 8.47%<br>10  | 118   | 2.72             |
| Muskegon Lakeshore Trail | 13.49%<br>17 | 35.71%<br>45 | 29.37%<br>37 | 10.32%<br>13 | 11.11%<br>14 | 126   | 2.41             |
| Pere Marquette           | 22.54%       | 51.41%<br>73 | 21.83%       | 3.52%        | 0.70%        | 142   | 2.06             |
| Reese                    | 1.27%        | 3.80%        | 20.25%       | 10.13%       | 64.56%<br>51 | 79    | 3.11             |
| Richards Park            | 1.23%        | 0.00%        | 14.81%<br>12 | 23.46%       | 60.49%       | 81    | 3.53             |
| Seyferth                 | 2.15%        | 16.13%<br>15 | 35.48%<br>33 | 19.35%<br>18 | 26.88%<br>25 | 93    | 2.99             |
| Sheldon                  | 1.28%        | 3.85%        | 10.26%       | 14.10%       | 70.51%<br>55 | 78    | 3.26             |
| Smith-Ryerson            | 2.44%        | 9.76%        | 9.76%        | 13.41%       | 64.63%       |       |                  |

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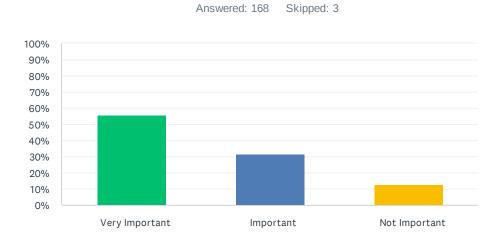
| St. Joseph             | 1.33%<br>1   | 1.33%<br>1   | 9.33%<br>7   | 6.67%<br>5   | 81.33%<br>61 | 75  | 3.14 |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|------|
| Veterans Memorial Park | 10.28%<br>11 | 21.50%<br>23 | 30.84%<br>33 | 15.89%<br>17 | 21.50%<br>23 | 107 | 2.67 |

# Q10 Which of the following activities/facilities would you most like to see expanded or added in the City Parks? Please select your top three (3).



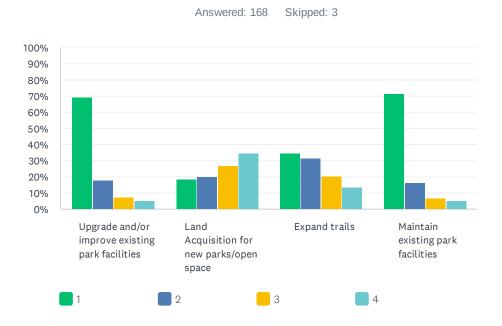
| ANSWER CHOICES               | RESPONSES |    |
|------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Baseball and Softball Fields | 6.02%     | 10 |
| Basketball Courts            | 8.43%     | 14 |
| Biking Trails                | 49.40%    | 82 |
| Boating Access               | 21.08%    | 35 |
| Canoe/Kayaking Access        | 46.99%    | 78 |
| Community Recreation Center  | 23.49%    | 39 |
| Cross-country Skiing         | 9.04%     | 15 |
| Disc Golf Course             | 10.24%    | 17 |
| Fishing Access               | 20.48%    | 34 |
| Football Fields              | 2.41%     | 4  |
| Horseshoe Pits               | 3.61%     | 6  |
| Ice Skating                  | 19.88%    | 33 |
| Natural Areas/Open Space     | 36.14%    | 60 |
| Pickelball Courts            | 18.07%    | 30 |
| Picnic Facilities            | 25.30%    | 42 |
| Playgrounds                  | 25.90%    | 43 |
| Sand Volleyball              | 5.42%     | 9  |
| Shuffleboard Courts          | 4.82%     | 8  |
| Skateboard Park              | 15.66%    | 26 |
| Soccer Fields                | 3.01%     | 5  |
| Swimming                     | 22.29%    | 37 |
| Tennis Courts                | 7.83%     | 13 |
| Walking/Running Trails       | 46.39%    | 77 |
| Water Spray Parks/Splash pad | 30.12%    | 50 |
| Workout Stations             | 18.07%    | 30 |
| Total Respondents: 166       |           |    |

# Q11 The City is considering ways to implement sustainable/green initiatives in the Parks. How important do you consider this issue?



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Very Important | 55.95%    | 94  |
| Important      | 31.55%    | 53  |
| Not Important  | 12.50%    | 21  |
| TOTAL          |           | 168 |

# Q12 Please rate, in order of priority, how you feel park and recreation funding should be spent. 1 = High Priority, 4 = Low Priority



| 1      | 2   | 3  | 4   | TOTAL   |
|--------|---|--|---|---|
| 69.51% | 17.68%  | 7.32%  | 5.49%   |   |
| 114    | 29  | 12   | 9   | 164   |
| 18.63% | 19.88%  | 26.71%   | 34.78%  |   |
| 30     | 32  | 43   | 56  | 161   |
| 34.57% | 31.48%  | 20.37%   | 13.58%  |   |
| 56     | 51  | 33   | 22  | 162   |
| 71.69% | 16.27%  | 6.63%  | 5.42%   |   |
| 119    | 27  | 11   | 9   | 166   |
|        | 69.51%<br>114<br>18.63%<br>30<br>34.57%<br>56<br>71.69% | 69.51% 17.68%<br>114 29<br>18.63% 19.88%<br>30 32<br>34.57% 31.48%<br>56 51<br>71.69% 16.27% | 69.51%     17.68%     7.32%       114     29     12       18.63%     19.88%     26.71%       30     32     43       34.57%     31.48%     20.37%       56     51     33       71.69%     16.27%     6.63% | 69.51%     17.68%     7.32%     5.49%       114     29     12     9       18.63%     19.88%     26.71%     34.78%       30     32     43     56       34.57%     31.48%     20.37%     13.58%       56     51     33     22       71.69%     16.27%     6.63%     5.42% |

# Q13 Thank you for your participation. If you have additional comments or suggestions please use the space below.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 105

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE                |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1  | Protect open space from development. Leave Pere Marquette how it is. The beach and parking should stay undeveloped  | 12/4/2021 5:55 PM   |
| 2  | Signage for parks maybe with qr codes with video tour and info hours. And links to other parks .  | 11/28/2021 9:27 AM  |
| 3  | Skatepark near the lakeshore could be so great!   | 11/24/2021 8:40 AM  |
| 4  | The skate park's close proximity to the playground at Seyferth's Park proved to be very disappointing. The foul language used by many skateboarders was repeatedly heard by toddlers, preschoolers & elementary age children. It was offensive to many adults within ear shot. Sadly, we had to stop walking to our neighborhood park and instead, drive to various parks to find a healthier atmosphere for our grandchildren & other children in our care.  | 11/24/2021 8:22 AM  |
| 5  | Need a proper boardwalk along the waterfront at Lake Michigan - from filtration plant north to inner pier. Needs to be wide enough to accommodate 4 abreast - 2 people in each direction. Need the bike trail at the beach to not dead end at the end of Beach st. Need something off road heading south along the waterfront. With so many vehicles it is too dangerous having to share.   | 11/22/2021 4:20 PM  |
| 6  | Although lighthouse park was not addressed in this survey would like to see completion of sidewalk in that area and close collaboration with neighbors re any development of park. Many people come to enjoy the open space, fly kites play games and sit quietly on the bench to enjoy the view. Thank you for your time   | 11/22/2021 3:13 PM  |
| 7  | It seems like a lot of the parks have poor equipment. Old, unstable, weathered or covered in graffiti. A lot of times trash isn't picked up. There is glass and litter in the parks. More parks with restrooms with more play equips for children would make it more family friendly and make people want to visit. Also cameras pointed at common areas may be considered with the amount of violence that's happening.  | 11/22/2021 9:06 AM  |
| 8  | Without question, maintaining and improving existing parks and facilities should be high priority. If something has been removed from a park that the community had been using like a skate park, tennis courts, disc golf, etcthen there should be a plan of moving forward with adding the items back into the community.   | 11/22/2021 7:39 AM  |
| 9  | HartshornPUBLIC ACCESS, especially pool! Do NOT give out our most precious resources, Lake Front, to the first developer that comes along. They want that precious commodity badly enoughwhere else are they gonna go? WE, THE PEOPLE need to maintain our riparian rightsfor ALL people. A public kayak launch there would be nice. A public fishing pier would be nice and I don't fish. I'm white skinned, do not have children, live in BBNA but strongly feel more of our parks money needs to go to splash pads for kids in poorer areas of Muskegon. Not all families can get kids to the beach or swim lessons. Splash pads in their area within walking/biking distance is a great way for them to play. Show them they are important too. I am handicapped. Getting to the beach at Kruse is problematic. That is why so many handicapped spots close to Lake Michigan views are important to people like me. Sit down there of an evening and watch all the handicapped older folk, all races, drive down for sunset watching. Let's start charging for Dog Beach so someone can clean up the poop. Kids play on those beaches. I've watched bad owners just kick sand on poop. NOT good for kids. God knows the majority of owners are rude and do not clean up. Dog owners are also doing a great deal of erosion damage by jumping barriers at Kruse to get down to Dog Beach. Thank you. Seriously, THANK YOU for hearing us. If you wish for more ideas or specific feedback, please, contact me at elevenoceans@hotmail.com . I am observant and think of other citizens with needs and likes different than my own. | 11/21/2021 8:23 PM  |
| 10 | Skatepark is much needed. Grand Trunk has great potential, but is pretty rough around the edges, which is too bad as the Lakeside Shopping District has potential too. It would be great to tie these in better. Pere Marquette is a gem. Lakeshore Trail is a gem, but has many rough/bumpy transitions. These should be priorities (although the newly repaired trail is amazing). The kayak launch at Rotary Park is sorely missed. More kayak launches would be   | 11/20/2021 10:39 PM |

|    | great for both Muskegon Lake and Muskegon River. It would be great if Muskegon were more bikeable, with safe routes that could take cyclists from park to park. We definitely need more safe places for kids/teens to go.  |                     |
|----|--|---------------------|
| 11 | I would love a gym on the former Papermill land. There could be an indoor walking track looking out at Muskegon Lake.  | 11/20/2021 8:56 PM  |
| 12 | Please put up a railing at the mcgraft park patio! also bring back life guards at city beaches!<br>Let band shells be accessible to everyone with an easy sign up program and a low cost to residents!   | 11/20/2021 6:39 PM  |
| 13 | We need boys at pere marquette and the club house at migrant needs to be updated and fixed.  | 11/20/2021 6:25 PM  |
| 14 | McGraft's community building needs care! It's in heavy use year round and it needs remodeling and exterior paint job (that's not brown). Not to mention new benches for the concert series (current ones are unsafe liabilities) and the patio railing that's been missing for months now (another liability that Milo doesn't prioritize). Kruse needs better access to the beach and board walk repairs. Pere Marquette needs more liter clean ups and the Deck should be responsible for some of it with the traffic and trash they create. Pere Marquette is also desperately in need of buoys to keep the boats from being so close to the shore. Most notably a problem in the cove between the lighthouses. | 11/20/2021 6:16 PM  |
| 15 | Snow plow the Lakside trail and solar lights. Off Beachwood park.  | 11/20/2021 6:02 PM  |
| 16 | More dog friendly things: such as improving the dog beach creating off leash or longer than 6ft leash areas (for trails or in park areas for fetch and other training.)  | 11/20/2021 5:05 PM  |
| 17 | Need wider sidewalks at Pere Marquette. There is not enough space for two wheelchair users to pass each other safely. Also accessible beach mats creating access to water.   | 11/20/2021 5:05 PM  |
| 18 | I think the improvements are wonderful. Love the job the care takers do. Only park that is shabby is by veteran markers. Many weeds blocking veteran's plaques. Many improvements terrific at this park after such water devastation.  | 11/20/2021 4:21 PM  |
| 19 | I would like to see the Ruddiman Creek Lagoon utilized. Maybe add a dock for Kayaking or add paddle boats to rent so people could paddle around the lagoon?  | 11/20/2021 3:55 PM  |
| 20 | more dog-friendly park features, including pet stations (bags, trash, water dish, etc.)  | 11/20/2021 3:52 PM  |
| 21 | The boardwalk on beach road needs new composite decking.   | 11/20/2021 3:48 PM  |
| 22 | McGraft park needs the kitchen updated, the porch in back finished, better lighting around the building and a picnic pavilion or 2 built. New benches for the bandshell too  | 11/20/2021 3:47 PM  |
| 23 | Please keep pere marquet as natural and rustic as possible. Stop building things. Please don't move fisherman's landing downtown.  | 11/20/2021 12:01 PM |
| 24 | Why isn't Heritage Landing included on the survey or on the city's website under parks? Why isn't Mclaughlin Community Park included? I noticed the list of parks on the city's website is inconsistent with the list on survey? Kearney is on the survey but isn't listed on the website. Joe Clifford Park is on the website but not on the survey. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.  | 11/20/2021 10:18 AM |
| 25 | Lakeshore trail is the hackley square of trails, it's beautiful and the potential for it to be a destination experience is there, but until it's wider, better lit, maintained, not so stop and go, not so much broken concrete/uneven not so much broken glass everywhere, remains untapped potential.  | 11/20/2021 9:15 AM  |
| 26 | Would like to see lights on pickleball courts at Beachwood & steps/ramp to water fixed at Kruse  | 11/20/2021 7:32 AM  |
| 27 | Our parks and access should be priority 1 in implementing any future vision of Muskegon  | 11/20/2021 6:59 AM  |
| 28 | Please upgrade parks in areas of most economic need. Kids need places to stay connected. Thanks!   | 11/20/2021 6:52 AM  |
| 29 | We have a parks department but no recreation. Embarrassing. Leo you're amazing but let's have some real health and rec initiatives!  | 11/20/2021 3:13 AM  |
| 30 | Please fix the parking lot and add swimming area. The campground and boat launch is very clean A true asset to the city. The management team does an excellent job keeping it clean an inviting. Please keep this asset, it is truely a one of a kind find and would be a huge mistake to move it or close it. Camping area could even be expanded and a swimming area or pool would be a great addition.  | 11/20/2021 2:51 AM  |

| 31 | my top choice was not on your list. What happened to all the swings. Please put swings at Smith Ryerson Park and any other parks that don't have them. I miss swings. The kids in this house miss swings. Also john ball zoo has a really cool toddler swing attached to a big person swing that is awesome. I wish we had one in muskegon   | 11/19/2021 11:31 PM |
|----|--|---------------------|
| 32 | Live by McGraft Park. Love the disc golf park. Would love to see upgrades for playground/seating. Upgrade shuffle board/Tennis Courts. Not in very good condition currently.   | 11/19/2021 10:31 PM |
| 33 | Lights on the Laketon Ave Bike Trail   | 11/19/2021 10:20 PM |
| 34 | Keep fisherman landing campground  | 11/19/2021 10:05 PM |
| 35 | Bike trails need immediate upgrades to repair wood parts of trails and cracks In asphalt. Need pickle ball courts at McGraft park, fence in pickle ball courts at Beechwood. Improve access to public restrooms vs portapotties  | 11/19/2021 9:17 PM  |
| 36 | Having cleared paths in the winter for recreation is highly desired and needed. Simple walking paths adequately cleared for residents would make a big impact.   | 11/19/2021 9:14 PM  |
| 37 | Love the idea of converting streets to green space!!   | 11/19/2021 8:08 PM  |
| 38 | Please try to add lihhting to Beachwood park   | 11/19/2021 7:48 PM  |
| 39 | Aggressive campaign communicating clean up after yourself. Push to challenge users to not litter. Personal responsibility needs to improve   | 11/19/2021 7:41 PM  |
| 40 | Add restrooms to the larger parks that are more frequently used.   | 11/19/2021 7:25 PM  |
| 41 | Additional Pickleball courts desperately needed  | 11/19/2021 7:03 PM  |
| 42 | condition of pickleball at McGraft is shameful!!   | 11/19/2021 7:03 PM  |
| 43 | Put up lights at Beachwood so Pickleball could be played longer in the day   | 11/19/2021 7:01 PM  |
| 44 | No camping facilities  | 11/19/2021 6:58 PM  |
| 45 | Music is good  | 11/19/2021 6:58 PM  |
| 46 | Beachwood park desperately needs lights for its Pickleball courts and winter ice rink. Very popular park for these activities. Thank you   | 11/19/2021 6:50 PM  |
| 47 | It would be great to have more park is underprivileged neighborhoods so kids have things to do.  | 11/19/2021 5:57 PM  |
| 48 | Muskegon proud!  | 11/19/2021 5:31 PM  |
| 49 | at Pete Marquette Pk - ban seagull feeding (people don't get it) noise ordinance (motorcycles/loud music) do NOT change parking/sidewalk along Beach St (thorough study needs to be conducted first)   | 11/19/2021 5:22 PM  |
| 50 | We need to utilize, upgrade, and maintain what we have BEFORE we try and do more.  | 11/19/2021 4:51 PM  |
| 51 | Pere Marquette needs additional stand alone bathrooms to service the south end   | 11/19/2021 4:49 PM  |
| 52 | Better crosswalks near beachwood park and beach street. Cars can't see people walking in the new crosswalk. Almost been hit multiple times. Need lighting or flashing signs or something more obvious for people to see and alert drivers.   | 11/19/2021 4:47 PM  |
| 53 | Pere Marquette beach needs shade shelters on the beach.  | 11/19/2021 3:40 PM  |
| 54 | As a "neighbor" I appreciate the ability to use your parks, especially Beachwood (where I run almost daily), Kruse (where I hike often) and, of course, Pere Marquette, the state's premier beach by far!  | 11/19/2021 3:21 PM  |
| 55 | Thanks for the great job being by Leo's and Doug's staff. Always top notch .   | 11/19/2021 3:11 PM  |
| 56 | Take lots of public input.   | 11/19/2021 2:39 PM  |
| 57 | There should be a Parks and Recreation Committee to recommend allocation of available funds.   | 11/19/2021 1:38 PM  |
| 58 | The number one problem at city of Miskegon parks is trash; number two is staff not picking up trash. All the money in the world isn't going to solve those problems or train staff to deal with the problems. The city launch ramps are neglected along with the parks, lacking basic recycling and garbage facilities to reduce what's thrown into Muakegon lake and on the ground. | 11/19/2021 1:32 PM  |
| 59 | Restored, safe access to Kruse beach should be a priority to lessen the erosion caused by those going down the dunes. Also, pickle ball courts where the basketball court (hardly ever   | 11/19/2021 1:10 PM  |

used) would be a great asset to the community.

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| 60 | Repair access to Dog Beach and Kruse Park boardwalk  | 11/19/2021 12:44 PM |
| 61 | I think the City has done a very good job dealing with COVID, floods, etc. However, the greatest need I see is for winter time-we need cleared walking paths-currently we do our own in Beachwood Bluffton area, and it was used all the time last winter. With an older population, younger people working all day, I think it is unreasonable to except sidewalks to be cleared by residents every time it snows. We plow the streets for obvious reasons, but I have no doubt the physical and mental health of our citizens would improve over the cold months if we had safe places to walk, run, or even bike with the big new fat tire bikes. thanks for asking | 11/19/2021 12:13 PM |
| 62 | Thank you!   | 11/19/2021 12:13 PM |
| 63 | Thank you for this survey! So important to make important decisions now on having 'something for everyone' to enjoy for all our communities, especially for our future.  | 11/19/2021 12:10 PM |
| 64 | Please protect what we have , including the very necessary fishermans landing  | 11/19/2021 11:44 AM |
| 65 | The city needs to increase staffing to maintain and clean the parks. It's embarrassing how much trash there is when you visit. Especially along the bike path in Nims. All that money spent to repair the damages and you get one trash can at the bridge over Ruddiman Creek. Please add more trash receptacles and staffing to maintain them along with the park itself.   | 11/19/2021 11:22 AM |
| 66 | Improve restroom facilities and fix broken playground equipment and Kruse park beach stairs  | 11/19/2021 10:11 AM |
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# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 6

#### **NEEDS AND DEFICIENCIES**

This section of the plan identifies recreation deficiencies determined through a variety of means. Study methods include comparison to recreational standards for acreage and facilities, geographic distribution of existing facilities, direct input from city of Muskegon staff and representatives, and public input and participation. While each of these methods has its limitations, using a combination of methods will yield a more accurate assessment of recreational needs and deficiencies. The following is a brief description of each of the methods used.

#### RECREATION STANDARDS

While only a guide, recreation standards provide a benchmark for evaluating the relative adequacy or inadequacy of the city's recreation system. This Plan references the 1983 Recreation, Park, and Open Space, Standards and Guidelines and 1995 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Typical recreation standards establish a certain number of activity-specific recreational facilities per 1,000 of population (e.g. 1 tennis court per 2,000 persons). Other standards establish a certain number of acres per 1,000 of population for different types of park facilities, such as neighborhood, community, and regional parks. These standards are adapted to reflect the city's character and compared with the existing and projected population. This plan will combine both approaches to ascertain deficiencies in recreational facilities and acreage. The 2019 U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was used for the purposes of this study.

There are two basic types of recreational experiences: "active" and "passive." "Active" recreation requires space and facilities capable of accommodating exertive activities. Such facilities include sports fields, play apparatus areas, open areas, special facilities, such as pools and court areas, and areas for organized activities. On the other hand, "passive" recreation requires little more than space and furniture for quiet, non-exertive activities for limited numbers of users.





Recreation areas must provide for both types of use and preferably include a variety of opportunities for each to respond adequately to a wide range of interests and age groups.

Parks are generally classified by purpose and area per population served. They range in type from mini-playlots and green areas to large regional and national parks.

The categories used for this plan will be as follows:

- 1. Neighborhood Parks
- 2. Community Parks
- 3. Natural Resource Areas
- 4. Trails

#### RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACREAGE

#### 1. Neighborhood Parks and Schools

**Description** - Neighborhood parks serve individual neighborhood populations as determined by the distance that can easily be traveled by local users for relatively short periods of recreation. Facilities provided in these parks are generally active in nature and include multipurpose open play areas for pick-up games, play apparatus, court areas, landscaping, site furnishings and possibly a shelter. Special areas for bike riding or specific court games may also be provided. Activities for all seasons should also be included.

*Service Areas* - The area served by neighborhood parks is generally considered to be a one quarter (1/4) mile to one half (1/2) mile radius in size and should be uninterrupted by non-residential roads or other physical barriers.

Neighborhood Park Acreage Standards - Nationally accepted standards for neighborhood parks recommend one or two (1-2) acres per 1,000 of population with five (5) acres as a minimum size and five to ten (5-10) acres optimal. It is recommended that the minimum of two (2) acres per 1,000 population be used as a guide for site selection.

#### Existing Recreation Acreage

The city of Muskegon currently has (28) parks that would fit into the neighborhood park definition. Additionally, the city assists in the care and maintenance of (14) parks but does not own the properties. These have been included in the neighborhood park acreage.





| Name                              | Existing Site Acreage |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Prominade  | 0.57                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Music Park | 0.41                  |
| Aamodt Park                       | 2.00                  |
| Beidler Park                      | 0.08                  |
| Beachwood Park                    | 3.40                  |
| Carpenter Brothers                | 6.6                   |
| Clara Shepard                     | 1.00                  |
| Downtown Muskegon Dog Park        | 0.95                  |
| Foundry Park                      | 7.25                  |
| Grand Trunk Launch Ramp           | 4.60                  |
| Hackley Park                      | 2.30                  |
| Harbour Towne Beach               | 3.50                  |
| Heritage Memorial Garden Park     | 0.29                  |
| Jaycee Launch Ramp                | 0.60                  |
| Lighthouse Park                   | 1.10                  |
| Kearney Memorial Park             | 0.23                  |
| Mercy Health Arena                | 0.59                  |
| Margarette Drake Elliot           | 0.60                  |
| Marsh Field                       | 6.10                  |
| Muskegon City Hall                | 2.68                  |
| Muskegon Farmers Market           | 6.00                  |
| Muskegon Splash Pad               | 0.47                  |
| Richards Park                     | 7.50                  |
| Robert L. Fisher Memorial Park    | 0.98                  |
| R.L. Root Memorial Park           | 0.07                  |
| Sheldon Park                      | 5.80                  |
| Saint Joseph Park                 | 0.70                  |
| Western Market Chalets            | 1.00                  |
| Victoria Gardens                  | 0.22                  |
|                                   | <b>67.59 Acres</b>    |
| Park Maintenance                  |                       |
| Baha'I Peace                      | 1.57                  |
| Day of Caring                     | 0.90                  |
| Joe Clifford Park                 | 1.80                  |
| McGlaughlin Park                  | 0.95                  |
| Nims Park                         | 1.38                  |
| The Monet Gardens                 | 0.17                  |
| Robert C. Lighton Memorial Park   | 0.63                  |
| Social Sandbox                    | 0.29                  |
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**7.69** Acres





| Food | Plots |
|------|-------|
|      |       |

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational Community Garden | 0.28              |
|---|-------------------|
| 298 Allen                                       | 0.46              |
| Love Community Garden                           | 1.24              |
| McLaaughlin Grows                               | 2.35              |
| Mike Miller Memorial Garden                     | 0.18              |
| Roger Allison Memorial Garden                   | 0.29              |
|   | <b>4.80</b> Acres |

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Total 80.08 Acres

*Needs and Deficiencies*: The table below compares the 2019 Census city of Muskegon population to the recreation standard of two (2) acres per 1,000 persons.

| 2019              | Neighborhood Rec. | Neighborhood Rec. | Deficiency/    |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Population</b> | Acreage Required  | Acreage Available | <u>Surplus</u> |
|                   |                   |                   |                |
| 37,633            | 75.26             | 80.08             | 4.82           |

For the 2019 population, there is surplus of 4.82 acres for neighborhood recreation in accordance with the recreational standards. The above table indicates that the city currently has a surplus of neighborhood recreation areas. The National Recreation and Park Association recommends a total close-to-home space (Mini-Parks, Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks) of 6.25 to 10.5 acres per 1000 population.

#### 2. Community Parks

**Description** - Community-wide parks provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting organized community participation programs that would not be appropriate in neighborhood parks because of their average size or traffic volume generated. Facilities should be centrally located, diverse enough to accommodate all age groups for both active and passive experiences and organized so that compatible uses relate to one another. Adequate parking and vehicular circulation is also important, since park users will generally arrive at these parks by vehicle. Lighted use areas significantly increase the





recreational value of parks of this type. Typical facilities recommended for community parks include ball fields, open use areas, tennis courts, picnic areas, play apparatus areas, restrooms and shelters. Additional special facilities could include band shells, amphitheaters, swimming and wading pools, community-meeting buildings, skating facilities, bicycle courses and nature study areas.

**Service Area** - The area served by community-wide parks varies significantly from one municipality to another because of the distribution of population and related factors. However, a community park usually serves two or more neighborhoods and properties within a ½ to 3-mile distance.

Community Park Acreage Standards – The size of a community park varies according to the desired uses but is usually between 30 and 50 acres. It is recommended that a range of five (5) to eight (8) acres per 1,000 population be used as a standard basis for development.

*Existing Community Recreation Acreage* – The City of Muskegon has twelve (12) parks that function as community parks.

| Name                     | <b>Existing Site Acreage</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beukema Playfield        | 10.00                        |
| Campbell Field           | 9.50                         |
| Fisherman's Landing      | 18.60                        |
| Hartshorn Marina         | 10.30                        |
| Kruse Park               | 52.30                        |
| McCrea Playfield         | 9.50                         |
| McGraft Park             | 92.00                        |
| Pere Marquette Beach Par | k 27.50                      |
| Reese Playfield          | 13.00                        |
| Seyferth Park            | 16.00                        |
| Smith-Ryerson Park       | 23.00                        |
| Veterans Memorial Park   | 28.00                        |
| Total                    | 309.7                        |





*Needs and Deficiencies*: The following table compares the 2019 city population to the recreation standard of eight (8) acres per 1,000 persons.

| 2019              | Neighborhood Rec. | Neighborhood Rec. | Deficiency/    |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Population</b> | Acreage Required  | Acreage Available | <u>Surplus</u> |
| 37,633            | 301.06            | 309.7             | 8.64           |

When comparing existing Community Park land to current population figures, there is a surplus of land devoted to community recreational use. For the 2019 population, there is a surplus of 8.54 acres for community recreation in accordance with the recreational standards.

#### 3. Natural Resource Areas/Open Space

Natural resource areas are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual/aesthetic buffering. These sites are typically unsuitable for development but offer natural resource potential and can support recreational activities at a level that preserves the integrity of the natural resource. The location and size of these parks are largely governed by availability.

*Existing Natural Resource Area Acreage* – The city of Muskegon has Green Acres Park which mostly consists of wetlands and is 29.5 Acres

**Needs and Deficiencies:** There are no recognized acreage standards for natural resource areas. It is important to identify and protect natural resources under the control of the city. It is also important to provide improved access and facilities, while maintaining integrity as a wildlife habitat.

## 4. Trails

**Description** – There are a number of different types of trails that can provide both transportation and recreation opportunities. Trails may be located within parks, on an independent right-of-way, or within the road right-of-way. Connector trails are defined as "multi-purpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community" (J.D. Mertes and J.R. Hall, Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, 1995). These trails are generally located within the road right-of-way and can be divided into two types. Type I has separate paths for different user types,



such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Type II has mixed uses and is suited to lighter use patterns.

*Existing Facilities-* The city has one non-motorized trail, the Muskegon Lakeshore Trail which is approximately 12 miles long and winds along the shore of Muskegon Lake. The trail provides pedestrian access to historic and maritime attractions, dining venues, and seasonal festivals.

*Needs and Deficiencies* – More Type II trails that connect the parks and the city should be developed.

#### RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACTIVITIES / FACILITIES

A comparison of activity-specific recreational facilities within the city with recreation standards indicates that the city contains many of the recreational facilities desirable for the current and future population, but deficiencies are evident in some areas.

While the standards for comparison address the quantity of facilities generally desirable for several persons, they do not address quality or location concerns.

#### RECREATION FACILITIES SUMMARY

Muskegon takes pride in its park and recreation facilities and demonstrates good stewardship of its natural resources. While substantial improvements have been achieved over the last 10 years, a variety of improvements are recommended to fully utilize the city's recreational land and improve accessibility for all users.







## 2022 RECREATION STANDARDS AND DEFICIENCIES

|                           | Playground | Softball Diamond | Baseball Diamond | Basketball Courts | Volleyball Courts | Football Fields | Soccer Fields | Pickleball Courts | Tennis Courts | Ice Rink | Skate Park | Frisbee Golf | Gym/Rec Center | Boat Launch | Beach | Swimming Area | Fishing Area | Observation Pier | Picnic Shelters | Picnic Tables | Grills | Restrooms | Natural Area | Lakeshore Trail | Sledding Hills | Campground |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| Aamodt                    | х          |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  | х               | х             | х      |           |              |                 |                |            |
| Beachwood                 | х          |                  |                  | х                 |                   |                 |               | х                 |               | х        |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  | х               | х             | х      | Х         | х            | х               | х              |            |
| Beidler -Street           |            |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 |               |        |           |              |                 |                |            |
| Beukema                   | х          | х                | х                |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | х             | х      | Х         |              |                 |                |            |
| Campbell                  | х          | х                | х                |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  | Х               | х             | х      | Х         |              |                 |                |            |
| Clara Shepherd            |            |                  |                  | х                 |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | х             |        |           |              |                 |                |            |
| Day of Caring             | х          |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | х             |        |           |              |                 |                |            |
| Fisherman's               | x          |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                | x           |       |               | х            |                  | х               | х             | х      | х         |              | х               |                | х          |
| Grand Trunk               |            |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                | х           |       |               | х            |                  | х               | х             |        |           | х            | х               |                |            |
| Hackley Park              |            |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | х             |        |           |              |                 |                |            |
| Harbour Towne<br>Beach    |            |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             | х     | х             |              |                  |                 | х             |        |           |              |                 |                |            |
| Hartshorn<br>Marina       |            |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                | x           |       |               | х            |                  | х               | х             | х      | x         |              | х               |                |            |
| Jaycees                   |            |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                | х           |       |               | х            |                  |                 | х             |        |           | х            | х               |                |            |
| Kruse                     | х          |                  |                  | х                 |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             | х     | х             |              | х                | Х               | х             | х      | Х         | х            |                 |                |            |
| Margaret Drake<br>Elliott | х          |                  |                  |                   |                   |                 |               |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  | Х               | х             | х      | X         |              | х               |                |            |





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|                           | Playground | Softball Diamond | Baseball Diamond | Basketball Court | Volleyball Courts | Football Fields | Soccer Field | Pickleball Courts | Tennis Courts | Ice Rink | Skate Park | Frisbee Golf | Gym/Rec Center | Boat Launch | Beach | Swimming Area | Fishing Area | Observation Pier | Picnic Shelters | Picnic Tables | Grills | Restrooms | Natural Area | Lakeshore Trail | Sledding Hills                                   | Campground |
| Marsh                     | х          |                  | х                |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | х             | х      | х         |              |                 |  |            |
| McCrea                    | х          | х                | х                | х                |                   |                 | х            |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | х             | х      | х         |              |                 |  |            |
| McGraft                   | х          | х                | х                | х                |                   |                 |              | х                 | х             | х        |            | х            | х              |             |       |               | х            |                  |                 | х             | х      | х         | х            |                 | х  |            |
| McLaughlin                | х          |                  |                  |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  | х               | х             | х      |           |              |                 |  |            |
| Muskegon                  |            |                  |                  |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               | х            | х                |                 |               |        |           | х            | x               |  |            |
| Lakeshore Trail           |            |                  |                  |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 |               |        |           |              |                 |  |            |
| Nims                      | Х          |                  |                  |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | Х             |        |           |              |                 | $\vdash$   |            |
| Pere Marquette            | Х          |                  |                  |                  | Х                 |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             | Х     | Х             | Х            |                  |                 | Х             |        | Х         |              | Х               | $\vdash$   |            |
| Reese                     | Х          | Х                | Х                | Х                |                   |                 | Х            | Х                 | Х             |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 | Х             | Х      | Х         |              |                 | $\vdash$   |            |
| Richards Park             |            |                  |                  |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            | Х            |                | Х           |       |               | Х            |                  |                 | Х             |        |           | Х            |                 |  | <b>-</b>   |
| Seyferth                  | Х          |                  |                  | Х                |                   | Х               | Х            |                   |               |          | Х          |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  | Х               | Х             | Х      | Х         |              |                 | <del>                                     </del> | <b>-</b>   |
| Sheldon                   | х          | х                | Х                | х                |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  | Х               | х             |        | х         |              |                 |  | -          |
| Smith-Ryerson             | х          |                  |                  | х                |                   | х               | х            |                   |               |          |            | х            | х              |             |       |               |              | х                | х               | х             | х      | х         | х            |                 |  | ļ          |
| St. Joseph                | х          |                  |                  |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               |              |                  |                 |               |        |           |              |                 |  |            |
| Veterans<br>Memorial Park |            |                  |                  |                  |                   |                 |              |                   |               |          |            |              |                |             |       |               | x            |                  |                 |               |        |           | х            |                 |  |            |



# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 7

#### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Muskegon has developed the following goals and objectives for Parks and Recreation facilities and programs. These goals and objectives are based upon the recreation inventory and needs assessment, the Community Survey and direct input from citizens, elected and appointed city officials and city staff.

The goals are long-range, broad in scope and flexible to accommodate future change. Objectives are the actions the city intends to follow to achieve the stated goals. The objectives are specific and intended to direct program and development decisions to be made during the next five years. Goals and objectives are flexible enough to reflect changing attitudes and opportunities as they may present themselves. Time and attitude changes can impact specific options. It is therefore essential for the city to be responsive to its citizens and evolving needs.

#### **Mission Statement**

The City of Muskegon Department of Recreation, Department of Public Works, and the Park's Departments will provide quality programs, facilities, and parks for the benefit and enjoyment of city residents and guests.

#### Goal No. 1

Provide recreational facilities which contribute to family and neighborhood stability.

#### **Objectives**

- Improve the level of maintenance in neighborhood parks.
- Strive to make each city park visibly and physically inviting.
- Encourage neighborhoods to adopt a park or participate in adopt a park





#### Goal No. 2

Provide city parks to enhance and contribute to the urban living environment.

#### <u>Objectives</u>

- Continue to rehabilitate and/or redesign many of the city parks.
- Diversify the types of facilities offered.

#### Goal No. 3

Provide accessible, enriching recreational opportunities and experiences for all people.

- Plan and develop park areas to offer passive as well as active opportunities.
- Rehabilitate and improve existing park sites to meet and exceed all safety and accessibility regulations.
- Ensure a variety of facilities to provide opportunities for all residents, regardless of race, income, and ability.

#### Goal No. 4

Preserve the natural resources of the city for present and future generations.

### **Objectives**

- Identify environmentally sensitive/ significant properties within the city
- Modify zoning to limit the types of development allowed on environmentally sensitive/significant properties.
- Acquire available environmentally sensitive land.

### Goal No. 5

Practice and promote good stewardship of park lands.

## **Objectives**

- Repair any damage or graffiti done immediately.
- Develop a marketing strategy that will better educate community residents on the effects of vandalism and improper use of city facilities.
- Install deterrent systems such as digital cameras





#### Goal No. 6

Maximize the use of Muskegon's waterfront for recreational purposes.

#### Objectives:

- Continue to seek public/private partnerships to both develop public lands and to provide additional support facilities and activities on the city's waterfront properties.
- Improve public access to Muskegon Lake
- Promote and encourage the recreational development of the lakefront with private property owners adjacent to the lake to help them to beautify, improve access to, and possibly redevelop at least the first 150' of Muskegon Lake frontage.
- Embrace the National Park Service National Water Trail Best Management Practice (BMP) criteria by promoting, establishing, and improving recreational opportunities that encourage use of the local and Great Lakes Region water trails.

#### Goal No. 7

Develop partnerships to maximize the use of recreational facilities within the city.

### **Objectives**

- Evaluate areas where facilities are underutilized or programs are not well attended.
- Improve and maximize the use of existing facilities.
- Develop partnerships with groups who could provide services that make park facilities more attractive to users.

### Goal No. 8

Provide a safe environment for parks users.

- Work with neighborhood associations to evaluate the perceived level of safety in the parks. Community Police Officers will be involved in the programming whenever possible.
- Include Parks and Recreation in development proposals and city plans.





#### Goal No. 9

Preserve and promote the historical and cultural heritage of the city.

- Work toward the completion of the historical restoration plan for all historical parks.
- Work to encourage and develop other historical/tourist facilities in the city.

#### Goal No. 10

Promote city recreational facilities and programs to residents and guests.

- Update brochure highlighting city tourist and regional facilities in conjunction with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Use social media and website to highlight tourist and regional facilities
- Expand wayfinding signage system to include Park and Recreation facilities





# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 8

#### ACTION PROGRAM AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule for the City of Muskegon state the proposed course of acquisition and development action that will be taken over the next six-year period. The goals and objectives serve as the guidelines for the development of the action program. The capital improvement schedule will focus on the needs identified in the action program and will project potential expenditures for the eight-year action period on a year-by-year basis, beginning in 2022 and extending through 2027. Extending the capital improvement schedule beyond the five-year life of the plan allows the city to continue to budget for up-coming projects. The action program focuses on the reduction of current deficiencies and the expansion and improvement of facilities in a manner that not only meets current needs but diversifies the quantity and quality of recreational opportunities within the city. This Parks and Recreation Plan identifies these needs in general terms in the recreation needs and deficiencies section; the action plan describes specific actions to be taken to address these needs; and the capital improvement schedule specifically itemizes those projects which will be most feasible during the next seven years. The proposed schedule will allow for flexibility as funds become available and as opportunities are presented. Proposed actions involve improvements to existing facilities and the addition of new facilities and programs as outlined below.

This action program looks at some of the potential projects that might evolve in the next seven years and looks beyond to future years. Some of the acquisitions listed may not be necessary for six years or more but should be accomplished as opportunities occur, to place the land necessary for future generations in the public trust. A degree of flexibility should be maintained to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves,

#### **Capital Improvement Schedule**

As stated in the action program, improvements and development will occur as funds and opportunities evolve. Assistance will be solicited from all available sources and will include both physical and financial support. Local businesses, service organizations, land developers, governmental agencies and the school district will be solicited for monetary





and material support. The city will also seek funding assistance from all available sources such as trusts, charitable foundations, and all federal and state funding programs.

The following schedule is a breakdown of the anticipated projects and projected funding for the next seven years beginning in 2022. As stated in the action program, improvements and development will occur as funds and opportunities evolve. All projections are based upon year 2022 costs and will be refined as the program progresses and the scope of work is determined. Changes in the program may occur if projected funding levels increase or decrease, but it is anticipated that the changes would be related more to adjustments in the time schedule rather than specific projects. Proposed projects will be scaled back as necessary if funding goals are not met.

| Year | Project  | City        | Other<br>Funds*   | Total<br>Project<br>Costs** |
|------|--|-------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 2022 | Pere Marquette Park Bike Lane/ Boardwalk Extension, Expand Parking, Site Lighting              | \$2,200,000 | \$300,000<br>MNRTF  | \$2,500,000                 |
|      | Hackley Park Electrical Upgrades   | \$200,000   |   | \$200,000                   |
| 2023 | Laketon – Lakeshore Trail Connector<br>Implementation  Trail Connection along Sanford/ Terrace | \$500,000   | IBTF<br>\$500,000<br>MDNR<br>\$500,000<br>MDOT<br>\$500,000 | \$2,000,0000                |





| Year | Project   | City      | Other<br>Funds*    | Total<br>Project Costs |
|------|---|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2023 | Sheldon Park  Accessibility Improvements, New Restroom/ Concession, Walking Path, Basketball Court Improvements, Parking Paving and Concrete Bench Pads   | \$569,200 |                    | \$569,200              |
|      | Margaret Drake Elliot Park  Accessibility Improvements, Replace Site Lighting, Replace Playground Equipment, Upgrade Restroom Building and Concrete Bench Pads                                  | \$546,000 |                    | \$546,000              |
| 2024 | McCrea Park  Accessibility Improvements, Walking Path, Baseball Field Improvements, Replace Playground Equipment, Upgrade Restroom Building, Concrete Bleacher Pads                             | \$618,200 |                    | \$618,200              |
|      | Beukema Park  Accessibility Improvements, Restroom Improvements, Parking Improvements, Picnic Shelter, Walking Path and Storage Building Improvements   | \$145,000 |                    | \$145,000              |
|      | McGraft Park Upgrade Kitchen, New Restroom Building, Repurpose Shuffleboard, Convert Tennis to Pickleball, Replace Fencing, Pave Service Drive and Basketball Parking Lot and Upgrade Bandshell | \$581,080 |                    | \$581,080              |
| 2025 | Reese Park New Splashpad, Restroom Improvements, Pave Parking Lots, New Full Court Basketball Court   | \$325,000 | \$300,000<br>MNRTF | \$625,000              |





| Year | Project  | City      | Other<br>Funds*    | Total<br>Project Costs |
|------|--|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2025 | Sevferth Park Remove Skate Park, Add Bleachers and Upgrade Goal Posts at Football Field, Restroom Ada Improvements     | \$105,000 |                    | \$105,000              |
|      | Marsh Field  New Restroom Building, Accessibility Improvements, Baseball/ Event Improvements, Parking Lot Improvements | \$562,000 |                    | \$562,000              |
| 2026 | Laketon Bike Path Pedestrian Lighting  | \$740,000 |                    | \$740,000              |
|      | Kruse Park New Playground, Accessibility Improvements, Pave and Expand Gravel Lot, Replace Boardwalk and Decking       | \$350,000 | \$300,000<br>MNRTF | \$650,000              |
|      | Beechwood Park  Accessibility Improvements, Fitness Court, Parking Improvements  | \$130,000 | NFC                | \$130,000              |
| 2027 | Campbell Field  Dog Park, Walking Trail and Landscaping  | \$250,000 |                    | \$250,000              |
|      | Lighton Park Skate Park  | \$750,000 |                    | \$750,000              |
|      | Lakeshore Trail Decking Improvements   | \$250,000 |                    | \$250,000              |
|      | Richards Park Kayak Launch, Trailhead and Parking Improvements   | \$350,000 |                    | \$350,000              |





| Year    | Project  | City        | Other<br>Funds* | Total<br>Project<br>Costs |
|---------|--|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Ongoing | Park Property Development  Possible properties include the Shoreline Drive Conversion, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Wharf and Marquette Trails | \$5,000,000 |                 |                           |
| Ongoing | Park Property Acquisition Acquisition of additional park properties  |             |                 | TBD                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Other Funds include: Iron Belle Fund Trail Grant (IBTF) Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF); Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund; Michigan DNR Waterways Grant; Coastal Zone Management Grant; MDOT Transportation Enhancement Program; other State or Federal funding sources; foundation grants; private contributions and others.





# CITY OF MUSKEGON COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN SECTION 9

#### LOCAL ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION PLAN

**CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST** 

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