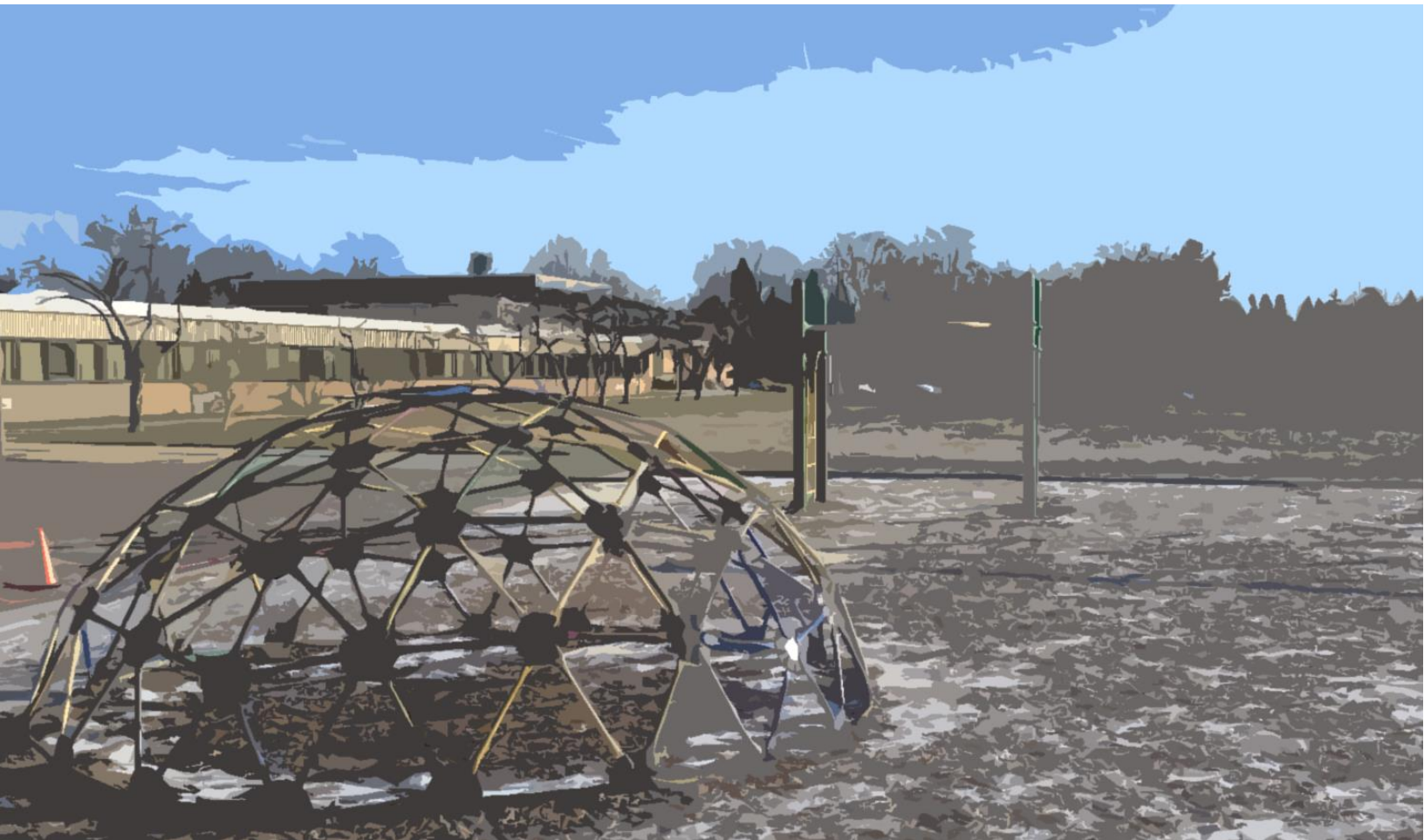


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2019 RECREATION MASTER PLAN





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RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The Recreation Master Plan provides guidance for decision-makers for future improvements and development of parks, recreational facilities, and programming which serve Farmington's residents and visitors. In accordance with the State of Michigan's five-year cycle for recreation planning, this 2019 update provides an evaluation of the overall Farmington parks and recreation system to determine where improvements can be made as envisioned by the City. The plan is written in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources standards and planning principles to:

- Create a plan that guides development that is coordinated, adjusted, harmonious, efficient, and economical and that best promotes public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare;
- At least every five years, review the plan to determine whether to amend or adopt a new master plan;
- Make careful and comprehensive surveys of present conditions and future growth;
- Consult with representatives of adjacent local units of government to avoid planning conflicts;
- Cooperate with all departments of state and federal governments, and public agencies to seek the maximum coordination of local programs with appropriate agencies.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides financial assistance through its recreation grants program to communities within the State of Michigan that want to acquire land for parks and open spaces or that want to develop recreation facilities. To be eligible to apply for grants through the MDNR, a community must have an approved, five-year recreation plan on file with Grants Management of the DNR that meets the eligibility requirements of the Natural Resources Trust Fund Act (Part 19 of 1994 PA 451).

RECREATION PLAN

The last update of the Farmington Recreation Master Plan occurred in 2005. The 2019 update includes an evaluation of parks, facilities and programming to update the City's action plan and determine where future improvements should be made.

Preparation of this recreation master plan (RMP) involved the following parties:

- **Elected officials:** The Farmington City Council provided policy direction and final approval.
- **Appointed officials:**
 - The Farmington Planning Commission provided review of land use plans and capital spending.
 - An ad hoc Recreation Master Plan Update Committee was appointed by City Council.
- **The RCM Committee**, includes representatives from the following organizations/groups:
 - Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, City of Farmington Hills recreation administration, Farmington Public Schools, Mayor's Youth Council, and two members from the Farmington residential community (one representative and one alternate). A resident of the City of Farmington also participated as an ex-officio member. Members of all of the City's Boards, Commissions and Committees serve on a volunteer basis.
- **City staff:** The City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Director of Economic and Community Development were the primary staff members involved in updating the Master Plan.
- **Public:** The general public was informed by newspaper advertisements and an online announcement of a public hearing to consider the draft Recreation Master Plan.

The planning process followed the State guidelines and resulted in a number of solicited input and public comments. This highly participatory process produced a Plan that reflects the needs and ideas of those who make use of the area's parks and recreation facilities. The planning process followed is outlined below.

2.1 Planning Process

Task One COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The process began with an update to the city's physical and social characteristics. These features include location, land use, natural features, and a description of the transportation network as well as population features including age distribution, people with physical disabilities, employment and income.

Task Two RECREATION INVENTORY

The recreation inventory included site visits and written descriptions of recreation facilities in the township including public parks, schools, and private facilities. The information includes acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of equipment and other descriptions of the physical attributes. A list of other parks that are available to city residents through Oakland County, State of Michigan and neighboring municipalities is also included. Non-public recreation facilities in the township and county are listed as well.

Task Three PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public open house was held on March 31st, 2016, to gain input from the general public. In addition, a public hearing was held by the City Council before adoption on May 9th, 2016. See *Appendix B: Public Involvement* for a summary of public comments received.

Upon completion of the analysis, goals and objectives were determined to provide guidance for the development of the Action Program. This created the five-year plan and offers a checklist of what action is to be accomplished, when and where it will occur, who will accomplish it, how much it will cost, and potential funding sources

Task Four ANALYSIS

Based on the data collected from the first three tasks, information was analyzed in accordance with national and state standards and guidelines, local needs, the experience of staff and consultants, the desires of the residents, and potential funding sources.

Task Five ACTION PROGRAM

Upon completion of the analysis, goals and objectives were determined to provide guidance for the development of the Action Program. This created the five-year plan and offers a checklist of what action is to be accomplished, when and where it will occur, who will accomplish it, how much it will cost, and potential funding sources.

Task Six PLAN COMPLETION AND ADOPTION

Once consensus was reached among city officials, a public hearing was held to present the plan and to solicit public input prior to adoption. The Plan was available for public review for one month prior to adoption. Based on public comments, the Plan was revised and the document was adopted by the City Council. See *Appendix D: Adoption and Transmittal Information* for adoption documentation.

2.2 Administrative Structure and Funding

The City of Farmington's Charter does not require a park or a recreation department, nor has the City Council established such departments, preferring to retain the policy making function and leave the administration to the City Manager. Various service delivery alternatives have been employed as the community moved through different phases of development. During the fifties and sixties, the City operated an independent program. After the City of Farmington Hills was chartered in 1973, the two cities operated a combined program under the guidance of a joint recreation commission. Since 1977, the City has purchased program services from the City of Farmington Hills. Residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills are eligible to participate in these jointly funded programs.

As a result of the joint funding of recreation programs and administration by Farmington and Farmington Hills, there is extensive and ongoing consultation between the cities regarding recreation programs, activities and facilities. However, park and facility development and maintenance has continued as a direct responsibility of the City under the direction of the City Manager and the oversight of the City Council.

Other citizen boards are also concerned with policies relating to the parks and recreation department. They are the Arts Commission and the Commission on Aging, both jointly responsible to cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, and the Historical Commission. The latter is directly responsible for the physical maintenance and program development of the City's historical museum, the Governor Warner Mansion.

The jointly funded recreation program is regularly reviewed by the city administration and annually reviewed by the City's Planning Commission and City Council. These reviews are conducted in addition to the ongoing assessment and utilization reviews performed by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services staff, which administers the recreational programs of both communities.

The budgets of the last several years indicate that the city has maintained an active concern for recreation. *Table 1: Recreation and Cultural Services Budget* below shows the budget history for the past three fiscal years. The figures include both capital and operating expenses, which accounts for the fluctuation from year to year. The recreation services column consists of the service fee paid to Farmington Hills, plus operating supplies and utility fees. The park column includes capital expenses for equipment and facilities plus the personnel costs for ongoing maintenance and supervision.

Table 1: Recreation and Cultural Services Budget					
Description	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Council Approved
Parks	287,464	292,844	366,948	296,626	329,348
Recreation Services	245,683	262,051	270,441	284,747	298,161
Farmer's Market	44,668	54,477	50,972	58,854	56,225
Historical Commission	20	412	175	945	3,670
Governor Warner Mansion	48,197	97,885	142,331	94,914	80,438
Total Budgeted	626,032	707,669	830,867	736,086	767,842

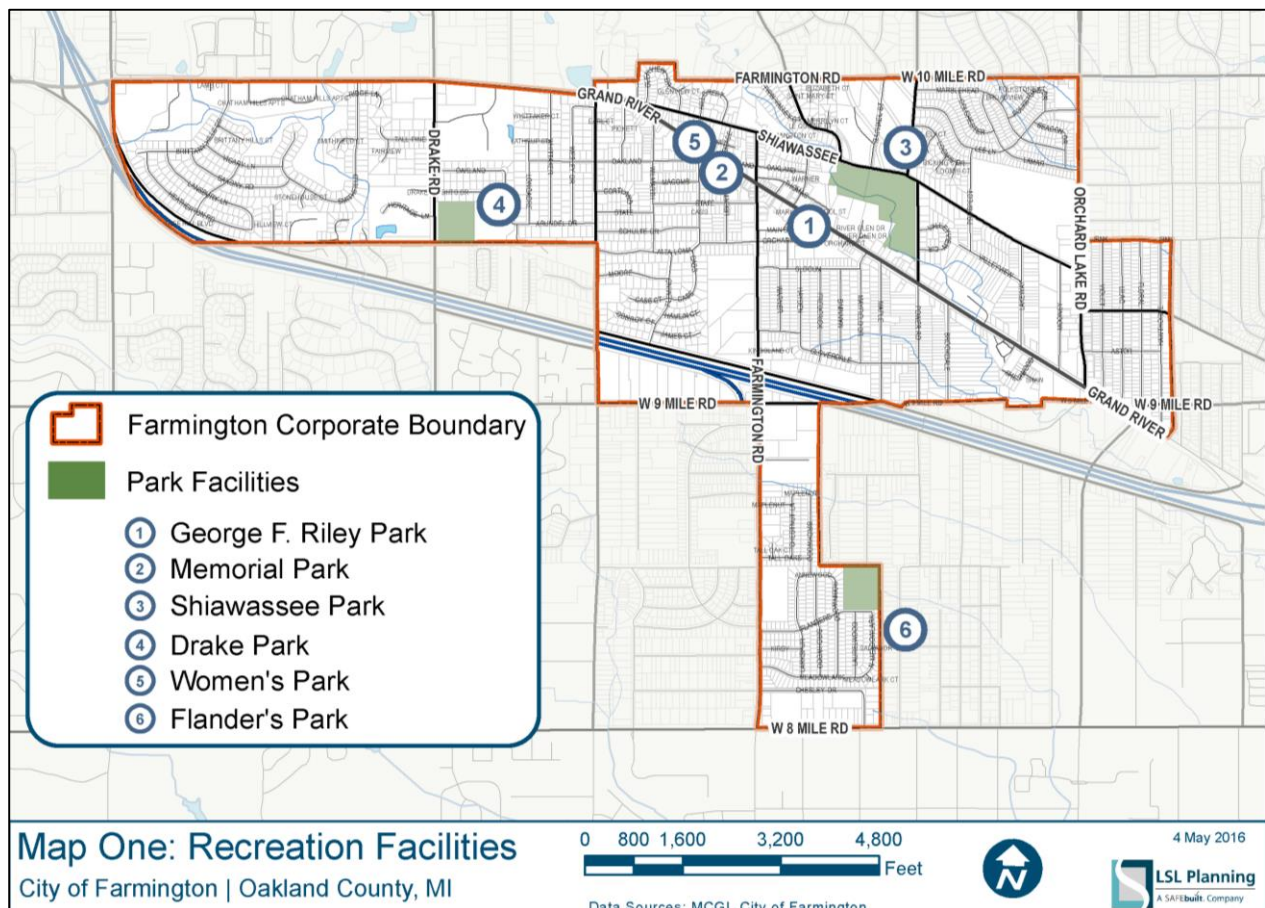
3.0 INVENTORY

A complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs, and events is an essential component of a five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Plan's Action Program. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to Farmington residents will assist decision-making in the future. The inventory covers the following listed components:

- Public Parks and Facilities
- School Parks and Facilities
- Regional Parks and Facilities
- Private Recreation Facilities
- Public Recreation Programs

In addition to local recreational amenities, the City of Farmington is uniquely situated amidst a number of regional parks. There are 5 county parks and 3 state parks within ten miles of Farmington City Hall. Ten miles is an arbitrary figure; another five miles, usually about ten minutes, would include 8 more major parks including some of the City of Detroit and Huron-Clinton Metro Authority.

Within the City of Farmington, all known facilities are listed. Not all the facilities of other municipalities, jurisdictions or organizations are listed. *Map One: Recreation Facilities* displayed below shows the location of the City's six public parks.



3.1 Inventory Process

The following inventory and subsequent analysis were developed using the recommended park classifications and facility guidelines of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). These guidelines were developed in 1983 and are used to help identify needed recreational facilities in the community. While they provide a baseline for measuring whether existing parks meet community needs, the city should balance these guidelines with other needs evident in the community. Information was gathered based on existing spatial data, field visits, previous plans and public and committee input.

3.2 Public Parks Inventory & Analysis

The following is a barrier free rating and amenities summary of publicly-owned parks in the City, followed by more detailed descriptions of each park by park classification (see Table 3-1 below), recreation amenities, facilities condition, public input and proposed actions for each park's maintenance and condition moving forward.

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25 to 0.5 A
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1.0 to 2.0 A
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable-depends on function.	Variable
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5.0 to 8.0 A

3.3 Barrier Free Accessibility

The passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) required all areas of public service to have barrier-free accessibility, including parks and recreation facilities. The evaluation of the parks and facilities in Farmington includes an assessment of their barrier-free access. In accordance with the MDNRE standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if persons with limited sight, hearing, mobility and comprehension can safely and independently access and use the park or facility. The evaluation uses a ranking system from 0-5, with lower scores indicating lower levels of accessibility and vice versa.

Accessibility Level

0

The park is completely undeveloped and left in a natural state with no paved surfaces.

1

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

2

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

3

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

4

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

5

The entire park was designed using the principles of universal design, enabling all environments to be usable by everyone, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

BARRIER FREE RATING BY FACILITY

4

DOWNTOWN RILEY PARK – The pavilion and park nested downtown accessible by ADA compliant sidewalks and surrounded by parking lots with only 2 barrier-free spaces in close proximity.

3

SHIAWASSEE PARK – With six barrier-free parking spaces, path access, accessible restrooms and accessible amenities, Shiawassee Park is mostly accessible. With two stair case access points, two bridges, and many facilities not accessible, there is some room for improvement in barrier-free access.

3

WOMEN'S PARK – A pocket park located on the west side of downtown, Women's Park is accessible by sidewalk only. On-street parking is available on Oakland St without barrier-free access. Pathways wind through the park.

2

MEMORIAL PARK – With poor crosswalk access and a prime location across from City Hall, this park could be more connected to the rest of downtown. Sidewalks connect the park along Oakland St and Grand River Ave to Farmington Road, where crosswalks are in place.

2

DRAKE PARK – A paved parking lot with two barrier-free spaces and a pathway that leads to restrooms, tennis courts and ball fields makes this park fairly accessible. However, the condition of the pavement is not great and not all facilities are accessible.

Further Barrier-Free Evaluation:

“The City is committed to establishing an ad-hoc Barrier-Free Evaluation Committee that would include mobility-limited persons to review and assess all new park and recreation development and renovation projects, as well as existing parks and recreation facilities and programs for barrier-free access. The Committee will be assigned a specific staff liaison to assist with administrative matters. Committee members will be appointment by the City Manager”

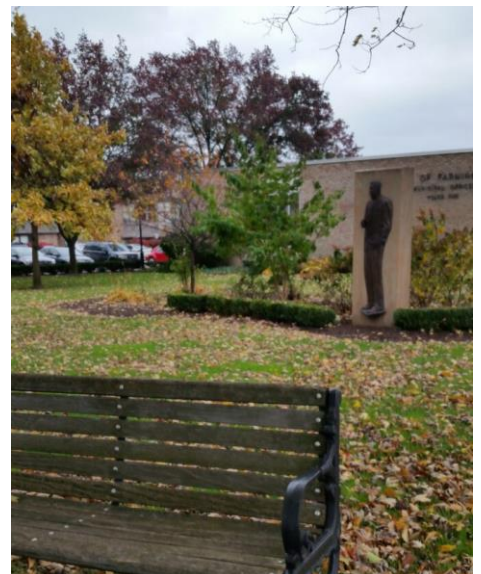
2005 Recreation Master Plan

Resources:

www.ADA.gov

Michigan DNR Accessible Advisory Council

www.DOWNTOWNFARMINGTON.org





SHIAWASSEE PARK

Located east of City Hall between Shiawassee Street and Grand River, Shiawassee Park is the City’s largest park. This community park is approximately 23.94 acres in size and offers a variety of public amenities. The South Farmington Little League uses the ball fields for many of its regular season games, and reservations at the picnic pavilion can be tricky as the venue is regularly booked up for local community gatherings.

This park remains an integral public resource, however there are several enhancements scheduled. Short-term improvements to the park include a new pedestrian connection between the park and Downtown, new playground equipment, and upgrades to the ball fields. Long term improvements to the park, likely beyond the five year scope of this plan are outlined in the *2015 Downtown Master Plan*. See *Table 5-1* in the Action Program for a detailed list of both shorter and longer term implementation priorities for this park.

At A Glance: Drake Park	
Classification	Community Park
Acres	23.94
Recreation Amenities	Ball fields (4 total, 1 lighted), Tennis courts (2), Soccer field, Playscape, Restrooms, Picnic area with shelter, Pavilion, Fitness court and walking course

Facilities Conditions

- Signage looks worn and outdated.
- Bathrooms are in need of major upgrades or replacement
- Parking areas are insufficient for size and number of spaces
- Dirt in ball fields needs replacement
- Lighting equipment is not energy efficient, is in bad need of upgrade
- Playground structure looks worn and needs updating
- Walking path is in good condition
- Current pavilion is in good condition but does not meet current demand
- Tennis courts are in poor shape and should be replaced or removed
- Landscaping near south ball field is overgrown
- No sidewalk access by ball field 1
- Sitting area for ball games along north side of the park have no barrier- protection between spectators and vehicular traffic
- Stormwater retention is an issue on fields

Public Input

- Connect/extend path to Heritage park
- Connect to downtown (NW corner)
- More parking (NE corner)
- Obtain SF home (NW corner)
- More tennis courts
- More activities
- Connect/extend path along rouge river corridor.
- Increase parking to encourage visits
- Expand the plan to include the sled hill access- preserve
- Splash pad in park
- Keep as natural and simple as possible





Drake Park is located in the western portion of the City, along Drake Road. Abutting Longacre Elementary School to the east, one of the ball fields at this 9-acre neighborhood park is used regularly by the Farmington Cricket Club.

This park offers important amenities to the community, but facilities are substandard and in need of upgrades. There has been discussion of replacing the ball fields at Drake Park in a clover-leaf pattern to better utilize the space, as illustrated in the example aerial below.

As the facilities at Longacre Elementary provide activities for children, improvements at Drake should be focused on the ballfields and parking area. A shared-use facility which could serve as both a storage facility and concessions booth would complement the facilities and potentially provide updated restroom facilities. Lighting and signage are longer-term priorities for improvement. See *Table 5-1* in the Action Program for a detailed list of both shorter and longer term implementation priorities for this park.

At A Glance: Drake Park	
Classification	Neighborhood Park
Acres	9.07
Recreation Amenities	Tennis Courts, Softball fields (2), Baseball field, Public Restrooms

Facilities Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signage looks worn and outdated ▪ Restrooms are in need of major upgrades or replacement ▪ Dirt in ball fields is in need of replacement ▪ Picnic area is underutilized and inefficient ▪ Swingset is old and deteriorated ▪ Tennis courts are in poor shape and should be replaced or removed ▪ Parking area is in very poor condition and needs major upgrade or replacement ▪ Basketball hoops and netting need replacement ▪ Dumpster on-site needs an enclosure
Public Input (*indicates multiple mentions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider sharing the adjacent space with the school* ▪ Remove the tennis courts* ▪ Please fix the parking lot ▪ We should maintain the ball fields for cricket ▪ This parks needs complimentary activities- not just baseball fields, should also have a small children’s playscape for families ▪ Install a soccer field ▪ The bathroom facilities are in bad need of an upgrade ▪ We like the park ‘as is’



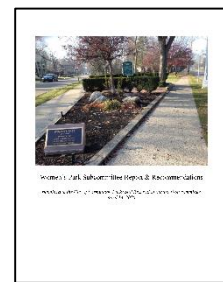
Example of a typical Clover-leaf pattern ball field design.



WOMEN'S PARK

This mini or “pocket” park is located at the southwest corner of Grand River and Oakland Street, just west of Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Established in 1899 at the suggestion of the Ladies’ Literary Club, this half-acre passive green space offers a peaceful place for gathering and contemplation in the heart of the city’s Historic Downtown District.

During the development of this plan, the Women’s Park Subcommittee used data gathered on current conditions to conduct a community survey, which received over 170 responses and synthesized community input regarding potential improvements to the park. A report with a list of recommendations was subsequently submitted to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Committee for consideration. Recommendations in the report include the development of a low-maintenance landscaping plan, upgrading and changing the orientation of park benches so they face each other and create “conversation centers”, improved lighting for security, and upgrading park signage to include a sign or marker explaining the park’s historic significance. See *Table 5-1* in the Action Program for a detailed list of both shorter and longer term implementation priorities for this park.



At A Glance: Women’s Park	
Classification	Mini Park
Acres	0.45
Recreation Amenities	Walking path and benches

Facilities Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Internal pathways are dated▪ Park benches are functional but poorly laid out and in several different styles▪ Space is not laid out in a welcoming way
Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remain as a reflective and peaceful place▪ Remain passive, quiet, reflective▪ Plant and label native flowers species





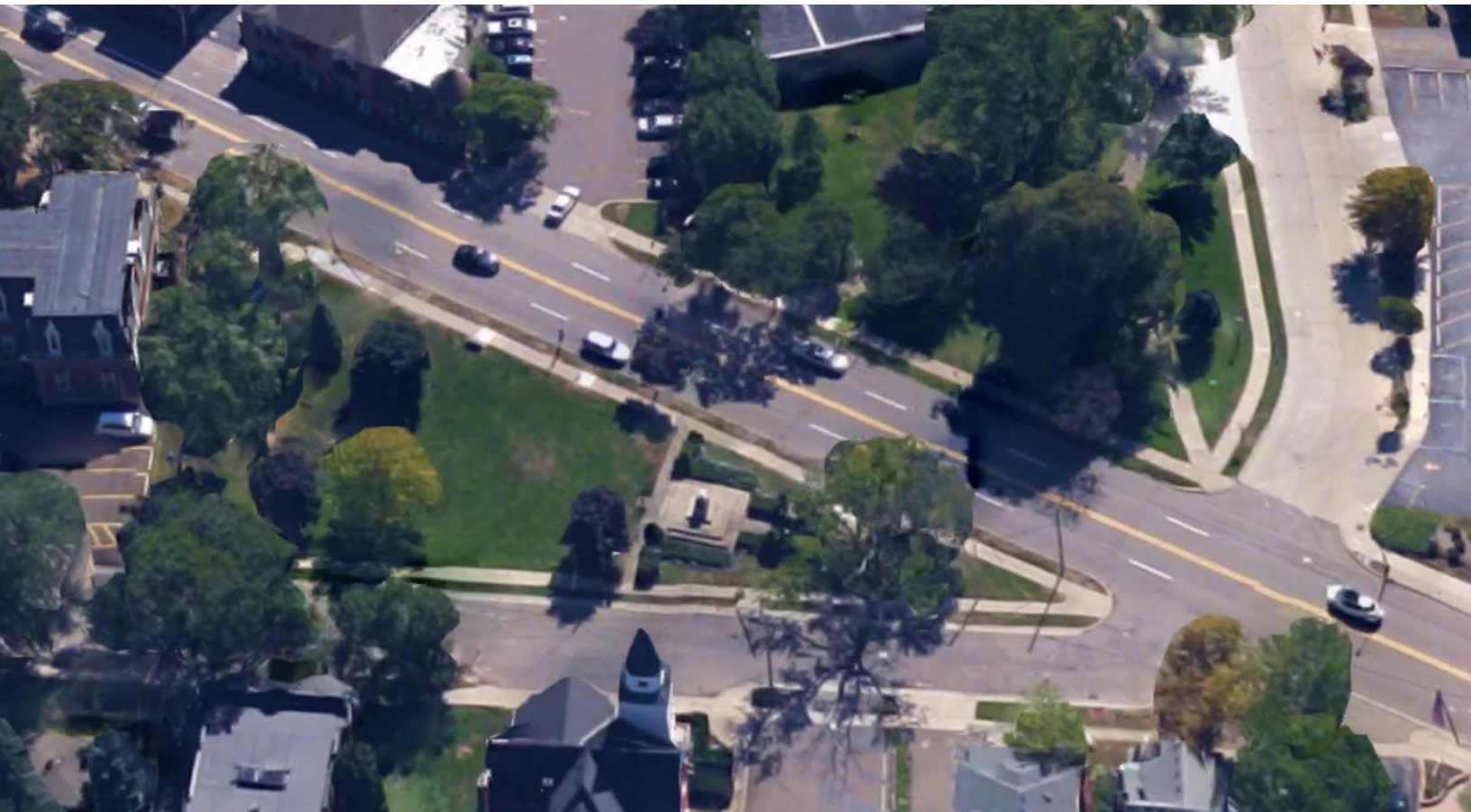
MEMORIAL PARK

Located across from City Hall at the intersection of Grand River and Oakland, Memorial Park features a war memorial on site that honors veterans from the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I. This mini park was dedicated in 1928, and there has been discussion of including mentions of veterans of more recent wars to the memorial.

The priority improvement for Memorial Park is to provide a crosswalk across Grand River to connect to the City’s adjacent green space. See *Table 5-1* in the Action Program for a detailed list of both shorter and longer term implementation priorities for this park.

At A Glance: Memorial Park	
Classification	Mini Park
Acres	0.39
Recreation Amenities	Sidewalk and benches Dog waste bag station

Facilities Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Plaques are in good condition but do not reflect recent military service efforts.▪ Signage, internal pathways are in need of an upgrade▪ Landscaping is outdated and does not utilize the space well.
Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No attractions here- this is dead space▪ Shrink Memorial Park▪ Honor all veterans for all U.S. wars, not just the ones currently listed▪ Improve the crosswalk across Grand River Ave to increase pedestrian safety▪ Connect the 9/11 memorial to Memorial Park





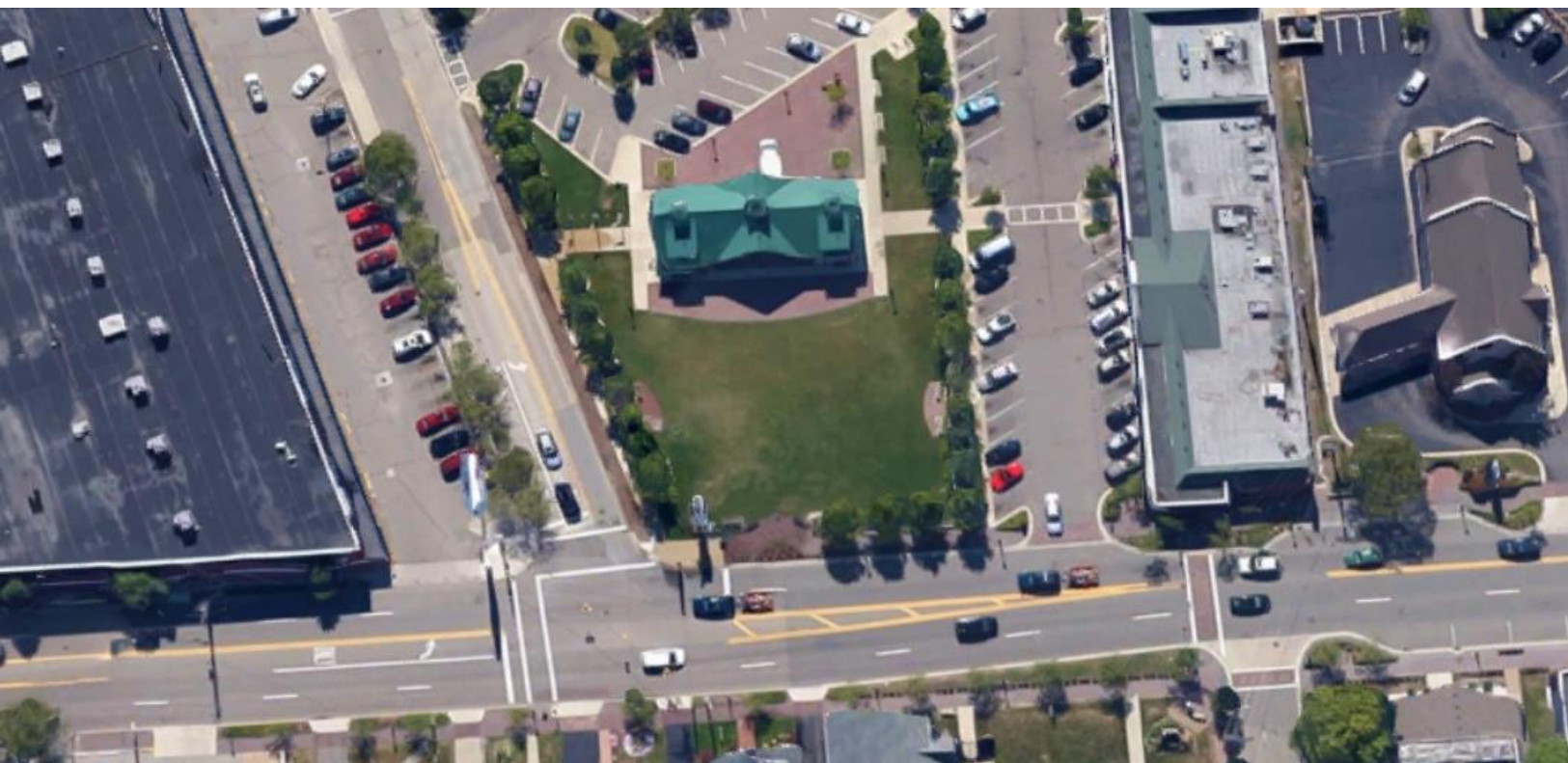
DOWNTOWN RILEY PARK

Riley Park and the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion are centered in the heart of downtown Farmington. The 0.85-acre mini park and pavilion, which opened in 2005, are a year-round gathering place for the Farmington community. More than a decade ago, Walter E. Sundquist, owner of Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, stepped forward with a large donation to ensure success of the pavilion. The park was named after George F. Riley who, through The Riley Foundation, donated the funds for its construction. Today, Riley Park and the Sundquist Pavilion is home to the Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market, Rhythmz in Riley Park, Swing Farmington, the Harvest Moon Celebration and, in the winter months, the Riley Park Ice Rink.

See *Table 5-1* in the Action Program for a detailed list of both shorter and longer term implementation priorities for this park.

At A Glance: Riley Park	
Classification	Mini Park
Acres	0.85
Recreational Amenities	Winter ice rink Pavilion Public restrooms Walking paths and benches

Facilities Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Facilities are relatively new, but maintenance has not kept up with rate of use▪ Sidewalks are in good condition▪ Bathrooms have little privacy during evening hours and are not insulated/year-round
Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Move the ice rink to Shiawassee Park and open it up to regulation size▪ Improve crosswalk safety across Grand River Ave



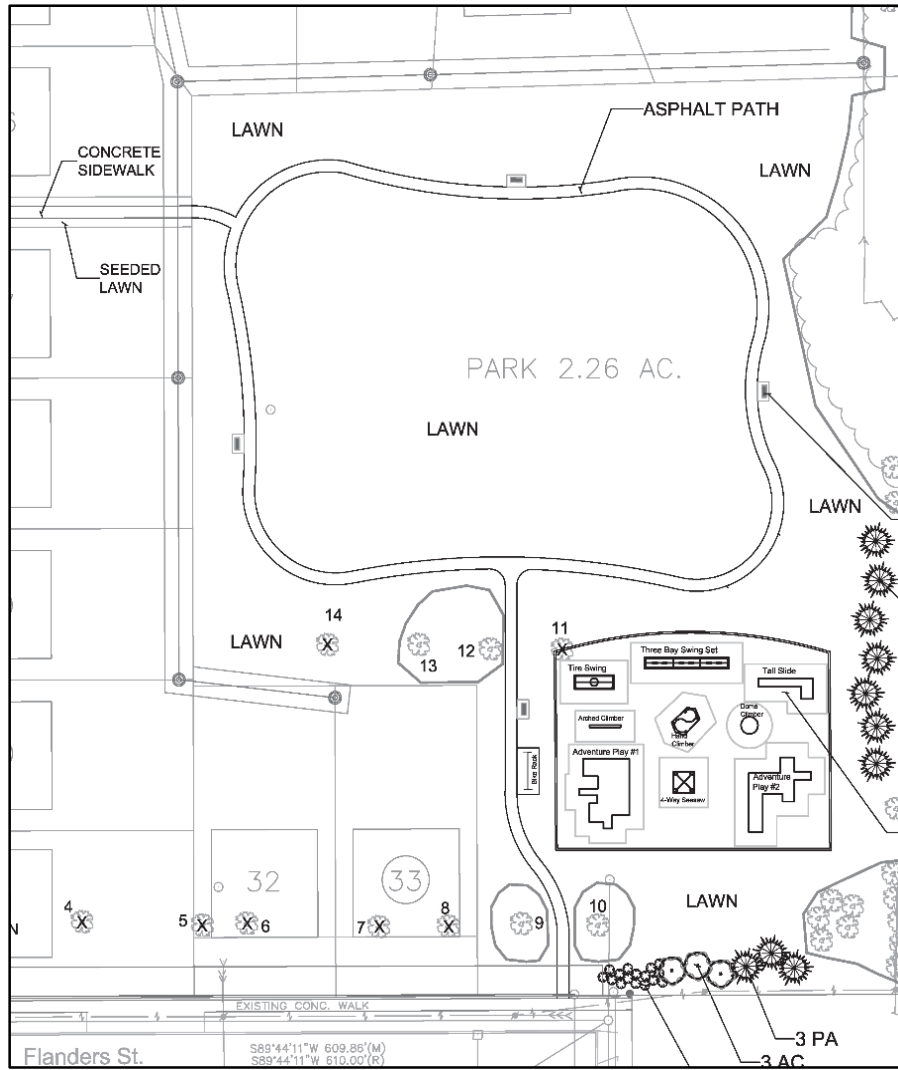


FLANDERS PARK

Located in the southernmost portion of the City, Flanders Park is being created through a public-private partnership. The developer that bought the former site of Flanders Elementary School agreed to integrate this 2.26-acre public park into their residential development. This neighborhood park will serve both new and existing homes, and has a variety of amenities including a fitness path, natural area, landscaping, and a playscape preserved from the former school site. Parking is not provided, as it is intended that neighborhood residents will be the main users.

See *Table 5-1* in the Action Program for a detailed list of both shorter and longer term implementation priorities for this park.

At A Glance: Flanders Park	
Classification	Neighborhood Park
Acres	2.5
Recreational Amenities	Fitness path, playscape, open space area
Facilities Conditions	n/a
Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park should retain a blend of trees and open space



Groveland Oaks (Groveland Township, Oakland County)
Highland Oaks (Highland Township, Oakland County)
Independence Oaks (Independence Township, Oakland County)
Lyon Oaks (New Hudson, Oakland County)
Orion Oaks (Orion Township, Oakland County)
Red Oaks (Madison Heights, Oakland County)
Rose Oaks (Rose Township, Oakland County)
Springfield Oaks (Springfield Township, Oakland County)
Waterford Oaks (Waterford Township, Oakland County)



MICHIGAN STATE PARKS

There are several Michigan State Parks that provide recreational opportunities to residents of Farmington and the region. These state facilities provide a variety of activities including camping, picnicking, swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

Maybury State Park (Northville)
Dodge #4 State Park (Waterford)

PRIVATE FACILITIES

Farmington Tennis Club	Brookdale Condominium
Racquet Ball Courts of Farmington	Independence Green
Chatham Hills	Fairways of Copper Creek
Drakeshire Apartments	Drakeshire Lanes
Jamestown Apartments	Country Lanes
Chatham Hills Apartments	Beechview Tennis Club
Valley View Condominium	Farmington Gymnastics Center

FARMINGTON HILLS

Heritage Park is located on the west side of Farmington between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads. Currently available at this 211-acre park are 4.5 miles of trails for hiking and nature study. In the winter these trails are used for cross-country skiing, and ski rental is available on weekends. A large picnic area is located at the north end of the park. It includes a group picnic shelter, youth playground, in-ground grills, two volleyball courts, an in-line hockey rink and six horseshoe pits. During the winter, the department maintains the pond near Farmington Road for ice skating. Also located in Heritage Park are the Visitor Center, Day Camp, Nature Center and Studio-stables.

Founders Sports Park is located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of Halsted. It is a 101-acre park with a variety of active recreation facilities including 6 soccer fields, 8 ball fields, 4 volleyball courts, 2 half-court basketball courts, 1 bocce ball court, and 1 shuffle board court.

Olde Town Park is located on the corner of Independence and Waldron Streets. This 3.7 acre neighborhood park features a shelter, two tennis courts, picnic tables, grills and a youth playground.

There are a number of other recreation facilities in Farmington Hills, including the following:

Gill Elementary School
Power Middle School
Costick Center
Jon Grant Community Center
San Marino Golf Course

4.0

BASIS FOR ACTION PROGRAM

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the City. The previous sections of the plan provide valuable insight into all aspects of parks and recreation system in Farmington. This section of the Plan evaluates the information gathered from previous sections to best understand the needs and priorities for parkland, recreation facilities and programs in the community.

There were several resources incorporated into the analysis. To begin, public input was important in order to understand what residents and those actively involved in recreation considered important priorities and preferences. Next, existing parkland was evaluated in terms its size, location and function. This was followed by an analysis of recreation facilities such as athletic fields, playgrounds and trails. Current recreation programs were then evaluated to best understand future programming needs and opportunities. Finally, to ensure that all perspectives were considered, a number of existing planning documents were reviewed to ensure that the Recreation Action Plan corresponded with the current vision and goals of other related community development efforts.

4.1 Farmington Vision

Farmington recently completed a visioning process that was summarized in the 2013 City of Farmington Vision Plan. The six-month process helped guide the city to create a shared vision.

The City of Farmington fits into its region rather comfortably. It is significantly older and has more people per square mile, but fewer per household, than the regional norms. It is somewhat more affluent, but not with respect to Farmington Hills, the city's partner in recreation program delivery. Because of the public's tendency to cross municipal borders in seeking recreation, there is no strong indication that Farmington's recreation program should be significantly different than those of its neighbors. Farmington should ensure that recreational facilities and transportation are available and suitable to people of all ages and incomes.

GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN

The Grand River Corridor Study was a joint planning project involving the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, whose intent was to improve the appearance, connectivity, and economic competitiveness of the Grand River Corridor. The process incorporated widespread public input in developing a plan for the future of the Grand River Corridor. The plan's goal was to make the area a great place for people to live, work, gather, and navigate easily whether they are walking, biking or driving. This document defines a clear vision of the corridor which communicates the overall development intent for the area to both the public and private sectors. An electronic version of the plan can be found on the City's webpage.



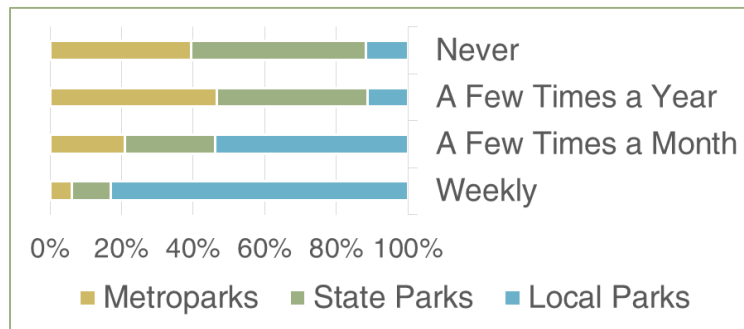
4.2 Public Input

Each plan is unique to reflect a community’s resources, needs, and goals. A community’s goals or vision is perhaps the most important component of a master plan. Those goals should be based upon public surveys, public participation, and/or community consensus. For the purpose of this update, the City of Farmington utilized survey results, a public engagement event, and a stakeholder committee in addition to the state required public hearing process for plan adoption.

The public were informed by a newspaper blurb, social media and the city’s website about an open house which was held on March 31st, 2016, at Farmington High School. Many common ideas were discussed and input for each park was presented by park in *Section 3- Inventory*. Comments were listed with no particular preference or prioritization.

Community Survey Results

The public opinion survey was provided online and on hard copy, distributed attached to resident’s water bills in December 2015, email blasts, posted on the City’s website, and by word of mouth. A total of 192 responses provided input into which types of park facilities visitors frequented most often. The two charts provided summarize usage statistics.



	Response Count	Response Percent
Metroparks		
Weekly	4	3%
A Few Times a Month	24	17%
A Few Times a Year	107	74%
Never	10	7%
Subtotal	145	100%
State Parks		
Weekly	7	5%
A Few Times a Month	28	20%
A Few Times a Year	94	67%
Never	12	9%
Subtotal	141	100%
Local Parks		
Weekly	55	38%
A Few Times a Month	62	42%
A Few Times a Year	26	18%
Never	3	2%
Subtotal	146	100%

Local parks are used frequently by those that responded to the survey, much more frequently than state and metro parks. Nearly 40% said that they use local parks weekly and another 40% use the local parks at least a few times per month. Though not visited as frequently, most participants visit state parks and Metroparks a few times per year showing that they are still a valuable amenity and destination.

Three participants stated that they never use local parks, while ten and twelve each responded that they never use Metroparks and State Parks, respectively.

The survey and more detailed results are provided in *Appendix B- Public Involvement*.

4.3 Parkland and Service Area Analysis

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides a recommended park classification system (Appendix C). Each category has its own set of size requirements, service area, and function as follows:

Table 4-2 Public Parkland Acreage Analysis

Park Classification	NRPA Guidelines* (acre/ 1,000 residents)	Existing Acres in Farmington				Recommended Acreage***	Acreage Surplus (Deficit)
		Public	Semi-Public	School	TOTAL		
Mini	0.375	2.48	.61	-	3.09	3.93	(0.84)
Neighborhood	1.75	11.57	11.5	18.00	41.07	18.33	22.74
Community	6.50	23.94	-	43.50	67.44	68.07	(0.63)
Regional	7.50	-	124.97**	-	124.97	78.54	46.43
TOTAL	-	37.99	137.08	61.50	236.57	168.87	67.7

*Source: Lancaster, Roger A., Ed. 1983. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA:NRPA
 **Glen Oaks, Oakland County Parks, Farmington Hills
 ***Based on 10,472 resident 2014 American Community Survey population estimate

Farmington meets or exceeds the guidelines for park acreage and facilities for each category except Mini Park acreage, basketball and volleyball courts. While deficient in acreage for Mini Parks, Farmington has access to ample parkland in other categories. Basketball and volleyball facilities are provided in Farmington Hills and Livonia.

Table 4-3 Public Park Facility Analysis

Farmington & School Park Facility	NRPA Guideline for Facilities*	Existing Facilities for Farmington			Recommended Facilities for Farmington**	Surplus (Deficiency) Farmington
		Public Park	School	Total		
Tennis	1/ 2,000	4	8	12	5	7
Playground	1/ 3,000	1	3	4	4	0
Baseball/Softball	1/ 5,000	6	5	11	2	9
Basketball	1/ 5,000	-	1	1	2	(1)
Volleyball	1/ 5,000	-	-	0	2	(2)
Soccer	1/ 10,000	-	3	3	1	2
Football	1/ 20,000	-	2	2	.5	1.5
Running Track	1/ 20,000	-	1	1	.5	0.5
Swimming Pool	1/ 20,000	-	1	1	.5	0.5
Golf Course- 9 hole	1/ 25,000	-	-	0	.4	(0.4)
Golf Course- 18 hole	1/ 50,000	-	-	0	.2	(0.2)
Ice rink (seasonal)	1/ 50,000	1	-	1	.2	0.8

*Source: Lancaster, Roger A., Ed. 1983. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA:NRPA
 Based on 10,472 resident 2014 American Community Survey population estimate

Mini Parks. With three parks classified as mini parks in the City, Farmington has a deficiency of roughly less than one acre based on population standards. The primary purpose of these parks is to provide local playground and open space for residential neighborhoods and are generally under one acre in size. Because of the proximity to neighborhood, community, or regional parks, the need for mini parks could be met by these larger parks. Because this deficiency is so minimal, land acquisition for additional mini park space is not recommended for the City. For purposes of this Plan, the following parks were considered mini parks:

Women's Park
Memorial Park
Downtown Riley Park

Neighborhood Parks. Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood are generally less than ten acres in size. They provide areas for both passive and active recreation activities. Farmington's two neighborhood parks and numerous school facilities provide more than the recommended acreage of neighborhood-scale parks. For purposes of this Plan, the following parks were considered neighborhood parks:

Drake Park
Flander's Park

Community Parks. With almost 70 acres recommended for Farmington, the City has a deficiency of a half-acre of community parkland. Community parks, which are typically over thirty acres in size, contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of Township residents and may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Many of these parks serve the immediate neighborhoods around them, serving as both a neighborhood park in addition to a community-wide park. For purposes of this Plan, the following parks and schools were considered community parks:

Shiawassee Park



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ACTION PROGRAM

The 2019 Farmington Recreation Plan has been prepared consistent with and in furtherance of the City’s master and downtown plans. Both plans state the pervasive consensus of the Farmington community for open space, green space and enhancement of the City’s parks and recreation areas. They also specifically address the desirability of community facilities such as recreational, park and civic uses that create an integrated network strongly linked to neighborhoods and the downtown.

This portion of the Plan is the result of a comprehensive effort that began in Sections 3-Inventory and 4-Analysis. The result of the review process begins with the goals and objectives which serve as the foundation for specific recommendations for each of the City’s parks, which can be found in Section 3-Inventory. These statements assist in prioritizing action strategies for the City.

5.1 Overall Goals

To provide a guideline for decision making, the plan includes a list of goals and objectives based on the previous 2005-2009 Parks & Recreation Master Plan, 2015 Downtown Area Plan and 2009 City of Farmington Master Plan, and the results of analysis and public input. The following goals and objectives are intended to provide an operational framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for the Farmington. These goals and objectives should be reviewed annually and modified as necessary.

- 1 **GOAL 1** – Retain the existing recreational land.
- 2 **GOAL 2** – Continue to maintain and enhance recreational land, facilities, programs, and services to meet the evolving needs of the residents of the City and its neighboring communities.
- 3 **GOAL 3** – Create nodes in the Downtown to provide better connected public gathering spaces, as well as opportunities for enhanced social interaction.
- 4 **GOAL 4** – Maintain and enhance existing relationships that promotes recreational land, programs and services for all park and recreational facility users.

Downtown Green Spaces

A major development concept calls for expanding the green space areas within the downtown. Green space areas invite pedestrians and give them a feeling of openness and cleanliness, a sense of closeness to nature. The green space areas should also serve as an attraction for suburban residents to venture into downtown via the Plan's pedestrian walkways or links to shop and enjoy the ambiance of the park setting. Greater ease of entry to the downtown and further integration of the subdivisions with the downtown is a priority.

Downtown Master Plan



5.2 Specific Goals and Objectives



1

Retain existing recreational land.

- Coordinate the Action Program with the City's Capital Improvement Program.
- Work with the Planning Commission and City Council to consider parks and recreation in development proposals and City plans and maintain existing park land through zoning requirements.
- Review the Recreation Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities with the Community Recreation Committee.

Continue to maintain and enhance recreational land, facilities, programs, and services to meet the diverse and evolving needs of the residents of the City and its neighboring communities.

- Improve barrier-free accessibility of the City's park and recreation facilities through accessible pathways and upgrading equipment to meet accessibility standards.
- Pursue the paving of walking trails to improve accessibility.
- Develop a program of signage, lighting, benches, and waste receptacles at all City parks, unique to each park but compatible with other City facilities.
- Maintain and update park equipment and facilities as needed, including playground equipment, hard pavement surfaces, and landscaping.
- Provide additional seating areas at City parks.
- Continue to aggressively explore grants and alternative funding opportunities for improvement projects.



3

Create nodes in the Downtown to provide better connected public gathering spaces, as well as opportunities for enhanced social interaction

- Evaluate potential new park development opportunities for needed and desired active and passive recreation facilities such as athletic fields, dog parks, skate parks, playground equipment, and seating areas.
- Require new development projects to include and develop minimum areas for active and passive recreation to serve future populations.
- Continue to study the feasibility of a new multi-purpose community center and library within City Center.
- Create recreation opportunities that go beyond the traditional team sports such as educational components, individual sporting pursuits, and training/self-improvement courses.
- Maintain open communication with other recreation providers for opportunities to joint venture on larger improvement projects and regional recreation demands.
- Support the acquisition and development of recreation land as a conservation measure to preserve specific natural resources.



4

Maintain and enhance existing relationships that promotes recreational land, programs and services for all park and recreational facility users.

- Coordinate with other recreation providers to prevent duplication of services and avoid competition.
- Monitor recreation programs to ensure they meet the desires of residents and accommodate enrollment figures.
- Monitor the use of athletic fields and park facilities to determine additional needs.
- Evaluate programming fees to create a balance between covering costs while maintaining affordability for area residents.
- Expand senior programs to meet their unique social and recreation interests.

5.3 Specific Recommendations

PARK SPECIFIC

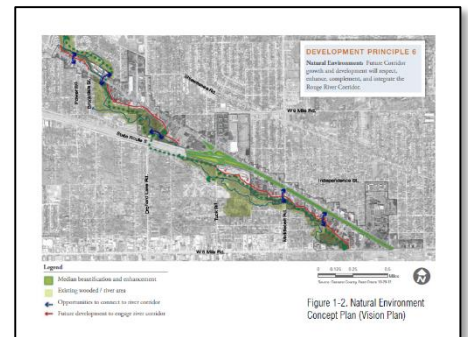
See *Section 3- Inventory* for specific recommendations per park.

UPPER ROUGE RIVER & GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR

The Rouge River winds 127 miles through metro Detroit. Parts of Historic Downtown Farmington, including Shiawassee Park are within the Rouge River watershed. Many visiting the area would not be aware of this resource, as it is quietly hidden. However, several recent planning efforts underscore the potential for enhancing the Grand River Avenue corridor through projects along the Rouge River, including the acquisition of public land for recreational, open space and a non-motorized trail network called the Riverwalk.

The concept of a Riverwalk originated with the 2015 Grand River Corridor Vision Plan, which envisioned a non-motorized trail along the Upper Rouge River extending from Shiawassee Park at the corridor's northern end to the corridor's intersection with 8 Mile Road. Due to certain constraints, this project will proceed first where land, access easements and financial resources are available. The project will be implemented in phases as additional resources are attained.

The City has utilized planning firms and student groups to facilitate several design concepts for how a series of pathways along the river would interact with and enhance the community.



SYSTEM-WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Upgrades and improvements to current parks and recreation facilities and services are high priorities to ensure their long-term viability and to meet the goals and guidelines of this Plan. The following items describe system-wide suggestions that should be coordinated each year based on the goals and objectives of the Plan.

DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS

As the park system evolves and each park undergoes its own degree of improvements, it is important to clearly identify park entrances and visually unify the parks so residents are aware the facilities they use are part of Farmington's park system. This includes updates to the current park signage to reflect the City's official logo and can also be accomplished by a set of uniform design themes to be used in the design of lighting, benches, waste receptacles, bike racks, and other amenities that represent Farmington parks.

PROGRAMMING

The City, along with other supporting groups, should continue to offer high-quality recreation programs and events for its residents and should be looking for ways to improve programming. Continued partnership with Farmington Hills remains a priority for residents to maintain the efficient provision of recreation programming to community residents.

STAFFING

The Office of Economic and Community Development needs to annually monitor staffing levels and office facility needs for efficient administration, operation, programming and maintenance of the parks and recreation system.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & FUNDRAISING

Community involvement is an essential element of recreation planning, including neighborhood support through adopt-a-park beautification programs and neighborhood watch associations to facilitate a feeling of ownership among adjacent residents. Outreach to the business community and service organizations is encouraged for park sponsorships and assistance

LAND ACQUISITION

Although it is a priority to maximize the use of existing facilities, the City should explore opportunities for land acquisition to meet future demands for parkland. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. The City can develop a public/private partnership with landowners to share use of a facility or promote the re-use of buildings no longer operating. Cooperation with schools, faith-based institutions and other civic groups may present opportunities for land donation, provided favorable arrangements are made such as the City completing certain improvements or maintaining the facilities. The City should target land for acquisition that contains sensitive natural features to ensure their preservation, and areas that are part of larger regional efforts, such as along the Rouge River as per the Grand River Avenue Corridor Plan.

5.4 Five Year Action Program

In the near future, the five-year period of this plan, the city expects to continue conducting its recreational programs through services purchased from the City of Farmington Hills. The experience of the past several years has met expectations and the City Council continues to believe that a joint program is the best available method for providing the highest quality and most varied recreational program for its residents. The city remains responsible for the maintenance of those facilities within its municipal boundaries. Farmington's Recreation Master Plan capital improvement schedule is included here as the following table (cost estimates are subject to project revision, final design and inflation).

Table 5-1 Five Year Action Program on the following pages identifies recommendations in a useable list for the City. This not only keeps the City on track with projects but it also helps to identify funding priorities. There are a number of action items identified during the five year planning period. Some actions are on-going strategies that should be considered on an annual basis to help ensure consistent, quality service of recreation facilities and programs. The key improvement recommendations are centered on the following important components of the park system:

- Expand the City's pathway system
- Upgrade existing park facilities
- Increase the variety of recreational facilities
- Preserve ample open space

Through this planning process, the City identified these elements as the most important priorities because of their ability to address all of the established goals and objectives. In summary, completion of these projects:

- Expand the diversity of recreation facilities offered in the City
- Expand programming opportunities for residents
- Increase access to parks and recreation for all residents
- Ensure high quality park and recreation services and facilities for the residents

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. In particular, costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are in 2008 dollars, are based on general assumptions and the cost of constructing similar facilities in the Midwest, and are strictly preliminary. Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming

elements and engineering plans are developed. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the Plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

Table 5-1 Five Year Action Program		
Timeline & Projects	<i>Estimated Cost & Primary Funding Source</i>	<i>Comments</i>
2016-2018		
Shiawassee Park Improvements: Initiate access improvements between park and downtown, including switchback and pedestrian bridge.	\$1-2 mi General Fund, DDA	Need to coordinate acquisition of Shiawassee park from Farmington Public Schools. Timeline of improvements in accordance with implementation of Downtown Area Plan.
Drake Park Improvements: Upgrade ball field with new layout, add lighting to large field, upgrade parking area, add dumpster enclosure	\$1 mi General Fund	Need to determine and finalize park layout and facilities design plan.
Women’s Park Improvements:	TBD General Fund, Private Funds	Implement recommendations of Women’s Park Subcommittee report.
Flanders Park Improvements: Implement approved plan for park, including relocation of elementary school playground equipment, landscaping, installation of fitness path and park signage	\$75,000 Private Funds	To be implemented as part of Riverwalk of Farmington.
Memorial Park Improvements:	TBD General Fund, Private Funds	Need to complete updated park improvements plan.
Downtown Riley Park Improvements: Ongoing maintenance,	Variable DDA	Ongoing park and facilities maintenance.
Other activities: Begin Phase 1- Rouge River Trail Plan	TBD General Fund, CIA	To be implemented as part of the Grand River Improvement Authority Corridor Vision
2018-2020		
Shiawassee Park Improvements: Initiate ballpark redesign improvements, add new playground equipment, ongoing maintenance to pavilion, new signage		See above.
Drake Park Improvements: Upgrade public restrooms, add shared-use facility for ball fields		See above.
Longer Term Projects- 2021 and beyond		

Regional Setting

The City of Farmington is located in southeastern Michigan in the southern part of Oakland County. The City is bordered on three sides by the City of Farmington Hills and on the south by the City of Livonia, which is in Wayne County.

The City of Farmington is located in metropolitan Detroit. Being a heavily urbanized region is taken into consideration for all planning, including community planning. As a result of community traditions and significant jointly-operated programs between Farmington and Farmington Hills, many area residents are unaware of geopolitical boundaries.



Socioeconomic Characteristics

The following demographic report provides an understanding of the unique characteristics and qualities of the local population. The following includes an analysis of age, disability, income and employment characteristics together with household trends among city residents. These factors help the City identify current and future needs, allowing the City to assess whether existing facilities are adequate or need additional amenities and improvements for underserved residents.

POPULATION AND HOUSING TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

Like many Michigan communities, Farmington began as a small community but experienced steady growth until the early 2000’s, where populations began a slight decline, in part due to a downturn in the economy. Population and housing trends are summarized in *Table A-1 Population and Housing Trends*.

	Table A-1 Population and Housing Trends				
	2000	2010	% Change 2000-2010	July 2015 Estimate	2040
Population	10,423	10,372	-0.5%	10,900	10,979
Housing Units	4,991	4,959	-1%	4,959	n/a
Household Size	2.13	2.22	4%	2.26	2.34
Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 2040 Forecast, 2000 and 2010 US Census					

The most current population estimate is provided by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), which estimates that as of July 2015 there were 10,900 people living in the City of Farmington. This is a slight increase from 2010 figures, while the population is projected to increase slightly over the next 20+ years.

AGE DISTRIBUTION

Our recreational requirements change with age, which results in different facility and programming requirements. Table A-2 Age Distribution shows the age distribution of the City in 2010 and projected for 2040.

It should be noted the most significant change will be the number of residents 65 years of age and older, which is projected to more than double by 2040. This indicates a strong need to plan recreation for seniors, as the baby boomer generation matures and improvements in medical technology help people live longer.

Table A-2 Age Distribution			
Age Group	2010	2040	% Change 2010-2040
Under 5	674	647	-4%
5 to 17	1608	1,607	0%
18 to 34	2210	2224	1%
35 to 64	4,269	3,801	-11%
65+	1611	2700	68%
Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 2040 Forecast, 2010 US Census			

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

The estimated 2014 unemployment rate was lower in Farmington (7.3%) in Ferndale (10.5%), a comparable city of size and character, and Oakland County (9.1%), but higher than in Farmington Hills (5.9%) .

The Median Household Income in Farmington is \$58,908 per the 2010-2014 American Community Survey Estimates. This is lower than Farmington Hills (\$71,061) and Oakland County (\$66,436), but higher than Ferndale (\$50,590).

Individuals below the poverty level within the City makeup 6.1% of the population (2010-2014 ACS Estimates). This is lower than Farmington Hills (7.9%) and Oakland County (10.4%) and much lower than Ferndale (17.0%).

Physical Characteristics

LAND USE

The land use distribution and development pattern of a community is important when considering the geographic distribution of parks and recreational facilities because they should be placed where there are concentrations of residents and the related places of public gathering. Existing Land Use and Future Land Use maps can be found in the City's planning documents.

Farmington offers a healthy mix of land uses, although single-family residential is the primary developed use in the City. Nearly 5% of land use is categorized as recreation or conservation. Development is compact and diverse and generally offers more land to commercial and institutional uses than comparative communities. The more compact development pattern of Farmington provides an advantage in terms of sustainability and walkability. Downtown

Farmington serves as a distinguishable mixed-use center with retail, entertainment, office and residential uses within a compact walkable area.

TRANSPORTATION

Several major roads service the City. Grand River Avenue is a major east-west corridor through downtown Farmington. Farmington City Hall, which is centrally located in the City, is about five miles from Telegraph Road on the east and I-96 on the south. I-696 is about three miles north and I-275 about three miles west. The M-5 Freeway runs through the City and Eight Mile Road is on the southern border.

Because of the excellent highway system, most sections of the metropolitan area are readily available to Farmington's residents. Since the opening of the Walter Reuther Freeway, I-696, even the far east side is less than an hour's drive. A number of specialized facilities provide professional sports, popular music and various other events year round. Similarly, people from other communities utilize Farmington's parks and patronize commercial recreational facilities in the City. Compact, walkable development allows for residents and visitors to frequent parks by walking and biking.

NATURAL FEATURES

The Great Lakes are the dominant physical resource in the region and a number of inland lakes reinforce the popularity of water sports and water-based activities. Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and Lake Erie are all within an hour's drive and attract boaters, swimmers and fishermen. Farmington is about 25 miles from Lakes St. Clair and Erie, and most of the Detroit River is somewhat closer. The area to the west, from southwest to northwest, offers a variety of environments: hilly, wooded, agricultural, suburban, small towns, lakes and rivers.

The Upper Rouge River flows from Farmington Hills southward through the north and eastern portions of the City. The River valley is a distinct topographic feature that contributes to Farmington's unique character. The northern segment of the River's floodplain is occupied by parkland (Shiawassee Park). In addition, Farmington has several contiguous wooded areas, which combined, provide a continuous natural habitat that forms a natural wildlife link throughout the City.



APPENDIX B: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The process to develop the Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan involved a series of public meetings for the purpose of obtaining comments on needed and desired park and programming improvements, discussion of comments received is included throughout the plan. The community of Farmington has many organized groups and clubs that provided input into this process.

Public Meeting

Two public meetings were held as part of the public involvement process, the first on March 31st, 2016 and the second on May 9th, 2016, to provide residents the opportunity to provide input on the plan. The meetings consisted of an open house workshop at Farmington High and a presentation of the draft plan followed by a discussion on improvements to individual parks in the City amongst the Recreation Committee.

Community Survey

A community-wide survey was conducted online and on hard copy, utilizing contacts with Farmington Public Schools, attached to resident's water bills, email blasts and the City's website. Throughout the planning process over 192 surveys were completed. See below for a detailed breakdown of responses.

Public Review Period

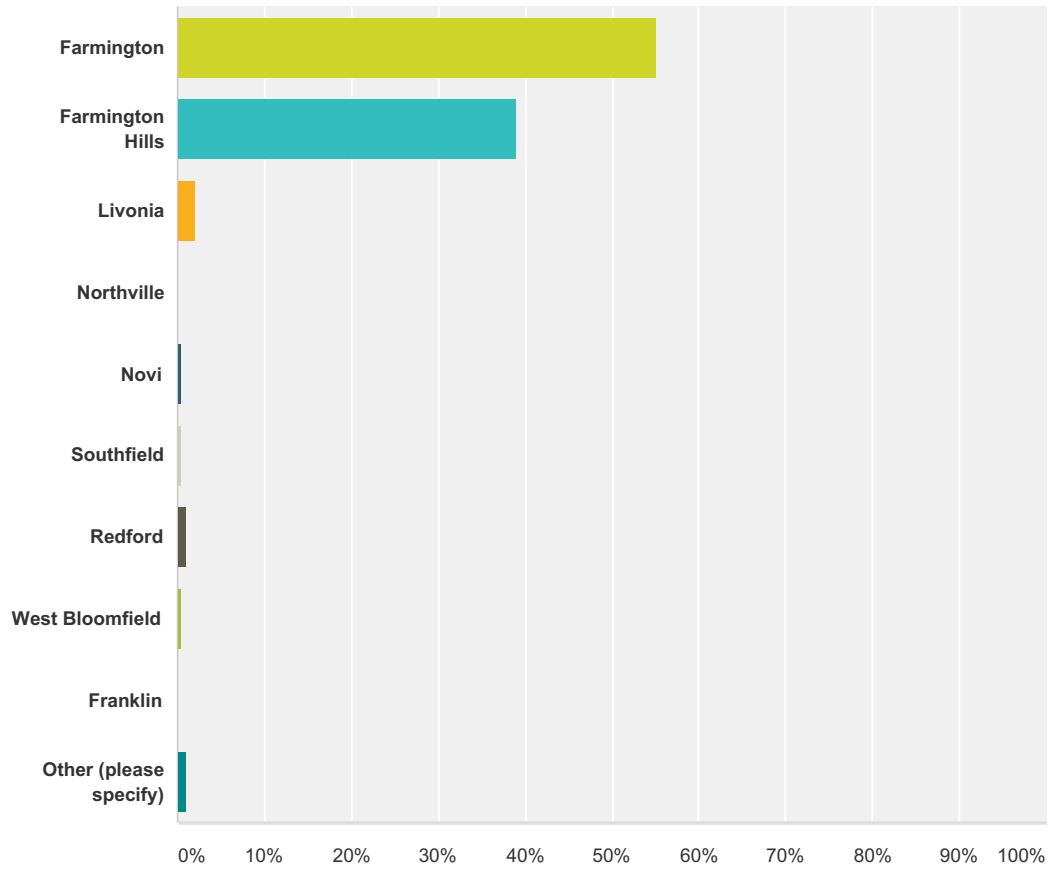
Public Hearing

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Farmington Parks and Rec Survey

Q1 Where do you live?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 0

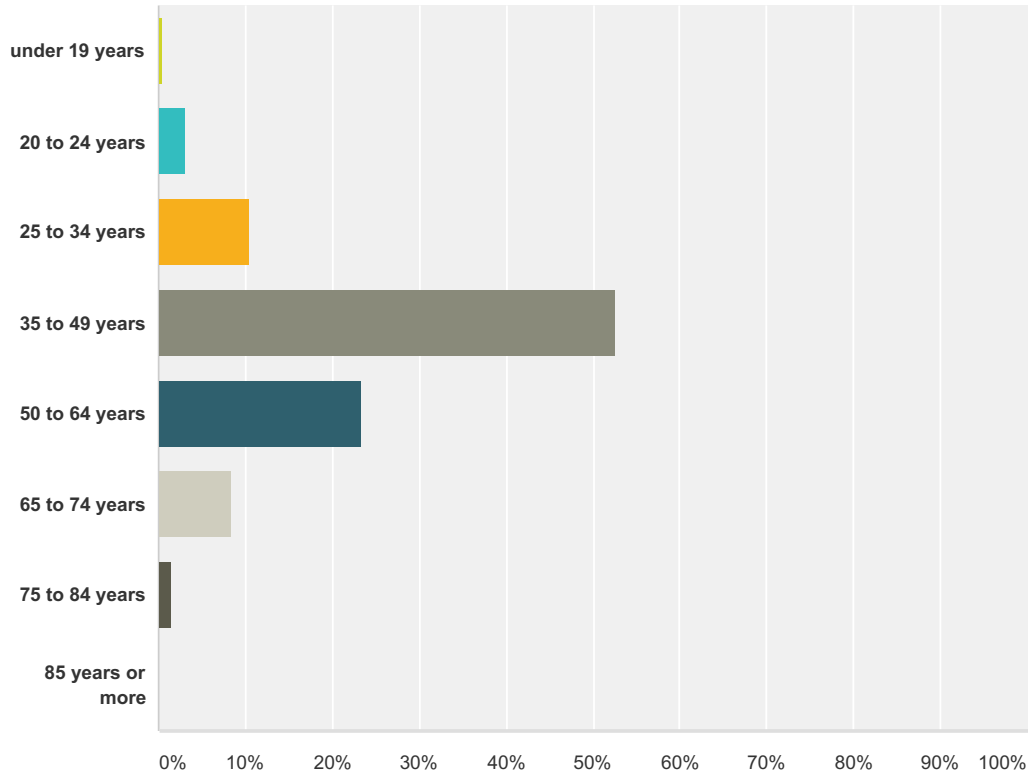


Answer Choices	Responses	
Farmington	55.21%	106
Farmington Hills	39.06%	75
Livonia	2.08%	4
Northville	0.00%	0
Novi	0.52%	1
Southfield	0.52%	1
Redford	1.04%	2
West Bloomfield	0.52%	1
Franklin	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	1.04%	2
Total		192

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Battle Creek, Michigan	3/3/2016 8:07 PM

Q2 What is your age?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 0

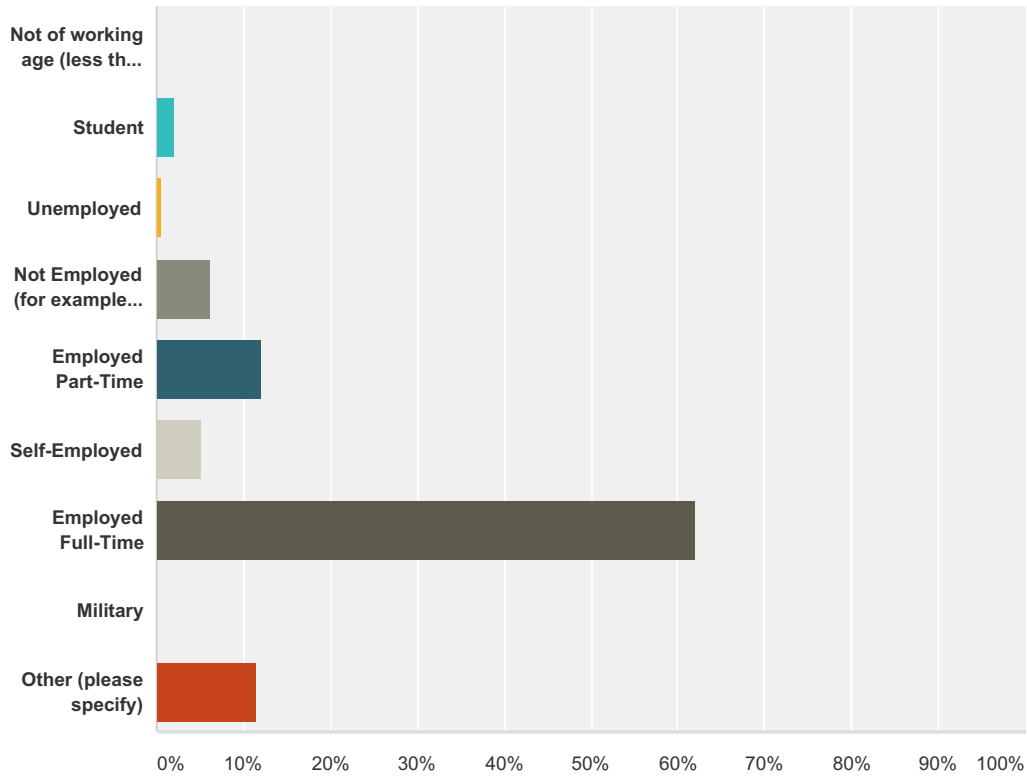


Answer Choices	Responses
under 19 years	0.52% 1
20 to 24 years	3.13% 6
25 to 34 years	10.42% 20
35 to 49 years	52.60% 101
50 to 64 years	23.44% 45
65 to 74 years	8.33% 16
75 to 84 years	1.56% 3
85 years or more	0.00% 0
Total	192

Q3 What is your occupational status?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 2

Farmington Parks and Rec Survey



Answer Choices	Responses
Not of working age (less than 16 years old)	0.00% 0
Student	2.11% 4
Unemployed	0.53% 1
Not Employed (for example: stay-at-home parent, disabled, etc.)	6.32% 12
Employed Part-Time	12.11% 23
Self-Employed	5.26% 10
Employed Full-Time	62.11% 118
Military	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	11.58% 22
Total	190

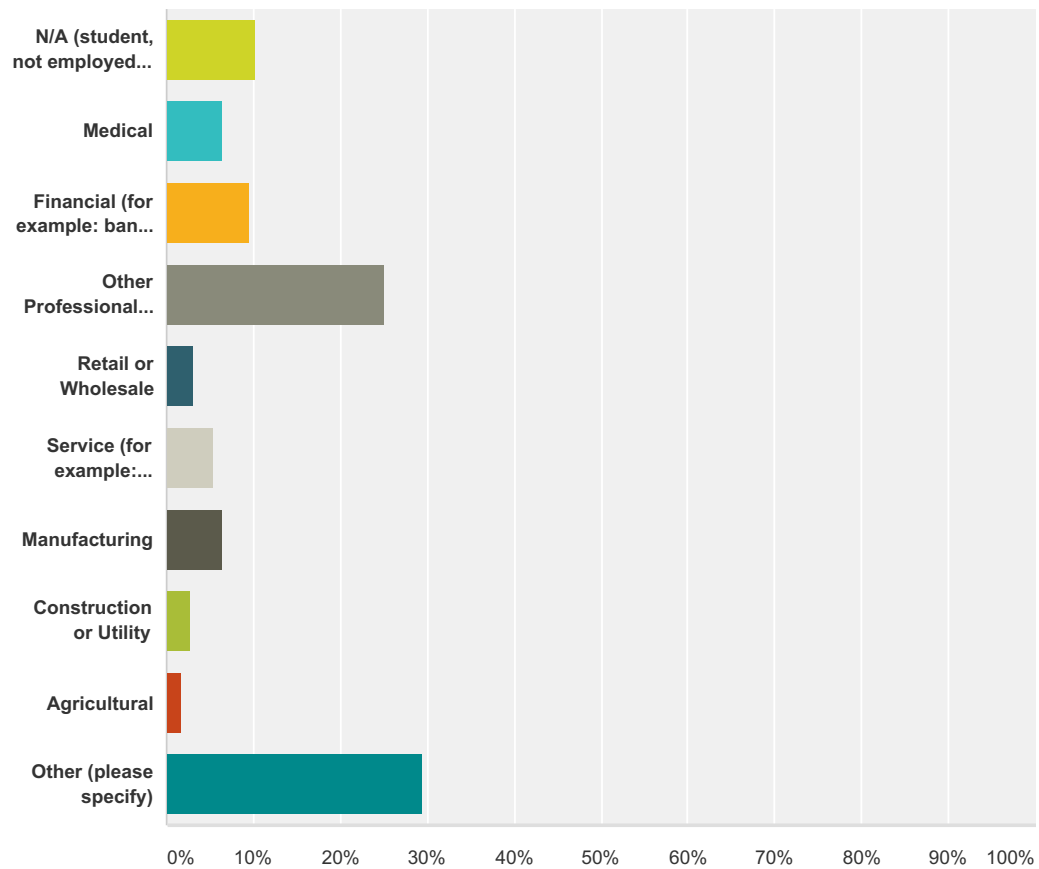
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Retired	4/3/2016 10:45 AM
2	homemaker	3/31/2016 12:56 PM
3	Stay-at-home mom	3/29/2016 7:50 PM
4	retired	3/28/2016 9:17 AM
5	Retired	3/21/2016 5:23 PM
6	retired nurse	3/19/2016 8:10 AM
7	retired	3/6/2016 7:06 AM
8	retired	2/25/2016 10:05 AM

Farmington Parks and Rec Survey

9	retired	2/18/2016 4:01 PM
10	retired	2/14/2016 11:05 AM
11	Retired	1/28/2016 4:44 PM
12	part time two jobs plus self employed	1/27/2016 8:00 AM
13	retired	1/2/2016 2:39 PM
14	Retired	12/22/2015 8:05 PM
15	retired	12/19/2015 1:24 PM
16	retired	12/18/2015 4:25 PM
17	retired	12/18/2015 1:47 PM
18	retired	12/18/2015 11:04 AM
19	retired	12/18/2015 9:39 AM
20	Retired	12/10/2015 6:54 PM
21	Retired	12/10/2015 5:41 PM
22	Consultant	12/10/2015 4:32 PM

Q4 In what type of business or industry do you work?

Answered: 187 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
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Farmington Parks and Rec Survey

N/A (student, not employed, unemployed, or other)	10.16%	19
Medical	6.42%	12
Financial (for example: bank, insurance agency, etc.)	9.63%	18
Other Professional Office (for example: attorney, realtor, etc.)	25.13%	47
Retail or Wholesale	3.21%	6
Service (for example: restaurant, dry cleaners, lawn care, auto service, etc.)	5.35%	10
Manufacturing	6.42%	12
Construction or Utility	2.67%	5
Agricultural	1.60%	3
Other (please specify)	29.41%	55
Total		187

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Municipal Gov	3/31/2016 3:19 PM
2	retired--Farmington Schools	3/28/2016 9:17 AM
3	Engineering	3/20/2016 4:50 PM
4	Publishing company	3/7/2016 1:07 PM
5	Teacher	3/6/2016 4:09 PM
6	retired	3/6/2016 7:06 AM
7	Home Health Care	3/3/2016 8:07 PM
8	Educator	3/3/2016 4:44 AM
9	retired teacher	2/25/2016 10:05 AM
10	performing arts	2/24/2016 5:35 PM
11	publishing	2/24/2016 2:14 PM
12	Educator	2/21/2016 5:14 PM
13	retired	2/14/2016 11:05 AM
14	Law enforcement	2/12/2016 7:21 AM
15	Education	2/11/2016 7:34 PM
16	Non-profit	2/4/2016 12:35 PM
17	Landscaping	2/3/2016 6:48 PM
18	Education	1/31/2016 7:27 AM
19	Distribution	1/29/2016 4:50 PM
20	Education/Engineer	1/28/2016 10:14 PM
21	Retired	1/28/2016 4:44 PM
22	Consulting	1/27/2016 4:50 PM
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26	teaching	1/27/2016 9:32 AM

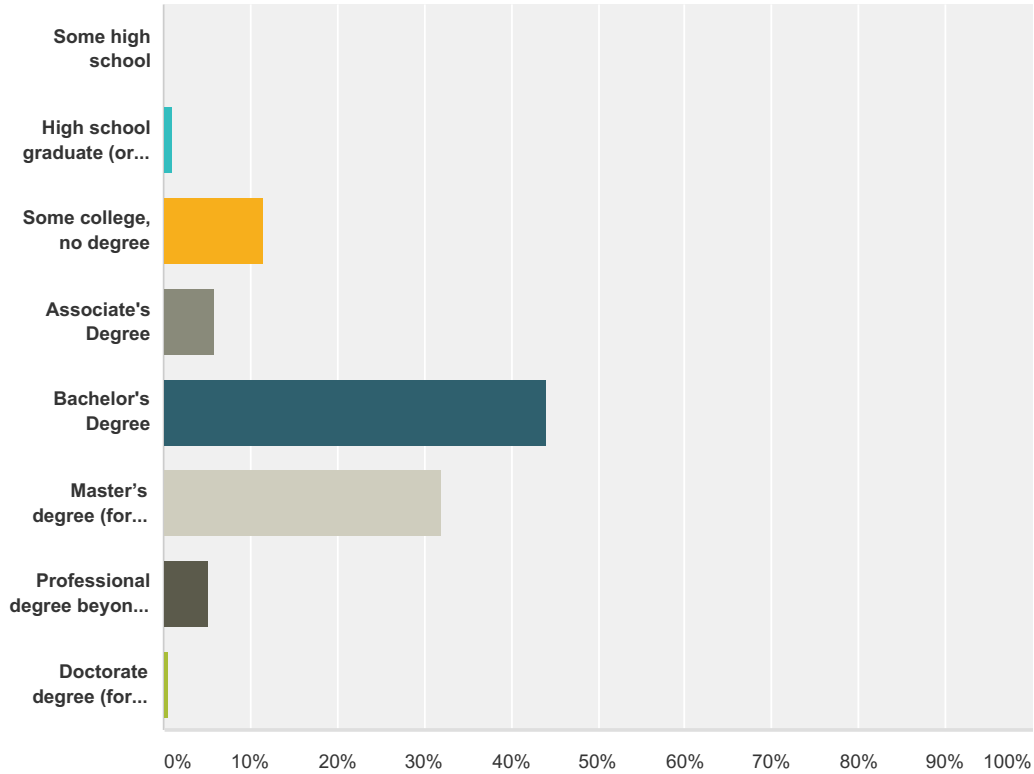
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31	Education-teacher	1/27/2016 5:59 AM
32	Automotive professional	1/27/2016 3:03 AM
33	education	1/27/2016 1:57 AM
34	Distribution	1/26/2016 10:59 PM
35	Information Technology - Software	1/17/2016 3:01 PM
36	Engineering (automotive)	1/8/2016 12:13 PM
37	Government	1/8/2016 10:32 AM
38	education	1/5/2016 11:38 AM
39	Media	1/3/2016 1:44 PM
40	education	1/3/2016 11:37 AM
41	broadcasting	12/28/2015 5:51 AM
42	Part time property manager	12/22/2015 8:05 PM
43	Public Safety	12/19/2015 9:08 AM
44	retired	12/18/2015 4:25 PM
45	info tech	12/18/2015 1:47 PM
46	retired	12/18/2015 9:39 AM
47	Education	12/17/2015 9:43 PM
48	Social Services	12/17/2015 4:25 PM
49	Municipal	12/16/2015 11:40 AM
50	Information Technology	12/11/2015 4:14 PM
51	Library	12/10/2015 9:27 PM
52	Marketing & Communications	12/10/2015 4:32 PM
53	Cultural (Detroit Institute of Arts)	12/10/2015 10:58 AM
54	education	12/8/2015 2:09 PM
55	Government	12/7/2015 3:49 PM

Q5 What is the highest degree or level of education you have attained?

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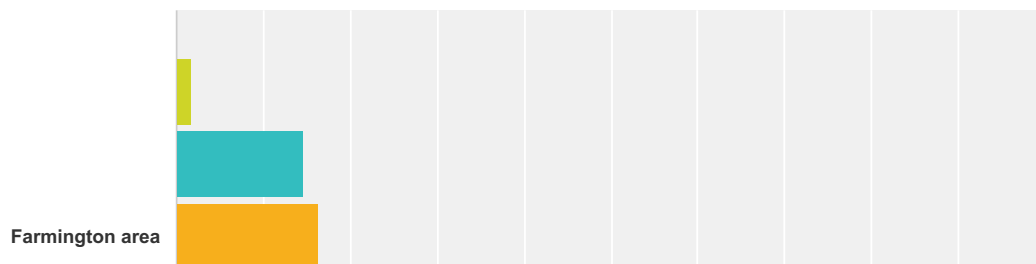
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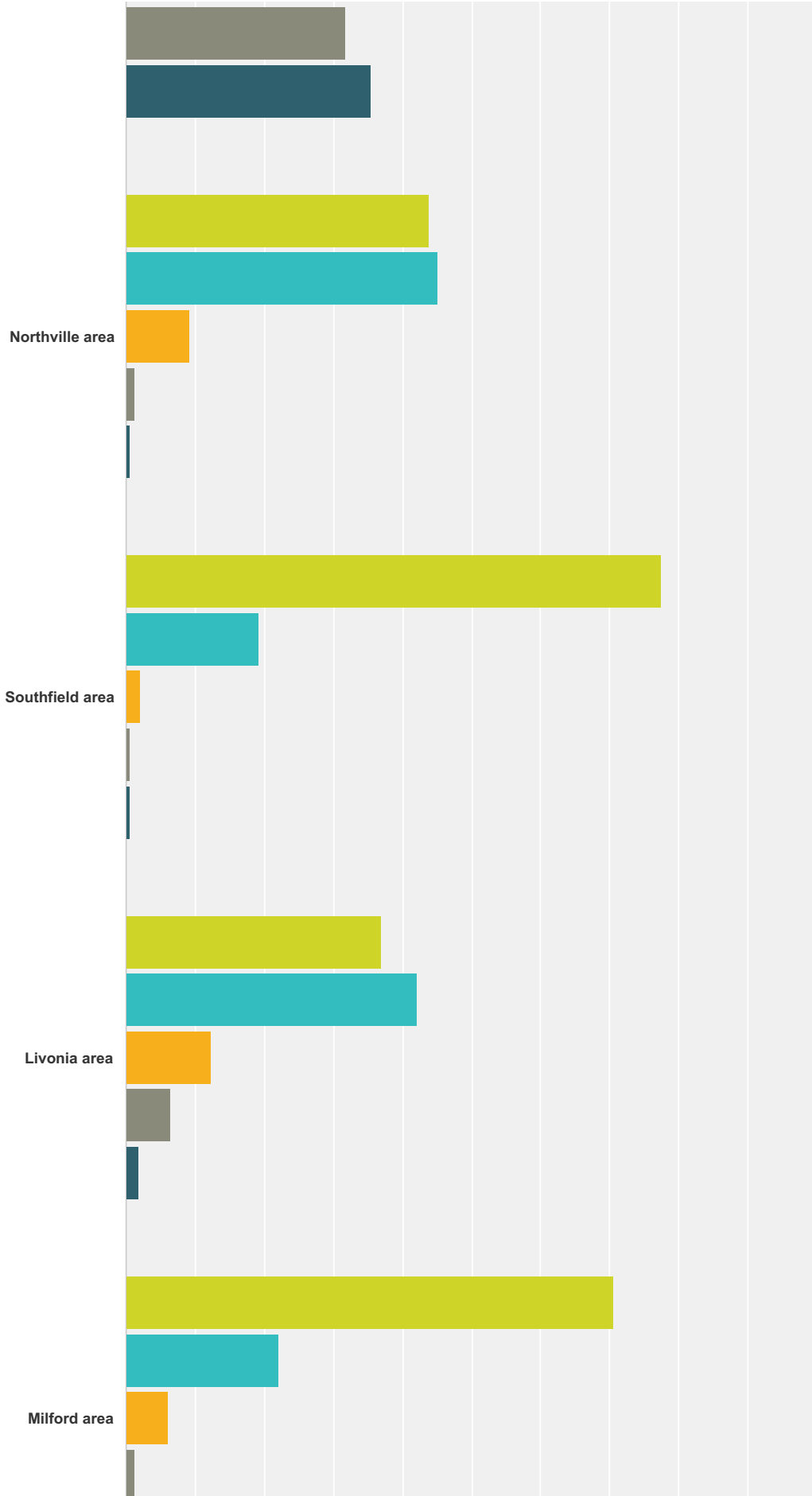
Answer Choices	Responses
Some high school	0.00% 0
High school graduate (or GED equivalent)	1.05% 2
Some college, no degree	11.52% 22
Associate's Degree	5.76% 11
Bachelor's Degree	43.98% 84
Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)	31.94% 61
Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)	5.24% 10
Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)	0.52% 1
Total	191

Q6 In the past year, how often have you visited the following areas for recreational purposes?

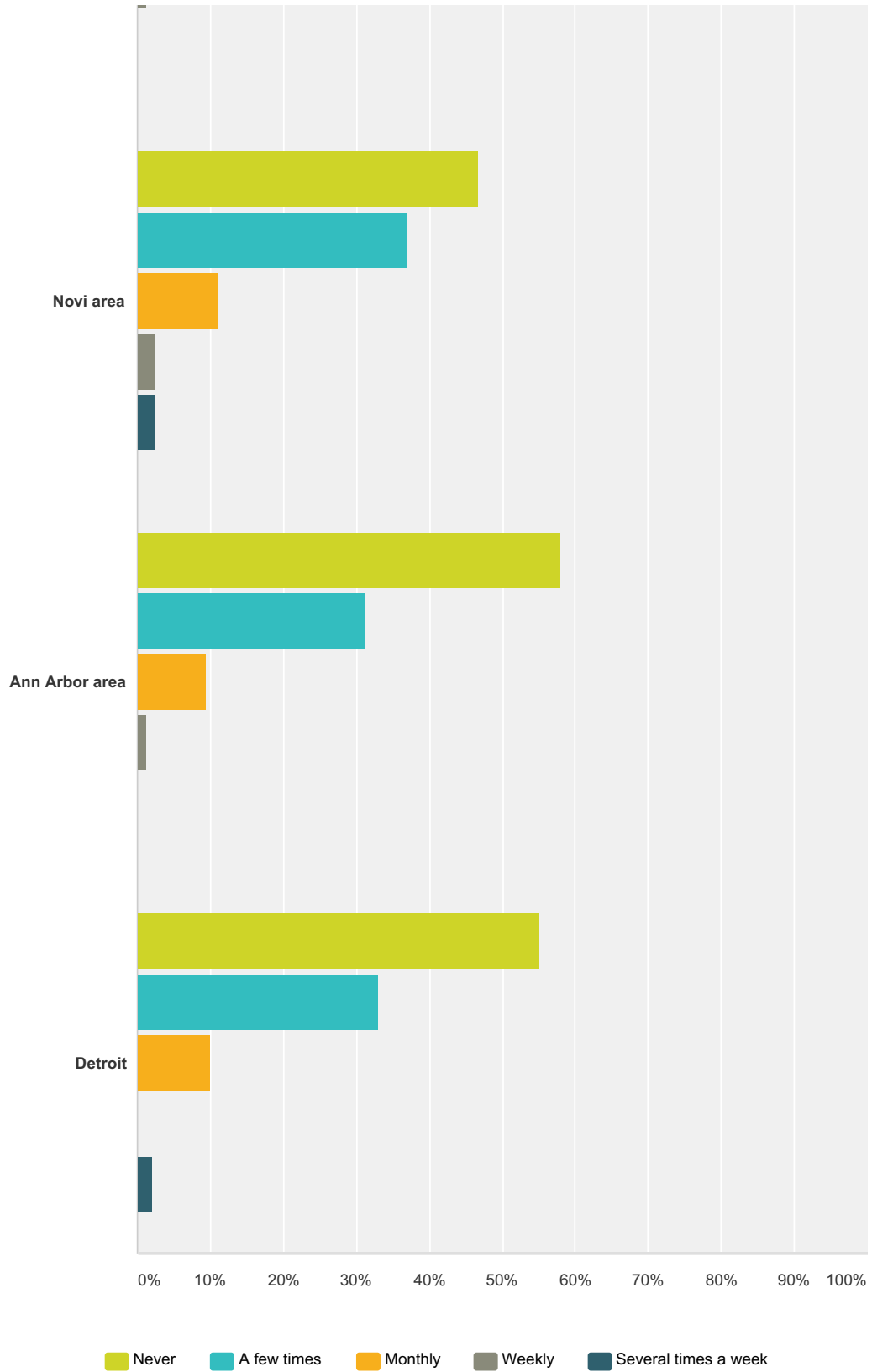
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	Never	A few times	Monthly	Weekly	Several times a week	Total
Farmington area	1.69% 3	14.69% 26	16.38% 29	31.64% 56	35.59% 63	177

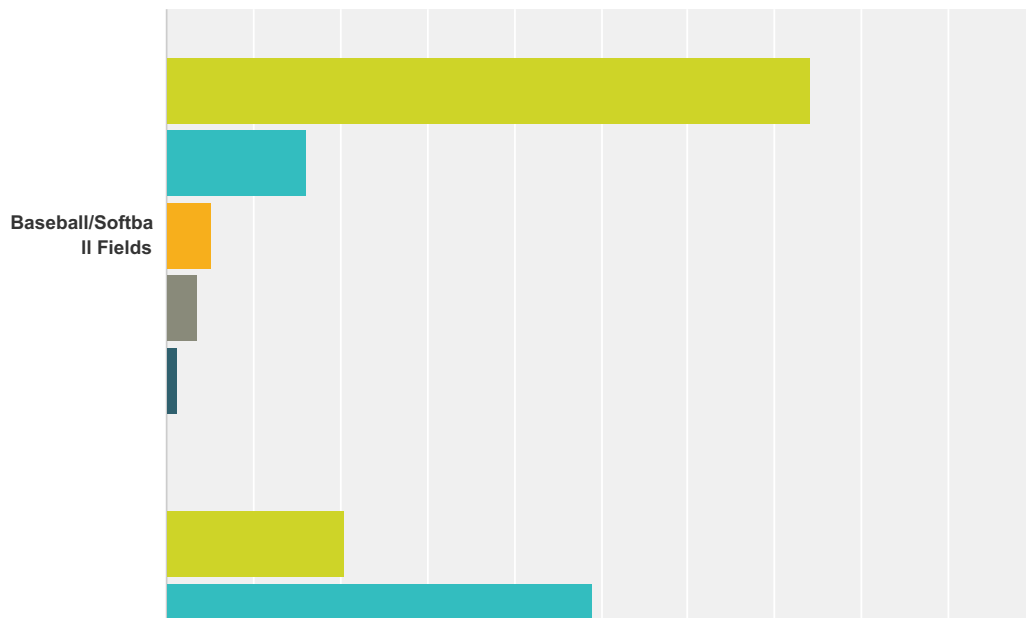
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Northville area	43.79% 67	45.10% 69	9.15% 14	1.31% 2	0.65% 1	153
Southfield area	77.40% 113	19.18% 28	2.05% 3	0.68% 1	0.68% 1	146
Livonia area	37.01% 57	42.21% 65	12.34% 19	6.49% 10	1.95% 3	154
Milford area	70.47% 105	22.15% 33	6.04% 9	1.34% 2	0.00% 0	149
Novi area	46.75% 72	37.01% 57	11.04% 17	2.60% 4	2.60% 4	154
Ann Arbor area	58.00% 87	31.33% 47	9.33% 14	1.33% 2	0.00% 0	150
Detroit	55.03% 82	32.89% 49	10.07% 15	0.00% 0	2.01% 3	149

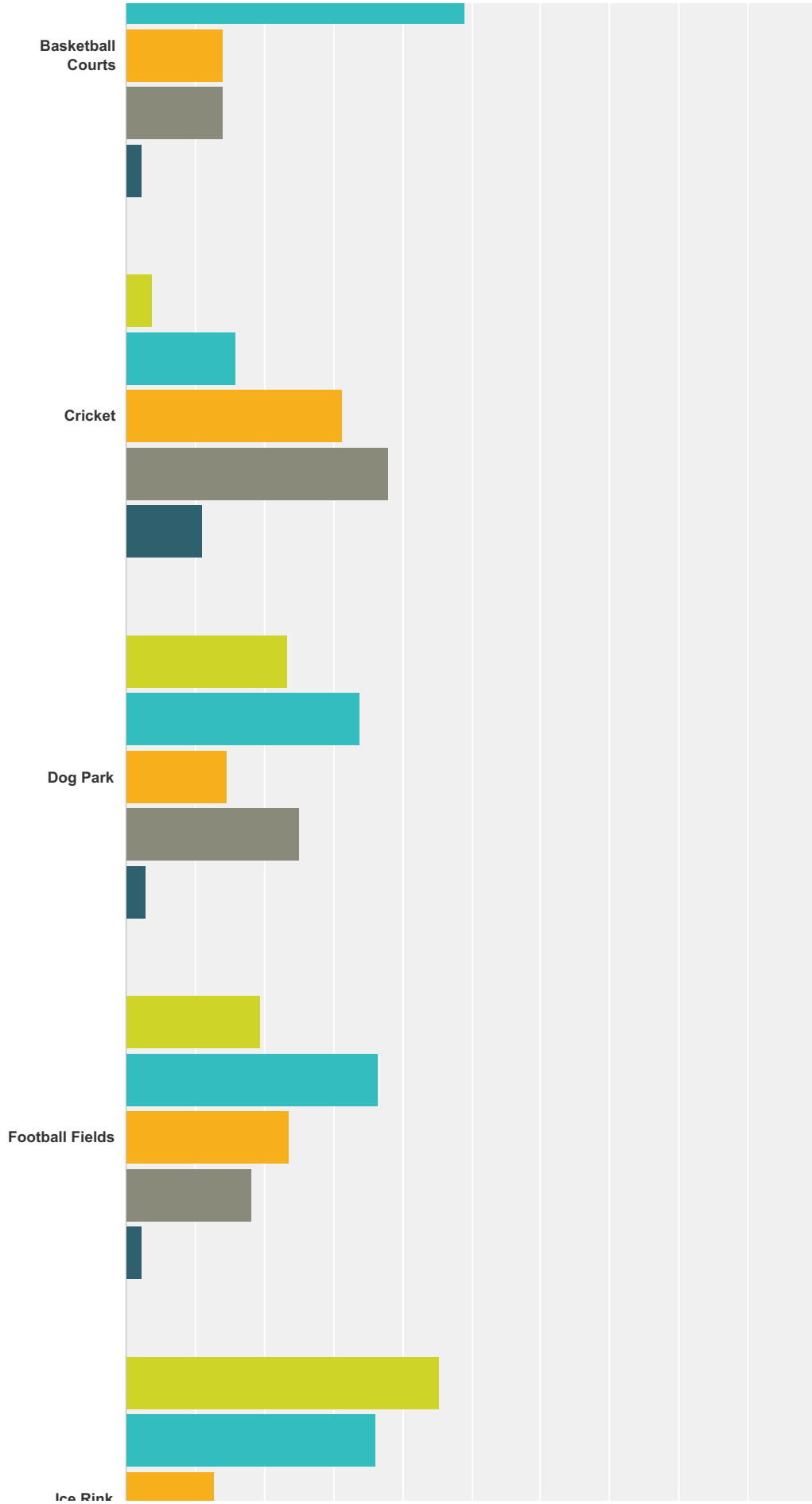
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1	Farmers Market on Sat. and during the week	3/7/2016 1:14 PM
2	Port Huron area a few times	1/31/2016 5:33 PM
3	Windsor	1/27/2016 8:02 AM
4	Redford	1/27/2016 5:56 AM
5	State parks	1/25/2016 8:07 PM
6	Plymouth	1/3/2016 12:53 PM
7	Metro Parks / State Parks	1/3/2016 11:43 AM
8	Michigan State Parks 1-2x / month	1/3/2016 11:34 AM
9	Lyon Oaks Dog Park and hiking trails in past year	12/19/2015 9:11 PM
10	Lexington	12/17/2015 9:47 PM

Q7 How important are the following outdoor recreation facilities in Farmington?

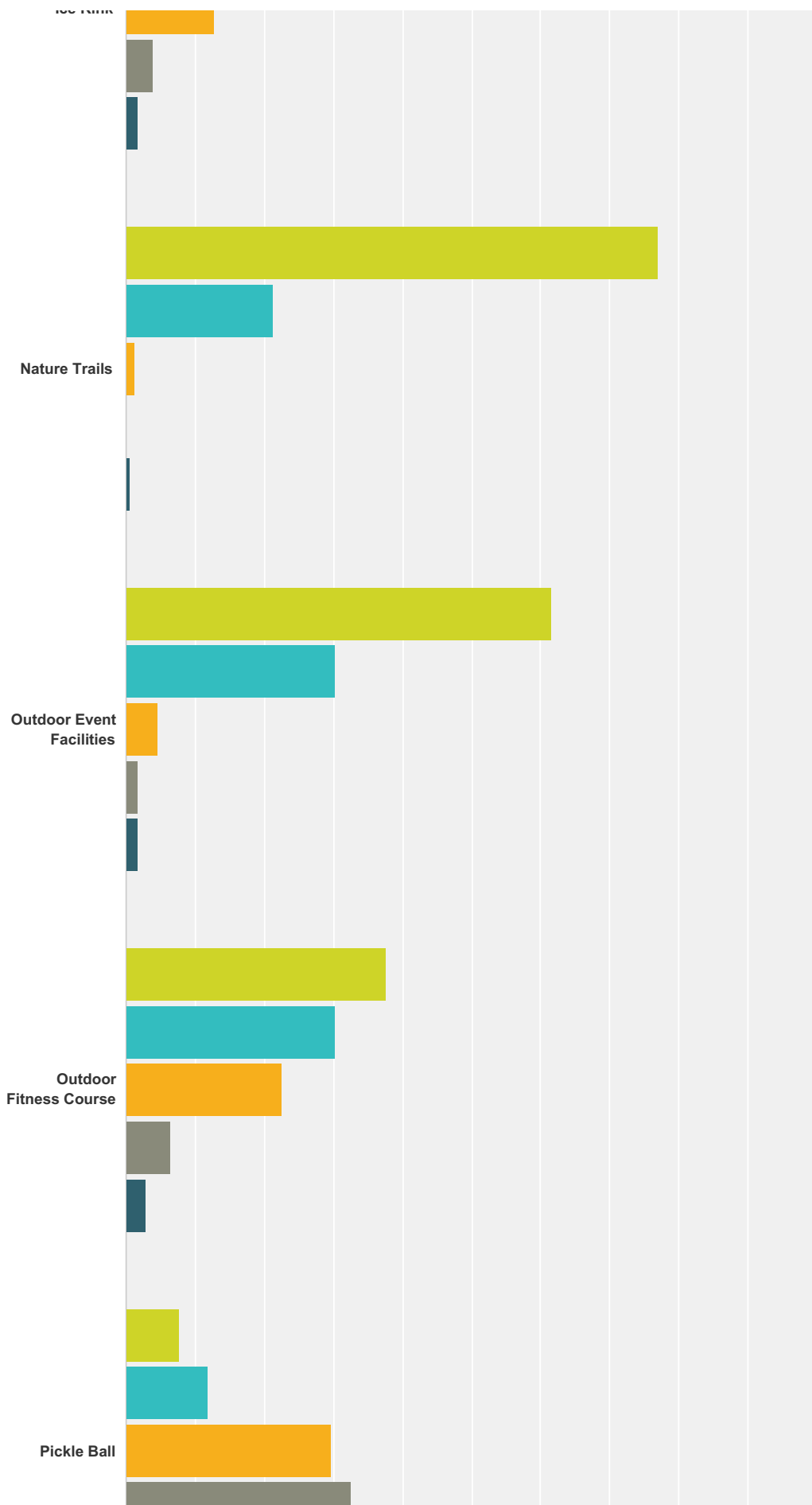
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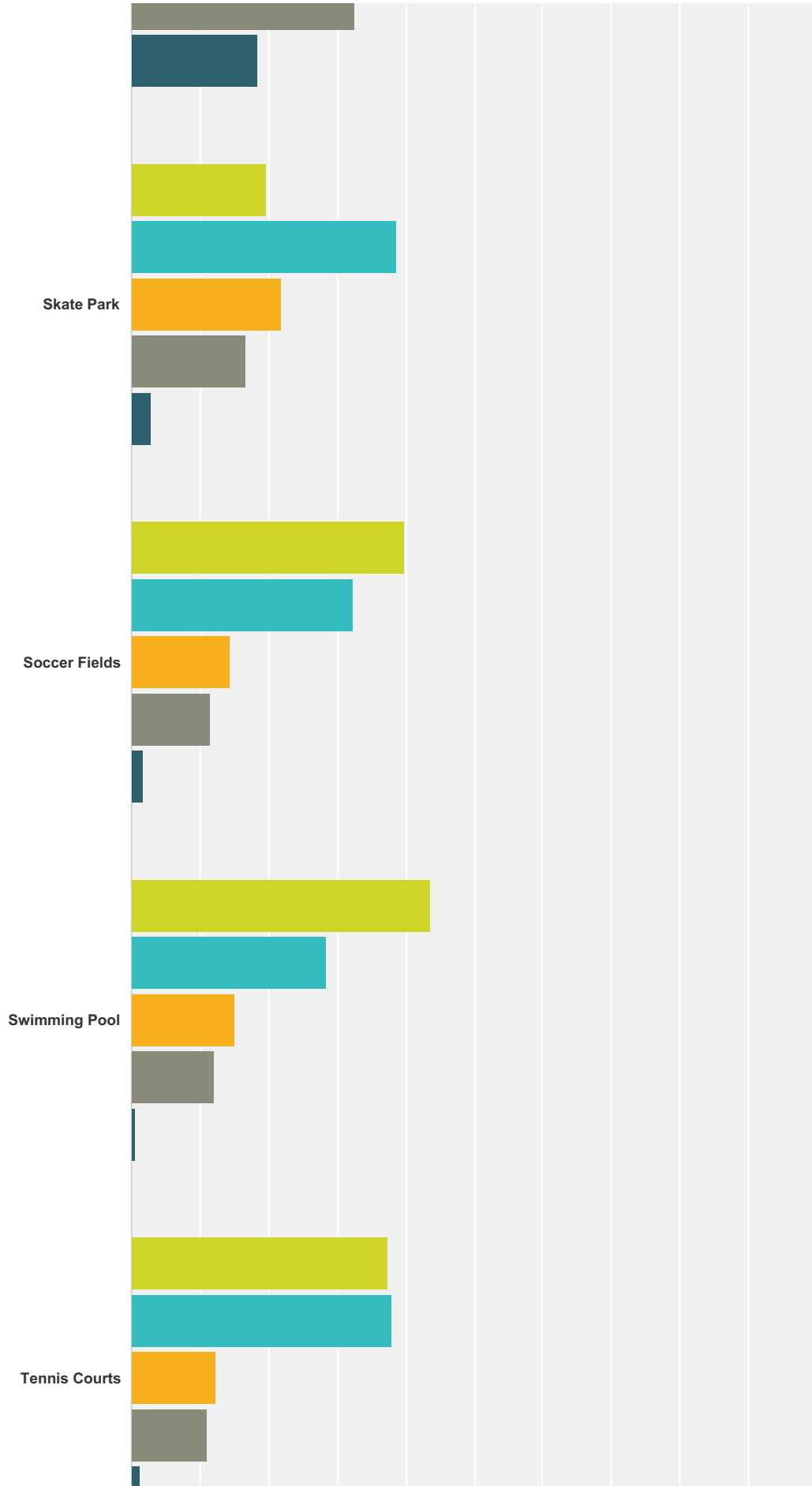
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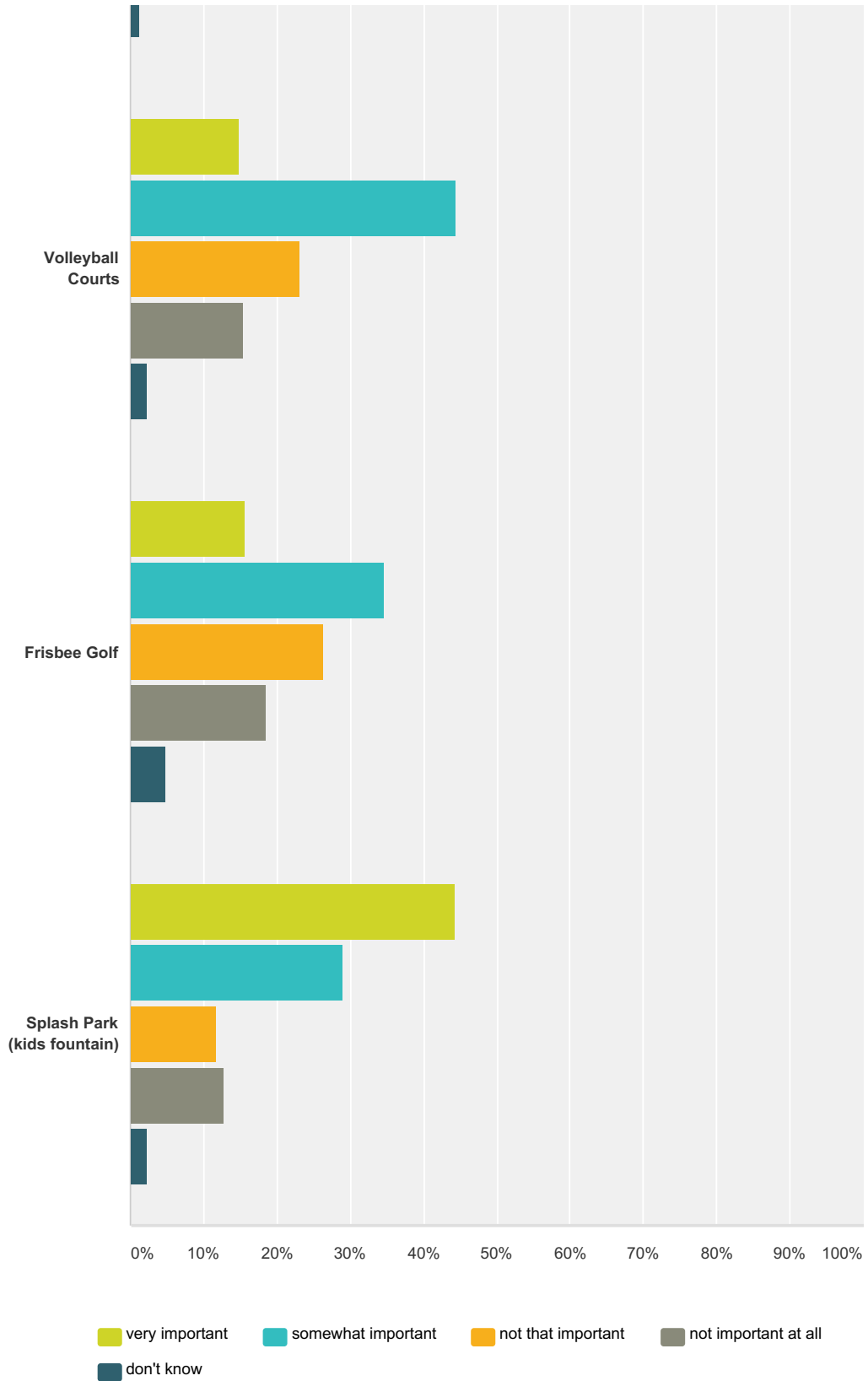
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	very important	somewhat important	not that important	not important at all	don't know	Total
Baseball/Softball Fields	74.14% 129	16.09% 28	5.17% 9	3.45% 6	1.15% 2	174

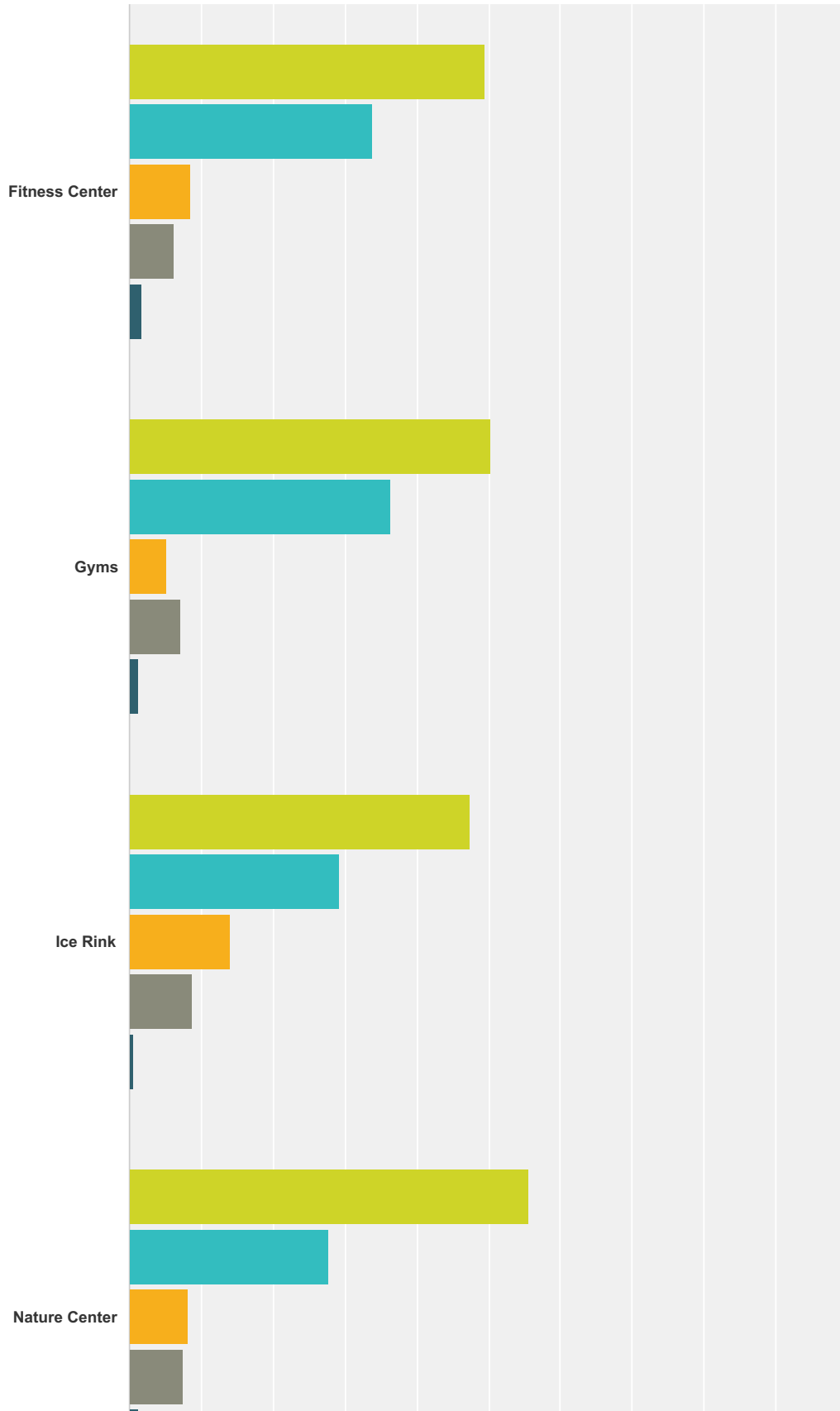
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Basketball Courts	20.47% 35	49.12% 84	14.04% 24	14.04% 24	2.34% 4	171
Cricket	3.68% 6	15.95% 26	31.29% 51	38.04% 62	11.04% 18	163
Dog Park	23.39% 40	33.92% 58	14.62% 25	25.15% 43	2.92% 5	171
Football Fields	19.41% 33	36.47% 62	23.53% 40	18.24% 31	2.35% 4	170
Ice Rink	45.40% 79	36.21% 63	12.64% 22	4.02% 7	1.72% 3	174
Nature Trails	77.01% 134	21.26% 37	1.15% 2	0.00% 0	0.57% 1	174
Outdoor Event Facilities	61.63% 106	30.23% 52	4.65% 8	1.74% 3	1.74% 3	172
Outdoor Fitness Course	37.50% 63	30.36% 51	22.62% 38	6.55% 11	2.98% 5	168
Pickle Ball	7.69% 13	11.83% 20	29.59% 50	32.54% 55	18.34% 31	169
Skate Park	19.64% 33	38.69% 65	22.02% 37	16.67% 28	2.98% 5	168
Soccer Fields	39.88% 69	32.37% 56	14.45% 25	11.56% 20	1.73% 3	173
Swimming Pool	43.60% 75	28.49% 49	15.12% 26	12.21% 21	0.58% 1	172
Tennis Courts	37.43% 64	38.01% 65	12.28% 21	11.11% 19	1.17% 2	171
Volleyball Courts	14.79% 25	44.38% 75	23.08% 39	15.38% 26	2.37% 4	169
Frisbee Golf	15.57% 26	34.73% 58	26.35% 44	18.56% 31	4.79% 8	167
Splash Park (kids fountain)	44.19% 76	29.07% 50	11.63% 20	12.79% 22	2.33% 4	172

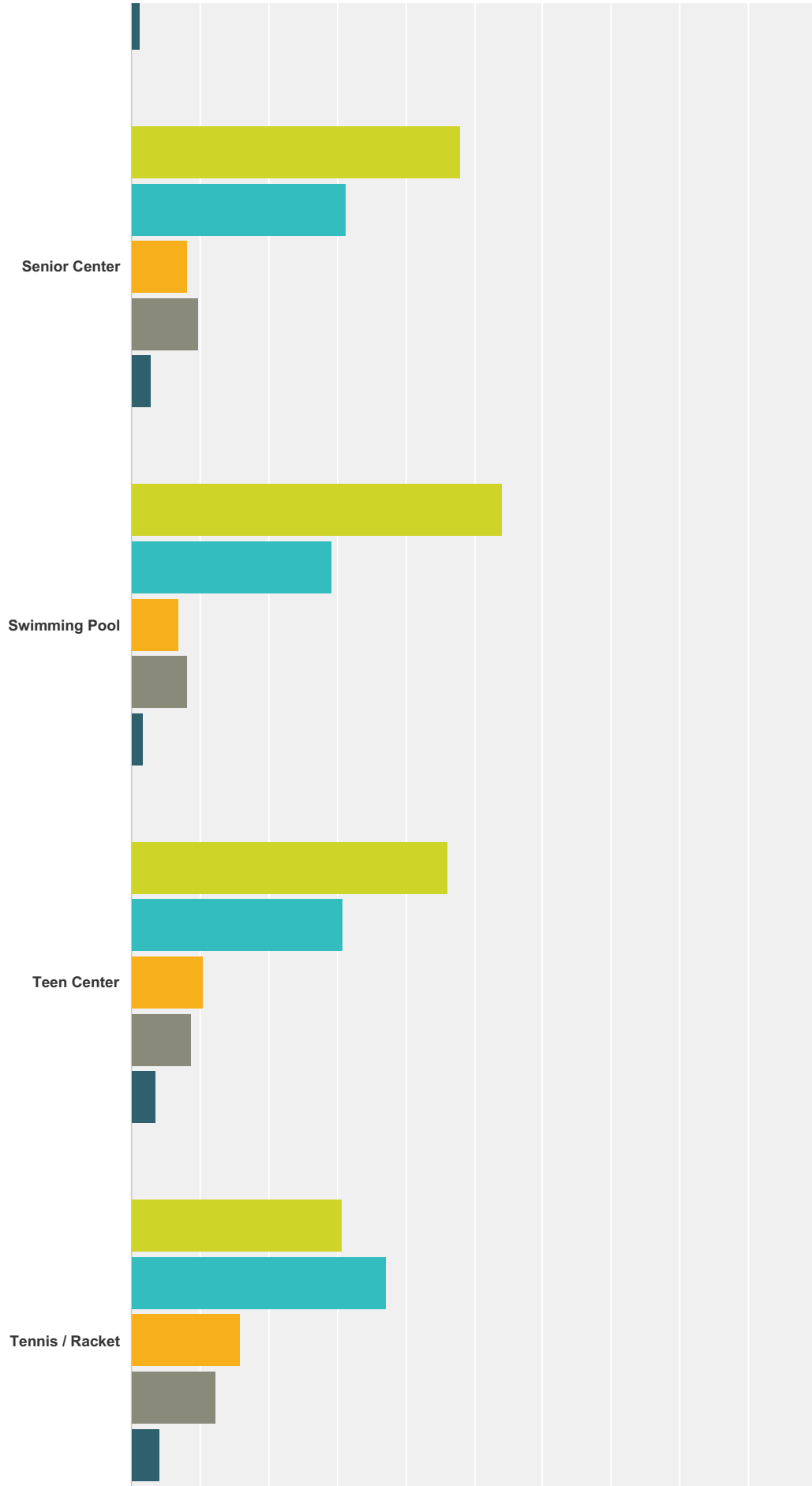
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Lawn Bowling for Seniors at Warner Mansion	3/28/2016 9:19 AM
2	Biking trails	3/24/2016 1:06 PM
3	Concerts for all ages	3/3/2016 8:20 PM
4	Places to take a walk!	2/12/2016 10:14 AM
5	sled hill - very important	1/11/2016 6:26 PM
6	Bike trail	1/8/2016 12:20 PM
7	We need bike paths in parks! Kensington / Island lake bikes trails.	1/3/2016 11:43 AM
8	bicycle trails	1/2/2016 2:43 PM
9	I'm tired of the cricket players taking over baseball/softball diamonds without going through Farmington rec. to rent the fields out.	12/30/2015 10:44 AM
10	We like pickle ball	12/22/2015 8:10 PM
11	cross country skiing very important	12/18/2015 1:50 PM
12	Pickleball & Tennis Please!	12/10/2015 4:39 PM

Q8 How important are the following indoor recreation facilities in Farmington?

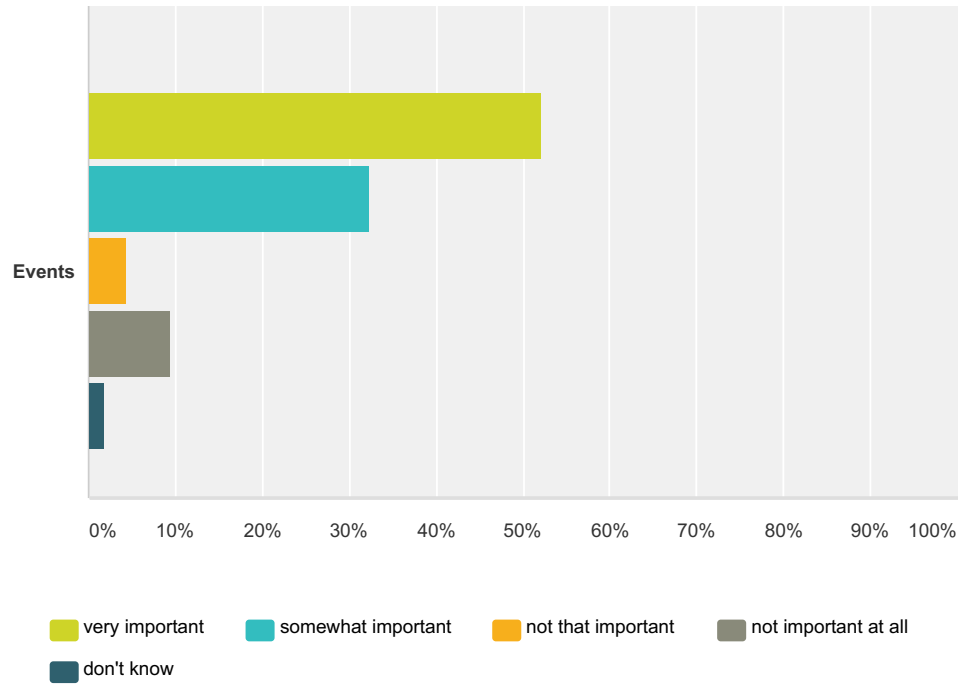
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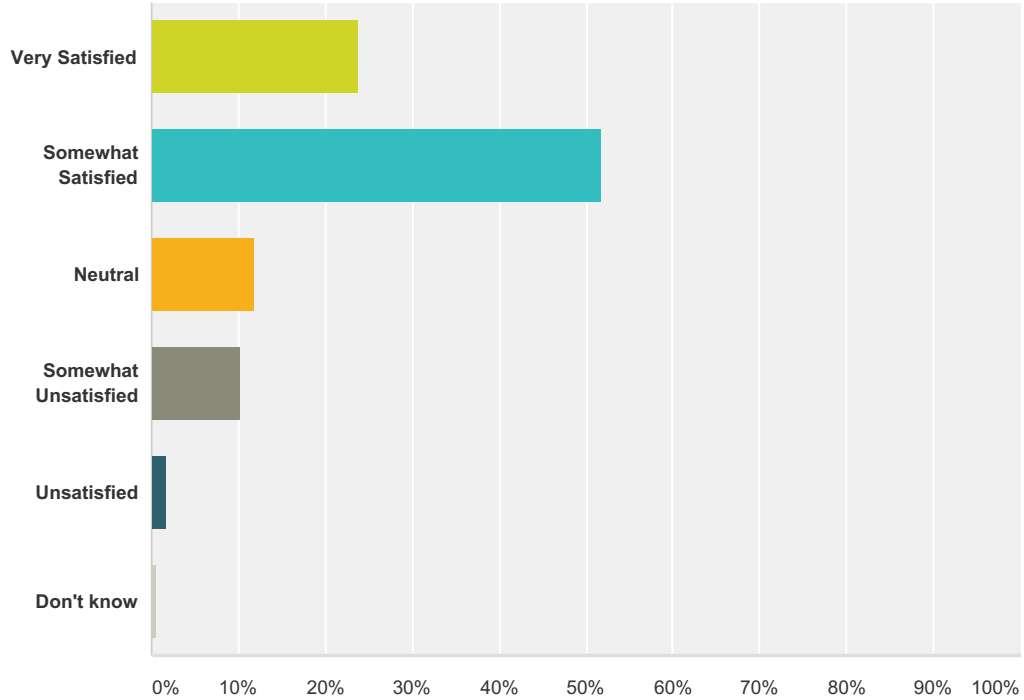


	very important	somewhat important	not that important	not important at all	don't know	Total
Fitness Center	49.43% 86	33.91% 59	8.62% 15	6.32% 11	1.72% 3	174
Gyms	50.29% 86	36.26% 62	5.26% 9	7.02% 12	1.17% 2	171
Ice Rink	47.37% 81	29.24% 50	14.04% 24	8.77% 15	0.58% 1	171
Nature Center	55.49% 96	27.75% 48	8.09% 14	7.51% 13	1.16% 2	173
Senior Center	47.98% 83	31.21% 54	8.09% 14	9.83% 17	2.89% 5	173
Swimming Pool	54.02% 94	29.31% 51	6.90% 12	8.05% 14	1.72% 3	174
Teen Center	46.20% 79	30.99% 53	10.53% 18	8.77% 15	3.51% 6	171
Tennis / Racket	30.59% 52	37.06% 63	15.88% 27	12.35% 21	4.12% 7	170
Events	52.17% 84	32.30% 52	4.35% 7	9.32% 15	1.86% 3	161

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Concerts inside and outside for all ages	3/3/2016 8:20 PM
2	Don't know of an indoor fitness center	1/27/2016 9:51 AM
3	Curling facility	12/17/2015 5:04 PM
4	there is no ice rink in Farmington. Do you mean FH?	12/11/2015 4:07 PM
5	Pickle Ball	12/10/2015 9:30 PM
6	Pickleball	12/10/2015 4:39 PM

Q9 How satisfied are you with the existing parks and recreation facilities in Farmington?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 16



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Satisfied	23.86% 42
Somewhat Satisfied	51.70% 91
Neutral	11.93% 21
Somewhat Unsatisfied	10.23% 18
Unsatisfied	1.70% 3
Don't know	0.57% 1
Total	176

#	Comments	Date
1	The baseball / softball fields need new surfaces. The bathrooms are horrible.	3/28/2016 8:31 AM
2	Would like to see more GREEN projects throughout the city	3/24/2016 1:06 PM
3	would like to see a rec. center closer than costick.	3/19/2016 8:13 AM
4	Baseball fields need some help. City park is an overall awesome place.	3/18/2016 1:06 PM
5	The youth baseball fields at Shiawassee should be grass. Especially in a great community like Farmington.	3/6/2016 4:13 PM
6	baseball fields should be groomed more regularly, especially in April	2/16/2016 3:39 PM

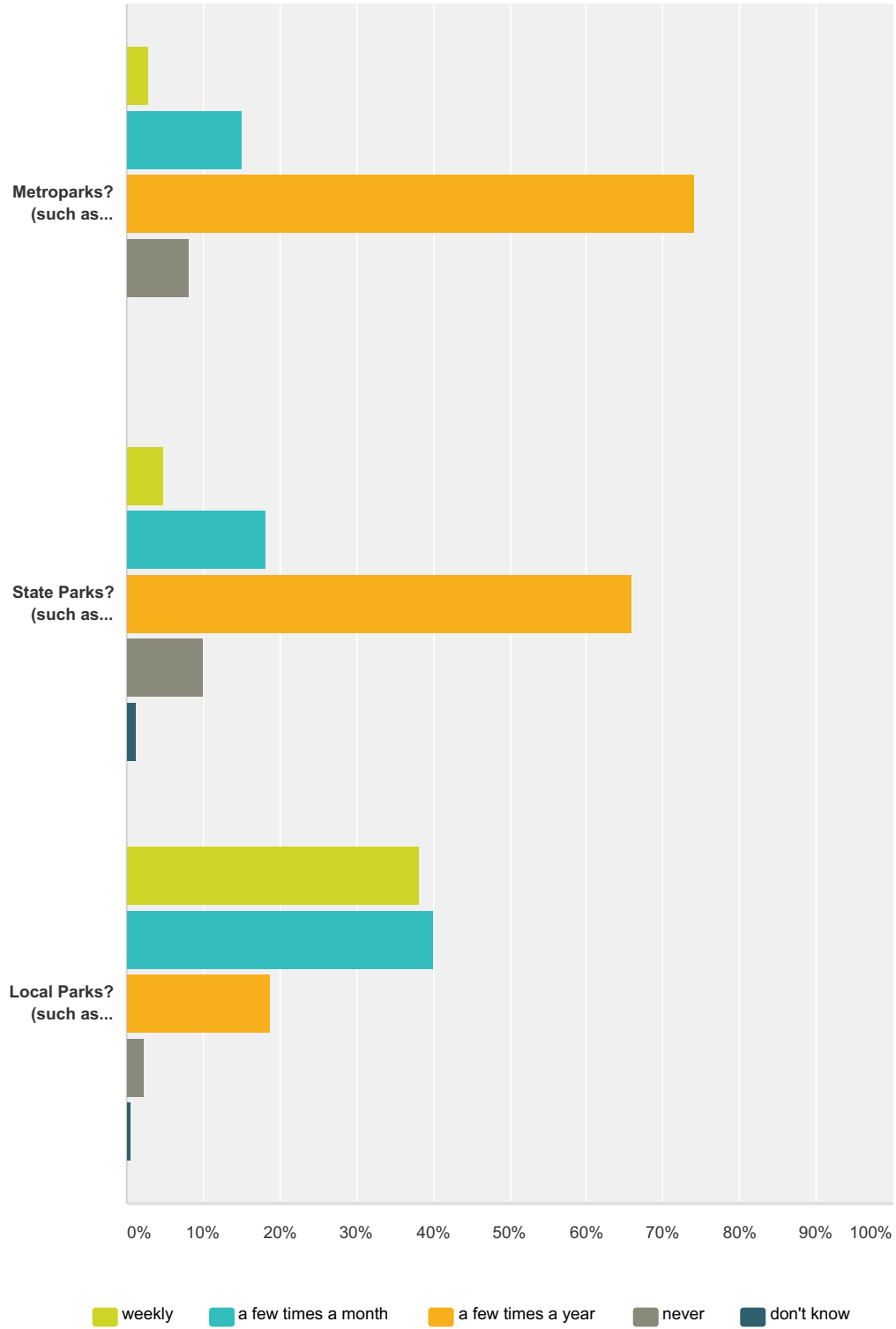
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7	more attention needs to be paid to the baseball fields due to the number of participants in South Farmington baseball	2/14/2016 11:08 AM
8	Put in lights at Founders Park	2/3/2016 6:51 PM
9	Fields too controlled by South Farmington baseball and not the city	1/31/2016 8:11 PM
10	Would like basketball courts	1/30/2016 12:11 PM
11	Some of the fields need updating and seeing as founders is the premiere park there should be lights for night games	1/29/2016 4:54 PM
12	Ice rink is almost never open for free skate; gym is never open for pickup basketball	1/27/2016 9:51 AM
13	The bathrooms at shiawassee park are gross. Costick should be turned into a cool rec center like Troy or Livonia . Outdoor pool for the community	1/27/2016 9:35 AM
14	Bathrooms need updating, soap, more availability	1/27/2016 9:29 AM
15	Wish our baseball fields had covered dugouts, 1-2 with grass infields, 2-4 more with lights, and better parking facilities.	1/27/2016 8:37 AM
16	Would LOVE to see a better YMCA	1/27/2016 6:00 AM
17	Our parks/facilities are very old and in need of repair	1/27/2016 5:32 AM
18	Softball fields need to be upgraded	1/26/2016 11:02 PM
19	Would love something closer to Farmington than the Costick Center. Love the Livonia Rec Center, but it is expensive for us since we are not residents.	1/12/2016 1:36 PM
20	Parks are nice however not enough in them to do nature wise also not enough parks period..	1/12/2016 6:26 AM
21	Want to try the new archery range	1/8/2016 12:20 PM
22	Bathrooms are atrocious	1/8/2016 10:34 AM
23	Parks are good, but could always be improved. I think Shiawassee park is a great location and is good, but could be greatly improved and used for more activities and connection to downtown Farmington.	1/3/2016 9:29 PM
24	Our parks have no appeal to my 'millenial' generation.	1/3/2016 11:43 AM
25	Tennis is not an interest for young people anymore. ball fields under used	1/3/2016 11:34 AM
26	Some softball/baseball fields needs to be re-done.	12/30/2015 10:44 AM
27	Farmington dog park needs shade,	12/19/2015 1:28 PM
28	Dog park too expensive	12/19/2015 9:13 AM
29	I understand Farmington is limited due to space and tax payer \$\$\$ contributions	12/18/2015 4:28 PM
30	Tennis court is in terrible shape. Both at Shiawassee and Drake Park. Someone will be hurt.	12/11/2015 4:07 PM
31	I think I dedicated recreation center similar to that of Livonia would be a great addition the the Farmington/Farmington hills arwa	12/11/2015 7:44 AM
32	After moving from Livonia and being a member of the Livonia rec center, I've seen what a facility like that can do for the recreation department. I would love to see something similar in Farmington.	12/10/2015 7:20 PM
33	Shiawassee is a nice park- potential for much more	12/10/2015 5:37 PM
34	Missing other facilities like the Rotary & Bicentennial Parks in Livonia offer.	12/10/2015 4:39 PM

Q10 How often do you use the following types of facilities?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 16

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	weekly	a few times a month	a few times a year	never	don't know	Total
Metroparks? (such as Kensington or Huron Meadows, etc.)	2.87% 5	14.94% 26	74.14% 129	8.05% 14	0.00% 0	174
State Parks? (such as Maybury State Park, Island Lake Recreation Area, etc.)	4.71% 8	18.24% 31	65.88% 112	10.00% 17	1.18% 2	170
Local Parks? (such as Shiawassee Park, Riley Skate Park or Farmington Hills Nature Center)	38.29% 67	40.00% 70	18.86% 33	2.29% 4	0.57% 1	175

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Q11 Please list any other park facilities you use not listed above including school facilities, county facilities, other communities' facilities, or privately owned facilities such as golf courses and bowling alleys.

Answered: 50 Skipped: 142

#	Responses	Date
1	Not the Riely Skate Park at all - can us the hills indoor rink that has rental if necessary	4/3/2016 10:53 AM
2	FH Golf Club	3/31/2016 3:21 PM
3	farmers market	3/19/2016 8:13 AM
4	My kids are in a lot of activities, from scouts to sports. We use them a lot. Too bad farmington did work w/ farm hills on the ice area. Too late for my kids now, but it would have been nice	3/18/2016 1:06 PM
5	FH golf, Bowling Alleys, beechview and HighMeadow	3/10/2016 9:22 PM
6	Golf courses. Whispering Willows and FHGC, Drakeshire lanes.	3/6/2016 4:13 PM
7	I like Bowling and Miniture golf. Also Binder Park Zoo.	3/3/2016 8:20 PM
8	bowling alleys	2/25/2016 10:21 AM
9	Country Lanes	2/5/2016 9:48 AM
10	Routinely used Flanders school playground until development began. We fear the amount of green space allocated by the builder per the site sale agreement will be significantly less than desirable. South Farmington has been left with little green space.	2/4/2016 12:48 PM
11	Herritage Park, Woodland Hills nature preserve	2/3/2016 6:51 PM
12	Shiawassee Dog Park & Play ground, Costick Center, Commerce Area, Port Huron Area, Drakeshire, Country Lanes	1/31/2016 5:33 PM
13	Bowling alleys, school fields	1/30/2016 2:18 PM
14	Use golf courses outside Farmington. Those in Farmington are not as good as other areas.	1/30/2016 12:11 PM
15	Livonia pool Power middle school baseball field Drakeshire	1/29/2016 4:54 PM
16	Glen Aquatic Club Bike Trails Indoor baseball/softball fields Archery Range	1/28/2016 7:23 PM
17	Golf courses. Farmington Hills and Glen Oaks. I play both weekly during the season.	1/28/2016 4:47 PM
18	School facilities for kids sports, Drakeshire Bowling Alley	1/27/2016 9:51 AM
19	We use the playground area at Beechview and Lanigan	1/27/2016 9:35 AM
20	Longacre facilities	1/27/2016 8:58 AM
21	School gyms, county & city golf courses, both bowling alleys (for private, school events and SFBI events)	1/27/2016 8:37 AM
22	Several golf courses, Drakeshire/Country Lanes Bowling	1/27/2016 7:50 AM
23	High School ballpark, Drakeshire Lanes, Riley Archery	1/27/2016 6:00 AM
24	We routinely go to softball baseball at school fields to practice. They are also in need of repair and upkeep.	1/27/2016 5:32 AM
25	We use the school playgrounds and ball fields.	1/27/2016 3:06 AM
26	The Glen Fitness 19 Farmington Bowl Bonaventure The Bullpen Total Sports	1/26/2016 11:57 PM
27	I want to be able to safely ride my bike on roads around Farmington and Farmington Hills	1/25/2016 8:24 PM
28	Bike paths	1/25/2016 8:17 PM
29	We have used other city facilities that have indoor water park for the kids.	1/22/2016 3:07 PM

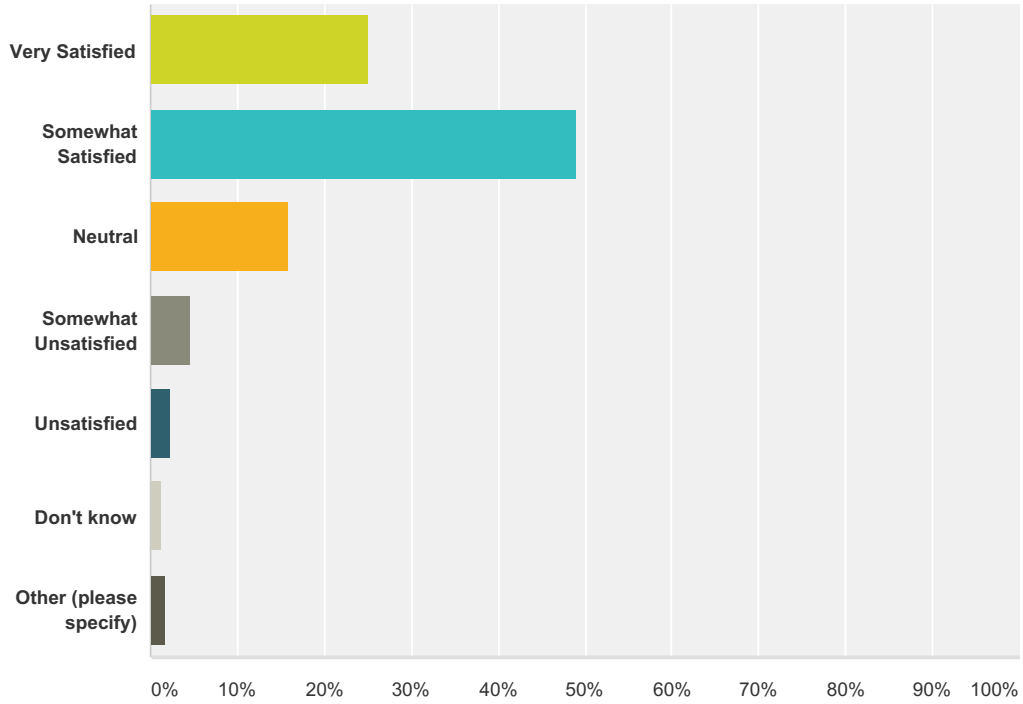
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30	Western Golf, Farmington Hills Golf, Ann Arbor Parks, Matthei Botanical Center	1/17/2016 3:06 PM
31	We have been members at the Livonia YMCA for quite a while, but are looking for a place close by in Farmington to replace it. We also go to Bicentennial and Southfield to utilize their pickle ball courts	1/12/2016 1:36 PM
32	Oakland County water parks	1/11/2016 6:26 PM
33	Farmington high track. Total sports. Fitness19. Drakeshire lanes. Country lanes. Bikram yoga. OCC pool prior to closure. Piemontesse pool/club.	1/8/2016 12:20 PM
34	Elementary school playgrounds, such as Longacre.	1/3/2016 9:29 PM
35	Bike paths / trails!	1/3/2016 11:43 AM
36	I use lake access and beaches at State Parks a lot.	1/3/2016 11:34 AM
37	Running tracks at Farmington H.S. & Shiawassee Park	1/2/2016 2:43 PM
38	Golf: Fox Hills, Links of Novi, Whispering Willows, Fox Creek Soccer: Church of the Nazarene in Plymouth Lifetime Fitness for swimming and working out We used to go to Flanders to use the playground but not anymore since it is being redeveloped.	12/26/2015 1:42 PM
39	Island Lake	12/22/2015 8:10 PM
40	Canoeing at Point Pelee in Ontario. Drakeshire Lanes on Grand River.	12/17/2015 9:47 PM
41	5-pin bowling, Windsor, ON	12/17/2015 5:04 PM
42	Bonaventure, Drakeshire Lanes, YMCA, Farmington Gymnastics, Goldfish Swim School	12/17/2015 4:29 PM
43	The play areas and athletic fields at the schools get regular use.	12/11/2015 4:07 PM
44	Gill Elementary playground, Farmington Hills Golf Course	12/11/2015 7:44 AM
45	Heritage Park. Riley Park.	12/10/2015 11:04 PM
46	County parks...the various Oaks. Golf courses.	12/10/2015 6:15 PM
47	Outdoor Tennis & pickleball courts; walking trails	12/10/2015 4:39 PM
48	my kids would love more playparks...it seems that we have to drive to all of them and that most Farmington subs lack play parks you can easily walk to with small kids.	12/10/2015 4:21 PM
49	Pontiac Country Club, Lyon Oaks Golf Course, Farmington Hills Golf Course, Whispering Willows Golf Course	12/10/2015 1:07 PM
50	golf courses, hiking trails	12/7/2015 3:55 PM

Q12 How satisfied are you with the existing recreation programs in Farmington?

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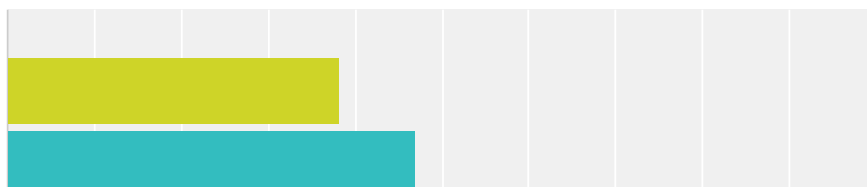


Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Satisfied	25.15%	43
Somewhat Satisfied	49.12%	84
Neutral	15.79%	27
Somewhat Unsatisfied	4.68%	8
Unsatisfied	2.34%	4
Don't know	1.17%	2
Other (please specify)	1.75%	3
Total		171

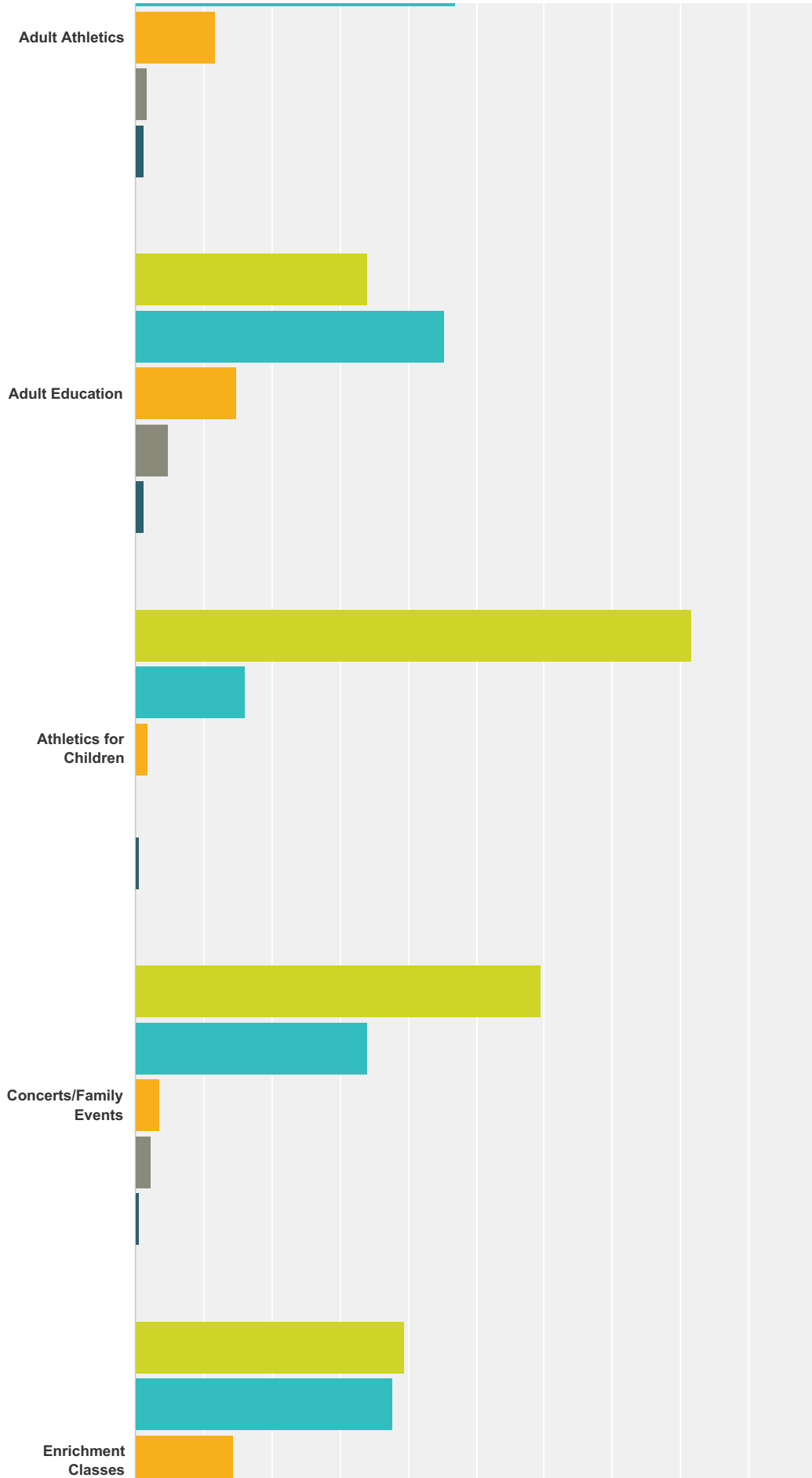
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1	would like to see wellness programs closer to river pines.	3/19/2016 8:15 AM
2	Pool is outdated. Backstops are too low. Parking at Shiwasee is inadequate. No bike lanes anywhere. Brush not trimmed next to walking paths.	1/27/2016 8:04 AM
3	South Farmington baseball league is well run.	1/8/2016 12:21 PM

Q13 How important are the following recreation programs in Farmington?

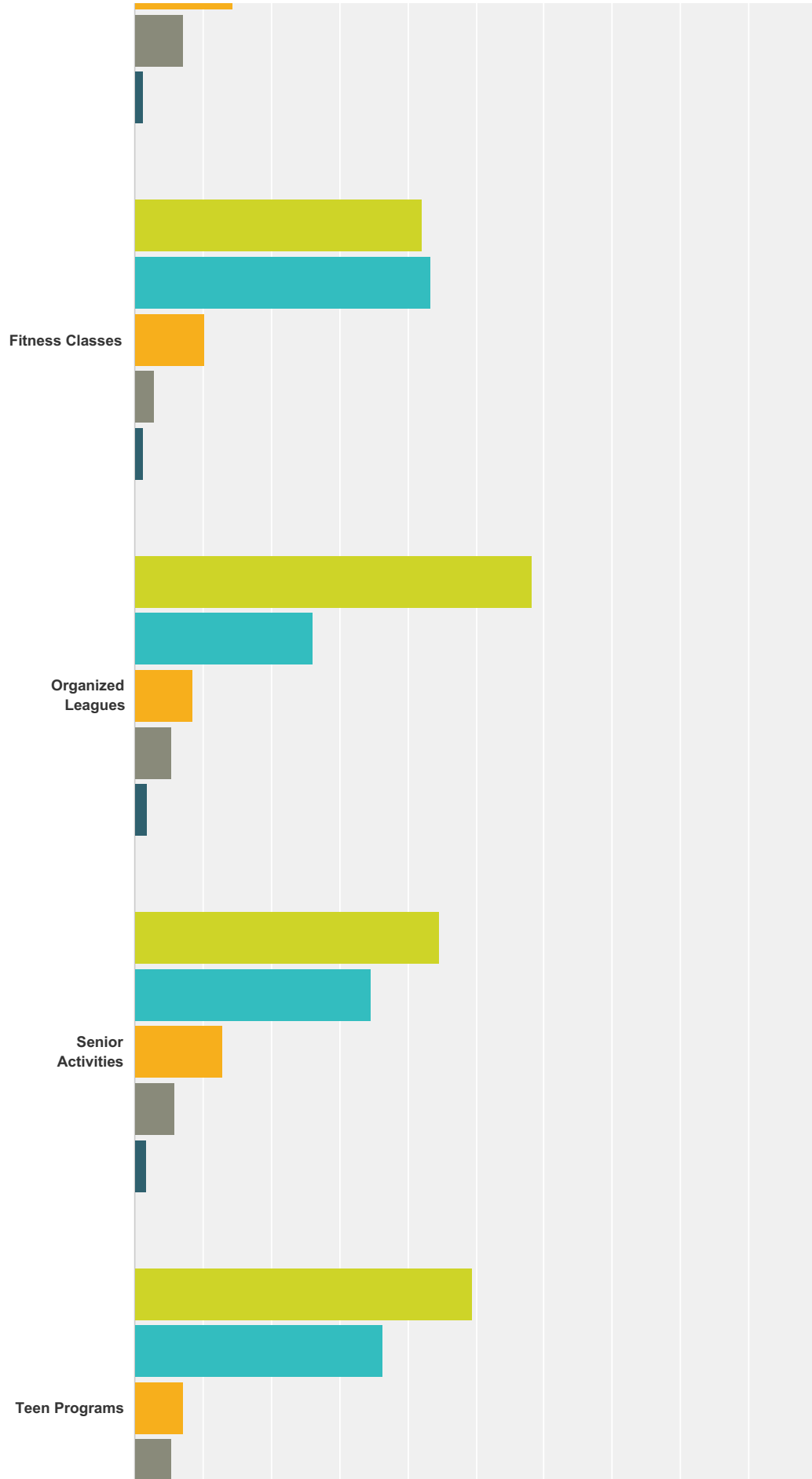
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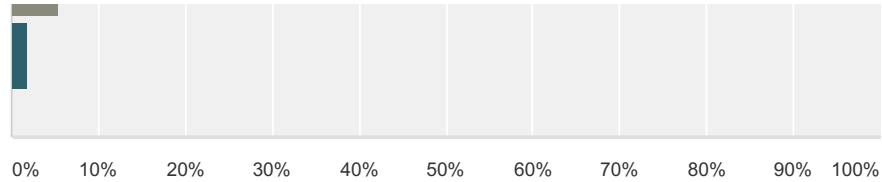
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 ■ somewhat important
 ■ not that important
 ■ not important at all
■ don't know

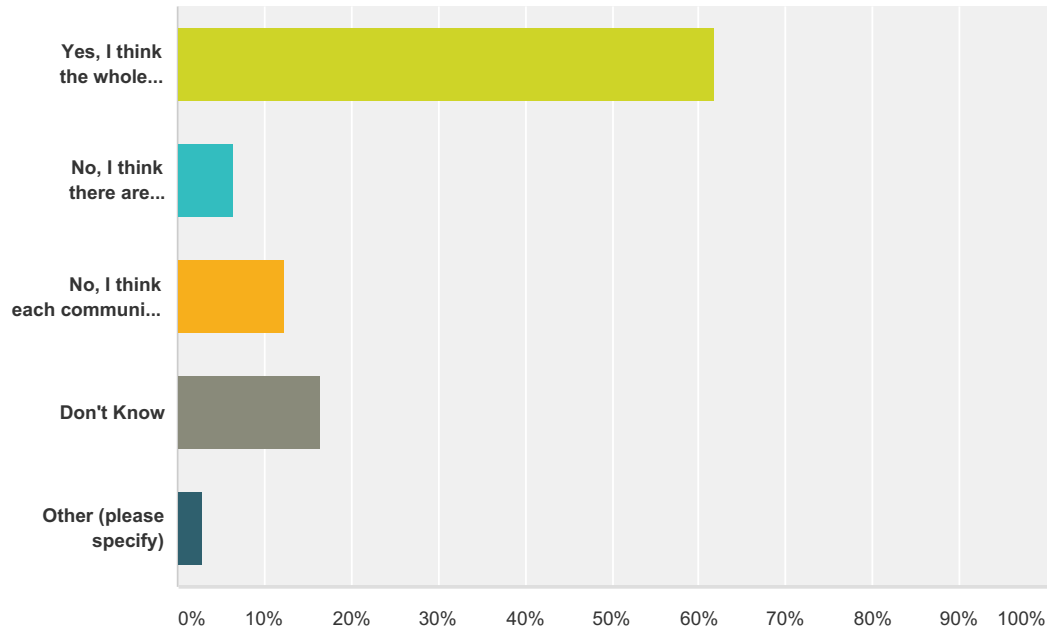
	very important	somewhat important	not that important	not important at all	don't know	Total
Adult Athletics	38.24% 65	47.06% 80	11.76% 20	1.76% 3	1.18% 2	170
Adult Education	33.93% 57	45.24% 76	14.88% 25	4.76% 8	1.19% 2	168
Athletics for Children	81.66% 138	15.98% 27	1.78% 3	0.00% 0	0.59% 1	169
Concerts/Family Events	59.52% 100	33.93% 57	3.57% 6	2.38% 4	0.60% 1	168
Enrichment Classes	39.52% 66	37.72% 63	14.37% 24	7.19% 12	1.20% 2	167
Fitness Classes	42.17% 70	43.37% 72	10.24% 17	3.01% 5	1.20% 2	166
Organized Leagues	58.18% 96	26.06% 43	8.48% 14	5.45% 9	1.82% 3	165
Senior Activities	44.71% 76	34.71% 59	12.94% 22	5.88% 10	1.76% 3	170
Teen Programs	49.40% 83	36.31% 61	7.14% 12	5.36% 9	1.79% 3	168

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Programs for those with special needs	3/31/2016 3:21 PM
2	More classes aimed to educate about protecting local environment and habitats	3/24/2016 1:09 PM
3	would like to see a rec volleyball for youth	1/27/2016 9:36 AM
4	No questions about young adults who want outdoor activities.	1/3/2016 11:45 AM
5	Yoga Classes	12/10/2015 9:32 PM

Q14 Do you support intergovernmental cooperation that collectively maintains the parks and organizes recreation programs?

Answered: 170 Skipped: 22

Farmington Parks and Rec Survey



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I think the whole region should cooperate to provide parks and recreation	61.76% 105
No, I think there are enough parks and recreation programs now	6.47% 11
No, I think each community should provide for their own parks and recreation	12.35% 21
Don't Know	16.47% 28
Other (please specify)	2.94% 5
Total	170

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Yes as long as it's cost effective and provides equal or better services.	4/3/2016 8:17 PM
2	We should team up with FH.	3/6/2016 4:14 PM
3	I think each community should have facilities available. If intergovernmental cooperation is cost effective and does not take away from a community that which they already have, then I would support a WELL thought out program.	1/31/2016 5:38 PM
4	connected bike paths through Farmington / Farmington Hills roads and parks..	1/3/2016 11:45 AM
5	Not sure what "region" means. But, cooperation within adjacent cities makes sense.	12/10/2015 11:06 PM

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APPENDIX C: FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources

The proposed recreation improvements proposed in the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan can be financed with a combination of resources. There are several potential funding sources currently being utilized and many that are available for parks and recreation projects such as parkland improvements and facility upgrades as described below.

General Fund

The General Fund is the basic operating fund for the City of Farmington. The General Fund contains the budgetary and financial controls for all the City's activities and functions which are not accounted for in other specialized funds. A wide variety of revenues, including recreation user charges, provide the resources for the operation of this fund.

Recreation Bond

A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities. General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects, such as park improvements and park land acquisition, and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. Revenue Bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.

Special Millage

A property tax millage can be used to finance specific park and recreation projects such as park development, pathway improvements and facility upgrades. A millage is an effective method to divide costs over time amongst all the taxpayers in the community to provide matching grant funds or finance projects out-right. A millage allows more flexibility in how the money is used than a bond.

User Fees

The City currently charges reasonable fees to the users of specific recreation facilities and for enrollment in recreation programs such as senior services, sports, cultural arts, camps, events and clinics, and rental fees for facilities. User fees provide substantial support for park and recreation facilities and programs and contribute to the City's General Fund.

Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project

This project was created in 1992/1993 to administer \$300,000 million dollars from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and additional state and local funding to demonstrate storm water remediation techniques in an urban watershed. The state funding included an \$822,000 319 Grant from the State of Michigan, and managed by Wayne County, for Best Management Practices (BMP) demonstration projects. The City of Farmington is located in the Rouge River Watershed.

AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

MNRTF provides funding assistance for the purchase of land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, and the development of recreation facilities. This assistance is directed at creating and improving outdoor recreational opportunities and providing protection to valuable natural resources. The improvement grants are between \$15,000 and \$500,000 with a required minimum local match of 25%. Acquisition grants vary

depending upon the value of property and local match amount; therefore there is not a minimum or maximum amount. This grant is ideal for implementing park plans and for land acquisition. Applications are due in April and September of each year for acquisition projects and April of each year for development projects. For more information, visit their website.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

LWCF provides funding assistance for communities to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation. The minimum award is \$15,000 and the maximum of \$500,000 with a 50% local match. The eligibility criterion emphasizes preservation of natural resources such as waterways. This grant is ideal for land acquisition that is intended for passive recreation and open space in the future. Applications are due in April. For more information, visit their website at www.nps.gov/lwcf

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

TAP is the successor to the SAFETEA-LU authorizing highway safety, transit and other surface transportation programs, including regional pathways and trailway systems. This is a reimbursement program that originally comes from the Federal Highway Administration and is administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Communities are eligible for funds to develop, construct, maintain, and rehabilitate trails and trail facilities for both non-motorized and motorized trail uses.

Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA)

MRPA provides mini grants for communities to aid in community programming and development.

Cooperative Resources Management Initiative

This program supports tree planting programs that improve tree species diversity, age/class diversity, reduce current and long-term maintenance costs, increase awareness, education and technical knowledge of trees and natural resource, provide wildlife habitat, improve aesthetics, encourage community/volunteer participation, increase water and air quality, and expand/improve tree cover throughout communities. Eligible projects are separated into three types: Community tree planting projects (\$10,000 maximum), projects organized by a non-profit or non-governmental agency on public land (\$5,000 maximum), and outdoor classroom/education sites (\$5,000 maximum). Applications are due in November of each year (with a possible second round in March).

Urban and Community Forestry Program – Community Forestry Grants

This program provides funds for projects that address the urban forestry needs municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations, and volunteer groups throughout Michigan. These projects may include tree inventories, management plans, tree planting educational workshops and trailing materials, and other maintenance activities. Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources, such as management and planning, education and training, tree planting, and library resources, are looked upon highly. Applications are due each summer with maximum grant requests of \$20,000.

Community Forestry Program – Arbor Day Mini-Grants

This mini-grant program is designed to provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments and volunteer groups for urban and community forestry activities related to Arbor Day. Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources, including tree planting on public land, Arbor Day celebrations, and natural resource library reference material acquisition, are looked upon highly. Applications are due each fall with maximum grant requests of \$200.

Community Forestry Program – DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grants

The DTE Energy Tree Planting program is conducted through a partnership with the MDNR to increase the number of properly planted, established, and maintained trees within the service territory of DTE Energy. Tree planting projects such as parks, right-of-way, public streets, nature study areas, schools grounds planting, and neighborhood revitalization projects all qualify. All trees must be planted on public land or land open to the public. Applications are due each fall with maximum grant requests of \$3,000.

Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is a method of preserving open space that is guaranteed through formal documentation. This technique can also be used to preserve open space if it is not feasible or practical for the City to acquire the land. Rather than obtaining fee simple, or complete ownership, an organization or community can purchase or acquire by gift an easement to the property.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

TIF is authorized by the Downtown Development Authority Act and Local Development Finance Authority Act. When a TIF district is established, the stated equalized assessment value of all properties within the district is recorded. Every year thereafter, the property tax revenue generated by any increase in the total stated equalized value is "captured" by the responsible organization to finance improvements established in the overall development plan. The development plan is a required document illustrating all proposed improvements within the district. Often, revenue bonds are used to finance the improvements and the tax increment revenues are used to repay the bonds.

Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships

Reduced funding for the public and private sector has created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities as well as between two or more public entities to accommodate specialized largescale recreation demands. The City could consider creating a different fee structure for the use of facilities by recreation providers and non-residents. The fees could be utilized for facility development, maintenance and upgrades, and/or programming. The fees from the various users would ensure continued high quality parks and facilities for City of Farmington residents.

Donations

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

Foundations

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors according to a predetermined plan.



APPENDIX D: ADOPTION & TRANSMITTAL INFO

The following pages contain both 2016 and 2019 adoption information.



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Subject: Summer Taxes
Date of Publication: June 26, 2016

Susan Totoraitis (Susan Totoraitis), being duly sworn, deposes and says that the advertising illustrated above/attached was published in the Farmington Observer Newspaper on the following date/s/: June 26, 2016, INVOICE Number 285801, and as an authorized employee of the Observer and Eccentric Media, she knows well the facts stated/herein. Cost: \$195.48.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTARIZED BY: Anne Marie Kilgore

Commission Expires: October 18, 2022

(Acting in County of) Macomb Notary Public in and for said County

ANNEMARIE KILGORE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF MACOMB
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10-18-2022
ACTING IN THE COUNTY OF _____

HONOR

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derly in the Naval Air Transport Service who was stationed in Hawaii. "I thought the war had all been forgotten. It was absolutely awesome. It really humbles you, but you're proud they remember."

Berbrich, who joined the U.S. Marines at age 18 and, at age 82, still refers to himself as a Marine, served from 1952-55 and spent 14 months in Korea. He was touched by the outpouring of affection for the veterans of all conflicts. "After seeing how Vietnam vets were treated (when they came home), I thought our country didn't care any more," said Berbrich, who served as a payroll disperser during the war. "This (trip) changed my mind totally about that."

Aside from renewing their faith, the trip was the chance of a lifetime for both men, which is exactly how the organizers hope it will turn out. The Honor Flights are paid for by Talons Out through grassroots fundraising.

Starting small

The national Honor Flight program got started with a couple of small planes flying two veterans at a time, and has since expanded into 132 hubs in 43 states. The Talons Out Michigan hub held its first fundraiser in July 2013 and flew its first flight Oct. 26, 2013.

Money is raised largely by donations — often only \$10 or \$20 at a time — for the flights, which organizers say cost some \$95,000 each these days. The flights are staffed entirely by volunteers, and include individual escorts — usually friends or family members — for each veteran.

Talons Out Michigan President Bobbie Bradley said it's all done for one basic reason.

"It's nothing more than to honor our veterans for their service to their country," Bradley said.

After boarding an early morning flight in



World War II veteran Wesley Davis of Detroit, accompanied by Vanessa Davis, is one of the first vets off the plane at Reagan International Airport.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



World War II veteran Bob Sloan looks out as the bus enters Arlington National Cemetery.

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Kalamazoo, the veterans arrived in Washington, D.C., and were taken on the rounds of the various memorials, among them the Vietnam Wall, the World War II Memorial, the U.S. Marine Corps memorial and others.

Sloan, the 89-year-old World War II veteran who'd never been out of his native Tennessee before joining the Navy,

was anxious to see the memorial commemorating his war — "That was the main one I wanted to see ... It was gorgeous," he said — but was most touched by visiting the Arlington Cemetery grave of Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated veterans in World War II.

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The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON 2016 SUMMER TAX STATEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Farmington Summer 2016 Property Tax Statement are due and payable on July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016. On September 1, 2016 taxes are delinquent and a 1% collection fee and 1% interest will be added to all unpaid amounts. An additional 1% of interest will be added on the 1st of each month from October 1st to February 1st. As of March 1, 2017, all 2016 taxes must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer.

City Hall offices will be open for payment of taxes 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday except for the following:

Monday - July 4, 2016
Monday - September 5, 2016

For your convenience, depositories are located in the City Hall lobby and in front of City Hall on the Liberty Street side of the building.

Applications for deferment of 2016 taxes are available at the City of Farmington Treasurer's office and online at www.farmgov.com. You are eligible for the deferment of 2016 taxes if your income for 2015 did not exceed \$40,000 and you are totally or permanently disabled, blind, a paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic, an eligible serviceperson, an eligible veteran, or an eligible widow or widower; or are 62 years of age or older, including the non-remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death. To qualify for deferment your application must be filed with the City of Farmington Treasurer's office not later than September 15, 2016. Deferred Summer Taxes may be paid without penalty until February 28, 2017.

By law, if the last day for payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the last day will be extended to include the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

CHRISTOPHER M. WEBER
TREASURER

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All interested residents are encouraged to attend the public hearing to be heard, and any written materials concerning the Draft 2016 Recreation Master Plan shall be received and considered.

The Draft 2016 Recreation Master Plan is available for review at Farmington City Hall located at 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI 48335 during regular business hours. A copy is also available for review on the city's website at www.farmgov.com.

Kevin P. Christiansen, AICP, FCP, Economic and Community Development Director
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Publish: June 26, 2016 Farmington Observer

CITY OF FARMINGTON
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 10-16-026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT 2016-2020
RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington, held on the 3rd day of October, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Cowley and seconded by Councilmember Scott.

WHEREAS, the Farmington City Council of the City of Farmington has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held by the Farmington Planning Commission on July 11, 2016 at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington City Council has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and


WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Farmington Planning Commission recommended that the City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Farmington City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan hereby adopts the 2016-2020 City of Farmington Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Farmington.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED OCTOBER 3, 2016.

I, Susan K. Halberstadt, duly authorized City Clerk for the City of Farmington do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted by the Farmington City Council at a regular meeting held on Monday, October 3, 2016, in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan.


Susan Halberstadt, City Clerk



Special City Council Meeting
7:00 PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016
Conference Room
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 3, 2016, in Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Councilmember	Absent	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Director Demers (left at 8:25 p.m.)
Superintendent Eudy (left at 8:05 p.m.)
City Clerk Halberstadt
Assistant to the City Manager Knowles (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Schultz
Treasurer Weber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott
ABSENT:	Bowman

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fritz Beirmeister, School Board candidate, introduced himself to Council and expressed a desire for the City and School Board to work more closely together.

Ken Chiara, 33630 Shiawassee, expressed concern regarding water rates that continue to rise. He encouraged Council to pass a proposed traffic ordinance that would allow on street parking on Shiawassee.

Chuck Eudy, Superintendent of Public Services, expressed concern regarding on street parking on Shiawassee. He discussed the many difficulties that would result if this were to occur.

4. CIVIC THEATER

A. Consideration to Approve Request for Civic HVAC Unit

Present: Scott Freeman, Civic Theater General Manager

Freeman discussed the need for the installation of a new HVAC system and the choice of Quality Heating and Cooling as a result of the bidding process.

Scott expressed concern regarding Freeman's recommendation of a Bryant system.

Cowley suggested closing the alley when the unit is installed; he suggested leveraging the purchase of future units.

Discussion followed regarding approaching bidders for three additional units over the next three years thereby reducing costs.

Freeman will go back to all three bidders and attempt to lock in price for three years; he will return to Council at the next meeting.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS

A. Consideration to Amend Traffic Control Order - Shiawassee Between Grand River and Farmington Road

Demers introduced proposed traffic order regarding Shiawassee Road on street parking.

Scott asked Demers regarding Eudy's concerns.

Demers stated for heavy snows his department would issue a snow emergency, eliminating parking on street, and temporary traffic control order during leaf pick-up.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Demers was not concerned about accommodating emergency vehicle traffic with the proposed change.

Responding to an additional question by Cowley, Demers stated if the costs outweigh the benefits the proposed change should be re-visited. He believes it is worth a shot.

Schneemann is interested in how many citations are issued each year on Shiawassee. Demers did not have data available, but noted this road is not a hotspot for speeders.

Schneemann clarified that the lanes would be 11' wide. He expressed support for the proposed change, but was concerned about garbage pick-up during rush hour. He suggested City Administration request that Waste Management does garbage pick-up during non-peak hours. He also discussed the difficulty of the proposed traffic order during leaf pick-up.

Galvin discussed the cost of striping and re-striping if it doesn't work out. He asked if the city is creating a new set of problems.

Scott expressed support for trying out the proposed changes.

Galvin would like this traffic order placed back on the agenda in March/April to reassess the benefits.

Motion to adopt a resolution to amend Traffic Control Order regarding parking on Shiawassee and to approve a plan to re-stripe Shiawassee and add a parking lane. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman

B. Consideration to Amend Traffic Control Order - No Overnight Parking in State Street Municipal Lot

Demers introduced all three proposed traffic control orders.

Cowley advised Thomas Street might be an issue for future construction on Maxfield Training Center site.

Murphy responded that, if necessary, the order can be reversed when construction begins.

Schneemann would like to eliminate parking on Warner between Thomas and Grand River.

Murphy advised there is no parking on that street; he will make sure no parking signs are put back up.

Scott asked for clarification on the elimination of overnight parking on the south side of State Street.

Demers discussed businesses parking there overnight.

Scott expressed concern about someone leaving an establishment intoxicated and needing to move their car.

Demers emphasized that this order is also on a trial basis and can be revisited at a later time.

Cowley expressed support for placing a 24-hour limitation on parking rather than overnight.

Responding to a question by Galvin, Demers stated that 25-30 additional parking spaces will be created.

Move to adopt a resolution to implement a maximum of 24-hour parking in the municipal lot south of State Street. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman

C. Consideration to Amend Traffic Control Order - Terminate Prohibited Parking on Mayfield Street, School Street and State Street

Move to adopt a resolution to terminate prohibited parking on Mayfield Street, School Street and State Street. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT: Sara Bowman

D. Amend Traffic Control Order - Thomas Street Parking Between Warner Street and School Street

Move to adopt a resolution to amend Traffic Control Order to terminate parking restrictions on the north side of Thomas Street between Warner and School Streets to allow for untimed parking in this area. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT: Sara Bowman

6. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT 2016 RECREATION MASTER PLAN

A. Review and Consideration of 2016 Recreation Master Plan

Christiansen presented the proposed 2016 Recreation Master Plan.

Galvin asked why Drake Park is a neighborhood rather than a community park.

Christiansen responded that the description is based on size and location.

Galvin questioned what the city is going to do with the Master Plan.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Christiansen stated the next step is to forward the Master Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He advised the city would then be eligible for state grant-funding.

Scott pointed out the highest desire of community was nature trails and pathways.

Move to approve a resolution to adopt the 2016-2020 City of Farmington Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Farmington. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman

7. CONSIDERATION OF DOWNTOWN AREA PLAN 2015 AMENDMENT

A. Review and Consideration of Farmington Downtown Area Plan 2015 Amendment - Development Area E, East Grand River Area Plan

Christiansen presented a proposed amendment to the 2015 Downtown Area Plan.

Schneemann questioned the limitation to one-story buildings on concept one. He asked why the city is trying to limit density in that area. He also questioned why the label "historical property" is being maintained.

Discussion followed regarding the merits of keeping the label of the property as historic.

Schneeman expressed support for removing the historic label on the property.

Christiansen suggested tabling the discussion and referring the amendment back to the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) and allow them to develop a 3rd option.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Knowles stated the plan provides a good transition from the downtown to the east end of Farmington and that is why it is included.

Move to postpone City Council action on the proposed amendment to the Downtown Area Plan until the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority has had the opportunity to review proposed change by Council.

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

9. COUNCIL COMMENT

Schneemann expressed concern regarding the proposal for the Maxfield Training Center. He would oppose the project in its current form. He is looking forward to seeing something different that has an urban concept.

10. CLOSED SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION

Move to enter closed session to discuss land acquisition.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Greg Cowley, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
NAYS:	William Galvin
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman

The votes were taken in the following order: Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott, Bowman.

Council entered closed session at 8:25 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman


Council exited closed session at 9:53 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

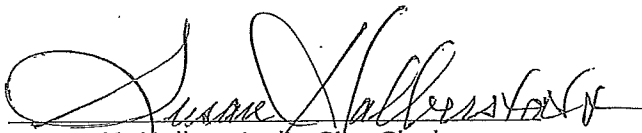
A. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT:	Sara Bowman

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.



William E. Galvin, Mayor



Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: November 21, 2016

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 TO THE PUBLIC HEARING; POSTED JUNE 10,
 2016/PUBLIC HEARING HELD JULY 11, 2016

Jessica K. Walbridge
 City Clerk 3/29/18

FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
City Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, Michigan
July 11, 2016

Chairperson Crutcher called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, on Monday, July 11, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chiara, Crutcher, Gronbach, Kmetzo, Majoros

Absent: Buyers, Waun

A quorum of the Commission was present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Director Christiansen, Inspector Koncsol

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Gronbach, seconded by Majoros, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of Regular Meeting – June 13, 2016

Motion by Majoros, seconded by Kmetzo, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried, all ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2016 RECREATION PLAN

Crutcher introduced this agenda item and turned it over to staff.

Christiansen stated this is a Public Hearing for the 2016 Recreation Master Plan for the City of Farmington. He indicated it was discussed and reviewed by the Planning Commission and the final draft was presented at the last meeting of June 13th and the preliminary draft prior to that. He indicated it is a project that the City of Farmington has been moving forward with and that last fall a committee was created and he described the make up of the committee. He said they are holding the required Public Hearing in order to make a recommendation on the proposed plan. He stated that the City's planning consultants, LSL, and Josh Penn from LSL will go over the condensed executive summary.

Crutcher called Penn to the podium.

Penn thanked Christiansen for the intro and stated they have been working with Kevin on this plan for some time now and that he is present to go over the condensed executive summary and overview of the plan for those attending the Public Hearing. He

welcomed questions during his presentation from attendees.

He described the Executive Summary as pages that were taken out of the Recreation Master Plan, three main parts consisting of the overview, the inventory and the analysis section and the action plan which is the driver of the document.

He quoted the verbiage from the document, stating its purpose being a guide for development ideas for the future. He stated there were a lot of people involved in making this document, the committee, the community, commissioners and Director Christiansen, all providing feedback that has been directly incorporated into the Master Plan and will represent the priorities for the City of Farmington.

He stated the City of Farmington is uniquely situated as it is amidst a number of regional parks, five county parks and three state parks within ten miles of City Hall. He said this regional connectiveness is outstanding for a community of this size and is an important theme for the document.

He stated there is a map at the bottom of the page that shows all of the parks within the City and what it doesn't show is facilities nearby, i.e. Farmington Hills per the Intergovernmental Agreement that exists between the two communities.

He went on to discuss Shiawassee Park and its significance to the community. He indicated the Downtown Area Plan played a big part in the recommendations they are making for this park in the future. What they wanted to add to that in the analysis that new playground equipment was a priority, upgrades to the ball field, all which are listed on Page 9. He stated the City itself does not own Shiawassee Park, but leases it from Farmington Public Schools and they suggest acquiring the property themselves.

The next park discussed was Drake Park, and one of the things heard that was needed was upgrades to baseball fields, with the park holding a lot of potential. He stated they discussed a concept design of an upgrade to the ball fields.

He went on to Womens Park and thanked the committee for their report, expressing its thoroughness. He highlighted a few recommendations, a low maintenance landscape plan, orientation of park benches, improving lighting, and a recommendation of considering to upgrade park signage indicating its historic significance.

He said for Memorial Park they addressed how can they draw more attention to that park and encourage more usage, indicating a crosswalk to facilitate greater usage and to connect to the 911 Memorial and how to incorporate commemorative plaques more representative of the range of military service that residents have participated in in more recent years.

Downtown Riley Park is the center of the downtown and is included in many of the plans for the downtown area. Plans are to continue upkeep and regular maintenance.

Flanders Park is the newest park, not yet done, which was part of Riverwalk and donated back to City. Old playground equipment from the school will be brought back and a walking trail and fitness path will be included.

He then went on to the next section, Parkland and Service Area Analysis and the various tables contained therein. Table 4-2 showed Farmington scoring well, with two areas of slight deficit in acreage being a slight deficiency in mini parks and community parks.

He pointed out on table 4-3, facility analysis, an area of deficiency being an 18-hole golf course which isn't really relevant because of the shared services with Farmington Hills and stated the City is well taken care of in terms of recreational facilities.

He then moved on to Section 5.3, Specific Recommendations and detailed plans for the Upper Rouge River & Grand River Corridor Plan, a non-motorized trail network called Riverwalk which originated with the Grand River Corridor Vision Plan and indicated the project will be implemented in phases as additional resources are attained. He stated system-wide recommendations would include upgrades and improvements to current parks and recreation facilities and services, design improvements to include updates to current park signage to identify as being part of Farmington's park system with uniform design themes in the lighting, benches, waste receptacles, bike racks and other amenities that represent Farmington parks.

The next chart, Timeline & Projects, was reviewed and he indicated all of the priorities set for these parks will be determined by estimating costs, funding sources, timing and other opportunities for partnerships with other organizations.

Christiansen turned the item back to the Chair.

Chairperson Crutcher inquired if anyone wanted to entertain a motion to open the Public Hearing.

MOTION by Gronbach, supported by Kmetzo, to open the Public Hearing.
Motion carried, all yes.

(Public Hearing opened at 8:37 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING

Kathy Fruechtenicht, 32306 Valley View Circle, stated she just moved to Farmington and really likes it and is curious about the Riverwalk, she had never heard of it before and would like to know more about it.

Christiansen welcomed her to Farmington and thanked her for coming to the Public Hearing. He stated the Rouge River Nature Trail is a project that came about during the Grand River Corridor Authority Vision Plan where a lot of dialogue was generated about

natural features, specifically to the Rouge River, and how to link it to Grand River and the community. He stated a student group from U of M worked for the past year with the Authority and have just completed their report and it is available to review online.

MOTION by Chiara, supported by Majoros, to close the Public Hearing.
Motion carried, all ayes.

(Public Hearing closed at 8:45 p.m.)

The floor was opened up for questions from the Commissioners.

Kmetzo questioned if the numbers on Page 5 for the estimated cost for Shiawassee Park included the acquisition of it.

Christiansen responded that is a separate issue and stated that the City has worked together with Farmington Public Schools on other projects and that currently the City maintains Shiawassee Park but doesn't own it, it is leased from them for a small monetary amount.

Chiara inquired about grant money being available for the switchback.

Christiansen stated there had been discussion about low grade switchbacks providing better access than the current bridge and stairs and that access is part of the downtown area plan. He indicated the first step will be with the redevelopment of the Maxfield Training Center and providing access down into the park but the City will have to seek financing as the timing of that grant has expired.

MOTION by Gronbach, supported by Chiara, to move to approve and accept the 2016 Recreation Master Plan Update as presented and forward it to City Council for their review and consideration.
Motion carried, all ayes.

Christiansen stated it is a very comprehensive plan and thanked Josh Penn and Michelle Foster from LSL for their hard work on the project.

FINAL SITE PLAN REVIEW, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT – SUBURBAN COLLECTION 37175 GRAND RIVER

Crutcher introduced this agenda item and turned it over to staff

Christiansen stated this is a final site plan review for the PUD proposed by Suburban Collection located at 37175 Grand River for the construction of a one-story vehicle prep building. He gave the history of the project and indicated that Suburban Collection has submitted a final site plan for construction of the building at the now Freedom Plaza site. He described the evolution of the four parcels of the PUD in detail.

He indicated the Council has received two review letters that were submitted, one by LSL and one by OHM and that Chris Gruba, consultant planner with LSL, is present and he will present theirs, and Jessica Howard will present OHM's. He indicated the petitioners were present as well.

Chairperson Crutcher called Chris Gruba from LSL to the podium.

Chris Gruba came to the podium He went on to say this is the final portion of the PUD, the other parcels have been completed or started and we are now here for Suburban Collection's site plan for a vehicle prep building and vehicle storage and that the generalized concept plan has changed a bit, but tonight basically he needs the Planning Commission's feedback on some of the items. He said it is a good plan but there are minor things that need to be addressed.

The storage on the property for the vehicles, 900 plus cars, there was a discrepancy between the number from the architect and the number from the engineers as well as the square footage of the building, the numbers were not consistent.

He stated one of the access road to the site is being closed off and others are shifting. The PUD stated there would be landscaping around the perimeter of the site to shield or screen the view of storing the cars. Also, the PUD contained language to add eighteen cherry trees and the masonry walls on south and east would be brought up to six feet tall and repaired and that the Planning Commission has the authority to raise the south property line from six feet to eight feet.

Things noticed on the plans that were more outstanding, the landscaping shown falls short of zoning ordinance requirements of the greenbelt and buffer zone to the east and south adjacent to the property. The Planning Commission can waive or modify the landscape requirements in the zoning ordinance.

On the proposed landscape plan indicates 18 cherry trees are required along Grand River, there are 12 to 14 with more on the main drive on Grand River, with a total of twenty-two. He stated the PUD required 18 along Grand River and needs guidance from the Planning Commission on that.

One of the other things is there is a missing portion of landscaping around the perimeter of the northwest of parcel 1, small portion, 200 feet, that has a masonry screen wall 5 feet tall and also a small space might be worthy of small landscaping

He stated they are asking for a typical truck turning template be added to accommodate entrance and exit onto the site.

He indicated part of the PUD agreement it was stated that the sidewalk be extended along Freedom Road frontage. The applicant has proposed installing a sidewalk along the parcel right up here and the sidewalk would end right where the exit for the trucks to

leave. The frontage along Freedom Road that dead ends, and he is asking for direction from the Planning Commission on that as it may be challenging because of the grades and costly and may not be completely effective in reaching the destination.

One of the other items he would like direction from the Planning Commission on is the applicant is proposing a decorative fence and there is no detail and I'm not sure if the Commission wants to make any comments on what kind of decorative fence.

He stated the light levels in the plan were slightly high and we would recommend bringing these to meet ordinance requirements.

The minor issues include the building being located further out on the site, the ordinance requires 20 percent of window on that side for esthetic purposes but there will not be a lot of people seeing it.

No future signage is shown on site plan.

Other minor things on the site plan is that some potential variances may be required. Sidewalk connectivity is one, none of the lightpoles in the parking lot are located in landscaped islands, there is lack of species diversity in the landscape plans for screening.

As a recap, he said there must be discussion of sidewalk along Freedom Road, the eighteen cherry trees along Grand River Avenue, deficient landscaping except the cherry trees, but that can be waived by the Planning Commission, and raising the wall from six feet to eight feet.

He thanked the Commission for their time.

Crutcher thanks him.

Jessica Howard from OHM was present to go over their letter.

Chairperson Crutcher invited her to the podium.

She highlighted the issues contained in the letter, stating there were no details provided for the five foot wall. She indicated the wall on the east side between the Tile Shop and Jamestown was not structurally sound and was fixed and it was noted that Suburban is to fix their wall on their property as well and that is not in their plans. No sidewalk is being proposed along Freedom Road in their plans though the PUD had it. The truck access easement for the truck route needs to be shown going through The Tile Shop and Digital Terrain's property. The trash enclosure proposed on the site with no details showing what type of enclosure it's going to be, walls around it, the fencing and concrete padding to be extended.

She stated that an Oakland County Drain goes through the site so repaving over it may be an issue. Also, details of the decorative fence along Freedom Road are not included, also utilities do not like trees to be planted over so the roots don't grow over, sanitary sewer should be shown on the plans and that they are asking for two parking spaces to be removed in order to allow easier access to the existing hydrants.

Crutcher invited Stanley Tkacz, owner and operator of Studio Designs – ST, to the podium. He indicated that he has been in this business for forty plus years and does not like going into a meeting and being blindsided by documents that he's never seen before. He stated that 90 percent of the deficiencies stated in the letters are on the plans. He demonstrated some of the items shown on their plans and indicated he doesn't know how to approach it.

Christiansen stated that the electronic set of plans included those documents but not the ones provided to the Planning Commission and OHM and LSL. He apologized for the oversight. He then explained the review letters and their purpose.

Tkacz responds that this site is not open to the public, there will be no customer parking. Truck layout was changed by moving it back into the site to make it swing better. He stated that the lighting is all on motion sensors.

Christiansen confirmed that the site is not open for public use and is intended to be used by SC for their vehicle preparation operation. He stated the main concern of the PUD was several fold: access was very important; screening was very important vegetatively and also to the wall; and the lighting was talked about with the building being adjacent to residential with the apartments, and to the east and to the south, single family.

Tkacz addressed the lighting poles, in the original plans they had landscape islands and we were told not since it was not a public parking lot.

Christiansen stated one comment he heard there is a requirement for sidewalks along the perimeter of properties. There was discussion

Christiansen indicated one comment made by consultants is the city has unique areas where we don't have pedestrian pathways but through Complete Streets they are trying to do it. He indicated it is a five foot concrete walk.

Christiansen asked to talk about the west property line and Tkacz detailed the material they were going to use. He then asked about the existing walls along the east and south and Tkacz reported they will be repaired.

Further discussion was held about the metal fence along the west side.

Tim Leroy from the Suburban Collection expressed concern about the landscaping on the back wall being destroyed.

The wall replacement and details of it were discussed further.

The plans were further gone over and demonstrated to the Planning Commission and He indicated the truck route was adjusted for better flow as the building was pushed back into the site and to the west.

The issue with signage is to be complied with in terms of City ordinance requirements.

He stated access and easement requirements will be done comprehensively.

Christiansen stated he discussed with Public Safety with respect to emergency access into that site that it was reviewed with Public Safety and they are comfortable with it.

He indicated the photometric plan is an important aspect, and it is important there is no spillover on adjacent properties.

Discussion was held on the color schemes on the building and samples were presented to the Commission.

As far as utility, the whole site ties in with stormwater management .

Christiansen stated most of the old Kmart storm sewers and grease interceptors will remain and if need be adjusted.

Gronbach stated he sees no reason that they can't approve this plan as long as they follow the PUD and coordinate with Administration

MOTION by Gronbach, supported by Majoros, to move to approve the PUD site plan as submitted by Suburban Collection, 37175 Grand River, with the acknowledgement that it meets guidelines as specified in the PUD plan and Administration coordinate details with regard to the review letter from OHM dated July 8, 2016 and the review letter from LSL dated July 5, 2016.

Motion carried, all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chiara inquired if there is anything going in to the former Goodyear facility on Grand River.

ADJOURNMENT

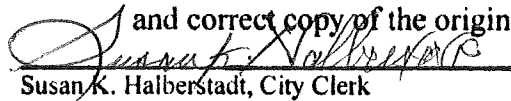
MOTION by Majoros, seconded by Chiara, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried, all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

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and correct copy of the original.


Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

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Date

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APPENDIX E: GRANT HISTORY

In accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements, the following list outlines all past recreation grants received by the City of Farmington:

1. Drake Road Park

In 1972, this was a park site development project that included improvements to equipment and facilities.

2. Drake Road Park

In 1967, this was an acquisition of land project that included the acquisition of 10 acres of land for neighborhood park development.

3. Farmington Recreation Facilities – Shiawassee Park

In 1985, this was a park site development project that included improvements to equipment and facilities.

4. Farmington Park Facility – Drake Park

In 1989, this was a park site development project that included the addition of equipment and renovation of facilities.