

5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028



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1 - Executive Summary

Introduction

The City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department provides recreational and cultural opportunities and events for individuals of all ages, abilities and interests. Utilizing the beautiful park system, the many city facilities and various public schools, the Department of Special Services takes great pride in offering one of the most well-rounded group of recreation and cultural programs in the state.

The Department of Special Services Scholarship Fund provides city residents access to our park facilities and programs regardless of their economic situation. Our scholarship program provides income eligible youth, ages 17 & under, exposure to positive experiences, active lifestyles, and mentors, as well as opportunities to gain and refine life skills, and to develop positive personal and social assets. The number of city residents who apply and qualify for Special Services Scholarships continues to grow and we are committed to provide this service for our community members in need.

As ongoing health studies show, our society is becoming more conscious of healthy living and the opportunities that recreation provides to further healthy lifestyles and improve our quality of life. Health studies also reflect the alarming need for increased physical activity for people of all ages in order to achieve these healthier lifestyles. Finally, improvement to a community's quality of life through recreation also has the potential to better the local economy by drawing new business opportunities to the area. Studies have shown that businesses are drawn to communities that provide quality lifestyles for prospective employees.

Therefore, it is important to project the future parks and recreation needs of Farmington Hills to ensure the availability of open space and recreational opportunities. To address these issues and opportunities, it is important for the city to produce a plan to guide the decision-making process. When implemented, this plan will assist with providing quality parks and recreation programs and facilities throughout the community.



Purpose

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requires that community recreation plans be updated every five years as part of the criteria to receive funding from the State in the form of grants for park and open space acquisition, park development, and improvements to existing park facilities. The purpose of this procedure is to provide an opportunity to include changing needs and assets for the community. This Recreation Plan was developed by analyzing an inventory of issues and physical features for the area and tailoring development of recreation programs and facilities in a systematic manner, or plan, through the next five years; meeting the requirement (guidelines) of the MDNR.

Scope

The Farmington Hills Special Services Department currently oversees 15 recreation and park properties and thousands of programs per year. The 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan inventories the amenities at these parks as well as existing recreation facilities and programs in the area. With this information, the needs for parks, supporting facilities, trailway/greenway systems, and recreation programs are analyzed for the next five years. The recommendations in this plan are provided through analysis of demographic projections, land-use trends, natural features inventory, citizen input, past and future recreational trends, state and federal grant funding requirements and potential land acquisition opportunities.

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2 - Community Description

The 2024-2028 Farmington Hills 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan has been developed to serve as a guide and decision making document for future recreation facilities and programs within Farmington Hills. This plan focuses on parks, trails and natural areas. The plan includes an assessment of current facilities and programs, as well as the acquisition and development of new facilities and programs based on the current and future anticipated demands. It also considers linkages throughout the City and to other communities.

Plan Jurisdiction

This Community Recreation Plan covers the jurisdiction controlled by the City of Farmington Hills.

Located roughly 22 miles to the northwest from downtown Detroit, the City of Farmington Hills encompasses a total area of 33.31 square miles within Oakland County. According to the 2020 census, at 83,986 residents, Farmington Hills has the second largest population in Oakland County.

The Farmington Hills Special Services Department also provides recreation programming for residents of the City of Farmington. The City of Farmington has 11,597 residents so combined with Farmington Hills, the Special Services Department provides programming for 95,583 total residents.

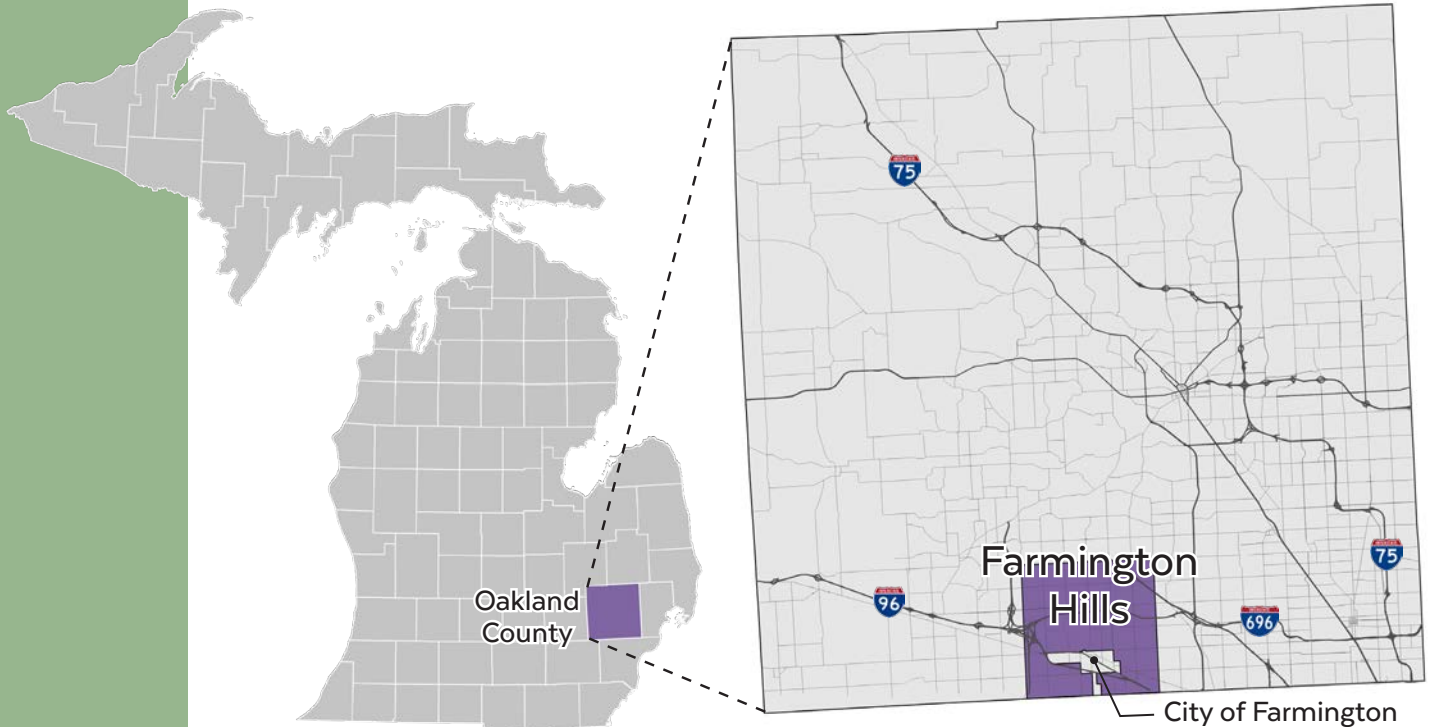


Figure: Farmington Hills Location Map

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Social Characteristics

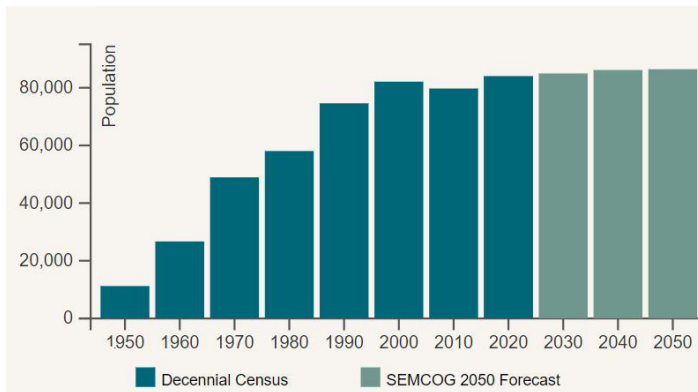
Population

In 2020 the population of Farmington Hills was 83,986, which represents a 5.3 percent increase in the number of people living in the City since 2010. Farmington Hills has a population density of 2,522 people/square mile.

Chart of Population Change 2010-2020

U.S. Census			
	2010	2020	% Change
Farmington Hills	79,740	83,986	5.3%
City of Farmington	10,372	11,597	11.8%
Combined	90,112	95,583	6.1%

The chart below describes the changes in population from 1950 through 2020 as well as the SEMCOG projected population change through the year 2050. Based on this chart, Farmington Hills is not projected to have a very large increase in population over the next 30 years. This can most likely be attributed to the fact that Farmington Hills is mostly built-out and there is not a lot of available undeveloped space.



Green space is of great importance for all communities and therefore the Special Services Department should continue look to acquire additional park land and open spaces as opportunities present themselves. However, based on the projection that the population will remain relatively constant over the next 25+ years, a greater emphasis should be placed on maintaining, renovating, or re-purposing existing community assets as needs evolve over time.

The Special Services Department has already followed this model when they acquired a former high school and re-purposed it into the HAWK. This is a great example of taking an existing structure that was no longer needed to serve its original purpose and giving it new life as an incredible new asset that can be enjoyed by the entire community.

Race Demographics

Farmington Hills strives to be an inclusive community, inviting to people of all race, ethnicity and background. The City has seen a moderate increase in the Multi-Racial and Hispanic populations and a significant increase in Asian population since the 2010 Census.

As a community becomes more diverse, it is important to ensure that programs and amenities are offered to meet the needs and interests of that diverse population. An example of this is reflected in the community input survey. There was a large number of survey respondents that expressed interest in adding cricket facilities. Cricket is a very popular sport in many areas of the world, particularly in southeast Asia. This interest in cricket within Farmington Hills can be correlated to the increase in the Asian population.

Chart of Population by Race

Race/Ethnicity	2010 Census	2020 Census	Change 2010-2020
White	68.3%	59.1%	-9.2%
Black	17.3%	18.2%	+0.9%
Multi-Racial	2%	3.7%	+1.7%
Asian	10.1%	15.3%	+5.2%
Other	0.4%	0.6%	+0.2%
Hispanic	1.9%	3.1%	+1.2%
Total Population	79,740	83,986	



Photo: Farmington Cricket Club

Age Structure

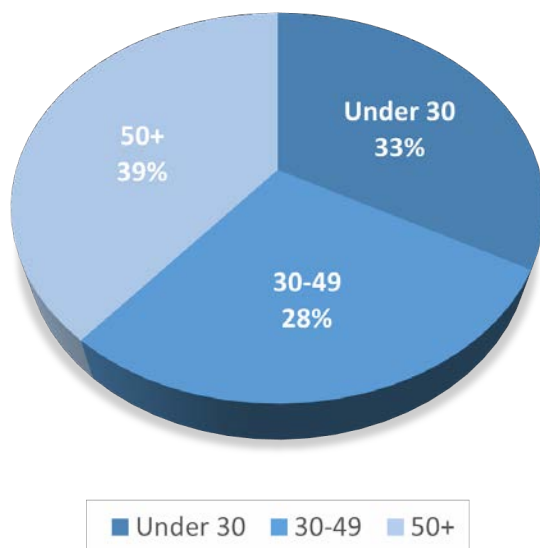
Age characteristics are a useful demographic indicator for recreation planning purposes as a community’s age composition helps determine the appropriate mix of needed recreation services and facilities, and their location. The following table breaks down the various age groups using data from the 2020 U.S. Census.

Chart of Age Demographics

Age Group	Percent of Total Population
Under 20	19%
20-29	14%
30-39	14%
40-49	14%
50-59	10%
60-69	13%
70-79	10%
80+	6%

Median Age = 42 years

The age demographic data shows that Farmington Hills has a relatively even age distribution with 33% of the population under 30 years of age, 28% between the ages of 30 and 49, and 39% age 50 and above.



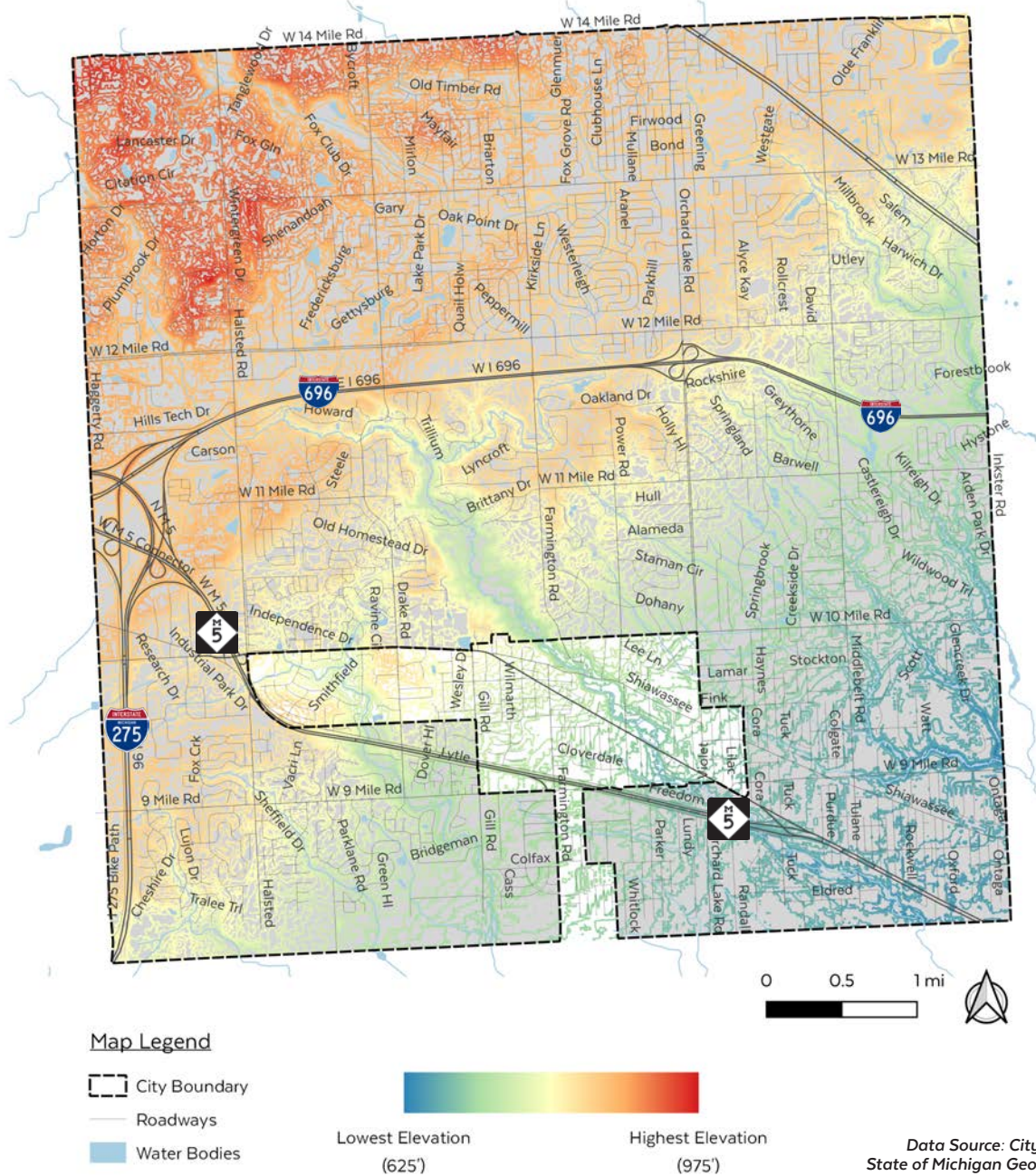
The age structure of Farmington Hills indicates that diverse recreation facilities and programs are needed to serve these various age groups. To best serve families and young adults, services can include parks with infrastructure for a wide range of youth-related activities and programs. Young children need diverse programming offering a wide range of activities and events. Children learn the fundamentals of sports through organized baseball, softball, basketball, and soccer leagues. Day camps bring children together to create arts and crafts, go swimming, or learn about nature. The 20-to-59 year old age group needs family-related programming that targets people their age. Organized softball leagues are popular in many communities. This group may also desire access to other forms of recreation like golf, hockey, and basketball. Bicycle and walking paths provide an excellent opportunity for an entire family to participate in a recreational activity.

Recreation programs and facilities such as more passive park areas for senior citizens should also be included. Providing greater accessibility to park facilities for senior citizens may include providing parking or drop off areas closer to fields, large lettering on signage, and more seating and shaded areas.

Farmington Hills strives to meet the needs of seniors through the Adults 50 & Better program and the Farmington Area Commission on Aging. The Adults 50 & Better program provides recreation, travel, education, socialization, fitness, volunteer opportunities, and nutrition, transportation and outreach services. The Farmington Area Commission on Aging recognizes that seniors benefit when they have access to nutrition, education, resources, and age-appropriate activities. The Commission provides support for seniors, actively encourages them to remain in our community, and formally recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations that make Farmington/Farmington Hills senior friendly.

Physical Characteristics

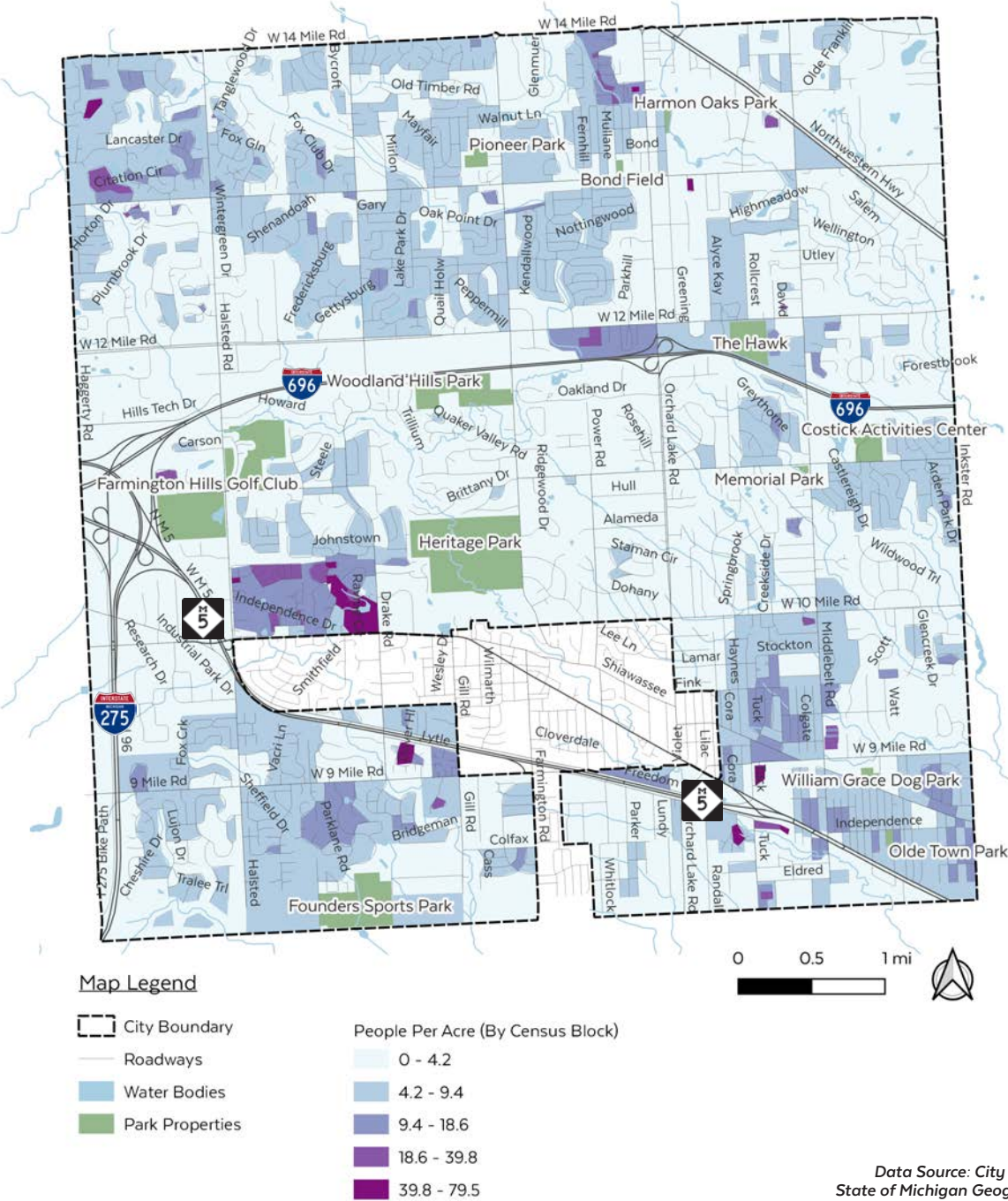
Topography Map



Topography

The topography of Farmington Hills is relatively flat. The highest elevation is 975' above sea level and is located in the northwest corner of the city. The lowest point, located in the southeast corner of the city is 625' above sea level. This results in an average slope of approximately 0.8%.

Population Density Map

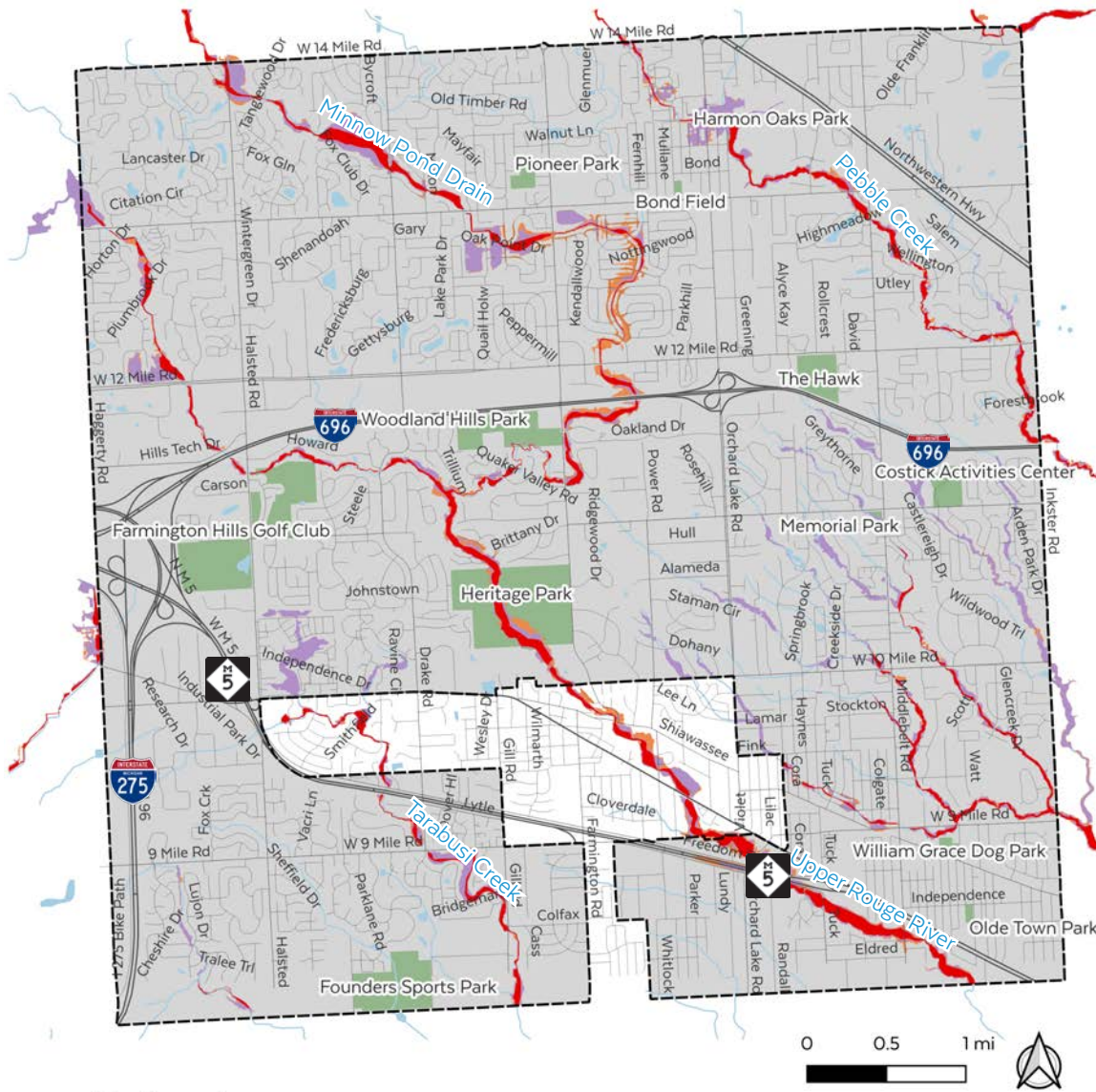


Population Density

The largest percentage of land within Farmington Hills features a population density of 4.2 people per acre or below, while the densest areas of the city have a density as high as 79.5 people per acre. The map above displays the location of park and recreation facilities in relation to the areas of greatest density.

This map shows that there is currently a lack of park facilities in the northwest quadrant of the city. The majority of this area is moderately dense, single family residential. Interstate 696 acts as a barrier to prevent easy non-motorized access to the majority of the parks system. It is recommended that the City consider acquiring green space in this area if the opportunity presents itself.

Flood Hazard Map



Map Legend

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|-----------------|--|
| City Boundary | FHFloodHazardArea |
| Roadways | Regulatory Floodway |
| Water Bodies | 100-year Floodplain (1.0% Annual Chance) |
| Park Properties | 500-year Floodplain (0.2% Annual Chance) |

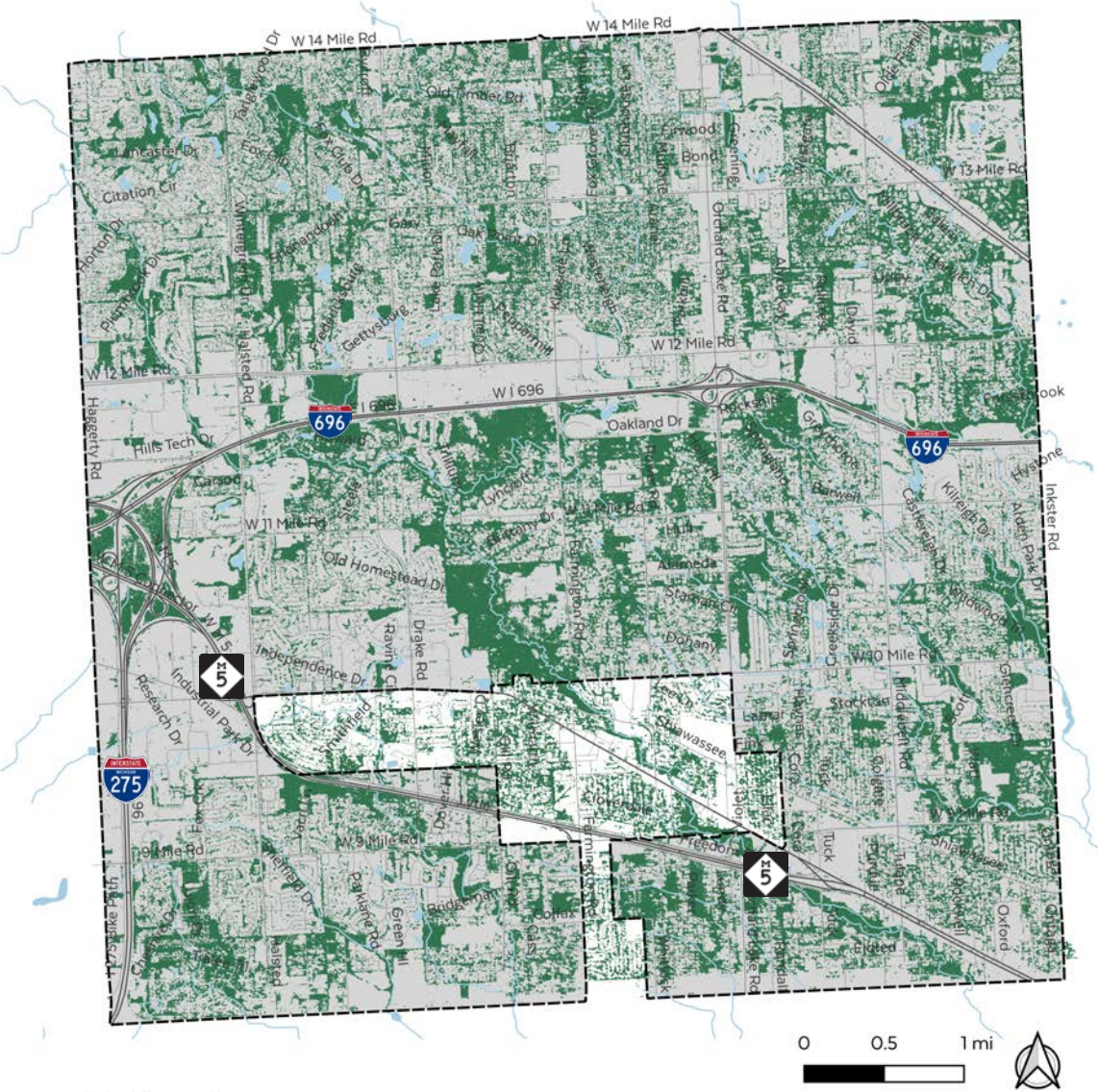
Data Source: City of Farmington Hills, State of Michigan Geographic Data Library

Flood Hazard Areas

Designated floodplain covers a minimal area within the City of Farmington Hills. However, these flood hazard areas are of utmost importance. Recent history has shown that due to global warming, development, and several other factors, the frequency of large flood events has continued to increase. To prevent flooding it is imperative to maintain these floodplain areas. These flood hazard

areas which are typically not suitable for commercial or residential development can provide great opportunities for nature-based recreation and habitat restoration areas.

Tree Canopy Map



- Map Legend**
-  City Boundary
 -  Roadways
 -  Water Bodies
 -  Tree Canopy

Data Source: City of Farmington Hills, State of Michigan Geographic Data Library

Tree Canopy

As typically seen in urban and suburban communities, the most densely forested areas within Farmington Hills are located within riparian zones and park areas. Trees provide substantial benefits to the environment including providing habitat for wildlife, and helping in the reduction of air pollution, flood hazard, erosion, and the urban heat island effect.

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City Organization

City Council & The Parks and Recreation Commission

The City of Farmington Hills follows a Council-Manager form of government with the Mayor and six elected members. Upon research and recommendations from the appointed boards and commissions, the City Council establishes policies that guide the operation and development of the City. As decision-makers, their roles are pivotal to large-scale changes within the community concerning land acquisition and purchases of major recreation facilities. The City Council adopts the budget for recreation facilities and programs annually as a part of the total annual budget after appropriate public hearings are held. The Council also appoints members to various boards and commissions to help advise them on specific policy matters. The nine-member Parks and Recreation Commission holds meetings monthly or more often when necessary. Because Parks and Recreation touches upon several related topics, the Commission looks to other appointed commissions to advise on recreational planning:

- Farmington Area Arts Commission
- Commission on Children, Youth and Families
- Beautification Commission
- Commission on Aging
- Historic Commission
- Planning Commission
- Mayor's Youth Council
- Commission on Community Health

City Departments

The local government is divided into departments to ensure that specific areas of focus receive adequate attention. Each department is headed by a director and supported by staff. The Department of Special Services (DSS) is responsible for the administration, operation, and supervision of parks, recreation, and cultural facilities and programs. In addition, the DSS provides technical support to the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission in developing policies and plans, and also decides on operating and capital expenditures for recreation. The DSS has eight divisions that oversee specific areas of focus within the department. The size of staff fluctuates by season, but



Photo: Farmington Hills City Hall

generally there are about 43 full-time staff and up to hundreds of part-time employees during peak seasons.

Professional Development

The Department of Special Services is a group of dedicated public servants. They pride themselves on having a staff that is constantly seeking self-improvement to better serve the community. To that end, the staff is involved in several professional organizations that stay atop of trends related to recreational programs and services, and have pursued continuing education and certificate training so that Farmington Hills doesn't fall behind on providing top-notch services. On top of their professional development, staff volunteer thousands of hours annually to local, state, and national community service organizations.

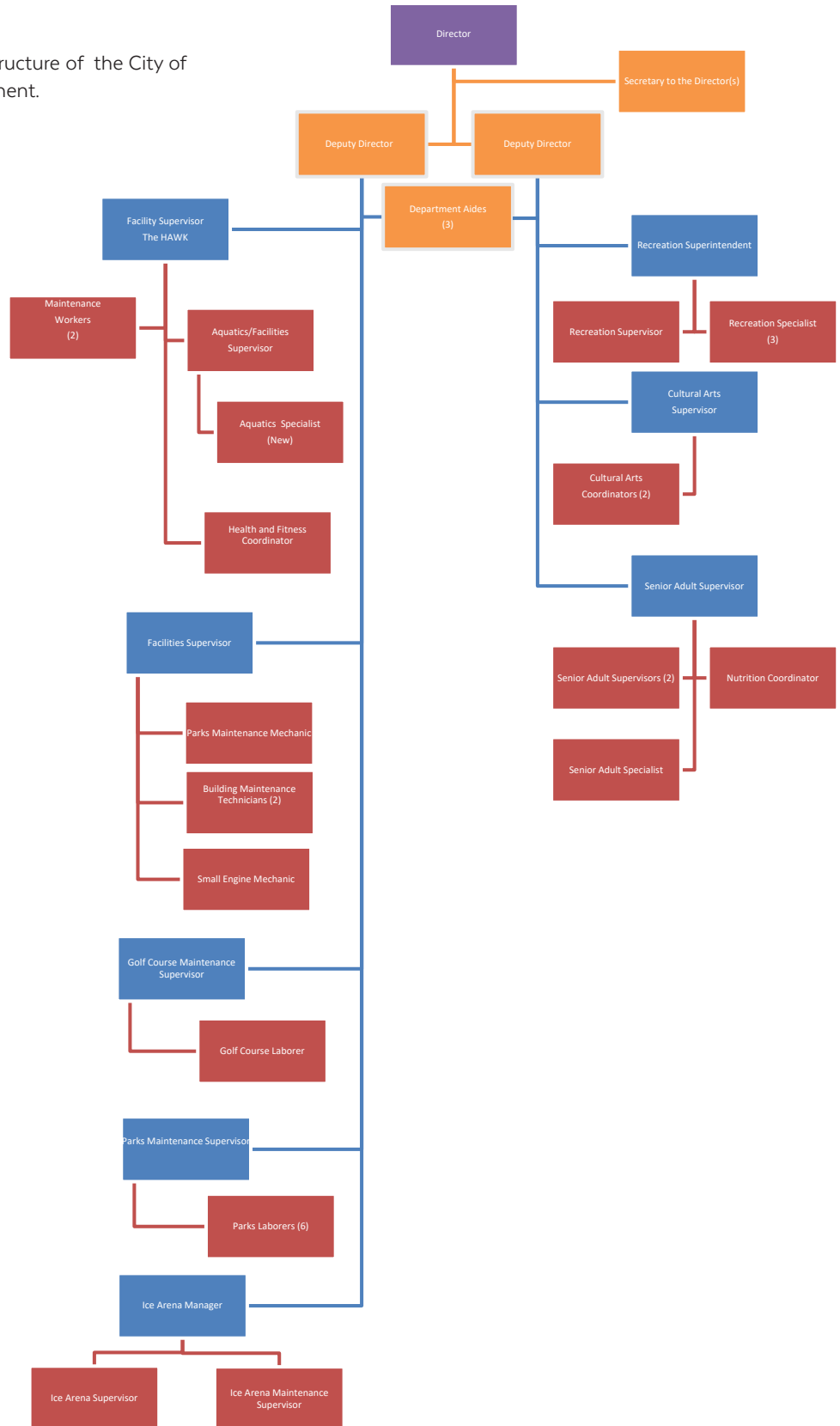
Volunteers

The DSS has a core group of volunteers who routinely log 25,000 hours per year to assist with running key programs at the Nature Center, Meals on Wheels, the Costick Center, among several others. The Department also hosts a program called Volunteer Days where they organize events such as a park cleanup on a specific day. Additionally, they also work to form partnerships with local businesses and provide them access to the City's large number of volunteers to help business owners on projects they otherwise couldn't accomplish. In some instances, this has resulted in donations to the DSS in an exchange for a volunteer's hard work. This devoted group of volunteers bolsters the quality of these recreation experiences and helps to foster a close-knit community.

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Organization Chart

This chart describes the administration structure of the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.



Administrative structure and Budget

The Special Services Department budget is divided into seven divisions (formally eight). These divisions are listed in the budget summary chart below.

Special Services Department Budget

Division	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Current Budget	2022-23 Estimated	2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Projected Budget
Expenditures						
Administration	\$ 2,697,937	\$ 4,474,998	\$ 4,031,287	\$ 4,637,577	\$ 4,385,911	\$ 4,442,246
Youth Services	\$ 119,581	\$ 54,233	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Senior Services	\$ 658,789	\$ 800,964	\$ 1,102,820	\$ 989,853	\$ 1,178,795	\$ 1,152,849
Parks Maintenance	\$ 1,647,074	\$ 1,649,827	\$ 1,924,566	\$ 1,924,056	\$ 1,943,168	\$ 1,995,144
Cultural Arts	\$ 728,306	\$ 1,133,086	\$ 1,513,838	\$ 1,484,469	\$ 1,614,550	\$ 1,677,450
Golf Course	\$ 840,857	\$ 853,458	\$ 869,499	\$ 836,619	\$ 884,015	\$ 910,716
Recreation Programs	\$ 532,239	\$ 1,853,097	\$ 2,523,342	\$ 2,411,387	\$ 2,792,176	\$ 2,839,833
Ice Arena	\$ 713,709	\$ 889,303	\$ 1,124,266	\$ 1,097,840	\$ 1,119,049	\$ 1,142,117
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,938,492	\$ 11,708,967	\$ 13,089,618	\$ 13,381,801	\$ 13,917,665	\$ 14,160,356
Revenues						
TOTAL REVENUES (Recreation User Charges)	\$3,781,842	\$6,736,481	\$7,546,013	\$7,597,321	\$8,585,969	\$9,179,284

Administration

The Department has gradually evolved from the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (established in 1948) to the Parks and Recreation Department in 1978 and finally by authority of the City Council as stated in the City Charter, to the Department of Special Services in 1985. The Department consists of eight divisions including Administration, Cultural Arts, Senior Division, Recreation Division, Parks Division, Golf Division, Facilities Division, and the Ice Arena. The Administration Division is 5.66% of the General Fund Budget in FY 2022/23.

The Department provides a wide variety of programs, services, parks, and facilities to the residents. The City has experienced rapid growth since the early 1980's, and the Department is endeavoring to keep pace with the growing and diverse requests for leisure activities and facilities. Land acquisition, facility development, program expansion and diversification have always been paramount and still are today.

Senior Services

The Farmington Hills Senior Services Division serves residents 50 years of age and over by providing programs and services designed to foster independent and healthy lifestyles. Emphasis is placed on innovative programming targeting aging baby boomers as well as older adults. The wide variety of programs encompasses physical, social, educational, and recreational activities to include older adults aged 50 & better regardless of ability. Community-based service programs are designed for adult residents requiring assistance with transportation, chore services, home delivered meals, nutritional supplements, adult day program and food assistance programs. A variety of community partnerships enhance the ability of the Senior Division to provide quality programs and services.

The Senior Services Division offers a place to gain the skills, resources and connections needed to respond to the personal and community challenges that face the older adult. Planned events are scheduled daily including evenings and weekends at the Costick Activities Center, The Hawk and Longacre House. The Senior Services Division comprises 1.5% of the General Fund's FY 2023/2024 Proposed Budget.

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Parks Maintenance

The Parks Division operates, maintains and provides security for over 650 acres of parkland, including 69 athletic fields. This includes turf management on all sites, grading, re-building, dragging, and lining of baseball diamonds; layout, lining, goal and net replacement on soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and flag football fields; mowing; landscaping; trash pickup and disposal; and the care and replacement of amenities at all park and municipal sites. The Parks Division also provides for leaf removal, seasonal cleanup, snow and ice removal at all municipal sites, including Police and Fire stations. Riley Skate Park, the Heritage Splash Pad, William Grace Dog Park, Riley Archery Range and The Hawk, have increased user participation in park activities and maintenance demands. The Costick Center, Grant Community Center, Longacre House, Visitors Center, Day Camp Building, Heritage History Museum, and the Nature Center at Heritage Park are operated and maintained by the Parks Division. Assistance to park users and security for all sites is provided by the Park Ranger Service 365 days a year.

The Parks Division works very closely with other Divisions of the Department of Special Services, other City departments, the City of Farmington, Farmington Public Schools, football, baseball and soccer associations and various community groups to provide a wide variety of athletic, recreational, and special needs for the citizens of the community. Some examples of the diverse functions of the Parks Division include the pickup and distribution of community aid for the Senior Adult Division, and the pickup, installation, removal and storage of voting devices at all precincts for city, state and national elections. The Division is also responsible for the set-up and take-down for many special events such as the holiday lighting, banners, Art on the Grand, Founder's Festival, Hay Day, Special Olympics, and special tournaments for baseball and soccer.

Cultural Arts

The Special Services' Cultural Arts Division supports the positive influence of arts and culture in our community, both economically and socially, by answering the wants and needs expressed by our citizens. The Division offers a widely varied selection of educational and entertainment opportunities in all areas of the arts, seeking out high-quality professional instructors and performers and exhibiting artists. Division offerings include art, dance, music and theater classes and productions; a wide range of summer camps, workshops, and lessons; a robust concerts, events and performance series at The Hawk, and free summer concerts at Heritage Park.

The Division's Public Art Program at the Farmington Hills City Hall opened the sixth exhibition in January 2022 (open through November 2023), showcasing nearly 90 works of art from both local and regional artists. The Division produces the annual art fair "Art on the Grand" in downtown Farmington, bringing over 100 artists to the area from across the country; Michigan Makers Market, an indoor art market at The Hawk, bringing together more than 50 Michigan artists, and presents ongoing art exhibits at The Hawk. For many years, the Division has supported the Festival of the Arts, in conjunction with the Farmington Community Arts Council and the Farmington Public Schools and collaborates with the Farmington Area Arts Commission to present programs such as the Artist in Residence and Distinguished Service to the Arts Awards, Student Art Awards and Art of the Matter conference.

The Division works with other cultural organizations in the State, such as the Michigan Arts and Cultural Council, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Youth Choir, Detroit Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, Chamber Soloists of Detroit, Farmington Area Art Commission, Farmington Chorus, Farmington Concert Band, KickstART Farmington, Farmington Public Schools and PTA, Michigan Arts Access, media and residents, and seeks funding in the form of grants from various sources in order to enhance and support the presence of the arts in our State by means of strategic planning, information, education, arts advocacy and the sharing of resources.



Golf Course

The beautiful, 175-acre Farmington Hills Golf Club was established in 2002. Renovation was completed in 2005 with all 18 holes open for play. The Golf Club, located at 11 Mile and Halsted, presents one of the best golfing venues in the area. The Golf Club offers 18 championship holes, measuring 6,413 yards. A 32-station driving range, located in the middle of the front nine, is very accessible from the parking lot. A tunnel connects two distinctively different nines, each offering remarkable beauty and character with bent grass tees, fairways, and greens. The full-service clubhouse offers dining, a pro shop, and large outdoor patio with wonderful views of the course.

The number of rounds played per year has been increasing since 2020. This further serves to verify the excellent reputation that the golf course and driving range have achieved since the conversion to an 18-hole facility.



Recreation Programs

The Recreation Division continued to be a leader of programming in the community in 2022 with excellent participation numbers. The Recreation Division increased the number, quality, and variety of programs offered, in addition to still providing classic outdoor programming, special events, camps, fitness programs, and classes to support people of all ages, abilities, and interests. The Recreation Division sustained and established new community partnerships with local businesses through financial and in-kind donations along with volunteerism.



Ice Arena

On September 1, 1995, the City opened a 70,000 square foot Ice Arena facility containing two ice surfaces, seating capacity for 1,200, concession facilities, locker rooms, lockers, meeting rooms, administrative offices, and a pro-shop. The facility provides recreational and competitive skating for youth and adult hockey associations, public skating, instructional skating, figure skating, and general private contracted rentals. The facility was financed by \$6,000,000 in Limited Tax General Obligations Bonds approved by the voters.

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena is a division of the Special Services Department. The facility serves the community primarily through various ice-skating activities. Additional amenities include second floor private room space for various meetings and activities, and concession operations inside the ice arena and outside in Founders Sports Park.



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Funding Sources (Existing and Potential)

General Fund

The General Fund provides the majority of the operating funds for the City of Farmington Hills. General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes, state-shared revenues, federal grants, license and permit fees, charges for services, interest on investments, and court fines or forfeitures. The City of Farmington also contributes to the general fund each year for shared recreation services. A parks and recreation millage, program user fees and charges, donations, and grants are also funding sources for the Special Services Department.

Millage

Farmington Hills has a parks and recreation millage in place which dates back to 1986, and has been renewed by voters for over 37 years. The money generated from the millage will continue to support existing programming and services as well as maintenance and improvement of some of the City's favorite places.

2023 Oakland County Transit Millage - The millage that Oakland County voters approved replaces the SMART millage in communities that have been part of that system with one that will provide funding to SMART and several other transportation agencies. The money also is intended to expand and improve transit options throughout the county including Farmington Hills.

SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grants

The Green Infrastructure Vision for Southeast Michigan is a framework that guides preservation and future implementation of green infrastructure in Southeast Michigan. The vision benchmarks the amount of green infrastructure in the region, visions future green infrastructure opportunities, and recommends strategic implementation approaches. The vision details the various benefits of green infrastructure, including economic value, water quality, air quality, and recreation. The Green Infrastructure Vision for Southeast Michigan can be viewed online at www.semco.org.

Additional User Fees

The community can charge fees to the users of specific recreation facilities, or for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities. Other communities throughout Michigan have established user fees for swimming pools, tennis courts, the use of lighted athletic fields, and the use of indoor facilities. User fees are a promising source of funding in a municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services.

Donations

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

Bond Programs

A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities:

- **General Obligation Bonds:** General obligation bonds are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid off with property tax revenues.
- **Revenue Bonds:** Revenue bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project. For example, revenue bonds may be issued for construction of a concession and restroom facility at a community park.
- **Special Assessment Bonds:** Special assessment bonds are issued to pay for projects that benefit a particular segment of the population. For example, recreation improvements that benefit a defined subdivision or neighborhood could be financed using special assessment bonds, in which case the residents who receive the benefit would be assessed.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

Farmington Hills has received several grants in the past through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grant programs and will continue to seek out funding through this valuable resource for future acquisition and development projects. The following is a summary of the three viable recreation grant programs now available through the MDNR:

Recreation Passport Grants: PA 32 of 2010 created the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Money for this fund is derived from the sale of the Recreation Passport which replaced the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) — or window sticker — for state park entrance. Development grants of \$7,500 to \$150,000 are available to local governments with a focus on renovating and improving existing parks, although new parks are also eligible. The grantee must provide at least a 25% match. Projects are evaluated based on project need, site quality, project quality, applicant history, and, if two projects receive the same evaluation score, a criterion based on the project cost per capita.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): Eligible projects include community recreation and trailway improvements. These are grants of \$30,000 to \$500,000 to local governments for development of facilities such as athletic fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, trails and picnic areas, including support facilities, and the renovation and retro-fitting of existing facilities to make them accessible to persons with disabilities. Funds are provided through federal appropriations from the National Park Service. The grant match basis is fifty percent (50%) MDNR grant and fifty percent (50%) local match. Projects are evaluated based on project need, applicant history, site and project quality, and a fourth criterion based on the type of proposed project.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF): Communities must have an approved recreation plan to apply for this grant. Eligible projects include acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or for protection of the land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, including additions to existing parks, forest lands or wildlife areas. Development of public outdoor recreation facilities is also eligible (such as picnic areas, beaches, boating access, fishing and hunting facilities, winter sports areas, playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, and trails). Funds are provided through the sale of oil and mineral leases on State land. Local contributions equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the project cost are required.

There is no minimum or maximum amount for land acquisition projects. The minimum allowable grant for development projects is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. There are six special initiatives approved by the Trust Fund Board of Trustees for 2013. Proposals will receive special attention if they:

- Acquire land or develop trailways that contribute to an overall state trail system; or
- Provide urban recreation opportunities; or
- Acquire lands open to hunting or development of hunting-related facilities, such as shooting ranges; or
- Acquire lands that provide for deer habitat with thermal cover; or
- Local shooting ranges or state/local shooting range partnerships; or
- Acquire projects that create, establish, and protect wildlife/ecological corridors by connecting to and/or buffering existing protected and managed state or local natural areas, forests or game area.

In 1998, voters approved \$100 million in bonds for parks and recreation development and renovations. \$50 million in grants to local units and development and renovation of public recreation facilities were approved, with the other \$50 million approved for extensive state park renovations. The MDNR supplements the bonds

with a matching \$50 million from other funding sources, including state park user fees, the Waterways fund, the Federal Coastal Zone Management, and Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.

Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI)

The CMI is created under Section 6(1) of Part 196, Clean Michigan Initiative Implementation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The CMI is a general obligation bond, and approximately \$1-\$2 million has been available most funding rounds. Most of this money is for programs administered by EGLE for various redevelopment and remediation activities, including brown-field redevelopment.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Revenues obtained through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program can be used for a variety of community improvement projects, including development of recreation facilities or land acquisition for new parks or athletic fields in low and moderate income neighborhoods that qualify under the program.

Foundations

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The foundation board of directors disburses assets according to a predetermined plan. Funding for recreation facilities through foundations is very limited.

Lease or Contractual Agreements

The City could consider contracts with private entrepreneurs to provide services at city-owned park facilities, such as recreation programming, food service, or facility maintenance. Typically, the privatization of services can increase recreation opportunities available to residents, while maintaining administrative costs.

Public Use Conveyances

Administered by the MDNR, this program provides state and lands acquired through delinquent taxes for local government units for public use. Acceptable uses of land acquired under this program include development of local parks.

Public Spaces Community Places

Public Spaces Community Places is a collaborative effort of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the Michigan Municipal League, and Patronicity where local residents can use crowd-funding to be part of the development of strategic projects in their communities and be backed with a matching grant from MEDC.

3 - Administrative Structure

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4 - Recreation Inventory

Overview

Purpose

The recreation inventory is an essential item to any park and recreation plan. It allows Farmington Hills to assess the quantity, type, and location of existing facilities. It also explains the variety of programs and events offered and where there may be opportunities for new programs and events. It serves to help identify where new facilities should be built and demonstrates where ADA upgrades are needed. The facilities inventory should be continually updated as renovations and additions occur so that the list is always up-to-date.

Park Classification

The National Recreation and Parks Association published guidelines for park classification based on size and service area. These classifications are as follows:

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than a 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreation and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable – depends on function.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.
Regional Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, size varies based on use.

Figure 4.1: Table - NRPA Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails

4 - Recreation Inventory

Accessibility Assessment

Complying with accessibility standards and planning for universal design are two extremely important efforts that a municipality must undertake in its effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of its people. This is true not only for those disabled by birth or by accident, but also for the growing population of people entering old age who are finding normal tasks more and more challenging to do. Many able-bodied persons forget that disability is often an eventuality as one grows older. Therefore, should seek to improve the accessibility of its environment not simply to comply with law, but to think more broadly and take steps towards developing a compassionate, inclusive, and accessible community, unencumbered by physical barriers.

This plan rates the accessibility of its existing park facilities, both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. This rating system is from the Michigan DNR's guidelines for recreation plans. It is intended to establish a baseline so that accessibility needs can be assessed and incorporated into capital improvement projects. This evaluation is not comprehensive and does not identify specific deficiencies.

The following ranking system was applied to each park:

Accessibility Grade	Definition
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 principals of universal design.

Figure: Accessibility Assessment Table

Parks Inventory

The Special Services (Parks & Recreation) Offices are located in the Hawk at 29995 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

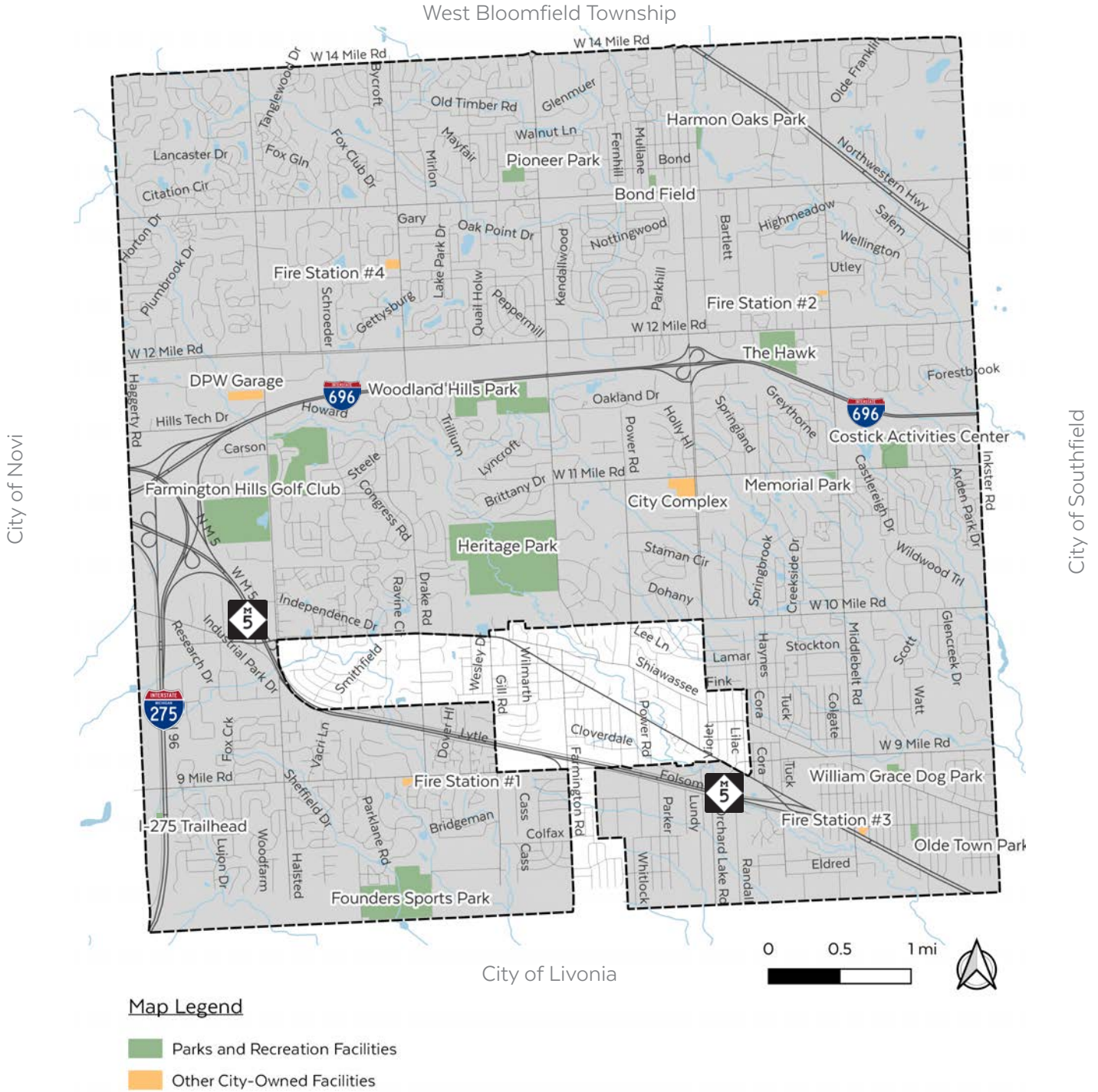


Figure: Farmington Hills Park Map

Bond Field

31500 13 Mile Rd.

Bond Field offers two baseball/softball fields. This park was once part of the Bond Elementary School. Parking for this site is in the privately owned lot to the south.



Park Features

- (2) Baseball/softball fields
- Porta-Potty

Recommendations

Improve the fencing and dugouts, add ADA accessible walkways and seating areas.

Or

Explore different amenities for the park that are geared more toward neighborhood uses.

Statistics

Size: 1.7 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood

Accessibility Assessment: 2

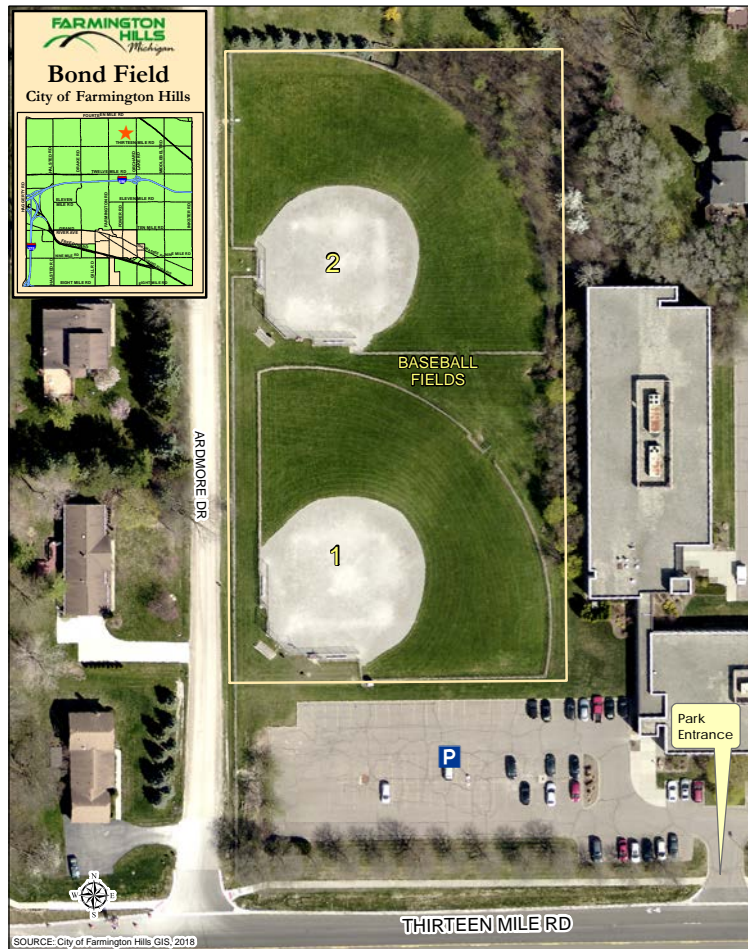


Figure: Park Map

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Bond Field is located in a residential area and may function more appropriately with more neighborhood based recreation opportunities.

There are currently no Farmington Hills-owned playgrounds located in this vicinity. Bond Field could potentially be a site to accommodate such an amenity. Playgrounds, walking trails and open lawn space are more appropriate items than the existing ballfields for a neighborhood park like this.

The current ballfields are in need of renovations, they do not meet ADA accessibility standards, and there is not adequate parking on the site to accommodate their use. If the ballfields were to be removed from Bond Field, other ballfields exist within the Farmington Hills parks system that have the capacity to accommodate the programming that currently takes place at the Bond ballfields.

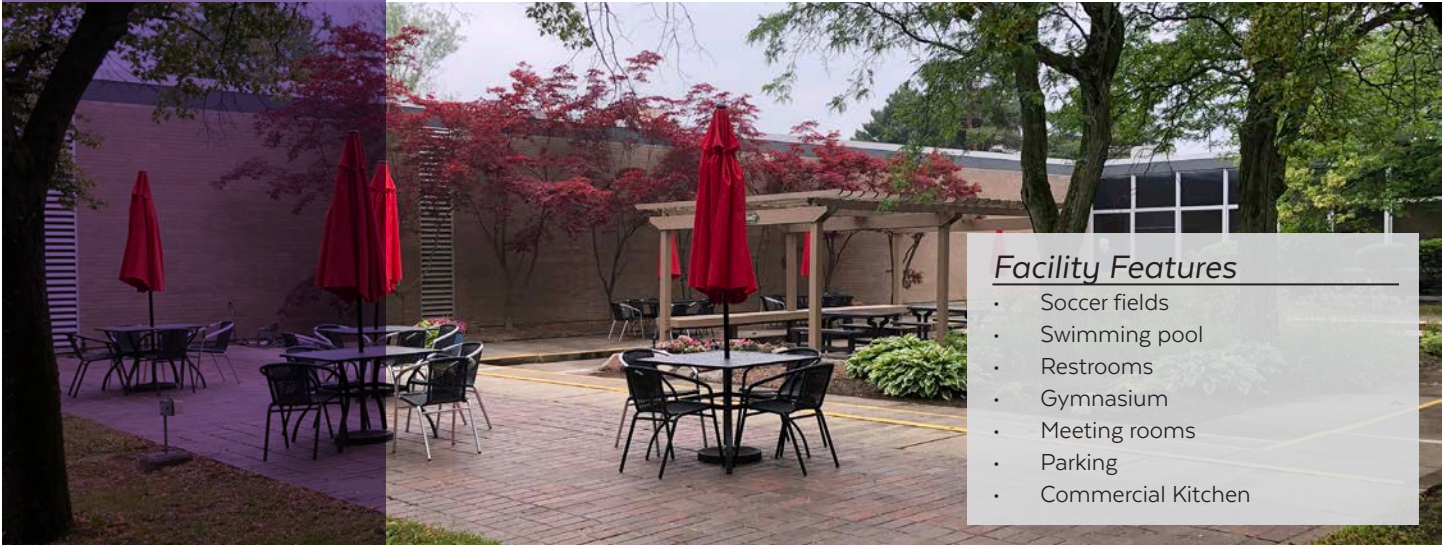
Currently no formal agreement exists between the private property owner to the south for use of their parking facilities. Therefore, it is recommended that a small parking lot be placed within the park property.



Costick Activities Center

28600 W 11 Mile Rd.

The William Costick Activities Center provides many facilities to the community that include a swimming pool, multi-purpose gymnasium, three soccer fields and a meeting room. These facilities accommodate residents of all ages and thrive on a sense of community and recreation. The facility is also home to the Center for Active Adults and the Adults 50 & Better Program. The meeting rooms in the facility can also be rented out for a variety of gatherings and the soccer fields are heavily utilized.



Facility Features

- Soccer fields
- Swimming pool
- Restrooms
- Gymnasium
- Meeting rooms
- Parking
- Commercial Kitchen

Recommendations

In March of 2022, the City of Farmington Hills engaged the Sports Facilities Companies (SFA) to analyze the current performance of and provide recommendations for the optimization of the Special Services Department, with specific focus on the Costick Activities Center and The Hawk. SFA then provided a 60-page document with a summary of work completed, including strategic recommendations and next steps for implementation. This is further described on page 54 under the Facilities Forward Goal.

Statistics

Size: 28 Acres
 Classification: Community
 Accessibility Assessment: 5



Figure: Site Map

Farmington Hills Golf Club

37777 11 Mile Ct.

The golf course includes a full 18 holes for a total length of 6,413 yards. The course was opened in 2002 with renovations being completed in 2005. The course also includes a restaurant, “The Pines Grill” and a driving range open to all ages.



Facility Features

- Restaurant
- Full 18-Hole Golf Course
- Driving Range
- Pro-shop



Figure: Course Map

Recommendations

- Update cart paths
- Driving range improvements
- Irrigation improvements
- Accessibility upgrades
- Clubhouse improvements
- Patio expansion

Statistics

Size: 175 Acres
 Classification: Community
 Accessibility Assessment: 4

Founders Sports Park

35500 8 Mile Rd.

Founders Sports Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. This sports park is heavily used as it has numerous soccer and baseball/softball fields, where families can use multiple facilities at the same time. The parking areas and gravel pathways currently connect much of the park so that users can easily traverse to different zones.



Park Features

- Baseball/Softball/Soccer Fields
- Play Structure
- Concession/Restroom Buildings
- Skate Park
- Ice Arena
- Vaulted Restroom
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Disc Golf Course
- Basketball Courts
- Pavilion
- Fishing Pier

Recommendations

- Acquire adjacent properties if they become available.
- Disc golf improvements
- Pave parking lots
- Upgrade playground
- Skatepark repairs
- Renovate fishing pier
- Ballfield improvements (dugouts, safety netting, infield mix)
- Renovate or remove bocce court.

Statistics

Size: 101 Acres
Classification: Community
Accessibility Assessment: 3

The Ice Arena is a 70,000 square foot building that offers recreational and competitive skating for all skill levels. The facility contains two ice surfaces, locker rooms, meeting and party rooms as well as the administrative offices. Youth and adult hockey, public skating, Learn to Skate, and figure skating are some of the activities that are offered in the facility. The second floor contains a spectator area to view the rink, a soda shop, seating area, a dance floor, and meeting rooms. The upstairs facilities are used for after school programs, meetings, rentals, and social gatherings.

The Riley Skate Park is a premier location for skateboarders and in-line skaters. The park is all concrete with a variety of elements for skaters of all skill levels and ages. There is a picnic pavilion located to the west of the skate park that is available for the park users. The entire skate park is enclosed with a beautiful perimeter fence.

Founders Park also has an accessible fishing pier that is available for catch and release fishing. The fishing pier is a popular location for interpretive programming and hands-on learning activities. Only some of the facilities within Founders Sports Park are accessible to persons with mobility constraints. Paved parking and paved pathways throughout the park would help make the amenities more accessible. As of now, it would be difficult for a wheelchair-bound person to get from the parking lot to the fields.

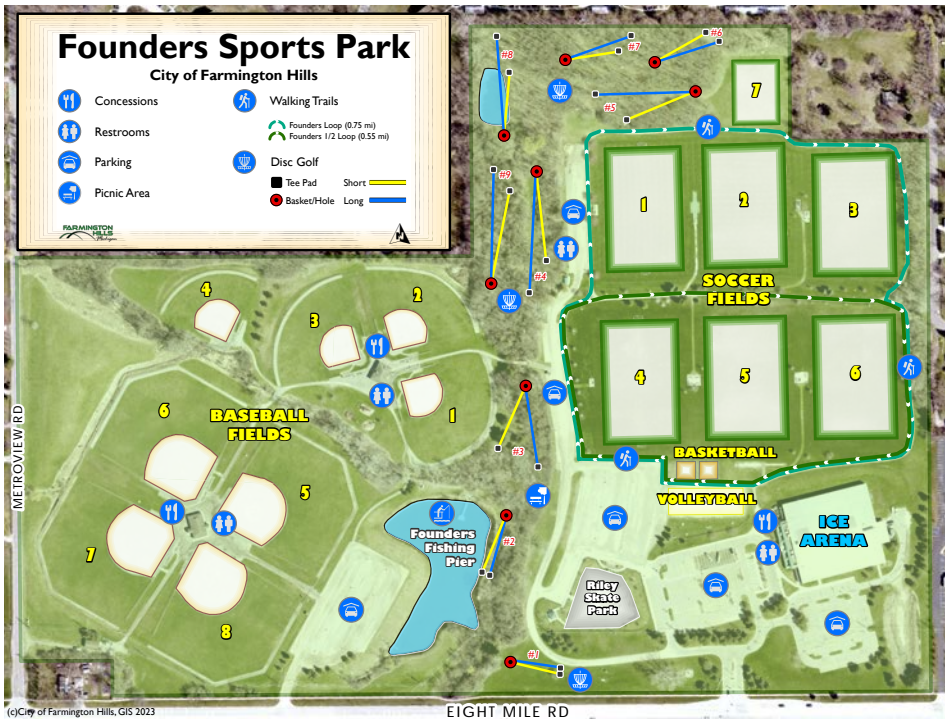


Figure: Park Map

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Key

1. Disc Golf Improvements
2. Pave parking Areas
3. Upgrade Playground
4. Skate Park Repairs
5. Renovate Fishing Pier
6. New Infield Mix (all fields)
7. Safety Netting
8. Dugout Improvements (all fields)
9. New Digital Sign
10. Invasive Species Management (all natural areas)



Harmon Oaks Park

28000 Greening Rd.

This wooded lot is a natural space consisting of trees and wildflowers. In addition to providing natural beauty and wildlife habitat it also serves as a buffer between the residents and the county golf course.



Park Features

- Natural Space

Recommendations

- Preserve as natural greenspace
- Invasive Species Management

Statistics

Size: 1.7 Acres
 Classification: Neighborhood
 Accessibility Assessment: 1

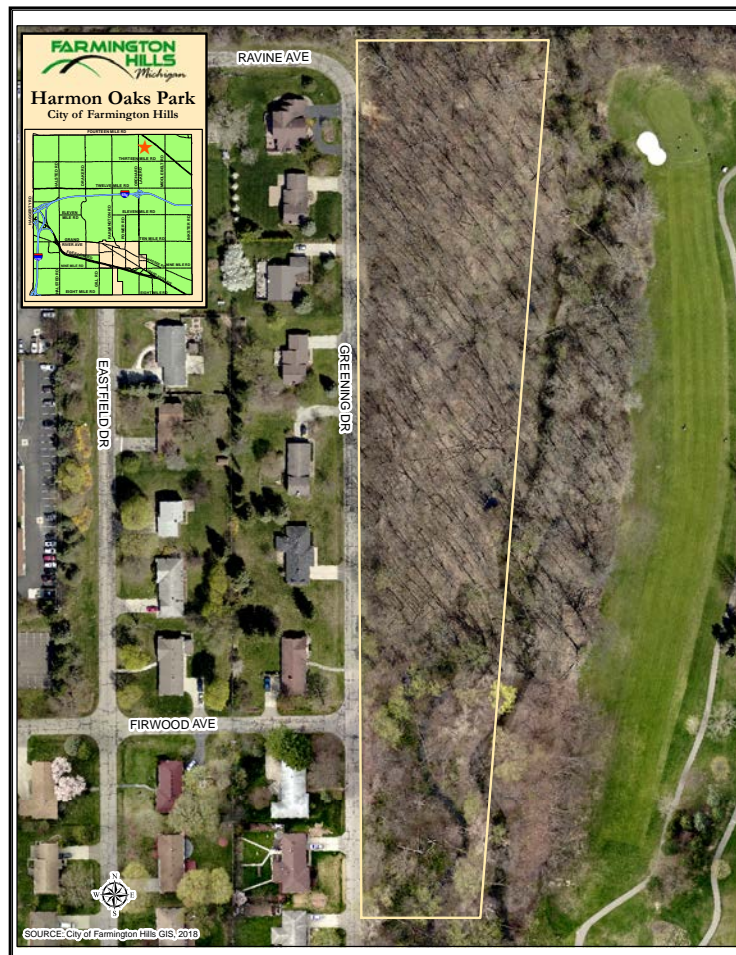


Figure: Park Map

Hills 275 Trailhead

22100 Haggerty Rd.

The Hills 275 Trailhead provides access and dedicated parking allowing residents and guests to enjoy a safe, accessible entry point to the I-275 Metro Trail to bike and Hike. The trailhead features green space, an information kiosk, bike repair station, water bottle filling station, and work from local artists.

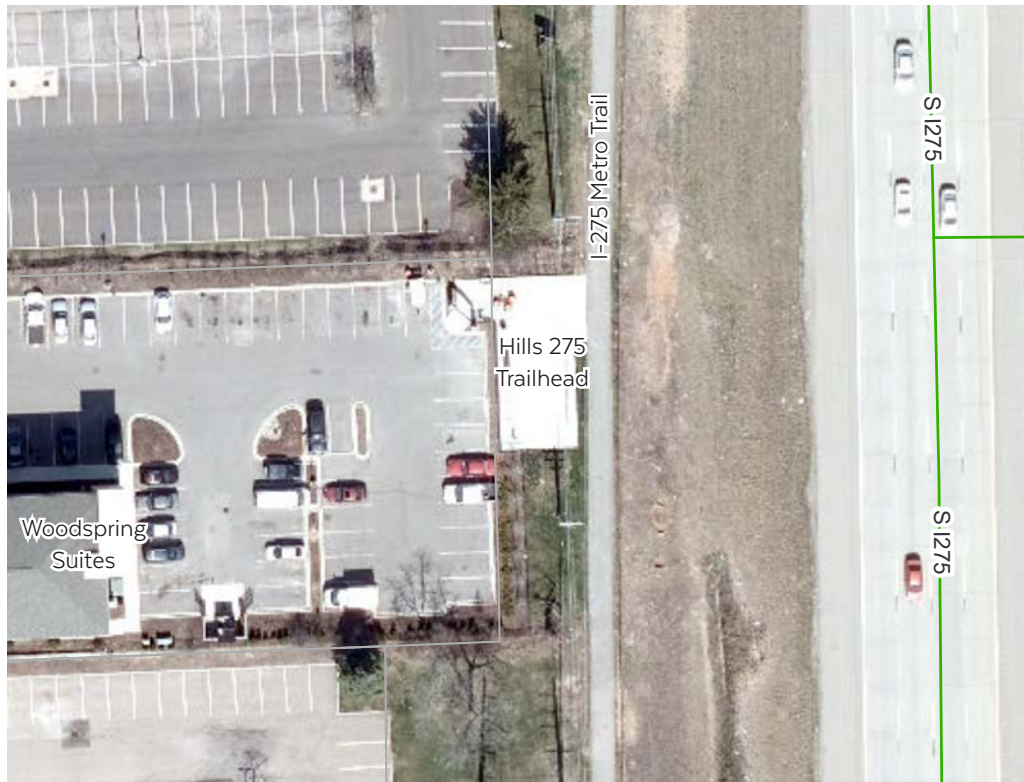


Figure: Aerial Photograph of Trailhead

Recommendations

Continue to regularly maintain the existing amenities.

Statistics

Size: .15 Acres
 Classification: Trailhead
 Accessibility Assessment: 4

The Hawk

29995 W 12 Mile Rd.

Formerly Harrison High School, the 245,000 square foot multipurpose community center and 42-acre park provides a hub for residents and guests of all ages, interests and abilities to enjoy drama, music, visual and performing arts, aquatics, athletics, fitness and wellness, along with many other programs, classes, camps and events.



Facility Features

- Aquatics Center
- Gymnasium
- Fitness Center
- Mainstage Theatre
- Black Box Theater
- Art Studios
- Dance Studio
- Hawk's Nest
- Makerspace
- Pickleball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Stadium Field and Track
- Softball Field

Recommendations

A study should be conducted to determine what the best course is for the future of the entire Hawk campus. (The 3rd floor, overall site, and the programming)

Statistics

Size: 42.2 Acres
 Classification: Regional
 Accessibility Assessment: N/A



The Hawk community center includes a zero-depth entry pool, water slide, lazy river, zip line, and climbing wall. There is also a fitness center, gym, dance studios, and full-sized indoor basketball, pickleball, and volleyball courts. In addition, there is an updated auditorium and smaller black box theater. A multipurpose center is also available with a venue for birthday parties with food service. A virtual legacy wall honors Harrison High School alumni.



The stunning Hawk Mainstage boasts an impressive 766 seats and state of the art lighting and sound technology to bring performances to life. The Blackbox theater is a smaller venue with customizable seating configurations to suit the needs of more intimate concerts and events.

The Hawk offers many programs for residents related to aquatics, sports, creative & performing arts, adults 50+, enrichment, health & fitness, Makerspace and separate events. A few of these organized programs include: swim lessons for all ages, lifeguard training, 50+ water exercise, organized sporting leagues for many different sports, art classes for all ages, a rentable theatre, group fitness classes and personal training. These are just a few of the many programs offered at the Hawk.

The Hawk also houses the administration offices of the Farmington Hills Special Services Department.



Stadium Field and Track

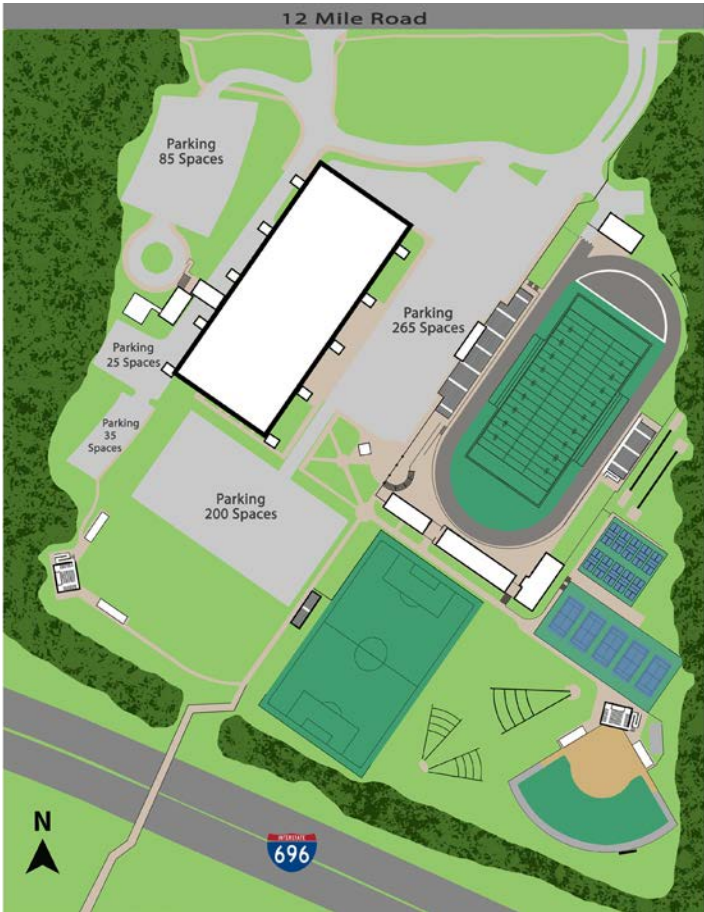


Figure: Hawk Campus Map



The Hawk Lobby



Makerspace

Heritage Park

24915 Farmington Rd.

Currently available at this 211-acre park are 4.5 miles of trails for hiking and nature study. These trails are used for cross-country skiing in the winter. A large picnic area is located at the north end of the park. The park also includes a splash pad, group picnic shelter, youth playground, in-ground grills, two sand volleyball courts, an in-line hockey rink and six horseshoe pits. The picnic shelter may be reserved in advance for a nominal fee. Also located in Heritage Park are the Spicer House, Stables Art Studio, Day Camp, Nature Center, Riley Archery Range and Amphitheater buildings.



Park Features

- Cross-country Ski Trails
- Picnic Areas
- Splash Pad
- Playground
- Volleyball
- In-line Hockey Rink
- Nature Center
- Archery Range
- Amphitheater

Recommendations

- North area improvements:
 - Playground upgrades
 - Splash Pad Renovation
 - Additional Parking
 - Restroom/Changing Room Upgrade
- Expand Archery, add storage
- Relocate Heritage History Center
- Maintain historic structures.
- Trail/bridge improvements
- Expand Nature Ctr. offices
- Repair stone wall along Farmington Rd.
- Pave parking lot
- Invasive species management
- Improve signage within park

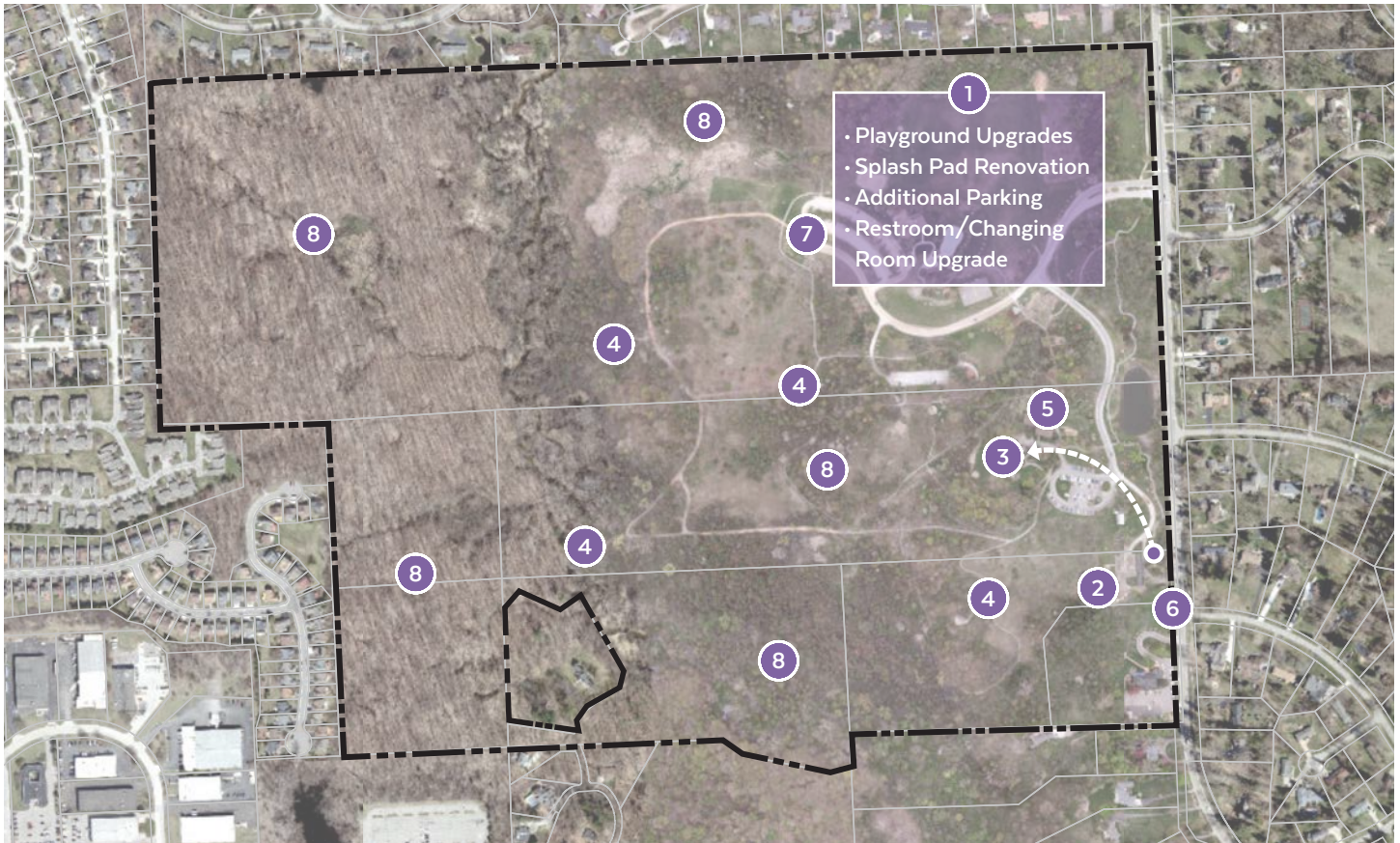
Statistics

Size: 211 Acres
 Classification: Community
 Accessibility Assessment: 3



Figure: Park Map

Conceptual Future Development Plan



Key

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|---|--|
| 1. North Area Improvements | 5. Expand Nature Center Offices |
| 2. Archery Expansion and Storage Area | 6. Repair Stone Wall |
| 3. Relocate Heritage History Center to Spicer House | 7. Pave Parking Lot |
| 4. Trail and Bridge Improvements | 8. Invasive Species Management (all natural areas) |



Longacre House

24705 Farmington Rd.

Located in the southeast corner of Heritage Park, the Longacre House is a full service banquet facility. From the running stonewall fence to the lush gardens, this historical house offers charm and elegance for special events such as weddings, theme parties, receptions, showers, business meetings, banquets, and social gatherings.

The Longacre House was originally a small six-room Victorian house built in 1869. It was redesigned and expanded into a 20-room Georgian country house, including four porches, seven baths, and a greenhouse. The final remodeling was completed in 1930 with the addition of the library.



Longacre House

Jon Grant Community Center

29260 Grand River Ave.

The Jon Grant Community Center was built in conjunction with the Farmington Hills Fire Department's new Fire Station #3. Opened by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department, the Jon Grant Community Center offers classes, programs, and rental opportunities to residents of Farmington Hills as well as surrounding communities. The Community Center delivers comfortable meeting space, and unsurpassed customer service.



Facility Features

- Meeting Rooms
- Event Spaces

Recommendations

A study should be conducted as to what the best course is for the future of the Jon Grant Community Center.

Statistics

Size: 3.7 Acres
Classification: Community
Accessibility Assessment: 5

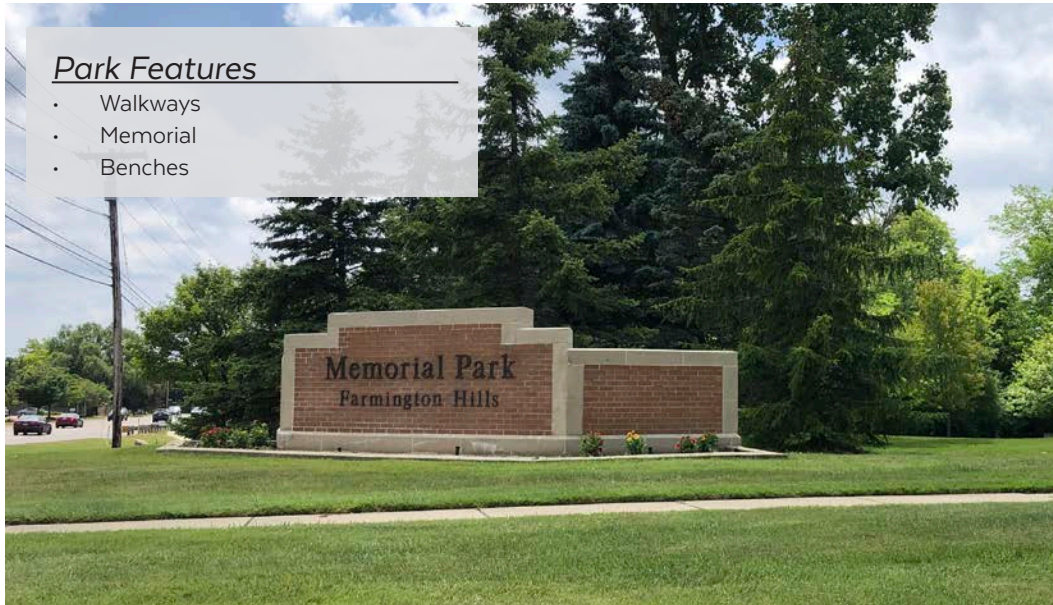


Figure: Park Map

Memorial Park

11 Mile & Middlebelt Rd.s

Memorial Park has recently been refurbished with new walkways, landscaping and a granite memorial. The park is meant to give the residents of the city a chance to donate to the park, honor a loved one and help to maintain the beauty of the park.



Park Features

- Walkways
- Memorial
- Benches

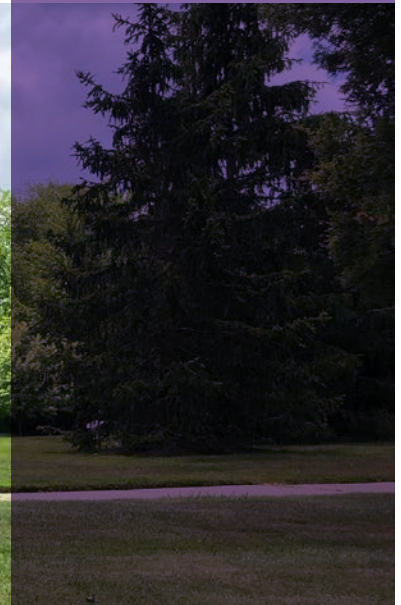


Figure: Park Map

Recommendations

- Trail Maintenance
- Invasive Species Management

Statistics

Size: 2 Acres
 Classification: Neighborhood
 Accessibility Assessment: 4

Olde Town Park

Independence St. and Waldron St.

This park is located right inside the Old Towne Neighborhood and includes many amenities for all ages. This park includes a playground for younger children, tennis courts for all ages to enjoy and a shelter and grills which can be used to host gatherings.



Park Features

- Playground
- Fitness Area
- Shelter
- Tennis Courts
- Grills

Recommendations

- Resurface tennis courts or explore potential alternate uses for that area.
- Create a master plan for the site to determine the best uses and layout for the site.

Statistics

Size: 3.7 Acres
 Classification: Neighborhood
 Accessibility Assessment: 3



Figure: Park Map

Conceptual Future Development Plan



Key

1. Resurface Tennis courts or explore alternate uses for this area. Potential Options;
 - Volleyball
 - Four Square
 - Gaga Pit
 - Bicycle Polo
 - Toro Court
 - Futsal Court
 - Tricycle Track/Pump Track
2. Reconfigure or remove horseshoe drive. (Potentially provide ADA parking)
3. Explore options for renovating or removing pavement area.
4. Walking Loop Path



Pioneer Park

29885 Farmington Rd.

Pioneer Park includes two baseball fields and two soccer fields that are available during the spring. The fields are open to the public whenever the regularly scheduled games are not taking place. There is also parking and a restroom facility on site.



Park Features

- Soccer Fields
- Baseball Fields
- Parking
- Restrooms

Recommendations

- Parking lot improvements
- Explore the idea of converting the existing baseball fields into a cricket pitch.

Statistics

Size: 15 Acres
 Classification: Community
 Accessibility Assessment: 2



Figure: Park Map

Conceptual Future Development Plan



Key

1. Parking Lot Improvements
2. Maintain Soccer Fields
3. Coordinate with the Cricket Club to potentially convert the existing baseball fields into a cricket pitch.



William Grace Dog Park

29040 Shiawassee St.

The William Grace Dog Park is open to registration for all Farmington Hills and Farmington residents. The fenced-in park costs an annual fee and provides a great place for your four-legged friend to burn off some energy.



Park Features

- Fenced-in Dog Park
- Porta-Potty
- Benches

Recommendations

- Repair/Renovate Playground (Potentially remove or relocate pieces to reduce the playground footprint)
- Redesign entry area of dog park.
- Improve the wet area in the northwest portion of the dog park.
- Consider solutions for shade.
- Add a third dirt bin.

Statistics

Size: 9.9 Acres
 Classification: Community
 Accessibility Assessment: 3



Figure: Park Map

Conceptual Future Development Plan



Key

- 1. Playground Improvements
- 2. Redesigned Entry Area
- 3. Improve Wet Area
- 4. Consider Shade Solutions
- 5. Additional Dirt Bin (location TBD)



Woodland Hills Park

26655 Farmington Rd.

Woodland Hills is a sanctuary for native plants and animals to thrive within their natural habitat. The park is managed primarily for the protection of these species and features but also provides residents a place for quiet observation of birds and animals in a variety of habitats. The park features a rustic walking trail winding through the 74-acre park. Meadows, beech and maple hardwood forest, a pond, a river and creek are all part of the natural wonders of this park.



Park Features

- Nature Trails

Recommendations

- Invasive Species Management
- Trail maintenance/Improvements
- New Entry Sign

Statistics

Size: 74 Acres
 Classification: Community
 Accessibility Assessment: 2

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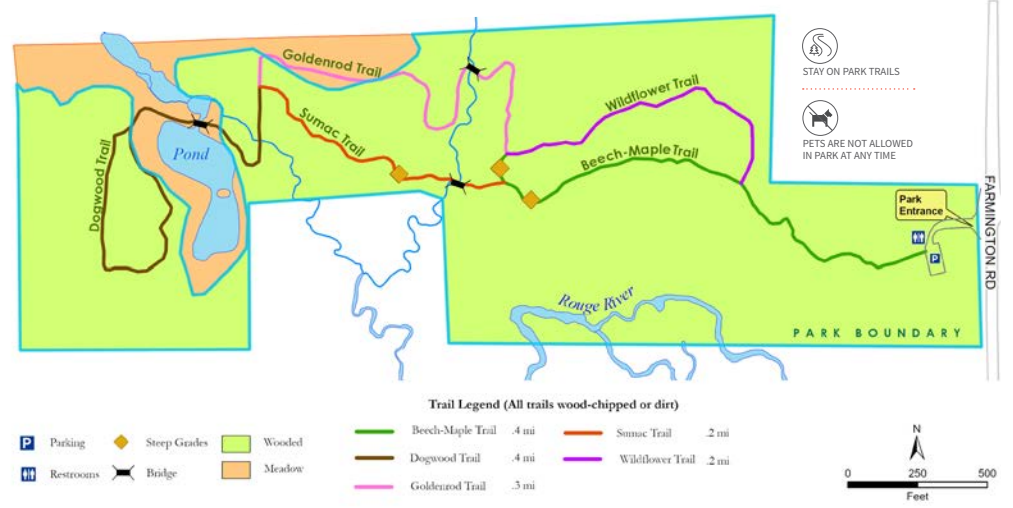


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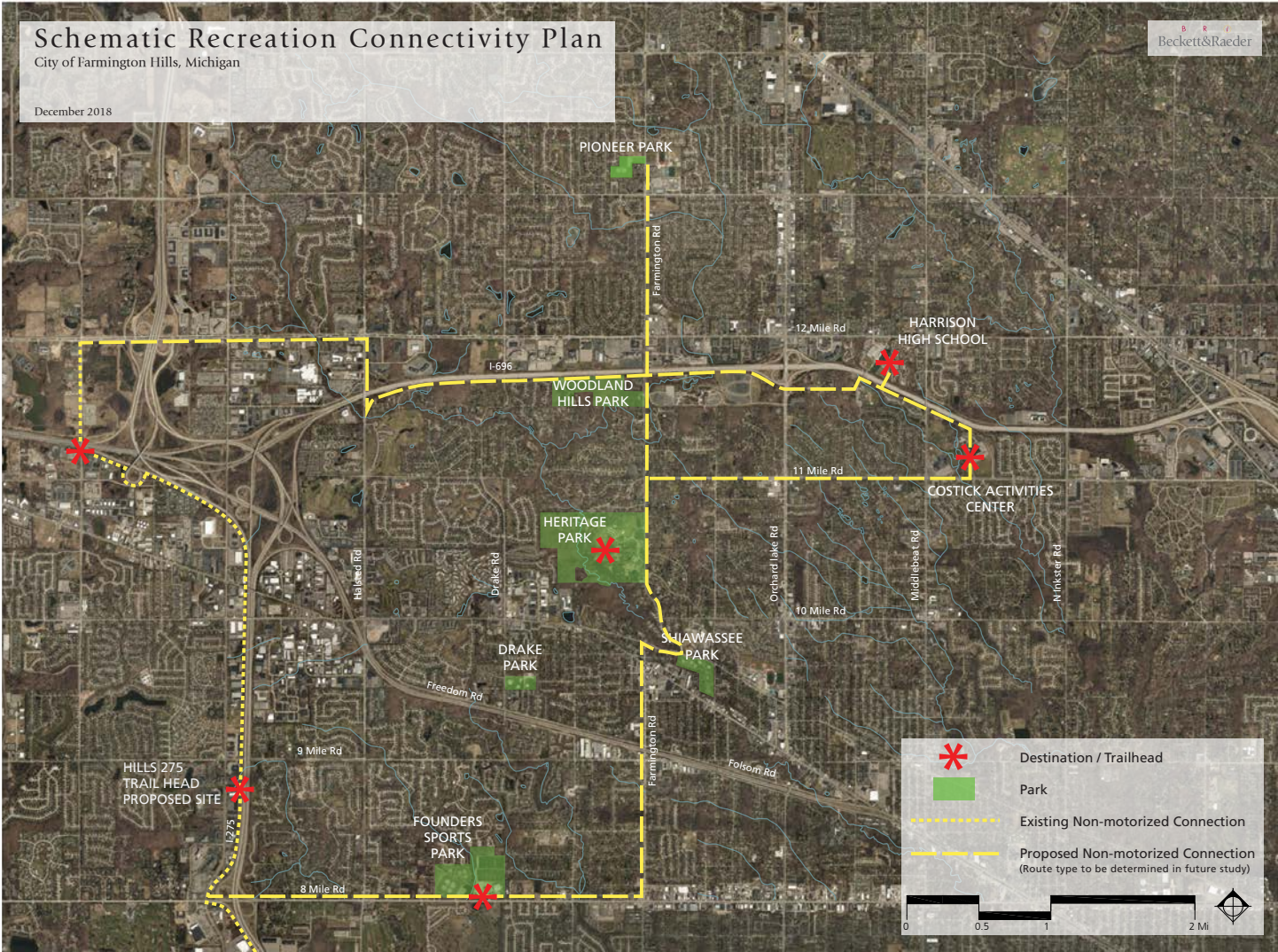
Trails and Non-Motorized Connectivity

As referenced in the Public Input section of this report, walking/hiking trails was the highest priority for improvements among respondents. More than just improving trails within parks, the City wants to improve connections between sites. The "Recreation Connectivity Plan" developed in 2018 outlines existing and proposed non-motorized connections as an exercise to fill in the gaps and link major community facilities and assets. This is a long-range plan, but the planning effort records the desire and the will to make these connections happen in the future.

The importance of walkability and non-motorized connections within a community cannot be overstated. In a walkable community, people of all ages and abilities are given access to their community's gathering places, amenities, and resources. Walkable communities

lead to more social interaction, physical fitness, and diminished crime and other social problems. This leads to communities and neighborhoods that are safer, healthier and friendlier. Non-motorized access to education and employment is paramount. Economically, socially or physically disadvantaged students/workers who don't have access to or can't afford a vehicle should have a means to not only improve themselves, but through being a contributing member of the workforce, help to better the economy of the community as a whole.








The Schematic Recreation Connectivity Plan below shows existing and proposed non-motorized routes that seek to make these walkable/bikable connections between various recreation destinations within Farmington Hills and the City of Farmington.



4 - Recreation Inventory

The following sections describing the trails within Heritage and Woodland Hills Park were taken from the Farmington Hills “Recreation Connectivity Plan” developed in conjunction with the previous 5-year recreation plan in 2018.

CONCEPTUAL TRAILS FRAMEWORK PLAN City Park Path & Connectivity Route Type Matrix

Representative Image	Facility Name	Definition	Surface	Width	Longitudinal Slope	Cross Slope	ADA* Compliant	ODA** Compliant	Walking	Jogging***	Dog Walking	Roller Blading	Skateboarding	Biking
	Paved Trail	A maintained and accessible paved route that connects recreational destinations	Asphalt (preferred) or Concrete	5' (minimum) 8' (preferred)	Access Route: 8.33% (max 50') 10% (max 30') Trail: 8.33% (max 200') 10% (max 30') 12% (max 10')	2% (maximum)		●	●	●				
						2% (maximum)		●						
	Unpaved Trail	A maintained and accessible unpaved route allowing access to a park's natural areas.	Wood Chips or Slag	5' (minimum) 8' (preferred) 10' (maximum)	8.33% (max 200') 10% (max 30') 12% (max 10')	2% (preferred) 5% (maximum)		●	●	●				
	Primitive Trail	A non-maintained and non-accessible route established by informal foot traffic. Persons using this trail do so at own risk.	Native Soil, Rocks, Tree Roots	1-2'	Follows existing topography	Follows existing topography			●	●				
	Shared Use Path	A non-motorized, multi-modal, multi-directional path, generally not adjacent to a roadway.	Asphalt or Concrete	10'-14' (per AASHTO) 8' - rare circumstances (per AASHTO)	5% (max) 8.33% (max w/ handrails)	2% max	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Side Path	A non-motorized, multi-modal, multi-directional path, generally adjacent to but separated from a roadway.	Asphalt or Concrete	10'-14' (per AASHTO) 8' - rare circumstances (per AASHTO)	5% (max) 8.33% (max w/ handrails)	2% max	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Bike Lane	A non-motorized path, generally alongside a drive lane within the roadway. Can be buffered, protected, or separated.	Roadway Material	4' (min w/ curb) 5' (min w/ curb)	Follows roadway topography	Follows roadway topography	N/A	N/A						●
	Shared Lane	An on-street pavement marking symbol promoting the sharing of the roadway between motorized and non-motorized uses.	Roadway Material	N/A	Follows roadway topography	Follows roadway topography	N/A	N/A						●

* - Americans with Disabilities Act
 ** - Outdoor Developed Areas Accessibility Guidelines
 *** - Jogging prohibited at Woodland Hills

Heritage Park Trails

The concept for the transformation of the Heritage Park trail system is one of improved organization and focused investment of limited resources. This transformation is likely a multi-step process. As currently laid out, all three trail types exist and overlap within the park. Further, duplicating routes creates confusion for first time visitors and increases maintenance efforts for limited recreational gain.

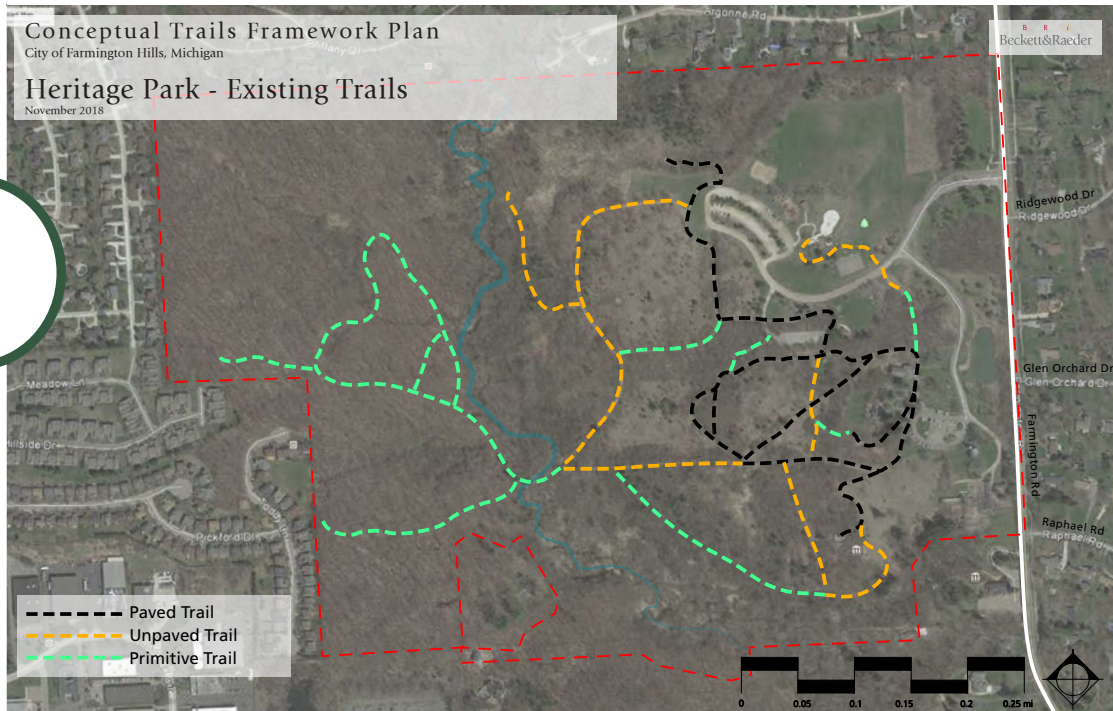
The over-arching concept is one of generally organizing the most highly developed and accessible trails (Paved Trails) in the most highly developed portion of the park. The trail system then graduates to a moderate level of trail development and accessibility (Unpaved Trails) in the more natural areas of the park's interior before fully transitioning to the lowest level of trail development and

accessibility (Primitive Trails). The Primitive Trails are proposed in the more remote portions of the park where terrain and natural features would be negatively impacted by a high level of trail development.

Other recommended major changes include adding a proposed trail from Farmington Road, paralleling the entry road to improve connectivity to the Nature Center and Splashpad. The Heritage Park - Proposed Trail Plan also proposes the completion of a loop trail connecting the Splashpad and North Shelter parking lot to the River Trail, which is currently only accessible from the south parking lot. To help reduce maintenance spending and to protect the safety of users, the plan recommends removing two legs of existing Primitive Trail that approach private properties in the adjacent subdivisions.

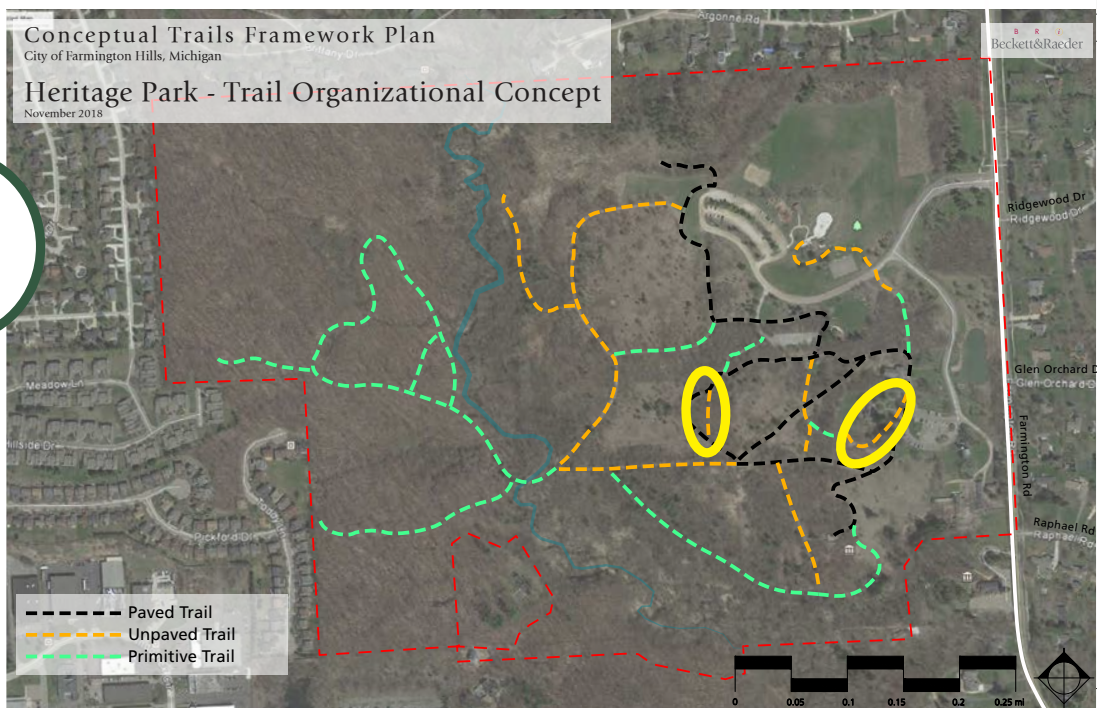
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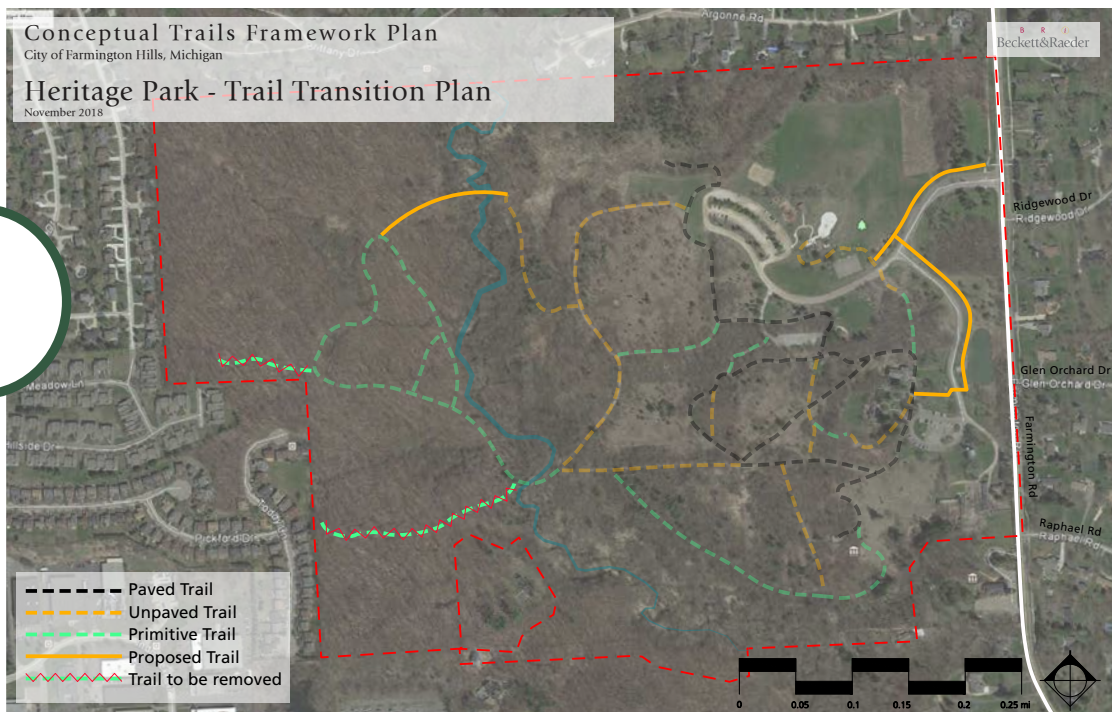
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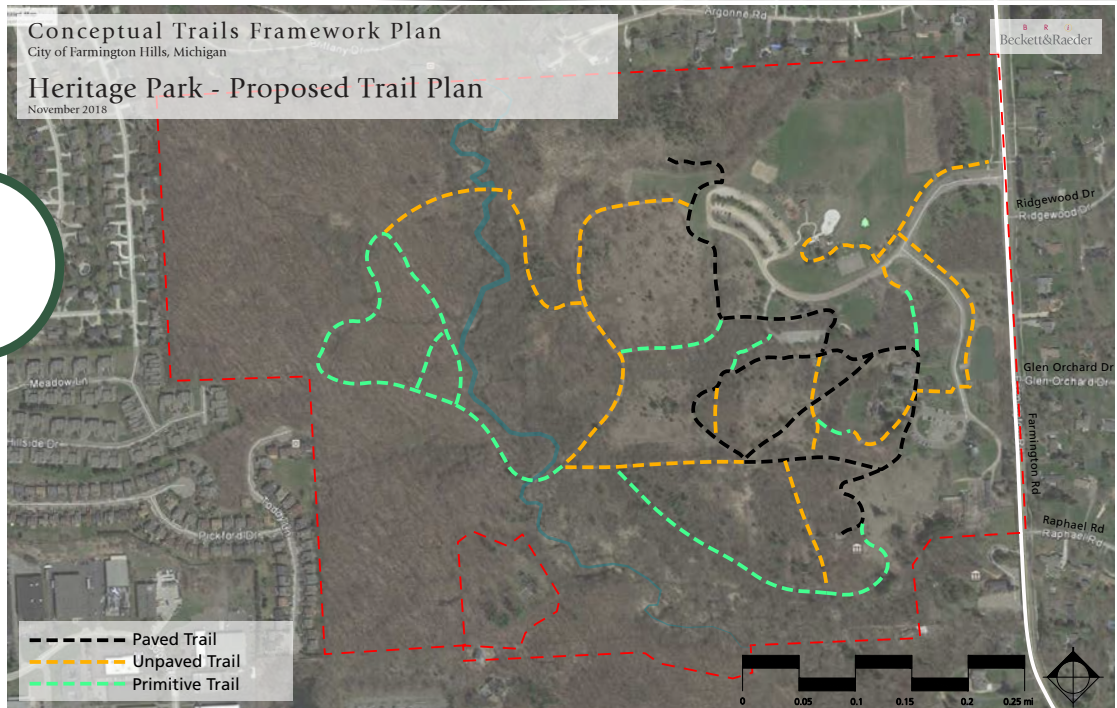
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HERITAGE PARK PROPOSED TRAIL PLAN

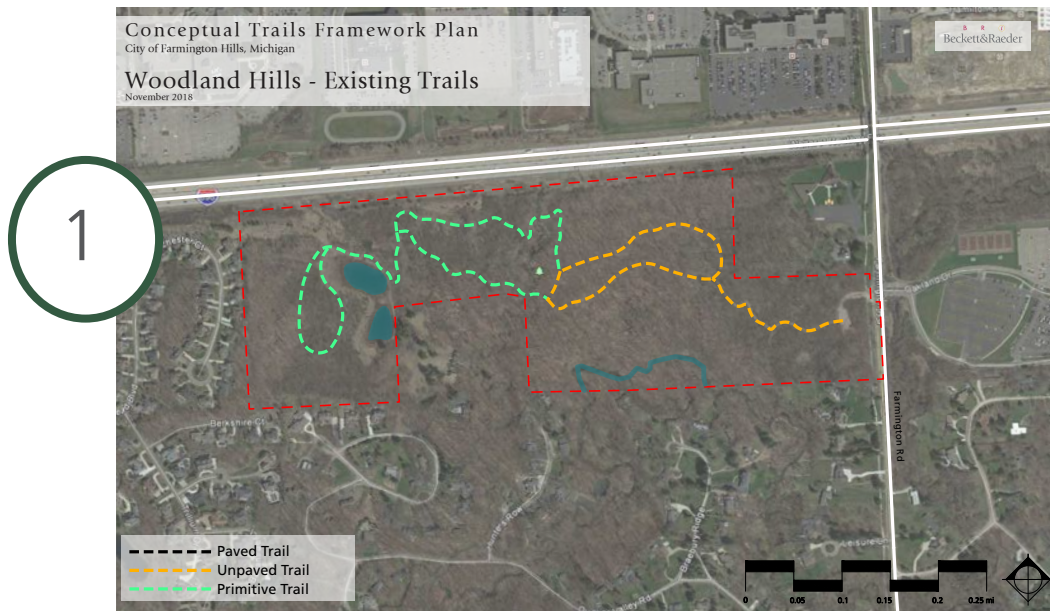
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Woodland Hills Trails

By comparison to Heritage Park, Woodland Hills would see limited change in the next five years as its current trail system is already reasonably organized and not overly developed. The Woodland Hills – Proposed Trail Plan mimics the existing conditions with no Paved Trails, Unpaved Trails focused on the park’s east expanse graduating to Primitive Trails in the western, more natural portion of the nature park. A section of existing Primitive Trail is proposed to be upgraded to Unpaved Trail to ensure a higher level of accessibility to the scenic pond, which could be considered a destination of this park.

WOODLAND HILLS: EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAIL



4 - Recreation Inventory

DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

Grant History - Farmington Hills, Oakland County, MI

Project Number*	Project Title	Project Year	Grant Amount	Project Description	Grant Status
26-01060 NI	Acquisition of Park Property	1978	\$105,777	Neighborhood Park/Golf Course	Closed
TF701	Spicer property Acquisition	1983	\$1,200,000	Purchase a 212 acre tract in the city limits of Farmington Hills with frontage on the Upper River Rouge	Closed
26-01449	Athletic Center Complex	1986	\$157,922	2 ballfields, 4 soccer fields, gravel entry road & parking lot, berms, screens, perimeter fencing, LWCF sign	Closed
TF87-233	Southend Park	1987	\$150,000	To acquire approximately 14 acres for recreation purposes in a rapidly expanding area of the state.	Withdrawn
TF87-234	Heritage Park	1987	\$195,000	Develop three picnic areas, a hard-surface trail system, parking area, and an outdoor amphitheater	Closed
TF88-254	Heritage Park	1988	\$300,000	Develop a boardwalk and paved trail, outdoor arboretum and renovate the Visitor's Center	Closed
BF89-535	Day Camp Activities Building	1989	\$187,500	Construction of building to house recreation activities and provide restroom facilities for year-round use	Closed
TF89-100	Central Land Acquisition	1989	\$661,200	Acquire approximately 74 acres of land (Woodland Hills Nature Park)	Closed
TF91-297	Sod Farm Acquisition - Phase I	1991	\$1,000,000	Acquisition of vacant 93.8 acres of land in southern section of City	Closed
TF92-049	Sod Farm Acquisition - Phase II	1992	\$1,000,000	Acquisition of vacant 93.8 acres of land (Acreage recorded in TF91-297)	Closed
BF95-167	Founders Sports Park	1995	\$100,000	Development includes three full-size soccer fields	Closed
TF98-273	Southeastern Land Acquisition	1998	\$351,000	Acquisition of 15.38 acres in the City's Southeast section to develop as a neighborhood park and trails	Withdrawn
BF00-083	Nature Center Expansion Heritage Day Camp Building	2000	\$250,000	Develop Day Camp Center	Closed

*The first characters of the project number indicates funding sources as follows:

26 = Land and Water Conservation Fund

BF = Recreation Bond Fund

TAP = Transportation Alternatives Program

TF = Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Park Inventory Table

Parks	Acres	Park Classification	Accessibility Assessment	Amphitheater	Swings	Play Structure (Composite)	Benches	Free Standing Play Eqp.	Gazebo	Golf/Driving Range	Basketball Court	Sand Volleyball	Tennis Court	Baseball/Softball	Soccer Field	Bike Rack	Fishing Dock	Skating Rink	Splash Pad	Grills	Picnic Tables	Picnic Shelter	Porta Potty	Restrooms	Sledding Hill	Walking/Biking Trail	Pickleball Court	Sand Beach	Parking Lot	Boat Launch	Multipurpose Sports Field	Swimming Pool	Disc Golf	Trash Cans	Recycling	Flag Pole	Gymnasium	Signage	Track	Bleachers	Hockey/Inline Skating	Drinking Fountain	ADA Parking Spaces	Fitness Station	Park Lighting	Meeting Rooms	Banquet Rooms	Concessions	Dog Clean-up Stations	
Bond Field	1.7	C	2										2									1										2	1			1		2												
Costick Activities Center	28	C	5			8															5		3					3		3	1		7	2	3	1	1			2			Y	3	3					
Farmington Hills Golf Course	175	C	4			7				1													4					1					34	2			1								1					
Founders Sports Park	101	C	3		5	1	16				2	3		8	7	3	1				13	1		6				5						89	35	6		6		28	2	3	10			2		3	5	
The Hawk	42.2	R	4			20							5	1	3	2					3			4			10	5		1	1		25	10	6	3	1	1	7		Y	29		Y	Y	Y	Y			
Heritage Park	211	C	3	1	6	2	50	2				2				4			1	15	55	3	2	4	1	10		3				84	30	2		1		2	1	3	8		Y		1					
Hills 275 Trailhead	0.6	M	4			1										1										1																					1			
Longacre House	5	C	4			2			1															2				1					2	1			1						Y	Y						
Jon Grant Community Center	3.7	C	5													1					2		2					1				2	1			1					Y	3	2							
Memorial Park	2	N	4			2																										1				1														
Olde Town Park	3.7	N	3		7	3	7	5					2							1	1	1						1				4	1	1		1			1				2	1						
Pioneer Park	15	C	2			11								2	2	1					4			2				1				14	3	1		1		6									Y			
Harmon Oaks Park	1.7	N	1																																															
William Grace Dog Park	9.9	C	3		15	1	14	3														1						1				11	1			2													Y	
Woodland Hills	74	C	2			22															2			2		5		1				3	1	1		1														

Park Classifications: M = Mini, N = Neighborhood, C = Community, R = Regional

School Facilities

- Farmington Public School District
- Farmington High School
- Farmington Central High School
- International Baccalaureate (IB) High School
- North Farmington High School
- East Middle School
- Power Middle School
- Warner Middle School
- Farmington STEAM Academy
- Farmington Early Childhood Center
- Beechview Elementary School
- Forest Elementary School
- Gill Elementary School
- Hillside Elementary School
- Kenbrook Elementary School
- Lanigan Elementary School
- Longacre Elementary School
- Wood Creek Elementary School

Park Acreage Evaluation

The following table evaluates current park acreage in Farmington Hills based on National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) recommendations. Although NRPA provides recommendations for parks and facilities they recognize that every community is unique and many factors should be considered when evaluating deficiencies and priorities. These additional factors can include age and income distribution, neighborhood structure, and recreation interests of your community, as well as the recreation opportunities available in nearby communities.

Farmington Hills Park Acreage/Population Table

Total Acres	Population	Acres/1000 People
674	83,986	8.03

The National Recreation and Park Association recommends between 5.5 and 15.9 Acres/1000 people. As shown in the previous table, Farmington Hills' park acreage falls within this range.

4 - Recreation Inventory

Recreation Programs and Services

The Farmington Hills Special Services Department offers outstanding programs...

Adult Classes and Programs

Aquatics

- Exercise Classes
- Swim Lessons
- Lifeguard/CPR Training

Sports

- Pickleball Leagues
- Soccer Leagues
- Fitness Classes
- Ice Skating Lessons

Creative+Performing Arts

- 2D Art Classes
- 3D Art Classes
- Photography Classes
- Beginner to Advanced Dance Classes
- OpenSpot Theatre
- Makerspace Activities

Adults 50 & Better

- Events & Parties
- Tai Chi Classes
- Technology Classes
- Fitness Classes
- Yoga Classes
- Golf Leagues
- Life Skills Classes
- Social Groups
- Educational Classes
- Support Groups
- Adult Day Care
- Daily Lunch Provided in a Congregate Setting

Youth Classes and Programs

Aquatics

- Swim Lessons
- Lifeguard/CPR Training
- Competitive Swim Coaching

Sports

- Baseball/ Softball Leagues
- Basketball Leagues
- Gymnastics Classes
- Floor Hockey Leagues
- House Hockey Leagues
- Travel Hockey Leagues
- Flag Football Leagues
- Soccer Leagues
- Fitness Classes
- Ice Skating Lessons
- Tumbleing and Cheer Leagues
- Martial Arts Classes
- Volleyball Leagues
- Lacrosses Leagues
- Track and Field Leagues
- Pickleball Leagues
- Archery Lessons

Creative+Performing Arts

- After School Youth Programs
- Break Camps
- 2D Art Classes
- 3D Art Classes
- Photography Classes
- Beginner to Advanced Dance Classes
- OpenSpot Theatre
- Makerspace Activities
- Youth Theatre

Regional Recreation Opportunities

There are many additional recreation facilities and opportunities available in the area surrounding Farmington Hills and throughout Oakland County. Some of those facilities are listed here:

Oakland County Parks

- Addison Oaks
- Catalpa Oaks
- Farmers Market
- Groveland Oaks
- Highland Oaks
- Holly Oaks Orv Park
- Independence Oaks
- Lyon Oaks
- Orion Oaks
- Red Oaks
- Rose Oaks
- Springfield Oaks
- Waterford Oaks

Trails - The Oakland County Parks system offers nearly 80 miles of paved and natural trails for walking, jogging, skating, biking, and equestrian riding year-round.

State Parks (within Oakland County)

- Bald Mountain
- Dodge #4
- Highland
- Holly
- Island Lake
- Pontiac Lake
- Proud Lake
- Seven Lakes

Nature Preserves

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC)

Preserves

- Schmude Sanctuary
- Nolta-Brennan Endowment
- Nels Kimball Sanctuary
- Keller Sanctuary
- Cranberry Lake Shores
- Heather Haven
- Voorheis-Beardsley Farm
- Whipple Lake Preserve

5 - The Planning Process

Plan Development Process

The consultant reviewed Farmington Hills' current demographics, budgets and revenues, past planning efforts, and perceived initial priorities. The consultant also performed an initial orientation meeting with the Special Services Director, Ellen Schnackel, to establish some initial study parameters and planning direction. As part of the inventory gathering process, the consultant reviewed the previous master plan and performed a physical inventory by visiting the City's park properties.

Information gathered was then synthesized into the proposed goals and objectives of this plan. The goals and objectives were then further refined with the assignment of phasing and priority suggestions (actions), as well as estimates of probable cost (capital improvements schedule). Subsequent refinement of the plan was performed through various discussions with City officials, public comment, and investigation of funding strategies and sources to eventually produce the final 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Public Participation

An effective means of obtaining public input is critical for the development of a five-year parks and recreation master plan. Public input is also required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans." For Farmington Hills' plan, several means of gaining input were used, including:

- Online opinion survey
- Public input meeting - October 18, 2023
- Public hearing - 1/8/2023
- One Month Review Period - 12/8/2023-1/8/2024 (Posted on the City's website, hard copy at the Hawk)

Summaries of the public input activities are given in the following. A full compilation of all survey results, input, and public comments is contained in the Appendix.

Public Input Meeting

A public input meeting was held on October 18, 2023, at the Hawk. The format was a drop-in style meeting. Stations were set up for each of the park sites so that participants could provide direct input on the parks in which they had interest in. The consultants and Special Services staff were present to record the public input and answer any questions that the participants had.



Photos from the October 18, 2023 Public Input Meeting

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held on 1/8/2024 at the City Hall when the plan was subsequently adopted by the City Council.

5 - The Planning Process

Online Opinion Survey

At the initial stage of the planning process, an online survey was developed to gauge public opinion on the existing conditions and future of Farmington Hills' parks and recreation facilities and programming.

The online survey was conducted using the web-based "Survey Monkey" application. The survey was placed online 8/25/2023 and was closed 11/8/2023. It was publicized via social media, on the City's website, handout cards, yard signs and through a series of email blasts to known groups and local organizations.

A total of 1,059 responses were received for the online survey. Details of responses are shown in the Appendix.

Many respondents use the city parks and facilities on a regular basis. The most used facilities are the Costick Activities Center and The Hawk followed by the Nature Center and Bond Field. The most used parks and amenities are Heritage Park, Trails at Heritage Park, Founders Sports Park, and Trails at Woodland Hills.

Good was the condition most respondents rated all parks, facilities, and amenities. Accessibility was indicated to be slightly to moderately easy for parks, facilities, and amenities.

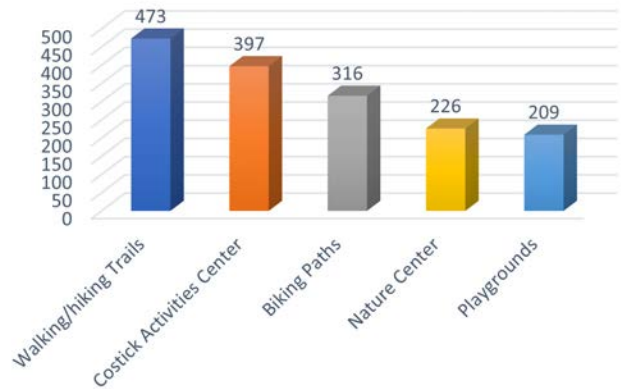
Throughout the survey, many respondents expressed a large desire for maintaining and/or increased senior activities. It should however be noted that 52% of respondents indicated that they were 55 years of age and older which would support the emphasis on senior activities.



Figure: Yard Signs placed around the city to promote the online opinion survey

When asked: which of the following would be your priority(s) to receive improvements in the next five (5) years?, respondents indicated that walking/hiking trails, Costick Activities Center, biking paths, Nature Center, and playgrounds should receive a top priority.

Highest Priority for Improvements



When asked for additional comments a trend emerged about keeping the Costick Activities Center open for Seniors and improving the facilities. Many were against moving senior activities to The Hawk as it is more costly and less hospitable for seniors. Another trend was to add tennis courts and keep existing tennis courts for tennis and not re-stripe them for pickleball. Accessibility within parks and programs was also mentioned several times for the physically and mentally disabled.

6 - Goals and Objectives

Overview

In the broadest sense, a Parks and Recreation Plan should offer the community a series of guidelines or recommendations for making consistent and rational public decisions regarding the delivery of recreation programs and facilities. Goals and objectives, in the context of recreation and park planning, should be the guiding influence determining the nature and extent of future park acquisition, development, administrative, and programming actions. They should be idealistic to the extent that they provide a desirable condition to strive towards and be ready for opportunities that may not be evident today such as new grant programs, benefactors, donations, etc. that present themselves. However, the goals must be tempered by the recognition of financial, social, physical, and political realities in order to be achievable. Successful policy should further

recognize the evaluation of the community's recreation system, and the relationship of this system to relevant demographic characteristics.

Goals should be broad, address general needs, and establish the basis for setting specific programmed objectives. Objectives are measurable results that the City can work toward accomplishing. Both offer policy direction and the framework for recreation providers. The following policy statements reflect the City's short and long-term recreation needs identified in the previous chapters. Specific methods for achieving these goals are described in the Action Program and Capital Improvement Plan in the following section.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Accessibility

Accessibility can mean more than one thing, but in the context of recreation planning, the goal is to make parks easier to navigate for users who have mobility constraints. This is most commonly achieved by connecting nodes of activity with surfaces that can be traversed by a wheelchair (electric or traditional). On top of that, conventional play structures or even picnic tables that were not designed to safely entertain less able-bodied persons are recommended for replacement. Many of these action items recommend paving pathways and updating features so that they can service all users. The benefit to improving accessibility is that it makes parks generally safer and user-friendly for everyone, not just the intended group. Providing access and resources for individuals with other disabilities such as those who are neurodivergent or those with sight and hearing limitations is also paramount.

Objectives:

1. Identify areas throughout the parks system that lack accessibility and work to fill those gaps.
2. Ensure all new development projects are designed to ensure that people of all abilities can enjoy the same recreational experiences.

6 - Goals and Objectives

Goal: Facilities Forward

Throughout the community input process residents were asked what types of facility/amenity upgrades would improve their parks and recreation experience. While these upgrades can take the form of new development projects, there are many other ways to improve experiences such as expanding the capacity of existing facilities to accommodate additional users, adapting or converting rarely used facilities to a different use, improving user comfort by providing shelter from sun, wind, or rain, and upgrading amenities that have fallen into disrepair to a higher quality version.

The addition of the Hawk Community Center has greatly expanded and improved the types and level of recreation available to residents of all ages and interests. However, additional renovations and improvements are still needed at the Hawk, the Costick Center, and elsewhere throughout the parks system. The Special Services Department shall strive to ensure that those future improvements will best meet the needs of the community and provide them with the best user experience possible.

In March of 2022, the City of Farmington Hills engaged the Sports Facilities Companies (SFA) to analyze the current performance of and provide recommendations for the optimization of the Special Services Department, with specific focus on the Costick Activities Center and The Hawk. SFA then provided a 60-page document with a summary of work completed, including strategic recommendations and next steps for implementation.

Objectives:

1. Review SFA's recommendations with residents, the Mayor, City Council, City staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission to determine what the best course is for the future of the entire Hawk campus including the third floor, overall site, and programming.
2. Review SFA's recommendations with residents, the Mayor, City Council, City staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission to determine what the best course is for the future of the entire Costick campus including the deteriorating facility, overall site and valued programs and services
3. Continue to monitor community input as well as review current and future recreation trends in order to determine how to best meet the needs of the community.



Goal: Connectivity

The City is fortunate to have several fantastic parks, but what is lacking in some key spaces is a safe and comfortable non-motorized network between them. Gleaned from the inventory process, both existing trails within parks and intra-park connections could be strengthened. Both were listed as top priorities for improvement and implementation in the community survey.

Objectives:

1. Encourage land preservation of open spaces and natural areas and work with the City Council and Planning Commission in the review of new developments to encourage developers to set aside usable land for recreation and community uses such as trails.
2. Support the implementation of the non-motorized improvements identified in the City's Comprehensive Master Plan.
3. Encourage the development of pathways that specifically connect parks to community parks, facilities, and schools.

Goal: Environmental Awareness & Preservation

Some ideas that were shared and discussed with the Department of Special Services are better implemented at a larger scale than focused on targeted sites. Nature is an asset at sites across the city, so efforts to preserve and enhance it are not limited to a specific place. For example, invasive species have appeared that have a detrimental effect on native species and require a wider perspective than site-by-site removal. Another system wide approach to consider is future land acquisition. Because the City just purchased a large property (Hawk) that requires time intensive renovation and reprogramming for the next few years, it is recommended that any new parcels are dedicated to environmental preservation. While wetlands, fields, or wooded areas do not generate taxes, they do contribute to existing property values in addition to providing invaluable ecosystem services that will become increasingly important in the face of climate change.

Objectives:

1. Install eco-friendly amenities at parks such as recycling bins and water refill stations to help to reduce waste. The department can also investigate where green infrastructure such as solar panels could be installed on their land to generate renewable sources of energy.
2. Continue to look for available land to acquire for greenspace preservation and recreational uses.

Goal: Communication

The majority of survey respondents expressed that they felt there are adequate ways for them to share and communicate their suggestions and concerns about parks and recreation matters with the City. However, with so many different communication platforms, messages have to be disseminated in dozens of different places to reach the correct audience. That is to say, communication can always be improved.

Objectives:

1. Continue to keep up to date on current communication trends and technologies in order to reach the younger and more tech savvy demographic while still continuing to utilize more standard communication methods to ensure that those who are less comfortable with technology are still reached.
2. Provide system-wide signage that effectively communicates to residents where park properties are and how to get to them.



Goal: Community Relations/Partnerships

The Special Services Department has a rich assortment of existing and potential partners to work with in delivering recreation services, cultural arts, special events and activities. By continuing to foster these partnerships, the Special Services Department is able to deliver a wide variety of services, at the highest quality, in the most cost effective way. Many of these partnership activities are ongoing. However the City should continue to explore new partnership initiatives where available. These partnerships can leverage assets and qualities that are unique to Farmington Hills; they can add depth, innovation and relevancy, as well as strengthen the City's sense of community through the practice of working together on a broad scale. They can also help to maintain the viability of existing services, programs and special events. Further, by cultivating and maintaining partnerships on an ongoing basis, opportunities are created to identify and implement new and previously unforeseen programs, events and services.

Objectives:

1. The Special Services Department shall be partnership-focused and will continue to foster existing relationships as well as seek out new partnerships with service providers, organizations, local businesses and surrounding communities.

6 - Goals and Objectives

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7 - The Action Plan

Actions

The following action plan or “Capital Improvement Plan” (CIP) was developed based upon information gathered from public input, interviews, demographic data, land use trends and efforts of adjacent communities. The plan covers the next five years. These projects may be funded through grant sources such as those provided through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, the limited timed Spark Grant, Waterways Program Grants, Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants, Invasive Species Grant Program, or Wildlife Habitat Grant Program. There may also be grants available through private corporations, non-profit organizations, and other state and federal agencies.

This document is a long range planning document that will continue to evolve and should be reviewed on an annual basis. All projects listed are subject to the availability of funding through the grant source, total of private donations and the millage and general fund and the approval of the City Council. The city will continue to seek out other sources for grants in addition to those listed within the Capital Improvement Plan table.

The Hawk

The first capital improvement item listed on the schedule is for repairs/replacements at the Hawk. An Accruent Study was performed for this facility which indicated over \$16,000,000 in repairs/replacements over the next five (5) years with almost \$7,000,000 of those requirements on the 3rd floor. Farmington Hills Special services Department staff have identified just under \$7,000,000 in priority improvements for renovation of the athletics facilities and third floor for recreational use, community partnerships, general programs, and special event use. The plan includes 145,000 square ft. third floor amenities with revenue return from partnerships. The plan also includes upgrades to the remaining HVAC system and renovation of the artificial turf practice fields as well as updates to outbuildings in order to utilize them without hazard. The recommendations outlined in the study shall be further reviewed with residents, the Mayor, City Council, City staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission to determine what the best course is for the future of the entire Hawk campus including the third floor, overall site, and programming



Costick Activities Center

An Accruent Study was also performed for the Costick Center facility. The study indicated over \$20,000,000 in repairs/replacements over the next five (5) years. The Farmington Hills Special Services staff have identified just under \$9,000,000 in priority improvements. Th recommendations outlined in the study shall be further reviewed with residents, the Mayor, City Council, City staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission to determine what the best course is for the future of the entire Costick campus including the deteriorating facility, overall site and valued programs and services



Acquisition of Park Land

Various parcels of land could be purchased for parks and/or recreation opportunities, particularly in the northwest and southeast quadrants of the City. The Farmington Hills Special Services Department has included \$1,500,000 for land acquisition in the Capital Improvement Plan.

7 - The Action Plan

Capital Improvement Plan Schedule

Farmington Hills, 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2024-2028)

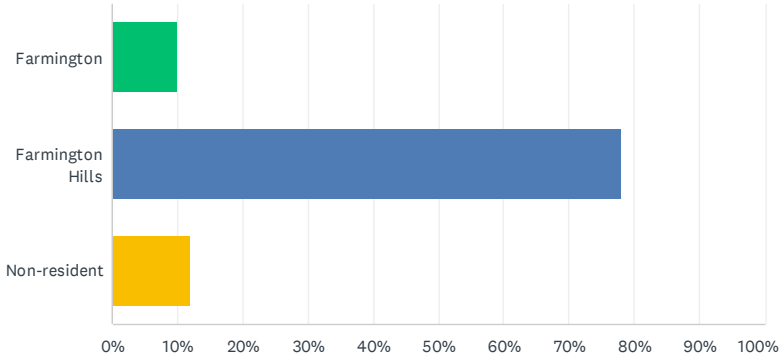
Please note: The capital improvements are listed in no particular order. The matrix provides a target year, the project location, a description, an estimated range of likely costs, revenue sources, and goals. It is intended to be used as a guideline for planning.

Target Year	Project Location	Project Description	Estimated Costs	Revenue Source
2024-2030	The Hawk	1st and 2nd Floors, Outbuildings and Site Improvements	\$9,000,000	Parks Millage
2024-2030	The Hawk	3rd Floor	\$7,000,000	Parks Millage
2024-2030	Costick Center	Accruent Study Repairs/Replacements	\$9,000,000	Parks Millage
2024-2025	Heritage Park	Restroom Improvements	\$60,000	Parks Millage, MDNR Grant
2024-2025	Heritage Park	Asphalt Trail Path Resurfacing	\$100,000	Parks Millage
2024-2025	Heritage Park	Spicer House Repairs	\$75,000	Parks Millage
2024-2025	FH Golf Club	Cart Path Resurfacing (front nine)	\$300,000	Parks Millage
2024-2025	FH Golf Club	Clubhouse Tables and Chairs	\$30,000	Parks Millage
2024-2025	FH Golf Club	Clubhouse Carpeting	\$15,000	Parks Millage
2024-2025	Ice Arena	Compressor Rebuild	\$20,000	Parks Millage
2025-2026	Heritage Park	Adaptive Playground and Splashpad	\$1,000,000	Parks Millage, MDNR Grant
2025-2026	System-Wide Use	(2) Movable Canopies/Tents	\$20,000	Parks Millage
2025-2026	Heritage Park	Asphalt Trail Path Resurfacing	\$60,000	Parks Millage
2025-2026	Heritage Park	Concrete Pad	\$50,000	Parks Millage
2025-2026	Heritage Park	Spicer House Repairs	\$75,000	Parks Millage
2025-2026	FH Golf Club	Cart Path Resurfacing (back nine)	\$250,000	Parks Millage
2025-2026	FH Golf Club	Irrigation Pump System	\$150,000	Parks Millage
2025-2026	Ice Arena	Rubber Flooring	\$150,000	Parks Millage
2026-2027	Heritage Park	Trail Updates	\$50,000	Parks Millage
2026-2027	Woodland Hills	Trail Updates	\$10,000	Parks Millage
2026-2027	Heritage Park	Longacre House Renovations	\$125,000	Parks Millage
2026-2027	Founders Sports Park	Disc Golf Tee Pads	\$10,000	Parks Millage
2026-2027	Founders Sports Park	Riley Skate Park Concrete Repairs	\$20,000	Parks Millage
2026-2027	Founders Sports Park	Baseball Dugouts	\$100,000	Parks Millage, MDNR Grant
2026-2027	FH Golf Club	Driving Range Netting	\$100,000	Parks Millage
2027-2028	TBD	Site Security And Life Safety	\$40,000	Parks Millage
2027-2028	TBD	Trail and Wayfinding Signs	\$40,000	Parks Millage
2027-2028	TBD	Playground Equipment	\$125,000	Parks Millage, MDNR Grant
2027-2028	TBD	Signage	\$40,000	Parks Millage
2027-2028	System-Wide Use	5-year Recreation Master Plan Update	\$35,000	Parks Millage
TBD	TBD	Acquisition of Recreation Lands	\$1,500,000	Parks Millage

Results of Online Opinion Survey

Q1 Where do you reside?

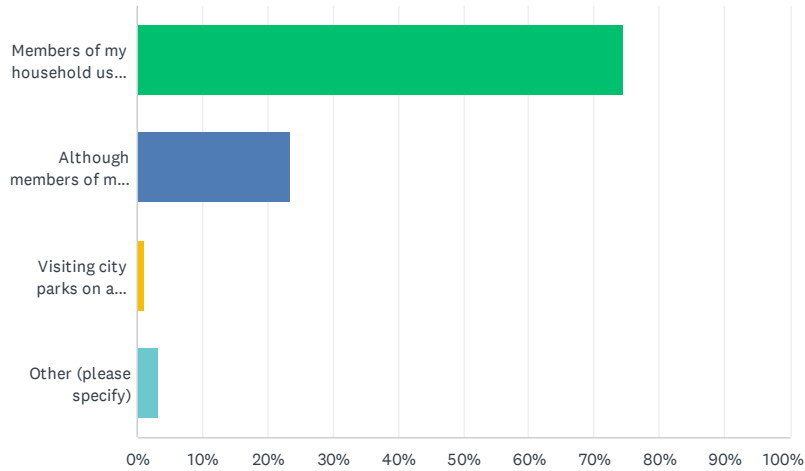
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmington	10.04%	105
Farmington Hills	78.01%	816
Non-resident	11.95%	125
Total Respondents: 1,046		

Q2 Which of the following three statements comes closest to how you feel about city-operated PARKS?

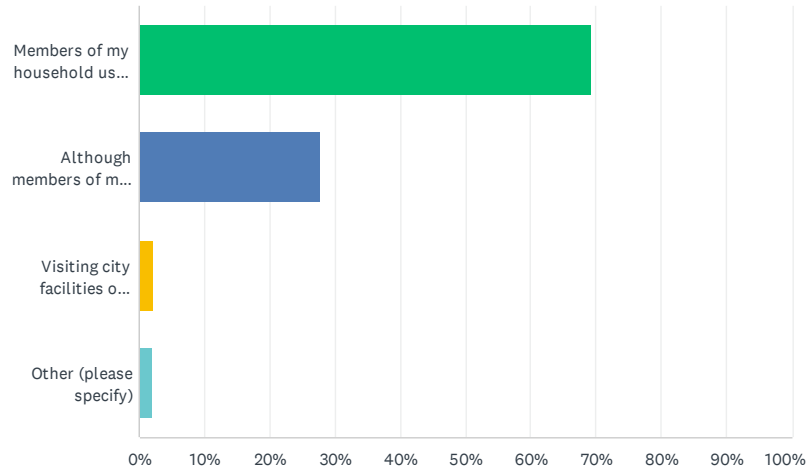
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Members of my household use city parks on a regular basis. I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	74.52% 775
Although members of my household do not use city parks on a regular basis, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	23.46% 244
Visiting city parks on a regular basis is not important to quality of life.	0.96% 10
Other (please specify)	3.17% 33
Total Respondents: 1,040	

Q3 Which of the following three statements comes closest to how you feel about city-operated FACILITIES?

Answered: 1,036 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Members of my household use city facilities on a regular basis. I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	69.40%	719
Although members of my household do not use city facilities on a regular basis, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	27.70%	287
Visiting city facilities on a regular basis is not important to quality of life.	2.03%	21
Other (please specify)	1.93%	20
Total Respondents: 1,036		

Q4 How often do you or members of your household use the City of Farmington Hills Special Services recreational FACILITIES per month?

Answered: 1,028 Skipped: 31

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	TOTAL
Bond Field	83.46% 747	2.46% 22	1.90% 17	1.12% 10	2.12% 19	1.56% 14	1.01% 9	0.67% 6	0.78% 7	0.22% 2	4.69% 42	895
Costick Activities Center	45.26% 434	12.83% 123	5.74% 55	2.82% 27	7.82% 75	3.55% 34	1.36% 13	0.94% 9	3.75% 36	0.63% 6	15.33% 147	959
Farmington Hills Golf Course	73.54% 681	8.96% 83	5.40% 50	1.94% 18	3.24% 30	1.51% 14	1.30% 12	0.54% 5	0.54% 5	0.22% 2	2.81% 26	926
Longacre House	81.50% 727	12.67% 113	3.36% 30	0.90% 8	0.67% 6	0.45% 4	0.11% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.34% 3	892
Jon Grant Community Center	94.00% 830	3.51% 31	0.79% 7	0.23% 2	0.23% 2	0.45% 4	0.23% 2	0.11% 1	0.11% 1	0.11% 1	0.23% 2	883
Riley Archery Range	84.75% 756	8.07% 72	2.69% 24	1.35% 12	1.68% 15	0.22% 2	0.11% 1	0.11% 1	0.11% 1	0.11% 1	0.78% 7	892
Stables Art Studio	91.93% 809	3.98% 35	1.25% 11	0.91% 8	0.80% 7	0.45% 4	0.00% 0	0.23% 2	0.11% 1	0.00% 0	0.34% 3	880
Farmington Hills Ice Arena	78.21% 700	9.05% 81	3.80% 34	1.56% 14	2.68% 24	1.23% 11	0.45% 4	0.11% 1	0.22% 2	0.11% 1	2.57% 23	895
The Hawk - Farmington Hills Community Center	29.71% 290	16.70% 163	10.66% 104	5.84% 57	8.91% 87	3.69% 36	2.77% 27	1.43% 14	3.18% 31	0.61% 6	16.50% 161	976
The Hawk - Makerspace	83.49% 728	7.11% 62	2.41% 21	1.03% 9	2.41% 21	1.49% 13	0.34% 3	0.23% 2	0.23% 2	0.11% 1	1.15% 10	872
Nature Center	35.55% 337	26.79% 254	10.76% 102	6.75% 64	4.96% 47	3.59% 34	1.58% 15	1.05% 10	1.58% 15	0.11% 1	7.28% 69	948

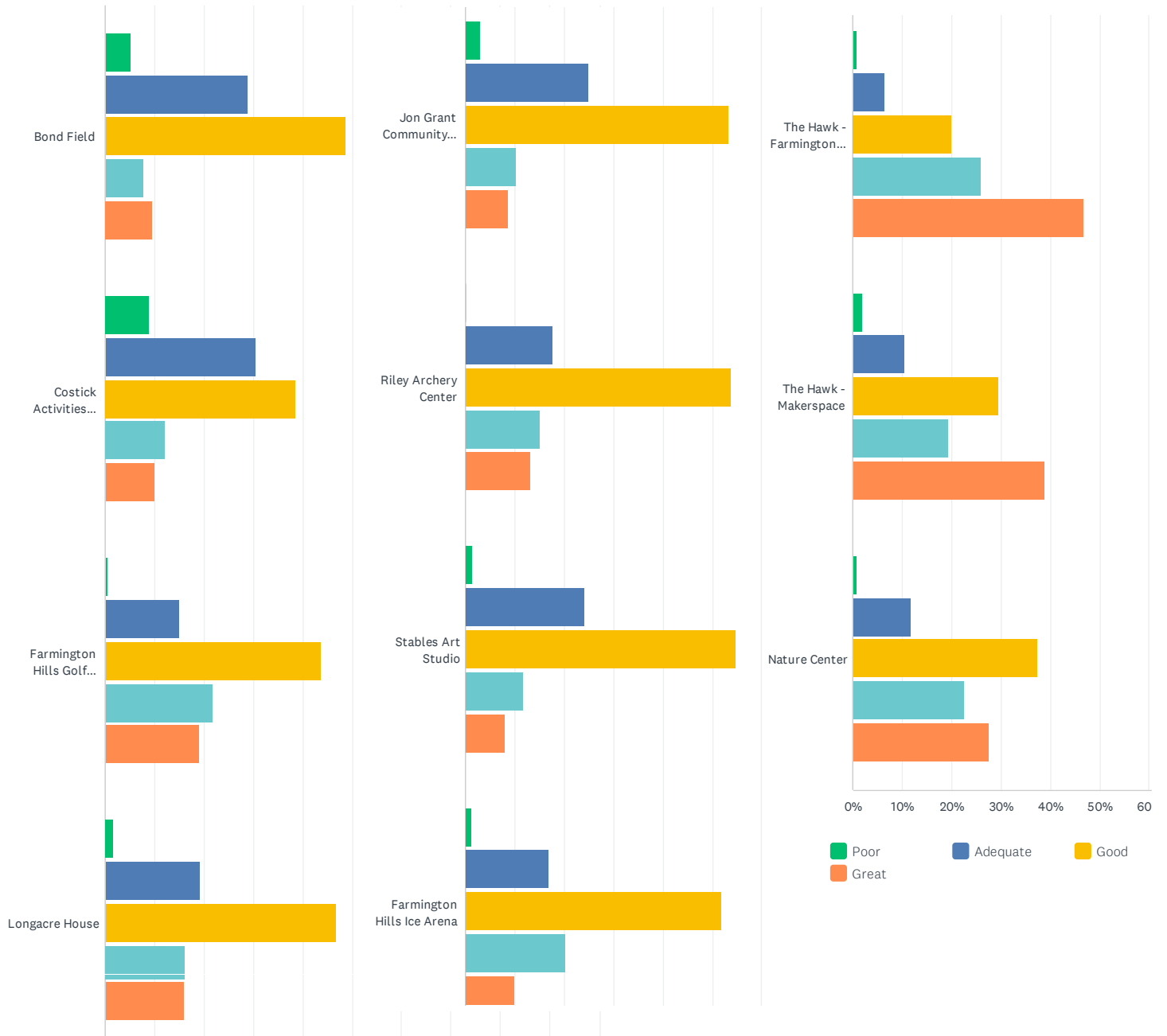
Q5 How often do you or members of your household use the City of Farmington Hills Special Services PARKS and AMENITIES per month?

Answered: 1,008 Skipped: 51

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	TOTAL
Founders Sports Park	65.71% 596	12.35% 112	6.95% 63	1.98% 18	3.75% 34	2.32% 21	1.10% 10	0.11% 1	0.88% 8	0.00% 0	4.85% 44	907
Heritage Park	17.95% 177	17.85% 176	15.62% 154	8.11% 80	9.84% 97	6.39% 63	2.74% 27	1.72% 17	2.94% 29	0.20% 2	16.63% 164	986
Memorial Park	84.06% 733	6.65% 58	3.21% 28	1.61% 14	0.92% 8	1.38% 12	0.57% 5	0.46% 4	0.11% 1	0.00% 0	1.03% 9	872
Olde Town Park	88.66% 774	4.47% 39	1.72% 15	0.80% 7	1.03% 9	1.60% 14	0.23% 2	0.34% 3	0.34% 3	0.11% 1	0.69% 6	873
Pioneer Park	84.91% 743	6.17% 54	2.86% 25	1.26% 11	1.26% 11	1.14% 10	0.23% 2	0.11% 1	0.80% 7	0.00% 0	1.26% 11	875
Harmon Oaks Park	94.21% 814	2.31% 20	0.81% 7	0.69% 6	0.12% 1	0.69% 6	0.23% 2	0.35% 3	0.23% 2	0.00% 0	0.35% 3	864
William Grace Dog Park	86.42% 757	3.42% 30	2.28% 20	1.26% 11	0.91% 8	0.57% 5	0.34% 3	0.11% 1	0.34% 3	0.34% 3	4.00% 35	876
Trails - Woodland Hills	57.98% 523	18.29% 165	6.98% 63	3.10% 28	4.66% 42	2.44% 22	1.22% 11	0.44% 4	0.55% 5	0.00% 0	4.32% 39	902
Trails - Heritage Park	25.31% 242	18.41% 176	13.70% 131	7.11% 68	8.68% 83	5.44% 52	2.62% 25	1.67% 16	2.51% 24	0.52% 5	14.02% 134	956
Riley Skate Park	79.48% 701	6.24% 55	3.06% 27	2.27% 20	1.70% 15	2.04% 18	0.68% 6	0.00% 0	0.23% 2	0.23% 2	4.08% 36	882

Q6 How would you rate the condition of existing FACILITIES?

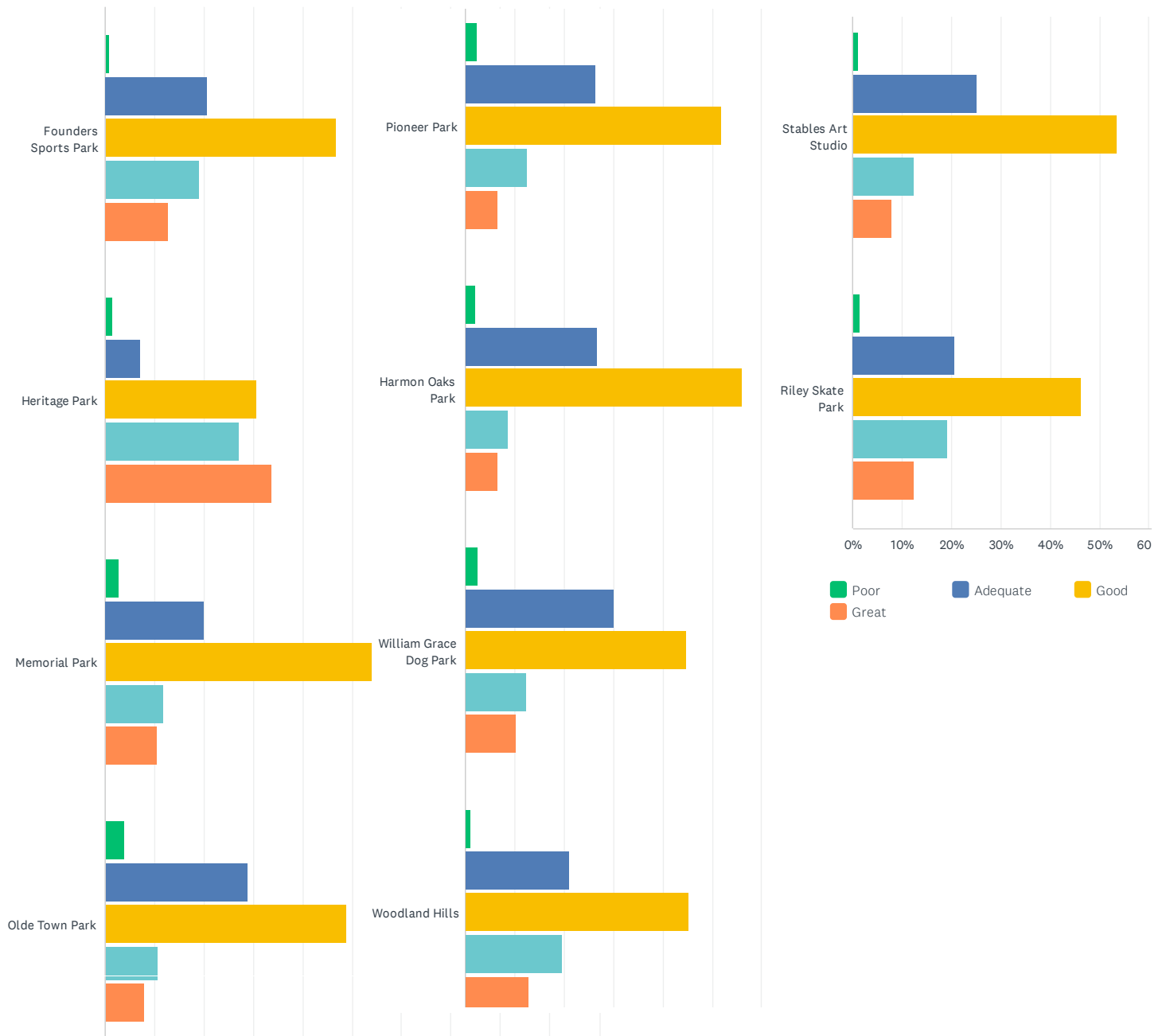
Answered: 952 Skipped: 107



	POOR	ADEQUATE	GOOD	BETTER	GREAT	TOTAL
Bond Field	5.13% 16	28.85% 90	48.72% 152	7.69% 24	9.62% 30	312
Costick Activities Center	8.89% 60	30.52% 206	38.52% 260	12.15% 82	9.93% 67	675
Farmington Hills Golf Course	0.46% 2	14.94% 65	43.68% 190	21.84% 95	19.08% 83	435
Longacre House	1.81% 7	19.12% 74	46.77% 181	16.28% 63	16.02% 62	387
Jon Grant Community Center	3.02% 8	24.91% 66	53.21% 141	10.19% 27	8.68% 23	265
Riley Archery Center	0.29% 1	17.70% 60	53.69% 182	15.04% 51	13.27% 45	339
Stables Art Studio	1.46% 4	24.09% 66	54.74% 150	11.68% 32	8.03% 22	274
Farmington Hills Ice Arena	1.31% 5	16.75% 64	51.83% 198	20.16% 77	9.95% 38	382
The Hawk - Farmington Hills Community Center	0.79% 6	6.48% 49	20.11% 152	25.93% 196	46.69% 353	756
The Hawk - Makerspace	1.86% 7	10.37% 39	29.52% 111	19.41% 73	38.83% 146	376
Nature Center	0.75% 5	11.81% 79	37.37% 250	22.57% 151	27.50% 184	669

Q7 How would you rate the condition of existing PARKS and AMENITIES?

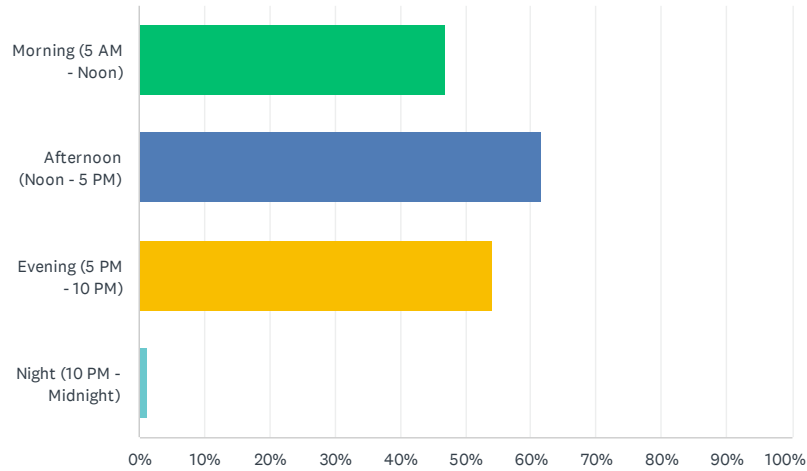
Answered: 883 Skipped: 176



	POOR	ADEQUATE	GOOD	BETTER	GREAT	TOTAL
Founders Sports Park	0.90% 4	20.59% 91	46.61% 206	19.00% 84	12.90% 57	442
Heritage Park	1.56% 13	6.94% 58	30.74% 257	27.03% 226	33.73% 282	836
Memorial Park	2.87% 8	20.07% 56	54.84% 153	11.83% 33	10.39% 29	279
Olde Town Park	3.91% 11	28.83% 81	48.75% 137	10.68% 30	7.83% 22	281
Pioneer Park	2.44% 7	26.48% 76	51.92% 149	12.54% 36	6.62% 19	287
Harmon Oaks Park	2.07% 5	26.56% 64	56.02% 135	8.71% 21	6.64% 16	241
William Grace Dog Park	2.54% 8	30.16% 95	44.76% 141	12.38% 39	10.16% 32	315
Woodland Hills	1.17% 5	21.08% 90	45.20% 193	19.67% 84	12.88% 55	427
Stables Art Studio	1.12% 3	25.09% 67	53.56% 143	12.36% 33	7.87% 21	267
Riley Skate Park	1.52% 5	20.67% 68	46.20% 152	19.15% 63	12.46% 41	329

Q8 What time of day do you generally use recreational FACILITIES?
Please check all that apply.

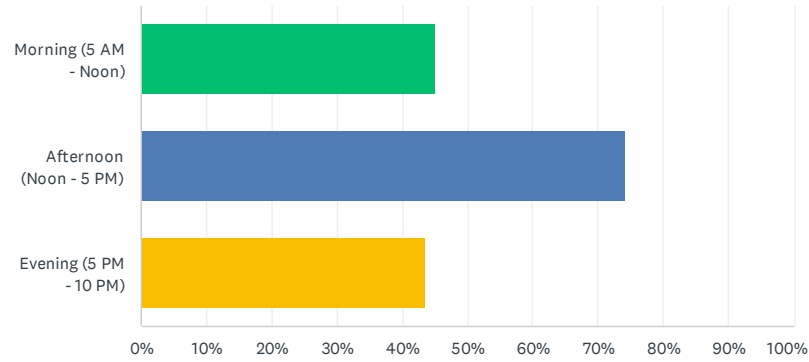
Answered: 939 Skipped: 120



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Morning (5 AM - Noon)	46.86%	440
Afternoon (Noon - 5 PM)	61.66%	579
Evening (5 PM - 10 PM)	54.21%	509
Night (10 PM - Midnight)	1.28%	12
Total Respondents: 939		

**Q9 What time of day do you generally use PARKS and AMENITIES?
Please check all that apply.**

Answered: 930 Skipped: 129



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Morning (5 AM - Noon)	45.05%	419
Afternoon (Noon - 5 PM)	74.19%	690
Evening (5 PM - 10 PM)	43.44%	404
Total Respondents: 930		

Q10 How would you rate the following characteristics of Farmington Hills recreation FACILITIES?

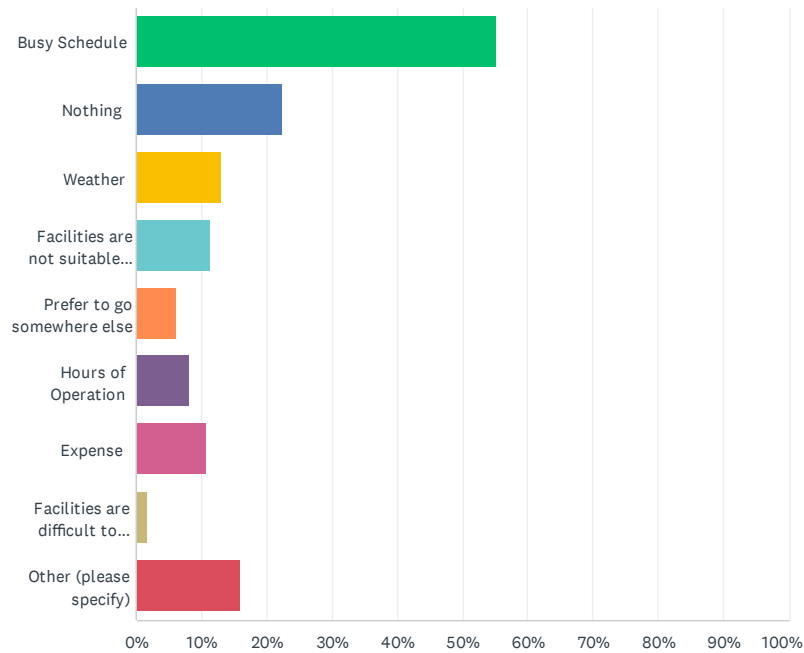
Answered: 893 Skipped: 166



	1 - POOR	2 - ADEQUATE	3 - GOOD	4 - BETTER	5 - GREAT	TOTAL
Number of Parks	3.71% 33	12.71% 113	35.88% 319	22.16% 197	25.53% 227	889
Size of Parks	2.85% 25	12.77% 112	35.23% 309	22.01% 193	27.14% 238	877
Park Distribution	4.37% 36	14.22% 117	37.42% 308	21.14% 174	22.84% 188	823
Trail Connectivity	10.92% 87	17.82% 142	35.63% 284	16.69% 133	18.95% 151	797
Safety	1.81% 15	9.64% 80	35.42% 294	26.63% 221	26.51% 220	830
Parking	1.50% 13	13.54% 117	34.26% 296	25.00% 216	25.69% 222	864
Accessibility	2.93% 23	13.89% 109	37.83% 297	22.29% 175	23.06% 181	785
Variety of Amenities	3.62% 29	13.86% 111	38.58% 309	21.85% 175	22.10% 177	801
Quality of Amenities	3.26% 26	16.04% 128	34.96% 279	23.43% 187	22.31% 178	798

Q12 What prevents you from using the recreational FACILITIES more frequently? Please check all that apply.

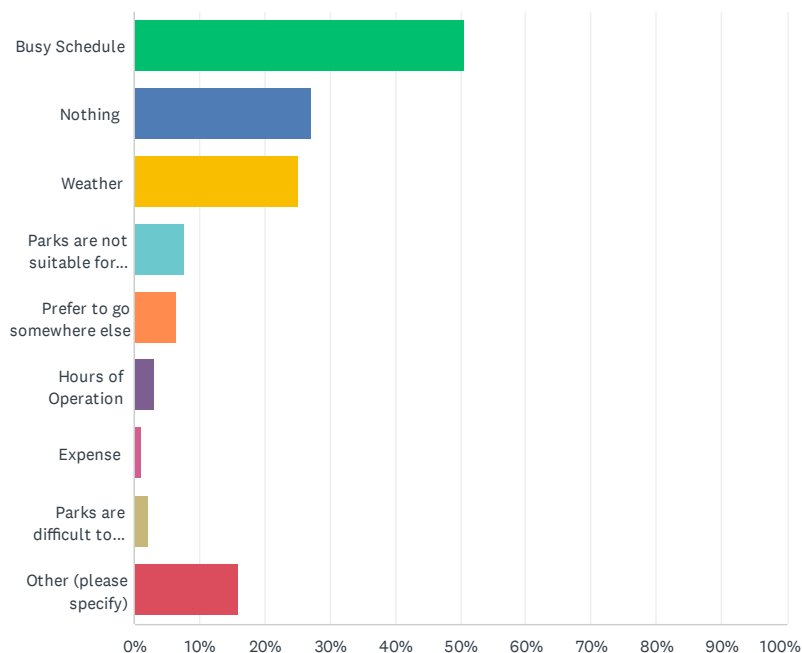
Answered: 962 Skipped: 97



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Busy Schedule	55.20%	531
Nothing	22.35%	215
Weather	12.99%	125
Facilities are not suitable for my activity	11.33%	109
Prefer to go somewhere else	6.24%	60
Hours of Operation	8.11%	78
Expense	10.71%	103
Facilities are difficult to locate	1.77%	17
Other (please specify)	16.01%	154
Total Respondents: 962		

Q13 What prevents you from visiting PARKS and AMENITIES more frequently? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 947 Skipped: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Busy Schedule	50.58%	479
Nothing	27.03%	256
Weather	25.13%	238
Parks are not suitable for my activity	7.71%	73
Prefer to go somewhere else	6.44%	61
Hours of Operation	2.96%	28
Expense	1.16%	11
Parks are difficult to locate	2.22%	21
Other (please specify)	15.95%	151
Total Respondents: 947		

Q14 Are there any programs or facilities not currently offered by the Farmington Hills Special services Department that you would like to see added?

Answered: 344 Skipped: 715

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Buy some golf simulators to put inside the Hawk. It would be a huge money maker since the driving range is always busy	11/8/2023 5:29 PM
2	Advanced Yoga classes at The Hawk in Fitness Room 368. Cycling and other fitness classes in a room on the 3rd floor. The current main fitness room is not a suitable room for the most effective group exercising for most because there is constant distraction. It is loud, there is nonstop activity happening all around the room and people looking in. You would have better attendance and weekly loyalty, if your main fitness room was upstairs, secluded and only certain classes were offered in the current main fitness room. Upstairs it is quieter, you have natural lighting, minimal distractions, and it's overall a better user experience every time I take a class up there versus downstairs. Another suggestion is 45 minute cycling classes. Also I think it would be helpful to have the class schedule included on the main screen in the gym lobby.	11/7/2023 3:57 PM
3	No	11/6/2023 6:45 PM
4	Need more swimming classes for young kids. This might be limited by # of lifeguards. Either none available or you're not paying enough	11/6/2023 3:12 PM
5	I would love to see more hours for senior citizens at the Costick Pool	11/5/2023 2:02 PM
6	areas in parks dedicated to seniors with applicable activities	11/4/2023 5:44 PM
7	Please close the Costick Center and move the senior programs to the Hawk. No more tax increases.	11/3/2023 8:03 PM
8	More choices in winter months for inside activities	11/2/2023 4:00 PM
9	More bike paths	11/2/2023 3:20 PM
10	More affordable activities for kids and adults. More family crafts.	11/1/2023 11:12 AM
11	The the Hawk, the old HSS music part of the building show be made into a RENTAL for all types of bands to rehearse or record.	10/31/2023 11:43 PM
12	more programs for those with special needs (autism) and their siblings	10/31/2023 10:46 PM
13	More classic music concerts	10/31/2023 10:41 PM
14	availability of rental of e-bikes and pickle ball equipment with additional pickle ball courts	10/31/2023 9:58 PM
15	Outdoor pools for summer use. Size should be competition appropriate so summer swim teams could be formed and compete with area swim clubs.	10/31/2023 8:39 PM
16	NO	10/31/2023 3:40 PM
17	Shooting range where we can offer gun safety and shooting skills.	10/31/2023 2:54 PM
18	More activities for special needs individuals, more sports for high school aged individuals (sports programming goes until 8th grade and then begins again at adult).	10/31/2023 11:44 AM
19	Why wouldn't you include Farmington City in this survey and in your efforts to promote these sites & services. If someone one lives in Farmington but this service is for the FH special services the Farmington group could think this doesn't apply to them	10/31/2023 10:04 AM
20	Knitting for beginners Recorder ensemble class	10/31/2023 8:45 AM

21	More tween/teen activities.	10/31/2023 6:36 AM
22	Missing a Park at Sarah Fisher, 12 mile & Inkster	10/31/2023 12:28 AM
23	More hiking trails should be added. Also, more acres of nature.	10/30/2023 10:11 PM
24	Nature areas with bike trails and longer walking trails.	10/30/2023 10:03 PM
25	More Pickleball and Aquarobics hours at the Costick.	10/30/2023 6:36 PM
26	More aquatic sessions and additional times for adult fitness.	10/30/2023 5:32 PM
27	more 1-1 swim lessons	10/30/2023 5:10 PM
28	Sensory Friendly programming for special needs kids	10/30/2023 3:09 PM
29	Senior Housing near Costick Center	10/30/2023 1:39 PM
30	Yes. Tennis courts	10/30/2023 1:33 PM
31	Please consider building a lap pool for fitness swimmers.	10/30/2023 1:21 PM
32	no	10/30/2023 12:53 PM
33	There are so many parks but few if any that you can walk dogs on the trails or ride bikes on the trails	10/30/2023 12:52 PM
34	More deep water aerobics times at the Costick center, exercise class at Jon Grant....	10/30/2023 12:14 PM
35	Another golf course would be great!! Livonia has 3 city courses.	10/30/2023 12:05 PM
36	Senior Citizen Day Trips like West Bloomfield.	10/30/2023 11:16 AM
37	More before and after care for some of the kids summer camps.	10/30/2023 10:12 AM
38	More tribute band concerts Trivia More floral craft one day projects Water aerobics in evening Lazy river at Hawk	10/30/2023 9:38 AM
39	Connected bike/walk paths	10/30/2023 9:23 AM
40	Connected trails, even with neighboring cities.	10/30/2023 9:11 AM
41	The new pool at the Hawk is ok, but small and usually quite crowded. I would prefer to support our community, but Livonia pool and exercise facility is definitely better. It would be great to have a public outdoor pool as well	10/30/2023 7:49 AM
42	More classical music concerts and yoga and fitness classes.	10/29/2023 8:58 PM
43	Open Volleyball at the Hawk	10/29/2023 8:17 PM
44	At Hawk WiFi is spotty! Also should have cable/internet on treadmill as other gyms havd	10/29/2023 6:57 PM
45	A dog park on the west side of the city would be great!	10/29/2023 5:01 PM
46	I think the programs are varied and interesting. I hope to participate more when my schedule permits.	10/29/2023 2:00 PM
47	Basketball courts, more family friendly playgrounds! More scheduled options for kids in the programming i.e. Christmas activities, Easter activites that have more than only 4 or 5 time and day options that get snatched up so quickly!	10/29/2023 1:10 PM
48	Outdoor water activities such as kayaking and paddleboarding	10/29/2023 11:25 AM
49	? Don't know the schedule, so can't answer	10/29/2023 10:40 AM
50	We go to Kensington a lot to take long walks on a paved path because we don't want to get our shoes muddy. So a nice paved walking path would be nice.	10/29/2023 9:36 AM
51	Anything for adults of non-retirement age.	10/28/2023 11:43 PM
52	Tours	10/28/2023 4:36 PM
53	No	10/28/2023 4:19 PM
54	It would be great if there were a park it trail maintained by the city in the northeaster corner of	10/28/2023 2:54 PM

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	the city	
55	n/a	10/28/2023 1:35 PM
56	Lower cost to use the Hawk on day passes	10/28/2023 12:20 PM
57	Please add pickleball courts to founders sports park. Thank you.	10/28/2023 11:49 AM
58	Meeting space for 20-60 people is needed in the northwest quadrant of the City. Use for homeowner meeting and local clubs. Might be an agreement with the schools or fire department.	10/28/2023 10:58 AM
59	More senior swim options to accommodate the new senior housing behind Costick Center	10/28/2023 10:48 AM
60	more non-exercise activities: lectures, guest speakers, topics targeted to seniors, educational series/events; early evening activities for seniors Add more pickleball classes but do not construct more outdoor courts--pickleball will lose popularity in a little bit.	10/28/2023 9:40 AM
61	Protected bike trails between facilities	10/28/2023 8:34 AM
62	Can you do something about the local TV station? I am sorry to say, the only people liking the 'local' entertainment which seems to be on 'all the time', are relatives of the entertainers. Either they are awful, or the sound system is awful. It is an embarassment to our city that this type of viewing is on so frequently. Possibly view this on FB or some social media..but take it off local TV. Tell us more about all the services and parks and not just the Hawk, or a few of the parks. Our library needs improvement too.	10/28/2023 8:20 AM
63	Would love a gym with a running and walking track	10/28/2023 8:13 AM
64	cycling paths throughout the city	10/28/2023 8:00 AM
65	programs for children and parents on nature identification of plants and animals. what is dangerous and what to avoid. what to do if you are lost in the woods. what you should have with you when you are in the woods.	10/28/2023 3:05 AM
66	Fitness court similar to redford	10/27/2023 11:27 PM
67	Shade for pickleball courts seating. Adequate indoor pickleball courts	10/27/2023 10:54 PM
68	I'd like to see a skeet shooting range similar to River Bends park in Shelby Township. I regularly drive all the way to Shelby to enjoy shooting with my sons and family. I would much rather do this and pay the fee in my own community.	10/27/2023 10:40 PM
69	Programs and activities for the disabled, slightly challenged individuals	10/27/2023 10:13 PM
70	Online book clubs, speakers, programs. I currently am in just one online group.	10/27/2023 9:26 PM
71	Nicer playgrounds would be nice	10/27/2023 9:10 PM
72	more tennis options for tennis only and not pickleball	10/27/2023 8:55 PM
73	Better swim class times and open swim times. Also a lot of the classes scheduled for young kids (ages 4 and under) are scheduled during afternoon naptime, so we cannot come to them.	10/27/2023 8:53 PM
74	Adult Tennis in the spring and fall (not only the summer)	10/27/2023 8:52 PM
75	Advanced Swimming or a masters program for adults either on weekends or evenings.	10/27/2023 8:23 PM
76	No.	10/27/2023 6:40 PM
77	Soccer fields and baseball fields for kids. Need larger outdoor skating rink.handicapped play area is needed for kids	10/27/2023 5:58 PM
78	Seminars on various topics like science, history, etc. for adults not just kids	10/27/2023 5:28 PM
79	Education in holistic live/health/nutrition	10/27/2023 5:26 PM
80	connected trail system	10/27/2023 5:16 PM
81	Not at this time.	10/27/2023 5:14 PM
82	Silver sneakers	10/27/2023 4:49 PM

83	No	10/27/2023 4:13 PM
84	Parent/kid exercise classes or regular classes(not just for little kids, but pre-teen/teen)	10/27/2023 3:59 PM
85	Pickleball for younger kids. More swim class openings	10/27/2023 3:21 PM
86	More yoga classes for people under age 50. Maybe cheaper than the Hawk fees.	10/27/2023 3:17 PM
87	Would love to see an outdoor waterpark in our community center The Hawk.	10/27/2023 3:00 PM
88	If possible, a track chair like what Michigan state parks have would greatly increase accessibility at parks like Heritage park. Even having a powerchair or scooter would open up some trails and activities to residents with disabilities. Also increasing handicap parking spots at the Hawk even just for temporary events would be helpful for concerts and larger events	10/27/2023 2:35 PM
89	Floral arrangement classes would be nice.	10/27/2023 2:04 PM
90	After school nature center activities.	10/27/2023 1:57 PM
91	More Senior activities	10/27/2023 1:54 PM
92	More of the park allowing pets/dogs. Much easier access for elderly.	10/27/2023 1:39 PM
93	More classes for senior citizens	10/27/2023 1:38 PM
94	Purchase snow machine so kids can sled all winter	10/27/2023 1:33 PM
95	No	10/27/2023 1:12 PM
96	More hours for lap swim. Safe bike trails/lanes. Sprung floor for dance classes. Better heat/cool for activity classrooms (Ex. Conway Hall, Costick)	10/27/2023 12:55 PM
97	Bike trails	10/27/2023 12:47 PM
98	More art programs for kids - drop ins Music classes	10/27/2023 12:41 PM
99	cross country skiing	10/27/2023 12:39 PM
100	More pickleball easily accessible for youth and adult open play and programming, city youth wrestling team	10/27/2023 12:33 PM
101	A larger pool for open swim. The Costick is too small and not user friendly.	10/27/2023 12:27 PM
102	Youth (late elementary school) painting	10/27/2023 12:27 PM
103	Softball for older adults (60 & over)	10/27/2023 12:25 PM
104	Trips for seniors. Day and extended trips. More cultural speakers during the day. More cultural activities during the day	10/27/2023 12:17 PM
105	More free stuff from children 5 to 14 as far as activities sports a safe place to go to and stuff to keep them out of trouble	10/27/2023 12:17 PM
106	Tap dancing	10/27/2023 11:59 AM
107	Events and programs more accessible to the central part of the city but more ideal for me in the southern portion. Most programs seem to be in the northern part. I get that is due to the location of the HAWK and Costick. But their location is an issue for the west and southern portions. It seems like we have to deal with traffic and road construction to use any amenities or facilities outside of a normal park, an ice rink, or skate park. It feels like, and I've had many other community members communicate that it is bothersome as we pay taxes as well but it seems like the Eastern/Northern portions of the community get the best and most facilities outside of normal parks. Especially during winter or inclement weather. It seems like unless we skate we are out of luck.	10/27/2023 11:55 AM
108	More family oriented events	10/27/2023 11:42 AM
109	*Rollerblade hockey rink *Nature center needs to change it up once in awhile *Fishing areas	10/27/2023 11:38 AM
110	Outdoor pool	10/27/2023 11:30 AM
111	Cider Mill with Winery or Brewery. Similar to Northville.	10/27/2023 11:19 AM

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112	maybe more weekly meet-ups that can be spontaneous, like nature walks, photography nature walks,	10/27/2023 11:15 AM
113	FH Golf Course - need to update to online tee time reservations.	10/27/2023 11:02 AM
114	Would like nothing to be added to Heritage Park to keep it quite, peaceful and as close to nature as possible	10/27/2023 10:48 AM
115	Backboard on tennis courts	10/27/2023 10:20 AM
116	Outdoor Pool	10/26/2023 11:16 PM
117	They are parks, why over program them? Let people use the open space. Look at hines park or shiawasssee park. Open green space with designated activity space. Let people relax and create their own activity.	10/26/2023 9:23 PM
118	More pickleball other than at the Hawk. Too far to go on a routine basis.	10/26/2023 5:48 PM
119	Swim classes are not available in HAWK.	10/26/2023 4:40 PM
120	I would like to see a new pool for seniors. The Costick Center is decrepit.	10/26/2023 2:22 PM
121	PET FRIENDLY!	10/26/2023 2:12 PM
122	Full day preschool at the park, more toddler activities	10/26/2023 1:07 PM
123	Basketball leagues	10/26/2023 11:55 AM
124	It would be useful if the Costick Center used consistent, semester type scheduling so that seniors could pay for classes, activities, etc. through their hospitalization coverage: Peerfit, Silver Sneakers, etc.	10/26/2023 8:38 AM
125	Additional tennis and pickleball.	10/26/2023 5:19 AM
126	Baby-friendly activities, parent gathers (ways for parents to meet other parents)	10/25/2023 9:03 PM
127	self defense classes car maintenance for new drivers new home owner maintenance class	10/25/2023 8:11 PM
128	Outdoor pool, dogs allowed in parks	10/25/2023 7:47 PM
129	Great to create a botanical garden with accessible trails	10/25/2023 7:44 PM
130	More tennis courts especially at the Hawk	10/25/2023 6:39 PM
131	Outdoor swimming Biking trails X Country skiing	10/25/2023 6:34 PM
132	Don't shut down Hawks tennis courts!	10/25/2023 6:26 PM
133	Add Yang Tai Chi.	10/25/2023 4:47 PM
134	Pump Track	10/25/2023 4:35 PM
135	More skate parke	10/25/2023 1:56 PM
136	I would like to see more tennis courts. The ones at shiawasee park are outdated. The hawk ones are great but they are always full unless it's in the middle of the afternoon or late mornings. The FHS tennis courts needs updating, lots of cracks in those.	10/25/2023 1:48 PM
137	Keep Hawk Tennis Courts only for Tennis. Do not put pickleball lines on courts.	10/25/2023 1:40 PM
138	Transportation for elderly who cannot drive	10/25/2023 12:48 PM
139	It would be good to extend our rustic trail system for hiking/running. Also extend the amount of adult activities. We have a very large amount of senior activities but we need to focus on 20 - 50 year olds to keep both our workout/active and social activities relevant moving into the future.	10/25/2023 10:56 AM
140	We are so thrilled with the new art at city hall, the music and events, as well as the celebrations held each season! Thank you for all your efforts! We think this city and ALL its teams are doing great work!	10/25/2023 9:51 AM
141	A bike path would be very nice and an outdoor roller-skating area!	10/25/2023 9:39 AM
142	More baby/toddler activities 0-2 years.	10/25/2023 9:08 AM

143	I'd like to see more adult tennis programming	10/25/2023 9:03 AM
144	Pickleball! There are still not enough courts in our area.	10/25/2023 8:56 AM
145	More swimming classes for children	10/25/2023 8:39 AM
146	Longboarding Lessons! Hit me up 814-504-2358 I got you guys	10/25/2023 8:09 AM
147	More tennis class options. It's an awesome community but availability and number of classes means they fill quickly and there's limited options.	10/25/2023 7:25 AM
148	Not many events for millennial age (30 somethings) and young families	10/25/2023 7:00 AM
149	More tennis options. Indoor and outdoor. Pickleball indoor BUT SEPARATE facilities. Using multiple lines is distracting.	10/25/2023 5:43 AM
150	There should be another skatepark. If there was one at the hawk, that'd be great. Riley is kind of far.	10/25/2023 4:01 AM
151	Gardening	10/24/2023 10:40 PM
152	Indoor skatepark so people in the community can get together all year round, and lights at the skate park too for the summer	10/24/2023 9:30 PM
153	Indoor skatepark Lights around Riley's skate park	10/24/2023 9:28 PM
154	Indoor skateboarding park	10/24/2023 9:25 PM
155	I'd like to see archery offered year round and education classes on nature	10/24/2023 9:15 PM
156	We should have more Tennis courts.	10/24/2023 8:56 PM
157	Pump track for bmx and skateboards.	10/24/2023 8:50 PM
158	None	10/24/2023 8:07 PM
159	None	10/24/2023 5:07 PM
160	more outdoor trail/bike/run paths	10/24/2023 4:38 PM
161	Woud love to see more photography classes added into the arts rotation via Farmington Hills Special Services; I'm also only aware of 2 sets of trails (Heritage Park and Woodland Hills) and would love more trail systems. We do most of our hiking outside of FH.	10/24/2023 3:58 PM
162	More tennis courts	10/24/2023 3:33 PM
163	More tennis courts	10/24/2023 1:52 PM
164	Volleyball for kids and adults, winter tennis	10/24/2023 1:45 PM
165	Sewing	10/24/2023 1:36 PM
166	More tennis courts, or fixing dilapidated courts at other parks. A nice shaded area to wait for tennis courts when they are full.	10/24/2023 1:19 PM
167	Tennis claases, Affordable Personal swim lessons	10/24/2023 1:12 PM
168	More tennis courts!	10/24/2023 12:34 PM
169	Additional tennis programs	10/24/2023 12:34 PM
170	We currently only have 5 tennis courts at hawk, which are in good condition. The tennis courts at shiawassee Park are in really bad shape. There are no lights to use the courts, sometimes we have to go to Troy or Novi to be able to play tennis in the evening. We need to promote tennis in Farmington hills	10/24/2023 12:28 PM
171	Coding Animation	10/24/2023 12:25 PM
172	More tennis courts	10/24/2023 12:24 PM
173	More instructional tennis in more locations. It would be nice if Parks and Rec could partner more with the school facilities to offer more options in additional locations.	10/24/2023 12:23 PM
174	Chess	10/24/2023 12:04 PM

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175	No	10/23/2023 11:55 AM
176	There are so many activities for all ages and interests. Keep the Costick pool as it is or perhaps upgrade the facility, but do not close or alter the schedule. We need it for our health, both mental and mental. We have many friends there.	10/23/2023 8:59 AM
177	No	10/22/2023 5:08 PM
178	Bike trails	10/22/2023 12:28 PM
179	I'm new to town and haven't had enough opportunity to explore. Bar class at the hawk	10/21/2023 9:20 PM
180	Motown ballroom dancing	10/21/2023 8:34 PM
181	Should be more basketball courts available	10/21/2023 7:24 PM
182	The city needs its own CERT program.	10/20/2023 10:39 PM
183	roller hockey or ball hockey - there's tons of hockey players (young and older) in Farmington Hills but only ice hockey rinks - no places to play roller hockey or ball hockey. Currently I have to travel to Ferndale to access the nearest park with an outdoor roller hockey rink.	10/20/2023 9:31 PM
184	Tai chi	10/20/2023 12:51 PM
185	More activities during the day for parents with young children.	10/20/2023 3:26 AM
186	Reinstate Weekly social dance at Costick Center. Give us a dance class on a week night that is not a beginner level or advanced class! Intermediate dancers have no weeknight options!	10/19/2023 8:08 PM
187	More variety of sports for youth Beginner	10/19/2023 6:22 PM
188	Restoration of nature and wildlife that the city has destroyed.	10/19/2023 5:54 PM
189	More homeschool programs or programs for older kids during the day, not evening hours.	10/19/2023 5:07 PM
190	Bike Trail	10/19/2023 4:03 PM
191	Yes, I would like to see a non-golf course park in the area of the northwest corner of the city.	10/19/2023 12:54 PM
192	Papercrafting crops (ie. Cards, scrapbooks) at the Hawk that don't require membership but a small fee depending on what's included and open to non-residents.	10/18/2023 11:00 PM
193	Disability friendly water aerobics and changing rooms.	10/18/2023 9:14 PM
194	Activities for developmentally disabled Participation in Oakland county monthly events for disabled adults	10/18/2023 8:10 PM
195	After school programs for children	10/18/2023 4:40 PM
196	More health and fitness classes at both Hawk and Costick (especially for 18-49 year old taxpayers)	10/18/2023 2:38 PM
197	One comment about the Hawk. Amazing facility, very happy here, but what would put it over the top would be a sauna and hot tub. I was a member of the Livonia Rec Center for years and it really made quite the difference, especially during winter seasons. The only thing that the Hawk is lacking.	10/18/2023 1:15 PM
198	As a non-resident, I'm not sure, but a barrier-free playground in the area for children in wheelchairs or with limited mobility would be fantastic for my students and their families!! Families have also told me that they are reluctant to take their children to playgrounds that are not fully fenced-in and gated. Please and thank you from this special education preschool teacher ☺. I would love to pass along any information about upcoming events to my families. Is there a way or website for me to get this information? My work email is elizabeth.barr@fpsk12.net. Thank you again!	10/18/2023 7:13 AM
199	Free dog park or walking trails with dogs	10/18/2023 12:44 AM
200	Dog pics with Santa (like Novi has)	10/17/2023 11:18 PM
201	Transport	10/17/2023 4:57 PM
202	More pickle ball courts	10/17/2023 12:34 PM

203	More parks and green spaces. More short and level trail loops.	10/17/2023 12:06 PM
204	Need new restroom facilities at Founders and Heritage park. Need some shelters at Founders park since it is such a nice open space.	10/17/2023 11:09 AM
205	More set open swim hous at Costic More focus on adult only activities	10/17/2023 9:36 AM
206	Not really. I think the combined cities do a wonderful job. I'm so happy to live here!	10/16/2023 4:43 PM
207	Horseback riding/lessons	10/16/2023 3:59 PM
208	Wood working facilities and equipment. Home and DYI class instructions	10/16/2023 9:42 AM
209	add adult swim only during certain times of the day or week.	10/16/2023 8:40 AM
210	No	10/15/2023 6:48 PM
211	We'd like to see more night hikes at heritage we really love them	10/15/2023 6:34 PM
212	Disc golf course, it is a fast growing sport and is relatively low cost compared to other offerings.	10/15/2023 3:51 PM
213	Indoor walking track in the Hawk. Uncrowded basketball hoops practice areas.	10/15/2023 2:56 PM
214	Indoor play structure for toddlers and young kids. Would use very frequently in winter months and cold/rainy weather.	10/15/2023 1:53 PM
215	More low cost weekend/ evening art and exercise classes for adults.	10/15/2023 12:39 PM
216	Because our roads are so bad for bicycles, we really need a mountain bike trail. For example, we just redid Farninton rd from 12-mile... and not even a shoulder for south bound cyclist. Woodland Hills could have a mountain bike course around the perimeter. Or heritage park could.	10/15/2023 8:35 AM
217	Although Zumba and other group fitness classes are offered at the Hawk, they are not as "fun" as other offerings in the area. Would be great to have some way to do meetups for people of similar interests.	10/14/2023 9:40 PM
218	There is lack of basketball courts!	10/14/2023 9:06 PM
219	More art activities for ages 10 plus. They've taken clay and multi-media multiple times.	10/14/2023 3:24 PM
220	More art classes for ages 6 and up. Summer art program for kids. Or select art classes/ for kids who have submitted work or show exceptional talent. A youth choir 6 and up. More select art type groups for kids with actual talent. Cooking classes for adults or kids. Free yoga for community once a month!	10/14/2023 3:14 PM
221	Disc Golf near 12 mile.	10/14/2023 2:49 PM
222	We need bike trails like the walking trails at heritage park.	10/14/2023 2:38 PM
223	More accessible spaces for bikes and pets	10/14/2023 1:40 PM
224	Some kind of activities or events for kids/adults with special needs	10/14/2023 8:01 AM
225	I love all the programs offered at the nature center. There is something for all ages, and not just kids and families but people without kids too!	10/14/2023 7:46 AM
226	Now that we have a the Hawk, I would like to see The Costick Center updated some, especially the pool and locker room. There aren't many options at The Costick to host an event with your own food either from my understanding.	10/14/2023 5:53 AM
227	African American Hair braiding classes.	10/13/2023 11:33 PM
228	More offerings for summer camps	10/13/2023 9:08 PM
229	We were disappointed when the kids nature trail at Heritage took away the outdoor hut, but overall we love the trail and Heritage. It's a great park. I don't know why Shiawassee wasn't on the list but we love that one as well.	10/13/2023 3:39 PM
230	I think people should be able to walk their dogs in any of the public parks	10/13/2023 2:19 PM
231	More programming for toddlers during evenings and weekends/that don't assume a stay at	10/13/2023 1:39 PM

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232	Dogs allowed at Heritage Park trails	10/13/2023 1:27 PM
233	Baking program.	10/13/2023 12:59 PM
234	I would just like sunshade sails at the heritage park play scape and near the splash pad	10/13/2023 12:50 PM
235	I don't really know what programs are offered for the park in all honesty I think it would be great for the community if we had like a bulletin board or something at the park that shows what programs/events are offered for us	10/13/2023 12:24 PM
236	Allow dogs on park trails. At least at Woodland Hills. Please!	10/13/2023 12:01 PM
237	Outdoor fitness classes	10/13/2023 11:32 AM
238	Indoor track for fitness	10/13/2023 11:21 AM
239	I have interest in doing more of the artistic activities like pottery and drawing classes - but frequently they are offered during the day when I am working or they are very long (3 hours in the evening). I like it when there are class offerings on the weekends or they are just 1 day/meeting. I also like when supplies and materials are included in the cost.	10/13/2023 11:00 AM
240	Family events are only geared towards younger kids.	10/13/2023 10:55 AM
241	Special needs programs for kids	10/13/2023 10:45 AM
242	extensive bicycle trails paved	10/13/2023 6:42 AM
243	More water aerobics please!	10/12/2023 7:13 PM
244	Music program elementary age kids.	10/12/2023 7:00 PM
245	Senior programs in the evening and on weekends. More adult activities in the evening and weekends such as art classes. Not all seniors are old and feeble, a lot of us still work.	10/12/2023 4:08 PM
246	More camping! Overall very satisfied tho	10/12/2023 2:27 PM
247	Love the Nature programs! Wish there were more and the Nature Center facility was updated/larger.	10/12/2023 12:38 PM
248	Nothing. I don't want to have a "Cedar Point" in my Park.	10/12/2023 10:32 AM
249	MORE natural habitat. Less grass. More native Michigan species plants.	10/12/2023 9:29 AM
250	Saturday morning yoga at the Hawk	10/12/2023 6:44 AM
251	I would like to see fully fenced area around playgrounds with childproof gates (like at pools). Especially at Shiawassee by the creek.	10/11/2023 11:32 PM
252	All parking lots in parks open on Holidays esp Heritage by the amphitheater- elderly cannot walk up the hill and some need to drive into that parking lot to pick up	10/11/2023 10:01 PM
253	Indoor pickleball at night and on the weekends	10/11/2023 8:04 PM
254	Bike trails safe for kids	10/11/2023 6:58 PM
255	No	10/11/2023 6:01 PM
256	Outdoor water park with slides etc. Better varieties of food offerings. Food trucks days are a possibility at the facilities. Upgrade the gym at hawk acoustics are awful for any event held there also need sound damping dividers for multi events. Indoor walking track for winters. Upgrade the city parks playground equipment.	10/11/2023 5:48 PM
257	Programs geared towards young adults: Adult movie nights. Affordable drop-in yoga classes (we love outdoor classes!). Craft and hobby clubs are gaining popularity among YA, especially when promoted on instagram. Ex. Monthly art night for artists to meet & network, knitting circles for hobbyists to knit/crochet together, etc. Designated or scheduled quiet spaces- for reading, studying, quiet hobbies, and sensory sensitive kids and adults. (libraries are no longer reliable quiet spaces).	10/11/2023 5:14 PM
258	I would love to see free transportation for disabled adult residents expanded for recreational purposes. I would go to the Hawk ALL THE TIME!!	10/11/2023 4:28 PM

259	Better bathrooms for soccer fields at founders AED machine at soccer and baseball at Founder's	10/11/2023 4:14 PM
260	Please add an INDOOR walking track. Farmington Hills has lots and lots of outdoor walking options/locations. Nothing when the weather turns bad or dark.	10/11/2023 3:27 PM
261	Improved marketing of art classes, especially weaving.	10/11/2023 2:25 PM
262	You have many great programs offered but you need to do a better job of promoting the arts programs at the Hawk.	10/11/2023 1:37 PM
263	Art classes for homeschool, weekday afternoons	10/11/2023 1:34 PM
264	More art classes at The Hawk.	10/11/2023 1:02 PM
265	Weekends and evening indoor pickleball	10/11/2023 12:48 PM
266	1 is transportation I dont have any from Independence Green Apts where my husband and I live when he is not at home. I am 56 and dont drive. I wish I could use the Hawk, the Farmington Hills library & the Costick Center a lot more and even the Senior Center and I WISH there was a PLAYGROUND to take my grandson too that is a close by walking distance to my apt complex at Grand River and Halsted there are NONE close by walking distance and I cant figure out WHY there is not any playground for the many kids and grandkids who live at or visit Independence Green Apts either I know you dont have control of that but why is there NO Playground even a close by WALKING distance anywhere?	10/11/2023 2:22 AM
267	Perhaps another golf course. Livonia has 3 city courses.	10/10/2023 11:34 PM
268	Honestly, we didn't even know some of these places existed before taking the survey! We love what is offered!	10/10/2023 9:21 PM
269	No	10/10/2023 5:44 PM
270	More swim classes	10/10/2023 12:02 PM
271	The nature center is great, I would love to see more programs/sites set up like it for young people to learn more about their surroundings	10/10/2023 11:01 AM
272	Increase in activities at the Hawk, indoor walking track and lower cost for seniors for classes. It is not a welcoming environment. Please visit the Livonia Rec center for a good model	10/10/2023 10:54 AM
273	More jazz and r&b concerts	10/10/2023 9:00 AM
274	More under 18+ classes	10/10/2023 8:34 AM
275	Weekend water exercise. More weekend classes	10/10/2023 8:10 AM
276	More bus service from Costick Center	10/10/2023 6:41 AM
277	A city golf championship.	10/10/2023 5:37 AM
278	Youth baseball/softball	10/9/2023 10:27 PM
279	More disc golf courses would be nice. Particularly in Farmington Hills and with a good wooded area.	10/9/2023 10:21 PM
280	Cardio Drumming.	10/9/2023 10:14 PM
281	Dog training classes, furniture refinishing class, wine tasting course, beer and food pairing dinners, how to start an online business like Etsy course, a good walking exercise station trail with quality equipment, outdoor sauna huts, a big outdoor ice rink with good food and drinks for sale, a snowmobile run with stops near good food joints, just think out of the box and get people out and about. Need more for adults.	10/9/2023 10:06 PM
282	More picnic shelters for rent would be nice	10/9/2023 10:01 PM
283	More lacrosse, for younger kids. Specifically girls	10/9/2023 9:55 PM
284	More adult beginner dance classes	10/9/2023 9:40 PM
285	More classes that are offered to 55+ for people that still work, after 5pm	10/9/2023 9:30 PM

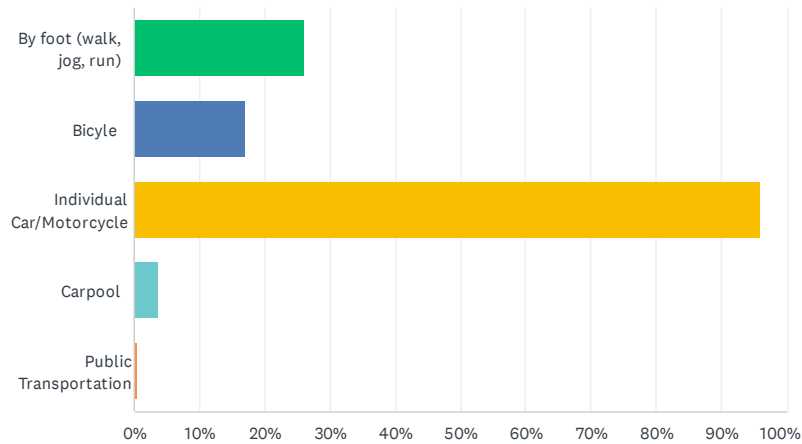
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286	Adult leagues for football, dodgeball, and basketball	10/9/2023 9:15 PM
287	More dance classes other than ballet for kids under 5	10/9/2023 8:47 PM
288	Adult only time and activities	10/9/2023 8:30 PM
289	Youth Wrestling Classes or Club	10/9/2023 8:07 PM
290	Allowing leashed dogs in all parks	10/9/2023 8:07 PM
291	Since we play all our baseball games at bond field I would like a bathroom other than the outhouse.	10/9/2023 7:58 PM
292	Yes. Offer some programs for the youth to teach them how to be a man i stead of losers that will contribute nothing to society.	10/9/2023 7:49 PM
293	Little Boy activities. All the activities are designed around Girls. le princess tea.	10/9/2023 7:42 PM
294	None. The Costick Center offers everything senior citizens require.	10/9/2023 4:22 PM
295	More parks that allow leashed dogs.	10/9/2023 10:34 AM
296	I Recently tried to find a space to play a tabletop RPG on a Friday evening. This proved very difficult. the Library closed too early (not saying they should be open later, just that it wasn't an option because they closed too early) but looked to see if there was anything available and found nothing that would work. Not sure of the solution either because nobody would want to work late on a Friday/Saturday night. But thought I would mention it	10/9/2023 8:20 AM
297	Nope	10/8/2023 8:48 PM
298	The regular meetings of the Michigan Botanical Society, which I recently joined, used to meet at the Spicer House, and was a great match for the mission and vision of Heritage Park and the Nature Center and a benefit to Farmington Hills residents. There meetings have moved to Rochester Hills, a long drive, in part I think due to renovation work at Spicer House. I wish you could entice them to return to our city.	10/8/2023 8:46 PM
299	Zumba	10/8/2023 7:45 PM
300	Just don't trash the Costic center there is no room for that at Hawk. We should have a senior center it is only decent !	10/8/2023 4:10 PM
301	Outdoor Basketball Courts	10/8/2023 3:01 PM
302	More nature center activities for kids!	10/8/2023 1:44 PM
303	Not sure, but will be retiring soon and plan to stay active and increase my participation in programs offered.	10/8/2023 1:19 PM
304	Racquetball, adult soccer leagues	10/8/2023 12:02 PM
305	Party bridge	10/8/2023 8:03 AM
306	Wallyball	10/8/2023 7:40 AM
307	Proper training pool. The Hawk was billed to be banded on Livonia Rec but the pool space do any actual swim training is poor. Have memberships at Waterford Kettering HS and LA Fitness to cover my athlete.	10/8/2023 12:23 AM
308	I want to see a continuation of the Costick Center and ALL it has to offer Seniors.	10/7/2023 1:48 PM
309	I would like to see the Spicer house kept up. It is in disrepair and looks very neglected. The house and site are a treasure.	10/6/2023 12:12 PM
310	Bike trails, or bike paths to get to the parks. I like riding there but there isn't a good path to it on bike. It's very dangerous from timberidge apartments.	10/6/2023 1:20 AM
311	No	10/5/2023 9:17 PM
312	More park trails to take dogs on	10/5/2023 5:47 PM
313	W Bloomfield and Plymouth parks offer buildings that can be rented by residents for parties etc. These buildings have heat, bathroom facilities and gorgeous outdoor porch areas. We need these for Heritage Park!	10/5/2023 5:33 PM

314	I think it is very important to keep a separate senior center. The costick center is definitely in need of repair. But we don't want to move to the hawk. Love the luncheons, classes and events!	10/5/2023 5:18 PM
315	Hiring of FH or F residents who have ASD for jobs within the facilities besides cleaning.	10/5/2023 2:36 PM
316	Keep the costick senior center open as a place for seniors to be comfortable	10/5/2023 1:22 PM
317	Robotics club for kids. Ballroom dance at the Hawk so we can drop off kids during the couples class.	10/5/2023 12:56 PM
318	Track at the Hawk. Outside pickle ball courts at costick	10/5/2023 10:53 AM
319	nOne	10/5/2023 10:36 AM
320	Leave Costick center open for 50 and over!	10/5/2023 9:26 AM
321	No	10/4/2023 8:37 PM
322	More Bike trails that connect to existing Oakland and Wayne Co trails please	10/4/2023 4:02 PM
323	Would love to have more water aerobics outside of normal working hours so more folks can take advantage; more sections of youth classes	10/4/2023 1:00 PM
324	Pickle ball	10/3/2023 6:59 PM
325	Music instruction (currently trying to self-teach chorale sight reading)	10/3/2023 2:18 PM
326	Bigger variety of "classes" for senior retirees on more subjects- history, travel, world events, and other enrichment type programs	10/3/2023 1:08 PM
327	Lack of outdoor public pickleball courts. Check out Livonia. It has at least 3 (Bicentennial, Sheldon, Compton); lack of walking & bike trails	10/3/2023 11:14 AM
328	Activities for singles (games, outings, bus trips)	10/3/2023 3:12 AM
329	more walking trails that are marked and join other places	10/2/2023 10:14 PM
330	Mother/Daughter classes in jewelry, or sometype of household item	10/2/2023 9:13 PM
331	Over 50 programs in the evening...many of us still work full time.	10/2/2023 7:45 PM
332	Large outdoor water park.	10/2/2023 6:49 PM
333	We pay a large amount of property taxes, so the facilities that charge senior residents, or any resident, for every little activity is a grab for money, and I find it offensive so we do not go to activities that charge.	10/2/2023 6:08 PM
334	No	10/2/2023 5:07 PM
335	Bow hunt of the deer herd - charge the hunters a nominal fee and have them keep one and donate the second to a homeless shelter! The local deer herd needs to be culled!	10/1/2023 9:06 PM
336	more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts	10/1/2023 7:29 PM
337	More lap swimming	9/29/2023 8:57 PM
338	More pickleball in the evenings for seniors.	9/29/2023 5:06 PM
339	A new senior center at the HAWK	9/29/2023 11:51 AM
340	Weight loss program	9/28/2023 4:19 PM
341	You're doing great.	9/28/2023 1:04 PM
342	Need more pickleball	9/28/2023 9:35 AM
343	I'd love to see more arts and crafts activities like pottery and mosaics offered. Would love to see tennis leagues.	9/27/2023 5:01 PM
344	updated Costick Center	9/27/2023 4:28 PM

Q15 What type of transportation do you use to access Farmington Hills' parks and facilities? Please check all that apply.

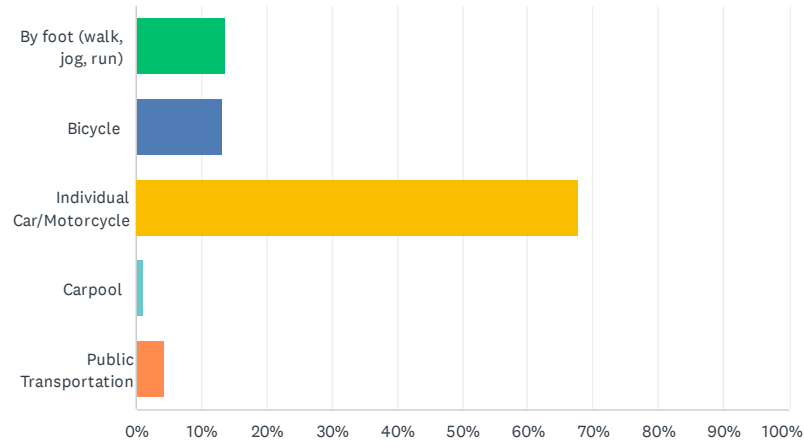
Answered: 977 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
By foot (walk, jog, run)	26.00%	254
Bicycle	16.99%	166
Individual Car/Motorcycle	96.01%	938
Carpool	3.68%	36
Public Transportation	0.51%	5
Total Respondents: 977		

Q16 What would be your preferred method of transportation to access Farmington Hills' parks and facilities? Please check all that apply.

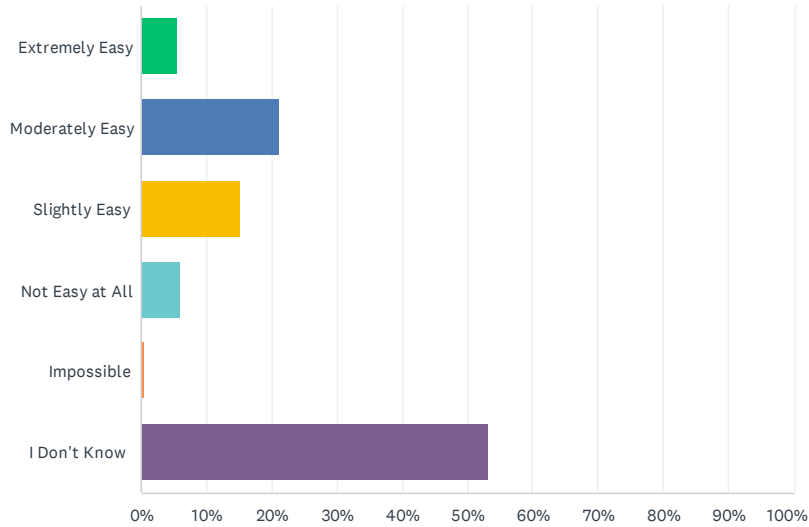
Answered: 941 Skipped: 118



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
By foot (walk, jog, run)	13.71%	129
Bicycle	13.18%	124
Individual Car/Motorcycle	67.80%	638
Carpool	1.06%	10
Public Transportation	4.25%	40
TOTAL		941

Q17 How easy is it for people with disabilities, elderly, or mobility constrained to access Farmington Hills' PARKS and FACILITIES?

Answered: 913 Skipped: 146



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Extremely Easy	5.59% 51
Moderately Easy	21.03% 192
Slightly Easy	15.22% 139
Not Easy at All	6.02% 55
Impossible	0.44% 4
I Don't Know	53.12% 485
Total Respondents: 913	

Q18 Farmington Hills Special Services Department prides itself in offering programs, services and events for all ages, interests, and abilities. If there are any portions of the population that you feel may be underserved, what FACILITIES or considerations could be added to enhance the parks and recreation experience for those residents and guests?

Answered: 248 Skipped: 811

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keep costick center open. Would be nice if the front desk was open longer	11/6/2023 3:12 PM
2	seniors	11/4/2023 5:44 PM
3	Please close the Costick Center and move the senior programs to the Hawk. No more tax increases.	11/3/2023 8:03 PM
4	there could be better facilities for families with young kids - not many programs for the toddler ages. Could help bring more families to the community.	11/3/2023 1:39 PM
5	Making the cost more affordable. Alot of the programs give a break for being a resident but it is still to expensive.	11/1/2023 11:12 AM
6	My family and I attended a family game night, and we enjoyed it very much. It was something that my whole family could participate in, as we have a family member with Autism. We would love to see more family inclusive events, for this reason. We all sometimes need to be together, as it is easiest for us.	10/31/2023 10:46 PM
7	availability of rental of e-bikes for elderly or weaker bikers	10/31/2023 9:58 PM
8	It would be nice to have the parking lot at Woodland Hills perhaps expanded and somehow monitored (I do not feel safe leaving my car in the lot as it feels isolated from view)	10/31/2023 8:50 PM
9	I am concerned what will happen to senior programming when the Costick Center gets sold. Especially Meals in Wheels because the Costick Center has a commercial kitchen and I don't know if the Hawk does or not.	10/31/2023 8:39 PM
10	The parks are overused already as it is. We do not need more people coming here.	10/31/2023 6:43 PM
11	NONE	10/31/2023 3:40 PM
12	Residents of Farmington to be included in FH efforts.	10/31/2023 10:04 AM
13	Disabled	10/31/2023 8:45 AM
14	Working parents	10/31/2023 7:43 AM
15	teens/tweens Most youth programs are for 12 under or over 18. Teens are not allowed to do the open art. My son did the teen wheel throwing class twice, but can't do anything else.	10/31/2023 6:36 AM
16	Retool Costick Center esp. pool for all ages	10/31/2023 5:19 AM
17	Missing a Park at Sarah Fisher, 12 mile & Inkster	10/31/2023 12:28 AM
18	I am interested in more wilderness. Nature trails are only provided by the park service, please make that a focus.	10/30/2023 10:11 PM
19	It would be nice to have programming for seniors available to all adults.	10/30/2023 10:03 PM
20	Paved pathways for those in wheelchairs young and old, accessible playgrounds	10/30/2023 3:09 PM
21	Replace Costick center with new lap pool, Meals on Wheels kitchen and meeting rooms by building new facilities at the Hawk along the freeway per consultant report	10/30/2023 2:10 PM

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22	Tennis courts	10/30/2023 1:33 PM
23	Please consider a lap pool and therapeutic whirlpool for seniors.	10/30/2023 1:21 PM
24	no	10/30/2023 12:53 PM
25	There are so many parks but few if any that you can walk dogs on the trails or ride bikes on the trails	10/30/2023 12:52 PM
26	I think the cost of the Hawk offerings are too high. I liked the old punch card option where classes could be \$7.00 instead of \$9. The pool there was not designed well. So much was invested there and many families are not able to afford it. I hope the Costick center remains as an option for seniors....it's the best pool for water aerobics...	10/30/2023 12:14 PM
27	Senior citizen day trips on city bus like West Bloomfield.	10/30/2023 11:16 AM
28	Costick Center needs upgrades. Would like a lap pool. Costick pool is good for seniors, but it is too hot for swimming laps	10/30/2023 9:57 AM
29	The range of offerings is great; I appreciate that offerings are also based on levels of past participation and that some activities cannot be offered every season.	10/29/2023 2:00 PM
30	Our son is wheelchair bound and it is very difficult for him to maneuver his chair at most every park and site we have visited in Farmington Hills.	10/29/2023 1:10 PM
31	Child-free adults of non-retirement age are severely underserved by the facilities.	10/28/2023 11:43 PM
32	Make all hiking trails and facilities as accessible as possible. As a person with a physical disability, this is crucial.	10/28/2023 12:20 PM
33	more pre-school classes	10/28/2023 8:00 AM
34	Lower-income parents find that they do not want to participate with their kids because they can't afford the costs of equipment. costs for fees are also a problem. Many don't have a way to search for help or services that could supply the needs of our young. perhaps fliers sent home with children for parents can use to call for support. too many parents dont like to ask for charity.	10/28/2023 3:05 AM
35	More parks with walking trails and allow dogs	10/27/2023 11:27 PM
36	Events for the impaired, less mobile and slightly disabled	10/27/2023 10:13 PM
37	Online programs, especially at night. Much is missed when programs are in person only.	10/27/2023 9:26 PM
38	keep tennis and pickle ball separate please. there is already sufficient pickle ball courts and less tennis courts for even official USTA games	10/27/2023 8:55 PM
39	Handicapped play area. Outdoor skating rink. Need soccer and baseball fields. Outdoor amphitheater	10/27/2023 5:58 PM
40	Meeting rooms available for clubs, crafts, games, books, etc. organized by staff	10/27/2023 5:28 PM
41	The Costick Center needs urgent updates for seniors. The location is perfect, but parking is limited. A shuttle system for elderly people would be great.	10/27/2023 5:26 PM
42	adult seniors	10/27/2023 5:05 PM
43	Tennis courts	10/27/2023 4:15 PM
44	NA	10/27/2023 4:13 PM
45	Having an adult changing table available for those that are disabled or otherwise could use such facilities to better leave their own home and be part of the community would be a huge step for the disabled community in Farmington Hills and beyond.	10/27/2023 2:35 PM
46	greater variety of programs to suit our diverse community	10/27/2023 2:06 PM
47	Seniors who voted to fund the Hawk and were told the Costick Center would be upgraded to be the Senior Center. The council and others appear to be backing away from this commitment to the Senior Population. The Hawk pool is not suitable for all seniors. It is cold, too shallow, and extremely difficult to hear in. The laps lanes are not regulation, and you can't dive into the pool.	10/27/2023 1:54 PM

48	Easier access to seniors. Activities for 16-18 year olds.	10/27/2023 1:39 PM
49	More classes for senior citizens with disabilities.	10/27/2023 1:38 PM
50	My biggest concern is servicing the older members of our community because that is our fastest growing group of individuals in our city of Farmington and Farmington hills.	10/27/2023 1:07 PM
51	The activities at Costick Center are affordable to almost everyone but not the Hawk. Please do not shut down Costick Center or make it more affordable to use the Hawk.	10/27/2023 12:58 PM
52	Free options that are open to the public or residents and their guests.	10/27/2023 12:47 PM
53	Introduce your parks; had no idea some of these places existed not what they have to offer	10/27/2023 12:41 PM
54	?	10/27/2023 12:39 PM
55	More game nights, pickleball, youth activities like basketball and wrestling, youth educational programming for science	10/27/2023 12:33 PM
56	Water aerobics classes later, deeper pool at the Hawk (terrible for water exercise—reason Costick needs to stay open)	10/27/2023 12:19 PM
57	More day time senior activities. Day trips Short trips to Midland to Dow Gardens, Meijer Gardens.	10/27/2023 12:17 PM
58	Free swimming pool for residents outside pools more splash pads something like Livonia rec center a lot of pools that are outside like Livonia has if you are a member of the rec center you get access to the swimming pools that they have Farmington Hills is very big and has more money than Livonia and I feel they have better quality of things I find myself going there more with the kids then at the hawk	10/27/2023 12:17 PM
59	Seniors- When u asked for monies when the Hawk was being considered we were told Costick would remain and updated. Do what was stated; Seniors supported the bond for the Hawk.	10/27/2023 11:58 AM
60	Education/recreational programs at one of the western or southern portions of the city. i.e. the ice rink. I very much wish we had a south western community center to match the one in the north east. With school/work hours. My family very rarely has the time to do anything at the Costik Center. It actually has been a few years and we have never used the Hawk. It just doesn't seem worth it as it would take 30 minutes to get their if not longer due to traffic/road construction. Then when that is alleviated, Winter, we have to deal with terrible roads.	10/27/2023 11:55 AM
61	Teens	10/27/2023 11:43 AM
62	The parking lots could be fixed	10/27/2023 11:38 AM
63	Add copy machine to HAWK... checked in August, none at the time!	10/26/2023 11:16 PM
64	Those people that enjoy trails and nature. You keep taking away that aspect of the parks.	10/26/2023 9:23 PM
65	Heritage Park I think could use some showers	10/26/2023 7:41 PM
66	Seniors -particularly in the SW end of FH	10/26/2023 5:48 PM
67	Enhanced Programming at the Costick Center....pickle ball and aquatics	10/26/2023 2:46 PM
68	Families with pet!	10/26/2023 2:12 PM
69	Free activities for parents and baby's/toddlers, more toddler and baby swim classes	10/26/2023 1:07 PM
70	Teaching youth sports	10/26/2023 11:55 AM
71	The "carryout" aspect of lunches is missed. I realize socialization of seniors is important, but many need nutritional help but cannot stay away for home for an hour or so due to caregiving responsibilities.	10/26/2023 8:38 AM
72	More tennis courts	10/26/2023 1:18 AM
73	Dog walkers	10/25/2023 7:47 PM
74	Working adults - not enough offerings to allow working adults to participate in classes or workshops. People over 50 still work full time ya know!	10/25/2023 7:44 PM
75	None at this time.	10/25/2023 6:59 PM

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76	Tennis players	10/25/2023 6:39 PM
77	Tennis players	10/25/2023 6:26 PM
78	N/a	10/25/2023 4:45 PM
79	No	10/25/2023 4:37 PM
80	Resurface the skate park	10/25/2023 4:35 PM
81	Carving out some space at Heritage for a dog park	10/25/2023 3:59 PM
82	maintain the Willaim Costick center and stop dumping so much of the tax payers money into the Hawk. I have walked out of the hawk too many times for bad vibes	10/25/2023 1:49 PM
83	Can we have an indoor tennis courts at the hawk? That would be amazing to play all year round. If that's not possible maybe we can leave the nets up longer on the out door courts because we tend to get random warm days in the fall.	10/25/2023 1:48 PM
84	More money invested into the skatepark, I would like to see the park have more preventative maintenance	10/25/2023 1:10 PM
85	The dog park, I would like to see lights throughout the park so we can stay open longer, with it closing at 6 I can't take my dog through the week anymore	10/25/2023 12:32 PM
86	Add more tennis courts back. A you invest innis pickleball. We can't hVe leagues because there are no courts or space. Mzny player from FH and beyond are forced to take their money elsewhere. It's a pity.	10/25/2023 9:53 AM
87	We see many areas of representation of cultures here. From the fun and diverse parades to the farmers market booths with food from at round the world. To books set up for world holidays at the children's section in the library. We look forward to the MASSIVE flag that downtown Farmington sets out for special occasions. It may be important to add historic markers to parks about the ancient civilizations and indigenous people that once lived here. As well as during holiday time near Christmas adding some Hanukkah kwanza and Diwali moments. All of these celebrate light. When the world is being shaken up we need to remember kindness is the only way to be.	10/25/2023 9:51 AM
88	A bike path would be very nice and an outdoor roller-skating area!	10/25/2023 9:39 AM
89	I would keep the tennis courts and pickleball courts separate at the Hawk. We are already running low on tennis courts and we need to keep them to keep our amazing tennis programs going!	10/25/2023 9:08 AM
90	More pickleball courts!	10/25/2023 8:56 AM
91	Slip proof changing rooms at the hawk! Also offer showers closer to changing areas by the pool area. Need to walk to end of lap lanes in order to take a shower before entering the pool.	10/25/2023 8:39 AM
92	Different programs and activities targeting underserved communities or communities with little park or facility interaction	10/25/2023 8:09 AM
93	Nicer bathrooms in the parks	10/25/2023 7:00 AM
94	More tennis options. Indoor and outdoor. Pickleball indoor BUT SEPARATE facilities. Using multiple lines is distracting.	10/25/2023 5:43 AM
95	Kids get hurt so easily at Riley skate park because the ground is not smooth	10/24/2023 9:30 PM
96	Indoor skatepark	10/24/2023 9:28 PM
97	Locker room for high school hockey team at ice arena	10/24/2023 8:50 PM
98	More tennis courts	10/24/2023 8:35 PM
99	I moved here from Dearborn last year. I haven't been to all of the parks yet but from where I have been, I haven't seen much in terms of play equipment for individuals with disabilities.	10/24/2023 8:07 PM
100	Tennis players are underserved. There are not enough courts. I'm part of a community of avid tennis players and it is hard to go to the Hawk because of the limited availability of court time. I really like the Hawk and more courts would greatly improve the Hawk. The pickleball courts	10/24/2023 7:02 PM

	take up so much room and already encroach on tennis. I'd prefer to have more tennis courts and separation from pickleball.	
101	Tennis courts need to be kept separate from pickle ball courts and maintain their own facilities. Great experience with summer tennis program at the hawk	10/24/2023 5:07 PM
102	Please keep tennis courts. Don't turn them all into pickle ball courts.	10/24/2023 1:45 PM
103	Fixing dilapidated tennis courts or adding more.	10/24/2023 1:19 PM
104	More tennis courts.	10/24/2023 12:54 PM
105	More tennis courts	10/24/2023 12:47 PM
106	PLEASE keep pickleball lines off the tennis courts. There are already so many pickleball courts. The hype will die down in the coming years. Tennis is a game of inches and if you put lines on the court tennis players will struggle to read in / out balls at higher levels and faster paced games and have less access to good / clean courts. The Hawk doesn't need more pickleball courts. Let's celebrate both games and while keeping them separate.	10/24/2023 12:36 PM
107	As a frequent tennis player, it seems like there is not always enough space. There are frequently a lot of pickle ball players trying to come on to the tennis courts. Being part of some of the summer tennis leagues run through USTA, sometimes there was not even enough court space to hold our matches at the hawk and some had to be moved to another location with inadequate courts. The separate tennis and pickle ball court space is very important.	10/24/2023 12:31 PM
108	While I like that pickle ball is being included in the services provided, it seems that it is being promoted at the cost of tennis. There are only 5 good courts at hawk. We need to increase number of tennis courts in the community. We need to improve the conditions of the tennis courts.	10/24/2023 12:28 PM
109	Tennis courts	10/24/2023 12:27 PM
110	None	10/24/2023 12:25 PM
111	We need more Tennis courts than what exists. It is always a challenge to find an open court.	10/24/2023 12:24 PM
112	The amount of tennis courts available. They keep being turned into pickle all courts which hurts the ability for residents to play tennis recreationally and competitively.	10/24/2023 12:14 PM
113	Tennis Courts	10/24/2023 12:12 PM
114	The Costick Center needs to receive dedicated funds to bring it up to the standard that the Hawk currently enjoys. It has long been ignored while the Hawk was purchased and upgraded. Now it is the Costick Centers turn. We seniors have been very patient And the answer us NOT to close it. Upgrade and repair it as you promised when you were planning the Hawk	10/24/2023 10:20 AM
115	Na	10/23/2023 11:55 AM
116	No	10/22/2023 5:08 PM
117	Heritage Park - allow dog access (even if it was one day a month)	10/20/2023 11:55 PM
118	The main reason I go to parks and trails is to walk with my dog. I often go to other parks that allow this. I live close to Heritage Park and another across from OCC and would use them often if I could take my dog on a leash.	10/20/2023 11:04 AM
119	Handicap accessibility for locker rooms. There's no automatic doors or zero barrier doors to the locker rooms at Costick. Which also makes it difficult to maneuver with strollers for families with babies/toddlers.	10/20/2023 3:26 AM
120	Add a weekly social dance like you used to have so dance class students of all ages can practice!	10/19/2023 8:08 PM
121	Na	10/19/2023 5:58 PM
122	Remove current ones and restore nature.	10/19/2023 5:54 PM
123	More daytime activities for older kids. Homeschool children. All of the offerings from off once kids are school age and are only in the evenings or summer.	10/19/2023 5:07 PM
124	Keep a strong senior citizen program. There are many of us!	10/19/2023 12:38 PM

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125	Contemplate the current F2H homeowner demographics and the demographics the cities wish to attract. Consider Multicultural AND Intercultural activities/events.	10/18/2023 11:00 PM
126	Costick Center offers a great variety of events. It has a constant flow of people using the Center in many ways. It is a great facility for Seniors.	10/18/2023 9:05 PM
127	ADA	10/18/2023 4:40 PM
128	"All ages" doesn't seem to include 18-49 demo in FH. Add more activities or allow everyone to participate in the discriminatory "50 or Better" activities.	10/18/2023 2:38 PM
129	more music.	10/18/2023 12:25 PM
130	Any opportunities/ supports directed specifically for children with special needs.	10/18/2023 7:13 AM
131	More fenced in playgrounds for toddlers	10/17/2023 10:05 PM
132	More evening programs at the Costick Center	10/17/2023 8:58 PM
133	not at this time	10/17/2023 10:45 AM
134	None, its great	10/17/2023 9:36 AM
135	Parking and bandshell at heritage park are not accessible for seniors/handicapped who have difficulty walking in the rocky parking lot and grassy hill.	10/16/2023 8:48 PM
136	Keep activities at the Costick Center focused on seniors.	10/16/2023 5:44 PM
137	We should just make sure that at least some portion of all of our stuff can be accessed by those with various disabilities. I'm not an expert in this, but someone on staff SHOULD be.	10/16/2023 4:43 PM
138	I am not sure.	10/15/2023 6:48 PM
139	More programs at the Hawk. Upgrade Costic.	10/15/2023 3:52 PM
140	Special senior hours/days for the Hawk	10/15/2023 2:56 PM
141	Indoor play structure and play zone for toddlers and young kids. Would use very frequently in winter months and cold/rainy weather.	10/15/2023 1:53 PM
142	Additional adult programs	10/15/2023 12:39 PM
143	Updated playground equipment, paved walkways, more parking, more fishing opportunities, more swimming lessons	10/14/2023 9:55 PM
144	Seems the Hawk has more to offer young males than females. Maybe more dance type fitness classes (Turn up or Dance Jam) to appeal to the young female population (high school level)	10/14/2023 9:40 PM
145	Diaper changing stations	10/14/2023 5:42 PM
146	Handicap accessible playground . Like livonia has. More art classes for kids. Saturday or Sunday kids day our events like pro but during afternoon. Also need a older kids spot like tge Nest at the hawk but provide things for older kids ages 6- 12.	10/14/2023 3:14 PM
147	Disc Golf!	10/14/2023 2:49 PM
148	Please don't close the Costick pool. I am a senior lap lane swimmer. The Hawk is horrible for this. Great for kids playing though...	10/14/2023 12:02 PM
149	More programs for adults under 50	10/14/2023 9:38 AM
150	Keeping the Costic center open it's important for seniors. The Hawk was not built with seniors in mind.	10/14/2023 9:09 AM
151	The parks could use an all-terrain track chair like the one at Mayberry State Park	10/14/2023 8:13 AM
152	I am 59 and still work. It is difficult to attend some classes because of the time	10/14/2023 7:13 AM
153	My parents are starting to have trouble walking some types of trails. I would love if the park maps highlighted the easiest to walk trails (paved, flatter), so the less mobile are comfortable knowing the best routes for them.	10/14/2023 6:56 AM
154	Some spaces need better consideration for elderly/ handicapped to sit, get from car to	10/14/2023 5:53 AM

	destination and have a few more bench or railing options in common areas.	
155	Adult theater productions! Adult softball league	10/14/2023 4:38 AM
156	Summer camps are scheduled in MIDDLE of day which is not conducive to working parents who pay for camps yet are charged on top of that to support before & after care. Just extend the camp sessions!	10/13/2023 11:33 PM
157	More advanced playground facilities. Look at Friendship Park in Orion Twp. They lead the way for accessibility Facilities. Also need more openings for swim classes, they sell out in seconds and reliability for our kids are hard to get when it's luck of the draw, very frustrating.	10/13/2023 9:08 PM
158	Pave the walking path in William Grace Dog Park for ease of walking and so the gravel doesn't get stuck in our dogs' paws.	10/13/2023 5:43 PM
159	Parks and playgrounds are being surpassed by other local communities, amenities are good but other playgrounds are great.	10/13/2023 3:39 PM
160	I'm disabled and can't drive, so I'm not able to use any of Farmington's amenities without someone else giving me a ride. I would like to be able to take my toddler to the park during the day. The Costick center also needs a family locker room. I tried to use the pool and couldn't because I needed my spouses help to change.	10/13/2023 1:39 PM
161	N/A	10/13/2023 12:59 PM
162	Middle-age adults without children	10/13/2023 12:01 PM
163	Some upgrades to Costick	10/13/2023 11:32 AM
164	I really wish there were more than 2 lap lanes at the Hawk. With a FT work schedule, I can't reliably go and know there will be a lane open. Plus the whole pool area is very kid/family-centric.	10/13/2023 11:00 AM
165	Perhaps* some for people with advanced disabilities	10/13/2023 10:59 AM
166	Special needs programs for kids	10/13/2023 10:45 AM
167	extensive paved bicycle trails	10/13/2023 6:42 AM
168	Mountain biking	10/12/2023 7:39 PM
169	The City needs to add more pickleball courts as this is a rapidly growing sport and it seems that the City of Farmington & Farmington Hills are lagging behind other communities in providing this amenity.	10/12/2023 6:23 PM
170	I believe working adults are underserved.	10/12/2023 4:08 PM
171	It would be nice if there was camping closer than Kensington. Also please keep the parks open later we keep getting locked in	10/12/2023 2:27 PM
172	More accessible trails, especially at Heritage Park. Some city Facilities are minimally accessible. Improvements are needed	10/12/2023 12:38 PM
173	Nothing	10/12/2023 10:32 AM
174	N/A	10/12/2023 9:45 AM
175	Native wildlife and migratory birds are VERY underserved.	10/12/2023 9:29 AM
176	None come to mind	10/12/2023 6:44 AM
177	Wheel chairs must be hard to use at the playgrounds because of dirt walking paths and unkept dirt parking lots	10/11/2023 11:32 PM
178	Senior citizen activities. Adult pool at the Hawk.	10/11/2023 9:58 PM
179	Working adults. Lots of programming for kids at night and adults during the day but working adults want to have fun after work too.	10/11/2023 8:04 PM
180	Accessible playgrounds	10/11/2023 6:58 PM
181	Not sure	10/11/2023 6:01 PM

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182	Teen or tween activities are lacking. Stay at home mom's.	10/11/2023 5:48 PM
183	Please see my comment above regarding advertising the programming better.	10/11/2023 1:37 PM
184	Playgrounds accessible to disabilities.	10/11/2023 1:34 PM
185	The website to sign up for classes is very difficult to use. It would also be nice to have more publicity about new art classes.	10/11/2023 1:02 PM
186	Indoor pickleball courts	10/11/2023 12:48 PM
187	Bike path to get from Farmington rd to Drake road safely.	10/11/2023 7:52 AM
188	Yes there is NO playground for kids within a reasonable walking distance for YOUNG kids like prek - early elementary age with an adult or grandparent anywhere around where I live near grand river and halsted in independence green apts. If THEY Had a playground it may not affect us but it DOES as I babysit my 6 yr old grandson almost daily. Also, I can't go to the facilities like I would LOVE to sometimes because I can't drive and I also cant even AFFORD to swim at the Hawk I dont know if the Costick is that expensive I would hope not. Not everyone is rich. We are not even close. We would use a LOT more if we could afford them and if I had transportation or a way to get to them.	10/11/2023 2:22 AM
189	N/a	10/10/2023 5:44 PM
190	The Hawk is not suitable for seniors. Too expensive, too big, too noisy. Love the Costick Center. Sometimes I just spend some time in Shannon Hall just reading or doing the jigsaw puzzle. Great programs there. Especially like the movie days and Dine and Discover.	10/10/2023 1:27 PM
191	Our programs are wonderful for people with the means to attend them. They are also expensive and seem geared towards people with more flexible time. Less expensive programs with an eye towards working families would probably have better than expected attendance.	10/10/2023 11:01 AM
192	For African Americans, trails have a negative connotation from historical lynching. I'd like to see more open walking and biking paths	10/10/2023 9:00 AM
193	I understand that the parking lot close to the pavilion at Heritage Park is for handicapped. We use a van with ramp for our daughter and need to get there at least an hour prior to performance start to get a spot to park. Very few cars have handicapped cards/plates.	10/10/2023 8:38 AM
194	The Costick center is in serious need of a complete renovation. The pool locker rooms are gross and ugly and uncomfortable, especially for families with young kids in swim lessons. The restrooms at most facilities need to be updated.	10/10/2023 6:44 AM
195	Extended bus service by Costick Center transportation o	10/10/2023 6:41 AM
196	More bike and walking/running paths/trails throughout the city for those unable to drive	10/9/2023 10:27 PM
197	More sport options for younger kids. Better age range for some activities	10/9/2023 9:55 PM
198	Trail tours for seniors that can't climb the haywagons or walk far.	10/9/2023 9:30 PM
199	Bathrooms at bond and more parking for baseball games	10/9/2023 9:27 PM
200	More focus on teens	10/9/2023 8:32 PM
201	Upgrade play grounds	10/9/2023 8:07 PM
202	Dog owners	10/9/2023 8:07 PM
203	Do not waste money on building an ada ramp through city park across the river. It will destroy natural habitat and no one in a wheelchair will use it.	10/9/2023 7:49 PM
204	Toddlers (activities, low to ground.)	10/9/2023 7:49 PM
205	None	10/9/2023 7:42 PM
206	Keep Costic center open to seniors	10/9/2023 4:22 PM
207	More connected and SAFE bike trails.	10/9/2023 1:30 PM
208	There are a lot of activities for Kids (GREAT!), seems to be a lot of activities for seniors (also great). Really seems to be lacking activites/events for everyone in between. Need more	10/9/2023 8:20 AM

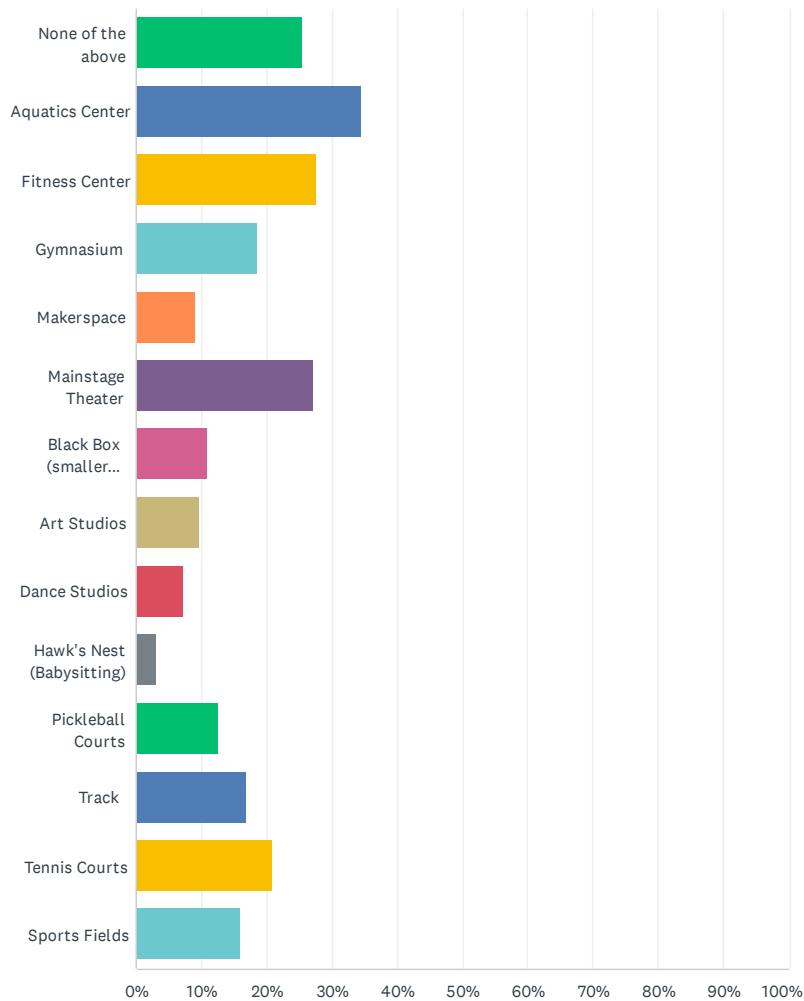
	activities that run during the week, after 6:00	
209	None	10/8/2023 7:45 PM
210	Please don't forget us seniors we've worked in the community and contributed time love faith and money for years. We need you now!	10/8/2023 4:10 PM
211	Upgrade costick center for senior activities	10/8/2023 3:08 PM
212	Please expand/update senior programs and services.	10/8/2023 1:19 PM
213	More swim classes for seniors	10/7/2023 9:03 AM
214	Please keep senior programming at Costick Center and improve pool access.	10/5/2023 5:33 PM
215	Since I am a senior citizen, the ability to continue utilizing facilities as I age and possibly develop mobility issues. More handicap accessible showers at the Costick pool.	10/5/2023 4:04 PM
216	Disability friendly locker rooms at Costick. Better wall hair dryers at Costick. Variable temperature shower controls at Costick. Senior and wheelchair bound transportation to Costick or Hawk. Individual dressing areas at Costick.	10/5/2023 2:36 PM
217	Keep the costick as a special place for seniors to associate	10/5/2023 1:22 PM
218	Kids and teens makerspace	10/5/2023 12:56 PM
219	Costick needs updating it is the best place and serves a lot of people .	10/5/2023 10:53 AM
220	Costick Center for Seniors needs a revamp. The Seniors feel that the Hawk is just for children and the prices are too high. The pool was not set up for everybody. It was set up like a hotel. The slide was only used for children and did not have the capability for other activities like lap swimming, swimming lessons and adult water exercise. They wasted money on this. There was a pool at the Hawk. It was set up for these things. Also, they got rid of the kitchen upstairs. It could serve more people like meals on wheels or other activities for people. The only thing was that it needed was an elevator for people who had mobility problems. What happened to ADA requirements? The Costick Center is on one floor and its accessibility is good for people. The city spent money on the Hawk and it is in financial jeopardy. If they would have thought it through they would have considered this. Instead they were interested in creating an empire by using the company that they contracted to build it. Went to the meetings at Costick Center and listened to these people ask if we would want fountains and exercise bikes in the pool. This takes up space for the water exercise classes and other swimming activities such as lap swimming and exercise. This company is just trying to run up the expenses and is designed for a younger crowd. You can see that this company has not thought of the needs of older citizens and are only wanting to build a center at the Hawk. How much will that cost? The accessibility of getting into the Hawk is not good for seniors. I have experience teaching physical education and am an interior designer. I did my student teaching there in physical education and have experienced these problems with the building. If they would keep this in mind when building this extension I would be in favor of it. But they cost would be too much for most seniors. That is why people resent the Hawk. It is that they ignore the Costick Center in remodeling and have spent money on a health club that does not serve a greater amount of people. We have paid our taxes all these years and feel like we have been ignored. My solution to this problem is to either add an extension to the Hawk focusing on these issues for more people or remodel the Costick Center. Take in consideration the costs for seniors and give them discounts so they can afford to use these programs at the Hawk and improve accessibility to the structure and getting into the building.	10/5/2023 10:36 AM
221	Seniors	10/5/2023 9:26 AM
222	More paved trails in Heritage Park that are wheelchair accessible for my 90-year-old friend who loves nature but cannot walk on unpaved trails.	10/4/2023 8:37 PM
223	Seniors are given a back seat.	10/4/2023 2:34 PM
224	Working parents need more consideration. Too many youth sections for classes (particularly swim) are offered in the middle of the work/school day.	10/4/2023 1:00 PM
225	As stated above, better play or fitness structures for children AND accompanying adults.	10/3/2023 2:18 PM
226	Facilities for adults 50 & over	10/3/2023 11:14 AM

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227	More easy walking paths	10/3/2023 3:12 AM
228	My son with special needs is 18. He has a mind of probably an 8 year old. "All inclusive" parks are for smaller kids. Adult size with "kid" size brains have no where to go	10/2/2023 11:43 PM
229	would like an indoor walking area for use in winter, like Livonia has.	10/2/2023 10:14 PM
230	high school teens	10/2/2023 9:13 PM
231	The steps in Shiawassee Park to downtown Farmington eliminate a large portion of the community...young families, wheelchair bound, elderly, etc.	10/2/2023 7:45 PM
232	Children and teens	10/2/2023 6:49 PM
233	Please trim the Hawk to a minimum of services. It should not have to be competing with every single health club in the area. Just stop adding staff and costs to the city budget!	10/1/2023 9:06 PM
234	expand costick center, do not incorporate it into the Hawk, as the elderly would suffer for this	10/1/2023 7:29 PM
235	The city's current design and infrastructure is actively HOSTILE to ANYBODY who wants to forgo driving a personal vehicle.	10/1/2023 6:28 AM
236	More lap lane swimming	9/29/2023 8:57 PM
237	I'd be interested in league play for either golf, tennis or pickleball. For instances, pay a fee for 7 weeks and compete against all who sign up in your division. For seniors.	9/29/2023 5:06 PM
238	Keep the Costick Center open for seniors.	9/29/2023 12:46 PM
239	I love the Costick Center and the 50-plus programs. Please Do Not Close it. Many of the programs and groups seem to be scheduled at the same time. Maybe staying open til 5 would help with scheduling.	9/29/2023 12:00 PM
240	A new senior center at the Hawk with an indoor walking track.	9/29/2023 11:51 AM
241	Not sure	9/28/2023 7:42 PM
242	Costick Center	9/28/2023 7:36 PM
243	Leave the Costick Center where it is. Our aging population is bigger now because they like this area to live in and feel safe. Also Costick Center helps them in a lot of ways. Great Plaace.	9/28/2023 7:14 PM
244	The trials in the woodland parks are muddy and need better maintenance.	9/28/2023 3:13 PM
245	More pickle ball courts	9/28/2023 12:39 PM
246	65+	9/28/2023 10:45 AM
247	Don't add new senior facility. Fix the one we have, ideally right across from a new senior residence. Also would like to see workout space added to Costick for those who want a smaller environment in which to enjoy activities	9/27/2023 7:27 PM
248	Parking can be difficult for seniors. The incline on getting in the Costick Center is an example. I have seen seniors unload their walker in the parking lot and then have to climb the incline into the building.	9/27/2023 5:01 PM

Q19 Farmington Hills' newest FACILITY, The Hawk Community Center includes many amenities and programs. Which amenities at the Hawk have you or your family used?

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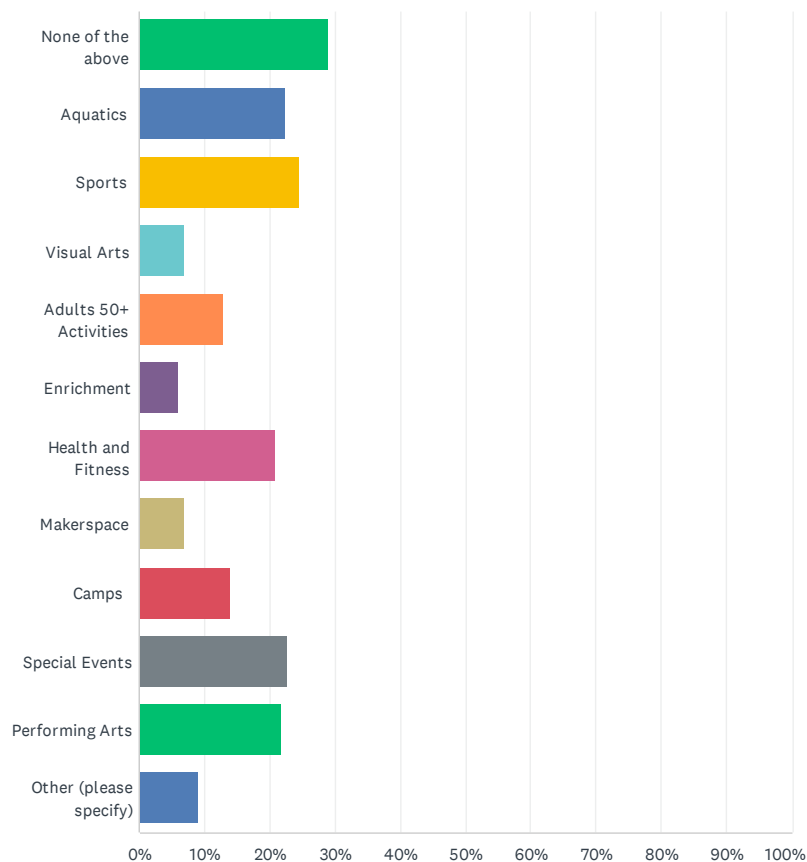


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	25.39%	246
Aquatics Center	34.47%	334
Fitness Center	27.45%	266
Gymnasium	18.47%	179
Makerspace	8.98%	87
Mainstage Theater	27.14%	263
Black Box (smaller theater)	10.94%	106
Art Studios	9.49%	92
Dance Studios	7.22%	70
Hawk's Nest (Babysitting)	2.99%	29
Pickleball Courts	12.49%	121
Track	16.82%	163
Tennis Courts	20.85%	202
Sports Fields	16.00%	155
Total Respondents: 969		

Q20 Which PROGRAMS at the Hawk have you or your family participated in?

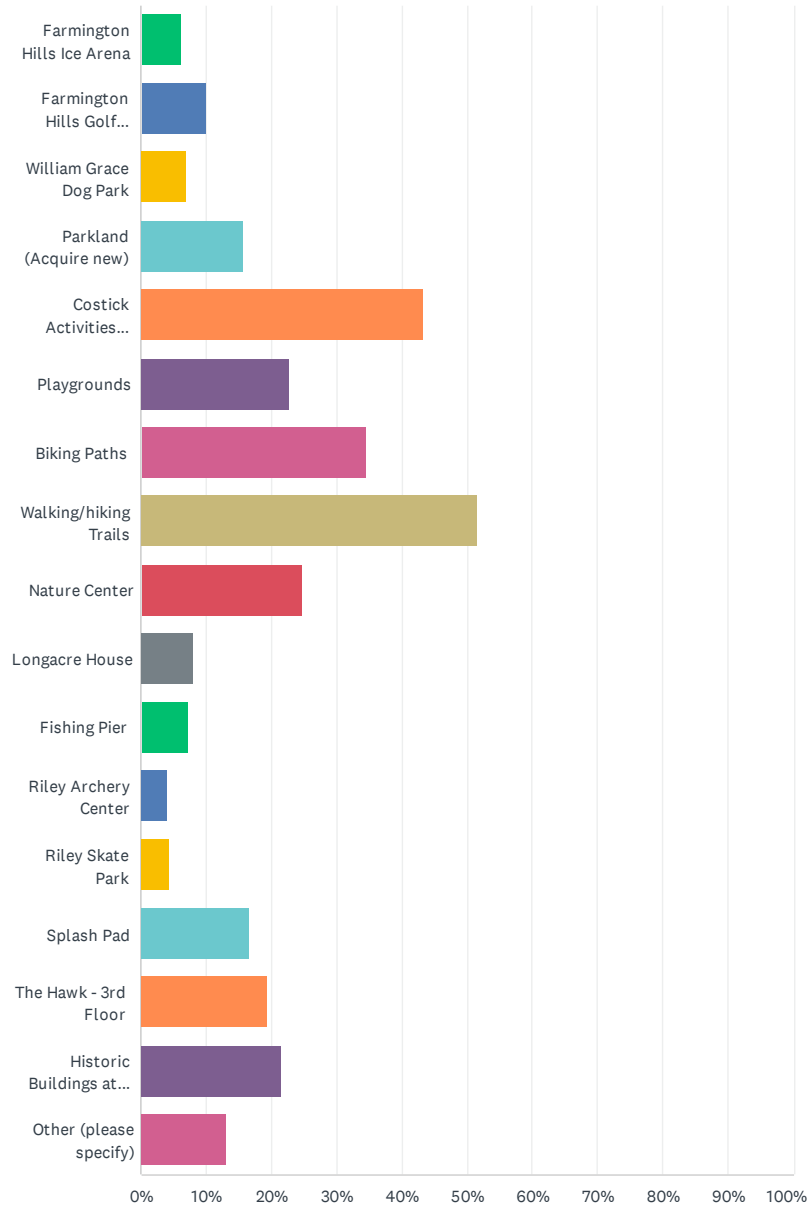
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	29.03% 261
Aquatics	22.47% 202
Sports	24.47% 220
Visual Arts	6.79% 61
Adults 50+ Activities	12.79% 115
Enrichment	5.90% 53
Health and Fitness	20.80% 187
Makerspace	6.90% 62
Camps	13.90% 125
Special Events	22.58% 203
Performing Arts	21.69% 195
Other (please specify)	9.01% 81
Total Respondents: 899	

Q21 Which of the following would be your priority(s) to receive improvements in the next five (5) years? Please select up to five (5) items.

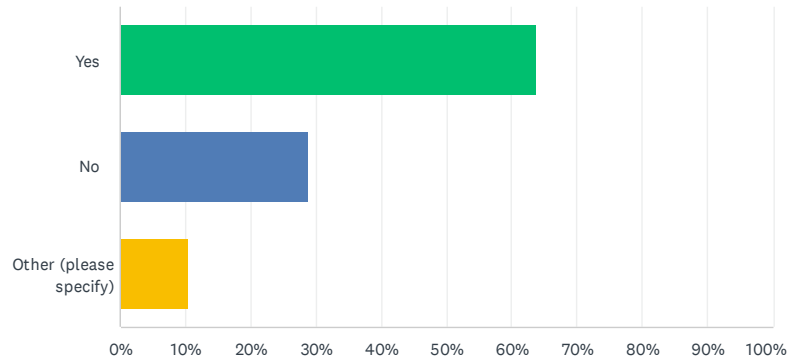
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmington Hills Ice Arena	6.23%	57
Farmington Hills Golf Course	9.95%	91
William Grace Dog Park	7.10%	65
Parkland (Acquire new)	15.74%	144
Costick Activities Center	43.39%	397
Playgrounds	22.84%	209
Biking Paths	34.54%	316
Walking/hiking Trails	51.69%	473
Nature Center	24.70%	226
Longacre House	8.20%	75
Fishing Pier	7.32%	67
Riley Archery Center	4.15%	38
Riley Skate Park	4.37%	40
Splash Pad	16.61%	152
The Hawk - 3rd Floor	19.45%	178
Historic Buildings at Heritage Park	21.64%	198
Other (please specify)	13.22%	121
Total Respondents: 915		

Q22 Are there adequate ways for you to share and communicate your suggestions and concerns about parks and recreation matters, with or to, City staff?

Answered: 819 Skipped: 240



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.86%	523
No	28.69%	235
Other (please specify)	10.50%	86
Total Respondents: 819		

Q23 How would you rate the following PROGRAMS?

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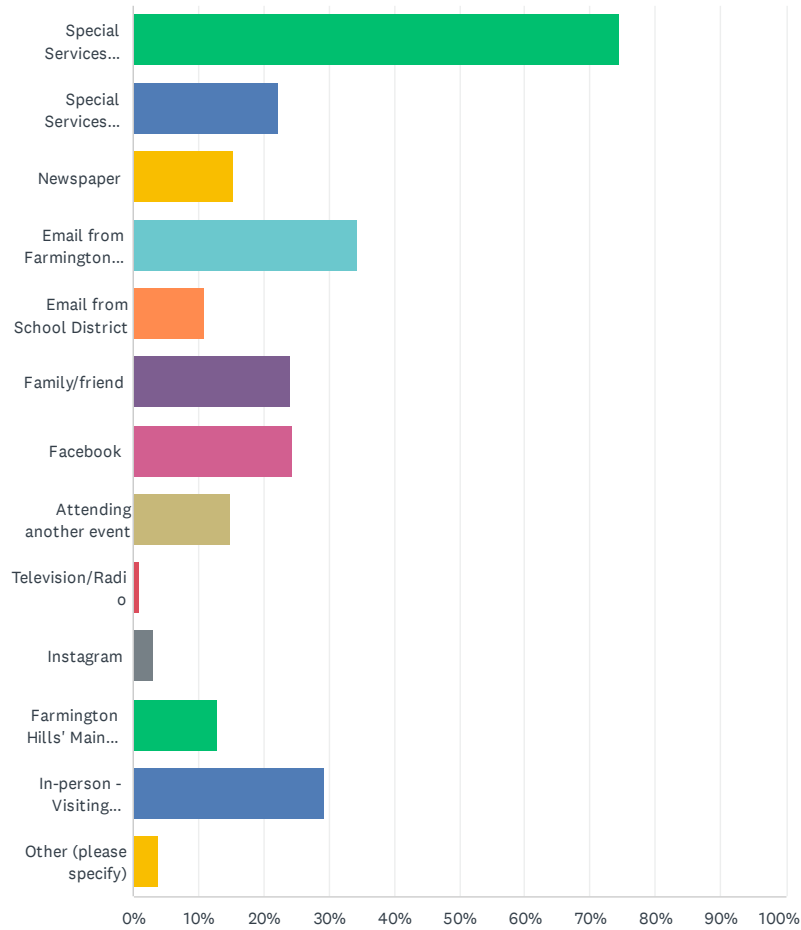
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROGRAM	TOTAL
Family Programs	22.10% 181	36.39% 298	6.59% 54	0.98% 8	33.94% 278	819
Adult Sports	15.41% 127	32.77% 270	10.80% 89	2.18% 18	38.83% 320	824
Youth Sports	16.94% 135	29.49% 235	6.52% 52	1.76% 14	45.29% 361	797
Teen/After School	8.46% 66	18.08% 141	5.90% 46	1.67% 13	65.90% 514	780
Aquatic	15.86% 131	35.59% 294	13.32% 110	2.91% 24	32.32% 267	826
Multi-Cultural	7.06% 55	22.21% 173	7.96% 62	1.80% 14	60.98% 475	779
Nature/Outdoors	29.65% 244	43.62% 359	7.65% 63	0.49% 4	18.59% 153	823
Visual Arts (Makerspace, 2D/3D Art)	11.50% 88	19.48% 149	4.71% 36	0.92% 7	63.40% 485	765
Adults 50 and Better	22.06% 184	26.86% 224	7.55% 63	1.32% 11	42.21% 352	834
Summer (Camps)	14.62% 114	24.10% 188	5.64% 44	0.64% 5	55.00% 429	780
Special Events	19.70% 155	38.37% 302	8.77% 69	1.65% 13	31.51% 248	787
Archery	10.30% 79	19.43% 149	4.69% 36	1.04% 8	64.54% 495	767
Health & Wellness	13.33% 104	32.18% 251	9.10% 71	1.41% 11	43.97% 343	780
Enrichment for All Ages	13.69% 105	30.25% 232	8.87% 68	1.56% 12	45.63% 350	767
Performing Arts (Theatre, Concerts, Dance)	19.92% 156	31.93% 250	7.28% 57	1.15% 9	39.72% 311	783

Q24 How do you/your family learn about Farmington Hills' Special Services programs and/or events? Please check all that apply.

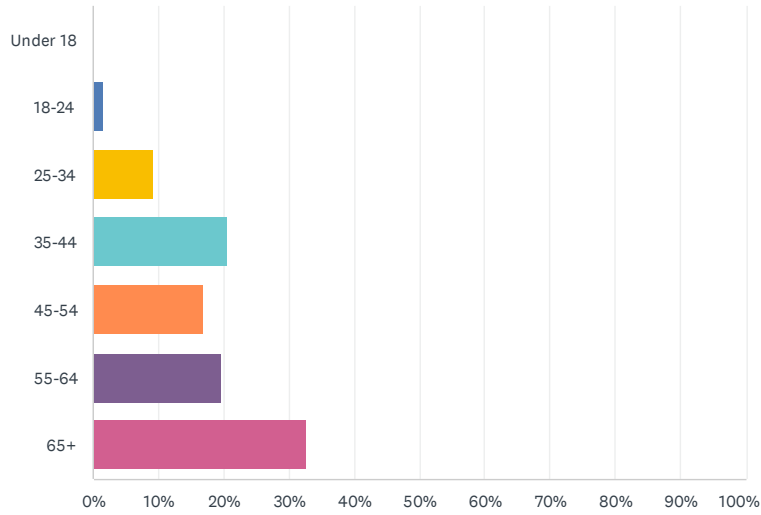
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Special Services Activities Guide	74.44%	702
Special Services Department Website	22.27%	210
Newspaper	15.38%	145
Email from Farmington Hills	34.36%	324
Email from School District	10.82%	102
Family/friend	24.18%	228
Facebook	24.28%	229
Attending another event	14.95%	141
Television/Radio	0.85%	8
Instagram	3.08%	29
Farmington Hills' Main Website	12.83%	121
In-person - Visiting Community Center or other Farmington Hills facility	29.27%	276
Other (please specify)	3.82%	36
Total Respondents: 943		

Q25 What is your age?

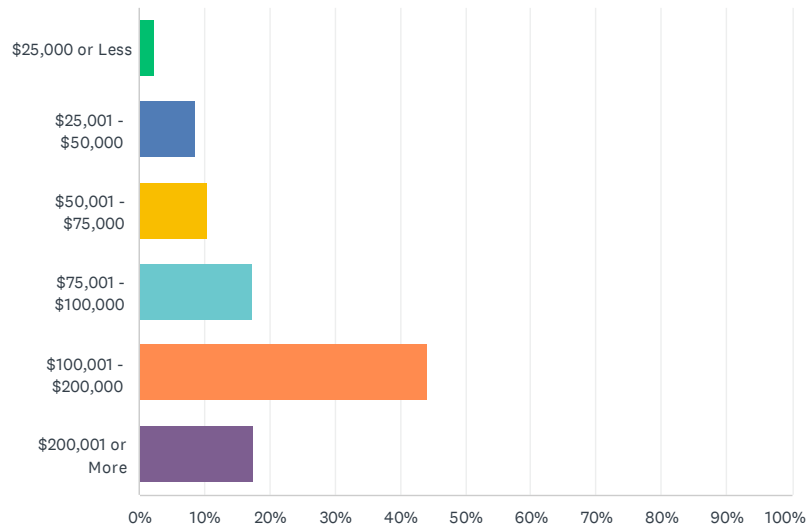
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.10%	1
18-24	1.42%	14
25-34	9.22%	91
35-44	20.36%	201
45-54	16.82%	166
55-64	19.55%	193
65+	32.52%	321
TOTAL		987

Q26 What is your annual household income?

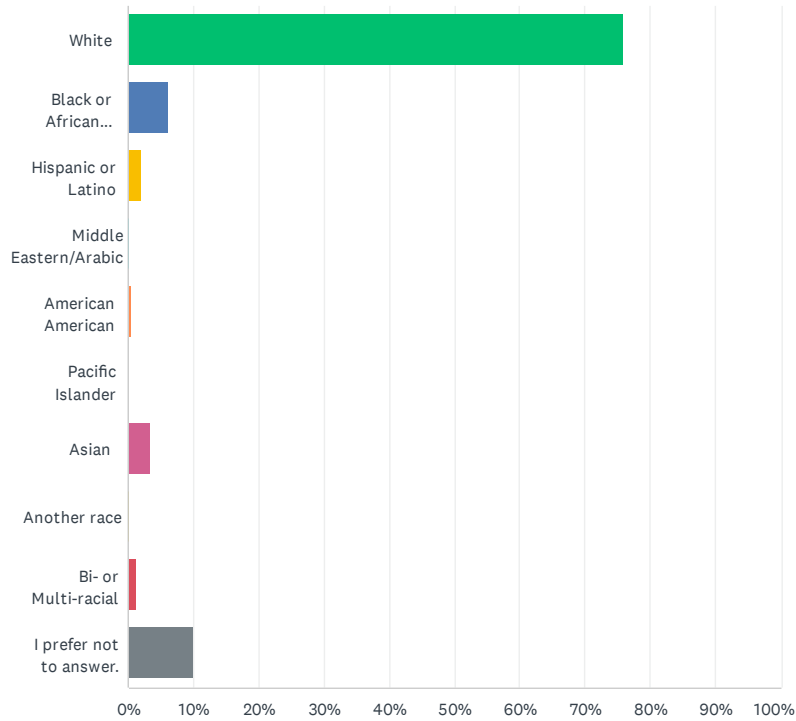
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$25,000 or Less	2.26%	19
\$25,001 - \$50,000	8.46%	71
\$50,001 - \$75,000	10.49%	88
\$75,001 - \$100,000	17.28%	145
\$100,001 - \$200,000	44.10%	370
\$200,001 or More	17.40%	146
TOTAL		839

Q27 What is your ethnicity?

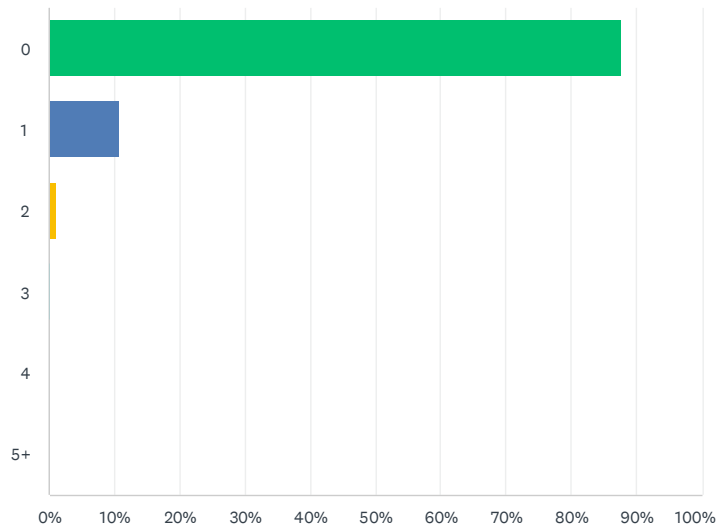
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	76.00%	725
Black or African American	6.29%	60
Hispanic or Latino	1.89%	18
Middle Eastern/Arabic	0.31%	3
American American	0.52%	5
Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Asian	3.46%	33
Another race	0.21%	2
Bi- or Multi-racial	1.26%	12
I prefer not to answer.	10.06%	96
TOTAL		954

Q28 Do you, or anyone in your household have a physical disability?

Answered: 946 Skipped: 113



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	87.74%	830
1	10.68%	101
2	1.06%	10
3	0.32%	3
4	0.11%	1
5+	0.11%	1
TOTAL		946

Q29 Please share any additional comments or suggestions you might have for the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Answered: 490 Skipped: 569

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Make the driving range more like top golf.sell food and beverages at the range	11/8/2023 5:29 PM
2	Overall, I spend 2 days a week at The Hawk. I've been a member for the past 2 years and I have noticed many positive changes. My favorite class that I have been going to each week is Yoga with Robin on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I found this class after taking a different yoga class in the main fitness room. I honestly hated the experience I had taking yoga in that room. I took a cycling class in the room and loved the instructor, loved the workout, but again - the room is not conducive to an effective work out and I wouldn't recommend anyone I know to take a class at The Hawk as long as it's in the main floor Fitness Room. When I found Robin's class and began taking her classes on the 3rd floor, I instantly recommended a friend of mine to come and join me at the next one. We've been going for 4 weeks now. My recommendation would be, first to add more Advanced Yoga classes at The Hawk in Fitness Room 368, you would get many more younger participants and by providing more of a variation, the class sizes would all grow. Another idea is to have cycling and other fitness classes in a room on the 3rd floor. Having the cycling classes upstairs would make it so that the bikes could just stay in one stagnant room and in the main fitness room, there would be so much more space for all other classes. They just serve as an eye sore and take up space otherwise. You would have better attendance and weekly loyalty, if your main fitness room was upstairs, secluded and only certain classes were offered in the current main fitness room. Upstairs it is quieter, you have natural lighting, minimal distractions, and it's overall a better user experience for me and my friend every time I take a class up there versus downstairs. Also I think it would be helpful to have the class schedule included on the main screen in the gym lobby instead of just on the screens in the main gym area. I think it would be smart also to have intermural	11/7/2023 3:57 PM
3	Plan for more parking at the hawk. Some days it's impossible to find a spot.	11/6/2023 6:45 PM
4	Keep up the good work. Don't let up. Our parks attract people to live here. At heritage people come from all over.	11/6/2023 3:12 PM
5	Parks must be easy to use for those who have difficulty walking	11/4/2023 5:44 PM
6	Please close the Costick Center and move the senior programs to the Hawk. No more tax increases.	11/3/2023 8:03 PM
7	5:30 AM opening at the Hawk is perfect for me. I swim before work twice per week. Price is fair.	11/3/2023 4:12 PM
8	Keep Costick for Seniors and Repair. Lower costs for non-residents at the Hawk	11/3/2023 2:29 PM
9	Add a dog second dog park on the west side of FH. Founders Park would be a good location.	11/3/2023 1:13 PM
10	Do not move the Senior Center to the Hawk location!	11/2/2023 4:00 PM
11	Keep the Costick Center open.	11/2/2023 3:20 PM
12	Costick Center needs to be desperately updated or demolished! It's an eye sore and the facilities are just so so. There also should be family changing areas for the pool area, so parents that need to assist their special needs children can do so.	10/31/2023 10:46 PM
13	Keep as much wild life, water ways, walking paths as possible with restrooms and e-bike rentals	10/31/2023 9:58 PM
14	I really appreciate virtual options, when possible, such as the Nature Education Series webinars. This is a preferred option for seniors and disabled, or people who are still worried about getting exposed to viruses.	10/31/2023 8:50 PM
15	I would like to see improved bike access to the different parks and facilities that are safe and	10/31/2023 8:39 PM

	useable. What keeps me from riding my bike more in the city is the dangerous traffic and threat to life and limb by car drivers.	
16	Non-residents should have no say, it's the residents who pay the city taxes and a millage to maintain our parks and facilities.	10/31/2023 6:43 PM
17	The city should put a seasonal golf dome at the driving range for winter practice. It would get a lot of use.	10/31/2023 5:42 PM
18	There are many young mentally or physically disabled people in Farmington/hills. The transportation is not reliable. They are always late and then we are late for classes. That needs to be fixed.	10/31/2023 4:43 PM
19	Golf Course: Cart paths need to be fixed. They are in really bad shape. Goosebusters needs to be rehired. Goose population is terrible. The staff is very good.	10/31/2023 3:54 PM
20	NONE	10/31/2023 3:40 PM
21	We need a long-term solution for services currently provided by the Costick Center. We also need more connected walking paths and I believe this will be more used than bike lanes. And ideally, have MORE parks and green space.	10/31/2023 3:37 PM
22	I often have to take my child to neighboring parks (Commerce, West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Rochester and even Livonia) because the parks are better. They have more accessible parks for children with different disabilities such as autism and speech delay as well as physical disabilities), the ground is turf (soft) and not wood chips, parks have been newly renovated and have equipment for all ages to enjoy. Heritage Park is often overcrowded with lots of families so my child gets overwhelmed. The other parks are either very outdated or there aren't any kid friendly parks-mostly trails. Unfortunately we don't spend much time in Farmington for parks because of the above reasons. I would love for there to be major improvements to the parks with focus on children appropriate spaces. This will allow me to also enjoy my time in our city as well enjoying the children parks.	10/31/2023 12:44 PM
23	It would be good if how the Hawk works was made a bit clearer. Perhaps front page of the activity guide make very clear - is there a membership fee? program fees on top of that?- It seems expensive to me but I have not had the time to research how it works. Overall, our community is rich in options for nature and recreation- we are fortunate!	10/31/2023 11:21 AM
24	It seems that every 5 years you are interested in feedback. Why not more often. It also seems that there are a lot of assets that need to be promoted that are not or are very hidden assets.	10/31/2023 10:04 AM
25	Thank you	10/31/2023 8:45 AM
26	I love our variety of parks. I hope the city continues to invest and support them as a benefit. It is unrealistic to expect these kind of services to be self supporting. I am happy to support these community amenities.	10/31/2023 7:43 AM
27	The Costick Center pool & locker room are in really bad shape and still have to be used for swim lessons. There is no family changing area and my daughter does not feel comfortable changing in the women's with boys running around. I understand parents concerns about having the boys go unattended in the Mens, but there's no stalls to change in. It also smells really bad. The Hawk is good for kids playing, but not adequate for swimming laps/swim lessons.	10/31/2023 6:36 AM
28	Please hire more rangers to patrol Heritage Park as too many patrons don't follow the posted rules re: bikes, dogs, staying on trails. Without consistent enforcement we will lose what makes this such a peaceful, quiet refuge--something we all need. Keep Heritage a walking/strolling park without bikes.	10/31/2023 5:19 AM
29	Missing a Park at Sarah Fisher, 12 mile & Inkster	10/31/2023 12:28 AM
30	Add more Walking/Hiking Trails. Add more acres of Nature areas. Spend less on buildings and programs.	10/30/2023 10:11 PM
31	Both the costick center and the hawk pool are way too hot for exercise. It would be great if some hours at at least one of these facilities had water temperatures appropriate for lap swimming. Please review all the facilities to ensure they are at least either being used by the community at close to capacity or at least able to cover the ongoing expense of employees,	10/30/2023 10:03 PM

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utilities, and maintenance. If not the residents have spoken with their actions that these facilities need to be closed and sold.

32	Keep the parks natural as much as possible. It's very important to have quiet natural places to spend time in that can help to balance all the stress of our society.	10/30/2023 9:42 PM
33	My family need to utilize these city offered amenities	10/30/2023 7:40 PM
34	I would like to see trail maps posted along the trails at Heritage Park. Some members of our group occasionally get lost in there. The trail markers that are at Maybury State Park are a good example. I can take a picture with my phone at the trail head and always have it with me.	10/30/2023 7:35 PM
35	Keep up the great job!	10/30/2023 6:36 PM
36	Please include sensory/adaptive programming for special needs individuals in the city. Surrounding cities provide this programming and we do not.	10/30/2023 3:09 PM
37	An enclosed connecting hallway to and from the Costick Center and the new Rose Senior Living building. Preferably on a elevated level so as not to interfere with surface car traffic. And disability friendly.	10/30/2023 2:36 PM
38	Start renting Spicer House for more revenue. Resolve the multi million dollar debt. Get a cleaning contractor in to Spicer for heavy cleaning. Replace tables and chairs at golf course restaurant (very old and uncomfortable)	10/30/2023 2:10 PM
39	Please stop offering Drag Queen events at The Hawk. The Hawk is an amazing facility with wonderful programming for all ages. Do we really need Drag Queen Events?????	10/30/2023 1:42 PM
40	Improve quality of music performers for Stars in the Park.	10/30/2023 1:39 PM
41	Add more tennis courts as we have to go to other cities i e Livonia, Novi to find tennis courts.	10/30/2023 1:33 PM
42	Please consider a lap pool and therapeutic whirlpool. (For adults not children)	10/30/2023 1:21 PM
43	improve hiking trails and safety.	10/30/2023 12:53 PM
44	I think the art classes would have better attendance if the price was more reasonable.	10/30/2023 12:40 PM
45	Partner with other community resources to help eliminate duplicative programming and reduce the Special Services deficit.	10/30/2023 11:41 AM
46	Senior Citizen day trips on city bus like West Bloomfield.	10/30/2023 11:16 AM
47	More enrichment programs for 50+. We participate with Birmingham Next because of their robust enrichment programs!	10/30/2023 10:21 AM
48	Please keep the Costic Center open	10/30/2023 10:03 AM
49	Improvements to the Costick Center, easier/more parking at the Hawk, a bike track/park, a lap pool, upgrades to the Spicer house, upgrade sound system at the ice rink	10/30/2023 9:57 AM
50	More Ranger presence at Dog Park for rule following. Additional bins with dirt for filling holes. Additional lighting for evening safety.	10/30/2023 9:41 AM
51	Thanks for asking	10/30/2023 9:38 AM
52	Upgrade and maintain the golf course. Some areas seem to be getting neglected. Tee boxes need attention. Limited ball washers on the course. Sand traps need work. Carpath is deteriorating. Course was better maintained a few years ago.	10/30/2023 9:36 AM
53	Sarah Fisher site should be a park...	10/30/2023 9:11 AM
54	Connecting the parks together is a waste of money. Parents don't let their kids out of eye sight these days and parents don't go anywhere without a car. If I want to go to a specific park I drive there.	10/30/2023 6:36 AM
55	more park and hiking trails will be a great addition.	10/29/2023 8:58 PM
56	My husband and I have been visiting Heritage Park for over 35 years. We love all the improvements having been made over the years. We really haven't taken advantage of the other facilities available to us.	10/29/2023 7:35 PM

57	Keep Costick! Meals on Wheels is very important & this is the best place for it	10/29/2023 6:57 PM
58	Due to vague and confusing descriptions and questions, this survey cannot result in meaningful input for the Master Plan. Other measures needed!	10/29/2023 4:45 PM
59	Questions #6 & #7 -- an option for 'Don't Know' would be helpful. Question #16 -- Asks to select all that apply, but i was only able to select one option.	10/29/2023 2:00 PM
60	The parks and red system in Farmington Hills are truly something special. We are recent transplants from the east coast - places the the hawk and heritage park will keep young families coming in. 2 requests: install a music/sound system to the hawk fitness center and allow dogs to walk in heritage park.	10/29/2023 1:07 PM
61	The addition of a gun range and safety classes would good.	10/29/2023 11:52 AM
62	Consider privatizing some facilities such as the ice arena to generate funds to invest in parkland and campground.	10/29/2023 11:25 AM
63	Heritage Park splash pad should have visitor restrictions. Many times I take my grandson, and too many kids...day care bus or other large transportation vehicle in parking lot. Parking also needs improvement in that part of park	10/29/2023 10:40 AM
64	It would be nice to have the Farmington hills ice rink updated as well as Heritage park play scape	10/29/2023 9:47 AM
65	Get the splash pad in better shape. It's really deteriorating and it gets a lot of use.	10/29/2023 9:14 AM
66	Survey needed to say where the parks are located. some questions needed a choice of "not familiar with" or "not for my age" Survey asked for how many times/month but for visiting parks it could have been per year. the Hawk is NOT designed for Sr. activities and there is NOT adequate swim lanes. The Hawk programs are too costly. The Hawk parking was not designed to be convenient. I am proud that we have the parks but cannot use them on a monthly basis. I used the Nature Center weekly when my grandkids were young. I used heritage Park years ago. Parks are important. Dogs should be allowed in Heritage Park. I have never been to a park that does NOT allow dogs in other cities.	10/29/2023 9:09 AM
67	Please save the pool at the Costick Center. Don't sell it away when you have so many seniors using the facility/pool for exercise and socializing. We depend on it and it is not the same at the Hawk pool which is shallow and cold.	10/29/2023 1:32 AM
68	What I find completely lacking is a park with nice trails where I can go running or walking with my dog. I'm only aware of 2 parks with great trails - Heritage Park and Woodland Hills Park - and neither allow dogs. I understand that policy is because they are nature safety zones, but that limits my usage of them. I also don't have kids, and it seems like most of the parks and facilities are geared towards kid activities.	10/28/2023 11:43 PM
69	Keep on keeping on	10/28/2023 4:36 PM
70	Hawk needs more available parking spaces. When sporting events are ongoing no parking for fitness center. Numerous handicap parking spots not utilized. .	10/28/2023 1:47 PM
71	We do not want pickleball lines on the tennis courts. There are already Pickleball courts to play pickleball on	10/28/2023 1:35 PM
72	I think that Farmington Hills should first make an effort to PUBLICIZE AND UTILIZE the EXISTING FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS before laying out hard cash (out of the current budget or future bonds) to expand the Parks & Recreation "footprint." To make an analogy, it would not be wise for a company like General Motors to go on an assembly plant "building spree" if existing assembly capacity is prevalent and available within their current "footprint." Programs are nice, but prudence matters more in the end. Thank you for listening! P.S. I have lived here for over 30 years, am computer savvy, and consider myself fairly knowledgeable, but embarrassingly, do not have a good grasp of everything that is currently offered by FH.	10/28/2023 12:23 PM
73	Accessibility should be the priority, especially with our aging population	10/28/2023 12:20 PM
74	Would like pickleball courts in founders sports park. The costick center and the hawk are far for me to drive to. I'll be 65 in a couple months, nervous about driving on busy roads.	10/28/2023 11:49 AM
75	Meeting space for 20-60 people is needed in the northwest quadrant of the City. Use for homeowner meeting and local clubs. Might be an agreement with the schools or fire	10/28/2023 10:58 AM

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76	We used to get text messages whenever the Costick Pool was closed for an unscheduled event. That system appears to have failed. Even when it used to work, the request had to be renewed each year -- why?	10/28/2023 10:48 AM
77	Please focus on seniors--a large part of the community. Consider the value that the Costick Center provides to seniors--it definitely is a source of COMMUNITY for many seniors. More activities for "younger" seniors will benefit the demographic. Please don't make pickleball the priority. Health, wellness, general information and cultural activities will benefit the seniors. Modernize the Costick Center or provide a place with similar or better accessibility/amenities. Remember that location, parking and space are important. Remember Meals on Wheels, congregate lunches and swimming are important to seniors.	10/28/2023 9:40 AM
78	Would've liked more "prefer not to answer" options on the questions above. Thank you.	10/28/2023 9:31 AM
79	Find a way to keep both Costick Center and The Hawk viable for Senior Citizens.	10/28/2023 8:34 AM
80	1) Parks need improvements. West Bloomfield parks are sooooo much better than Farmington/FHills. FH has become a stagnant city..in all ways. We need to evolve or we will become another city that 'once was great' but is now old and weary. I hear The Hawk is nice but very expensive.	10/28/2023 8:20 AM
81	Special family activities often seem way too crowded - meaning they're appreciated, but could have more days or something	10/28/2023 8:00 AM
82	Many complain about the deer in the area. I have tried to contact the city and county about a solution but have received no response. I have suggested that salt licks be put around in areas of the highest population. these salt licks would contain medication to prevent conception. both for doe's and bucks. it is available for bovines and wouldn't bother any other animals. we would see a decrease in births each year which would reduce the amount of traffic incidences. it would eliminate the need to use guns or bows to cull the herd. the deer are becoming used to humans which can be dangerous for young people that don't understand that they are still wild animals. a deer hove can cause a lot of damage. It wouldn't hurt to educate our young people on what to do when confronted by a deer that isn't running away. an ounce of prevention!----- I, Grampa	10/28/2023 3:05 AM
83	Rather than tearing down and building on wooded lots, more parks would be appreciated and add beauty to the community.	10/27/2023 11:27 PM
84	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport. There may be 80-100 players on the weekends, while the tennis courts sit empty. Change the lower 5 tennis courts into 16+ pickleball courts, and return the upper pickleball courts to tennis courts.	10/27/2023 10:54 PM
85	I'd like to see a skeet shooting range similar to River Bends park in Shelby Township. I regularly drive all the way to Shelby to enjoy shooting with my sons and family. I would much rather do this and pay the fee in my own community.	10/27/2023 10:40 PM
86	Try to have more quality learning & gathering places. Places that involve social engagement among everyone.	10/27/2023 10:13 PM
87	Keep the costic center open and updated.Have adequate staffing for classes. Keep pool open and fully functional	10/27/2023 9:52 PM
88	Include more online programs, especially at night.	10/27/2023 9:26 PM
89	Keep the tennis courts without pickle ball lines as they are essential for the tennis community.	10/27/2023 9:09 PM
90	Please add more tennis courts at the Hawk, we had several USTA teams based out of the Hawk on the summer and already too less tennis courts to facilitate all teams. Please also keep tennis and pickle ball separate. there are plenty of pickle ball courts already and joining the courts will make it near impossible for tennis players to get a court. the summer lessons and organized practices are valuable and great to attend and it's great to have dedicated tennis courts that are actually available and not taken over by prickle ball. thank you for your consideration	10/27/2023 8:55 PM
91	I would like to see a program added for Community Drum Circles, with a monthly event open to all people. I have experience as a drum circle organizer and facilitator, and I would be willing to	10/27/2023 8:52 PM

	help set up, and possibly run, this program (contact Scott Jacobs at 248-914-5867). FH would need to invest in some hand percussion instruments and provide a space.	
92	You have totally neglected handicapped children with needed outdoor equipment for fun and safety.	10/27/2023 5:58 PM
93	Start saving the trees instead of tearing them down. Grass vs cement!!	10/27/2023 5:05 PM
94	Glad to live in a community that values parks & culture. My tax dollars are well spent.	10/27/2023 4:38 PM
95	Please keep the 5 tennis courts at The Hawk lined exclusively for tennis. These are the only safe, playable tennis courts operated by the park. There are 10 pickleball courts at this site. Both sports offer great physical activities for all ages. There is no need to take from one to give to the other; there is space for both. Both exist side by side at The Hawk, but they do not mix well. Lining tennis courts and allowing both sports to be played within the same space is a poor decision. Plastic balls hit with wooden paddles react differently than tennis balls hit with racquet strings. The sound is also very different and distracting. Returning wide shots in tennis means that players can end up on or close to a neighboring court to return the shot. Pickleball players physically remain within the confines of their court. I foresee issues when tennis players end up on the edges of a court with a pickleball match. Player behavior during matches is also very different. Pickleball encourages more boisterous reactions during matches. Tennis etiquette requires a calm response to both good and bad shots. These two sports are like oil and water - they do not mix in a close environment. Please don't set up potential conflicts or possible failure for one or both sports. Please keep the courts separate from each other. No "shared" lines and surfaces. Thank you for your time.	10/27/2023 4:25 PM
96	My favorite community activity is tennis. Places to play are very limited, so I'm thankful for every dedicated tennis court we have. I would love to see lights added to allow later play, especially in the spring and fall when days are shorter. Thanks!	10/27/2023 4:17 PM
97	I am against change tennis courts by adding pickleball lines This make the tennis court very bad and we will need dispute court with pickleball players They have their courts we cannot use But they will able to use ours The tennis courts at Drake park were painted with pickleball lines and now is useless for tennis	10/27/2023 4:15 PM
98	Parks and green spaces available to the public *for free* are a vital part of any city. Activities should also be offered for free or as close to free as possible, people shouldn't be blocked from education and culture due to money.	10/27/2023 4:13 PM
99	Maybe offer more FREE tutoring programs for teens,like after school.	10/27/2023 3:17 PM
100	I am worried that the tennis courts would be turned into pickle ball. We only have a few courts left. Its always busy. I don't understand why they would need to turn those into pickle ball. If they need more space then build courts for them separately.	10/27/2023 3:01 PM
101	Hawk is not a viable option for seniors. Accessibility, pool for water aerobics...	10/27/2023 2:42 PM
102	Golf course needs new cart paths, a person at bag drop to assist with loading and unloading golf bags all the time course is open. Archery range needs much more open shooting hours.	10/27/2023 2:12 PM
103	Priority should be maintaining/upgrading the condition of existing facilities. No new facilities needed; in fact, closing low-usage locations may be warranted.	10/27/2023 2:09 PM
104	The ice skating park is to small and always to full to really enjoy, on several occasions I've hockey teams take over the whole ice rink. Since we pay taxes and live in Farmington Hills I see no need to have to pay extra fees to take senior pictures at Heritage park. The bathrooms at City park need to be cleaned and available all the time. Would like to see more concerts downtown or at heritage park. More activities for the teens 16-18 years old downtown. Heritage park buildings need upkeep maintenance. ABSOLUTELY need more of these parks in our community to allow dogs/pets to access them. They're part of the family too. One big reason we go elsewhere to parks. Bring back movies in the park and maybe more activities. Rejoin the Founders Art Festival with a the Art Fair the way it used to be.	10/27/2023 1:39 PM
105	Snow Machine	10/27/2023 1:33 PM
106	Continue the great work	10/27/2023 1:27 PM
107	I consider the HAWK a money pit that is taking funds from city parks and the golf course. The tee box on many holes are terrible and the cart path is a disgrace and it is only a matter of	10/27/2023 1:26 PM

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	time before someone has an accident. But that is why we have insurance. Right?	
108	The hawk is a nice facility but I prefer to attend a lot of my events at the Costick Center... The size the parking and the individuals that it serves. The heated swimming pool is very very important to me, Is a therapeutic swimming pool and very warm.. A cold pool is very unacceptable for swimming laps and for therapeutic therapy as I've gotten older.	10/27/2023 1:07 PM
109	I'd like to know more about parks in Farmington Hills, only use and am familiar with Heritage Park.	10/27/2023 1:04 PM
110	It is important to keep Costick Center open as it is affordable to senior citizens whereas the Hawk is not. There is a committed group of seniors who use Costick because of cost but also because it has a warmer more personal feeling that we enjoy.	10/27/2023 12:58 PM
111	No pickle ball line on tennis courts please.	10/27/2023 12:54 PM
112	No pickle ball line on tennis courts please.	10/27/2023 12:54 PM
113	We moved to the area a couple years ago and absolutely love the parks and recreation services here. It was the main selling point for us in why we bought a house in Farmington Hills. I would hate to see it deteriorate or even become underfunded so much that it might actually cause us to sell our house and leave at retirement instead of staying. It's a valuable asset to what makes life in Farmington Hills so beautiful. You are all doing a wonderful job and I hope you understand that it's directly linked to the entire community's home values. Don't let greed take our green spaces and sense of community. Please!	10/27/2023 12:47 PM
114	It would be nice to have indoor tennis somewhere during winter months	10/27/2023 12:39 PM
115	Keep Costick pool!! Hawk pool is terrible for water exercise	10/27/2023 12:19 PM
116	My husband had back surgery I had to hip replacements and raising my 12 and 13-year-old grandsons who fathered passed away a year ago from diabetes we are unable to afford a lot of that paying activities because of the price of living my daughter lives in Livonia and she can add them to her family plan which is cheaper for them so they can go there but all of their friends go to the hawk so it really doesn't do them any justice but at least it gives them something to do and the winter time I am grateful that she is able to do that for them	10/27/2023 12:17 PM
117	Heritage Park means the world to me to hike, see nature and sooth my mind. Keep it healthy for years to come.	10/27/2023 12:09 PM
118	Flexibility with the online age group on my account. My kids are close in age and love to play in the same teams but they are prevented to do so due to their age. I couldn't have my six year old swim in the same class as my 5 year old. It's helps with time and scheduling.	10/27/2023 11:59 AM
119	I have significant hearing loss. I have tried water aerobics at Hawk.....way to noisy and cold water	10/27/2023 11:58 AM
120	I heard that there may be pickleball lines drawn on tennis courts. This would be disappointing. I and many in the community are part of tennis USTA tennis leagues and for this program to be sustainable - we need to be assured that tennis courts will be used as designed - for tennis. Additionally, often in the summer there is not enough court space available to play in leagues and many teams have been unable to play. I oppose the drawing of pickleball lines and instead advocate for more tennis courts, and better amenities for tennis players such as lights for evening play.	10/27/2023 11:58 AM
121	Please, throw a figurative bone to the southwestern portion of the city. Or heck, spend some money to mitigate the crap we have to deal with when you decide to have an event in our area(after years without) rather than just letting the chips fall however they may(i.e. the fireworks and the mess that they bring to our area). Feel free to reach out if you have questions. My email is jaimieste20@gmail.com	10/27/2023 11:55 AM
122	Incorporate more art in the form of sculptures and murals	10/27/2023 11:54 AM
123	Please please keep the tennis courts and expand! The tennis players already don't have enough space. And adding pickle ball lines will prevent us from getting access to the courts, especially if we try to come out to play and the pickle ballers are on the court. In my experience at other facilities, pickleballers are rude when you ask them to move, even if there are rules stating that if a tennis player comes they get priority.	10/27/2023 11:47 AM
124	Please try to keep the tennis courts separate from pickle ball courts if possible. Thank u	10/27/2023 11:45 AM

125	I would love to see more paved, accessible areas in the parks.	10/27/2023 11:30 AM
126	Costick Center yoga room needs cleaning. There is dust, bugs & cobwebs everywhere	10/27/2023 11:30 AM
127	Bathrooms at Heritage park could be cleaned up a bit better, another play ground for kids as it gets busy and not a lot of space for them to run around, would love to see a cider mill, maybe apple/pumpkin patches if room allows (also consider expense), some adult activities such as ceramics or dance are always on the same evenings and due to busy schedules, we are unable to attend - maybe different time slots or days to accommodate.	10/27/2023 11:19 AM
128	Continue to maintain what you have!	10/27/2023 11:15 AM
129	Would like nothing to be added to Heritage Park to keep it quite, peaceful and as close to nature as possible	10/27/2023 10:48 AM
130	Many of the 50+ programs are scheduled during weekdays which are not an option for me and others who are not retired and work days.	10/27/2023 9:26 AM
131	Having available tennis courts that are maintained is extremely important. There are fantastic tennis programs offered at The Hawk and with USTA. Tennis provides a lot of fun and youth athletic opportunities. Having the tennis courts at The Hawk is critical. We can't have them replaced or painted with pickleball lines because then we would lose the ability to adequately have any real tennis play. The Hawk serves as the premier outdoor tennis place in the area.	10/27/2023 12:19 AM
132	Open up Indoor Archery to the public community at HAWK. Advertise that	10/26/2023 11:16 PM
133	Please keep the tennis courts and keep them lined for tennis only rather lining them for pickleball. Thank you!	10/26/2023 11:11 PM
134	Din't over develop the green space. Somehow make the Hawk self sustaining.	10/26/2023 9:23 PM
135	Keep doing what you're doing, just work to do it better. Staff appropriately, keep schedules, maintain facilities.	10/26/2023 8:25 PM
136	Please keep the pickle ball and tennis courts separate. If you paint pickle ball lines on the tennis courts the pickle ball players will take over the courts. So many of us tennis players enjoy playing at the Hawk. Please keep the tennis and pickle ball separate. It will be so difficult to get a court. It would not be fair. Thank you	10/26/2023 7:46 PM
137	I wish there were more spots for fishing, even just catch and release fishing	10/26/2023 7:41 PM
138	Kindly refrain from marking pickleball lines on the tennis courts. Just keep the dedicated area for pickleball enthusiasts, while preserving the five lower courts exclusively for tennis players. Securing court time for tennis is already challenging, and as someone who relishes playing and participating in drills at the Hawk, I earnestly request that we maintain the status quo. Allowing pickleball lines on our tennis courts could potentially lead to a dominance of the space by pickleball players, and I believe this could impact our tennis community adversely. I sincerely appreciate your consideration in this matter.	10/26/2023 7:34 PM
139	I'd love to see more habitat restoration and promotion/enrichment within the community for local ecosystems and ecology.	10/26/2023 7:22 PM
140	get better performers for summer concerts	10/26/2023 7:20 PM
141	Keep tennis courts as is and do not add pickelball lines on tennis courts	10/26/2023 6:24 PM
142	More activity options in the SW end of FH	10/26/2023 5:48 PM
143	Better utilize the land adjacent to the Hawk. Many communities have ground floor businesses with multi level condos above. This can substitute as a FH Downtown District as well as provide housing for a large number of new members of the community. Helps the tax base and schools.	10/26/2023 5:46 PM
144	We would like to see our park with more kid's friendly and interesting play areas, Novi and Wixom has latest features in their parks. I believe Heritage Park and Costic's center need major enhancement and improvements. Many of my friends complain Costic center area to be stinky and dirty place.	10/26/2023 4:40 PM
145	Senior programming is essential. Keep Costick Center.....great place	10/26/2023 2:46 PM

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146	If I haven't mentioned it enough, I'd like to be able to walk my dogs on the nature trails.	10/26/2023 2:22 PM
147	Maybe PET friendly.	10/26/2023 2:12 PM
148	More communication on plans in the newspaper or an email or the activity guide. It was way to hard finding out information about this and finding the quiz.	10/26/2023 1:07 PM
149	No	10/26/2023 11:55 AM
150	Keep the tennis courts without pickle ball lines as they are essential to the tennis community.	10/26/2023 9:39 AM
151	I realize that the cost of maintaining the Costick Center is prohibitive. Farmington Hills has never built a new facility for its citizens but has chosen to renovate older buildings, i.e. the Costick Center, the Hawk etc. I would support a smaller, more compact senior building. Ideally, it would not be where seniors have to contend with 12 Mile traffic and they had parking that was close to the new facility. Thank you for allowing us to comment.	10/26/2023 8:38 AM
152	I am a regular user of tennis courts at the Hawk and sincerely hope that it will remain possible to play tennis at this facility.	10/26/2023 5:59 AM
153	More accessible and increase in the number of tennis courts	10/26/2023 1:18 AM
154	Very important to keep tennis courts available to community	10/25/2023 9:22 PM
155	Do not paint pickleball lines on the tennis courts. It creates confusion for tennis player and pickleball players.	10/25/2023 9:20 PM
156	Please protect the Farmington Hills Golf course and tennis courts at the hawk. No more pickleball courts!	10/25/2023 9:19 PM
157	Very concerned about losing tennis courts. Understand pickleball is currently popular, but tennis is important to many people . Thank you.	10/25/2023 9:15 PM
158	We'd love more places to hike! Some cities have really cool playgrounds (like the Imagination Station in Brighton). We'd love more nature parks that are dog-friendly like the nearby Carpenter Nature Preserve.	10/25/2023 9:03 PM
159	Please do NOT paint pickleball lines on the tennis courts. Please keep them separate from the pickleball players. The HAWK tennis program is growing and means so much to all of us. Getting a court to Play and practice before or after the HAWK events is hard enough. Please keep it as it is and let the pickleball people have the upper courts and tennis players the lower courts!! Thank you	10/25/2023 8:22 PM
160	Keep the tennis courts tennis courts please no pickle ball lines	10/25/2023 8:11 PM
161	I truly believe that continuing to share the outside court space with pickleball and tennis is in the best interest of all of us that enjoy playing at the beautiful Hawk facility! Additionally, putting pickleball lines on tennis courts greatly interferes with the ability to play the game. Please save our remaining tennis courts!!!	10/25/2023 7:50 PM
162	More programs for adults 50+ who work full time outside of work hours. Allow dogs in parks so we can walk our dogs.	10/25/2023 7:47 PM
163	Please keep the tennis courts without pickleball lines at the Hawk. The tennis courts at the Hawk are essential to the tennis community. Please also re-surface the tennis courts at Shiawasee Park. Thank you.	10/25/2023 7:36 PM
164	Please keep the tennis courts without any pickleball lines	10/25/2023 7:22 PM
165	keep the tennis courts without pickleball lines as they are essential to the tennis community.	10/25/2023 7:18 PM
166	Fix the Costick center. I love a place just for seniors	10/25/2023 7:15 PM
167	Please Keep the tennis courts without pickle ball lines as the courts are essential to the tennis community. The tennis courts are well-used and often full. We have a large tennis playing population who needs courts in our fine city! Thank you	10/25/2023 6:40 PM
168	We need more tennis courts at the Hawk. We do not need more pickle ball courts.	10/25/2023 6:39 PM
169	Please keep the tennis courts as is without adding any lines or taking them down for pickleball. Pickleball is only a few years old and in another few years it might lose its interest but tennis has been played for many many years. There are plenty of pickleball courts and over the next	10/25/2023 6:28 PM

	couple years as with any new sport, interest drops off. I play tennis quite often and it's already hard to find a court without reducing the number of them	
170	Please do not remove tennis courts there are plenty of pickle ball courts right now	10/25/2023 6:26 PM
171	keep the tennis courts without pickleball lines as they are essential to the tennis community.	10/25/2023 6:25 PM
172	Please keep the tennis courts without pickleball lines as they are essential to the tennis community.	10/25/2023 6:24 PM
173	Please keep the tennis courts at The Hawk. There are many pickleball courts already. The tennis-playing community needs them! Also, please don't put the pickleball lines on them! Thank you!	10/25/2023 6:20 PM
174	keep the tennis courts without pickleball lines as they are essential to the tennis community.	10/25/2023 5:52 PM
175	Please keep the tennis courts as they are and you're not playing pickle ball lines on them. Those cards are essential for the Tennis community.	10/25/2023 5:42 PM
176	Please do not remove the tennis courts although pickleball popularity is currently on the rise tennis courts is still more popular and has longevity.	10/25/2023 5:34 PM
177	Please do not demolish the tennis courts at the hawk. Pickleball is a fad and is not a lifelong sport. Tennis has a long history and is here to stay.	10/25/2023 5:26 PM
178	Keep the tennis courts at the Hawk, don't add lines for Pickleball on the tennis courts. The tennis community needs tennis courts.	10/25/2023 5:22 PM
179	Please DO NOT remove tennis courts. The tennis community has no place to play. Build more pickleball courts and leave what little locations there are for tennis alone.	10/25/2023 5:19 PM
180	Keep the tennis courts without pickleball lines.	10/25/2023 4:57 PM
181	Please do not turn all the tennis courts into pickle ball courts! There are still a lot of tennis players out there!	10/25/2023 4:56 PM
182	Keep the tennis courts	10/25/2023 4:52 PM
183	Invest & up date the Costick Center to enhance its use.	10/25/2023 4:47 PM
184	Please keep the tennis courts as is. They are in very good condition and our family wises them often for tennis. Please do not convert any additional tennis courts to pickle or paint lines, lower nets, etc.	10/25/2023 4:45 PM
185	Please keep the tennis courts	10/25/2023 4:34 PM
186	Please keep the tennis courts at the Hawk - they are essential to the tennis community	10/25/2023 4:22 PM
187	I think it is important to reduce the deer population in Farmington Hills and to work on spreading knowledge to community on planting native plants, reducing the amount of mowed grass / yard areas and controlling invasive species on private and city land.	10/25/2023 4:22 PM
188	I live in Farmington and use Shiawasse Park 5-7 days per week year round. I would like to see trees planted along the walking path, the full length that runs alongside the creek, so as to grow into a shade canopy in the future. Also the rebuilding/replacement of the stairway from Shaiwasse park to the back corner of the Maxfield property. I have read that the stairway is going to be replaced with an ADA approved ramp. But could you please construct a stairway straight up the hill so that those of us who walk downtown don't need to traverse an extra 0.5 mile to get downtown just walking up the ramp.	10/25/2023 4:07 PM
189	Farmington Hills parks need to be more dog friendly!!	10/25/2023 3:59 PM
190	Since our children are now adults we rarely use most of the facilities. I am unfamiliar with most of the facilities for that reason. But I have 2 comments: the FH ice area could use some fresh paint and more tables in the lobby for skaters, families and guests. It's always been so dark and dreary! Second, I drive past Pioneer park all the time on my way to church. I wonder how often this park is utilized since it is only used for soccer. To me, since if it has this designation, I hope that it is considered a part time facility and money spent on it accordingly. Or, make improvements so it can be used by residents for use addition to soccer. And it could be used all year long. Why does FH continue to use the Costick Center? It looks so dump	10/25/2023 2:01 PM

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	and dated. Other than the swimming pool, what's the point of having this building open when the Hawk is a much better facility?	
191	Please can we have more tennis courts or updated courts? And please can we keep pickle ball lines off any tennis courts? It's a potential safety problem when I'm hitting tennis balls and pickle ballers are on an adjacent tennis court.	10/25/2023 1:48 PM
192	Please Keep Pickle ball off of tennis courts at Hawk.	10/25/2023 1:40 PM
193	Improvement to the skatepark, or a new skatepark, skateparks seem to be one of the most used public installations wherever they get located, some sort of indoor park, or park with a shelter over it would be cool to help with rain. Also installing lights at Riley skatepark that turn off at maybe 10 or so would be a nice compromise, people could still skate after dark but not late enough to attract a rough crowd	10/25/2023 1:10 PM
194	Keep the Costick center pool open!	10/25/2023 12:48 PM
195	Just to improve the dog park with maybe some lights, benches with umbrellas and a paved path to walk	10/25/2023 12:32 PM
196	Please Repair the damage done to Riley skatepark done by bikes and scooters .	10/25/2023 12:31 PM
197	allow dogs in all Farmington/Farmington Hills parks	10/25/2023 12:01 PM
198	Please continue to extend the trail system for trail running/hiking. Both heritage and woodland have limited natural trails. We have a great start but we could really look to extend these trails to run throughout the city and or within the parks.	10/25/2023 10:56 AM
199	I would prefer not to mix pickleball courts with tennis courts since the tennis courts are nice and it gets confusing to mix pickleball and tennis court lined	10/25/2023 10:48 AM
200	Please bring back more tennis courts.	10/25/2023 9:53 AM
201	Thank you for gifting the citizens community members and neighbors a chance to use their voice. What a beautiful and powerful way to show unity and kindness during a time when there is so much going on in the world. You. Are. Appreciated. Ps. Sauna. Steam room. Jacuzzi. Health club. We need our sanity during February when it's arctic here!!!! If you can't do all three go with sauna. If I see a putt putt course out at one of the parks I will know we coulda woulda shoulda chose sauna. But I won't be mad. Everyone loves putt putt golf. But go with sauna!!!!	10/25/2023 9:51 AM
202	I plan to get more active at The Hawk as my schedule allows. The Costick Center is sort of drab looking inside so the feel of it reminds me of the interior of the old Kmart that closed on Farmington Road and 7 Mile. I didn't want to be in there very long. I appreciate the offerings, but it's just not a pleasant or upbeat atmosphere feel walking into old decor, lighting, etc. Maybe the entire lobby could be modernized one day. It would be a great positive upon entering!	10/25/2023 9:39 AM
203	Please don't give anymore tennis courts to pickleball and keep the lines off the courts. These courts are wonderful and we are losing courts constantly to pickle ball. I have been to the Hawk frequently and no one has been on the pickle ball courts so they clearly don't need anymore. Save tennis! Thank you	10/25/2023 9:19 AM
204	It's important to keep tennis and pickleball separate meaning do not be tempted to put pickleball lines on the tennis courts at the Hawk. It's extremely confusing to play w extra lines. Tennis play availability is already lacking space and programming. Please don't take anymore away. If pickleballers want more play time at the Hawk you should limit non residents from programming. I've heard from pball friends that they can't get into classes and that spots are taken by non residents.	10/25/2023 9:03 AM
205	Fix Riley Skatepark (fill in cracks, newer, better obstacles)	10/25/2023 8:32 AM
206	Longboarding is a unique sport very different then skateboarding, much less impact on the body and can be compared to snowboarding on asphalt. Farmington Hills has its namesake, very nice hills that are perfect for longboarding. Would LOVE to see this very under-represented sport with a ton of benefits receive more recognition and be incorporated into more parks and facilities	10/25/2023 8:09 AM
207	I'd love to see some of the tennis courts restored through out the parks system. I continuously look for courts where my partner and I can walk or bike to to go play. Unfortunately we don't	10/25/2023 7:25 AM

	have these available to us from a city park. We'd love to have these be more accessible and available. I've loved taking tennis lessons at the HAWK but it's hard to maintain skills when you only have lesson offerings over the summer and then limited court options.	
208	More tennis options. Indoor and outdoor. Pickleball indoor BUT SEPARATE facilities. Using multiple lines is distracting.	10/25/2023 5:43 AM
209	We need another skatepark closer. Please make one on the Farmington hills side, maybe at the hawk?	10/25/2023 4:01 AM
210	Please don't add pickleball lines to the tennis courts. It congests the courts for tennis players and as someone who drives from out of town to play at the hawk, specifically, I would be remiss to arrive and not be able to find an open tennis court.	10/24/2023 11:34 PM
211	It would be nice to know the plans for the 3rd floor at the Hawk. Costick pool could use an upgrade.	10/24/2023 10:39 PM
212	There are very limited public tennis courts in Farmington Hills. The newer ones at Hawk are awesome and always packed when I go after work (can be difficult to find an open court). Either adding more courts somewhere in Farmington Hills area or at least prioritizing longevity of the current ones is a priority to me.	10/24/2023 10:25 PM
213	Extended hours and lights at riley	10/24/2023 9:58 PM
214	Fix up Riley skate park, add lights and a new indoor skatepark would allow the community to keep growing all year round!	10/24/2023 9:30 PM
215	The skatepark Riley is getting to a point where it is almost dangerous if you are not aware of how rough the ground is. most parks around here have the smoothest ground possible which is much safer and more effective. This also seems to be the most used park or recreational space in farmington. Is well known as one of the best and most popular skate parks in michigan. Could definitely use any and all help.	10/24/2023 9:25 PM
216	would be great for Riley Skatepark to be updated. or maybe add lights. i've grown up here, lots of things are outdated. it is still fun but things can be improved to not only make it more safe but more fun for those who attend	10/24/2023 9:21 PM
217	We need more outdoor Tennis events. Evenings are very good for outdoor Tennis events, specially in Summer. Tennis courts should get more improved.	10/24/2023 8:56 PM
218	It would be great to have a mountain biking trail in Farmington Hills! Also would like to see additional skateboard parks or spaces placed within existing parks.	10/24/2023 8:50 PM
219	I would love to see improvements to Riley skate park or the addition of another skate park.	10/24/2023 8:44 PM
220	Please ensure some tennis courts are maintained. I understand that pickle all is a popular sport but tennis deserves to continue to be a priority. If the remaining tennis courts are painted for pickleball, tennis players will not be able to play	10/24/2023 8:35 PM
221	Please keep the tennis courts separate from the pickle ball courts.	10/24/2023 7:49 PM
222	Tennis please!!!	10/24/2023 7:02 PM
223	Please do not add pickle ball lines to the tennis courts at the Hawk. Those 5 tennis courts are great for team tennis and work nicely with the 10 pickle ball courts nearby. And they help local high school girls tennis players practice and possibly be eligible for tennis scholarships. Of which our area NEEDS MORE. College tennis has many women's tennis scholarships available. Not so with pickleball.	10/24/2023 5:33 PM
224	The majority of this survey does not apply to me. However, I am a frequent user of the Hawk tennis and pickleball courts. I am filling out this survey in order to voice my STRONG disapproval for the proposal to add pickleball lines to the tennis courts. There are precious few tennis courts available locally as it is and this proposal would limit availability further. Additionally, as a tennis and pickleball player, the pball lines on tennis courts are confusing for both sports. Not to mention the fact that the tennis nets are not the same height as pickleball nets. Thank you.	10/24/2023 5:23 PM
225	The main purpose for filling out this survey is to voice the	10/24/2023 5:21 PM
226	Maintain tennis courts	10/24/2023 5:07 PM

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227	I have just begun using the Costick pool for lap swimming (senior time) and really like it. I hope that continues to be available to us. I walk to Riley park daily and enjoy that too.	10/24/2023 5:07 PM
228	Please keep the pickleball program separate from tennis, there seems to be very few community driven tennis programs in the area and would be disappointed to see if be scaled down. In fact, the opposite should occur and we need to expand the tennis courts available.	10/24/2023 5:04 PM
229	We need to better maintain the tennis courts. Too many are being left to deteriorate or are being converted to pickleball courts. I understand pickleball is popular but we shouldn't sacrifice our tennis courts because of it.	10/24/2023 5:01 PM
230	My husband and I enjoy playing tennis. With pickleball becoming more popular, I would like the Recreation Master Plan to make sure tennis remains represented in Farmington/Farmington Hills parks and is able to have their own unique space.	10/24/2023 4:38 PM
231	I have heard plans for Farmington Hills to reduce the number of dedicated tennis courts in the parks and instead convert the bulk of the courts to shared Pickleball/Tennis courts. The city already has more Pickleball courts than tennis courts, and space is at a premium. While I appreciate the desire for Pickleball players to have their own dedicated space, they already have 10 dedicated courts and to convert the remaining tennis courts (4 of which are close to or completely unplayable) into shared Pickleball/Tennis courts will benefit Pickleball players disproportionately. Pickleball players can use any court (shared or solely dedicated), but tennis players like myself and my husband can only use tennis courts to play - thus further limiting the opportunities dedicated tennis players have to play and to practice. Pickleball lines require a financial investment in court modifications, and this investment could be better utilized to improve the 4 courts currently out of commission for community tennis players rather than spend money preferring pickleball players' access to courts. As a league player currently participating in league play for the Hawk, I appreciate dedicated tennis courts to practice on to be able to mimic league play as close as possible. Trying to navigate the pickleball lines during matchplay can be confusing and distracting. I understand the intention is for the leagues to be able to continue to get scheduled court time for matches, but to open the courts to shared use will limit opportunities for practice between matches. Additionally - the 5 dedicated courts at the Hawk were not sufficient for the number of teams in league play this past summer, and we often found ourselves having to add in additional courts for our "home" courts (Beachview, Franklin Athletic Club) - I cannot imagine this issue improving when USTA leagues are forced to share courts with Pickleball.	10/24/2023 3:58 PM
232	Please Do NOT add pickle ball lines on the present tennis courts!! Pickle ball needs to be on separate courts bc the lines affect how tennis balls bounce! Also, keep pickle ball courts away from residential areas and the tennis courts! They are extremely noisy!! We play tennis a lot, and the whacking of plastic pickle balls can be so distracting!!	10/24/2023 3:06 PM
233	Trouble at Hawk finding tennis courts at times- can there be more??	10/24/2023 2:57 PM
234	Would greatly appreciate a pavilion structure at Grace Dog Park. Would greatly appreciate a reciprocal agreement between West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills for dog park access. Love our parks and very proud of this system - one of the best City amenities!	10/24/2023 2:09 PM
235	Please do not put pickleball lines on the tennis courts at the Hawk. It would ruin them and there are plenty of pickle ball courts there already. Would hate to see FH lose out on USTA events.	10/24/2023 2:03 PM
236	Would love to see more Tennis courts and Tennis programs around the year. Thanks!	10/24/2023 2:01 PM
237	Please don't then all tennis courts to pickle ball courts!!!! We love tennis and don't want to see it go. It's very important that both communities have their own facilities and don't need to share.	10/24/2023 1:45 PM
238	we heard that pickle ball lines are planned to be added in the tennis courts and we will like that not to be done as we are already short of courts in the community. Moreover sharing the surface is going to create conflicts as to who gets the space etc. there are not very many indoor tennis courts too. So spring, summer are the times when we get to play tennis. And this will hamper our kids tennis training plans too. I feel there are more pickle ball courts and we are short of tennis courts. Already many courts have been converted.	10/24/2023 1:39 PM
239	Please keep and improve tennis courts. My kids love playing tennis and my husband and I do too!	10/24/2023 1:36 PM

240	Keep dedicated tennis courts that are not subject to intrusion by pickleball players. Farmington hills has very few tennis options already. Keep the lines off our courts, they have enough room already and more flexible schedules than parents of young kids	10/24/2023 1:33 PM
241	Please keep the tennis courts for only tennis. There are so few courts already, and it would be so frustrating to have them bring used to pickleball. My 9-year-old and my husband love to play tennis together. More tennis courts would be appreciated!	10/24/2023 1:29 PM
242	It would be nice to have more tennis courts, or at least fix the few that have gone to disrepair.	10/24/2023 1:19 PM
243	I am deeply concerned to hear about the push for pickle ball lines on the few remaining tennis courts. This is detrimental to the sport of tennis for several reasons: 1) diminishes the tennis playing experience causing confusion and interference with the game and affect quality of play; 2) tennis players, especially those training for competitive matches, reliant, consistent, practice environments to hone their skills. The introduction of Pickleball lines can limit the availability of tennis courts, reducing the opportunities for dedicated tennis players to practice and find their game; 3) mixing Pickleball and tennis players on the same court can post safety risks. The games have different ball, speech, trajectories, and movement patterns, which may lead to accidental collisions in injuries. Safety should be a paramount concern; 4) co-existence of Pickleball and tennis on the same courts can create resentment among players of both sports. Disputes may rise, over court allocation, etiquette, and scheduling, potentially causing division among our community of sport enthusiasts; 5) adding Pickleball lines, requires a financial investment for court modifications. This expense could be better utilize to maintain and improve existing facilities or programs; 6) the addition of Pickleball lines, may shift the focus of our facility towards pickle ball, potentially marginalizing, the rich tradition and culture of Tennis. The shift may deter tennis players from continued use of our facilities and participating in tennis programs like summer camps and USTA tournaments. I urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative options for accommodating Pickleball without compromising the essence of our tennis facilities.	10/24/2023 1:18 PM
244	We need to get affordable tennis practice places preferably indoors. Swimming program is very poor. Very hard to find open swim or swim coaches for learning	10/24/2023 1:12 PM
245	I love both Pickleball and tennis. But please do not take away or turn any of the tennis courts into pickle ball courts. I think we have enough Pickleball courts.	10/24/2023 1:09 PM
246	As pickle ball continues to grow in popularity, it feels as if this growth is at the expense of the tennis program. As a tennis player, this is a real disappointment. I don't believe this has to be a zero sum issue and that both programs can exist equitably. Tennis and pickle ball players should have access to quality courts. Don't pit one community against the other.	10/24/2023 12:54 PM
247	Please save our outdoor tennis courts. If possible can we have indoor tennis courts at the Hawk? Farmington hills has no tennis club to help grow our family sport which is tennis 🎾. I've lived in this city for 30 years and I sincerely hope my voice will be heard . Thank you.	10/24/2023 12:53 PM
248	Keep tennis courts seperate from pickle ball courts to ensure tennis players have access to facilities as well as pickle ball players.	10/24/2023 12:47 PM
249	The tennis courts at The Hawk are an incredible asset. They are often not enough courts for the number of players. I strongly encourage the Recreation Master Plan to include keeping the tennis courts exclusively for tennis.	10/24/2023 12:43 PM
250	PLEASE keep pickleball lines off the tennnis courts. There are already so many pickleball courts. The hype will die down in the coming years. Tennis is a game of inches and if you put lines on the court tennis players will struggle to read in / out balls at higher levels and faster paced games and have less access to good / clean courts. The Hawk doesn't need more pickleball courts. Let's celebrate both games and while keeping them separate.	10/24/2023 12:36 PM
251	Please do not line the tennis courts at the Hawk with Pickleball lines. Too often tennis courts are being taken away from active players to accommodate pickleball players. There are limited courts as is and the tennis community is very active and engaged. It brings a lot of people together. Having even more courts or court time taken away will have very negative impacts for the tennis community. I believe both sports can be enjoyed without negatively impacting one or the other. Pickleball does not need to be supported at the expense of tennis.	10/24/2023 12:36 PM
252	I love tennis at the Hawk! It is a well run program and it has grown to over 110 of us playing there! Most of us play 4 times weekly for 2 hours each time! Most of us still work so the 6pm	10/24/2023 12:34 PM

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	times are great and we always have so much fun!!! Please make more tennis courts because we are sending our friends elsewhere to play because we are full at the Hawk!	
253	I've attended a weekly adult tennis practice at The Hawk since the program started 3 years ago, and it has been great. It would be amazing if this could be expanded upon to include additional time slots, and include spring and fall rather than just 10 weeks in the summer. Private clubs' classes are too expensive for me. The classes at The Hawk gave me the opportunity to pick up tennis again and meet fellow adult tennis-appreciators. I'm also in much healthier physical condition than I was 3 years ago, due mostly to my renewed interest in tennis.	10/24/2023 12:34 PM
254	Please keep tennis courts. Courts at Shiawassee and Ole town are in terrible condition. Hawk is all that is left.	10/24/2023 12:33 PM
255	I'm a big fan of tennis and very passionate about the sport. I really wish there were more courts to play on... especially at the Hawk. There's not enough space for tennis players. I also strongly advocate for the separation of tennis and picketball courts. Pickleball lines on tennis courts are a bit disruptive. We need our own space.	10/24/2023 12:32 PM
256	The importance of the tennis space is critical. There are a lot of people who play tennis at the hawk because of the community, the players, and the coach. While we recognize the importance of a pickle ball community, too, the pickle ball lines should remain off of the tennis courts. There are not enough tennis courts to run classes and matches at the same time, let alone to have space to come meet up and play outside of organized events. Many tennis players would likely stop playing at the hawk if pickle ball players were to start using the courts. While it is possible for pickle ball players to use tennis courts for their games, tennis players cannot use pickle ball courts for their own. This would mean the pickle ball players would have significantly increased their playable area, while the tennis players would not only keep the same amount of playable area, they may lose court space as pickle ball players encroach on their courts. It is vital to the tennis community for the tennis courts to remain solely used for tennis.	10/24/2023 12:31 PM
257	Please keep the tennis courts intact. The Hawk tennis program has been a community builder for me and my family. I belong to several summer tennis leagues at The Hawk and the program is growing. Would like to continue to enjoy this program and the awesome tennis facilities and coach.	10/24/2023 12:30 PM
258	There are 2 main concerns I have. 1. We should be promoting tennis in our community. It is a life long sport and it improves the health and community bonding and friendship. 2. We do need more support for special needs individuals. We have been trying to get swimming lessons for my son who is a special needs kid for past 2 years but have not been able to find any resources.	10/24/2023 12:28 PM
259	Keep the tennis courts	10/24/2023 12:25 PM
260	Our family would love to see more support to improve tennis courts instead of turning them into pickle ball courts. We often find ourselves unable to play or our children turned away from classes since more tennis courts have been turned into pickle ball courts at the Hawk. These two sports should stay separate to give everyone a chance to participate in their chosen activity.	10/24/2023 12:24 PM
261	We need more Tennis courts than what exists. It is always a challenge to find an open court. The existing courts at the Hawk have been converted to Pickleball courts and that has reduced the number of Tennis courts. I have had to return home many times because we couldn't find open Tennis courts. Request the city to add more tennis courts and prevent existing tennis courts from being converted to Pickleball courts. Please also consider indoor tennis courts.	10/24/2023 12:24 PM
262	Please make sure tennis courts remain accessible. I appreciate the growing popularity in pickle ball, but it is making it difficult to find available tennis courts.	10/24/2023 12:23 PM
263	Please keep tennis courts separate from pickle ball courts. It is difficult to find available tennis courts in Farmington Hills. Also, it would be nice to have some mountain bike trails.	10/24/2023 12:16 PM
264	Do not line tennis courts for pickleball.	10/24/2023 12:16 PM
265	We would like to keep the tennis courts and pickleball courts separate. My daughter loves playing tennis but we are hearing we maybe loosing some of the tennis courts to pickleball. Please, please, please do not do this. She needs space to be able to practice too. Thank you	10/24/2023 12:16 PM

266	Please do not transfer any more tennis courts into pickle ball courts. I understand that pickle ball is growing, however that doesn't mean that tennis is shrinking, if anything I think that community is growing as well and has every right to their own unique space as pickle ball does. I have played tennis leagues out of the Hawk and the most common comment I hear from opposing teams is that we don't have nearly enough tennis courts compared to the demand.	10/24/2023 12:14 PM
267	Would prefer the tennis and pickle ball courts remain separate at The Hawk.	10/24/2023 12:13 PM
268	I am a tennis player. I come out to the Farmington / Farmington Hills tennis courts often due to a community of us in the area. At the hawk I have noticed our courts have been getting over run by pickle ball and a lot of amenities have gone towards that but no voices have been heard for tennis courts or players. There is not even court lights for evening tennis... I love what tennis has done for not only myself but for the group of people I have been introduced to through the community by tennis. My hope is that the city can give 50/50 to both tennis & pickle ball and not feel like tennis is being pushed out or being taken away. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns and hopefully keeping the tennis dream alive for the Farmington-hills area!	10/24/2023 12:12 PM
269	Please keep the tennis courts! They are very important to the community. Tennis is a sport that required dedicated courts. There are always many people playing and using the courts. Your programming is excellent.	10/24/2023 12:08 PM
270	Provide lights for tennis courts at the Hawk to be able to play longer. Tennis courts at another location might be good also. Add Chess training or tournaments for adults.	10/24/2023 12:04 PM
271	I love the Hawk community center. It's great to have such a large outdoor sports area open to the public. The new tennis courts are beautiful too, but I wish there were more space for all the players and teams. I would also like to see tennis and pickleball remain on separate surfaces to avoid conflict between the sports. Thanks	10/24/2023 11:41 AM
272	Income and ethnicity are inappropriate questions and irrelevant	10/24/2023 10:28 AM
273	Now is the time to make the Costick Center a priority. The seniors have been ignored long enough. The city has kicked the upkeep and renovations down the road long enough. It was PROMISED when you were trying to get funds to purchase the Hawk that the Costick Center would not be ignored. But it has been. The Hawk is for younger families but the Costick Center us for seniors. WE DESERVE BETTER	10/24/2023 10:20 AM
274	Support for Seniors is amazing, I don't know how they accomplish all that they do.	10/24/2023 9:58 AM
275	Keep tennis courts for tennis	10/23/2023 9:01 PM
276	Na	10/23/2023 11:55 AM
277	As I already said, please do not close/sell the Costick center nor the pool. I have made numerous friends while at the pool. I exercise my hip after hip replacement and need to do that forthwith. This also affects our mental outlook on life in general. I speak for many, many people, both young and old, as to the value of the pool and other sports offerings at Costick. Just upgrade them, not closing them. The meeting places are important plus the lunch offerings for hungry seniors are most welcome The staff is so helpful also Hats off to them! Thank you very much.	10/23/2023 8:59 AM
278	Drake Park has no facilities for younger children (3-10) to play on while attending sports games of their siblings or while Long Acre school is in session. There is a large unused area to the north of the playground which could be utilized for this purpose. Additionally, cars on Drake Road frequently exceed the speed limit of 25 in front of the park.	10/22/2023 8:48 PM
279	I would like to see more removL of invasive species in the parks.	10/22/2023 5:08 PM
280	Please keep the Costick Center for all to use. It is especially good for seniors (50 plus) and the disabled (i.e., dementia patients).	10/22/2023 4:28 PM
281	Our estimate is that the Hawk is losing a lot of money. The Costick Center is redundant and should be closed, the land sold, and the money channeled into other city services. There is considerable excess capacity at The Hawk and the facility is significantly underutilized.	10/22/2023 8:15 AM
282	More accessibility to information. The parks & rec website doesn't have a lot.	10/21/2023 9:20 PM
283	The Hawk is too expensive.	10/21/2023 8:43 PM

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284	Additional pickle ball courts should be added to keep up with growing popularity of the sport. Pickle ball classes should not be able to reserve more than 5 courts at the Hawk. Thanks!	10/21/2023 5:51 PM
285	Installing security cameras for heritage park in parking lots. Theft is an issue that needs to be addressed.	10/20/2023 11:55 PM
286	add a roller hockey or ball hockey option at The Hawk. Could also upgrade the old roller hockey court at Heritage Park - the asphalt surface there is too rough for skates and there needs to be a fence around it to keep pucks/balls from going into the grass.	10/20/2023 9:31 PM
287	The swimming facilities and times need to be better!	10/20/2023 4:09 PM
288	Priority 1 should be update and refurbish the Costick center. Priority 2 would be to add more hours at ft he the makers space. Priority 3 would be to add an indoor component to the the Riley Archery Center.	10/20/2023 10:41 AM
289	The tee boxes on the golf course need to be leveled, re sodden. The cart paths need to be fixed. The main entrance landscaping needs to be freshened up. Fix bare spots by the walk way from parking lot.	10/19/2023 9:38 PM
290	Dance is a great exercise for all ages. You should offer weekly social dances like you used to. The Ford dances are no substitute for the social dances with Fernando Caduccio as DJ. Those need to be added back! We live in the part of West Bloomfield that goes to Farmington Hills schools. Many of our friends are still FHills residents. I think you should be more supportive of non profit clubs and organizations. It has been very difficult finding places to hold meetings. I think that is an area you could improve on and provide a sorely needed service to your taxpayers.	10/19/2023 8:08 PM
291	Please lower property taxes instead of spending them on projects that destroy nature and our environment. We already have too many parks and facilities. Please think of the irreversible consequences of your actions.	10/19/2023 5:54 PM
292	More homeschool programs or daytime weekday activities for kids. The one homeschool program at the nature center is great but it is not long.	10/19/2023 5:07 PM
293	mountain biking trails	10/19/2023 4:42 PM
294	The Costick center is a very valuable place to go to for dance and fitness as well as events. I would hope it remains open indefinitely.	10/19/2023 2:10 PM
295	Would like to keep the Costick Center open. Do not want to move Senior Activities to the Hawk.	10/19/2023 2:03 PM
296	I use the Costick Center regularly for my exercise program and social activities. These things are very important to my well-being and quality of life.	10/19/2023 12:38 PM
297	Expand archery program	10/19/2023 10:01 AM
298	If it isn't safe to walk to your car, or if you get followed upon leaving, people aren't going to use F2H facilities, especially after dark. Also, for 50 and Better, please reduce prices, don't require a membership unless it includes all activities at no additional cost.	10/18/2023 11:00 PM
299	Costick Center is an excellent facility for Senior. I would highly recommend it's continued use.	10/18/2023 9:05 PM
300	We need to add ADA pathways from parking lot to bleachers or observation areas at parks. Need to 1) regrade drives and 2) parking lots Need to improve Driving Range. Add 25, 50 and 75 yard flags. Need to reduce slope on #1 green. This will speed up play. Need to upgrade the Costick or build facility for Seniors adjacent to Hawk, then sell Costick grounds for Senior Living. New will be more cost effective than renovating. Plus you can sell Costick building and land to reduce overall cost!	10/18/2023 4:40 PM
301	Lower the costs at the HAWK. The lack of options for 18-49s means that the majority in this age group have memberships with HAWK competitors which offer less expensive and/or better options. The costs, especially for non-resident and/or non-members are way too high. Cut them by at least a third and twice as many people will take part. Expand the current 50+ health and fitness options to all adults, and stop the monopoly on fitness with Fitness Motivators. Many 18-49s want fitness class options during the daytime, but the only choices are limited to what the HAWK offers. Participation in classes should be based on the participant's interest	10/18/2023 2:38 PM

and ability, not age. Some 20 year olds need Vhair Yoga, some 80 year olds want Zumba. Meet participants where the are, or they will find services elsewhere.

302	One comment about the Hawk. Amazing facility, very happy here, but what would put it over the top would be a sauna and hot tub.	10/18/2023 1:15 PM
303	Old Towne Park needs a revamp. I wish the costick center had a family locker room so I could help my 3 boys change after swim lessons. Also better background check on the employees that work in the hawks nest. We've had issues with the day care workers showing my kids random stuff on their phones, or doing tik tok videos with them etc.	10/18/2023 10:31 AM
304	So many natural green spaces in the city are being sold off for new construction. Why do we need more office buildings or cookie cutter subdivisions? Wildlife has nowhere to go as is. The city's goals should be to preserve quality of life for future generation by preserving nature around us. Wetlands should be permanently protected as conservation land. Please make it an objective to protect remaining undeveloped land within city limits. Current parks leave much to be desired. For example, Harmon Oaks is a joke not a park. Heritage Park alone is not enough. Also, the fishing pier could use some type of a shade cover.	10/18/2023 9:44 AM
305	Thank you for taking suggestions and comments from your community. I will share this questionnaire with the families of my students.	10/18/2023 7:13 AM
306	Free dog park, expand pool at the hawk (outdoor pool!), co-working space at the hawk, run club for boys	10/18/2023 12:44 AM
307	We really need a shaded sitting area at the dog park. It's brutal on hot summer days!	10/17/2023 11:18 PM
308	As a Senior Citizen, I prefer The Costick Center to The Hawk. It is much better suited for the needs of our population for many reasons.	10/17/2023 8:58 PM
309	Make it easy for everyone to use it. Not expensive.	10/17/2023 4:57 PM
310	The Costick Center is a lifeline for seniors. It needs updating badly. The Hawk got a mega\$ treatment - so should Costick!!!	10/17/2023 3:27 PM
311	The dog park has a bad drainage problem that needs to be fixed.	10/17/2023 2:06 PM
312	The Costic Center is critical for existing senior services. Specifically the pool for senior water aerobics as there is no other pool fit for this activity in other facilities. In addition, we are concerned the Costic Center will be overrun with new senior residents of The Rose currently being built behind it.	10/17/2023 12:24 PM
313	Re-evaluate the Hawk. The services offered are expensive for the building/room size. Parking is an issue as well.	10/17/2023 10:45 AM
314	Would be nice to have more dog friendly walking trails and more connecting biking trails. Would be nice to have an RC flying field	10/17/2023 10:33 AM
315	We do not want all these grand plans for connecting out parks. We don't want connected to Madison hts via 9 mile. I live on 9 mike and like it how it is. People. An bike on all the paths you out in., we don't need a connectir park. We certainly don't want a bus to show up at any park, that takes away from the serenity of nature. Open Heratage Park to dogs. Allow people to rent time in the dig park independently, especially on the obstacle course. You. Ant train with a bunch of other dogs running through the course. Also, dogs get hurt in dog parks, allow rentals for individual dogs and owners. No more splash pads. It brings people from other cities, fine but they don't pay for these services, we do. Take care of the fighting and crime at the Hawk and frankly it, I have been told, is loosing money. Take care of the costic center, it is an important park of our city and we want to keep it.	10/17/2023 9:36 AM
316	Park in northeast Farmington Hills, as that area is lacking in outdoor park	10/16/2023 8:07 PM
317	Please keep Costick open and focused on seniors.	10/16/2023 5:44 PM
318	Cut back on lawn mowing at Heritage Park. It's unnecessary to mow as often as it is mowed now. Equipment is far too loud, too. Please consider electric equipment.	10/16/2023 3:02 PM
319	Fix the cart paths at the golf course. Invest in continual improvements of the golf course	10/16/2023 9:42 AM
320	I would like to see some sort of gazebo or other covered structure at William Grace Dog Park. There is little shade, if any, and it is difficult for both dog and owner to enjoy during the	10/16/2023 9:37 AM

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	summer months. Thank you.	
321	Please consider adding a picnic table (or 2!) at the river just before you cross the new bridge at Heritage Park. It is the perfect place to enjoy a snack at he waters edge. It is very picturesque spot and would be an ideal place to rest, take pictures, and enjoy the river. There is nothing but tall grasses and a single bench in that area now but it is under utilized space. Please consider adding some picnic tables.	10/16/2023 8:40 AM
322	Need HAWK fitness center Sunday hours to be starting at 7:00 AM or earlier...	10/15/2023 9:56 PM
323	The back half or woodland hills park could use some love. Seems like all the improvements are done on the front half and very little in the back.	10/15/2023 7:00 PM
324	In the options for selecting ethnicity - please note that Arabic is not the right term - Arabic is the language - the people are Arab	10/15/2023 6:34 PM
325	The hawk is great, but the programming cost is too high on top of membership costs	10/15/2023 5:43 PM
326	I hear alot of talk about the future of Costick Center , but nothing definitive. I don't have understanding City's plan of where Costick Center fits in the 5 year plan. Considering the cost of maintaining Costick Center , it would not surprise me if the City gave up on it. In the high likelihood that occurs, it is imperative that the City enhance and dedicate programs and hours of operation for senior recreational activities at the Hawk that would be displaced if the Costick Center is abandoned or sold. An indoor walking track at the Hawk would be much appreciated. This could be integrated into the upper floor space that exists at the Hawk without new construction.	10/15/2023 2:56 PM
327	Offer the Nature Preschool for all day (or half day program with before/after care) for 8 hrs M-F in the summer. Half days eliminate working parents from participating in thus program. We need more daycare and summer programs for toddlers and young children.	10/15/2023 1:53 PM
328	Shade for dog park?	10/15/2023 1:19 PM
329	Continue to make Parks and Recreation a priority in the city. Cleanliness, safety and accessibility and inclusivity are important.	10/15/2023 12:39 PM
330	Bike lanes and a mountain bike park/trails must be a top priority.	10/15/2023 8:35 AM
331	Wheelchair friendly paths	10/15/2023 7:02 AM
332	Youth activities and camps should be much more affordable.	10/14/2023 6:43 PM
333	If there is a millage renewal, list all the things that the millage would be used for--both maintenance of existing programs and new programs that might be added.	10/14/2023 5:33 PM
334	Based on the success of the FHGC driving range, a second standalone range in a different location or park would be a great addition. Since the current one opened it appears to be busy 7 days a week until sundown all spring, summer, and even fall. It would be another source of revenue and a great asset to the community.	10/14/2023 3:53 PM
335	Playgrounds at heritage park and shiawasee need an upgrade. Could use some more variety in art programs for 10 years and older. It is very hard to get into youth swimming classes due to filling up quickly. Private and semi-private are rarely open.	10/14/2023 3:24 PM
336	Swings at the playground. Splash pad playground is over run with bees . Expand playgrounds in general need more for ages 6 and up.expand dog friendly hiking trails. Fishing peir, OUTDOOR aquatic facility, slides, pool, lap swim water aerobic, swim team outdoors. There are no community outdoor swimming available by city of farmington!! Every city should have one !!!	10/14/2023 3:14 PM
337	Disc golf near 12 mile. The course on 8 mile does not serve northern Farmington hills residents. The farmington hills disc golf community has to drive to either Cass Benton or Northridge. There is a huge opportunity being missed here. There is a course at independence green apartments but it is severely lacking the maintenance and will eventually be removed without leadership. Heritage park and adjacent trail would be good location but any where in proximity of the 12 mile corridor would suffice.	10/14/2023 2:49 PM
338	More disc golf would be great!	10/14/2023 2:48 PM
339	More bike paths please. And not pet of a busy road, like Northwestern Highway. Can't think of	10/14/2023 12:02 PM

	anything more dangerous than that!	
340	I was unaware most of these programs existed although I am very interested in checking them out in the future. Please increase advertising for these programs and other events outside of through the schools. Newsletter to residents would be great. Already enjoy going to several of the parks and hiking trails so preserving these and building more would interest me.	10/14/2023 9:38 AM
341	It would be nice to see improvements at the nature center. I mean the city hasn't even been bothered to change the signs informs of Spicer and the nature center so it stop confusing people. In front of spicer it says welcome center, so do you know how many people I've seen walk up to the door thinking it was open. It would be nice to see the do something with the old building at Heritage instead of just letting them sit there falling apart from the inside out. It would also be nice to see the nature center updated and upgraded on the inside.	10/14/2023 7:46 AM
342	Please promote parks more via social media . I have lived here 9 years and don't know where the trails are. I myself and my neighbor drive to wixoms dog park because the one in Farmington is difficult to get access. Wixom uses a code.	10/14/2023 7:13 AM
343	Please have standard hours for FH parks, such as 6am-10pm. Heritage is the cities greatest asset and a massive contribution to community health. But it's unusable 5 days a week for working people half the year due to less daylight. Also I would love to see more crime transparency. I've seen an arrest there (for flashing), but it never made it to crime reports or the local paper. I know people who no longer feel safe going as they have also seen police activity. It's important to be able to look at crime maps and see accurate data to make informed decisions on how to stay safe. Increased ranger activity enforcing rules may also help with safety.	10/14/2023 6:56 AM
344	The Costick Center NEEDS UPDATING- the pool and locker room namely. I don't believe there are any places to rent and host a family party for example with food (bring your own). The Hawk Sells a family membership, but doesn't offer any activities for kids outside of childcare while parents exercise. Would love to see something for kids to be active along with parents - kids physical education classes, or a gym/ active space for them to also exercise! Overall, I am proud and grateful for the activites my city offers! offers!	10/14/2023 5:53 AM
345	Bond field is rarely used. Padres 8U baseball championship organization needs a home field to play on and is interested. Contact Michael Anderson 248-416-0546. Follow @padresbaseballmi on instagram!	10/13/2023 11:33 PM
346	Need more availability for swim classes for children and bigger/better playgrounds.	10/13/2023 9:08 PM
347	I'd love to see more dance classes during the day. The daytime swim lessons are GREAT!	10/13/2023 8:45 PM
348	Grace needs a pavilion for shade, in the center or back of the park. Do not build it near the entry. It would only crowd the entry, create more chaos & the potential for fights as dogs try to enter & leave the park. The entry is poorly designed as it is. More people would use the park if had shade.	10/13/2023 7:08 PM
349	Hire park rangers who don't engage people by expressing their religious and political beliefs, particularly anti-semitic conspiracy theories. I mean Larry, who works at Heritage.	10/13/2023 7:02 PM
350	The Hawk is very expensive - especially the MakersSpace. When I first heard about it I was so excited to be a regular there but the cost is prohibitive. Because we don't have sidewalks we need more bike lanes and walking/biking trails in Farmington Hills. I can't ride my bike anywhere in this city without fear of being hit by a car. This has always been my gripe with Farmington Hills.	10/13/2023 6:38 PM
351	Purchase more parkland. Preserve more green and nature areas. Farmington Hills lacks behind other municipalities in amount of acres of parkland. There is nowhere to walk a dog on a trail through the woods. The city should strongly consider purchasing the few limited forested areas as parks. Make use of harmon oaks park, nothing is there. Consider working with the Oakland county and north orchard plaza to make a real trail/walking path area. The city should purchase the properties for sale at the end of Schroeder Street to make a park! It would be a real wasted opportunity to loose one of the last 20+ acre forested areas.	10/13/2023 5:12 PM
352	Playgrounds, splash pads more similar to other local parks - Tattan, Scarlett's playground, maybury, etc. thanks!	10/13/2023 3:39 PM
353	Trails in Woodland hills could use mulch throughout. The ones West of the river get muddy & impassable very quickly.	10/13/2023 2:19 PM

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354	Amenities are only valuable if they're accessible. Disabled people need better access. Transportation, more paved trails, and family locker rooms are essential.	10/13/2023 1:39 PM
355	Your efforts are appreciated, I'd just say being transparent with the timeline for the master plan would get the public to show support.	10/13/2023 12:59 PM
356	Please make sure Costick stays open!	10/13/2023 11:32 AM
357	I would love another disc golf course as the sport is accessible to all free to play and growing quickly. The farm is a 9 hole course. A full 18 would bring a lot of community members to another park.	10/13/2023 11:09 AM
358	I live in Olde Town subdivision. Would love to see our little park get an upgrade or some more TLC. I also mentioned above my wish for more flexible swimming options for adult lap swimmers. Heritage Park is my absolute favorite thing about Farmington Hills. My husband and I love to explore the trails. It's such a wonderful slice of nature and wildlife, and it's amazing that it's only 10 minutes away from home. It's really cool you guys are asking for community feedback as you are doing your planning. Thanks for all the work you do.	10/13/2023 11:00 AM
359	We used the parks quite a bit when our child was younger. As he got older there is less to do. Events and activities are for young kids. Tried to get golf lessons for him at golf course but option was very limited.	10/13/2023 10:55 AM
360	Special needs programs for kids	10/13/2023 10:45 AM
361	Fix phones at golf course, Fix Cart Paths at GOLF Course, Fix womens t-box at Golf course	10/13/2023 9:34 AM
362	Farmington Hills and City have poor bicycle trails and paths, look at West Bloomfield Parks that is where I go	10/13/2023 6:42 AM
363	Please consider adding cameras to the William Grace Dog Park parking area. There have been several break-ins to the cars in that lot.	10/13/2023 1:58 AM
364	Add mountain biking paths.	10/12/2023 7:39 PM
365	There could also be more recreational activities for adults with special needs - other cities have golf, tennis, swimming, exercise programs for this population - I have never seen anything in Farmington Hills addressing these kind of classes.	10/12/2023 6:23 PM
366	Please keep up the Costic pool, and clean / update the locker rooms. This pool has specific features the Hawk does not, and it suits my needs perfectly.	10/12/2023 5:51 PM
367	The Costick Center women's locker room is badly outdated. It is difficult for people with physical limitations to walk up the "hill" to get into the Costick Center, not enough handicap parking near the building.	10/12/2023 4:08 PM
368	Keep up the good work. we would really enjoy more hiking and camping options	10/12/2023 2:27 PM
369	We are lucky to have beautiful park land, natural resources and facilities! Community programming is excellent! Please prioritize our park natural areas and update aging facilities.	10/12/2023 12:38 PM
370	Leave Heritage Park and Woodland Hills a NATURE PARK!!!!	10/12/2023 10:32 AM
371	I am new to the community and very impressed by what Farmington (Hills) is offering to my family and I!	10/12/2023 9:45 AM
372	Focus on planting/maintaining native habitat, planting trees, adding solar power for all facilities.	10/12/2023 9:29 AM
373	The parks is a gem in our community. I would want to see this remain a critical part of our community's infrastructure.	10/12/2023 6:44 AM
374	I have a specific complaint about space usage at the hawk. my 9 year old daughter cannot work out with me in the weight and exercise rooms and there's nowhere for us to go together to stretch and do floor exercises. we let our membership lapse because of this.	10/11/2023 11:45 PM
375	I would love to see new play structures and a park to walk to south of highway 5. I feel neglected in the part of town.	10/11/2023 11:32 PM
376	We live in Livonia and absolutely love coming to Heritage Park. We would do more activities, we just have a busy schedule with 3 kids. I always look at the enrichment guide and FH Parks	10/11/2023 8:41 PM

	& Rec catalog and there are always a ton of great programming opportunities. We also love the FH ice arena and we recently visited the soccer fields at Founders. It is a really nice park.	
377	More offerings for kids' swim lessons!	10/11/2023 6:01 PM
378	We need to invest in our gems around the city our parks, the hawk and costick.	10/11/2023 5:48 PM
379	we need a better and more dog parks!	10/11/2023 4:19 PM
380	Please find a way to market your programs at the Hawk, especially fiber arts. I would like to see more potential weavers take classes. You can't get people to classes if they don't know about them. So MARKET the them!	10/11/2023 2:29 PM
381	The cart paths at the golf course suck and need to be repaved	10/11/2023 2:12 PM
382	Director of the Golf Course (Pro) does not have hands on approach to managing the golf course on a daily basis. Too many screw ups this year with overbookings and someone not being in charge to work through backups.	10/11/2023 2:06 PM
383	We love that you offer activities for homeschool families and would love to see more.	10/11/2023 1:34 PM
384	More marketing at The Hawk for classes, especially the art classes. With more outreach, there would not be such a great amount of canceled art classes.	10/11/2023 1:02 PM
385	Would love indoor pickleball facility as the sport is booming and demand is high.	10/11/2023 12:48 PM
386	I wish we also had more sidewalks and bike paths to walk and bike more places from where I live in Independence Green Apts at Halsted and Grand River to various places and again WISH there was at least one even SMALL playground for kids within WALKING distance appropriate for a grandma my age and a young kid	10/11/2023 2:22 AM
387	I would love to use the maker space. I find the website difficult to navigate. Also, the first time we went to the Hawk, I somehow got in the system and now cannot get a new username/password. Everytime I want to sign up for something my husband had to do it. So it would be nice if the website was more user friendly. The Costick. We appreciated the price and location of the Costick center for swim lessons and lap swimming. It is very dirty, however. I think it either needs a major revamp or else the resources should be diverted elsewhere. Unfortunately, there is not enough space to lap swim at The Hawk. I noticed when I worked for an organization that rented space from the Costick that we often could not rent rooms, even when they were available. The Costick Center could be collecting a lot more in revenue if the person who handles rentals worked to fill available rooms.	10/10/2023 9:21 PM
388	Would love to see more community art programs	10/10/2023 9:09 PM
389	There are no big parks on the northeast side. Please purchase the Sarah Fisher Vincent center and turn it into park/fields. It would pair well with the Hawk and has been unused for 15 years or more. Pair with Southfield to connect it to the Carpenter Lake park by bike trails.	10/10/2023 7:03 PM
390	I think that the range of activities provided at the Costick Center are important to the "50 and better" residents of the city. I do not think that it is feasible to move all of these activities to the Hawk so I would like the City to figure out how to keep the Costick Center open. Also I and several other residents that I know have had a lot of difficulty using the online course registration system. It is very confusing and not user friendly. I think that the Special Services Department should put some effort into having it redesigned so that it is easier to register for programs being offered.	10/10/2023 3:31 PM
391	Should Shiawassee Park be included in the park listing?	10/10/2023 1:32 PM
392	PLEASE Keep the Costick Center. It is a life-line for seniors. Some programs can be a bit expensive for some of us, but I love the center. Great place for me and my friends just to gather and socialize.	10/10/2023 1:27 PM
393	Trails that allow for dog walking.	10/10/2023 1:18 PM
394	There needs to be more availability for swimming classes. I can't afford to send my kids to goldfish or aquatots but cannot get them into any of the swim classes at either the Hawk or Kenbrook. We have two pools and nowhere near enough classes offered. Having an awesome water slide is useless if there isn't a program to teach my kids to swim when they come flying out.	10/10/2023 12:02 PM

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395	We love our city very much and everyone does a wonderful job. I would like to see more attractive park upgrades and even a new park would be wonderful. We often travel to Innovation Park, Rotary Park, and other areas where the children can have a fun, active afternoon. A SeeClickFix app would be nice, too.	10/10/2023 11:01 AM
396	more playgrounds, more walking/hiking trails, more youth arts activities	10/10/2023 8:32 AM
397	Linking paved bike trails (NOT bike lanes along busy roads) or minimally making sure sidewalks connect (not suddenly end or have a gap before picking up a short way down the street) would be great. Most parks and services are north/east while there are tons of neighborhoods to the south and east, and the drive to FH facilities is long and indirect, making using Novi, Northville, and Livonia (or Schoolcraft college) parks and Rec much easier. Costco center is just plain old and needs serious updates. Playground equipment at Heritage needs update. Splash pad as well.	10/10/2023 6:44 AM
398	I want the plan to continue far more than just 5 years	10/10/2023 6:41 AM
399	Please get on board with online tee time bookings for the golf course. Having to call every time is antiquated and they don't always answer the phone. My wife on the other hand wants the Central turf at the Hawk replaced with grass because she hates getting turf and rubber pellets all over her when she's there.	10/10/2023 5:37 AM
400	I have three young children and would love to be able to walk or bike with them to parks, but there is no way to do this in the southeastern part of the city, so would love to have more paths/ trails in the area to accommodate this, or more park/green space in this area. The only park nearby (Old Town Park) is in desperate need for an update. There are many vacant properties in this area also that would be better serving the community as green space rather than eyesores. However the summer camps, family events and youth arts programs are second to none, and we attend these regularly as a family. Another great feature would be an outdoor public pool with summer swim lessons as these are hard to come by.	10/9/2023 10:27 PM
401	I am a therapist and I recommend almost everyone I meet to check out FH parks and rec. I personally believe we have one of the best parks and recs in the state. I thank you for investing our city and it's people.	10/9/2023 10:21 PM
402	Just keep everything up, and in nice condition. Nothing new, do not spend more money, Spend wisely	10/9/2023 10:14 PM
403	We need more festivals, art fairs, fun party get together done well, with enough room for everyone to fit and sit, unlike the beer tent in Farmington. Why is everything at Riley Pavilion? We have so much room at Heritage Park. And Longacre House is a gem but TOO small. Make it bigger and get a functional kitchen.	10/9/2023 10:06 PM
404	More sport options for younger kids. Lacrosse for girls and boys 5yo+. Better combination of ages for dance lessons. My 5yo was in a class with 3yo and didn't enjoy it because she had a better attention span.	10/9/2023 9:55 PM
405	Bond field needs bathrooms, everyone dreads playing ball there since there is 1 gross outhouse	10/9/2023 9:27 PM
406	Please add more swimming lessons! Especially over the summer. It's so hard to get a slot	10/9/2023 9:15 PM
407	Improve public transit	10/9/2023 8:32 PM
408	It's important to me to make all city parks & recs smoke free (including vaps)	10/9/2023 8:30 PM
409	Stop wasting money on dumb pet projects and fix and upkeep current amenities. Also stop the use at the hawk to non residents.	10/9/2023 7:49 PM
410	I am very happy with the parks :)	10/9/2023 7:42 PM
411	The people building the apartments by the Costic center would like the Costic center to remain the home for the senior events. Also, with parking and disability issues, the Costick center is the best place to keep seniors.	10/9/2023 4:22 PM
412	I would love to be a member at the Hawk again, but the variety of machines leaves something to be desired. The Y is MUCH better. Sorry.	10/9/2023 1:30 PM
413	I'm a heavy user of the parks and was going to participate but this survey is ridiculously long. If you actually WANT feedback, try to request actual feedback and not an entire	10/9/2023 10:12 AM

	autobiography. Seriously, who approved this?	
414	I miss the adult archery league. Hoping when the archery range at the hawk is opened that it may be revived.	10/9/2023 8:20 AM
415	We have a one year old and while we love Heritage Park, "Scarlet's Playground" in Commerce Township is our favorite park and best example of an ideal kids park/playground for Farmington Hills that I would love to see.	10/9/2023 6:19 AM
416	Protect forested areas!	10/8/2023 9:35 PM
417	I would suggest a demonstration project, where homeowners could see a quarter acre section of turf lawn area converted into a low maintenance native plant area. This can inspire homeowners to do the same, and would be consonant with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It would save costs for homeowners due to decreased water use, help the Farmington Hills environment, and reduce the city's burden for maintaining water supply during droughts and costs to remove bagged leaves.	10/8/2023 8:46 PM
418	Longer summer camp hours to support working parents	10/8/2023 7:45 PM
419	Mowing at parks is extremely loud and annoying at 8am when hiking and listening for birds/nature. Heritage Park is mowed excessively in my opinion. Seems like several times each week at same spots. Please explore purchasing electric mowers/trimmers.	10/8/2023 3:58 PM
420	Costick center needs to be maintained as a fertility open to seniors of the community	10/8/2023 3:08 PM
421	As the senior population has increased in number, please expand/update senior programming.	10/8/2023 1:19 PM
422	More intuitive playgrounds. Use the innovation island in Troy, MI as a good example. Racquetball courts.	10/8/2023 12:02 PM
423	Do not close Costick Center. Keep it open for seniors.	10/8/2023 8:03 AM
424	I am at an age (84) that prohibits me from exercising strenuously but water aerobics is my salvation. The Costic Center offers excellent senior water programs that cannot be done at the Hawk due to the depth of the pool in the shallow end.	10/7/2023 6:55 PM
425	I love the Costick Center and all the activities it offers to Seniors! It has wonderful exercise classes, a nutritious lunch at low cost, a great gathering place and a great variety of other interesting and educational activities. There is an extremely kind and caring staff who are always happy to help. It is a fantastic place to meet new people!	10/7/2023 1:48 PM
426	I'm pleased and encouraged that F.H. is working on a P & R Master Plan and seeking resident input. I hope lots of people respond so that the City has a good representation of what citizens want.	10/7/2023 1:11 PM
427	The Costick Center is extremely important to the elderly in our community. The elderly are the ones who built and supported this community for the past 50 years. We need to show them that they are important by improving and supporting the Center. This is a place where they don't need to worry about children running into them or their walkers, where they can meet with their peers in a handicapped conscious environment.	10/7/2023 11:46 AM
428	I love the drop in senior water exercises. Janeen is a wonderful instructor. Her morning senior water exercise usually has 35 - 40 people. She needs more a.m. classes	10/7/2023 9:03 AM
429	Please keep the Costick Center open	10/7/2023 7:54 AM
430	Would like to see remodeling of the Costick Center which is sorely needed and could partner with the new Rose Senior Center to develop new programs and offerings.	10/6/2023 8:03 PM
431	The new chairlift, for the Costick pool was not designed with disabled people in mind	10/6/2023 4:34 PM
432	I use the pool at the Costick center and I see elderly people struggle with cords on the floor in the pool area, the outdated locker room and waiting to exit the pool on the rickety pvc stairs that looks like the scouts made.	10/6/2023 12:12 PM
433	survey was too long.I	10/6/2023 7:09 AM
434	The parks are great, wish there was more ways to access them other than with a car. Would be nice to walk or bike to the park and just relax.	10/6/2023 1:20 AM

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435	I attend water aerobics at the Costick Center 5 times a week. i love the program, & rumors always come up that the Costick Ctr. will close. I hope not. The pool at the Hawk was designed for families, not water aerobics. The shallow pool, water is too shallow for water aerobics and because of this is too pounding on knees. I hope that the Costick Center will remain open. I have been attending classes at the Costick Center for about 10 years. I'm hoping that utilization of this facility justifies its expense, like i said, whoever designed the pool area at the Hawk, it is not user friendly for shallow water aerobics. Thank you for your consideration of this information.	10/5/2023 9:17 PM
436	Continue 50+ activities at costick	10/5/2023 6:38 PM
437	I'm very impressed with the 50 and better programs at the costick center. The provide excellent socialization and enrichment. The meals provided are delicious and nutritious. The meals on wheels has exceptional quality and vital to our seniors.	10/5/2023 5:48 PM
438	Keep senior programming at the Costick Center and update the pool/locker room!	10/5/2023 5:33 PM
439	We sure hope a new or updated senior center is a priority. The costick center is really falling apart. But we love having a building with easy access we wouldn't want to move to the Hawk. We love the luncheons, music and exercise classes very much.	10/5/2023 5:18 PM
440	Upgrading the pool and facilities at the Costick center would be a priority for me.	10/5/2023 4:04 PM
441	I use the Costick Center the most (especially the pool), and would love to see improvements there.	10/5/2023 3:29 PM
442	Keep aquatic programs at Costic Center. (Senior programs)	10/5/2023 3:06 PM
443	Please retain the Costick pool!!	10/5/2023 3:05 PM
444	Make Costic center for people who are 50 and up	10/5/2023 2:23 PM
445	natural areas like heritage park and woodland hills that neighborhoods south of 10 mile can easily access should be protected for present and future residents.	10/5/2023 1:17 PM
446	Being a senior, I'm most concerned about senior activities being available for my wife and I, and our friends.	10/5/2023 1:11 PM
447	Please create makerspace classes for kids and teens	10/5/2023 12:56 PM
448	Keep and upgrade the Costick Center, with a variety of activities for the older population. It's a great place to stay active and engaged and make friends.	10/5/2023 12:51 PM
449	I am a Senior. I use the Costick Center a lot. The programs offered there are excellent and it's convenient to go there. I primarily use the pool there - water aerobics. I am concerned that this facility will be shut down and transferred to The Hawk. The pool at The Hawk cannot accommodate the senior water aerobics as well. Too small for the number of seniors that want it, and the types of classes offered. A senior living facility is being built right by the Costick Center. Residents there would greatly benefit from the classes at the Costick Center. And by all the programs offered there. I would hope that the city will find a way to utilize the building, repurpose parts of the building, renovate the pool-work to accommodate the older community. The demographics point to an older population. Farmington Hills has always taken that into consideration. I hope they continue to do so.	10/5/2023 12:16 PM
450	Modernizing the Costick Center to maximize the aquatics program/pool would be great.	10/5/2023 12:04 PM
451	Costick is the best facility I would say in Michigan	10/5/2023 10:53 AM
452	Please take into consideration all groups, cost and the spatial needs before building another facility. We do not want to pay for unnecessary things like fountains or exercise bikes. This sports company is using the old tactic of giving you plans that are extreme and will force you to consider your real needs. They are playing you using this strategy. It is an old trick in design. This is called add on sales. Do not fall for it.	10/5/2023 10:36 AM
453	To keep the Costick Center open and fully operational as it is now, as this is my favorite place in our city. I treasure the Costick Center and have been attending fitness classes there for 18+ years, until the Hawk opened and the fitness classes transferred there. I would like to see additional group fitness classes for 50 and Better. Love the new coffee bar at the Costick Center! I meet my girlfriend 30 minutes before our yoga class begins and we walk the center each week. I was just telling her how I wish there was a place to purchase coffee at the center	10/4/2023 8:37 PM

and then the next thing I knew, a coffee center opened! We are so happy about that!!! Thank you!

454	Keep Costick Center and add more for 50+. Use the Hawk for kids and Teens. Improve the Hawk by adding an indoor walking track on third floor. The weather in winter requires it. Connect bike trails to existing bike trails in Oakland and Wayne Counties.	10/4/2023 4:02 PM
455	Fix Costick. Do not move us to the Hawk, even as an add on. No more band aids on the pool. FIX it and with quality materials. Add more pickle courts, both indoors and outdoors.	10/4/2023 2:34 PM
456	Please expand and improve upon our Parks and Recreation system-- it is truly a unique gem and one of my favorite reasons for living in Farmington/Farmington Hills.	10/4/2023 1:00 PM
457	Keep the existing activities for 50+ at the Costick!!	10/4/2023 11:27 AM
458	Maintain the Costick Center for us seniors	10/3/2023 3:07 PM
459	Just do it!! 😊	10/3/2023 2:18 PM
460	This survey is poorly designed. Needs definitions for some terms i.e. Facilities vs parks & amenities, "distribution?", etc.	10/3/2023 11:14 AM
461	Bike parking and bike trails to connect the parks.	10/3/2023 11:05 AM
462	Very disappointed that the Drag show Bingo was an event offered.	10/3/2023 9:34 AM
463	Please renovate and update the Costick Center or make arrangements for a suitable alternative for the over 50 year old residents.	10/3/2023 8:07 AM
464	I would love to see more age 50+ activities.	10/3/2023 3:12 AM
465	Woodline Hills Park needs accessibility on the walk with muddy areas and bridge that is dangerous. More classes at the Hawk that are for 50plus	10/2/2023 9:13 PM
466	More pickleball courts	10/2/2023 7:56 PM
467	With the increased golf rates, please redo all the cart paths at the golf course. They are in bad need of repair. Also make the bag drop area bigger. Perhaps consider putting a few Porta Johns along the course in addition to the bathrooms.	10/2/2023 6:49 PM
468	FIX THE DEER PROBLEM.	10/2/2023 4:53 PM
469	More biking lanes please!	10/2/2023 8:37 AM
470	LOWER PROPERTY TAXES SIGNIFICANTLY - we have enough parks, clubs, amenities, etc.	10/1/2023 9:06 PM
471	The city's current design and infrastructure is actively HOSTILE to ANYBODY who wants to forgo driving a personal vehicle. It must be said that whether I want to be friendly to the environment or I am disabled, or I literally cannot afford a vehicle, whatever the reason, the only value I can possibly bring to the city without extra effort on my part (like participating in this survey) is tax revenue. Never mind being an active member of a community. The city's own residents have to put up with entitled, distracted, dangerous drivers (often non-residents) who ignore the already deadly speed limits through our school zones and downtown area. The current style of development is counter to the goal of fostering a community via good people-centric design choices. It would be ideal to be able to walk to any of the city's parks or facilities without the fear of being flattened or painting the street red for the day. My first recommendation is to: lower the speed limit of Grand River between the entrance to M-5 near target and it's exit at the intersection of Halsted Road, freedom road and grand river to 25mph to redirect the impatient type through-traffic onto the highway. This should make walking and biking to and from parks, schools and the downtown area marginally safer and more attractive to residents. Studies show that foot traffic supports businesses, and who doesn't want Farmington to be safer? If I had total control of the city, I'd lower speed-limits across the city, narrow most streets, put in bike infrastructure, expand public transit, first with busses, and then a trolley system, and put speed bumps in school zones. I'm sick of being afraid for my life every time I leave the house. The only reason I don't move away is because most of America is just the same. I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. We're all just numb to it. We don't know anything else. Farmington Hills could start leading the way.	10/1/2023 6:28 AM
472	Seniors having their own facility is very important. Updating Costick center is much more important than adding another floor to the Hawk facility. We need our own gym.	9/30/2023 7:48 AM

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473	If the health of the Costick center is good, meaning no mold or asbestos issues, it would be great to hold onto the building. Most seniors prefer to have their own space and not contend with the younger crowds or families.	9/29/2023 5:06 PM
474	As a Senior, I appreciate the programs, lunch, and bus service to the Costick Center.	9/29/2023 1:11 PM
475	Our community is aging and the pool at the Costik center is invaluable. Keep it going!	9/29/2023 12:50 PM
476	Please do not close the Costick Center. It is a lifeline for many of us seniors.	9/29/2023 12:00 PM
477	Love Heritage Park updates/improvement are always welcome. Time to close the Costick Center and build a new senior center on the Hawk property.	9/29/2023 11:51 AM
478	Would love to see Costick center torn down & rebuilt as a senior center . I don't think combining 50+ activities with the HAWK will be the answer.	9/28/2023 7:42 PM
479	Not to close the Costick center. If you are going to build a new building why not on the same site. Seniors need a single floor building to allow them easy access into the building.	9/28/2023 7:36 PM
480	I have enjoyed everything that Farmington has to offer. I am older like 78 and enjoy the Costick Center. The pool is warm and the staff works so hard for the seniors. They offer wonderful services to a lot of people. They are the best.	9/28/2023 7:14 PM
481	We need a stand-alone senior center.	9/28/2023 3:13 PM
482	Please do not close the Costick center unless you decide to build another senior center. The hawk does not have room for all of the senior activities.	9/28/2023 1:46 PM
483	We participate in the pickleball at the Costic Center -- more courts and times would be should be available. We also volunteer with the meals on wheels program and think this is an outstanding program and well run.	9/28/2023 11:59 AM
484	Senior activities housed in an inclusive space but separate from 50 and under. Everything from parking to physical capabilities becomes more challenging the older you get.	9/28/2023 10:45 AM
485	Prior to the construction on I-96 and I-696, I used the Costick Center and the parks more often.	9/28/2023 10:32 AM
486	Please invest in the Costick Center and don't move senior programming to the Hawk!	9/28/2023 9:55 AM
487	Partner with Rose and set up a mutually beneficial relationship for volunteering and program participation between the two facilities	9/27/2023 7:27 PM
488	We are heavy users of the Costick Center. Love the senior arthritis pool programs and hours. Have used meals, yoga & pickleball. We thought there was going to be an indoor track for winter use at the Hawk and that needs to be added to the Costick replacement. We seniors do not like driving on 12 mile to the Hawk nor the parking there. We like the Costick Center's location on 11 Mile Road. There is an incline to get into the Costick Center which hinders seniors. Colleagues have dropped out of groups because it took too much of their energy to get into the Costick Center. Have seen Costick users unload their walker in the parking lot and they have to climb the ramps to the entrance. There are only 5 close parking spots for a senior rec center. The Hawk has some good things, but it is too busy for seniors.	9/27/2023 5:01 PM
489	Would deeply appreciate the continuation of Meals on Wheels, transportation services and access to a social worker that are currently available at the Costick Center.	9/27/2023 4:28 PM
490	Do NOT eliminate the Costick Center. Community seniors do not want to use the Hawk facilities or share the space with children. The addition of senior housing on the Costick Center grounds will obviously increase the need for senior programs. Squeezing them into the Hawk is NOT a solution!	9/27/2023 3:43 PM

Comments from Oct. 18 Public Input Meeting

Heritage Park

- Would like to be able to walk my dog around “on leash” to enjoy this beautiful park. Not asking for an “off leash” area
- Enhance the existing active area but leave all the rest alone (preserve the natural area)
- No stupid sculptures
- More public art – mural, sculptures, seasonal (III)
- Sidewalks to access park (II)
- More paved paths for accessibility (some paths are broken and bumpy) (II)
- Enjoy trails, Nature Center, staff is wonderful, family loves summer camps and concerts
- Better park rangers
- Bathroom by concession stand improvements (I)
- Maintain greenspace (I)
- New splash pad...it breaks too much! Kids love it! (I)
- Snack shack open more
- Update splash pad – charge for entrance – fence in
- More parking (I)
- Enclosed maintenance/equipment storage
- Continue re-surfacing paved trails (I)
- New playground (II)
- Paved parking
- Kindness Rock Garden is amazing (II)
- Keep splash pad free for everyone – no fee (II)
- Adult swings (II)
- Sunflower garden
- Larger office space
- More accessible trails
- Trails get muddy
- Better signage for amphitheater – wayfinding for summer concerts (I)
- Nature Center is outstanding, great programs and camps
- Plastic recycling for all of the plastic drink bottles
- Great new bridge
- Great Discovery Trail

Bond Field

- Redo tennis courts
- Make tennis courts into pickleball
- ADA pathway(s)
- Signs identifying park

Woodland Hills Park

- “The Muddy Park”
- Add trail materials on back trails. Too muddy (I)
- Invasive species – phragmites, buckthorn – in all parks (I)
- At log walkway make a bridge
- Repair flat bridge – too steep
- Can part of this park be wheelchair accessible?
- Need picnic table–benches (at west side) with view of lake
- Hammock reading area with multiple hammocks (I)
- Interpretive signs about plants, birds, trees in all parks
- Would like to be able to walk dogs “on leash” and enjoy this park
- Make only needed safety improvements, but leave this as nature preserve. No added paving, no new facilities

Pioneer Park

- Grade drive and parking (I)
- Add handicap pathways
- Invasive species management
- Add picnic tables and benches
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Founders Sports Park

- Grade/stone main perimeter drive. Same for parking lot
- Long-term pave drive 1st, lot 2nd (II)
- Pave around ballfields south and north (I)
- Dugout restoration – roofs/cover – AGREED x3 (I)
- Preventative maintenance program for lots and drives
- Address sports area for children with disabilities
- Remove wood fence on baseball side
- Parking lot gate on baseball side
- Soccer field irrigation system
- Acquire lot on SW corner and NEC as connection to Power and Gill Schools
- Interpretive signs about fish, plants, birds in all parks
- Recycling program for all plastic drink bottles
- Pave pathways between ball fields for accessibility

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William Grace Dog Park


- Remove dead trees and do not replant due to overplanting
- +2+2 Add shade structure – by old ball field home plate – break wind
- Need a sign – “Dogs swarm entry 0 Stay away from entry once in park” – Need more than one sign (l)
- +2+1 People like the track around the perimeter
- *+2+1 Allow dogs at other parks – more dog parks
- Founders – on a leash
- Heritage is too busy (maybe in parts)
- Olde Town is too small
- +1 Non members need a way to know how to get a membership – sign, online available – bulletin board, add QR code
- Catch a video of the dogs swarming
- Fill wet area in the NW area – getting worse, needs grading – 4 weeks was the most it had been wet (l)
- -1 No – Dogs dig holes – add another dirt bin on the NW corner
- +2 Rules should allow dogs in parks if on leash. At least in areas of the parks – Woodland Hills – possible segregate a dog trail
- +1 Add a FEW large trees- most will provide shade in due time – No pine trees, go with native trees, no fruit trees
- Use existing ballfield canopy with corrugated metal to create shade
- Add one large shade structure – want to get out of cold and monitor dogs/socialize
- +2 Need restrooms in this park – porta potties don’t cut it! – Locate restroom outside of park
- Matt Gale has emails for dog park – send results of this issue to dog park owners
- Update orientation video – how to get a membership – need short video elect FOB is required – vaccinations for dogs
- +1 “Best administered park there is”
- +1+2 Add overhang- shade over benches – existing benches – keep benches dry
- -2+1 Remove fire hydrant – hazard for people
- Add a water feature for dogs – pool type. Doesn’t have to be large for overheating (not a pool)
- +2+1 Glad there are 4 doggie bag dispensers but you could add 1 more with the shelter
- -1 No – Consider a parking lot for play area
- Update kids playground
- -2-1 Older kids use it after school to meet in a quiet place

- Remove playground altogether – not used very much – old services this area
- Add a wall inside shelter to respond to wind chill. Maybe European hedge
- Adding a wall may cause problems
- Fence off trees to protect trunks
- +2 Donar signage
- Need lights fixed parking lot very dark at night
- +2+1 More benches for dog parents – installed in ground so they don’t migrate
- Need additional lighting
- +2+1 Install shade canopy in both sides of dog park for relief from the summer sun
- +2 Expand – Larger area for smaller dogs because many small dogs run fast and harder than large dogs; Also small dog owners can’t walk a path like the big dog area
- Water is coming out cloudy on small dog side

Harmon Oaks

- Keep it green – preserve wooded areas

Notice of 30 Days of Public Comment



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Patricia B. Smith, City Clerk
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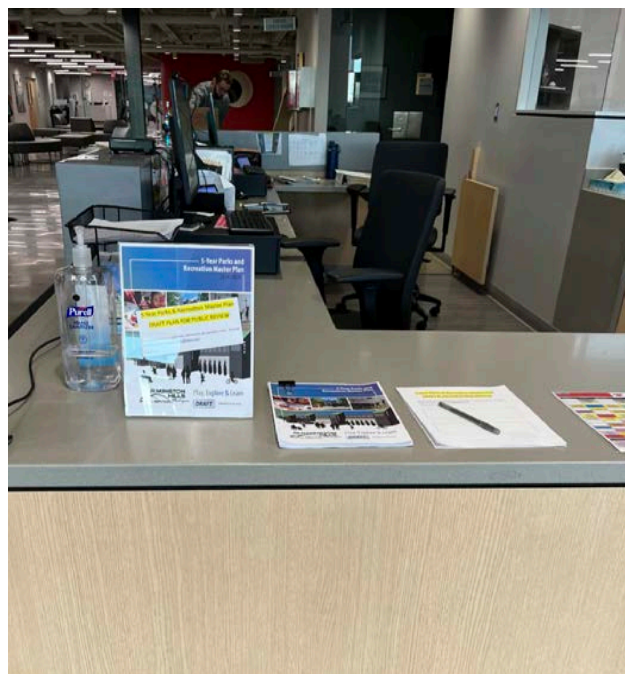


Figure: Photo of Draft Report on Display for 30-day Public Review

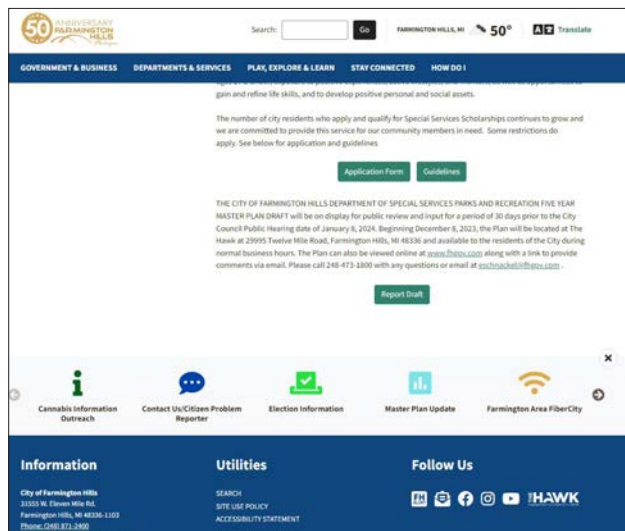


Figure: Screenshot of Draft Report Posted on City's Website for 30-day Public Review

Input from 30-Day Public Review

<p>5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan</p> <p>DRAFT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW</p> <p>Please provide any suggestions, comments, or questions here. Or send them via email to eschnackel@fhgov.com.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Steam Room Source</p> <p>Steam room Sawd</p>	<p>swim suit dryer.</p> <p>Fee for the steam room or sauna. This will help attract and retain people to the Hawk and pay for itself while providing an amenity to the community.</p> <p>SNACK vending for later snackers that might miss the snack bar</p>
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Minutes from the Public Hearing



Farmington Hills City Council Meeting Summary January 8, 2024

Actions of the Farmington Hills City Council

Received:

- Attorney Report

Recognized:

- Proclamation recognizing Vicki Barnett for her service to the citizens of Farmington Hills
- Proclamation recognizing Mary Newlin for her service to the citizens of Farmington Hills
- Proclamation recognizing Ken Massey for his service to the citizens of Farmington Hills

Approved/Accepted:

- Consideration of the adoption of the Farmington Hills 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Postponement of consideration to permit the partial redevelopment of the Hunter's Square Shopping Center, PUD Plan 2, 2023, including Site Plan 67-9-2023
- Appointments to various boards and commissions
- Executing the Memorandum of Understanding and Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement with Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America, Inc
- Rescheduling the regular City Council meeting of February 26, 2024 to February 5, 2024
- Resolution for acceptance of the 2023 Transportation Asset Management Plan
- City Council meeting minutes for December 11, 2023 and December 21, 2023

Awarded Contract/Bid/Proposal/Purchase to:

- Deere & Company for purchase of one John Deere TX Turf Gator with all terrain tires and electric lift and one John Deere TX Deluxe Cargo Gator with turf tires in the amount of \$19,724.93

Resolution of Adoption

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

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RESOLUTION

IT IS RESOLVED, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the City of Farmington Hills 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Motion by: BRUCE
Support by: BRIDGES

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

I, Carly Lindahl, the duly authorized Interim City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at the regular City Council meeting held on January 8, 2024.


Carly Lindahl, Interim City Clerk

DATE: January 9, 2024

Transmittal Letters to the County and Regional Planning Agencies



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January 22, 2024

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RE: Farmington Hills – 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028

Dear Ms. O'Leary,

Please find, enclosed a copy of the Farmington Hills 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2024-2028. Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc. was hired by the City of Farmington Hills to develop the recreation plan, therefore if you have any questions please contact us at (517) 202-7709 or Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services at (248) 473-1800.

Sincerely,

Robert Ford, President
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