

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP

MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL AREAS

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Plan - The purpose of the 2015 Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Natural Areas in Fruitland Township is to provide a logical framework for guiding decisions concerning park and recreation facilities as well as public open space and natural areas. The goals, objectives and policy guidelines in this Plan are designed to set the tone for the administration of Township Parks.

The Plan is also designed to serve as an effective planning tool to maintain and improve the present level of service in the parks as well as to enhance an already successful park and recreation system. This "level of service" approach to park and recreation facility planning enables the Parks and Recreation Commission to identify and meet the changing patterns of need and uses with considerable flexibility.

Modifications in the level of service provided to Township residents can be made at any time. The Plan should be continually monitored and officially updated in terms of need and use so that its recommendations and implementation strategy can be adjusted as necessary. It analyzes the recreational opportunities of each park in the Township so that decision makers have the information necessary to establish priorities.

Planning Initiative - The Township Parks and Recreation Commission has been assigned the task of preparing and updating this Plan, which will include a vision of the future, a mission statement and a series of action steps through the year 2020. The plan's highest priority is the improvement of existing park facilities for the continued enjoyment of current and future generations. Improving existing facilities will provide recreation activities to a diverse and changing demographic mix of residents and meet potentially changing cultural norms and new activities.

Plan Content - The following sections of the plan are described below:

Community Description

Administrative Structure

Recreation Inventory

Resource Inventory

Description of the Planning and Public Input Process

Goals and Objectives

Action Program

Maintenance

Local Adoption and DNRE Approval

SECTION 2

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Fruitland Township is a suburban community located in northwestern Muskegon County, Michigan (T11-N, R17-18W). When Michigan was surveyed, Congressional Township 11, located at Township 11 north, and Range 17-18 west, was given the name Fruitland, "Land of Fruit", presumably because the area was thought to be suitable for the growing of fruit. Because of the angle of the Lake Michigan shoreline, the Township is the largest in Muskegon County, and larger than the average Michigan Township. It encompasses nearly 40 square miles bounded on the north by Whitehall Township and the City of Whitehall, on the west by Lake Michigan, on the east by Dalton Township, and on the south by Laketon Township.

The Township is primarily a residential community adjacent to Muskegon. Township residents enjoy a rural life style with the ability to reach the Muskegon metropolitan area with a ten or fifteen-minute commute. The location of Fruitland Township relative to other nearby communities is shown in ***Figure 1 – Location Map***. The Township's population has grown from 3,200 in 1970 to 4,168 in 1980 to 4,391 in 1990 to 5,235 in 2000 and to 5,543 in 2010. This represents a 73% population growth in forty years or an average growth rate of 15.18% per decade or a 1.5% increase per year. At this rate, the 2020 population is estimated to be 6,384. However, there is a substantial increase in the summertime population because of the large number of seasonal homes, cottages and resorts located along Lake Michigan, Duck Lake and the south shore of White Lake. Much of the land in the Township remains vacant and undeveloped, but pressure for residential development is increasing.

2010 Population: 5,543

Housing Units: 2,592 (Occupied-2,097 and vacant-495)

Total Area: 39.67 square miles (25,389 acres)

Land Area: 36.51 square miles (23,362 acres)

Water Area: 3.16 square miles (2,027 acres)

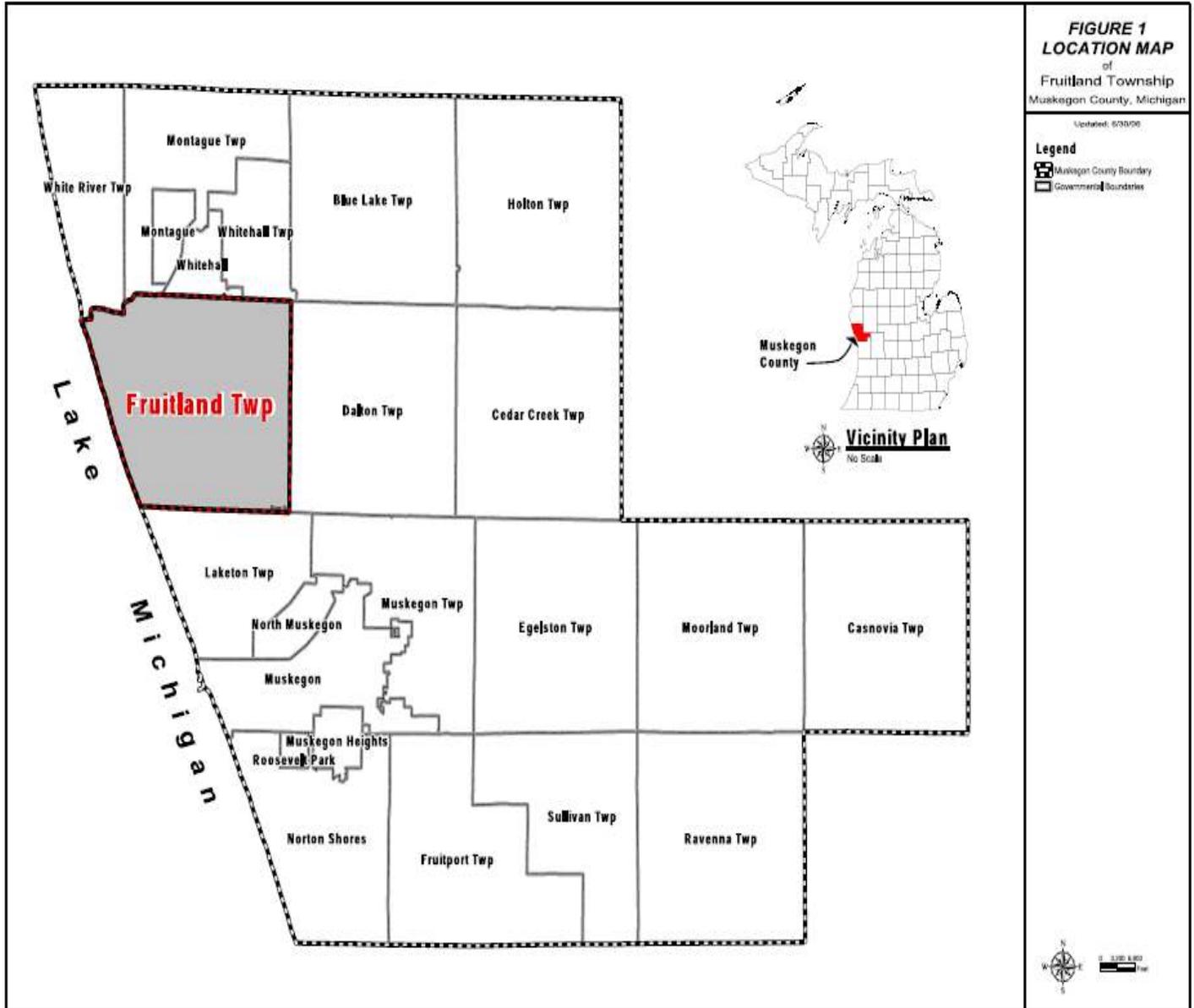
Total Shoreline: 14.83 miles

Density: 151.8 persons/square mile

Housing units/square mile: 70.99

FIGURE 1

LOCATION MAP



Population Growth – The Township has grown steadily over the years, achieving its most rapid 10-year population growth between 1990 and 2000, increasing 19.2% from 4,391 to 5,235 people. The 2010 U.S. Census reported Fruitland Township population at 5,543, up from 5,235 in 2000. In total, Fruitland Township has increased by 33% since 1980, gaining an additional 1,375 people between 1980 and 2010.

Based on 2010 U.S. Census Data, 55% of Fruitland Township residents are 25-64 years old; 26% are children under the age of 19; and 14% are 65 years or older.

Population projections suggest that in the year 2020 the Township population will rise to 6,384. By the year 2030, it is expected to be 7,353. This is a projected increase of nearly 15.18% every 10 years. This modest rate of growth suggests that the current allocation of park land, in terms of total acreage, may prove adequate for meeting the recreation and conservation needs of the next generation. Other social and physical characteristics of the community, as they relate to the goals and objectives that influence this Plan will be discussed in subsequent sections of the Plan.

SECTION 3

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Planning for and providing park and recreation services and open space for a community requires staff (or volunteers), land, open spaces and the resources to develop, operate, and maintain them. This section describes Parks and Recreation Commission funding and operations and how recreation activities are carried out in Fruitland Township.

The Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission is a five-member Commission created in 1969 to provide quality parks and recreational facilities and opportunities throughout the township. The Commission was created under Act 271 of 1931, as amended. However, this Act was repealed in 1989. Accordingly, when that law was repealed another was adopted in June of 1989. The current law for township park commissions is Act 157 of 1905. It appears from this statute that a preexisting park commission would continue subject to the provisions of the statute that changed in 1989 and which changed again in later years. Therefore, the Parks and Recreation Commission is currently organized as a five-member board, organized under Act 157 of 1905.

The Commissioners are elected for four-year terms at regular election cycles. The current Commission members and their respective terms are:

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Lynn Knopf (Chair) | 2012 - 2016 |
| 2. Rob Zoellmer (Vice-Chair) | 2014 - 2016 |
| 3. Mary Nagengast (Secretary) | 2012 - 2016 |
| 4. Laura Shields | 2012 - 2016 |
| 5. Steve Urban | 2012-2016 |

The Commission has a part-time recording secretary who handles the administrative duties on behalf of the Commission.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has their own budget which is adopted annually. The budget can be viewed www.fruitlandtwp.org or at the Township Hall.

Sources of funding for the Parks and Recreation Commission are from Fruitland Township General Funds. Partnerships have been formed with White Lake Area Community Education to operate the seasonal recreation program; the White Lake Little League; and SPLKA (Sable Point Light Keepers Association), which operates the White River Light Station.

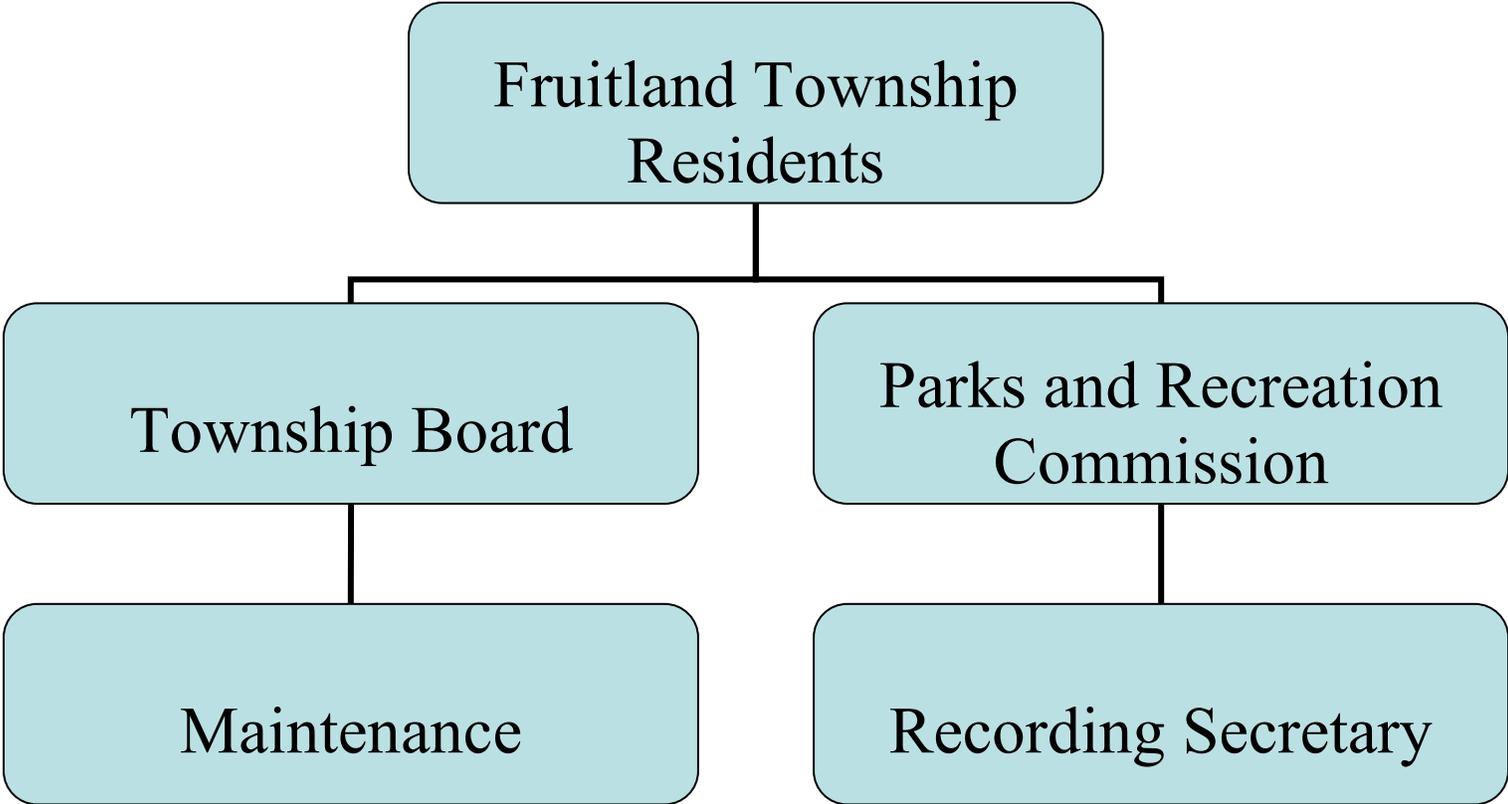
The Parks and Recreation Commission oversees the operation of the park system. The administrative structure of the Parks and Recreation Commission is shown in **Figure 2-Organizational Structure**. The Fruitland Township Board has the authority of approving the Parks and Recreation Commission budget. Otherwise, the Commission is responsible for township parks and recreational facilities, programs, and activities. The Parks and Recreation Commission has been given sole authority for long-range recreation planning. All Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are open to the public for comment.

The Parks and Recreation Commission intends to conduct public hearings for projects that will be developed using State and/or Federal grants. The purpose of the hearings will be to allow people in the community an opportunity to voice their support, concerns, comments, or questions on these projects. Public input and citizen involvement is always encouraged for all Township park and recreation projects.

The Parks and Recreation will collaborate with outside organizations and governmental units for any projects or enhancements within the Parks Commission jurisdiction.

FIGURE 2

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



SECTION 4

RECREATION AND RESOURCE INVENTORY

The recreation inventory describes all parks and recreation facilities that Fruitland Township owns or operates. Facilities owned by other government entities and private facilities accessible by township residents are also included in the inventory.

Park and Recreation Area Inventory - Classified by type:

TABLE 1 RECREATION INVENTORY			
Facility	Number of Acres	Handicapped Accessibility	Existing Facilities
*Nestrom Road Park	36.72	2	Baseball diamonds, playground equipment, picnic shelters, tennis courts, pickleball, benches, shuffleboard court, soccer field, bike racks, horseshoe court, and two portable toilets (1 handicap accessible)
*White River Light Station Museum	2.75	2	Benches, museum, beach, two portable toilets (1 handicap accessible)
*Marcus Park	1.28	1	Beach, grill, picnic table, swing, slide, bike racks, and bench
*Duck Lake Road Park	19.62	1	Basketball Court, grill and picnic tables
*Historic West Cemetery	0.25	1	Cemetery
Michigan's Adventure	74.00		
Duck Lake State Park	728.00		
Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail	3.5 miles		
Anderson Woods Trail	75	2	
Lincoln Golf Club	180		
White Lake Golf Club	139		
Bent Pine Golf Club	80		
5 Road Ends at Water		2	Parking and boat launches (1)
*Total Township Acres	60.62		

Accessibility Assessments – The table above includes an assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment considers the accessibility of both the facilities themselves as well as the access routes to them. The ranking system is as follows:

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

An accessibility study was also conducted in 2014 by the Disability Network of West Michigan. The study found a lack of accessible pathways in all parks. In addition, there were no labeled handicapped parking spaces at Duck Lake Road Park or Marcus Park. One of the restrooms at the Nestrom Road Park was found to be inaccessible to wheelchairs, even though it was obtained to be used by handicapped citizens. The restroom was also set a ways off the path, making it more difficult for a citizen to get to the unit. The play equipment, picnic tables, tennis courts, and baseball court were found to be lacking in accessibility.

DNRE Recreation Grant Inventory – The Nestrom Road Park was partially developed with a DNRE recreation grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The 1984 development grant funded improvements. The grant information is as follows:

Year	1984
Park Name	Fruitland Township
Grant number	2601292
Grant Amount	\$60,000

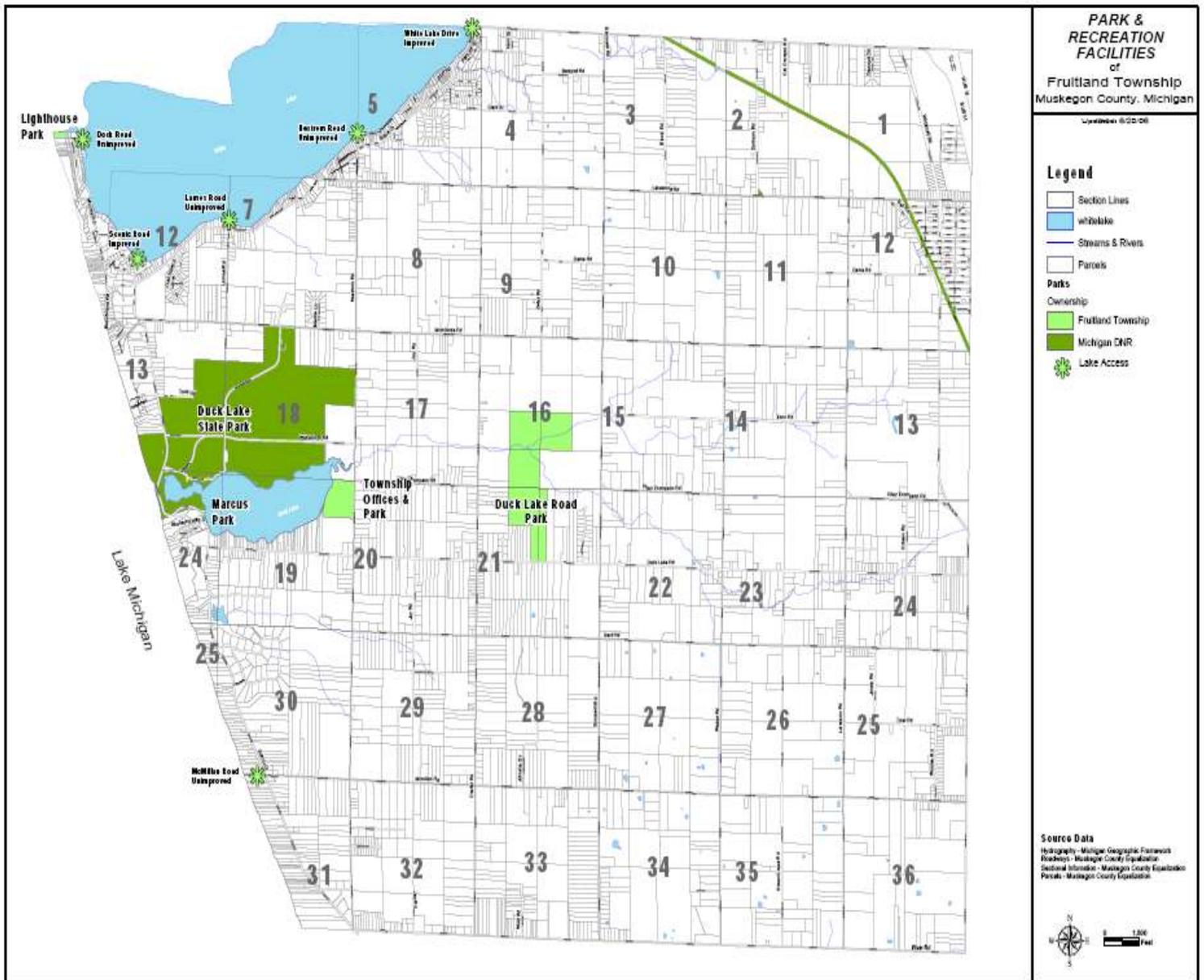
The scope of items that were constructed includes a picnic area, sign, playground, shuffleboard, horseshoes, shelter building, pit toilet (removed in 2014) and entry road. The current condition of these improvements, even after 26 years, is good, although starting to show signs of wear. The 1984 improvements continue to serve the community as anticipated.

Township Park Use and Acreage - The Township provides community facilities that are used and available to residents from the Township and surrounding areas. Most of the parks contain a natural feature such as a lake, river or wooded area and may be adjacent to other features such as the Lake Michigan dunes. People use the parks for a wide variety of activities (see **Figure 3 – Recreation Inventory** and **Table 1 – Recreation Inventory**).

Key activities include walking, hiking, swimming, picnicking/grilling, bicycling, nature observation, ball fields, family get-togethers, and playground use. Lake Michigan, White Lake, and Duck Lake provide year round fishing and boating opportunities.

FIGURE 3

RECREATION INVENTORY



Township owned and operated park and recreation facilities include The White River Light Station Museum operated by the Sable Point Light Keepers Association (SPLKA), Nestrom Road Township Park, Marcus Park, Duck Lake Road Park, and five road ends.

Nestrom Road Park – Nestrom Road Park is located on Nestrom Road in combination with the Township Offices on a 36.72-acre parcel. The Park features the following equipment available to township residents: ball fields, swing set, play set, shuffleboard, horseshoes, tennis courts, pickleball, pavilions, picnic tables, grills, restroom facilities, a baseball field, a soccer field, and access with stairs to Duck Lake. Nestrom Road Park in previous years served as the principal gathering place for community festivals and celebrations. Nestrom Road Park is centrally located to the population centers in the township. The Park functions as an open area for community events. A portion of the Park is heavily wooded but Duck Lake is accessed by a stairway leading to the lake through the woods. The center of the Park contains a good quality ball field.

White River Light Station Museum – This 2.75-acre site at the extreme northwest corner of the township has parking for 24 cars, Port-a-jons, and a walkway along the White River channel. The museum features nearly 1,000 artifacts primarily representing the history of shipping on the Great Lakes.

Marcus Park – Marcus Park is a 1.28-acre site at the west end of Duck Lake offering residents a place to picnic and rest. The Park has a small swimming beach, picnic table, one grill, a swing set, slide, bike racks and bench. It is not easily accessible and has no official parking spaces, although there is room to park legally along Scenic Drive.

Duck Lake Road Park - Duck Lake Road Park is a 19.62-acre park adjacent to the Township Fire Station on Duck Lake Road. This park features a basketball court, two picnic tables and a grill, and is adjacent to an additional 160 acres owned by the Township allowing visitors to take a stroll through the woods. There is also a parking area available for roughly a dozen vehicles.

Historic West Cemetery – The historic west cemetery in the dunes of Lake Michigan has unmarked graves and a sign describing when burials may have taken place.

Duck Lake State Park - Duck Lake State Park is located in the west central portion of the Township. This 728-acre facility features a picnic shelter, swimming beach and boat launch on the north shore of Duck Lake as well as access to Lake Michigan.

Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail - The Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail in the northeast portion of the Township provides an opportunity for leisure and recreational pursuits. This trail bisects the township along Whitehall Road and travels approximately three miles through the eastern tier of the township.

White Lake Public Access Sites – White Lake has several roads that end at the water. Three of the road ends are owned by the Muskegon County Road Commission and two are owned by Fruitland Township. Historically, the road commission has cooperated with the township to provide a varying degree of public access. The Scenic Drive access is the best site with a dock, porta-jon, and trash receptacle provided under a road commission permit by the township. A partnership between Fruitland Township and White Lake Area Group has been created to provide a maintenance fund to help maintain the launch area. At Nestrom Road and White Lake Drive, the lake is extremely shallow making boat launching difficult, but like Lamos Road, they are excellent winter access sites. Dock Road has limited public access with launching for hand-carried small water craft. Dock Road is not considered public, but has been under dispute as to access rights for a long time. The current owner has allowed boat launching and public access there. Parking is less than desired at each site.

LAKE MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACCESS SITE

McMillan Road End – This public access site is the only road end in Fruitland Township with access to Lake Michigan. With township funding, along with private funding and help from the Conservation District and volunteers, a 75 step stairway was installed for easier access to the lake.

PRIVATE PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

White Lake Golf Club - The White Lake Golf Club covering 139 acres in sections 12 & 13, contains 18 holes is open to members only.

Bent Pine Golf Club - The Bent Pine Golf Club in sections 14 & 23, contains 18 holes over 80 acres and is open to the public.

Lincoln Golf Club - The Lincoln Golf Club in section 13, contains 18 holes over 180 acres and is semi-private.

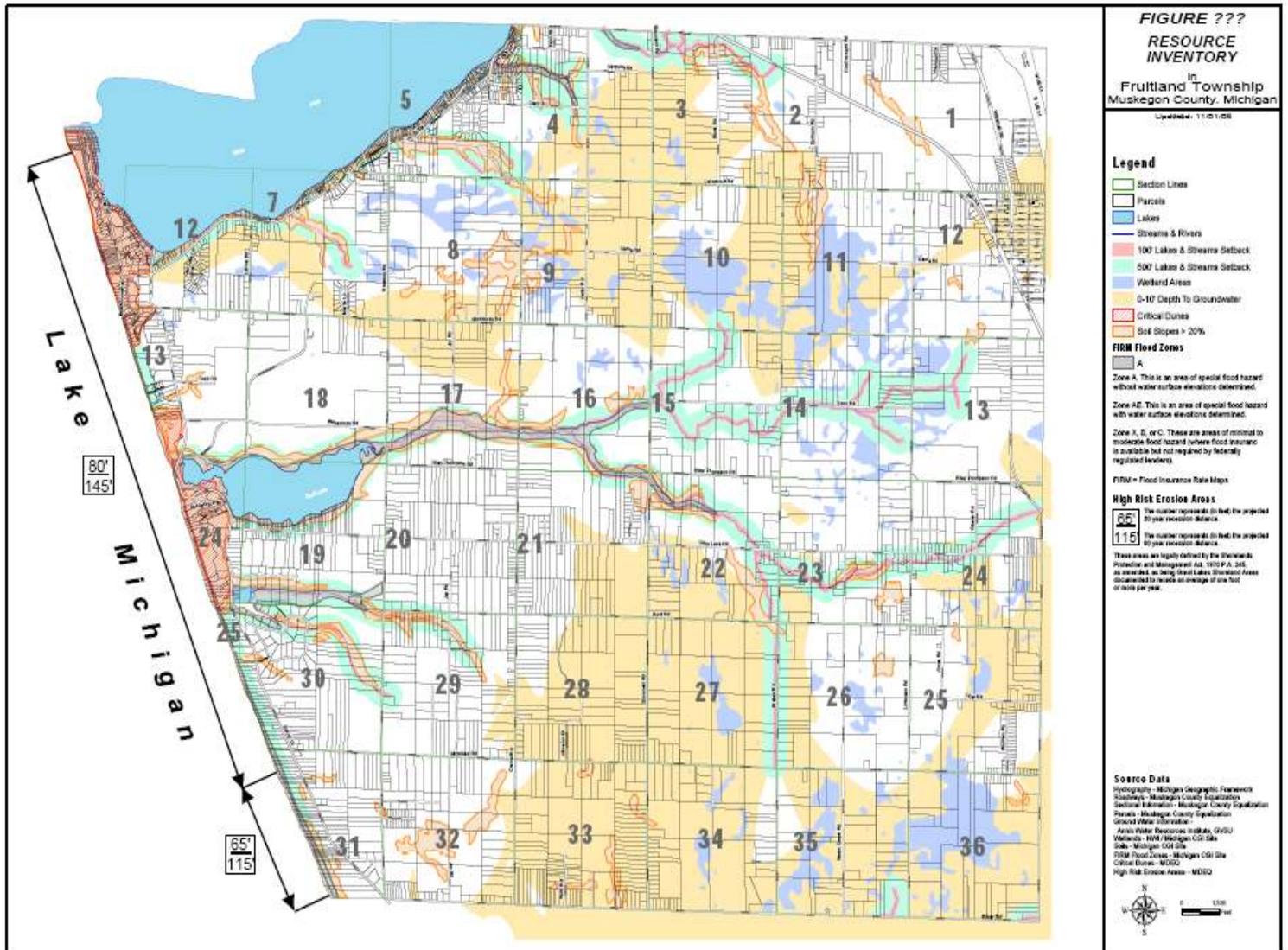
Michigan's Adventure – Michigan's Adventure in section 13 is Michigan's largest amusement water park, featuring over 50 rides and attractions including a world-class wooden roller coaster, Shivering Timbers, wave pools, water slides, thrill rides, and kiddie rides.

RESOURCE INVENTORY

The resource inventory identifies parcels and open space lands that may be desirable for future protection and/or public access due to natural features present, which could be preserved through acquisition or other means. The resource inventory identifies lands that might be desirable for acquisition because of their ecological significance, location, proximity to other natural areas, and other factors. The resource inventory includes wetlands, surface water, large parcels, publicly owned parcels, forests, floodplains, groundwater recharge areas, woodlands, farmland, wildlife habitat, rare species, and scenic view sheds. Land already protected, such as public parks and recreation areas, state or national forests, designated natural rivers, and designated natural areas are incorporated into the inventory and incorporated into a GIS (geographic information system). The Resource Inventory is illustrated in **Figure 4- Resource Inventory**.

FIGURE 4

RESOURCE INVENTORY



SECTION 5

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

Public Input Process

Citizen opinion on recreation and open space priorities is a key consideration in plan development. The public was involved early in the process, through public meetings, surveys, and other means. Additional effort was put forth to solicit comments from residents living near future projects and from others who might be negatively impacted by the projects.

The benefits of soliciting public input include:

- Increases ownership of the community plan by community members.
- Promotes democracy and equality with equal opportunity to share in decisions.
- Empowered citizens tend to be more active and to participate more fully in governance.
- An active and energetic public can offer much needed support for local governments.
- Creativity is enhanced by many ideas coming from people with diverse backgrounds, skills and abilities. In short, problem solving is enhanced when people work together as a team, not alone.
- When citizens are included in the problem-solving and decision-making process, they share in the ownership of the solutions to their community's problems and are thus said to buy in to these solutions. These citizens are far less likely to oppose your efforts or a solution at the very end of the process, and the solutions you arrive at are likely to be more effective and longer lasting.
- By involving everyone who has a stake in a community issue, "win-win" problem-solving processes reduce the likelihood of conflict, and the "we-they" perspectives and coalitions forming in opposition to one another.
- Increases stability and commitment to management that central government cannot duplicate.
- Increases economic and technical efficiency because agencies have more clearly defined responsibilities for their actions.

- Citizens are likely to identify themselves as part of something larger than the sum of their individual relationships.
- Citizens are likely to commit themselves for the long term to their own, one another's and the groups well being.
- Empower citizens to make those decisions that most affect their own lives.
- Encourages support for citizen and grassroots initiatives.

Township Resident Surveys – A township-wide survey was distributed to Township residents to insure the widest range of the community was represented. The questionnaire was distributed in December 2004. Results are documented and available at the Township Hall. An on-line survey was also distributed to residents in July of 2015. Results of this survey are available to residents at the Township Hall or can be viewed on the township website.

Recreation Needs - Many structures in the park system such as play equipment and fences are in need of renovation or replacement. Renovations include lighting, plumbing, access for the disabled and maintaining the structural integrity of buildings. Similarly, some trees are in need of pruning, or in some instances, may need to be removed. While repairs and improvements are evident on existing facilities, it is important to entice new park users by anticipating emerging trends. Anticipating new trends in use is especially important as the size and diversity of the local population continues to grow. For example, a growing trend, backed by the last two Township surveys, is the popularity of trails for walking, hiking, jogging, and bicycling.

RECREATION NEEDS AND ACTION PLAN

Parks and Recreation Commission Park Improvement Recommendations

The Township's Recreation Plan encourages a variety of recreational opportunities for all user groups. It is based on an established line of communication to encourage public awareness and involvement in the recreation process.

Efforts should continue to improve Nestrom Road Park. This facility has broad appeal and potential utilization from a variety of users.

The Township should ensure that the adopted Recreation Plan is kept up-to-date and used appropriately to apply for federal, state and local grant monies. The Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Funds are the two possible funding sources for land acquisition and/or facility development.

Criteria for Open Space/Natural Area Acquisition - No standards exist to determine how much open space a community needs, although community desire can certainly be assessed. Most people are aware of the attributes of a site that make it seem worthy of protection.

SECTION 6

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain an approved Recreation Plan, and apply for grant monies.
2. Maintain existing facilities in peak condition.
3. Expand recreation opportunities for Township residents.
4. Optimize the utilization of all existing facilities.
5. Make better utilization of natural features such as Duck Creek and Duck Lake for recreational use.
6. Acquire, develop, and preserve that portion of the landscape with the highest potential for public recreational use.
7. Link recreational facilities with a good quality, well designed trail system.
8. Identify the different age groups and recreation needs of all residents, and work to meet those needs. Identify existing facilities, and maximize use of those facilities.
9. Develop and support community level recreation facilities and programs to ensure the possible participation of all residents, including senior citizen, physically challenged, and preschool populations. Provide a variety of active and passive recreation activities as well as fishing access. Improve/expand parking facilities where feasible.
10. Construct/expand stairways, decks, ramps, etc., in recreation areas in the township to improve access for all citizens.
11. Hold events at Nestrom Road Park such as festivals, fun/competitive races, etc.
12. Develop collaborative recreational opportunities with area schools, community programs, and athletic groups utilizing township recreational facilities.

SECTION 7

ACTION PROGRAM

The Action Program identifies how we intend to meet, or work towards meeting, our goals and objectives over the next five years. Specific projects that have been identified during the planning process are described and an explanation provided as to how they will meet the goals and objectives. There are also some minimal organizational, staffing, programming, public information, operation, and maintenance actions, as well as facility development recommendations.

Projects proposed for recreation grant funding in the five-year period covered by the recreation plan are included in the Action Program as being the best projects for fulfilling the Plan's goals and objectives. Sometimes the means to accomplish a stated goal does not become apparent within the time the recreation plan was developed--for example, privately held land with high conservation value may unexpectedly become available for purchase. Sometimes a better means to accomplish a goal becomes apparent after the plan has been developed. The proposed projects are our best attempt at fulfilling the identified goals and objectives of the recreation plan and the rationale for the need for the project.

The Action program documents why each action is a priority. The justification as to why specific projects are included in the recreation plan is a critical factor in the evaluation and scoring of grant applications.

The action program describes what we want to do over the next five years (or more) to maintain and improve recreation opportunities including organization, staffing, programming, and public information. Operation and maintenance actions as well as facility development are also included.

TABLE 2

ACTION PROGRAM PROJECT LIST

LOCATION	PROJECTED IMPROVEMENT	
MARCUS PARK		
	Bike racks, improve parking conditions, port-a-jon, handicapped accessible mats and a small deck for fishing, improve overall accessibility	
NESTROM ROAD PARK		
	Groomed natural trails for walking, benches along trails for bird watching, marked 5K section on trail, improved staircase to beach, bike racks, signage on existing trails, improve handicapped accessibility to all areas of the park	
DUCK LAKE ROAD PARK		
	Covered pavilion with electric, port-a-jon, fence at the front of the park, groomed natural trails for walking, benches along trail for bird watching, marked 5K section on the trail, bike racks, signage, marked handicapped parking	
PROGRAMS	Nature and recreational programs for children, community wide events	

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This section identifies the high-priority projects to be accomplished over the next five years including brief project descriptions and estimated costs.

Consideration must be given to how these projects will be funded. The best possible method is to apply for federal, state, and local grants. Grants typically require a percentage match, which can be in the form of cash outlay, land and labor donations, and other direct services. In addition to township general fund revenues, other methods of financing can be with daily, seasonal, or parking fees, and local donations. A promotional program may be the key to gaining the interest of residents to donate land or services (labor and/or building materials) for recreational purposes.

The primary concern in the implementation of any plan is funding. It will be the responsibility of

the Township to monitor short-term project goals and to ensure that funds are made available to complete this short-term program.

ACTION PROGRAM FOCUS

We recommend the township continue its focus on continued development and improvements at the Nestrom Road Park, Duck Lake Road Park, and Marcus Park.

Township Trail System: The past two township surveys have indicated a strong desire on the part of the residents to have access to a walking/hiking/biking trail system. Fruitland Township and Muskegon Heights are currently the only areas in Muskegon County lacking a system of trails. Trails within the Township will serve as excellent recreational facilities by themselves but may also function as important non-motorized circulation through the Township. The trail system would be intended to link bicycle and pedestrian circulation from residential areas, recreation areas, the community center, and natural areas. Major connections within the bike trail system could include: (1) Nestrom Road Park; (2) Duck Lake Road Park; (3) Duck Creek; (4) Marcus Park; and (5) connect the nearby trail facilities. The plan could locate the more resource-oriented uses such as trails, nature areas, and fishing access, in the wooded areas adjacent to the Duck Creek frontage to utilize the areas' positive natural features.

New Site Development: The need to access and provide neighborhood playgrounds in underserved parts of the township has been identified. These proposed facilities would be intended to serve residents and families. Suitable sites for acquisition should have good access to the local street system. They should be centrally located to the majority of existing and proposed residential development areas. Facilities should be located on open high ground, as much as possible, and have access to the proposed township-wide trail system.

A potential Duck Creek access site should be investigated and might contain resource-oriented uses such as trails, play equipment and nature areas, and be located in the wooded areas adjacent to the Duck Creek. In order to take advantage of the areas' positive natural features, the plan is to use the Duck Creek frontage for fishing and trail access purposes. More user-oriented facilities such as picnic areas, and playgrounds, should be located on higher ground.

Marcus Park – The proposed improvements for Marcus Park include improved parking for vehicles, the installation of restroom facilities and an expanded beach area.

Nestrom Road Park – Accessibility to all areas will be the main concern. Development of an accessible trail/drive down to Duck Lake, improvement or replacement of bathrooms and drinking fountains, and holding community events will be the focus.

SECTION 8

MAINTENANCE

Maintaining park facilities is an important element in ensuring user safety and satisfaction. Park maintenance can be provided from a single source or a combined effort between an organization sponsoring a league or activity and the community. An example would be a softball league and the Township working together to provide adequate park maintenance.

The frequency and type of maintenance will vary depending on the size and type of park as well as the amount of use the park receives. The actual cost of the park maintenance will vary depending on the level of maintenance.

SECTION 9

LOCAL ADOPTION AND DNRE APPROVAL OF RECREATION PLANS

To be eligible for DNRE recreation grant consideration, a recreation plan must be adopted by a resolution of the governing body that has the final authority on recreational expenditures. Since this planning process includes the adoption of the plan by the Parks and Recreation Commission (who must seek approval for expenditures from the Township Board), these resolutions are included in the plan.

PLAN AMENDMENTS

Prior to expiration of a plan, a community may want to update portions of the plan to add new projects. An approved plan may be amended at any time during the five-year period of eligibility to reflect significant changes in community conditions or needs or changes in recreation priorities. An amendment does not extend the five-year life of the plan.

Amendment Content

At a minimum, a plan amendment must include:

- A description of the public involvement process used in development of the amendment, including a discussion of the public input methods and opportunities
- An amended Action Program and rationale for the changes
- Documentation of local adoption of the amendment

Amendment Format

Plan amendments must consist of one of the following:

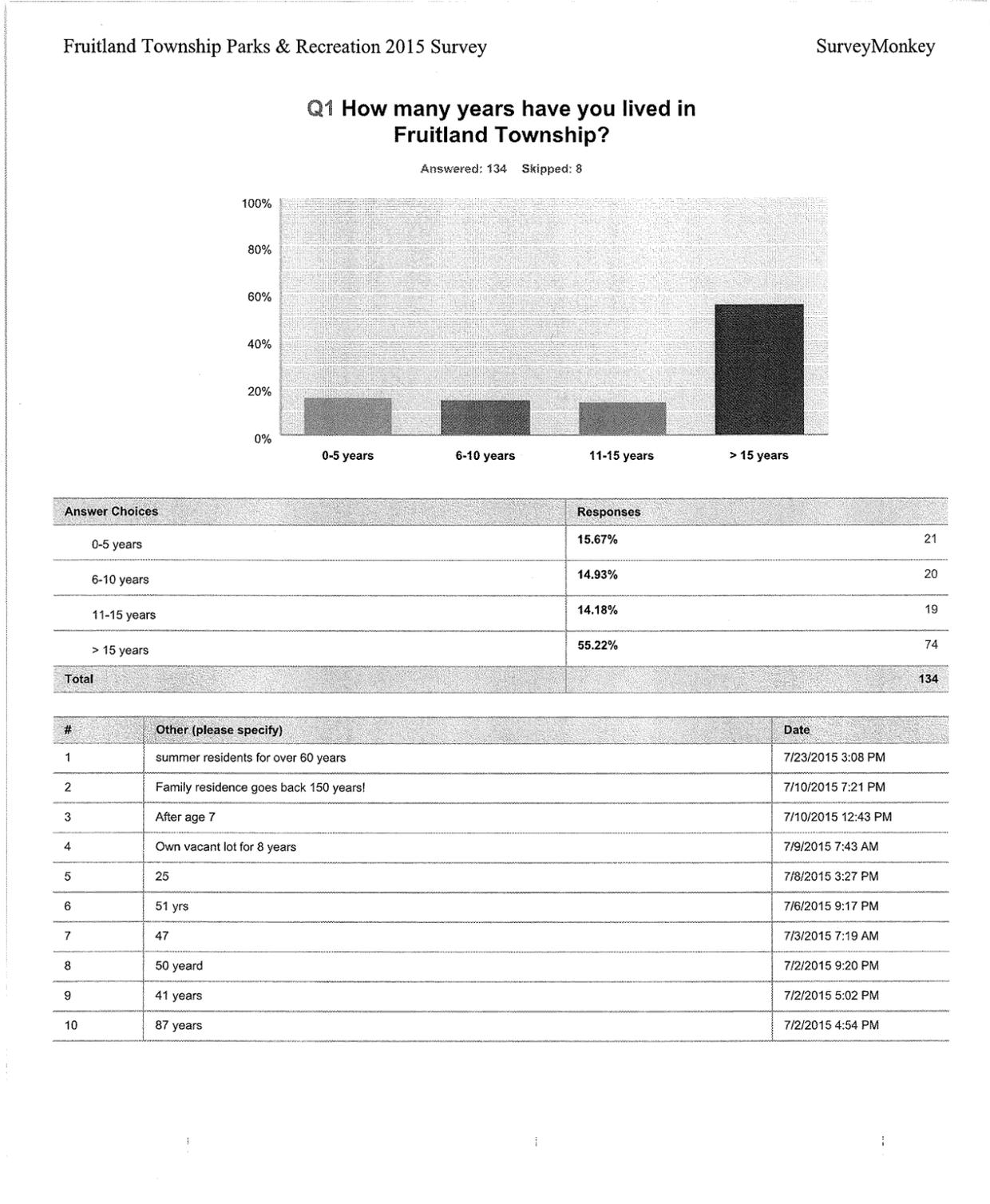
- A letter of explanation that indicates what aspects of the original plan have been revised and how.
- Revised or additional pages to the approved recreation plan, with an explanation of where the new pages fit within the original plan. Each page should explain the changes and the reasons why the changes were made. If the amendment is to be inserted into the existing

plan, it must be in a similar format to the approved plan and indicate the precise location for insertion.

Amendment Adoption

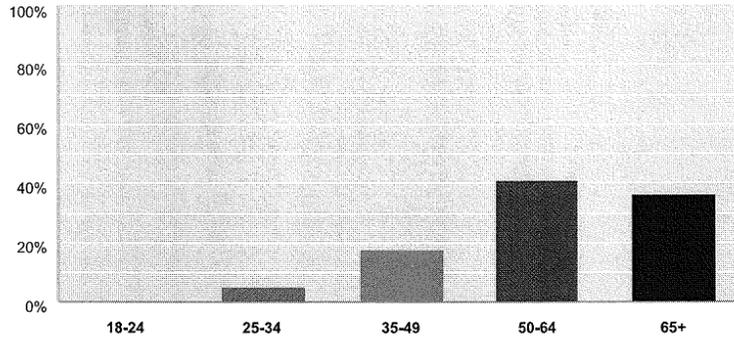
Amendments must be adopted in a like manner to the recreation plan. Therefore, the same governing body or bodies that adopted the original plan must adopt the amendment, unless the resolutions adopted for the original plan included specific language delegating the authority to make and adopt amendments to another entity.

APPENDIX A – 2015 Survey Results



Q2 What is your age?

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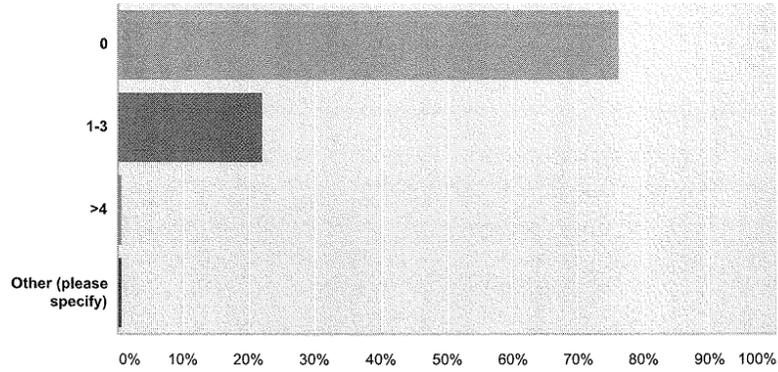


Answer Choices	Responses
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25-34	5.00% 7
35-49	17.86% 25
50-64	40.71% 57
65+	36.43% 51
Total	140

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2	72	7/4/2015 8:16 AM

Q3 How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

Answered: 140 Skipped: 2

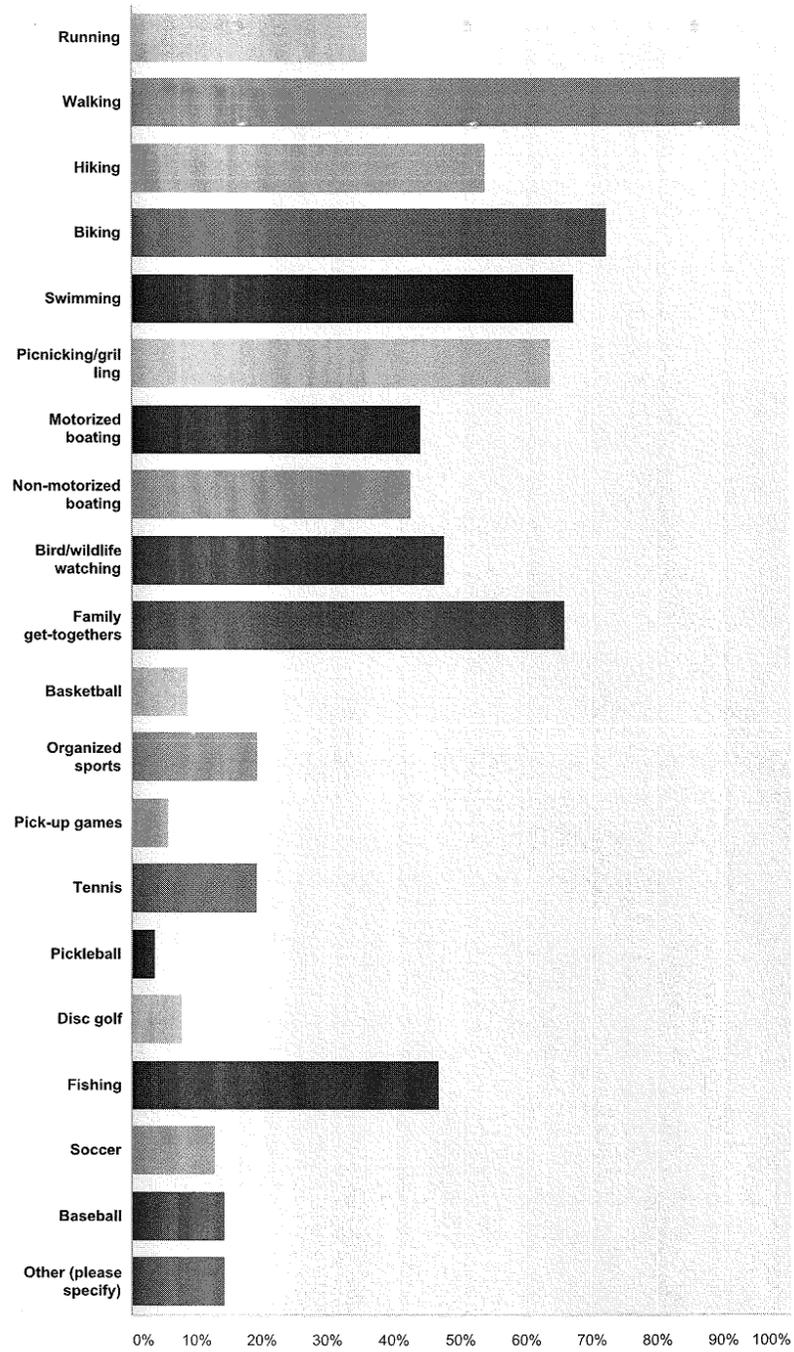


Answer Choices	Responses
0	76.43% 107
1-3	22.14% 31
>4	0.71% 1
Other (please specify)	0.71% 1
Total	140

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Family get-togethers have grown in participants and #s	7/10/2015 12:43 PM

Q4 Which of the following have you or a member of your household engaged in in the last year?

Answered: 141 Skipped: 1



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Running	36.17%	51
Walking	92.91%	131
Hiking	53.90%	76
Biking	72.34%	102
Swimming	67.38%	95
Picnicking/grilling	63.83%	90
Motorized boating	43.97%	62
Non-motorized boating	42.55%	60
Bird/wildlife watching	47.52%	67
Family get-togethers	65.96%	93
Basketball	8.51%	12
Organized sports	19.15%	27
Pick-up games	5.67%	8
Tennis	19.15%	27
Pickleball	3.55%	5
Disc golf	7.80%	11
Fishing	46.81%	66
Soccer	12.77%	18
Baseball	14.18%	20
Other (please specify)	14.18%	20
Total Respondents: 141		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	golf	7/26/2015 2:14 PM
2	triathlon, cross country ski, snowshoe	7/25/2015 2:32 PM
3	Hunting	7/24/2015 11:18 AM
4	Hockey, ice skating	7/22/2015 10:42 PM
5	lacrosse	7/16/2015 12:52 PM
6	golf	7/15/2015 10:06 AM
7	Lacrosse, Dancing	7/14/2015 7:24 PM
8	Golf	7/14/2015 3:14 PM
9	nordic skiing	7/14/2015 2:55 PM
10	sitting looking at view	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
11	lawn games	7/10/2015 8:06 PM

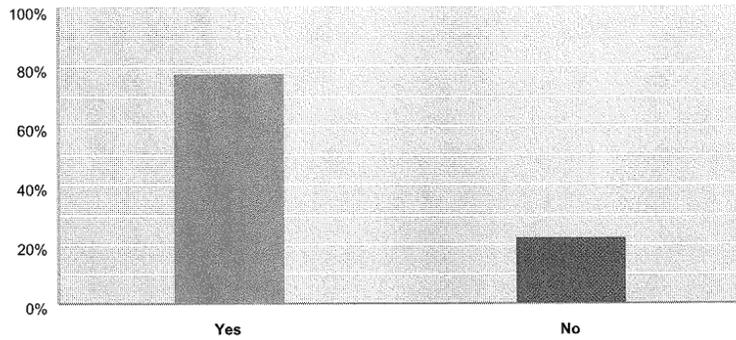
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12	cross-country skiing, ice skating, downhill skiing	7/10/2015 7:21 PM
13	horse shoes	7/6/2015 9:28 AM
14	Hunting, shooting	7/5/2015 2:37 PM
15	golf	7/5/2015 11:00 AM
16	Softball	7/3/2015 10:22 PM
17	NONE within Fruitland Township	7/2/2015 9:20 PM
18	Hockey	7/2/2015 7:04 PM
19	golf	7/2/2015 4:29 PM
20	gardening	7/2/2015 4:04 PM

Q5 Have you or any member(s) of your household visited a Fruitland Township park in the last year?

Answered: 140 Skipped: 2

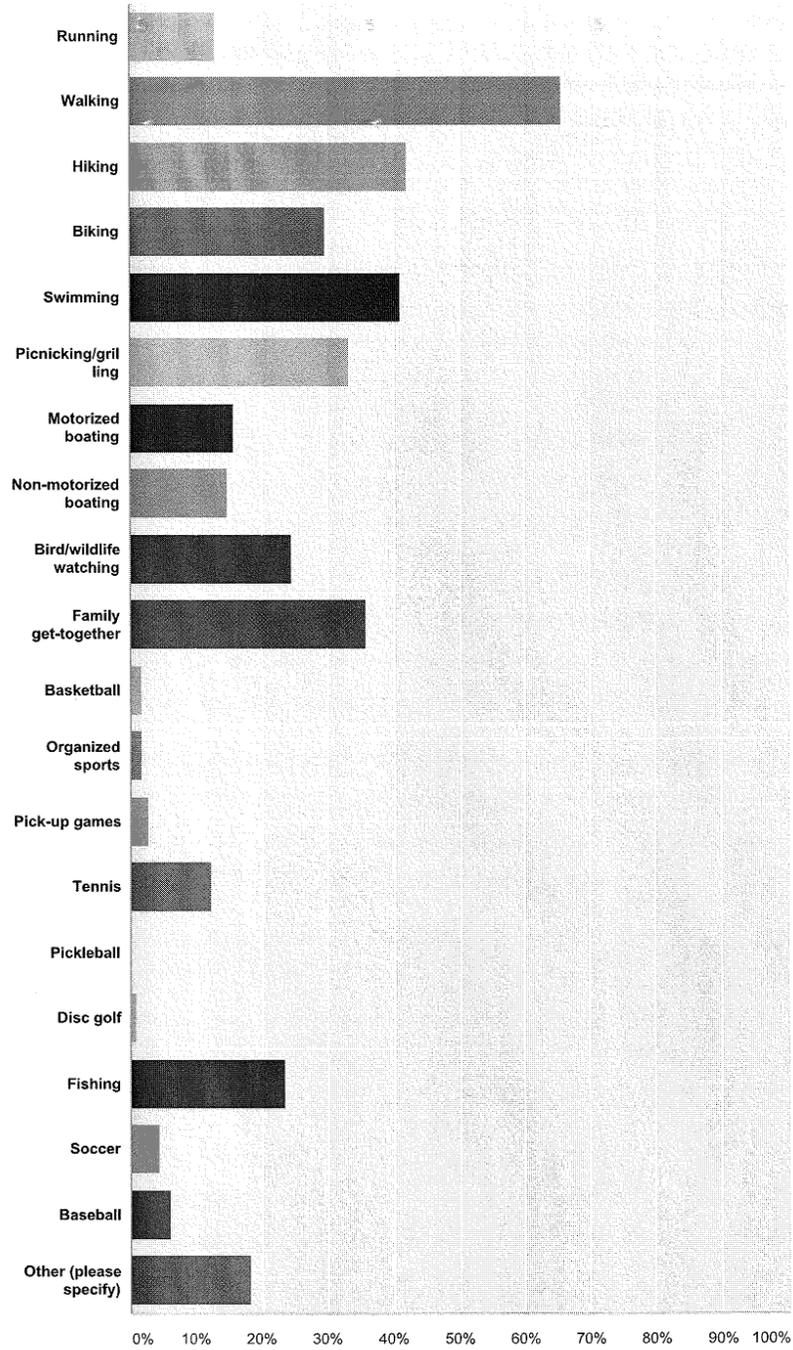


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	77.86%	109
No	22.14%	31
Total		140

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	all-three-several times each	7/10/2015 7:21 PM

Q6 Which of the following have you or a member of your household engaged in at a Fruitland Township park?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 28



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Running	13.16%	15
Walking	65.79%	75
Hiking	42.11%	48
Biking	29.82%	34
Swimming	41.23%	47
Picnicking/grilling	33.33%	38
Motorized boating	15.79%	18
Non-motorized boating	14.91%	17
Bird/wildlife watching	24.56%	28
Family get-together	35.96%	41
Basketball	1.75%	2
Organized sports	1.75%	2
Pick-up games	2.63%	3
Tennis	12.28%	14
Pickleball	0.00%	0
Disc golf	0.88%	1
Fishing	23.68%	27
Soccer	4.39%	5
Baseball	6.14%	7
Other (please specify)	18.42%	21
Total Respondents: 114		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	blueberry festival	7/26/2015 6:33 PM
2	relocation of chipmunks	7/25/2015 2:32 PM
3	dog walking	7/24/2015 2:57 PM
4	Park swing set, play area	7/24/2015 1:04 PM
5	Playground	7/24/2015 11:18 AM
6	geocaching	7/20/2015 3:01 PM
7	horse shoes	7/19/2015 8:30 AM
8	children swings, slides and such	7/13/2015 9:41 PM
9	sitting looking at view	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
10	group meetings	7/10/2015 8:06 PM
11	cross-country skiing	7/10/2015 7:21 PM

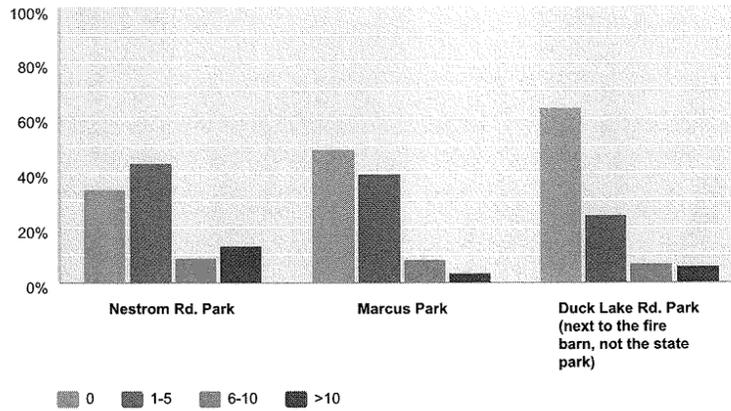
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12	Visiting off and on over a number of years of my life	7/10/2015 12:43 PM
13	none	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
14	none	7/6/2015 9:17 PM
15	Swings and slides with visiting grandchildren	7/6/2015 6:40 PM
16	Artist working plein air	7/5/2015 8:22 PM
17	taking dog swimming	7/5/2015 11:21 AM
18	soccer	7/4/2015 8:16 AM
19	Softball	7/3/2015 10:22 PM
20	NONE within Fruitland Township11111	7/2/2015 9:20 PM
21	Hunting	7/2/2015 3:08 PM

Q7 What is the number of times you or a family member visited each park in the last year?

Answered: 136 Skipped: 6

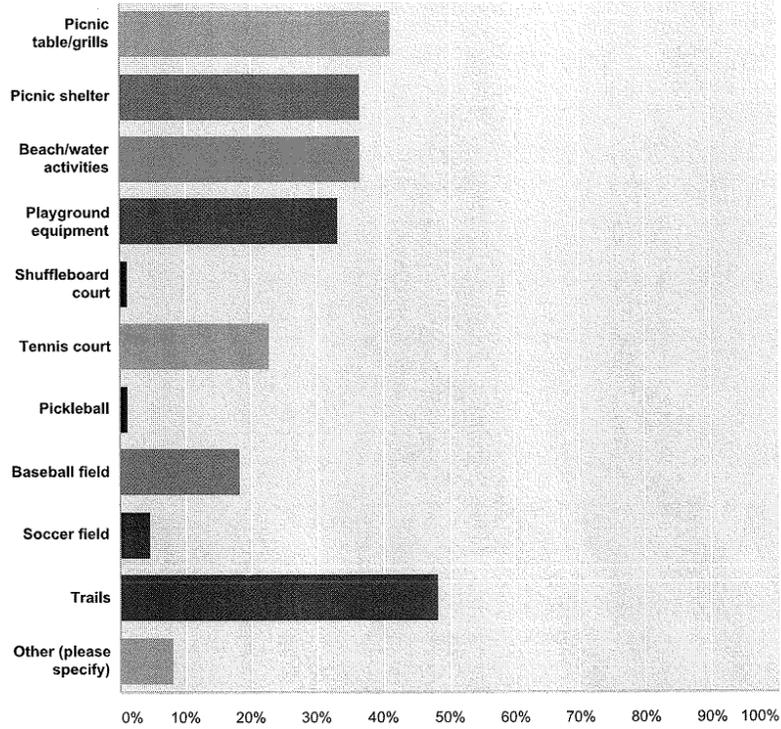


	0	1-5	6-10	>10	Total Respondents
Nestrom Rd. Park	33.87% 42	43.55% 54	8.87% 11	13.71% 17	124
Marcus Park	48.74% 58	39.50% 47	8.40% 10	3.36% 4	119
Duck Lake Rd. Park (next to the fire barn, not the state park)	63.48% 73	24.35% 28	6.96% 8	6.09% 7	115

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	State Park >10, McMillan road end >10, Lighthouse/pier >10	7/24/2015 5:36 PM
2	Duck Lake State Park	7/17/2015 1:22 PM
3	white river light station dozens on times	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
4	McMillan Road End Park several times per week	7/3/2015 4:20 PM

Q8 Which area(s) of Nestrom Road Park did you (or family member) use?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 55



Answer Choices	Responses
Picnic table/grills	41.38% 36
Picnic shelter	36.78% 32
Beach/water activities	36.78% 32
Playground equipment	33.33% 29
Shuffleboard court	1.15% 1
Tennis court	22.99% 20
Pickleball	1.15% 1
Baseball field	18.39% 16
Soccer field	4.60% 4

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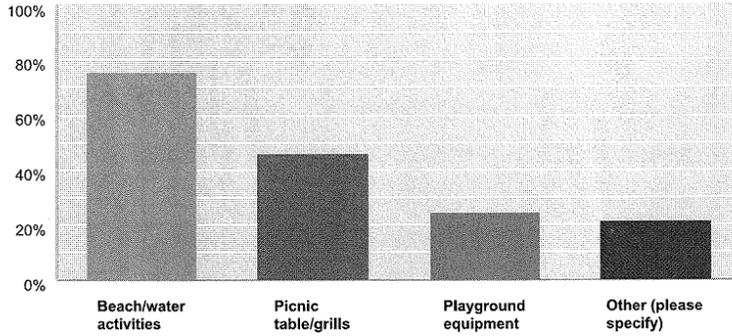
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Trails	48.28%	42
Other (please specify)	8.05%	7
Total Respondents: 87		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	na	7/24/2015 2:57 PM
2	sitting looking at view	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
3	Visiting	7/10/2015 12:43 PM
4	none	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
5	hike	7/4/2015 8:59 AM
6	bathrooms on bike rides	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
7	ZERO !!!!!	7/2/2015 9:20 PM

Q9 Which area(s) of Marcus Park did you (or family member) use?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 81

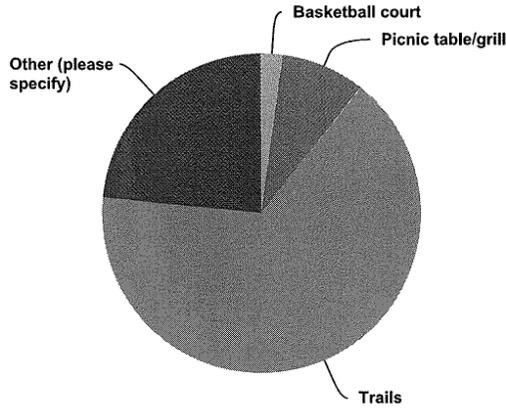


Answer Choices	Responses
Beach/water activities	75.41% 46
Picnic table/grills	45.90% 28
Playground equipment	24.59% 15
Other (please specify)	21.31% 13
Total Respondents: 61	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	hiking around	7/24/2015 7:48 PM
2	sitting looking at view	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
3	hiking	7/13/2015 8:57 AM
4	Trails	7/11/2015 7:45 PM
5	launch place for skiing on the ice--February 2015	7/10/2015 7:21 PM
6	Visiting	7/10/2015 12:43 PM
7	none	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
8	Photos for art	7/5/2015 8:22 PM
9	none/ never/ property ought to be sold/ put on tax roles	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
10	Rest stop for bicycle rides	7/3/2015 9:21 AM
11	ZERO!!!!	7/2/2015 9:20 PM
12	trails	7/2/2015 7:57 PM
13	fishing	7/2/2015 11:39 AM

Q10 Which area of Duck Lake Rd. Park did you use? (next to the fire barn on Duck Lake Rd.)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 95

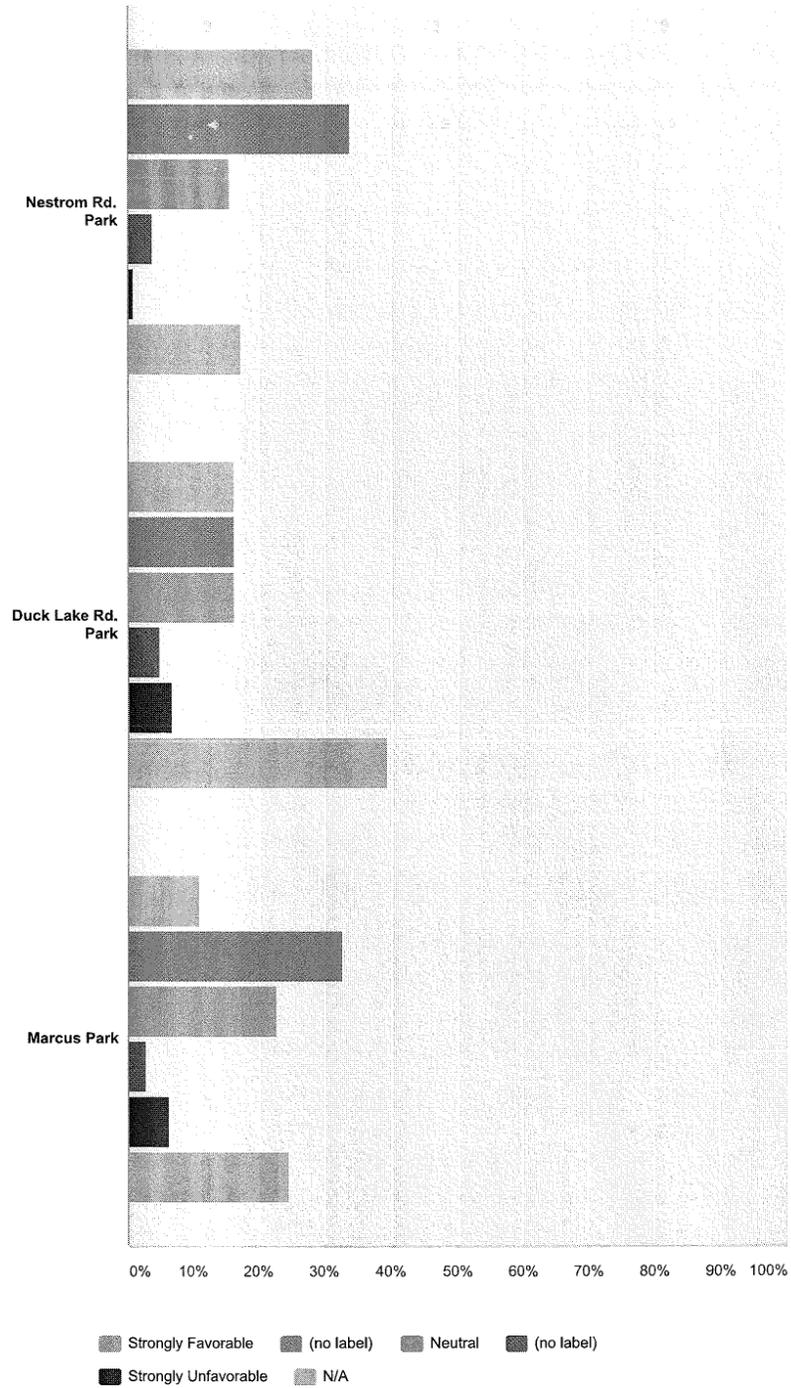


Answer Choices	Responses
Basketball court	2.13% 1
Picnic table/grill	8.51% 4
Trails	65.96% 31
Other (please specify)	23.40% 11
Total	47

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	none	7/29/2015 11:24 PM
2	na	7/24/2015 2:57 PM
3	should be sold . I never used it in over 30 years of living here.	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
4	baseball field	7/12/2015 5:13 PM
5	none	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
6	None	7/4/2015 10:22 AM
7	beach area	7/4/2015 9:14 AM
8	none/ never/ too far away from our house	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
9	Forget and wip off the Duck Lake Road Park on the Master Plan completely.. Waste of residents tax money and someone continues to want to throw our money away on that area. STUPID idea!	7/2/2015 9:20 PM
10	Walkway to LZake Michigan	7/2/2015 1:02 PM
11	fishing	7/2/2015 11:39 AM

**Q11 Rate your overall impression of each
park visited**

Answered: 126 Skipped: 16



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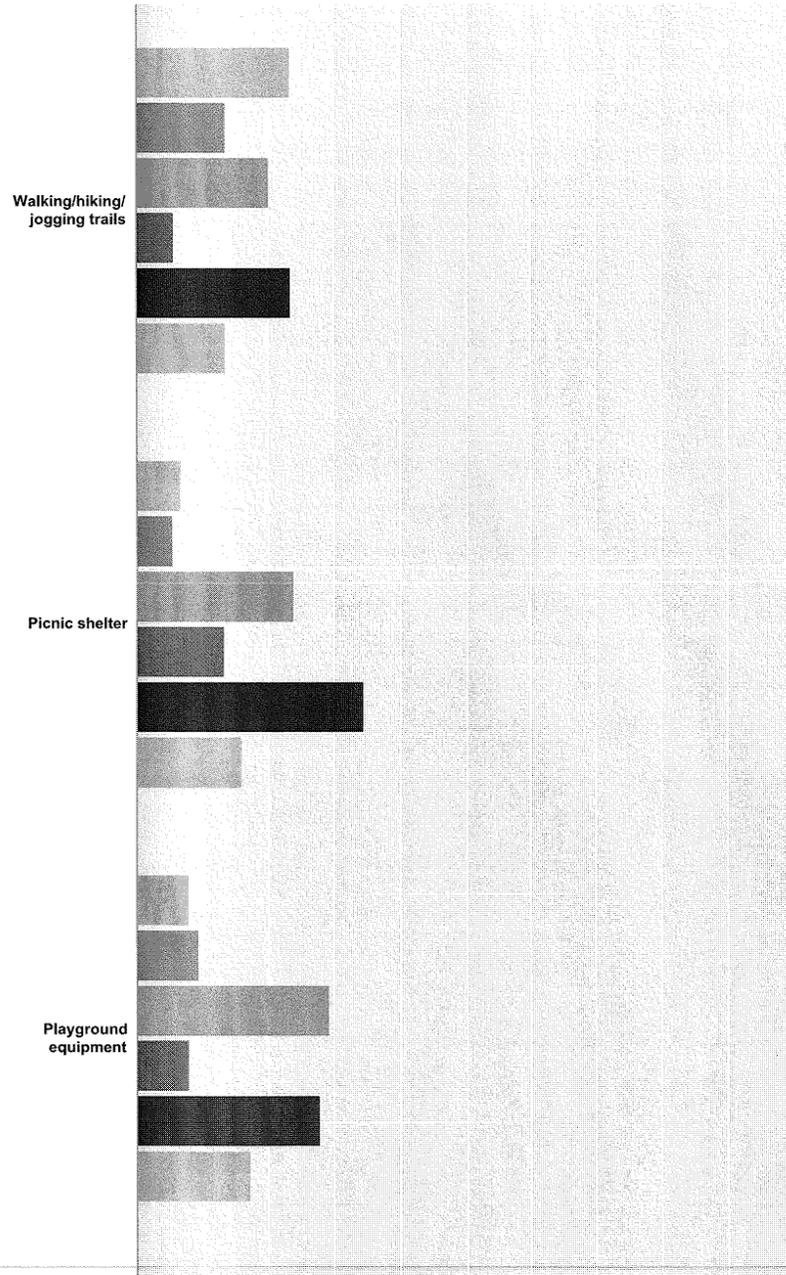
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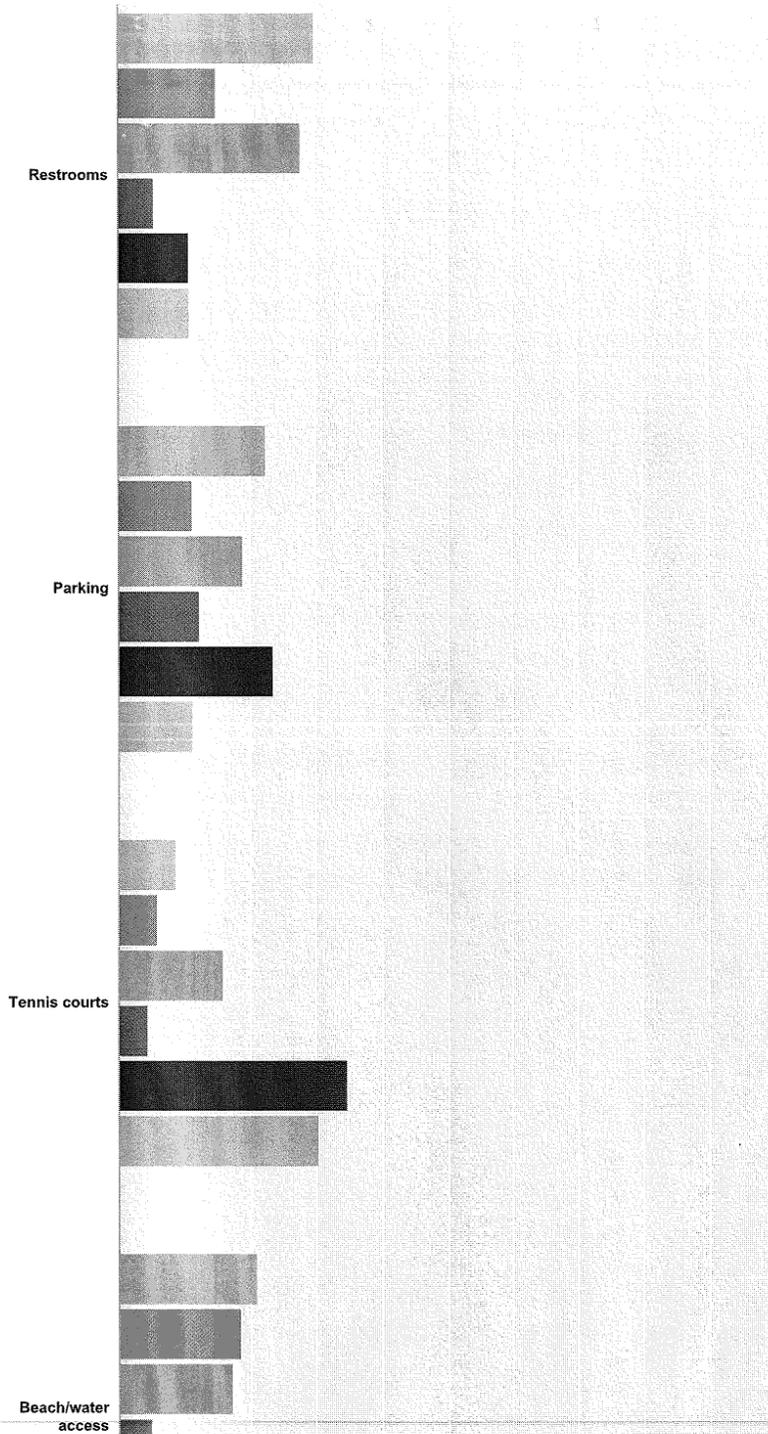
	Strongly Favorable	(no label)	Neutral	(no label)	Strongly Unfavorable	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Nestrom Rd. Park	28.44% 31	33.94% 37	15.60% 17	3.67% 4	0.92% 1	17.43% 19	109	1.97
Duck Lake Rd. Park	16.35% 17	16.35% 17	16.35% 17	4.81% 5	6.73% 7	39.42% 41	104	2.49
Marcus Park	10.91% 12	32.73% 36	22.73% 25	2.73% 3	6.36% 7	24.55% 27	110	2.48

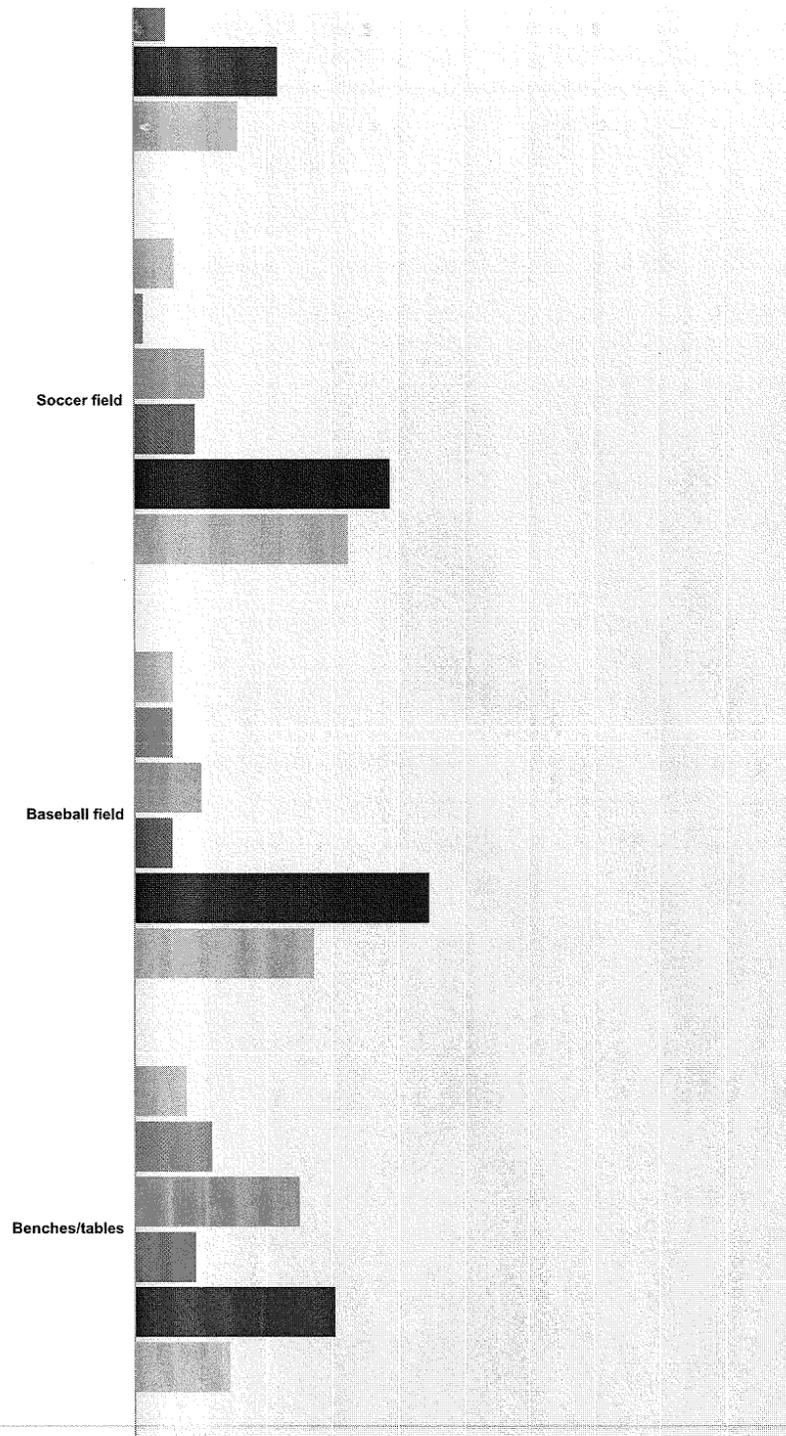
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	McMillian, Lighthouse/pier, State park all Strongly favorable	7/24/2015 5:36 PM
2	I tend to stay by the beach on Lake Michigan and the area around the channel sat the mouth of Duck Lake. Sometimes I jog through Duck Lake State Park. I need continuous trails to make jogging worthwhile. I walk along the beach on Lake Michigan every evening when I am resident there.	7/13/2015 10:01 PM
3	lack of parking at marcus park	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
4	The trails behind the fire barn could be used for skiing and walking and running.	7/6/2015 12:49 PM
5	white river light station????//State Park???	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
6	ZERO!!!	7/2/2015 9:20 PM

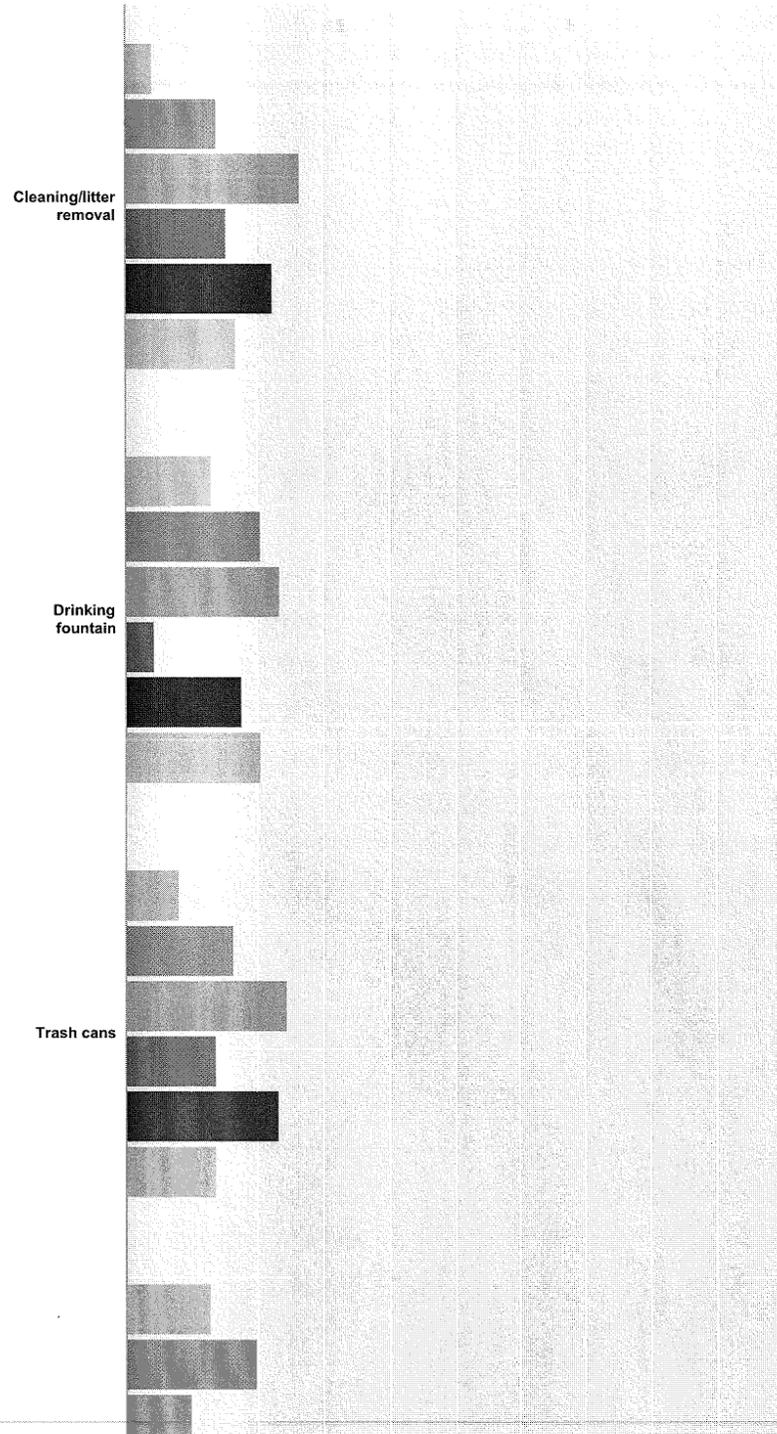
Q12 Rate the need to improve each of the following:

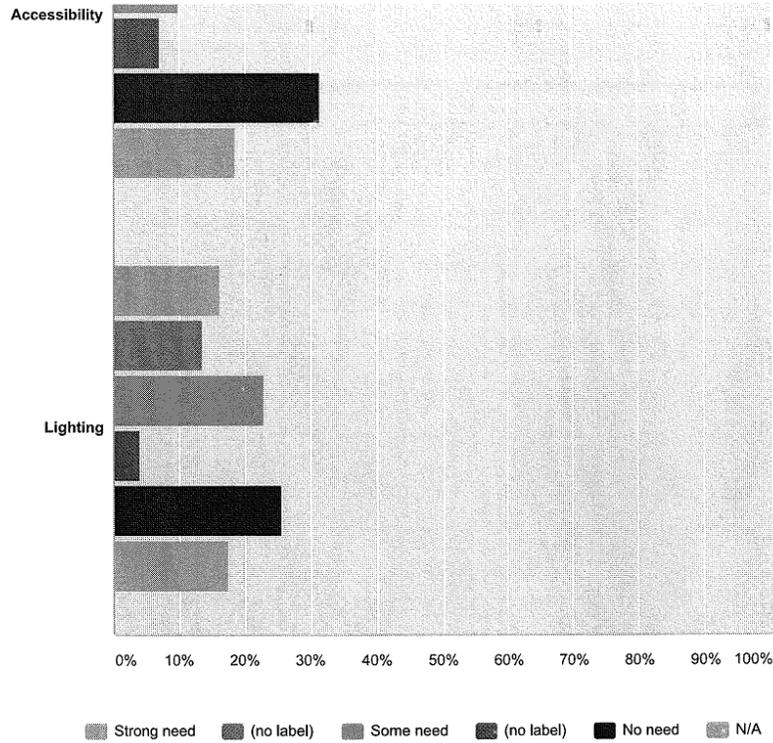
Answered: 109 Skipped: 33











	Strong need	(no label)	Some need	(no label)	No need	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Walking/hiking/jogging trails	23.60% 21	13.48% 12	20.22% 18	5.62% 5	23.60% 21	13.48% 12	89	2.91
Picnic shelter	6.67% 5	5.33% 4	24.00% 18	13.33% 10	34.67% 26	16.00% 12	75	3.76
Playground equipment	8.00% 6	9.33% 7	29.33% 22	8.00% 6	28.00% 21	17.33% 13	75	3.47
Restrooms	30.11% 28	15.05% 14	27.96% 26	5.38% 5	10.75% 10	10.75% 10	93	2.46
Parking	22.47% 20	11.24% 10	19.10% 17	12.36% 11	23.60% 21	11.24% 10	89	3.04
Tennis courts	8.70% 6	5.80% 4	15.94% 11	4.35% 3	34.78% 24	30.43% 21	69	3.73
Beach/water access	20.99% 17	18.52% 15	17.28% 14	4.94% 4	22.22% 18	16.05% 13	81	2.87
Soccer field	6.25% 4	1.56% 1	10.94% 7	9.38% 6	39.06% 25	32.81% 21	64	4.09
Baseball field	5.80% 4	5.80% 4	10.14% 7	5.80% 4	44.93% 31	27.54% 19	69	4.08
Benches/tables	8.00% 6	12.00% 9	25.33% 19	9.33% 7	30.67% 23	14.67% 11	75	3.50

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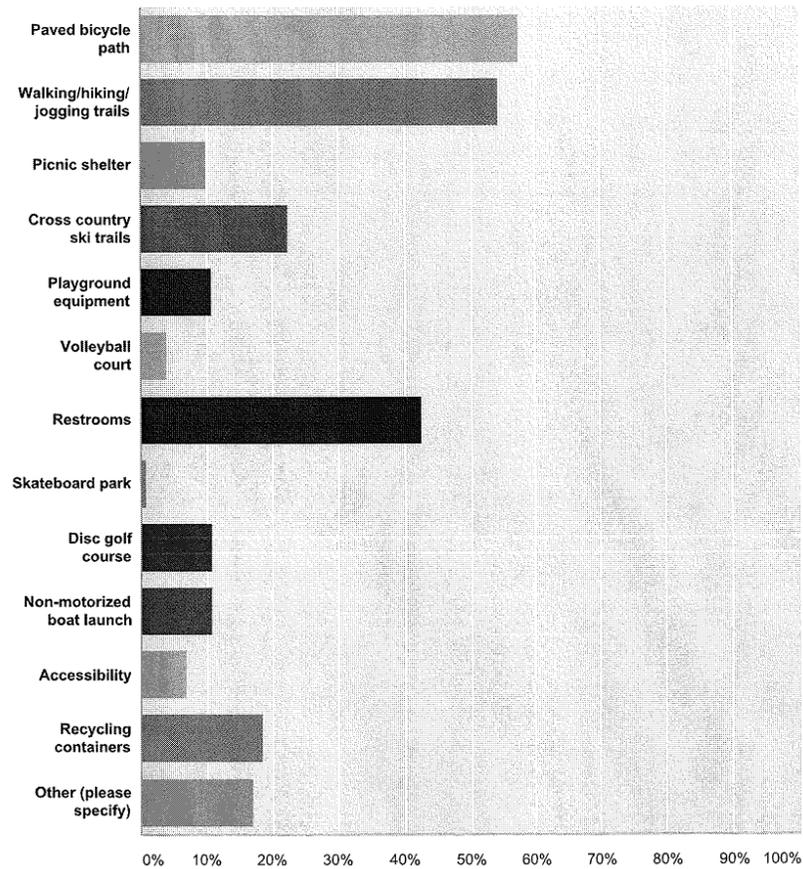
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Cleaning/litter removal	4.23% 3	14.08% 10	26.76% 19	15.49% 11	22.54% 16	16.90% 12	71	3.46
Drinking fountain	13.24% 9	20.59% 14	23.53% 16	4.41% 3	17.65% 12	20.59% 14	68	2.91
Trash cans	8.22% 6	16.44% 12	24.66% 18	13.70% 10	23.29% 17	13.70% 10	73	3.32
Accessibility	12.86% 9	20.00% 14	10.00% 7	7.14% 5	31.43% 22	18.57% 13	70	3.30
Lighting	16.22% 12	13.51% 10	22.97% 17	4.05% 3	25.68% 19	17.57% 13	74	3.11

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	need to improve parking at Marcus Park-shoulder too soft. Need some kind of restroom there especially for small children.	7/24/2015 7:48 PM
2	safety for kids/adults is more imporant	7/24/2015 11:18 AM
3	Regularly maintained basketball hoops with nets	7/18/2015 12:52 PM
4	Places to sit and parking at marcus park	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
5	Parking @ Marcus Park needs major upgrade	7/11/2015 12:36 AM
6	would like to see adequate, handicap-accessible restrooms atduck lake Road and Nestrom could use some upgrading, and all parks should have drinking water and strong trash bins.	7/10/2015 7:21 PM
7	pertaining to Marcus	7/10/2015 9:03 AM
8	Poor survey question. How do I tell you which park needs what???	7/7/2015 7:59 PM
9	Bike racks	7/6/2015 6:40 PM
10	snow removal-got stuck in nestrom rd park this winter	7/6/2015 9:28 AM
11	Referring to Marcus Park	7/4/2015 10:22 AM
12	white river light station and State Park are more important	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
13	dog run/park	7/2/2015 11:00 AM

Q13 Check the top three items you feel is a priority for Fruitland Twp. to add in the future

Answered: 129 Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	Responses
Paved bicycle path	57.36% 74
Walking/hiking/jogging trails	54.26% 70
Picnic shelter	10.08% 13
Cross country ski trails	22.48% 29
Playground equipment	10.85% 14
Volleyball court	3.88% 5

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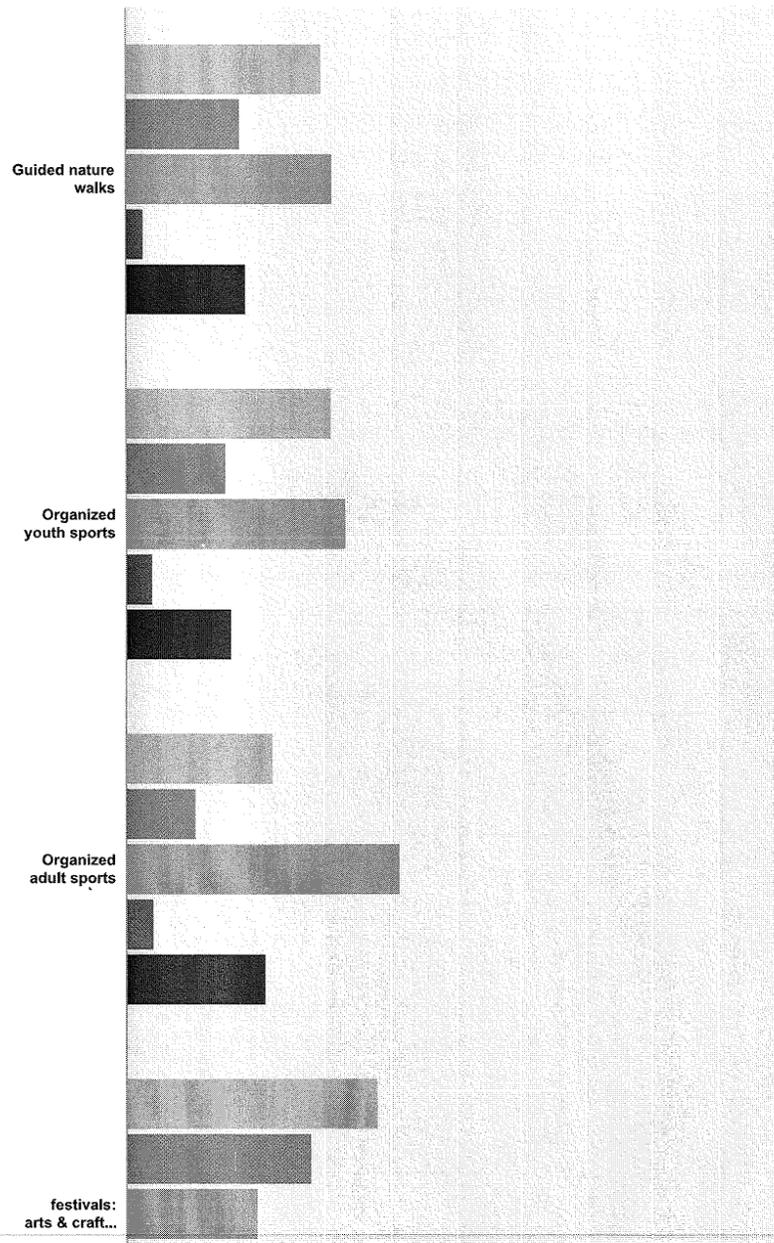
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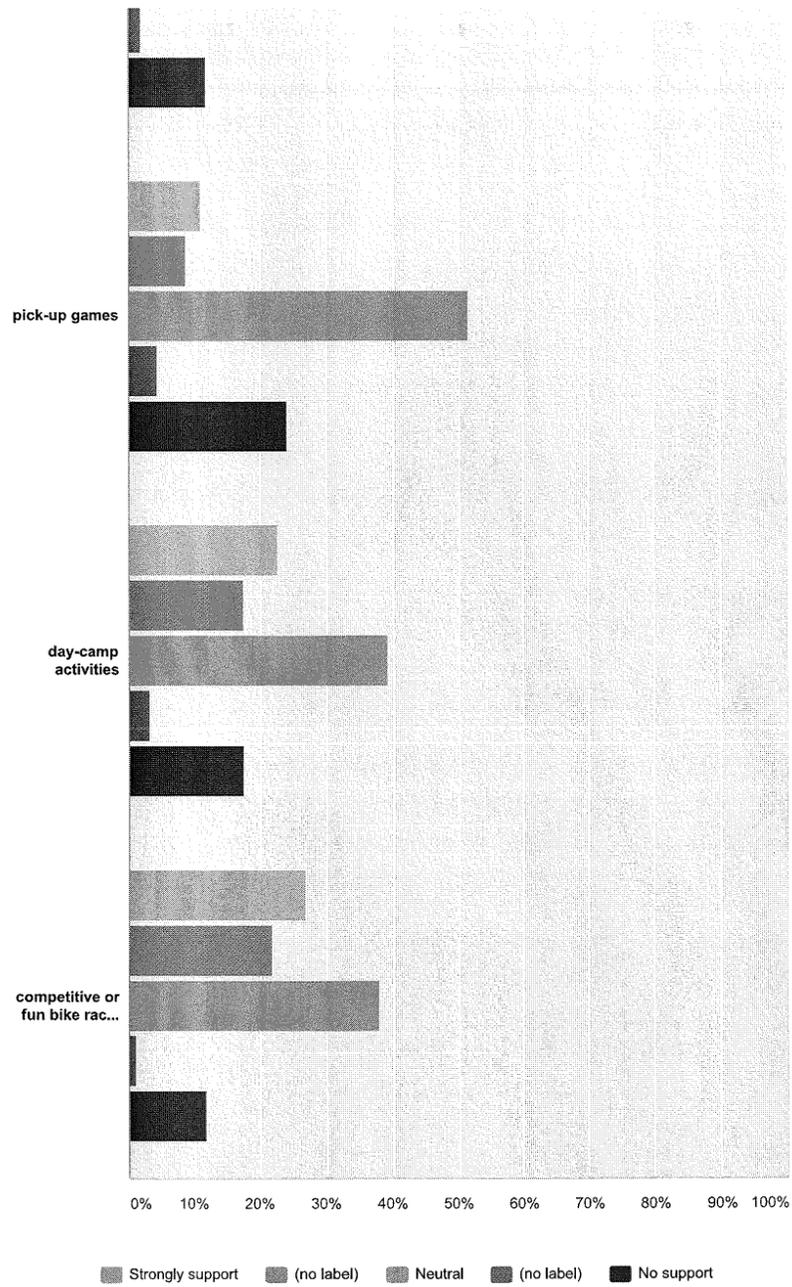
Restrooms	42.64%	55
Skateboard park	0.78%	1
Disc golf course	10.85%	14
Non-motorized boat launch	10.85%	14
Accessibility	6.98%	9
Recycling containers	18.60%	24
Other (please specify)	17.05%	22
Total Respondents: 129		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	no jet ski or motorized boat area at Marcus park	7/25/2015 2:32 PM
2	Drinking fountains	7/24/2015 5:36 PM
3	safety for kids/adults is more imporant	7/24/2015 11:18 AM
4	Regularly maintained basketball hoops with nets at Nestrom Park	7/16/2015 12:52 PM
5	Places to sit and parking at marcus park.	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
6	Invasive species management	7/11/2015 7:45 PM
7	parking	7/10/2015 8:06 PM
8	they ARE my priorities	7/10/2015 7:21 PM
9	Appropriate signage	7/10/2015 12:43 PM
10	decent parking area so quests do not get stuck in sand and ruin their outing	7/10/2015 9:03 AM
11	Definitely not skateboard or disc golf course	7/9/2015 8:45 AM
12	N/A	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
13	None!	7/7/2015 7:59 PM
14	none	7/6/2015 9:17 PM
15	shooting range	7/5/2015 2:37 PM
16	Parking for Marcus Park	7/4/2015 10:22 AM
17	Fix the beach at Lake Michigan accessi (by Rooster)	7/4/2015 8:16 AM
18	McMillan Road end improvement	7/3/2015 1:04 PM
19	More outdoor pickleball-specific courts	7/2/2015 11:22 PM
20	snowmobel trails	7/2/2015 10:58 PM
21	Don't need anythingng except to focus and work on Nestrom Road Park.	7/2/2015 9:20 PM
22	dog run/park	7/2/2015 11:00 AM

Q14 Please rate your interest in seeing or seeing more of the following activities at Fruitland Township Parks

Answered: 126 Skipped: 16





	Strongly support	(no label)	Neutral	(no label)	No support	Total	Weighted Average
Guided nature walks	29.82%	17.54%	31.58%	2.63%	18.42%	114	2.62
	34	20	36	3	21		

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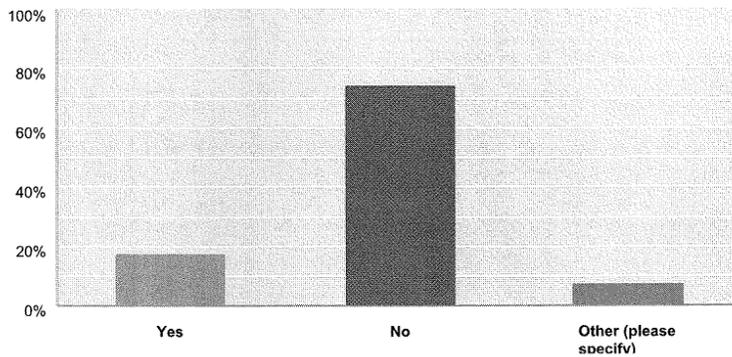
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Organized youth sports	31.31% 31	15.15% 15	33.33% 33	4.04% 4	16.16% 16	99	2.59
Organized adult sports	22.34% 21	10.64% 10	41.49% 39	4.26% 4	21.28% 20	94	2.91
festivals: arts & crafts, music, etc.	38.18% 42	28.18% 31	20.00% 22	1.82% 2	11.82% 13	110	2.21
pick-up games	10.99% 10	8.79% 8	51.65% 47	4.40% 4	24.18% 22	91	3.22
day-camp activities	22.68% 22	17.53% 17	39.18% 38	3.09% 3	17.53% 17	97	2.75
competitive or fun bike races, runs, etc.	27.00% 27	22.00% 22	38.00% 38	1.00% 1	12.00% 12	100	2.49

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	place to park and place to sit and walk at marcus park	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
2	Bring back the Blueberry Festival. How about some kayak or canoe events? Encourage winter sports in the parks.	7/10/2015 7:21 PM
3	Support for appropriate seasonal activities	7/10/2015 12:43 PM
4	get rid of them all	7/6/2015 9:17 PM
5	See more of at parks does not mean we need to sponsor them. Just enable them w/o real liability increases.	7/6/2015 12:49 PM
6	5k	7/6/2015 9:28 AM

Q15 Would you be interested in attending a township forum to provide more input to Fruitland Twp. Parks & Recreation Department? If so, please leave your contact information.

Answered: 118 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	17.80% 21
No	74.58% 88
Other (please specify)	7.63% 9
Total	118

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Most of the year IU live in Maryland.	7/13/2015 10:01 PM
2	drice4000@aol.com	7/11/2015 12:36 AM
3	Support to interested groups	7/10/2015 12:43 PM
4	waste of tax payers money	7/6/2015 9:17 PM
5	If the Light station and road ends are open to discussion I would be interested in attending, otherwise it is a "don't care"	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
6	Jeff Marcinkowski 3767 Jay Rd 766-2386	7/3/2015 10:24 AM
7	Maybe	7/2/2015 5:02 PM
8	yes = RDOMITER@AOL.COM	7/2/2015 3:14 PM
9	maybe, depending on the specific agenda	7/2/2015 11:39 AM

Q16 Please use this space to add any additional comments or suggestions.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 109

#	Responses	Date
1	I would like to see the residents taken care of before the parks, improve and extend the walk, bike path along S.Shore and Scenic Dr. Or City sewer & water	7/29/2015 11:26 PM
2	Need better cell phone coverage!!	7/29/2015 11:20 PM
3	my contact info: Laurie Walsworth-Lemieux, phone 231-744-9622	7/25/2015 2:32 PM
4	Better restroom facilities and drinking fountains Especially near the lighthouse,	7/24/2015 5:36 PM
5	Would like to see more hiking/biking trails at Duck Lake Road Park	7/21/2015 3:16 PM
6	I think Nestrom Road Park is a great spot for a park and has a lot of potential. I would like to see more improvements there and better access to the lake.	7/21/2015 1:43 PM
7	contact info - dougprosch@gmail.com	7/19/2015 5:31 PM
8	Marcus Park needs improved parking. Wood chips instead of sand. sun5789@yahoo.com	7/19/2015 8:30 AM
9	In general the parks are in good shape, but could be improved just with great maintenance of existing facilities - keep tennis courts in top condition, keep basketball hoops straight and with nets, fix broken playground equipment, etc.	7/16/2015 12:52 PM
10	I think the parks are a great way to get families out of the house and away from iPhones and computers. We love our Fruitland Township Parks , lake accesses, community buildings. They all add charm to our community.	7/14/2015 3:14 PM
11	I have never seen anyone use the duck lake road park in the last30 years!. It should be sold..	7/13/2015 9:54 AM
12	jktrtd54@aol.om	7/10/2015 8:06 PM
13	It's exciting to se the P&R board take an enthusiastic and pro-active stance in improving our parks and making sure everyone here, plus our many summer visitors, can use the parks in such a variety of ways! As outdoor-active as family is, we always appreciate the ways parks improve our health and enjoyment in Michigan!	7/10/2015 7:21 PM
14	Encourage an interested	7/10/2015 12:43 PM
15	Marcus park- swings, slides,tables, are nice, however, if you have to park in dirt, with strong possibility of becoming stuck, it is much less than ideal. Lack of porto potties causes people and kids to use the surrounding woods leaving the park on warm summer days smelling poorly. This takes away th e enjoyment of nature that you went there for. A couple of rentaljons for the summer months cannot break the budget. Some clean sand and weed removal would also help.	7/10/2015 9:03 AM
16	We love the township parks! Thanks for all your hard work!	7/10/2015 8:55 AM
17	Would like to see walking/jogging/running/biking trails to get participants off of Scenic Drive. Connect to Scenic to make it easy for participants.	7/8/2015 10:03 AM
18	Summer residents only, but we do pay taxes	7/6/2015 8:57 PM
19	766-3602 I think the fruitland firebarn forest can remain a jewel with severe littering, bad behavior fines and incentives (rewards) for turning people in. I think that a simple map can serve to help folks navigate; with a Compass Strongly Suggested sign at entrance and a \$200 fee to retrieve people that are lost or erroneously make an I'm Lost Call.	7/6/2015 12:49 PM
20	YOU PEOPLE ARE DOING A GREAT JOB. PLEASE KEEP IT UP. JUST LOVE DUCK LAKE PARK	7/6/2015 9:10 AM
21	marcus park is fine if you add some paved parking area. love nestrom park, swimming and fishing	7/6/2015 5:38 AM
22	On the evening of July 28 2015 when driving by Marcus Park there was a car park next to the picnic table. Something needs to be done to keep these cars off the beach. Maybe a sign has to be posted no cars on the beach. This was not the first time I have seen cars parked on the beach.	7/5/2015 3:58 PM

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23	The updated playground equipment at the park on Nestrom didn't last very long at all! Needs to be replaced with better quality equipment!	7/5/2015 12:00 PM
24	C Campeau 4753 West bard rd Whitehall MI 49461	7/5/2015 11:21 AM
25	My family uses DuckLake State Park the most because of the trails, access to the water, easy parking, etc.	7/4/2015 9:26 AM
26	We appreciate the opportunity to provide input regarding continued improvements to our community.	7/4/2015 9:14 AM
27	"Parks and Recreation" should be discussing all the parks and all the recreation opportunities. I think the big four agenda items should be the McMillan Road end, the Senic Drive boat launch ramp (Lakeside) and the White River Light Station, and Township residents access to the Duck Lake State Park....your survey doesn't address any of these.	7/4/2015 7:20 AM
28	As I only occasionally visit the parks, I didn't feel qualified to comment on needed improvements. I do play pickleball, though, and know one tennis court is marked for its use.	7/2/2015 11:22 PM
29	Focus on Nestrom Road Park and forget Duck Lake Park Period! Keep focus on Nestrom Park and make that the outstanding park of the township.	7/2/2015 9:20 PM
30	The current level of development of the parks is satisfactory.	7/2/2015 7:57 PM
31	We all have nice homes to live in here BUT need to get out and meet and greet people who live here ---PLUS see other places in Fruitland and get the families who visit another view of this place we live in	7/2/2015 3:14 PM
32	in need of a fenced in dog park	7/2/2015 11:00 AM
33	SPEND AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE	7/2/2015 12:15 AM

APPENDIX B – Resolution

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF A RECREATION PLAN
TOWNSHIP OF FRUITLAND

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP OF FRUITLAND 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 2021, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held November 2, 2015 at Fruitland Township to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP OF FRUITLAND 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 TOWNSHIP BOARD voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRUITLAND hereby adopts the FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, and NATURAL AREAS, as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP.

Yeas: Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Rissi, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel, Supervisor St. Amour

Nays: None

Abstain: None

