

**AGENDA**  
**Cascade Charter Township Parks Committee**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**7:30 am**  
**5920 Tahoe Dr**

- ARTICLE 1. Call the meeting to order  
Record the attendance**
- ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda**
- ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items.  
(Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.)**
- ARTICLE 4. Discussion of Recommendation for Naming of the Wycliffe Property  
Update from Ginny on the status of the naming recommendation.**
- ARTICLE 4. Review the Draft Parks and Recreation Plan and Wycliffe Concepts  
Review and discuss the draft 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan**
- ARTICLE 5. Adjournment**

**Meeting format**

1. **Staff Presentation** *Staff report and recommendation*
2. **Project presentation-** *Applicant presentation and explanation of project*
  - a. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
    - i. *Open Public Hearing. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker; exception may be granted by the chair for representative speakers and applicants*
    - ii. *Close public hearing*
3. **Committee discussion –** *May ask for clarification from applicant, staff or public*
4. **Committee decision - Options**
  - a. *Table the decision*
  - b. *Deny*
  - c. *Approve*
  - d. *Approve with conditions*
  - e. *Recommendation to Township Board*

## TOWNSHIP MEMORANDUM

To: Cascade Charter Township Board of Trustees  
From: Brian Hilbrands, Planning Director  
Subject: Parks Committee Recommendation to name the property at 2977 Wycliffe Drive to Wycliffe Trailhead Park  
Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

Within the last year the Township has acquired the property at 2977 Wycliffe Drive. After acquiring the property, the Parks Committee was asked to review what possible uses and amenities would be appropriate for the property. The Parks Committee is currently in the midst of this review, which has been tied to the development of the revised Parks master plan. Two concept plans for the property have been included in the draft parks plan. The next step for the draft parks plan and the concepts for the Wycliffe property is to undergo a 30-day public review period.

Looking ahead to the 30-day review period, the Parks Committee believed that it would be important to have a name settled on so that the property could be properly identified. The property benefits from being located adjacent to the pathway system, as well as the parking lot on the Unity Spiritual Community Church property that may be used by Township residents. The Parks Committee has met with the church on multiple occasions so that its members can provide input. They are also in discussions to create an easement that would run from the church parking lot directly to the park property. While there may be other amenities on the Wycliffe property, it is believed that the primary function will be that of a trailhead for the pathway system.

At the August 16 Parks Committee meeting, the motion was made to recommend naming the property at 2977 Wycliffe Drive, "Wycliffe Trailhead Park." The motion carried with a 5 to 0 vote. At this time, the Parks Committee is requesting that the Township Board approve the name "Wycliffe Trailhead Park" for the Township property at 2977 Wycliffe Drive.

Attachments: 8/16/22 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

## TOWNSHIP MEMORANDUM

To: Cascade Charter Township Board of Trustees  
From: Brian Hilbrands, Planning Director  
Subject: Opening of Thirty Day Public Comment Period and Scheduling of Public Hearing for the 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan  
Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

The Parks Committee has been working closely with staff and the Troyer Group on a revised 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan for Cascade Township. A draft of the 5-Year Parks Plan has now been completed for review. DNR standards require that a 30-day public comment period and public hearing be held before the plan can be adopted by the Township.

The creation of the revised Parks Plan began in fall of 2021. This included a review of the previous plan, current conditions, and receiving public input. Public input included an open house held at the Wisner Center, as well as a parks survey. The survey received nearly 1,000 responses, and additional input was gathered from parks-related questions in the Strategic Plan survey. After the review of the Parks Plan began, the Township acquired the property at 2977 Wycliffe Drive. The development of this property has been brought into the Parks Plan, as shown in the two concept plans included in the Parks Plan. The Parks Committee has worked with staff and the Troyer Group to take all of this information and produce the draft Parks Plan being presented.

The draft Parks Plan will be reviewed by the Parks Committee at a special meeting at 7:30am, Tuesday, October 11. If the Parks Committee recommends any significant changes, staff will work to incorporate those into the plan that is presented to the Board.

At this time, the Board is being requested to consider opening the required thirty-day public comment period for the plan, as well as schedule the required public hearing. The thirty-day public comment period would begin on Thursday, October 13, and extend to Friday, November 11. During the comment period the draft Parks Plan will be made available at Township Hall as well as on the Township website. The Parks Committee will also consider holding an open house to review the plan and concepts for the Wycliffe property.

A public hearing is required to be held after the thirty-day public comment period has closed. The Board is being requested to schedule the public hearing to be held at the Township Board meeting on Wednesday, November 16.

Attachments: Draft Cascade Township 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027

CASCADE TOWNSHIP  
**DRAFT 5-YEAR PARKS  
& RECREATION**

MASTER PLAN



| 2023-2027 |

**CASCADE TOWNSHIP**

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# 1

## INTRODUCTION

The development of a parks master plan is important for Cascade Township to ensure its parks support the goals of the township, meet the needs of its residents, and contribute to a high quality of life in the community. More now than ever, people are choosing to live in a community based on lifestyle and quality of life rather than the jobs available in that area. Research has shown that a strong parks system and public open spaces contribute greatly to residents' quality of life. This five-year master plan will analyze the existing parks, context of the community, benchmark against other communities and state recreation standards, review public input, and provide recommendations to help the Cascade Township Parks Committee, Township staff, and Township Board make decisions over the next five years and beyond.



# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

**CASCADE TOWNSHIP** is one of the most desirable communities for families in the greater Grand Rapids area. It is one of the fastest growing areas in West Michigan, with nearly 15% population growth within the last decade (2020 Census). The residents and visitors of Cascade Township love the vast areas of preserved natural space, and find it to be a great place to connect with nature in a family-oriented environment. To continue to serve the current and future residents of the Township, this 5-year master plan provides a blueprint for growth, maintenance, and policy to keep up with the changing needs of Cascade Township.



Cascade Township is in the southeast corner of Kent County in central-west Michigan. The Township is part of the Grand Rapids metropolitan area, and is approximately 10 miles southeast of the inner city of Grand Rapids. Cascade Township is bordered by Ada Township, Lowell Charter Township, Caledonia Township, and the City of Kentwood.

Interstate 96, which runs across the state from Muskegon to Detroit, bisects the township from the northwest corner to the southeast side, and divides south into M-6, or the Paul B. Henry Freeway, in the center of the Township. I-96 provides access to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport; the primary airport serving the west Michigan region.

The Thornapple River runs north-south through the center of the Township. The Thornapple River is a tributary of the Grand River, which borders the northeast corner of the Township. There are several lakes and reservoirs, including Laraway Lake, Walden Lake, Wood Lake, and Quiggle Lake. Lake Michigan is approximately 40 miles west of the township.

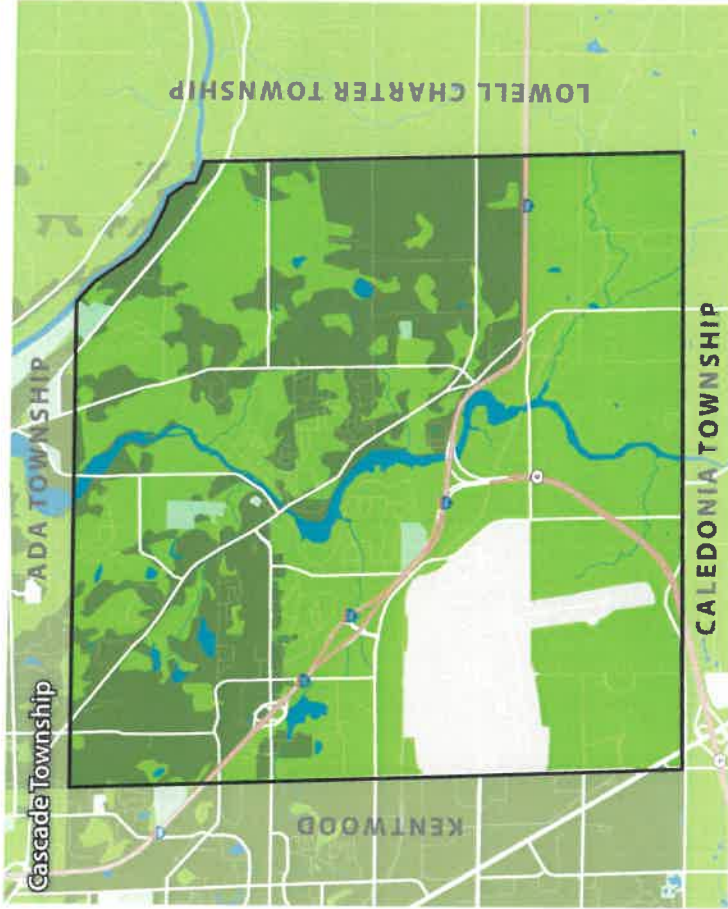


Kent County, Michigan



Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area

Cascade Township



Cascade Township

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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# COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

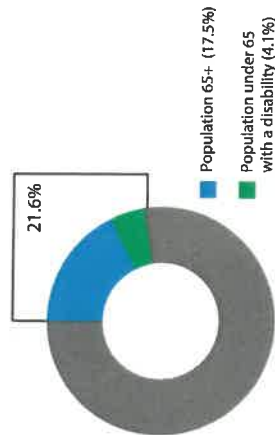
## DEMOGRAPHICS

Cascade Township is closely aligned with the demographics of the greater Kent County area. The township serves a diverse age range, with slightly higher rates of persons over the age of 65. With higher rates of persons aged 65 or older, along with 4.1% of the population under age 65 that lives with a disability, it is important to consider accessibility and universal design during the parks and pathways design process.

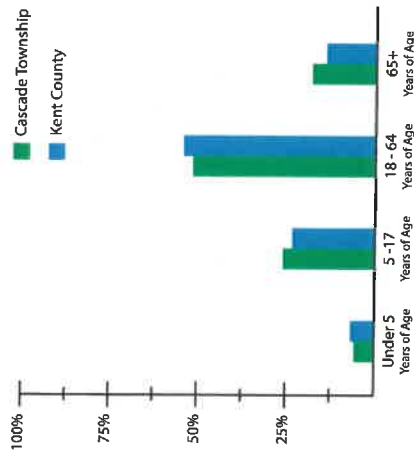
The majority of residents in Cascade Township identify as the white alone demographic (88%). Non-white and mixed race individuals make up approximately 12% of the population, as well as 7.5% identifying as foreign born. Special considerations for outreach and services targeted to minority populations should always be made during current and future planning and design efforts.

Compared to the overall demographics of Kent County, Cascade Township has significantly higher rates of household income and education attainment, as well as slightly higher rates of household technology access. These factors can be taken into account when it comes to communication, millage assessment, and outreach to community members.

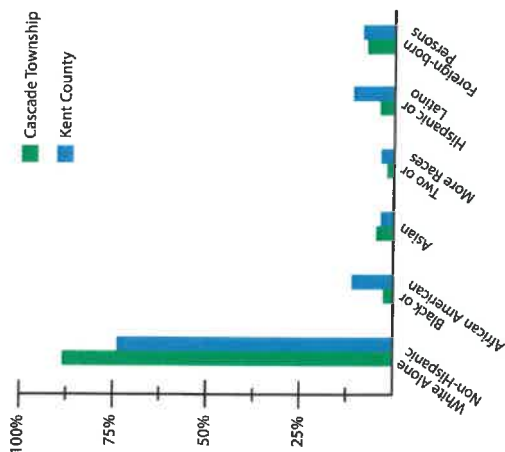
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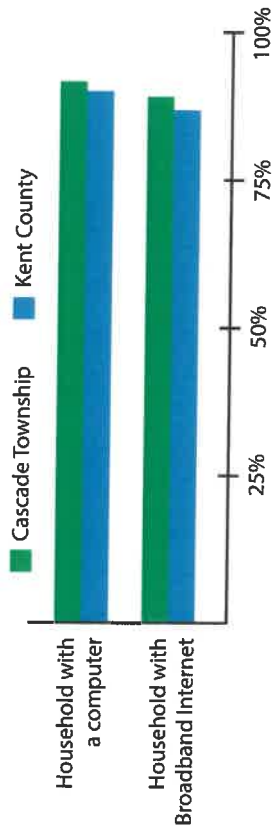
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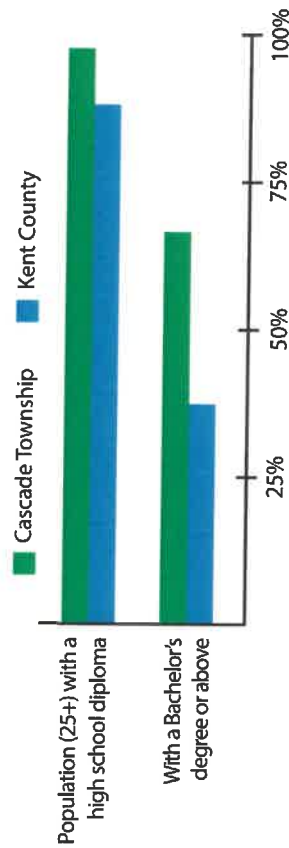
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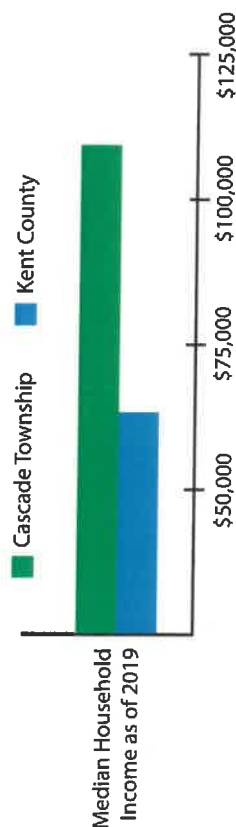
## Technology Access



## Education Attainment



## Household Income





# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

## TOWNSHIP STAFF & PARKS BOARD

### Governing Body

The Cascade Charter Township Board of Trustees is the elected body that functions as the main governing body representing citizen interests. The Township Parks Committee is a voluntary board of citizens appointed by the Township Board, who meet monthly and serve in an advisory role to the Township Board. The Parks Committee concentrates on acquiring and managing land, overseeing maintenance of existing properties, and seeking ways to continue to provide outstanding recreational opportunities for residents of Cascade Township.

A Township Pathways Committee was also recently formed, and held their first meeting in September of 2022. Similar to the Parks Committee, the Pathways Committee is a voluntary board of citizens appointed by the Township Board, who serve in an advisory role to the Township Board. While not focused directly on parks or recreation, the Pathways Committee will concentrate on overseeing maintenance of existing pathways and opportunities for expansion of the pathway system.

### Parks and Recreation Programming

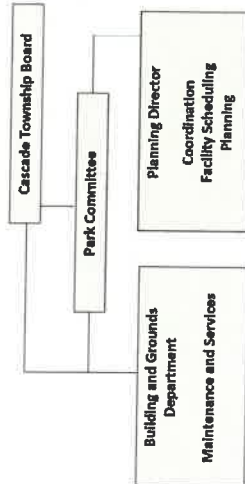
The responsibility for planning, developing, programming, budgeting, operating and maintaining the Township's recreational facilities and programs belongs to the Parks Committee, with assistance from Township staff. Township employees and seasonal staff currently handle park maintenance with some of the mowing done by a lawn service. The Township does not offer any formal recreation programs but does cooperate in scheduling fields for organization use. Seven local organizations reserved time on township fields in spring of 2022, while five organizations reserved time in fall of 2022.

### School Districts and Other Public Agencies

Cascade Township families and youth benefit from area recreational offerings through regional school districts including Forest Hills Public Schools, Lowell Area Schools, and Caledonia Community Schools as well as programs offered through the Kent County Parks and Recreation Department. In addition, youth are provided the opportunity of organized sports through the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 571 serving Ada and Cascade.

### Organizational Chart

An organizational chart graphically illustrating current park responsibilities is shown below. This plan identifies a goal of reviewing the Township's parks organizational structure, which includes the possibility of hiring additional staff. One potential staff position would be a Parks Director, who would directly assist the Parks Committee in all parks related matters.



### Volunteers

The Township has an agreement with the Kent Conservation District (KCD) for treatment of invasive species. As a result, KCD has hosted a number of volunteer work days at Township park properties. The Township has benefited from a number of local businesses and organizations that have staff who volunteered their time at these work days. These volunteer groups include local businesses, schools, eagle scout groups, and individual Cascade residents.

### Annual Budgets and Funding

Each year, the Township Board of Trustees sets the General Fund appropriation for the Parks Committees operating budget through a comprehensive budgeting process. The Township Board oversees budgeting and allocates the appropriate funding amount based on projected needs.

Funding for the parks in Cascade Township is appropriated from the Township's general fund with the exception of the pathway millage and open space millage. The budget, expenditures and revenues for the Township's recreational facilities for the past five (5) years are summarized in the appendix.

The Township receives payments for the reservation of park space for large groups at Cascade Township (Rec) Park; in 2021 these payments amounted to \$8,230.

# COMMUNITY GRANT HISTORY

For each park that was partially or completely acquired and/or developed with recreation grant funds, the information below must be reported. These funds include the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (formerly known as the Michigan Land Trust Fund), the Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Fund, and the 1988 Recreation Bond Fund.

Cascade Township has received recreation grants from the State of Michigan for several projects. They are as follows:

## TOWNSHIP PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GRANT HISTORY

Program & Year	Grant Number	Amount	Project Location
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Nature Conservancy (2008)	TF08-149	\$1.2 Million	Cascade Natural Area (Peace Park) 8900 Grand River Dr.
Land and Water Conservation Fund (1992)	26-01517	\$20,327	Township Park Shelter 3810 Thornapple River Dr SE
Land and Water Conservation Fund (1978)	26-01060x1	\$40,289	Cascade Recreation Park 3810 Thornapple River Dr SE
Land and Water Conservation Fund (1975)	26-00649	\$35,916	Cascade Recreation Park 3810 Thornapple River Dr SE



# 2

## INVENTORY

This section discusses the existing parks and facilities within Cascade Township that are managed by the Township staff, Board, and Parks Committee. This section analyzes the walkability and includes ratings for the accessibility of each park.



6 PARKS



407  
ACRES OF PARK

17.3  
MILES OF  
TRAIL

# PARKS & PATHWAYS



3  
LARGE  
NATURAL  
AREAS



1  
PLAYGROUND  
LOCATION



1  
DOG  
PARK



2  
BASEBALL  
FIELDS



2  
BASKETBALL  
COURT



1  
WATER  
PLAY  
FEATURE



2  
MULTI-USE  
FIELDS



2  
VOLLEYBALL  
NETS



1  
AMPHI-  
THEATER



1  
DISC GOLF  
COURSE



8  
TENNIS +  
PICKLEBALL  
COURTS



6  
RESTROOMS  
& PICNIC  
SHELTERS

# PARKS & PATHWAYS

## CASCADE PARKS SYSTEM

The Cascade Township parks system is comprised of six parks that are spread throughout the half of the township north of I-96. Cascade Peace Park, Michael McGraw Park, an Cascade Burton Park are larger natural wooded areas with trails that serve as passive recreation parks. Cascade Township Park, also known

as Recreation Park, serves the townships more active recreation uses with several outdoor sports facilities. Leslie E. Tassell Park and Cascade Museum Garden are smaller green spaces located near the downtown village area. An expansive pathway system traverses most areas of the township north of I-96.



# PATHWAYS

## CASCADE PATHWAYS SYSTEM

The township is well connected through a system of pedestrian routes, including extensive paved trails, public sidewalks, and low volume residential streets. Further development of these pathways is a priority for the township, to further connect the parks, schools, and other community assets.



# MCGRAW PARK

## Michael McGraw Park

The 68.8-acre park property was donated in 2002 by Mick McGraw. The waterfront park lies on the northeast corner of Cascade Township, and into the southeast corner of Ada township. The park runs along the Grand River, and lies mostly within the floodplain. McGraw Park contains a few hiking trails and a paved pathway. Hiking and passive recreation are the main uses of the park. A small two-acre parcel owned by Forest Hills Public Schools is located on the south end of the park, and serves as the school's access to the Grand River for their crew teams.

Amenity	Quantity/Size	Accessibility	Surface
Boat House	1	Y	N/A
Paved Trail	1	Y	Asphalt
Parking	1	N	Natural



## Accessibility Assessment

The paved trail through McGraw Park is well maintained and accessible. However, there is no accessible path from the parking area to the trail start point, and the parking area is a dirt, non-accessible surface. Noted accessibility improvements would be to add accessible surface parking, and a paved connection from the parking area to the trail start.

DMR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design



# CASCADE PEACE PARK

## Cascade Peace Park

The 198 acer park property consists of extensive old growth forest. The park has a system of natural surface hiking trails, and is used for passive recreation.

The Cascade Township open space study identified the land as having desirable features for preservation. In order to acquire the property the Township worked with the assistance of The Land Conservancy of West Michigan, The Nature Conservancy, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Disability Advocates of West Michigan as well as local landscapers. The property was acquired with assistance by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and The Nature Conservancy.

The park has two entrances, one off Grand River Dr and one off Bolt Dr. Stone parking areas, litter receptacles and park signage are available at both entrances. The Grand River Drive entrance has a portable restroom and bike racks.

Two parcels, located to the east and northeast of current park property, are under consideration for potential future acquisition for the park.

## Accessibility Assessment

Peace Park is a natural area that includes several miles of natural surface trails. The trails in general do not meet trail accessibility guidelines. There are two gravel parking lots at the entrances off of Grand River Dr and Bolt Dr. The entrance off of Bolt Dr includes a delineated accessible parking space, and the entrance off of Grand River Dr includes one accessible portable restroom.

Future accessibility improvements should include providing paved accessible parking spaces in both parking lots and creating an accessible route to the restroom. Improving a portion of the trail from the Bolt Dr parking area to meet accessibility requirements should be explored.

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2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design



Amenity	Quantity/Size	Accessibility	Surface
Trails	4 Miles	N	Natural
Bike Racks	2	N	N/A
Parking	2	N	Stone



# CASCADE TOWNSHIP PARK

## Cascade Township (Rec) Park

Cascade Township Park is the main sports facility park in the township and serves as the hub of recreational activity. The 55 acre park is used by residents and leagues for softball, baseball, soccer, football and lacrosse. Some of the organized leagues assist in improving the fields. The sports fields, pavilions, trails, playground and other facilities are utilized by the township, and require continuous maintenance to ensure recreational needs and services are met.

### Accessibility Assessment

Most of the facilities are accessible and the parking areas include accessible parking. However there are some areas that do not have accessible routes to them including the baseball/softball fields, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, or picnic shelter next to the playground. The playground is relatively new and in good condition, and was designed with universal design standards.

Some suggested accessibility improvements include a paved trail connecting to the park entrance, and accessible routes to the ball fields, volleyball court, shelter by the playground, and horseshoe pits. Permanent accessible restrooms should also be considered.

Amenity	Quantity/Size	Accessible	Surface
Paved Trail	1 Mile	Y	Asphalt
ADA Parking	2	Y	Asphalt
ADA Van Parking	2	Y	Asphalt
WiFi	Park-wide	N/A	N/A
Playground	1	Y	PIP
Basketball Court	2	Y	Asphalt
Tennis	2	Y	Asphalt
Pickleball	6	Y	Asphalt
Multi-use Field	1	N	Grass
18 Hole Disc Golf	1	N	Grass
Soccer Field	1	Y	Grass
Ball Fields	2	N	Dirt/Grass
Sand Volleyball	1	N	Sand
Horseshoe	1	N	Grass
Dog Park	1	Y	Grass
Pavilion	3	Y	Concrete
Grill	2	Y	N/A
Sledding Hill	1	N	Grass
Restroom	1	Y	Concrete
Drinking Station	2	Y	N/A



# LESLIE E. TASSELL PARK

## Leslie E. Tassel Park

In 2000, the Township began the development of Tassel Park along the west bank of the Thornapple River, near the village downtown area. The proposed park would serve as a passive focal point for the village area. The park now serves Cascade as a community-gathering place along the Thornapple River immediately below the Cascade Dam. The approximately 4-acre park's general purpose is to provide passive recreation opportunities and river access close to the downtown area.

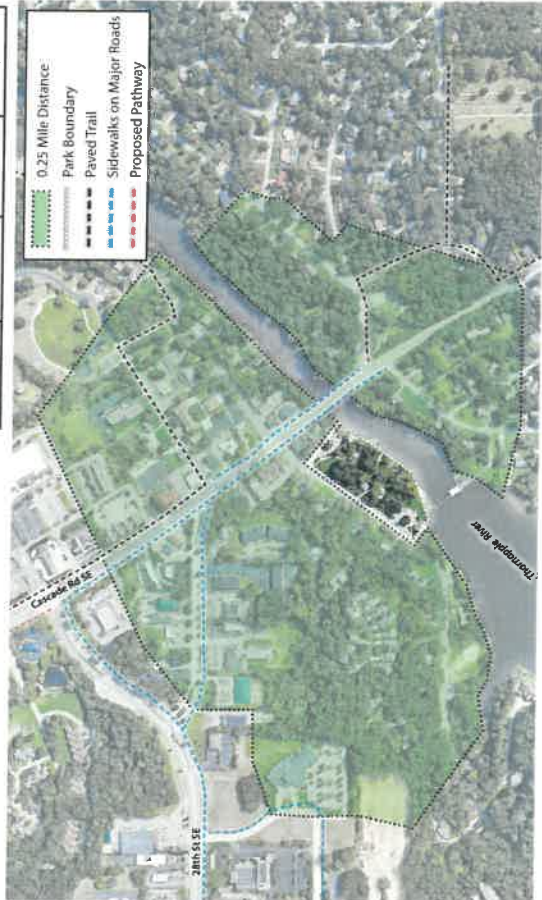
The Township owns the Cascade Dam along the Thornapple River adjacent to the south end of Tassel Park and has leased it to STS which operates it for hydroelectric power, which is sold to Consumers Energy Company. The upstream east bank off Thorncrest Street is most accessible for boating and canoeing. The west bank, both up and downstream, are used primarily for fishing and has a canoe portage.

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Minor facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design.

## Accessibility Assessment

The park is almost entirely accessible, with the exception of the pathway along the riverfront, which also falls within the floodplain. The park is includes an accessible parking space in both the south and north parking lots. The entirety of the park is well lit with overhead and path lights, and included an emergency call box near the shelter. Suggested accessibility improvements for the future would include completing an accessible path to the Dam viewing area and open space below the central pavilion.

Amenity	Quantity/Size	Accessible	Surface
Paved Trail	N/A	Y	Concrete/Mixed
Sculpture Park	1	Y	Mixed
ADA Van Parking	2	Y	Asphalt/Concrete
WiFi	Park-wide	N/A	N/A
Fire Pit	1	N	Natural
Interactive Water Feature	1	Y	Concrete
Pavilion	2	Y	Concrete
Restrooms	1	Y	Concrete
Boardwalk	1	Y	Concrete/Wood
Emergency Call Post	1	Y	Concrete
Bike Rack	3	Y	Concrete
Riverside Trail	1	N	Natural
Kayak Launch	1	N	N/A





# CASCADE BURTON PARK

## Cascade Burton Park

The property consists of mostly wooded area with considerable topography and meadow areas. The main use of the property is for passive recreational uses, with extensive hiking trails. The park is located in close proximity to residential areas, with walking paths and bike routes within a quarter-mile of the park boundary.

The Township purchased the 80 acre parcel of land through the Cascade Township Open Space Fund, which was established in 2009 as a result of a successful millage election (.23 mills) in late 2008. The Township Board adopted a Master Plan for the park in November 2009 and then started the process to develop and open the park. According to the adopted millage for Burton Park, the park is to remain a minimally improved site that encourages uses that are low-impact and environmentally sensitive.

## Accessibility Assessment

Burton Park has ample accessible parking at the entrances and within the park. There is one accessible paved path that runs through the park, however all other trails are considered non-accessible surfaces. Future accessibility improvements may include adding an accessible pathway to a seating area near the park entrance.

Amenity	Quantity/Size	Accessibility	Surface
Trails	2.5 Miles	N	Natural
Paved Path	0.5 Miles	Y	Asphalt
Restrooms	2	Y	N/A
ADA Parking	3	Y	Asphalt



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3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
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# WESTDALE MEMORIAL PARK

## Westdale Memorial Park

Westdale Memorial Park (formerly Museum Gardens Park) was recently renamed to honor Virgil Westdale, a local World War I veteran that passed away in February 2022. The park serves as a small passive recreation area and perennial garden in the downtown village area of Cascade Township. The 0.4-acre park consists of paved walkways, unique bench seating, planting beds, and musical play components. The park is directly off the busy intersection of Cascade Rd SE and Thornapple River Dr SE, and is adjacent to the Township Museum building as well as several small local shops and boutiques.

## Accessibility Assessment

The site is easily accessed by sidewalks and is enjoyed by residents as a reflection of the areas local historic and cultural heritage. The park is entirely accessible.



Amenity	Quantity/Size	Accessibility	Surface
Paved Path	N/A	Y	Concrete/Pavers
Bike Racks	2	Y	N/A
Sculpture Park	N/A	Y	N/A
Musical Play Features	2	Y	N/A
Drinking Station	1	Y	N/A
ADA Parking	1	Y	Asphalt

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# WYCLIFFE TRAILHEAD PARK

## Wycliffe Trailhead Park

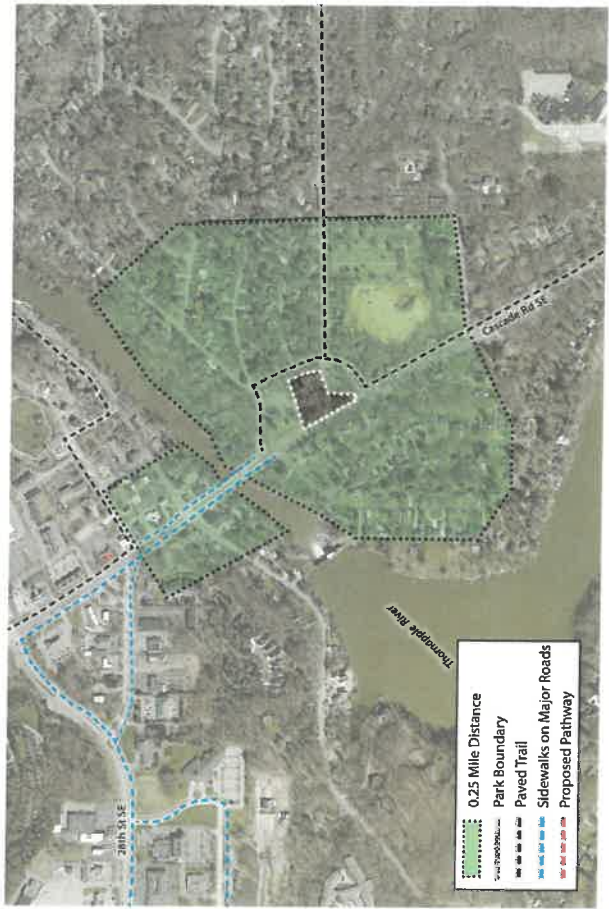
The Wycliffe Trailhead Park property was recently purchased by Cascade Township. The 2.10 acre parcel is located directly off of the existing pathway system, and is within a quarter mile of Tassell Park and Downtown Cascade. The park is located next to the United Spiritual Community Church, who will share the existing parking lot with park visitors.

The Wycliffe Trailhead Park property is planned to be a passive recreation site and trail head. Preliminary development ideas include way finding signage, additional shared parking, restrooms, natural play features, and other pedestrian amenities such as tables, receptacles, and bike racks.

## Accessibility Assessment

The Wycliffe property current has accessible shared and access to the paved pathway system along Wycliffe Road. Accessibility and universal design will be applied to the development of the property.

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# 3 THE PLANNING PROCESS



# OVERVIEW OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

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The planning process for this five year parks and recreation master plan for Cascade Township was primarily conducted through the Parks Committee, consisting of members Ginny Wanty, Joseph Engel, Grace Lesperance, Mike Reese, and Windy Korstange. The interim Township Manager, Brian Hilbrands, provided oversight for committee meetings.

Meetings to discuss continuous steps within the planning process were held in conjunction with the parks committee meetings on the third Tuesday of every month.

During the planning process, several developments occurred including the finalization of the property acquisition template, the Township acquisition of the Wycliffe property, and the formation of the pathways committee. These new developments were accounted for in the goals, objectives, action items, and future recommendations.

The online survey, developed by the parks committee, was available from August 2021 to January 2022 to collect public input. The survey collected nearly 1000 individual responses, a significant increase from the public feedback collected in the previous Township parks master plan. A public open house was also held on August 31, 2021.

The public engagement for the Township Strategic Plan was conducted during the same time period as the making of this plan. The Strategic Plan public engagement helped provide secondary data for parks, pathways, and recreation related topics. The consultants for the Strategic Plan conducted a Parks and Recreation focus group session that was attended by Parks Committee members as well as the Troyer Group consultants, and the themes and feedback from that focus group session is included in the engagement summary of this plan.

The 30-day public comment period for the draft plan will be available from October 13, 2022 through November 13, 2022. During this time, a Public Open House will also be held to obtain further public feedback. Plan adoption by the Township Board is set for November 2022 once updates are made following the public review period.

**Parks and Recreation Plan  
Online Public Survey**  
Aug. 2021 - Jan. 2022

**Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Open House**  
August 31, 2021

**Strategic Plan Parks & Rec  
Focus Group Session**  
March 29, 2022

**Parks & Recreation Master  
Plan Public Comment Period**  
Oct. 13, 2022 - Nov. 13, 2022

**Parks & Recreation Master  
Plan Adoption**  
November 2022



# COMMUNITY BENCHMARKING

	Cascade	Ada	Lowell
Number of ballfields	2	3	4
Miles of non-motorized trails	17.3	15.5	16.8
Number of Playground Locations	1	2	4
Number of Restroom Facilities	2	2	2
Number of Pavilions/Shelters	4	2	3
Number of Pickleball Courts	6	3	0
Number of Tennis Courts	2	6	0
Number of Basketball Courts	2	1	2
Number of Volleyball Courts	2	1	1
Number of Soccer/Multi-use Fields	2	1	8
Community/Senior Center	N	N	Y
Dog Park	Y	N	Y
Skate Park	N	N	Y
Disc Golf Course	Y	N	N
Amphitheater/Performance Stage	Y	N	N

	Cascade	Ada	Lowell
Population	19,700	14,412	6,289
Size (Sq. Mi.)	34.86	37.11	33.32
Population Per Sq. Mi.	565	388	189
Number of Parks/Preserves	7	6	8
Total Acreage of Parks	407	445	203
Total Acreage Per 1,000 Residents	20.66	30.88	32.28

## BENCHMARKING DESCRIPTION

Cascade Township compares fairly with similar surrounding communities in terms of provided recreational amenities and facilities. Cascade Township, particularly, uniquely provides extensive pathways that connect throughout and beyond the community. Cascade is slightly lacking in overall park and preservation space, where it falls short in park acreage compared to population size. Programming is another area where compared to neighboring communities of similar size and population, Cascade Township does not provide as many opportunities to its residents.



## MEETING WITH ADJACENT COMMUNITIES

During the planning process, meetings were held with adjacent communities to discuss their parks, staffing, programs, funding, trail connections and potential collaborative opportunities. This included meetings with Grand Rapids Parks, Kent County Parks, Lowell Township, Kent County Parks, and Ada Township. While Grand Rapids, Kentwood, and Kent County have much larger parks systems, and Lowell Township is smaller, each discussion was beneficial to learn about how they operate and future opportunities. Some of the key takeaways from the meetings include:

- Leveraging resources is critical for progress and growth, whether through volunteers, donors, parks foundation or "friends of" groups, and community partners
- Communities have been successful passing a millage to improve maintenance capabilities and capital improvement projects. The more detailed and transparent the proposed millage is, the better the chance for success.
- Sharing resources between government departments such as maintenance staff, engineering, programs, and events
- Realizing the importance of passion and expertise in staff and committee members, and how it impacts the direction of parks and programming (i.e. natural resources vs active recreation/athletics)
- There is a lot of funding available for trail development and collaboration between communities is helpful for connectivity and funding opportunities
- Just having the conversations, learning what is going on in neighboring communities, and discussing ideas with parks peers was a beneficial process and collaborative discussions should continue.

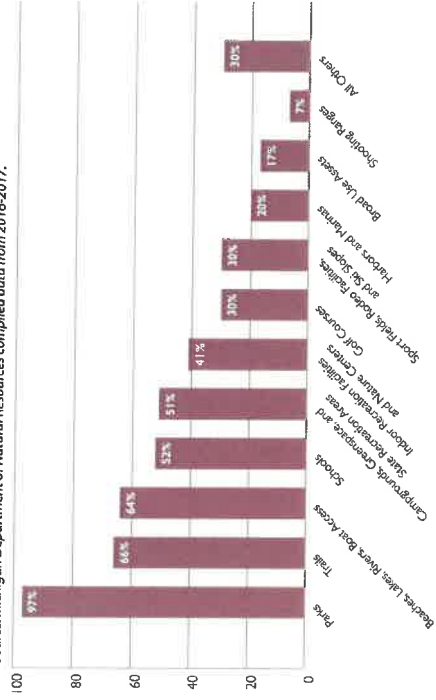
## STATE LEVEL BENCHMARKING

Compared with the state level recreation facilities identified in the 2018-2022 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan (SCORP), Cascade Township falls short of the state average of Park/Preserve acreage for its residential size. With an overall state population of 9,974 million, and 103 state park and recreation areas totaling 306,000 acres, Michigan provides approximately 30.68 acres of park and recreation per 1,000 residents.

Looking at the recreation inventory recorded by the Michigan SCORP: relaxing outdoors, walking, visiting parks or playgrounds, birdwatching, and sightseeing were listed as the top recorded activities for participation from Michigan residents. Cascade Township does well in providing these desired passive recreation activities, but has opportunities to increase available parks and recreation areas throughout the township, to increase options, accessibility, and equity for its residents. When looking at recent trends, the highest increase in participation is in stand-up paddleboarding, cross-country skiing, fat tire biking, and mountain biking. Improving and providing additional facilities for these activities should be considered.

When looking at other community's five-year recreation plans, 64% list beaches, lakes, rivers, and boat access as part of the inventory or continued recreation plans. With ample access to the Thornapple and Grand Rivers, Cascade Township has opportunity to further provide amenities that contribute to water recreation and access. Additional information on recreational assets mentioned in statewide master plans is shown below.

2018-2022 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan  
Percent of Five-year Master Plans that Include Lists of Outdoor Recreation Assets  
Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources compiled data from 2016-2017.

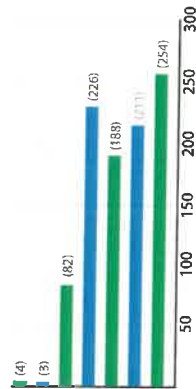


# PUBLIC SURVEY

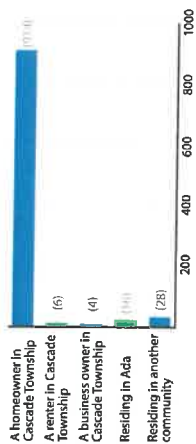
## CASCADE PARKS SYSTEM

A public survey was conducted in late 2021/early 2022 regarding the parks and trails within Cascade Township. The following pages contain the graphic results of the survey data collected.

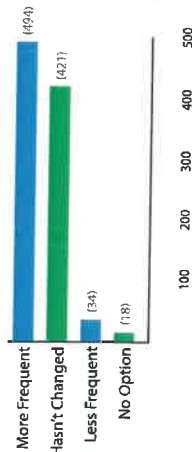
What is your age?



I am currently:



Have you used parks, trails, and open space more frequently since the onset of the pandemic?



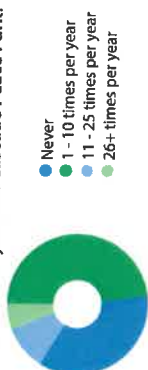
How often do you visit Burton Park?



How often do you visit Cascade Township (Rec) Park?



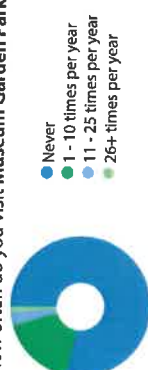
How often do you visit Cascade Peace Park?



How often do you visit Leslie E. Tassell Park?



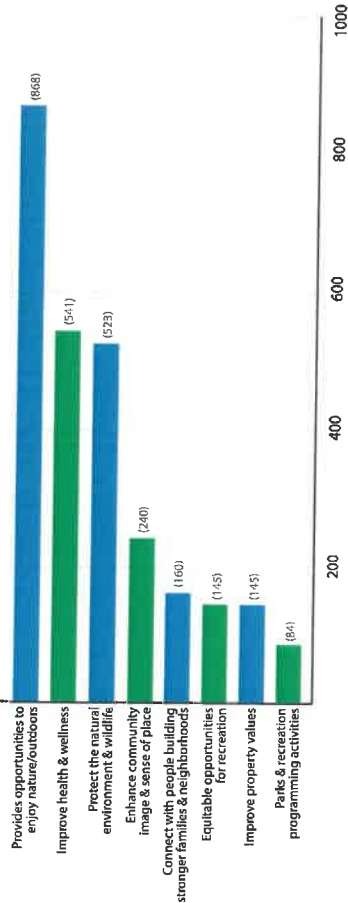
How often do you visit Museum Garden Park?



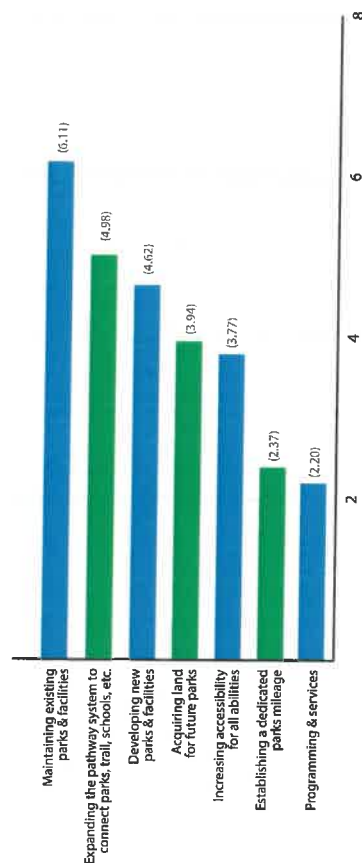
How often do you visit Michael McGraw Park?



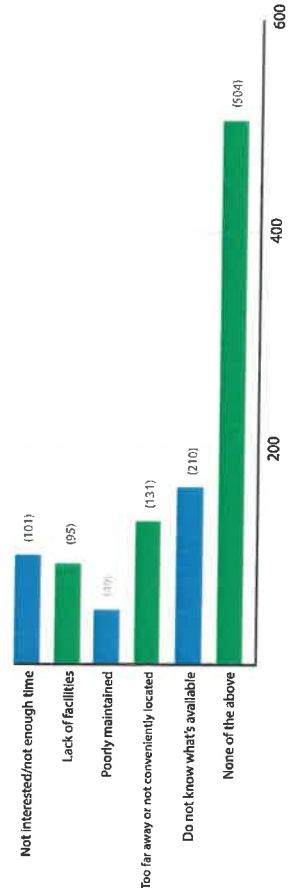
Which of the following benefits of parks and recreation are most important to you? (Select Top 3)



How important are the following in improving parks and recreation offerings in Cascade Township? Please rank in order, with one being the most important and seven being the least important.

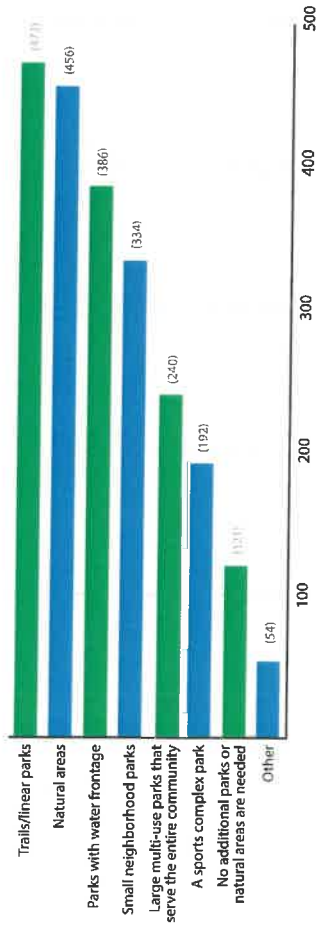


Which of the following, if any, create challenges to your current use of parks in Cascade Township? Please select any that apply.

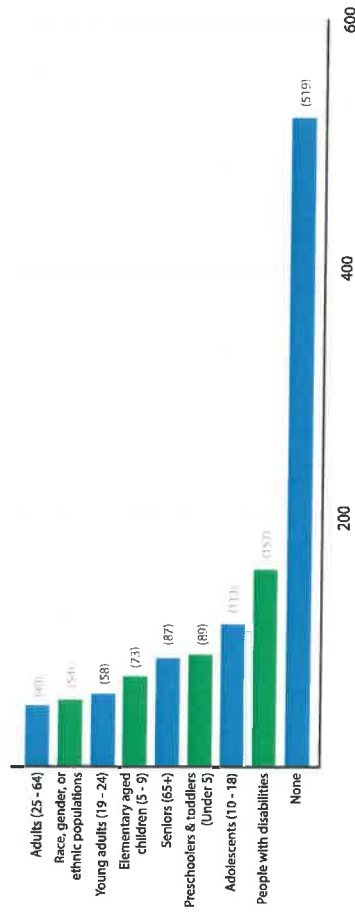


# PUBLIC SURVEY

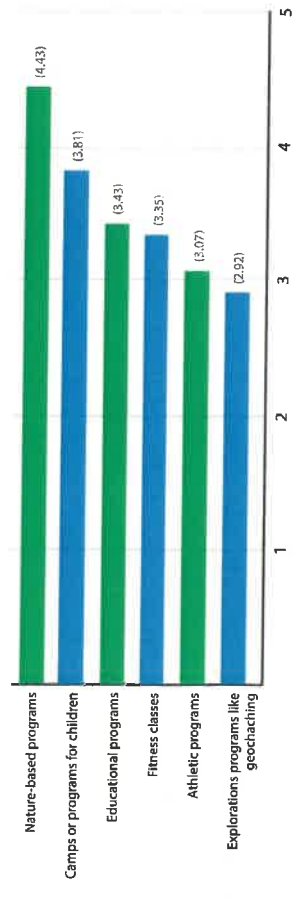
What types of parks are most needed in Cascade Township? Please select any that apply.



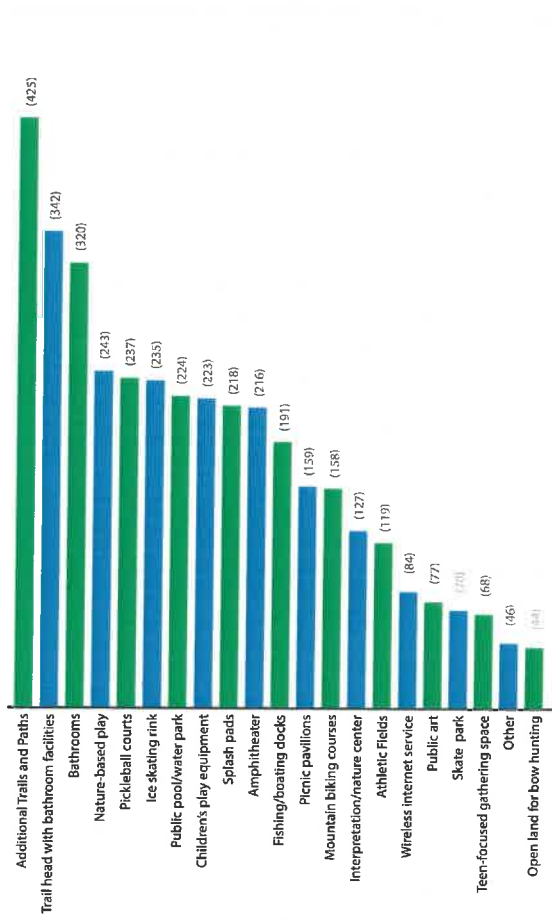
Do you think any groups are under-served by current recreation services and amenities? Please select any that apply.



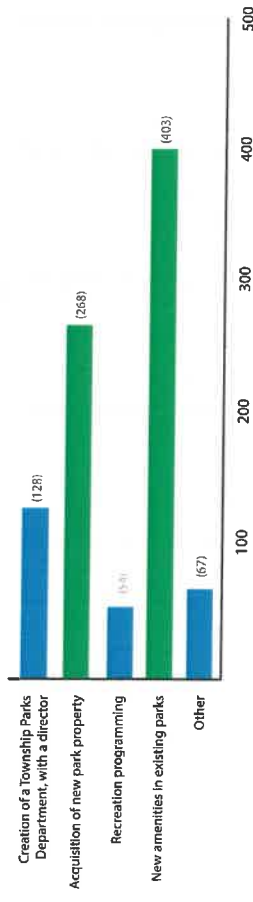
What types of programming would be a priority? (Please rank in order with one being the highest)



What parks and recreation amenities and facilities are you most interested in? Please check your top 5 choices.



If the Township made additional funding available to parks, what would you like the money used for? (Please rank in order with one being the highest)



At present, most recreational programming in Cascade Township is provided by FHPS or other private organizations like the YMCA, AYSO etc. Would you be supportive of the Township expanding its offerings in this area?



Are you willing to support a parks millage? If so, how much is your household willing to spend per year to support your priorities from the above question?





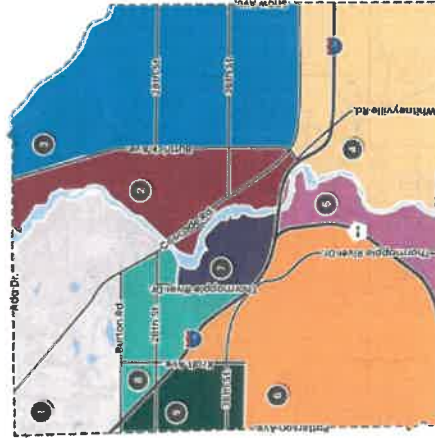
# STRATEGIC PLAN ENGAGEMENT

## STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY

Cascade Township underwent the engagement process for the Township Strategic Plan in tandem with engagement for the Parks and Recreation Plan. The Strategic Plan survey garnered about 1,890 responses, with similar demographics to the Park and Recreation survey. The survey helped determine concerns and priorities within the community, and broke them down by age demographics as well as geographic location. Looking at the parks related concerns and priorities from this survey, we were able to understand further the age and geographic groups within the community that may be under-served in these areas. Some of the key take aways from the Strategic Plan survey in regards to parks and recreations are listed below.

- Lake and River preservation is critically important, especially for those that live along waterfront areas. It is a concern for the younger generations.
- Not having enough parks is a concern of younger generations and is of particular concern for sections south of I-96 and east of the Thornapple River.
- Pathway maintenance is a larger concern for residents who live west of the Thornapple River.
- Neighborhood parks would benefit under-served areas, promote residential growth, and serve as gathering space.
- Section 5 and 6 (south and east) are under-served from existing facilities and should be a priority for new development.
- 18 - 49 age demographics tend to rank parks, public space, and pedestrian pathway maintenance and development as higher priorities than older demographics.
- While not raising taxes is widely important, the parks survey indicated the majority of respondents (67.5%) were willing to spend at least \$100/per on a parks mileage, with 33% indicated they were willing to spend over \$100/year on a parks mileage.

- Creating a Village is the number one or two priority across all age and location demographics. Integrating green space or gathering space into downtown village developments can accomplish multiple goals.
- Section 5 indicated the desire for most parks improvements throughout the rankings and had the lowest overall ranking for Not Raising Taxes (4). This area should receive consideration for new facilities.
- Maintenance of existing trails and parks rated higher in the parks survey than the strategic plan survey
- Not raising taxes was a high priority, but people responded positively to the option of a parks millage. When given a specific positive outcome of increased tax dollars it is more favorable than generally speaking of raising taxes.
- Integrating a gathering space/green space with a "downtown village" can address multiple priorities
- Targeting additional parks or parks improvements and maintenance in areas that are under-served based on geographic response
- Increased awareness of improving and protecting the Thornapple River

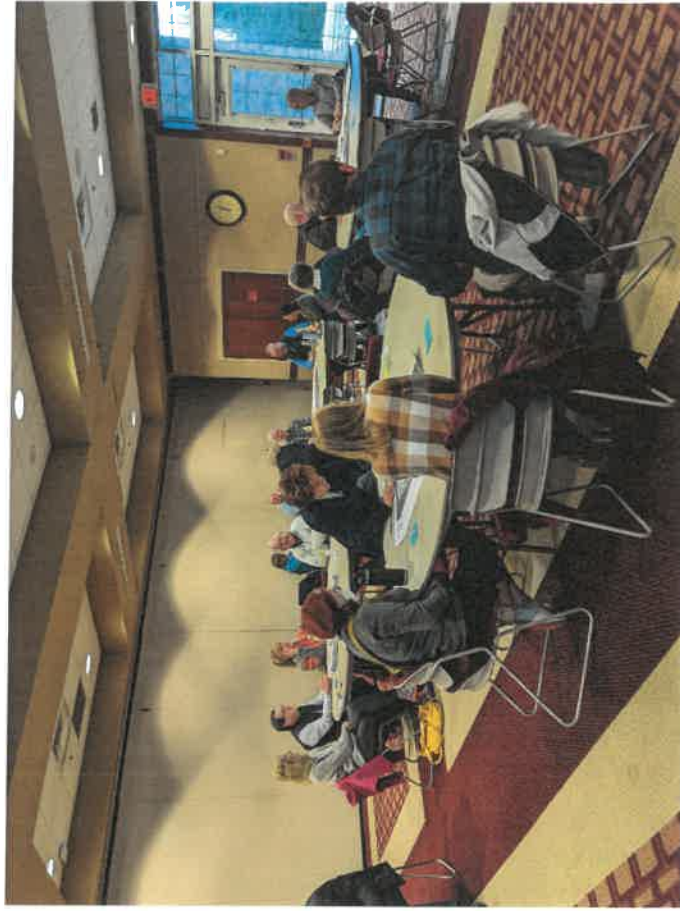


## STRATEGIC PLAN PARKS FOCUS GROUP

The Strategic Plan consultants conducted several focus group workshops, one of which specifically focused on Parks and Recreation.

### FOCUS GROUP THEMES

- More trail connections
- Better signage & parking around Burton Park
- New park and trails in Southeast of Township
- More bathrooms & parking at parks
- More signage & bathrooms along the trail
- Better trail on Laraway Lake
- Added pathway on Cascade Rd across the river
- Added trail connections to Rec Park
- Added/Improved Sports complex



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

## SURVEY RESPONSES

2014 Parks Survey: 170 responses  
2021 Parks Survey: 970 responses  
Strategic Plan Survey: 1,887 responses

Similar demographics were found across all surveys.

## THEMES FROM STRATEGIC PLAN ENGAGEMENT

### Preservation

Lake and river preservation is critically important, especially for those that live along waterfront areas. It is a concern for the younger generations.

### Maintenance

Pathway maintenance is a primary concern for residents, especially those who live west of the Thornapple River.

### Equity

Neighborhood parks would benefit underserved areas, promote residential growth, and serve as gathering space. Section 5 and 6 (south and west) are underserved from existing facilities and should be a priority for new development. North and eastern sections are also underserved and would like to see further improvements of existing facilities as well as the development of new facilities. Section 5 was illustrated to desire most parks improvements throughout the rankings, and had the lowest overall ranking for not raising taxes (4). This area of the township should be a priority for planning and development.

### Future generations

18 – 49 Age demographics tend to rank parks, public space, and pedestrian pathway maintenance and development as higher priorities than older demographics. Not having enough parks is a concern for younger generations and is of particular concern for sections south of I-96 and east of the Thornapple River.

### Community and Identity

Community identity should be a focus of future parks and rec development and improvements. Creating a village is the number one or two priority across all age and location demographic.

## THEMES FROM PARKS SURVEY ENGAGEMENT

Least utilized parks: McGraw, Museum Garden Park  
Even split use: Burton, Peace Park,  
Most Utilized: Township (Rec) Park & Tassell Park

### Maintenance

Maintaining existing parks was a top priority recorded across the public engagement efforts. The public is concerned about current amenity maintenance before adding new amenities. More personnel and resources were identified as necessary to continue proper maintenance of parks and pathways.

### Types of parks

Trails and connections between the parks are clearly desired. Natural areas, small neighborhood parks and waterfront parks are most desired and will be considered when acquiring spaces.

### Amenities & Facilities

Increased trails, and bathrooms are the most requested facilities. Youth-targeted facilities are also highly desired (playground, nature-based play, splash pads, public pool, and ice rink).

### Millage

Most of the survey respondents are in favor of supporting the expansion of Township recreational program offerings, and the majority of those respondents said they would support a millage. While many oppose raising taxes in general, the parks survey indicated the majority of respondents (67.5%) were willing to spend at least \$100/year on a parks millage, with 33% indicated they were willing to spend more than \$100/year on a parks millage.

### Trail Expansion

Most noted areas for increased pathways included Thornapple River Drive, Buttrick Avenue, Burger Drive, 28th Street, Whitneyville, Burton Park, Cascade Road, Peace Park. These locations will be prioritized in future pathway expansion planning.

## Additional Comments

- Trail maintenance, expansion, and upkeep (winter upkeep)
- Invasive species management
- More park amenities and spaces for children
- Pedestrian travel across the river
- Public kayak launches
- Biking trails
- Small neighborhood parks and open spaces
- Pickleball courts: more courts, indoor courts, wind shield, and bathrooms
- Dog Park maintenance
- Safe space for teenagers
- More water access
- Stewardship and volunteer programs

## USING THE ENGAGEMENT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

The public engagement informs the planning process, and helps to provide clear direction for the goals, objectives, and action items that will be set for the next five years. As maintenance was heard as a concern throughout the process, maintenance of facilities, and proper maintenance planning, were built into the goals and action items of this plan. Types of desired parks and location equity, will continue to inform the parks acquisition process and pathway connection planning efforts. Desired amenities and generational needs will guide capital improvement planning and development. While not raising taxes was described as a community concern, the majority favor for parks funding and a parks millage indicates that the community is willing to pay for parks improvements and maintenance, but needs action and transparency as to what the funding is going towards. The goals and objectives aim to provide guidance on how efforts and funding should be utilized, and the annual action plans provide a checklist to help obtain those goals and objectives over the next five years.



# PREVIOUS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**TERM** **PROJECT** **COMPLETION STATUS**

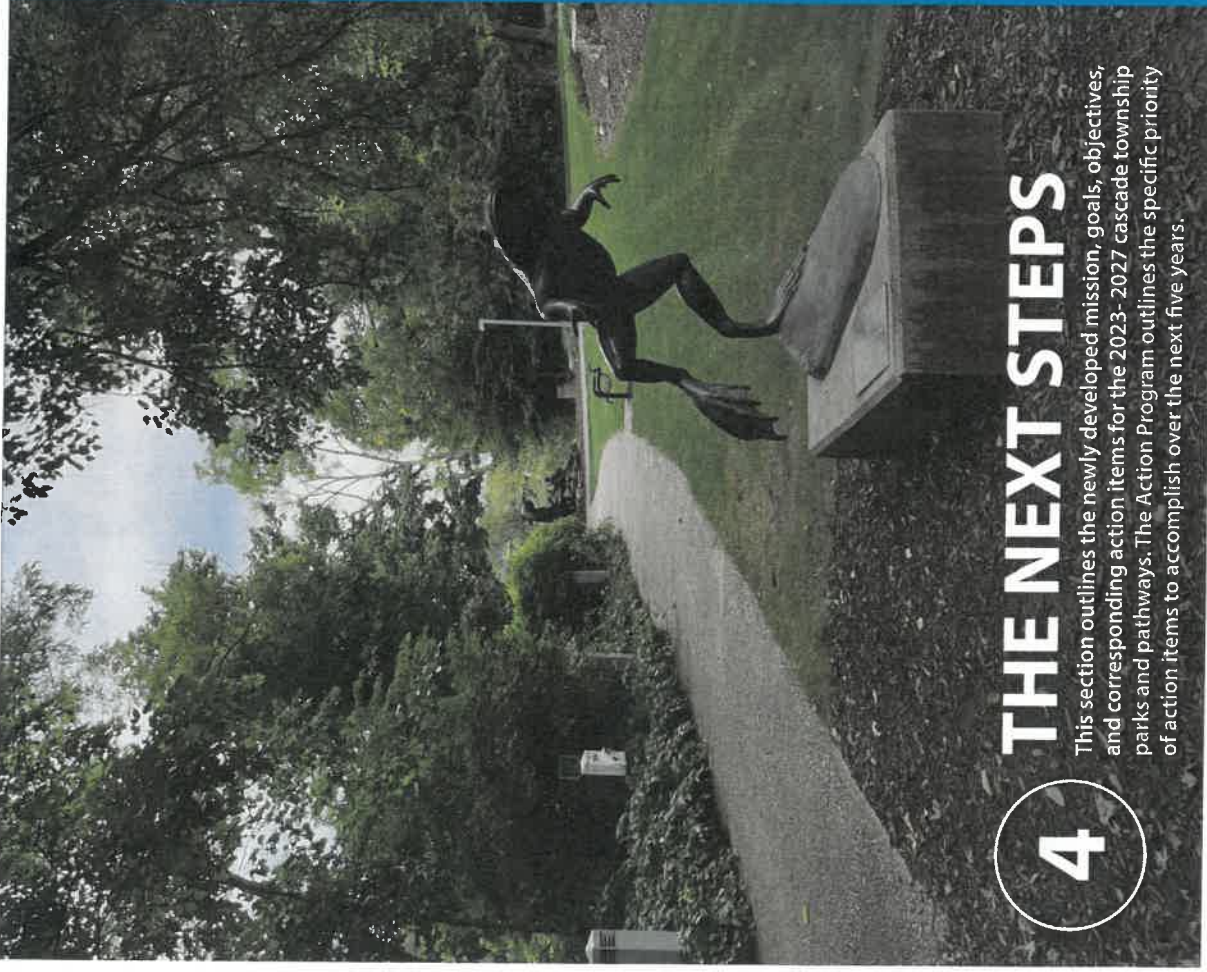
TERM	PROJECT	COMPLETION STATUS	
SHORT TERM	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Increase park publicity and awareness for all parks. Tasks include quarterly parks updates in Township newsletter, updated parks maps, improved way-finding signage, and digital tool development for park location information.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Some awareness and publicity efforts are underway, including website updates for the parks and facilities, regular newsletters, and improved park signage. Further signage updates are continuous. Online facility sign-ups and payment would be beneficial for the township.</p>	In Progress	
	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Host community focus group discussions to review the existing dog owner's policies and guidelines as they relate to individual parks.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Completed. Enforcement of guidelines and regulations needs management.</p>	Completed	
	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Establish essential pilot programs for youth outdoor education, organized sports, volunteer events, and stewardship organizations.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Some programs and organizations have been established. Could be further developed.</p>	In Progress	
	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Complete short neighborhood pathway connections in critical areas.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Some connections have been made. More to be developed.</p>	In Progress	
	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Develop barrier-free handicap accessible, and universally designed children's play area in existing Cascade Township (Rec) Park as well as new properties such as the Village Center or Cascade Public Library.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> The children's playground in Rec Park was completed in 2016 through Township and donor funds. Universal design will be continuously implemented in future developments across the township.</p>	Completed	
	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Organize Friends of Cascade Parks and Trails.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> A Friends of Cascade Parks and Trails organization has not been established. This is something that would be beneficial to establish.</p>	Not In Progress	
	<p><b>GOAL:</b> Develop an off-leash dog park at Cascade Township (Rec) Park.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> This project is complete.</p>	Completed	

# MID TERM

<p><b>GOAL:</b> Develop basketball courts at Cascade Township (Rec) Park with transitional ice skating rink.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Basketball courts were implemented in Rec Park in 2015. The courts have not been utilized as a transitional ice skating rink, a location for a seasonal rink is being looked into.</p>	In Progress
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Prepare preliminary engineering plans for a regional trail system that will connect Cascade Township recreation areas with adjacent communities including Lowell, Caledonia, and Grand Rapids.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Some preliminary conceptual trail planning has taken place.</p>	Not In Progress
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Construct all-inclusive, barrier free playground.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> This has been completed in Rec Park in 2016.</p>	Completed
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Implement Gateway Concept Plan at Museum Garden Park.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Some preliminary concepts have been completed, however no implementation is currently underway.</p>	Not In Progress

# LONG TERM

<p><b>GOAL:</b> Long term maintenance plan for pathways and trails extension.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Pathway maintenance and trail extension are continuously identified, a specified maintenance plan has not been put in place.</p>	In Progress
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Compile database of properties on the Thornapple River and Grand River to explore options for land acquisition and expansion of waterfront public park space.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Some properties have been identified by the parks board for possible acquisition. An acquisition template is being developed. No official database has been implemented.</p>	In Progress
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Regional trail network connections to adjacent communities including Paul Henry Thornapple Trail and Fred Meijer M-6 Trail.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Connections to regional trail networks have not been planned or implemented.</p>	Not In Progress
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Develop multi-use athletic field complex.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Potential sites are being analyzed as available, but no design or implementation has taken place.</p>	In Progress
<p><b>GOAL:</b> Redevelop Village area with focus on unique and diverse recreation amenities.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Village area is under continuous planning and development. Parks and recreation will support Village development where necessary.</p>	In Progress



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## THE NEXT STEPS

This section outlines the newly developed mission, goals, objectives, and corresponding action items for the 2023- 2027 cascade township parks and pathways. The Action Program outlines the specific priority of action items to accomplish over the next five years.

# MISSION STATEMENT

Cascade Township Parks protects and preserves its natural resources through strategic acquisition, stewardship, education, and management while providing accessible, quality recreational amenities and experiences to equitably enrich the lives of residents and future generations.

# GOALS, STRATEGIES, & ACTION ITEMS

## 1

### ENSURE THAT EXISTING PARKS MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY SERVE.

- 1.1 Ensure sufficient resources in the annual budget for routine and long-term parks maintenance costs.
  - 1.1.1 Conduct a biannual meeting between Township personnel, parks committee, and maintenance director to identify critical maintenance needs and develop a cost estimate to recommend be devoted to parks maintenance from the appropriate funding sources.
- 1.2 Create long-term maintenance plan for parks, pathways, and parks trails extensions.
  - 1.2.1 Parks committee to meet with parks maintenance director on a biannual basis to identify short- and long-term maintenance needs and create an ongoing checklist to tackle improvements.
  - 1.2.2 Pathways committee to review trail system condition and develop a trail maintenance/replacement plan.
- 1.3 Allocate sufficient funding sources to assist with costs of parks and pathway maintenance and land acquisition purchases.
  - 1.3.1 Use funding determinations to create a parks millage proposal that will allocate funds to maintaining and improving existing parks and acquiring new property.
  - 1.3.2 Pathways committee to prioritize maintenance/improvements projects for the remaining millage period (2027) to utilize available funding.
- 1.4 Add amenities, infrastructure, and support facilities to best serve the community.
  - 1.4.1 Parks committee to have work sessions biannually to determine improvement priorities. Refer to the public engagement survey and focus group feedback from the 2023-2027 Parks Masterplan and Strategic Plan to identify desired amenity and infrastructure improvements and implement as applicable with future projects. (Trailheads, bathrooms, nature-based play, pickleball, ice skating rink, & splash pads, were the highest ranked amenities and facilities.)
  - 1.4.2 Coordinate with surrounding communities including Ada, Lowell, Kentwood, and Caledonia as needed to determine connections, shared resources, needed amenities, and programming.
- 1.5 Recommend capital improvement projects to the Township Board based on the master plan.
  - 1.5.1 Parks committee to utilize the public input from the 2023-2027 Parks Masterplan to identify parks-related capital improvement projects most desired by the community to target over the next five years. Develop a corresponding plan of action and funding to present to Township Board.
  - 1.5.2 Complete a masterplan for the Cascade Township recreation Park.
  - 1.5.3 Implement improvements at Wycliffe Park based on the masterplan.
  - 1.5.4 Accessibility and universal design improvements at all parks.

## 2

### PATHWAYS COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE WITH PARKS COMMITTEE AND TOWNSHIP TO CREATE PLANS THAT IDENTIFY FUTURE PATHWAY ROUTES THAT CONNECT TO NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES, REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEMS, AND CONTINUE TO CONNECT TO EXISTING COMMUNITY AMENITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

- 2.1 Identify and plan for pathway connections to regional trail systems.
  - 2.1.1 Pathways committee to review existing Cascade Township Pathways map, Regional Trails maps, and State Trail Plan maps, and identify future potential connections to include in the pathways development plan.
- 2.2 Identify pathway routes to connect to the surrounding communities.
  - 2.2.1 Pathways Committee to review existing pathway maps from neighboring communities including Ada, Lowell, Caledonia, Kentwood, and Grand Rapids, and communicate with neighboring pathway/park committees to coordinate future development and pathway connections.
- 2.3 Plan for continuation of Pathway Millage to continue to provide funding for pathway system expansions.
  - 2.3.1 Pathways Committee to create a plan for maintenance, improvements, and future connections and the required funding to prepare for a pathways millage when the current millage expires in 2027.
- 2.4 Identify and prioritize critical neighborhood pathway connections and projects with a particular focus on connecting the southern half of the Township.
  - 2.4.1 Identify neighborhoods where pathway connections and connections to parks are incomplete or nonexistent and develop an implementation plan with prioritization and phasing.
  - 2.4.2 Develop a trails masterplan that identifies connections and extensions for the pathway system.

## 3

### REFINE THE TOWNSHIP'S PARKS ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND SUPPORT.

- 3.1 Establish consistent collaboration between the Parks Committee and newly formed Pathways Committee.
  - 3.1.1 Parks Committee to have member(s) attend Pathways Committee meetings as needed or have a member that is on both committees.
- 3.2 Hire additional Township staff to assist with routine tasks for parks and recreation.
  - 3.2.1 Hire a Parks Director that will manage all efforts related to parks.
  - 3.2.2 Plan for additional park staff such as a program director and seasonal maintenance staff.
- 3.3 Organize Friends of Cascade Parks to aid in planning, fundraising, maintenance, and volunteer opportunities.
  - 3.3.1 Parks committee to help establish Friends of Cascade Parks group and appoint a director of the group to coordinate volunteers and fundraising.
- 3.4 Establish a volunteer program for the parks to assist with parks efforts such as invasive species control, programming, and maintenance.
  - 3.4.1 Appoint a person within Township Personnel to develop a contact database of volunteers within the Township utilizing online volunteering platforms or other appropriate tools and communicate volunteer opportunities.
- 3.5 Review Parks Committee By-Laws and amend to best fit the needs of the Township and its residents. Use this as a model for the Pathways Committee.

## GOALS, STRATEGIES, & ACTION ITEMS

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### IDENTIFY AND ALLOCATE APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY, IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN PARKS, ADD AMENITIES, AND HIRE STAFF TO SUPPORT THE PARKS AND PATHWAY SYSTEMS.

- 4.1 Collaborate between the Parks Committee, Pathways Committee, and Township personnel to review funding needs to develop a plan.
  - 4.1.1 Committees to meet with Township staff biannually to discuss needs and funding.
- 4.2 Build information, materials, and support for educating voters.
  - 4.2.1 Create a plan that includes necessary maintenance items, desired improvements, and property acquisition goals with the required funding needs.
- 4.3 Propose a parks millage that will provide necessary funds to acquire park property, improve and maintain parks, and amenities, and hire staff including a parks director.
  - 4.3.1 Create materials with education on parks millage (what the funding will be used for and why, it is beneficial to the Township) and post to Township website, social media, and newsletter. Utilize various methods to engage voter base.
- 4.4 Identify and apply for applicable grant opportunities.
  - 4.4.1 Research grant opportunities available at the local, state, and federal level, and apply as applicable for desired improvements or land acquisition.
- 4.5 Explore opportunities for donors, volunteers, and fundraising.
  - 4.5.1 Engage with potential donors and volunteers to discuss parks needs. Partner with community organizations such as the schools, Eagle Scouts, Community Foundation, churches, etc.

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### PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

- 5.1 Continue Township green space preservation efforts through appropriate land acquisition.
  - 5.1.1 Create a database of properties that are desired for future acquisition utilizing the parks committee acquisition template. Target acquisition efforts based on community needs and opportunity.
- 5.2 Establish Thornapple River clean up and preservation initiatives and raise awareness of impacts to the water quality.
  - 5.2.1 Parks committee to work with Friends of Cascade Parks and/or Township personnel to establish annual/biannual volunteer event based around Thornapple River clean up.
  - 5.2.2 Perform testing and analysis of water quality.
  - 5.2.3 Write articles for the newsletter regarding water quality and how people can help.
- 5.3 Contain and remove invasive and diseased species throughout the township.
  - 5.3.1 Work with conservationists and partners to identify invasive species within the community parks and organize eradication solutions and volunteer work days.
  - 5.3.2 Continue use of Township newsletter to educate residents about the types of invasive species, their impact on the local environment, and best methods for eradication.

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### COLLABORATE AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO DEVELOP A PARK OR OPEN SPACE THAT SERVES AS A GATHERING SPACE INTEGRATED WITH PLANNED DOWNTOWN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT OUTLINED IN THE CASCADE TOWNSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN.

- 6.1 Build consensus for the location for the gathering space.
  - 6.1.1 Township to create a subcommittee with representation from Township staff, the Parks committee, planning commission, DDA, and the Township board.
  - 6.1.2 Organize appropriate leadership, partners, and funding for the proposed gathering space.
- 6.2 Implement gathering space project integrated into the village development process.
  - 6.2.1 Work with consultant to design the proposed central gathering space and lead a public engagement process.

7

### IDENTIFY SPACE FOR NEW COMMUNITY PARKS, PRESERVATION AREAS, AND OPEN SPACE TO SERVE GROWING POPULATION AND TO PRESERVE NATURAL FEATURES AND CHARACTER OF THE TOWNSHIP.

- 7.1 Determine areas that lack access to parks and analyze opportunities for land acquisition.
  - 7.1.1 Proactively compile and continuously update a database of potential properties for land acquisition and expansion of public parks space and analyze potential benefit with the property acquisition template.
- 7.2 Identify land available for smaller neighborhood parks and parks with water frontage; two highly ranked types of parks desired by residents.
- 7.3 Encourage and incentivize open space, parks, or recreation areas in future residential developments.
  - 7.3.1 Parks committee, planning director, and planning commission should review the zoning ordinance and requirements for developers to determine appropriate provisions for open space and parks.
- 7.4 Explore joint ventures with other entities to provide access to and use of open spaces, water frontage, and other recreational opportunities for members of the community.
  - 7.4.1 Parks committee and/or Township personnel to analyze opportunities and collaborate with entities in the community such as schools, the library, sports leagues, etc.

## GOALS, STRATEGIES, & ACTION ITEMS

8

### INCREASE PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS OF PARKS, PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES.

- 8.1 Further develop the parks section of the Township website to offer online facility scheduling and payments.
  - 8.1.1 Work with Township personnel to identify an existing position, or hire a new communications and scheduling position, to manage scheduling and payments of facilities online, including sports fields, courts, and shelters.
- 8.2 Increase the exposure of parks in Township communications.
  - 8.2.1 Actively post parks content on Township social media and website.
  - 8.2.2 Include parks-related information in the Township quarterly newsletters.
- 8.3 Conduct an annual review of parks maps and signage to confirm accuracy and quality.
  - 8.3.1 Parks and pathways committees to conduct an annual review of existing signage and maps, both in the field and online. Coordinate updates as necessary.
- 8.4 Coordinate Parks branding efforts to align with Township branding, and emulate throughout new amenities and development.
  - 8.4.1 Township personnel and/or its marketing consultant shall present and discuss marketing/branding annually at a Parks Committee and Pathways Committee meeting.

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### DEVELOP PARKS PROGRAMMING TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION, EDUCATION, AND EXPERIENCING NATURE.

- 9.1 Identify partnerships and leverage resources within the community.
  - 9.1.1 Parks committee and/or Township personnel to analyze opportunities and make contact with entities in the community such as schools, the library, the YMCA, Ada Township Parks, sports leagues, etc.
- 9.2 Assign recreation programming and coordination role with the existing Township Personnel or hire a Recreational Programming Director to facilitate growing Township recreation opportunities if the need is justified.
  - 9.2.1 Parks committee to meet with Township personnel to discuss the role and responsibilities of a staff position to handle programming.
- 9.3 Develop programming for nature education, invasive species management, recreation, and other parks and recreation activities.
  - 9.3.1 Develop pilot programming events for different topics and review effectiveness.

# ACTION PROGRAM

2023

ACTION ITEM	CORRESPONDING GOAL	PARK/SITE	RESPONSIBILITY
Create a parks maintenance plan	1	All	TMD, PC
Review maintenance checklist/plan (biannual)	1	All	TMD, TS, & PC
Review of maintenance & improvements budget (biannual)	1 & 4	All	MD, TS, PC, & TB
Implement Wycliffe Trailhead Park Improvements	1 & 7	Wycliffe Property	PC, TS, & TB
Create masterplan for Township Rec Park	1 & 5	Rec Park	PC, TS, & TB
Peace Park Drainage Improvements	1	Peace Park	PC, TS, & TB
Create a pathways maintenance plan	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Review regional pathways connection/opportunities (ongoing)	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Identify proposed local pathway connections	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Establish Parks Committee collaboration with Pathways Committee	2 & 3	Pathways	PC & PWC
Resurface or reconstruct high priority sections of existing pathways	2	Pathways	PWC, TS, & TB
Review staff roles and responsibilities for parks, & identify needs	3	All	PC, TS, & TB
Research parks millage needs for improvements, maintenance, & funding	4	All	PC, TS, & TB
Build information, materials, & support for parks millage	4	All	PC, TS, & TB
Create list of properties scored with the land acquisition template	5 & 7	All/Acquisition	PC & TS
Educate public about invasive species & tree diseases	5 & 8	N/A	PC, TS, & TB
Hold invasive species eradication work days	5	Burton & Peace	PC & TS
Host spring Thornapple River clean up day	5	N/A	PC & TS
Test & analyze Thornapple River quality	5	N/A	PC & TS
Write articles for newsletter regarding resource preservation	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
Explore options & opportunities for a deer cull	5	N/A	PC & TS
Begin planning efforts for downtown gather space	6	New Site	PC, TS, DDA, & TB
Review & update zoning ordinance for open space requirements	7	N/A	PC, TS, & PLC
Establish partnerships for use of open space	7 & 9	N/A	PC & TS
Update Township Parks website	8	N/A	PC & TS
Increase parks presence through Township social media	8	N/A	PC & TS
Annual review of signage & maps for parks & trails	8	All, Pathways	PC, PWC, & TS
Annual review of parks & Township brand/marketing/communications	8	N/A	PC, PWC, & TS

# 2023 - 2027 GOALS

- 1 Ensure that existing parks meet the needs of the community we serve
- 2 Create plans that identify future pathway routes
- 3 Refine the Township's parks organization structure & support
- 4 Identify and allocate appropriate funds for parks
- 5 Preserve natural areas and open space
- 6 Develop a gathering space with planned downtown village
- 7 Identify space for new parks and preservation
- 8 Increase public awareness of parks
- 9 Develop parks programming

2024

# RESPONSIBILITY ENTITY

- PC = Parks Committee
- TMD = Township Maintenance Director
- TS = Township Staff
- DDA = Downtown Development Authority
- PC = Pathways Committee
- TB = Township Board
- PC = Planning Commission

ACTION ITEM	CORRESPONDING GOAL	PARK/SITE	RESPONSIBILITY
Review maintenance checklist/plan (biannual)	1	All	TMD, TS, & PC
Review of maintenance & improvements budget (biannual)	1 & 4	All	MD, TS, PC, & TB
Apply for DNR grant for Rec Park Improvements	1 & 7	Rec Park	PC, TS, & TB
Recreation Park Infrastructure/Maintenance Improvements	1	Rec Park	PC, TS, & TB
Acquisition of water frontage or neighborhood park/open space property	1 & 5	N/A	PC, TS, & TB
McGraw Park accessibility improvements and trail resurfacing	1	McGraw Park	PC, PWC, TS, TB
Update the pathways maintenance plan	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Review regional pathways connection/opportunities (ongoing)	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Preliminary engineering for top proposed local pathways connection	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Resurface or reconstruct high priority sections of existing pathways	2	Pathways	PWC, TS, & TB
Hire a Township Parks Director	3	N/A	PC & TS, & TB
Organize a volunteer program for the parks	3	All	PC & TS
Propose a parks millage	4	All	PC, TS, & TB
Update list of properties scored with the land acquisition template	5 & 7	Acquisition	PC & TS
Educate public about invasive species and tree diseases (ongoing)	5 & 8	All	PC & TS
Hold invasive species eradication work days	5	Burton, Peace	PC & TS
Host spring Thornapple River clean up day	5	N/A	PC & TS
Write articles for newsletter regarding resource preservation	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
Design of the downtown gather space	6	New Site	PC, TS, DDA, & TB
Establish new and continue existing partnerships for use of open space	7 & 9	N/A	PC & TS
Annual review of signage & maps for parks & trails	8	All, Pathways	PC, PWC, & TS
Annual review of parks & Township brand/marketing/communications	8	N/A	PC & TS
Develop pilot parks programs	9	N/A	PC & TS



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## 2025

ACTION ITEM	CORRESPONDING GOAL	PARK/SITE	RESPONSIBILITY
Review maintenance checklist/plan (biannual)	1	All	TMD, TS, & PC
Review of maintenance & improvements budget (biannual)	1 & 4	All	TMD, TS, PC, & TB
Begin design/implementation of Recreation Park improvements	1 & 4	Rec Park	PC, TS, & TB
Update the pathways maintenance plan	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Peace Park accessibility improvements	1	Peace Park	PC, PWC, TS, & TB
Review regional pathways connection/opportunities (ongoing)	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Construction of top proposed local pathways connection	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Resurface or reconstruct high priority sections of existing pathways	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC, TS, & TB
Preliminary Engineering for regional trail connection	2	Pathways	PWC, PC, TS, & TB
Review Parks Director role and Township staffing needs for parks	3	N/A	PC, TB, & TS
Organize a Friends of Cascade Parks and Pathways group	3	N/A	PC & TS
Update list of properties scored with the land acquisition template	5 & 7	Acquisition	PC & TS
Educate public about invasive species and tree diseases (ongoing)	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
Hold invasive species eradication work days	5	Burton, Peace	PC & TS
Host spring Thornapple River clean up day	5	N/A	PC & TS
Write articles for newsletter regarding resource preservation	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
Test Thornapple River water quality	5	N/A	N/A
Establish new and continue existing partnerships for use of open space	7 & 9	N/A	PC & TS
Annual review of signage & maps for parks & trails	8	All, Pathways	PC, PWC, & TS
Annual review of parks & Township brand/marketing/communications	8	N/A	PC, PWC, & TS
Continue successful parks programs and initiate new programs	9	N/A	PC & TS
Construction of the downtown gathering space	6	New Site	PC, TS, DDA, TB

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## 2026

ACTION ITEM	CORRESPONDING GOAL	PARK/SITE	RESPONSIBILITY
Review maintenance checklist/plan (biannual)	1	All	TMD, TS, & PC
Review of maintenance & improvements budget (biannual)	1 & 4	All	TMD, TS, PC, & TB
Complete construction of Recreation Park improvements	1 & 4	Rec Park	PC, TS, & TB
Update the pathways maintenance plan	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Tassell Park accessibility improvements	1	Tassell Park	PC, TS, & TB
Review regional pathways connection/opportunities (ongoing)	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Preliminary Engineering of next highest ranked local pathways connection	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Resurface or reconstruct high priority sections of existing pathways	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC, TS, & TB
Construction of regional trail connection	2	Pathways	PWC, PC, TS, & TB
Prepare plan for upcoming renewal of pathways millage	2 & 4	Pathways	PWC, TB, & TS
Analyze Township staffing for parks	3	N/A	PC & TS
Analyze funding from millage and maintenance/CIP expenses	4	All	PC & TS
Update list of properties scored with the land acquisition template	5 & 7	Acquisition	PC & TS
Educate public about invasive species and tree diseases (ongoing)	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
Hold invasive species eradication work days	5	Burton, Peace	PC & TS
Host spring Thornapple River clean up day	5	N/A	PC & TS
Write articles for newsletter regarding resource preservation	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
Establish new and continue existing partnerships for use of open space	7 & 9	N/A	PC & TS
Annual review of signage & maps for parks & trails	8	All, Pathways	PC, PWC, & TS
Annual review of parks & Township brand/marketing/communications	8	N/A	PC, PWC, & TS
Continue successful parks programs and initiate new programs	9	N/A	PC & TS
Construction of the downtown gathering space	6	New Site	PC, TS, DDA, TB

# ACTION PROGRAM

## 2023 - 2027 GOALS

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## 2027

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Review maintenance checklist/plan (biannual)	1	All	TMD, TS, & PC
Review of maintenance & improvements budget (biannual)	1 & 4	All	TMD, TS, PC, & TB
Burton Park accessible trail and accessibility improvements	1	Tassell Park	PC, TS, & TB
Update the pathways maintenance plan	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Acquisition of water frontage, neighborhood park or open space property	1, 5 & 7	New Site	PC, TS, & TB
Review regional pathways connection/opportunities (ongoing)	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Construction of next highest ranked local pathways connection	2	Pathways	PWC & TS
Resurface or reconstruct high priority sections of existing pathways	1 & 2	Pathways	PWC, TS, & TB
Propose renewal of pathways millage	2 & 4	Pathways	PWC, TS, & TB
Update list of properties scored with the land acquisition template	5 & 7	Acquisition	PC & TS
Educate public about invasive species and tree diseases (ongoing)	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
Hold invasive species eradication work days	5	Burton, Peace	PC & TS
Host spring Thornapple River clean up day	5	N/A	PC & TS
Write articles for newsletter regarding resource preservation	5 & 8	N/A	PC & TS
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Annual review of signage & maps for parks & trails	8	All, Pathways	PC, PWC, & TS
Annual review of parks & Township brand/marketing/communications	8	N/A	PC, PWC, & TS
Continue successful parks programs and initiate new programs	9	N/A	PC & TS

# FUNDING SOURCES

## GRANTS

This plan has been developed both to reflect the needs and goals of the community and to meet the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for eligibility for Federal and State funding. Potential grant opportunities include:

- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Recreation Passport Grant Program
- Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program
- Michigan Spark Grants

Additional grants are available for trails and pathways such as the Michigan Trails Fund, Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grants, Safe Routes to School and other alternative transportation funds.

## PARKS MILLAGE

Many surrounding communities rely on a parks millage to provide critical funding for maintenance and capital improvements. The Township should develop a plan with necessary funding needs and propose a millage to voters.

## TOWNSHIP FUNDS

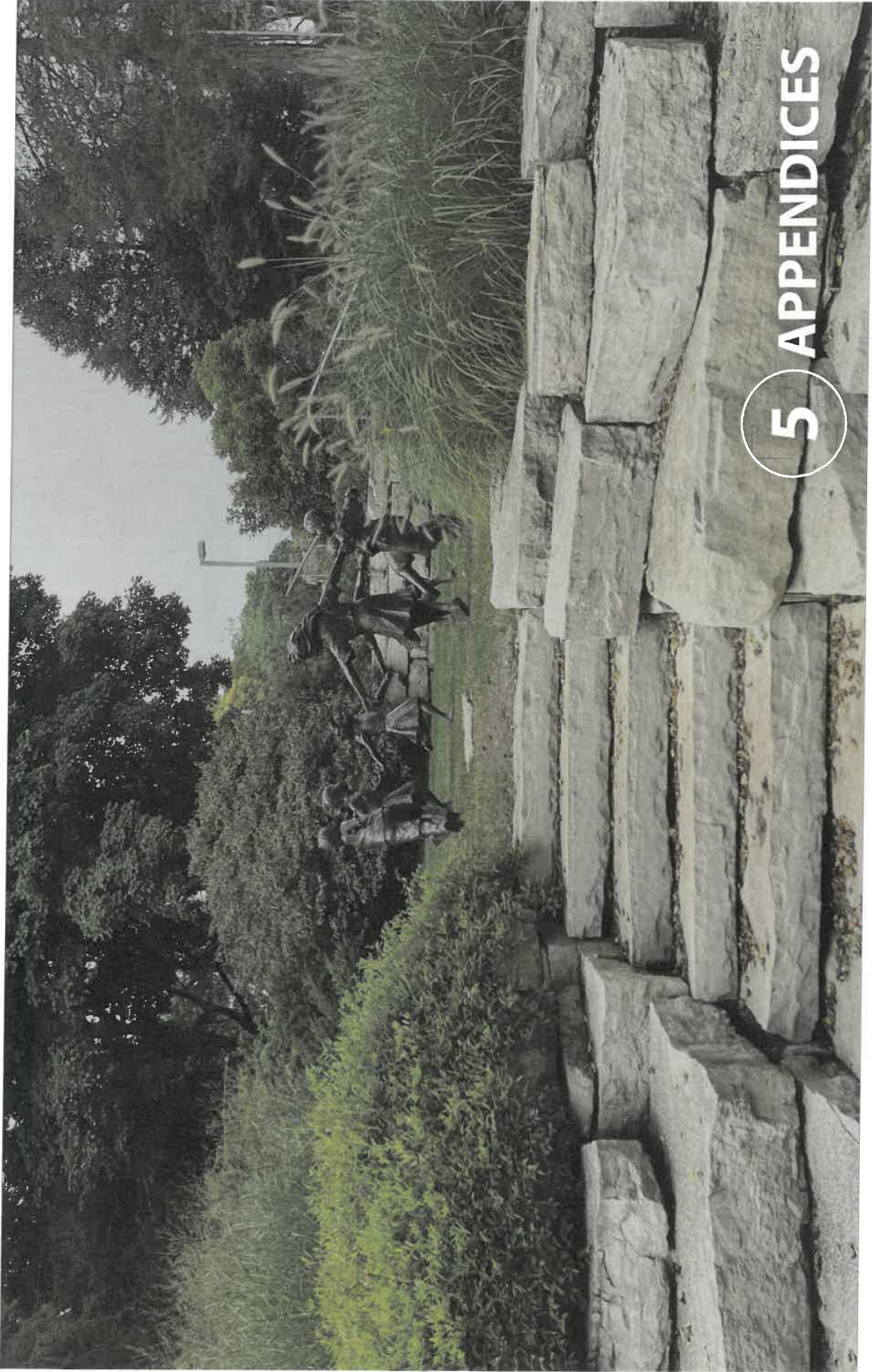
Current funding for parks, pathways, and recreation improvements and maintenance throughout the township comes from general fund, parks budget, and pathways millage.

Cascade Township received \$2 Million in ARPA funding. The disbursement will be under consideration by the Township Board and a portion of this funding could potentially be utilized for park improvement projects.

## OTHER RESOURCES

Other partners can be beneficial in implementation of projects such as Community Foundations, schools, private entities and donors, associations for specific activities such as the West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance, local groups like Eagle Scouts, volunteers, etc. Also the Township can look into ways to produce parks revenue through facility rentals and programming.





# 5 APPENDICES

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF DRAFT PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTERS TO THE COUNTY/  
REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES**

**ADOPTION RESOLUTION MEETING MINUTES**

# WYCLIFFE TRAILHEAD PARK PLAN A



- (A) Shared Parking
- (B) Additional Parking
- (C) Unity Spiritual Community Church
- (D) Utility Shed (Church)
- (E) Rose Garden (Church)
- (F) Native Species Restoration
- (G) Existing Asphalt Trail
- (H) Proposed Accessible Trail
- (I) Natural Surface Trail
- (J) Trailhead Signage
- (K) Single Restroom
- (L) Seating/Picnic Area
- (M) Nature Play Area
- (N) Site Drainage Area (Wooded Wetland Plants)



Accessible Trail - Asphalt or Crushed Stone



Natural Surface Trail



Integrated Nature Play Area



Wayfinding & Trail Head Signage



Restroom - Portable or Single

# WYCLIFFE TRAILHEAD PARK PLAN B



- A Shared Parking
- B Additional Parking
- C Church Building
- D Utility Shed (Church)
- E Rose Garden (Church)
- F Native Species Restoration
- G Existing Asphalt Trail
- H Proposed Accessible Trail
- I Natural Surface Trail
- J Trailhead Signage
- K Single Restroom
- L Seating/Picnic Area
- M Nature Play Area
- N Trail Side Natural Play Features
- O Barrier Fencing
- P Swinging Bench
- Q Site Drainage Area (Wooded Wetland Plants)



Trail Head Signage



Barrier Fencing



Swinging Bench



Educational Signage



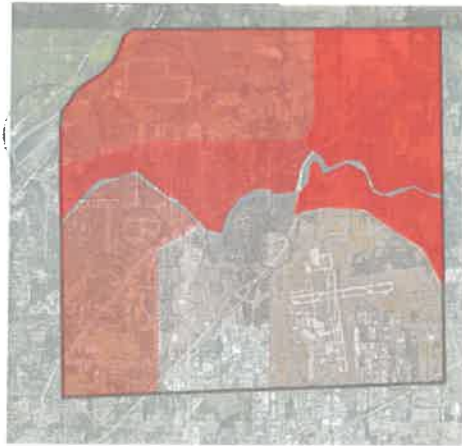
Trail Side Nature Play Features



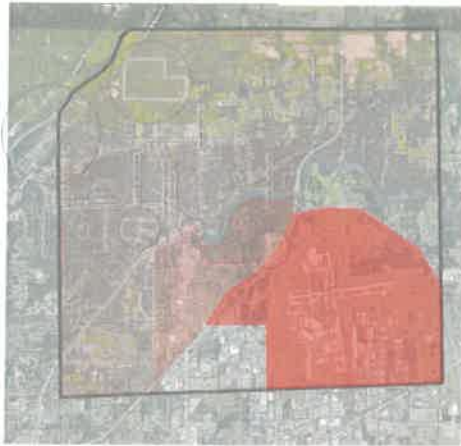


# PUBLIC FEEDBACK MAPPING

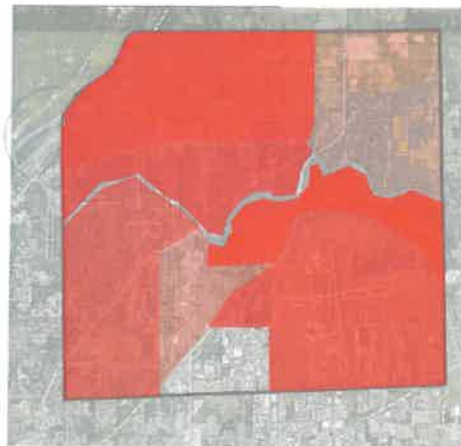
These graphics illustrate the issues within the strategic plan that were related to parks and recreation. Darker colors indicate areas that ranked that specified issue higher, and lighter colors indicate areas that ranked that specified issue as of lower concern. The overlap map combines the 3 issues of Concern maps and shows the areas where more people ranked parks and recreation related issues as a higher concern.



Issues of Concern  
Not enough Parks



Issues of Concern  
Pathway Maintenance

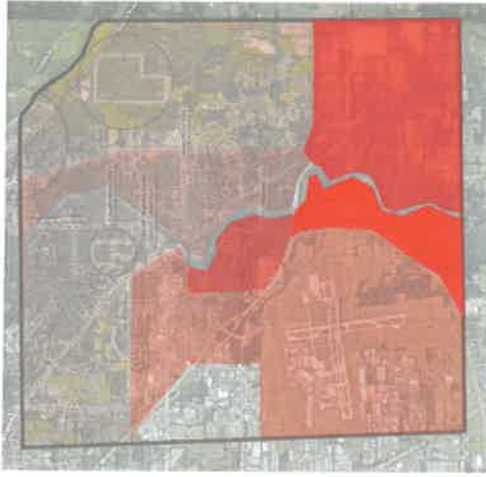


Issues of Concern  
Lack of River/Lake Preservation

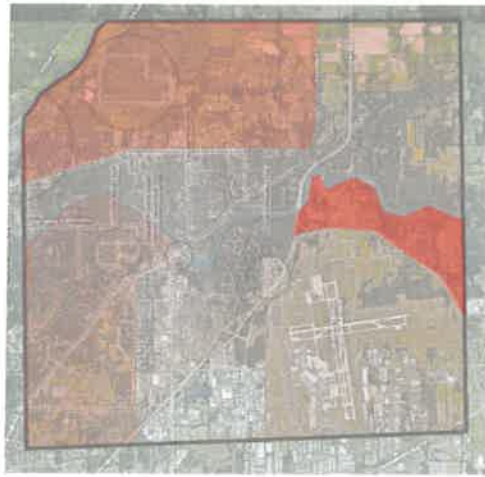


Issues of Concern  
Overlap

These graphics illustrate the priorities within the strategic plan that were related to parks and recreation. Darker colors indicate areas that ranked the specified area as a higher priority, and lighter colors indicate areas that ranked the specified area as a lower priority.



Priorities  
Cleaning Up The Thornapple River



Priorities  
Pedestrian Facilities



Priorities  
More Parks



Priorities  
Community Gathering Space



Priorities  
Improving Existing Parks

# PUBLIC FEEDBACK MAPPING



**Parks Related Priorities (listed within top 5) Overlap**

The priority compilation map illustrates areas that ranked parks and recreation priorities within their top 5. The darker colors indicate areas that ranked multiple parks and recreation related priorities within their top 5 overall priorities within the strategic plan. Lighter colors indicate areas that ranked 1 – 2 parks related priorities within their top 5.

# PARKS BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Revenues</b>					
Park Income	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$8,400
	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$8,400
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Full Time Wages	\$207,772	\$272,176	\$286,887	\$297,711	\$350,637
Seasonal Wages	\$50,989	\$69,920	\$75,360	\$77,600	\$57,600
Parks Operating Supplies	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Parks Electricity	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$6,900
Parks Phones	\$900	\$900	\$1,920	\$1,920	\$1,000
Parks Water/Sewer	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$2,800
Parks Maintenance	\$40,000	\$55,000	\$86,000	\$61,000	\$60,000
Parks Small Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Parks Capital Improvements - FFE	\$45,000	\$109,000	\$45,000	\$36,000	\$33,000
Parks Capital Improvements - Land Imp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Parks Capital Improvements - Building	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parks Capital Improvements - Bid/Imp	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$614,211	\$666,996	\$465,367	\$784,431	\$632,937

OPEN SPACE FUND	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Revenues</b>					
Tax Levy	\$305,700	\$320,265	\$333,604	\$347,090	\$355,161
Personal Property Tax	\$2,600	\$23,433	\$29,390	\$24,623	\$23,054
Delinquent Taxes	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000
Abatement Taxes	\$2,500	\$7,604	\$2,814	\$4,102	\$3,479
Community Stabilization Share	\$4,035	\$10,300	\$10,300	\$13,666	\$15,753
Interest	\$4,000	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$500	\$2,500
Interest on Homeyer Fund	\$1,800	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Donations	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$364,135	\$370,002	\$384,508	\$391,861	\$405,947

Real Property Tax Revenue	\$95,161	\$95,161	\$95,161	\$95,161	\$95,161
Personal Property Tax Revenue	\$23,054	\$23,054	\$23,054	\$23,054	\$23,054
Delinquent Personal Property Tax Revenue	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
IFT Tax Revenue	\$3,479	\$3,479	\$3,479	\$3,479	\$3,479
State Revenue for PPT Replacement	\$15,753	\$15,753	\$15,753	\$15,753	\$15,753
Interest on Fund Balance	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Interest on Fund Balance Dedicated to Homeyer Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$391,861	\$391,861	\$391,861	\$391,861	\$391,861

Open Space Park Electricity	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Open Space Park Gas	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Open Space Water/Sewer	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Open Space Parks Maintenance Materials and Service	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tax Refunds	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Capital Outlay - FFE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bond Principal	\$254,000	\$269,000	\$274,000	\$279,000	\$284,000
Bond Interest	\$11,723	\$5,605	\$9,237	\$43,843	\$38,412
	\$349,825	\$525,705	\$370,487	\$348,893	\$348,652