



Village of Fowlerville

Parks and Recreation Master Plan



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Chapter One: Introduction

Parks and recreation services enhance a community's quality of life. Schools, private businesses, and County, State and regional parks all add to the parks and recreation choices available to residents. In order to maintain and improve the quality of life for its residents, the Village must take an active role in the delivery of recreation opportunities.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to guide decision makers with the future development and improvement of the Village's parks, recreation facilities, and programs. This Plan includes an evaluation of parks, facilities and programming to determine where improvements can be made, in accordance with the State of Michigan's five-year cycle for recreation planning, and where they should be made, as envisioned by the Village.



The Plan is divided into separate sections that represent the planning process used in its development. In addition to this Introduction the Plan contains:

- **Inventory.** Describes the specific parks, facilities and programs provided in and around the Village.
- **Planning and Administration.** Identifies the planning process, recreation budget and grant history, and the entities responsible for administration of the park and recreation programs and facilities.
- **Analysis.** Analyzes the programs and facility needs for Fowlerville.
- **Action Program.** Identifies the Plan's goals, objectives, recommendations and a 5-year plan for investment.
- **Appendices.** Four appendices are included to supplement the Plan including:
 - A. **Community Description.** An overview of the Village's current and projected social, physical and economic characteristics.
 - B. **Public Involvement.** A summary of comments heard at the public meeting and documentation of the public meeting, review period, and public hearing.
 - C. **Funding Sources.** A summary of potential funding options to pursue implementation of the Action Program.
 - D. **Adoption and Transmittal Information.** Documentation of the Plan's adoption and submission to required agencies.

This document creates a solid foundation for future park and recreation improvements, investments, and policies that support a healthy, desirable quality of life for Fowlerville residents.



Chapter Two: Planning & Administration

Programming for parks and recreation in Fowlerville is a collaborative effort that involves the Village, surrounding townships, and the Fowlerville Public Schools. The Village maintains its parks yet does not maintain any dedicated staff but contributes to a regional program that is managed by a committee of representatives from each community.

Administrative Structure

Community Recreation Advisory Board

For over twenty years, communities in the Fowlerville area have worked cooperatively to provide parks and recreation facilities and activities. Each of the following communities has signed an agreement with the Board of Education of the Fowlerville Community Schools to provide staff for recreation programs. Each community has agreed to pay their portion of the cost to serve students served by the programs, based on annual



enrollment figures. Therefore, budgets and the specific amount of yearly contributions may vary. It is important to note this Board is advisory and does not constitute a formal Parks Authority or Commission. The following participate in the Community Recreation Advisory Board:

- Village of Fowlerville
- Cohoctah Township
- Conway Township
- Handy Township
- Iosco Township
- Fowlerville Community Schools

This arrangement allows all residents to benefit from a parks and recreation program without the need for individual parks and recreation budgets and staff. Daily operations of the recreation programs are the responsibility of the Recreation Director, who is employed by Fowlerville Schools, but is overseen by the Community Recreation Advisory Board. The Board, which consists of one representative from the participating communities and one from the school meets monthly to review and direct operations. Maintenance of recreation facilities, owned, leased, or otherwise employed by the Village is done by the Village Department of Public Works. The administrative structure is illustrated in *Figure One*.

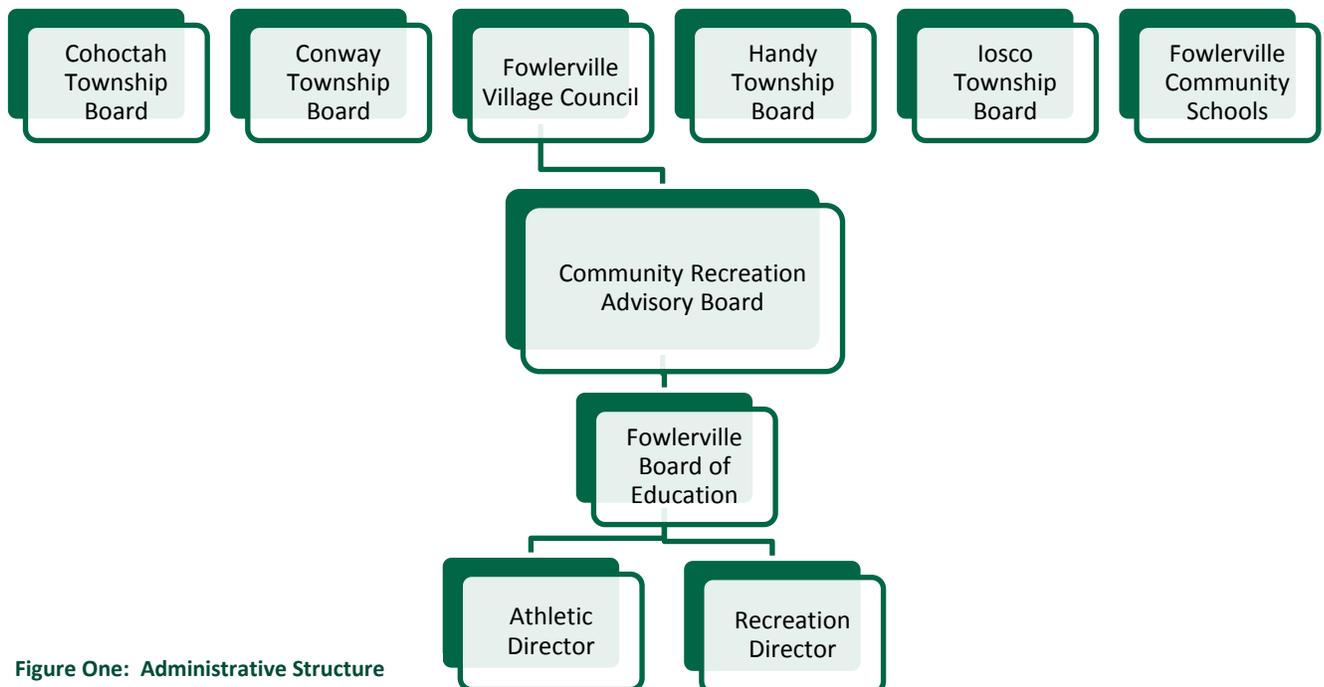


Figure One: Administrative Structure



Planning Process

The Village Council directed development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The participatory process resulted in a Plan that reflects the needs and ideas of those who make use of the Village's parks and recreation facilities. The planning process is discussed below.

Task One Community Description

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

Task Two Recreation Inventory

The recreation inventory included site visits and written descriptions of recreation facilities in the Village including public parks, schools, and private facilities. The information included acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of equipment and other descriptions of the physical attributes. A list of State Parks, County Parks, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and private businesses within a short distance of Fowlerville is also included.

Task Three Public Participation

A public opinion survey was developed to gain input from the general public. It was important that residents had an opportunity to express their views, so the survey was distributed through the Fowlerville Community Schools and conducted online for convenience. In addition, a public hearing was held by the Village before adoption. See *Appendix B: Public Involvement* for a summary of public participation.

Task Four Analysis

Based on the data collected from tasks 1 through 3, information was analyzed in accordance with national and state standards and guidelines,



local needs, the experience of staff and consultants, the desires of the residents, and potential funding sources.

Task Five Action Program

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

Task Six Plan Completion and Adoption

Once consensus was reached amongst Village officials, the Plan was posted for a public review period one month prior to its adoption. After the review period, a public hearing was held. The Plan was then endorsed by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Village Council. See *Appendix D: Adoption and Transmittal Information* for adoption documentation.

Budget and Funding

The operating budget for the Parks and Recreation Department is adopted annually by the Village Council through the general fund for its fiscal year, which begins on July 1 of each year. Fundraising efforts are done through non-profit organizations, service clubs and the public in general, depending on the event or project to be funded. To date, the majority of improvements in the Village have been made as a result of private donations or expenditures from the Village's general fund. There are no user fees charged, nor has the Village adopted any sort of dedicated millage for parks and recreation funding.

Table 2-1: Parks and Recreation Budget summarizes the Parks and Recreation Department expenditures for the past four years.



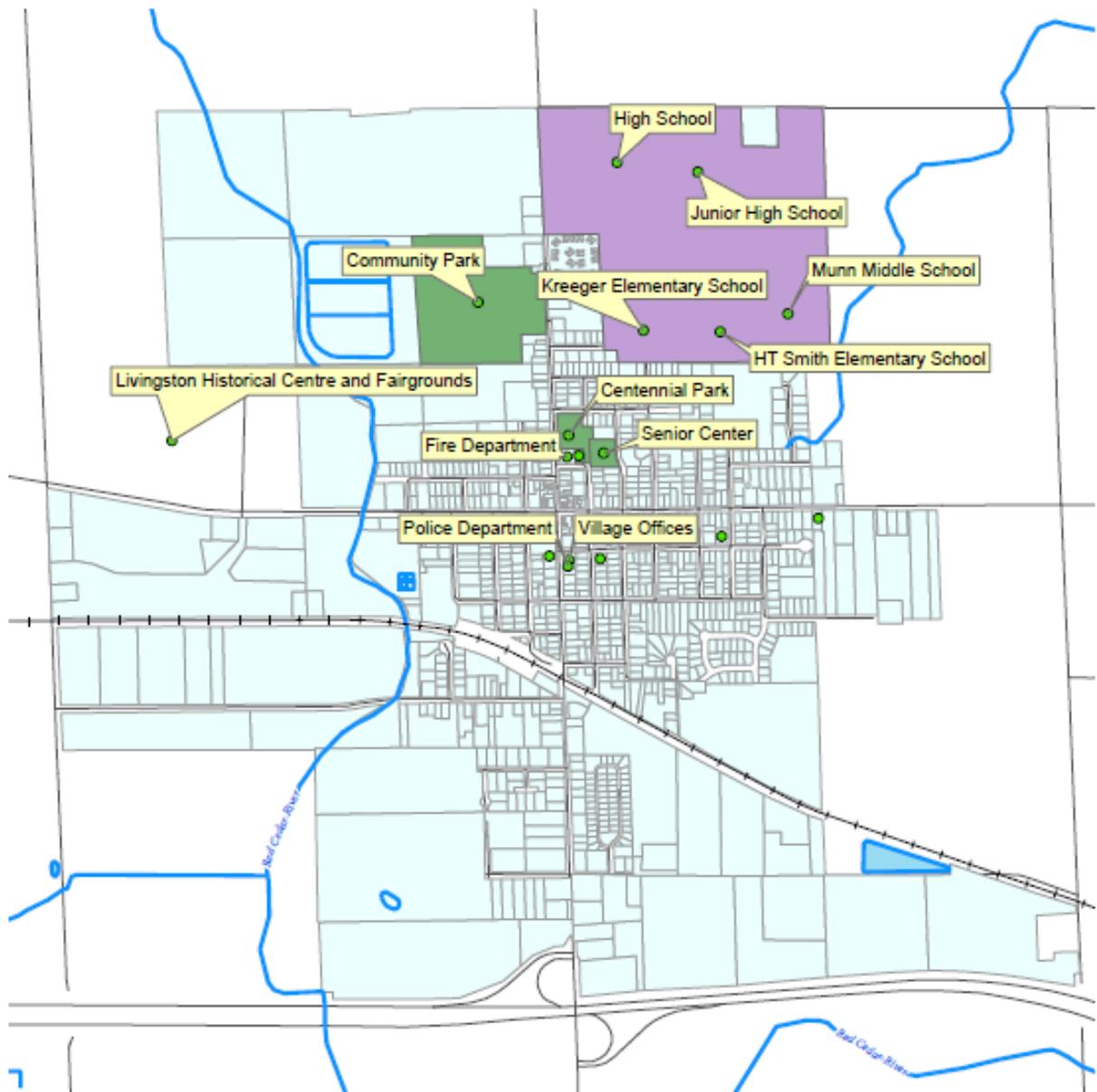
**Table 2-1
Parks and Recreation Budget**

	13-14 Actual	14-15 Actual	15-16 Actual	16-17 Actual	17-18 Budgeted
Expenditures					
Salaries & Benefits	\$9,490	\$8,468	\$9,568	\$15,180	\$5,354
Operating Supplies			\$526	\$113	\$79
Contracted Services	\$761	\$3,300	\$6,698	\$2,488	\$1,200
July 4th Activities	\$9,000	\$10,047	\$14,737	\$11,993	\$7,342
Recreation Program	\$1,723	\$10,564	\$6,000	\$5,876	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$4,202	\$4,332	\$2,610	\$1,675	\$1,132
Park Improvements			\$45,634		
Park Master Plan					\$13,563
Capital Outlay			\$2,619		
Equipment Rentals	\$20,893	\$15,790	\$9,243	\$17,800	\$6,890
Total Budget	\$46,069	\$52,501	\$97,635	\$55,125	\$35,560

Source: Village Treasurer

Grant Inventory

Fowlerville has received a handful of state grants for various improvement projects for the Village in the past, including one MDNR grant (Trust Fund) in 2010 for improvements to the Fowlerville Community Park. The \$159,300 grant funded parking lot, roadway and pathway improvements for the park, as well as relocation and renovation of two ballfields.



Map One - Recreation Facilities

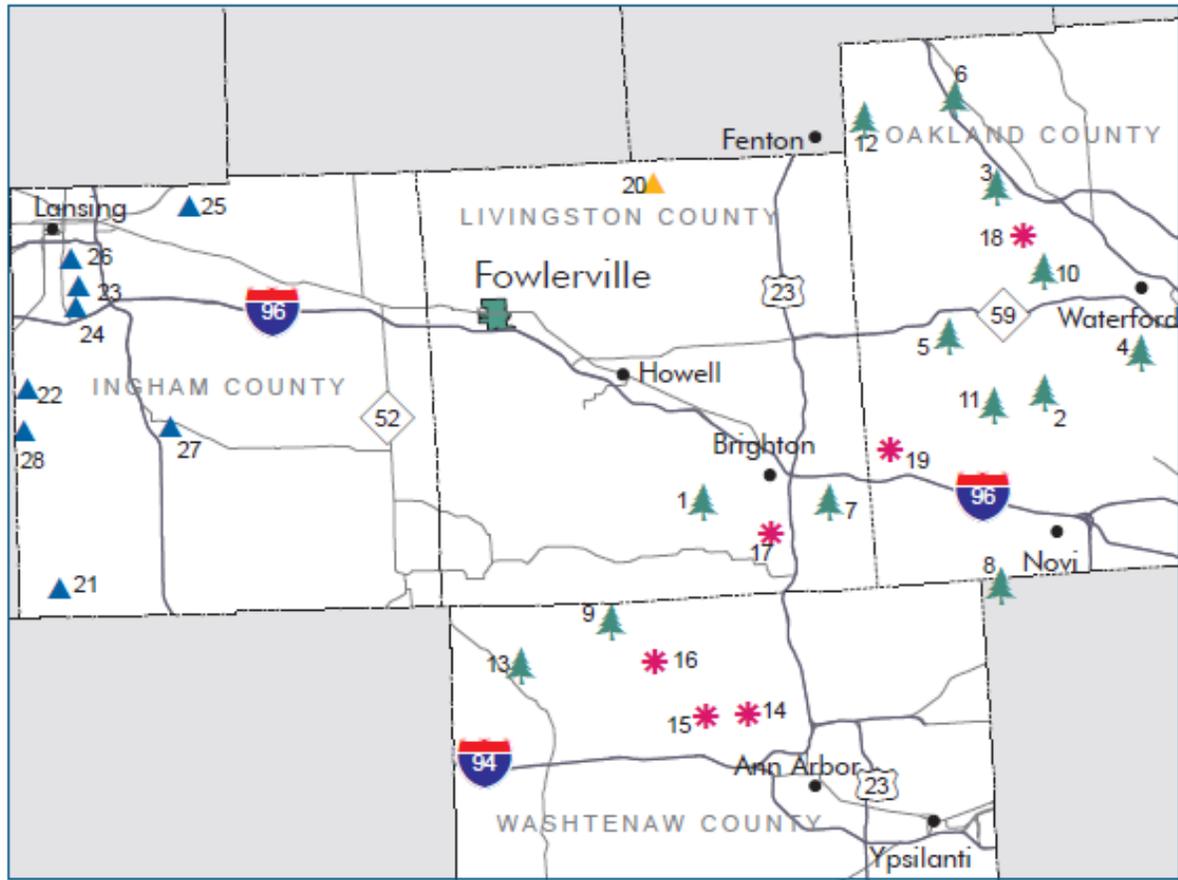
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Data Sources: MCGI, Livingston County

Recreation Facilities by Owner Type

- School District
- Village

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<p>Michigan State Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brighton Recreation Area 2. Commerce Twp. Richardson Mem. Park 3. Davisburg Park 4. Dodge State Park 4 5. Highland Recreation Area 6. Holly Recreation Area 7. Island Lake State Park 8. Maybury State Park 9. Pinckney Recreation Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Pontiac Lake Rec. Area 11. Proud Lake Rec. Area 12. Seven Lakes State Park 13. Waterloo Rec. Area * Huron-Clinton Metroparks 14. Delhi 15. Dexter Huron 16. Hudson Mills 17. Huron Meadow 18. Indian Springs 19. Kensington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Livingston County Park 20. Lutz County Park ▲ Ingham County Parks 21. Baldwin County Park 22. Grand River County Park 23. Hawk Island County Park 24. Hope Soccer Complex 25. Lake Lansing County Park 26. Potter Park Zoo 27. Rayner County Park 28. Riverbend Natural Area
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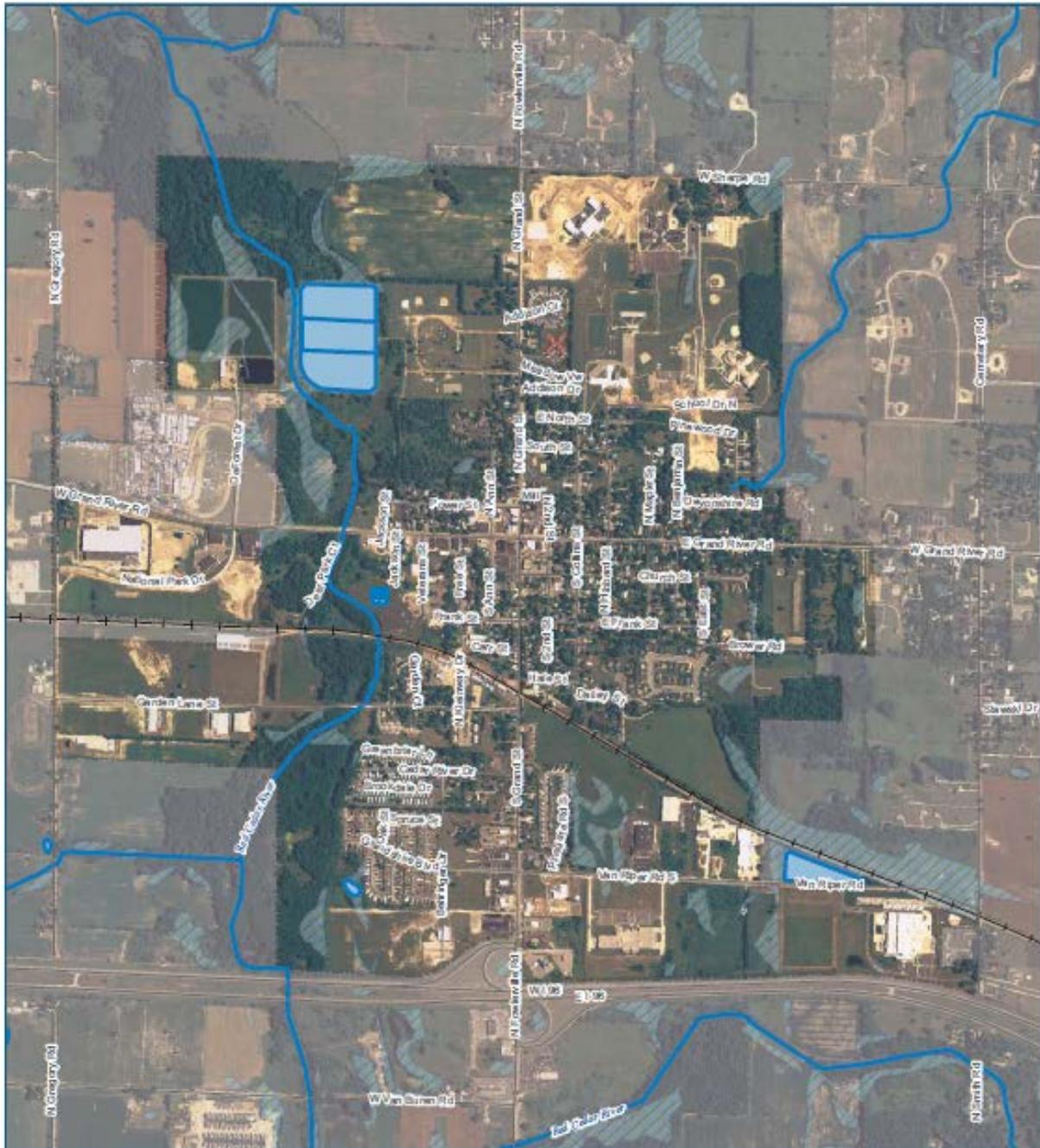
Map Two

Regional Parks

Fowlerville Parks & Rec Plan

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 Data Sources: MCGI;
 LSL Planning, Inc.; Huron-Clinton Metroparks;
 Livingston County; Ingham County

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Map Three

Natural Features

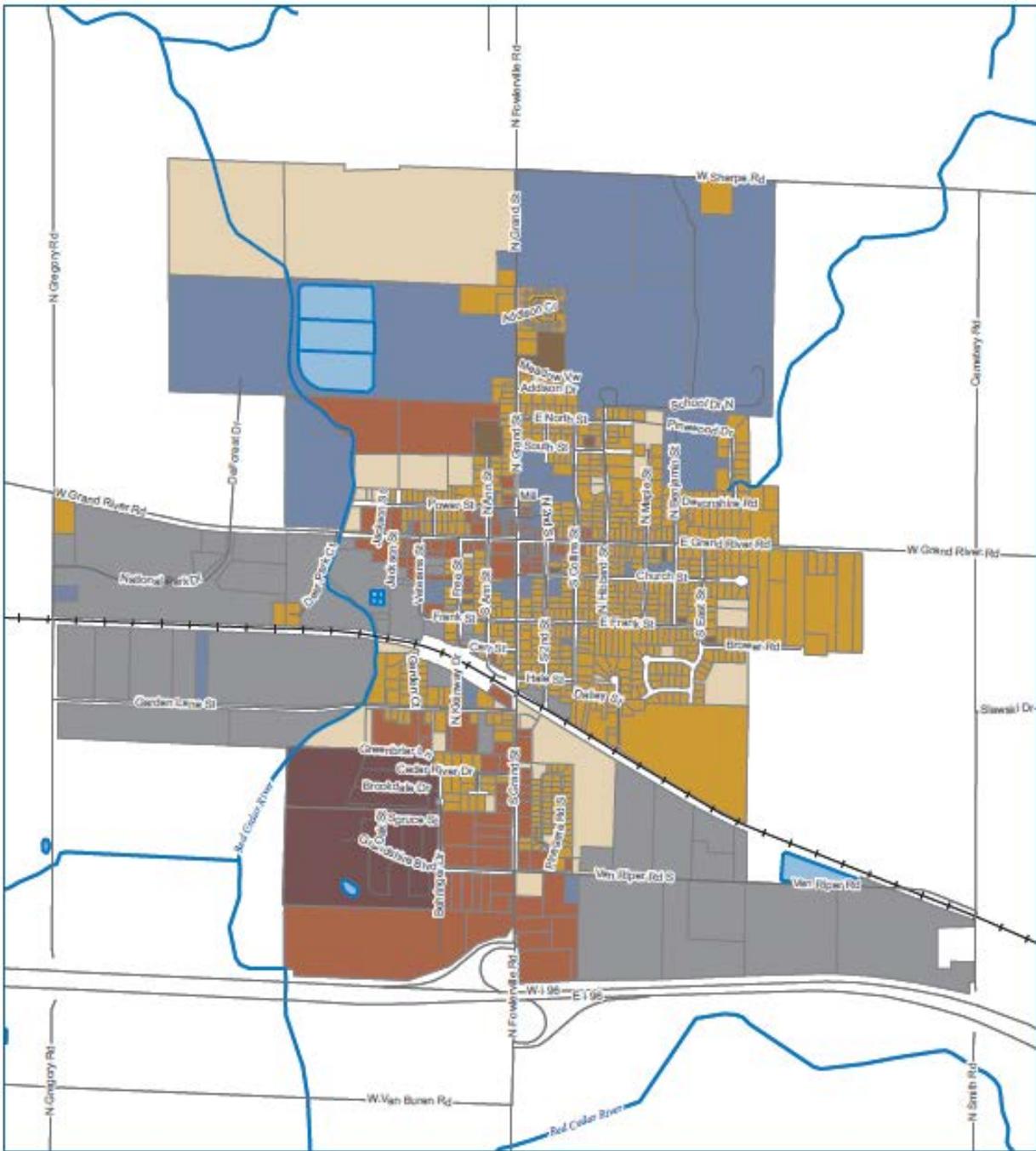
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- Rivers
- Waterbodies
- Wetlands

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Map Four

Existing Land Use

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	Single Family Residential		Public/Institutional
	Multiple Family Residential		Industrial
	Manufactured Home Community		Vacant
	Commercial		

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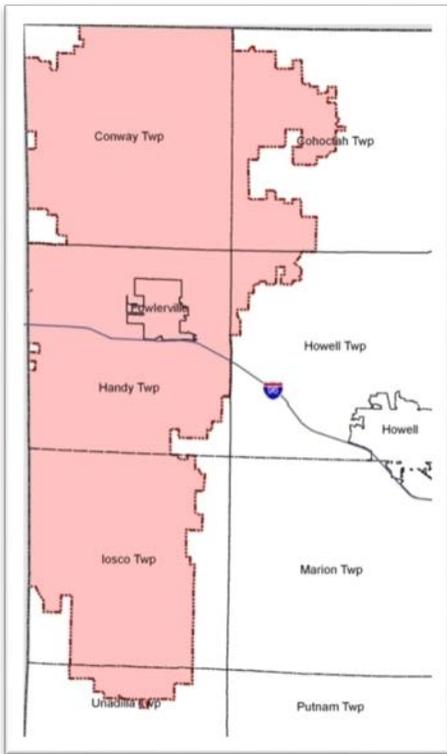
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Chapter Three: Inventory

Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs, and events is an essential component of a five year Parks and Recreation Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Program. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to Fowlerville area residents will assist decision-making in the future.

Map One: Public Parks illustrates all Village and School parks within and adjacent to the Village of Fowlerville. The 2010 US Census lists the population of the Village of Fowlerville at almost 3,000, but Village parks serve a much larger area that includes all of the Fowlerville School District within Livingston County. This service area has a population of roughly 15,000 people, and since surrounding Townships provide little in the way of parks and recreation facilities, serving the recreational needs of this larger area presents unique challenges and opportunities to the Village and School District. While differential fees are charged to non-residents to support program costs, the challenge to provide facilities is often difficult because large capital costs have traditionally been assumed by the Village and School District.



Study Area

Village of Fowlerville Park Facilities

Village of Fowlerville contains a variety of public parks and recreation facilities. A total of 2 Village facilities, encompassing nearly 32.5 acres of land were inventoried, as were the Fowlerville Public School facilities located within the Village. The inventory of public parks and facilities is described below and in *Table 3-1 Public Parks and Facilities Inventory*.

Local parks generally fall into one of three categories based on size and function. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has established these generally recognized standards for classifying types of parkland which provide a means for determining the primary purpose or use of existing facilities within a community.

Mini Parks

Mini parks are small, specialized parks that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. The primary purpose of these parks is to provide local playground and open space for nearby residents. Mini-parks are generally under one acre in size and serve homes within walking distance or are dedicated to a specific development like apartments or a senior living complex. Other neighborhood, community, or regional parks, if located within close proximity to residents, could serve a similar purpose as a mini-park. The size of mini-parks may suggest they are insignificant in the greater realm of recreation, but these facilities often provide the day-to-day spaces needed for children, young people, seniors, or those who do not have the means to travel to other facilities. While some neighborhoods and subdivisions within the Village maintain privately-owned open space, there are no publicly-owned mini parks located in Fowlerville.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as a local recreational and social focus, providing conveniently located areas for both passive and active recreation activities, such as field games, court games, playgrounds, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are up to fifteen acres in size, are usually suited for intense activities like athletic fields, and can often be part of school facilities. Centennial Park in the Village is considered a neighborhood park.



Community Parks

Community parks contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the Village. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Community parks are generally over twenty-five acres in size and serve residents within a two mile radius. Fowlerville Community Park on North Grand Avenue is classified as a community park.

Barrier Free Accessibility

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) required all areas of public service to have barrier-free accessibility, including parks and recreation parks and facilities. An evaluation of the Village's parks and facilities has been conducted as part of the inventory. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if those with limited sight, hearing, mobility and comprehension can safely and independently access and use the park or facility.

An evaluation system was used to rank each park's accessibility. The system is described below, and the accessibility rankings can be found on the following page in *Table 3-1 Public Parks and Facilities Inventory*.

- **Accessibility Level 0.** The park is completely undeveloped and left in a natural state with no paved surfaces.
- **Accessibility Level 1.** The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. This site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
- **Accessibility Level 2.** The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
- **Accessibility Level 3.** The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking and pathways are paved, some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.



- **Accessibility Level 4.** The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.
- **Accessibility Level 5.** The entire park was designed using the principles of universal design, enabling all environments to be usable by everyone, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

**Table 3-1
Public Parks and Facilities Inventory**

Park	Acres	Barrier Free Ranking	Baseball/Softball Fields	Football Fields	Soccer Fields	Basketball Courts	Basketball Backstops	Multi-Purpose Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Indoor Skating Rink	Outdoor Ice Skating	Playground	Horseshoes	Sledding Hill	Shuffleboard	Picnic Shelters	Paths & Trails	Open space/Natural Areas	Picnic Tables	Seating	Parking	Restrooms	Drinking Fountain	Bike Racks	
Neighborhood Parks																										
Centennial Park	2.5	4	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Community Parks																										
Fowlerville Community Park	30	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	
Village Parks Total	32.5	5	2	0	0	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Source: LSL Planning



Centennial Park Layout

Fowlerville Centennial Park

- **Location.** East side of Grand Avenue, between South Street and Mill Street.
- **Size.** 2.5 acres.
- **Facilities.** Recreation facilities at the park are listed in Table 3-1. It is served by relatively new restroom facilities, which are in need of new signage. The basketball courts and playground are the key attractions to this park, and its location proximate to both the Village Library and Senior Center makes this park highly used by all residents.



Fowlerville Community Park

- **Location.** West side of Grand Avenue, between Addison Drive and Addison Circle.
- **Size.** 30 acres.
- **Facilities.** See *Table 3-1* for the listed facilities for this park. Community Park has the greatest potential to serve the active recreation needs of the community. It contains enough land to provide for an array of ball fields, which are highly used to augment facilities at the Fowlerville School complex. Recent improvements to the park have been made possible through philanthropic donations, which funded construction of a modern playground, sledding hill and the “Rotary Mile,” a one-mile long walking trail. A sizable Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant was obtained in 2010 which facilitated parking lot, roadway and pathway improvements, as well as relocation/renovation of two ballfields.



Other Public Parks

Other communities in the study area provide park facilities for use by the public. They are relevant to list here, even if they fall outside of the Village’s jurisdiction. These parks help to disburse the resources throughout the region, so residents do not need to travel to Fowlerville to enjoy them. Other public parks include:

- **Cohoctah Township Park.** This park, located at the corner of Preston and Allen roads is generally used for equestrian and 4-H events. It is open on a seasonal basis.
- **Iosco Township Park.** This park is located at Parkers Corners, across the street from the Iosco Township Hall. It is used mostly for practice soccer, but the township has plans to improve the park with additional athletic fields in the future.

School Park Facilities

The children of Village of Fowlerville are served by the Fowlerville school district. Recreation programming is provided to Fowlerville area residents



The Fowlerville School Complex provides the following facilities:

- 6 baseball/softball fields
- 3 football fields
- 2 soccer fields
- 4 tennis courts
- 1 running track
- 3 playgrounds
- 2 basketball courts

through a cooperative partnership and agreement involving the Fowlerville Community Schools, the Village of Fowlerville, and the townships of Handy, Iosco, Cohoctah, and Conway. Terms of the agreement call for the Fowlerville Community Schools to provide parks and recreation programming, and each contributing community pays their fair share of cost based on the number of students served from each community. The arrangement provides a fair approach to programming but lays the burden to provide park facilities on the schools, the Village and other more regional recreation providers.

School open space, gymnasiums, meeting rooms, athletic fields, and playgrounds all contribute towards meeting local recreation needs. The location of school facilities is shown on *Map One: Public Parks*.

The 229-acre Fowlerville Community Schools complex provides an extensive array of athletic fields at their campus located on the southeast corner of Grand Avenue and Sharpe Road. All of the district schools are located within this complex, which allows the district to provide common athletic facilities that are used by all. Because of this arrangement, the inventory below includes the total inventory of all outdoor ball fields and open spaces that serve the overall complex. Because the school complex serves the entire community, all of these facilities are considered Community Parks.



Regional Park Facilities

Regional parks offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitats, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball fields or courts. While these parks are not used for formal programming by the Village of Fowlerville, they provide opportunities for relaxed family activities. Regional Parks are depicted on *Map Two: Regional Parks*.

There are several recreational opportunities located in relatively close proximity to Fowlerville. Facilities are provided by Livingston and Ingham Counties, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and the State of Michigan.

Livingston County Parks

Parks and recreation in Livingston County is provided through the Planning Department. The County opened its first county park in 2008, Lutz County Park, which includes a Christmas tree farm, agricultural fields, pasture, wetlands and woodlands. The park has been developed with over 7,000 linear feet of trail, picnic tables, benches and parking area. A second park is being planned for the county, the Filmore County Park, a 198-acre park that was dedicated to the county. The county is currently exploring possible park opportunities for this land.



Ingham County Parks

Located just east of Ingham County, many residents take advantage of the recreation facilities located in this neighboring county. Ingham County offers more than 1,400 acres of parkland are devoted to sports and recreation in twelve parks, listed below:

- Baldwin Park (Onondaga)
- Bunker Road Canoe Landing (Eaton Rapids)
- Burchfield Park (Holt)





- Hawk Island Park (Lansing)
- Capital Connector Trail
- Hope Soccer Complex (Lansing)
- Lake Lansing Park (Haslett)
- McNamara Canoe Landing (Holt)
- Potter Park Zoo (Lansing)
- Rayner Park (Mason)
- Riverbend Natural Area (Holt)
- Soldan Dog Park (Lansing)

Huron-Clinton Metro Parks

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a regional park district that encompasses the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston. Since its inception in 1940, the HCMA has obtained over 20,000 acres of park land, all located in the metro Detroit region. The parks provide a variety of outdoor recreation and educational activities including picnicking, hiking, golf, biking, winter sports, golf, water-related activities, and special programs.



- Delhi (Ann Arbor)
- Dexter-Huron (Dexter)
- Hudson Mills (Dexter)
- Huron Meadows (Brighton)
- Indian Springs (White Lake)
- Kensington (Milford)

Michigan State Parks

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





- Brighton Recreation Area (Brighton)
- Dodge No. 4 State Park (Waterford)
- Highland Recreation Area (White Lake)
- Holly Recreation Area (Holly)
- Island Lake Recreation Area (Brighton)
- Maybury State Park (Northville)
- Pinckney Recreation Area (Pinckney)
- Pontiac Lake Recreation Area (Waterford)
- Proud Lake Recreation Area (Wixom)
- Seven Lakes State Park (Fenton)
- Sleepy Hollow (Laingsburg)
- Waterloo Recreation Area (Chelsea)



Private Recreation Facilities

Several privately-owned recreation facilities located within or near Fowlerville provide recreational opportunities that complement those provided by the Village. Although these facilities are privately operated and often charge a user fee or require membership, they are considered in the plan analysis because they meet specific recreation needs. The most widely used private facilities are discussed, along with a comprehensive list of other private facilities below.

Livingston County Fairgrounds

This site is the location of the County's annual fair and is home to the Livingston Historical Centre. Events are held throughout the year including 4-H events, exhibitions, horse shows, auto swaps, harness racing and musical entertainment annually. It is also the location of the annual Fowlerville Fair held in July and Fallfest held in September. Additional information on the Fairgrounds and events can be found on their website: www.fowlerville-fair.com



Livingston County Fairgrounds



Livingston Historical Centre

This facility is located on the County Fairgrounds, located just outside and west of the Village boundary on Grand River Avenue. The Historical Centre includes various historic buildings which have been spared from demolition and brought to the site for display. They include a one-room schoolhouse, railroad depot, farmhouse, barber shop, cobbler's shop and church buildings.

Fowlerville District Library

Since the previous plan, the library has been relocated to the former Curtis Grocery building at 130 Grand Avenue. With eleven employees, it offers an array of services to Fowlerville area residents, including wireless internet and computer access and adult, teen and youth programming. The library was certified in August of 2005 by the Library of Michigan and is open six days a week. Additional information on the library can be found on their website: www.fowlervillelibrary.org

Fowlerville Senior Center

The Senior Center is located off N. Collins Road, north of Grand River Avenue behind Centennial Park. It provides various recreation and educational services to senior residents of the area, including bingo, exercise classes, day and extended trips and computer instruction. It also offers health services such as blood pressure monitoring, hearing tests, and grief support groups. Bread deliveries are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Meals on Wheels is offered through Livingston County's nutrition program.

Other private facilities that serve area residents include:

Located in Fowlerville area:

- Jazzercise
- TruFit
- Maria's School of Dance
- Maximum Fitness



Located in Howell area:

- Broadacres Farms for Kids
- Camp Innisfree Girl Scout Camp
- Chemung Hills Country Club
- Family Golf
- Faulkwood Shores Golf Course
- Glenn’s School of Dance
- Grand Oaks Ice Arena
- Gold’s Gym
- Hawk Meadows Golf Course
- Howell Bowl-E-Drome
- Howell Fitness Center
- Howell Conference and Nature Center
- Hunters Ridge Golf Course
- Kicks & Sticks Sports Arena
- Lake Chemung Outdoor Resort
- Mt. Brighton Ski Resort
- Tecumseh Golf
- TPI Golf
- Wildwood Ranch
- Planet Fitness
- Ohana Karate

Located in Webberville/Williamston area:

- Brookshire Inn & Golf Club
- Elizabeth Williams School of Dance
- Living Arts Dance Studio
- Oak Lane Golf Course
- Tomlian Dance Studio
- Wheatfield Valley Golf Course

Recreation Programs

Recreation programming is provided through the Fowlerville Community Schools as part of a cooperative agreement between the schools and the participating communities. Each participating community pays a portion of the overall recreation budget based on the number of students they contribute. Fowlerville Community Schools uses this funding to provide for youth programs aimed primarily at elementary and middle school students. Some students do not reside in any of the participating communities, and in these cases, students pay a fee to participate. Therefore, the recreation programs in Fowlerville are funded in part by direct budget allocations from all participating communities and the Fowlerville Community Schools, and through user fees. Additional varsity and junior varsity athletic programs are offered for high school students through Fowlerville Community Schools. Special events are often organized by local volunteer groups, but none provide structured recreation programs.

Fowlerville Community Schools. The following is a list of programs offered to students through the Fowlerville School’s Community Education and

Participating Communities:

- Fowlerville Community Schools
- Village of Fowlerville
- Cohoctah Township
- Conway Township
- Handy Township
- Iosco Township



Recreation Department. The school also offers use of their indoor fitness center and track for a fee. More information on school programs can be found on the Fowlerville Community School website:

www.fowlerville.mi.schoolwebpages.com

Youth Programs:

- Jr. Glad Cheerleading - grades 1-8
- Girls Basketball - grades 1-6
- Baseball - ages 4-8
- Travel Baseball - ages 9-14
- Track - ages 6-14
- Soccer - age 4-grade 3
- Travel Soccer - grades 3-12
- Girls Volleyball - grades 3-6
- Wrestling - grades K-2
- Boys Basketball - grades 1-6
- Softball - ages 4-6
- Travel Softball - ages 7-14
- Jr. Glad Football - grades 8 & under

High School Athletics:

- Football - Varsity/Jr. Varsity/Freshman
- Cheerleading - Varsity/Jr. Varsity
- Boys Basketball - Varsity/Jr. Varsity/8th Grade
- Girls Basketball - Varsity/Jr. Varsity/8th Grade
- Boys Soccer - Varsity/Jr. Varsity
- Boys/Girls Cross Country
- Wrestling
- Golf - Varsity/Jr. Varsity
- Girls Tennis - Varsity/Jr. Varsity
- Boys Tennis - Varsity/Jr. Varsity
- Girls Volleyball - Varsity/Jr. Varsity/Freshman
- Boys Baseball - Varsity/Jr. Varsity/Freshman
- Girls Softball - Varsity/Jr. Varsity/Freshman
- Girls Track
- Boys Track

Community Education:

- Enrichment classes
- Leisure Time Activities
- Fitness Classes
- Volunteer Group Activities (use of facilities only)
- Health Education



Volunteer, Service and Charitable Organizations

In addition to the above listed recreation programs, many other clubs and groups offer recreation activities. Many of these groups are volunteer organizations requiring payment of annual or monthly dues to support activities. These groups serve an integral role in recreation planning because they offer programs for residents that may not be offered by the Village. Some of these in the Village include:

Volunteer Organizations

Established organizations in the Village include:

- Fowlerville Rotary Club
- Fowlerville Knights of Columbus Council 8605
- VFW Post 6464
- American Legion Post 215

Religious Institutions

Various churches in the Fowlerville area provide recreational facilities or programming. Included are the following institutions, many of which are listed on the Village website:

- St. Agnes Catholic Church
- First Baptist of Fowlerville
- Fowlerville United Brethren
- Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene
- First United Methodist
- Place of Refuge
- St. John's Lutheran

Service Organizations

Various local groups organized to serve certain segments of the population also provide recreation services. They include:

- Fowlerville Agricultural Society



- Fowlerville Senior Center
- Fowlerville Business Association
- Fowlerville Junior Baseball Association

Pathways

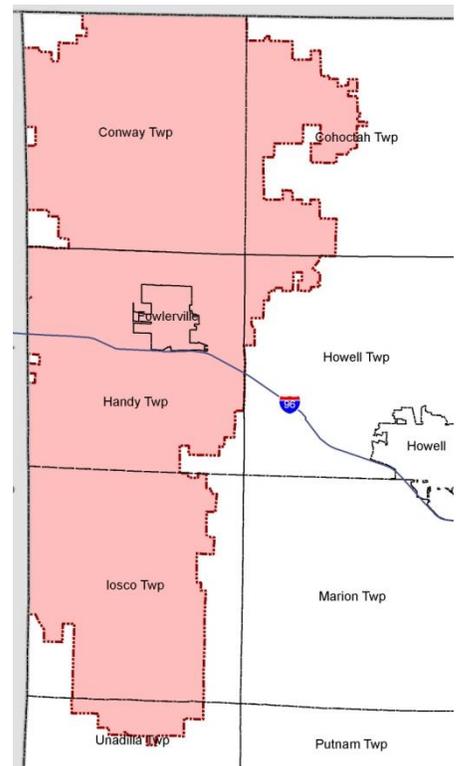
Pathways in the Village are largely comprised of 5-foot wide concrete sidewalks. Sidewalks are present along both sides of most streets, but there are no wider pathways in the Village. A comprehensive pathway system adds to the overall quality of life for residents by providing access to various community facilities and parks and by offering a source of recreation for residents that bike, jog, walk, and exercise. Development of wider, multi-use pathways should focus on closing gaps in trail connections, facilitating access from population centers to key destinations, and providing less active recreation opportunities not already offered in the Village, such as enjoying nature, hiking, bird watching, etc.



Chapter Four: Analysis

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community. The needs serve as a basis for the development of the Action Program. This task is accomplished using a compilation of several methods, including comparing the Village to established national recreation standards and input received from the public, Village staff, community leaders and local officials.

Centrally located within the Fowlerville School District, the Village of Fowlerville plays a regional role in providing recreation. Because of limited resources provided in surrounding townships, area residents primarily use parks located within the Village, in addition to other regional parks located outside the Village. As a result, the following analysis evaluates the need for parks and facilities for both the Village and the greater study area (see inset, right), which includes all property within the portion of the Fowlerville Community School District boundary located in Livingston County. This includes the Village, most of Handy, Conway, and Iosco Townships, in addition to small portions of Unadilla, Howell, and Cohoctah Townships. More specifically, because of established





cross-community agreements, this Plan caters to residents in the Village and those in Handy, Iosco, Conway and Cohoctah Townships.

Method of Analysis

As suggested by the MDNR, the Fowlerville parkland and recreation inventory was compared to the minimum guidelines set by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1983). Although the NRPA's guidelines were set over twenty-five years ago, the MDNR still recommends their use as standards to establish minimum community needs in terms of land area and number of facilities. The NRPA guidelines are based on the population of the study area. In 2016, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimated Fowlerville's population to be 2,990 persons, and according to the Fowlerville Community Schools Annual Educational Report for 2017-2018, there are approximately 16,400 residents in the school district.

Caution must be taken when interpreting recommendations based on these guidelines because they may not represent current popular activities and trends. Area-to-population ratios tend to oversimplify the purpose of recreation planning, which is to address the specific needs of the community, based on its own particular resources and resident preferences/demands so that the plan best suits the community's desires for recreation. To this end, the Village has conducted a community-wide survey to gauge public needs that may not be reflected in the NRPA analysis.

The Village of Fowlerville is not a large geographic area, measuring just over 2.25 square miles, or roughly two miles long and one mile wide. This means that most parks located in the Village, regardless of type, will serve all purposes because of their proximity to residents. However, within the Fowlerville school district, there are many underserved areas. Because the Village can only control land within their ownership, specific recommendations cannot be given for areas outside of Fowlerville, but this plan does discuss their needs.

To determine the recreation needs for this plan, the Village conducted the following:



- An analysis of its parkland and recreation facilities, using the NRPA guidelines discussed above.
- An online survey to gauge the opinions and unique needs of area residents, which was highly publicized through press releases, posted notices, direct letters and e-mail communications. Comments were solicited from residents of the entire study area, with the majority of responses received from residents of the Village and Handy Township.

Parkland Analysis

Amount of Parkland

Table 4-1: *Public Parkland Acreage Analysis* shows the results of the parkland analysis for the Village, which indicate that there are adequate community parks to serve Fowlerville residents, but additional mini-parks, neighborhood parks and regional parks are needed. The same is true for the larger study area; additional mini-, neighborhood and regional parks are needed. Parkland needs are discussed in more detail below.

Table 4-1 Public Parkland Acreage Analysis						
Village of Fowlerville and School Park Classifications	NRPA Guideline Minimum Acres ¹	Existing Acres for Fowlerville ²			Recommended Acres for Village of Fowlerville	Recommended Acres for Fowlerville School District
		Village Park	School	Total		
Mini Parks	.375	0	0	0	1.125	5.625
Neighborhood Parks	1.75	2.5	0	2.5	5.25	26.25
Community Parks	6.5	30	229	259	19.5	97.5
Subtotal	-	32.5	229	261.5	25.875	129.375
Regional Parks	7.5	0	0	0	22.5	112.5
Total	-	32.5	229	261.5	48.375	241.875

¹ Source: Lancaster, Roger A., Ed. 1983. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA:NRPA
² Includes land areas listed in Table 3-1 Public Parks and Facilities Inventory and Table 3-2 School Parks and Facilities Inventory

- **Mini-parks:** There are no publicly-owned mini-parks in the Village. They should be required for new development that can pre-plan for these amenities, but some existing neighborhoods in the Village do not have that opportunity. The Village should acquire vacant parcels within some of the existing neighborhoods to serve as mini-parks. NRPA standards recommend mini-parks be located within walking distance (a quarter



mile) from those it is intended to serve. A typical block in Fowlerville is 330 feet wide by 528 feet deep, therefore, mini-parks should be located every three to four square blocks.

- **Neighborhood Parks:** Centennial Park is the only park classified as a neighborhood park; however, the extensive school facilities do act in some ways as a neighborhood park given its proximity to the core neighborhoods in Fowlerville. However, the school facilities are not controlled by the Village. And, while the existing school facility is new and not likely to move in the near future, the Village should consider additional neighborhood park facilities, especially in areas south of the railroad tracks. This area currently contains no public parks, and since the railroad right-of-way bisects the Village and has the potential to become a barrier to north/south travel, a southern park is needed.
- **Community Parks:** Fowlerville's Community Park is the largest park in the Village. The park's size (30 acres) and amenities attract residents throughout the entire study area, but for the 15,000 residents of the study area, the NRPA standards recommend 97.5 acres of community parks be provided. This park is not adequate to serve all area residents, which suggests additional parks are needed. However, since community parks are intended to serve an area within one to two miles, and since Village residents are already well served, future community parks should be located in one of the surrounding townships to disburse them throughout the study area.

Due to the small area in the Village, the above parks well serve Village residents, and the analysis suggests that overall, the amount of land devoted to recreation is sufficient to serve the larger study area. However, what is not considered is the fact that virtually all of the land inventoried is located inside the Village boundaries and other significant facilities, such as the Livingston County Fairgrounds and Lutz Farm, are located adjacent to or within close proximity to the Village. Very few parks exist beyond these, therefore, each community in the study area should assess the needs of their own residents, especially when it comes to providing mini-parks and neighborhood parks proximate to local residents. A quick calculation of the recommended amount of parkland for each community within the study area is provided in the table below.



	2017 Pop.	Recommended Amount (in acres) ¹			Total Recommended
		Mini	N'hood	Comm.	
Fowlerville	2,763	1.04	4.14	17.96	23.14
Handy Twp.	5,337	2.00	8.01	34.69	44.70
Iosco Twp.	3,582	1.34	5.37	23.28	30.00
Cohoctah Twp.	3,436	1.29	5.15	22.33	28.78
Conway Twp.	3,523	1.32	5.28	22.90	29.51

¹ Per 1,000 residents, based on 2017 SEMCOG population estimates.
² The figures in this table are estimates for the entire community, not just the population within the study area.

Service Area

Although the overall amount of parkland in Fowlerville is sufficient by national guidelines, it is important to consider the type of parks, their location, and their disbursement around the Village. When evaluating parks and recreation service areas it is important to specifically consider where the residents of the community live. The NRPA establishes a recommended service area for each park classification to determine which areas in Fowlerville are lacking easy access to parkland. The service area boundary for each type of park is as follows:

- Mini Parks 0.25 miles or less
- Neighborhood Parks 0.25 to 0.5 miles
- Community Parks 1.0 to 2.0 miles

While the recreational offerings in Fowlerville are extensive for a community of its size, the distribution of facilities is somewhat of an issue. All public recreation in Fowlerville is in the northern one-third of the Village. Additional opportunities are needed in the southern portions of the Village, where higher concentrations of residents are present. Additionally, since facilities in the Village serve residents in the greater Fowlerville area, future recreation sites should be sought by each participating community to best disburse amenities and serve the regional population.



Facilities Analysis

In addition to parkland, facilities were analyzed to determine if the current facilities are adequate to meet the needs of residents. This analysis includes facility recommendations based on national averages, but also considers the public input provided during this process, as well as recent trends in recreation that could not be anticipated when the national standards were developed in the 1980's.

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Standards

As noted in this Plan, the NRPA standards are commonly used to evaluate the adequacy of parkland and facilities when compared to local populations. They were developed many years ago, and so they do not consider modern desires like dog parks, skate parks, splash parks or large recreational complexes that have become more common in recent years. The number of athletic fields in the Village reflects an adequate number of fields when compared to the NRPA standards. Potential facility surpluses and deficiencies are shown in *Table 4-2: Public Park Facility Analysis*.

Table 4-3
Public Park Facility Analysis

Fowlerville Village and School Park Facility	NRPA Guideline Minimum Facilities ¹	Existing Facilities for Fowlerville ²			Recommended Facilities for Village of Fowlerville	Recommended Facilities for Fowlerville School District
		Village Park	School	Total		
Tennis	1/2,000	0	8	10	1	7
Playground	1/3,000	2	3	5	1	5
Baseball/ Softball	1/5,000	3	5	8	0	3
Basketball	1/5,000	2	2	3	0	3
Volleyball	1/5,000	0	1	1	0	3
Soccer	1/10,000	4	2	6	0	1
Football	1/20,000	0	3	3	0	0
Running Track	1/20,000	1	1	2	0	0
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	0	0	0	0	0
Golf Course (9 hole)	1/25,000	0	0	0	0	0
Golf Course (18 hole)	1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Ice Rink	1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Source: Lancaster, Roger A., Ed. 1983. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA:NRPA
² Includes facilities listed in *Table 3-1 Public Parks and Facilities Inventory* and *Table 2-2 School Parks and Facilities Inventory*



The total number of fields and athletic facilities provided through the Village of Fowlerville’s parks and the Fowlerville Public School site provide adequate facilities for the entire Fowlerville area. The analysis indicates that two additional volleyball courts are needed to meet the national standard, and the Village has plans to install courts at Community Park.

Public Input

Because the Village does not have a large population, NRPA standards do not recommend a large number of fields and courts to serve residents. However, logic tells us that they are, in fact, needed. Even though the standards above do not call for additional facilities, the fact is that residents, even in small numbers, still need places to recreate and enjoy nature. The survey conducted for this Plan revealed the following additional desires that are not addressed by the national standards:

- **Trails.** Residents expressed a desire for passive recreation opportunities. They can also be in the form of natural areas like woodland, wetlands, and river corridors. Such areas provide opportunities for unprogrammed activities, and when coupled with the development of walking, biking and hiking trails, can provide for both active and passive recreation, meaning such facilities can be used by all residents, including those enjoying nature, riding horses or traveling from place to place. For this reason, development of trails is a primary goal of this Plan. Development of a River Walk and associated sidewalk improvements will establish a framework for a larger non-motorized system and will guide future trail extensions, and the trailheads developed to serve it will also provide places to enjoy nature, or observe park activities.
- **Ice Rinks.** A common request heard recently is the desire for ice hockey and skating rinks. The Village should continue to rely on regional and privately owned ice rink facilities for this need. An indoor ice rink is an

Program		Enrollment
Soccer	2013 Fall Season	13
	2014 Spring Season	17
	Travel Fall	12
	Travel Spring	21
	Camp	1
Cheerleading	2013 Season	11
	Clinic	4
Football	2014 Season	25
	Clinic	2
Basketball	Girls 2013 Season	2
	Girls Clinic	1
	Boys 2013 Season	3
	Boys 2013 Clinic	16
	Travel	23
Volleyball	2014 Season	10
	Camp	3
Baseball	2014 Season	21
	Clinic	0
Softball		6
Wrestling		3
Track		13
Tennis Clinic		1
Archery Camp		3
Total		211
Source: Fowlerville Community Schools		



expensive venture that requires high regional demand and strong management in order to be successful. In the future, if a regional park authority is created, funding options may expand to where such a facility is feasible, but the construction of an indoor ice rink is not included in the scope of this Plan.

Programming Analysis

Table 4-4: 2013/2014 Athletic Registration Figures and *Table 4-5: Recreation Program Enrollment Figures* show the local student participation in programs offered through the Fowlerville Community Schools. As shown, programming for student-aged residents is well provided and well used in the area. Very little structured adult and senior programs are offered in the area, aside from the various community organizations and churches that offer leagues and other athletic programming. This Plan contemplates additional adult and senior programming to augment those already provided, but the challenge remains how to fund them.

All Village parks are open to the public free-of-charge and athletic programming through the school is provided for free due to subsidies from each participating community and the school itself. Public events, such as the Independence Day fireworks, are ordinarily organized by local residents and service groups. Donations are collected each year to pay for future events, but there is no structured budget for them, which means they are subject to discontinue at any time.

Table 4-5 Recreation Program Enrollment Figures						
Program	2014/2015		2015/2016		2016/2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Village of Fowlerville	259	15%	243	13%	231	14%
Handy Township	655	37%	709	38%	643	39%
Conway Township	442	25%	434	24%	369	22%
Cohoctah Township	86	5%	88	5%	82	5%
Iosco Township	341	18%	368	20%	319	20%
Total	1,783	100%	1,842	100%	1,644	100%
Non-Participating	109	--	113	--	151	--

Source: Fowlerville Community Schools



Generally speaking, user fees, park passes, and the like are not utilized in Fowlerville. This is likely the reason why organized adult and senior programs are not currently offered. The Village should monitor existing programs and public demand to ensure the amount provided matches resident need. It is clear through the survey conducted that residents wish for additional adult programming, organized leagues and teen activities. The Village is not currently equipped to provide these services, and so if any programming is established, it must consider the costs. There are a few options available for program funding, including local millages, user fees, grants and donations. Certain events and programming should still be provided to the public for free, but it is possible that the Village may someday need to charge fees for programs until such time as a regional authority or expanded regional recreation agreement is established that provides alternative sources.

Pathways Analysis

A pathway system adds to the overall quality of life for residents by providing access to various community facilities and parks, by offering a source of recreation for residents that bike, jog, and walk, and by offering other opportunities for recreation and exercise.

Fowlerville should pursue the development of a pathways plan to define a continuous pathway system within the Village. In addition to pathways along major roads, opportunities to develop off-road paths along natural features corridors, drainage easements, transmission lines, etc. should also be actively pursued. The plan should provide direction on the location, types, design details, estimated costs and necessary land acquisition that would be required to implement a comprehensive pathway system. In order to efficiently accomplish this objective, priorities must be established. Key elements to consider are:

Continuity

Maintaining an interconnected system of pathways enhances the pedestrian environment. The Village should pursue filling in gaps in the system that act as barriers. While Village funds may be used for this purpose, the community in general should also share in this commitment. Options to accomplish this include requiring the installation of pathways along major



roads and throughout the interior of new development projects or for residential lots that have not maintained or installed their sidewalks, requiring an escrow or performance guarantee when transfer of property ownership occurs.

Convenience

While people will walk farther distances for exercise and recreation purposes, the average pedestrian will not walk more than 15 minutes or a quarter mile to reach their destination. Therefore, convenient routes must be offered to encourage more pedestrian activity as an alternative to driving. This includes considerations for road crossings, conflicts with multiple users, continuity of the pathway and directness of the route. Inconvenient systems can encourage unsafe activity or use of non-designated sidewalks or crossings. Where the Village wishes to increase pedestrian activity, it should ensure that continuous pathways are provided that offer safe crossings that bring the pedestrian to the forefront of consideration, rather than making the automobile the priority.

Safety

Without a safe pedestrian environment, pathways will not be used to their maximum. Elements such as lighting, proper maintenance and proper crossing enhancements will bring comfort to users. Where high pedestrian activity exists or is encouraged, the Village should work toward reducing the posted speed limits for motorists. Statistics show that 85% of vehicle-to-pedestrian crashes will result in death to the pedestrian if a vehicle is traveling at 40 mph, versus only a 15% rate if a vehicle is traveling at 20 mph.

Accessibility

Disabled residents often rely heavily on public transit as their primary means of travel and pathways to access transit. However, their unique needs are often overlooked when designing them. When considering improvements to these systems, the following considerations should be included:

- Install pedestrian signals that produce an audible sound to indicate



signal changes at critical intersections.

- Maintain a consistent intersection design, so disabled users can easily anticipate where a bench, pedestrian crossing button or shelter is located.
- Install textured materials, such as brick or stamped concrete, at the edges of sidewalks to indicate where the walk ends, and the motorized travel lanes of the road begin.
- Include medians in the design or redesign of intersections, especially where a high volume of pedestrian activity is expected. Medians provide safer crosswalk options for all residents.



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Chapter Five: Action Program

The Action Program is the culmination of a comprehensive effort that began with a parks inventory and the analysis of existing community conditions and attitudes. It begins by briefly discussing key goals and objectives, which evoke the spirit of this effort, but which are common to most communities. These overall goals are then translated into Fowlerville-specific tasks, organized into useful lists and expressed in a 5-year Action Program that itemizes targeted actions that should be accomplished each year. The goals stated here were developed in consideration of the previous Area-Wide Recreation Plan, the analysis in this plan, local and regional demographics, and the public input gathered throughout the process.

While the Program is intentionally aggressive to encourage more progress, the speed at which the tasks are completed will depend on local resources, funding, and regional cooperation.



Overall Goals

Generally speaking, the objective of parks and recreation planning is to improve the overall quality of life for area residents by providing the physical facilities and organized recreation programming needed to maintain healthier lifestyles and social interaction. Successful implementation requires action, not generalized goal statements that provide sentiment but not direction. Therefore, the three primary goals of this plan are discussed in general, followed by more specific objective statements.

Quality. *The Village of Fowlerville will offer high quality, well-maintained park facilities and recreation programs that create a pleasant experience for users.* The parks inventory indicates that there is enough parkland for area residents, but some additional facilities may be needed. While the amount of parkland is adequate, certain structures, fields and facilities need repair or maintenance. The type of recommendations that address the quality of parks will include paving of drives and parking, repair of existing structures, regarding of fields, etc.

Accessibility. *Parks and recreation facilities will meet the diverse needs and interests of the community.* Census data shows that residents in Fowlerville are aging, with the fastest growing segment being those ages 65 and older.

Examples of Universal Design:

- Installing electrical outlets within reach of everyone
- Larger restrooms for handicap accessibility or family use
- Signage that clearly communicates rules and hazards
- Use of symbols rather than words on signs

The Village will incorporate universal design into future park improvement projects. Universal design seeks to improve the function of products and buildings so they can be used by everyone, not just the elderly or disabled. Take for example the design of curb ramps, which originally responded to the needs of those wheelchair-bound, but which now benefit those on bicycles, pushing strollers, and the visually impaired. The idea behind universal design is to continually evaluate and improve facilities to improve the experience of all users rather than adhere to a prescribed set of guidelines.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) established guidelines to provide barrier-free accessibility at public facilities. It is important to provide access to Fowlerville facilities according to these guidelines so that all residents can enjoy the facilities. As parks and facilities are improved or developed, a high priority must be placed on upgrades that improve barrier-free accessibility



with improvements to proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment that provides universal access. Outside consultants may be valuable in assessing barriers.

Variety. *A variety of recreation programs and events will be offered to encourage social interaction and a high quality of life for all area residents.* The current variety of parks in Fowlerville is appropriate; however, there is a need for more neighborhood and mini-parks throughout the study area. The variety desired will serve residents in all areas, but also those with differing needs. Currently, Village parks provide a reasonable mix of the typical facilities desired: athletic fields, play areas, walking paths, and pavilions; but are lacking those features more recently in demand, such as skateboard parks, nature trails, and splash parks. These sorts of facilities were considered in addition to those discussed in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Suggested Facility Development Standards.



Specific Goals and Objectives

Improve existing park facilities before devoting resources to new construction.

- Work with the Fowlerville School District to identify needs not met by existing school facilities.
- Re-grade and re-stripe existing ball fields at Community Park.
- Improve accessibility at Centennial Park, especially to the restrooms and gazebo.
- Encourage infill at Community Park, and maximize its use before purchasing large acres of land for new active park development.
- Develop a program of consistent signage, lighting, benches, and waste receptacles at all Village parks, compatible with other Village facilities.

Implement the recommendations of this plan as cost-effectively and as efficiently as possible.

- Coordinate the Action Program with the Village’s capital improvement program.
- Educate the Planning Commission about the Village’s goals for parks and recreation, for their consideration during the development review process.
- Review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan annually to establish yearly priorities and responsibilities.
- Explore grant opportunities and alternative funding opportunities for improvement projects.
- Involve local residents, service groups and volunteer organizations in fundraising efforts to demonstrate strong community support and grass-roots efforts.
- Maintain open communication with other recreation providers for opportunities to joint venture on larger improvement projects and regional recreation demands.
- Coordinate with other recreation providers to prevent duplication of services and avoid unnecessary competition.
- Evaluate the option of charging programming fees that balance operation costs with affordability.

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Improve access to existing recreational facilities.

- Work to complete the existing sidewalk system so all residents can have non-motorized access to parks.
- Incorporate universal design into all park improvement projects.
- Improve barrier-free accessibility by installing accessible pathways and upgrading equipment to meet accessibility standards.
- Use modern media such as the Village website, e-mail lists and cable television in addition to conventional newsletters and press releases to increase awareness of parks and recreation programs.

Expand recreation programming to serve adult and senior residents.

- Use existing facilities at the Senior Center for senior programs, where possible.
- Coordinate a volunteer-based adult recreation program that involves local athletic clubs, service groups and volunteer organizations.
- Investigate the desires of area seniors and provide programming that responds to their needs, such as group outings and trips, community social events, and organized eating and gathering places.

Provide the needed amenities for local youth to encourage productive recreation.

- Involve school students in local fundraising efforts to create a sense of ownership and commitment.
- Provide new amenities that are popular among children and teens, including a skateboard park, splash park, and teen center.
- Located teen amenities in highly visible areas to avoid the need for dedicated police surveillance.

Provide recreation opportunities for residents of all areas of the Village.

- Develop a park in the south portion of Fowlerville.
- Encourage new residential projects to include parkland and/or open spaces to serve future residents.
- Continue to monitor resident desires, local trends and preferences in recreation.
- Host community-wide events that bring together residents from different neighborhoods, generations and backgrounds.

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Develop a River Walk trail along the Red Cedar River.

- Seek to acquire property or access easements on both sides of the river.
- Purchase the 15.4 acre parcel on the east side of the Cedar River.
- Evaluate and determine the best trail alignment considering topography, presence of wetlands and property ownership.
- Incorporate education into the River Trail, using signage and trail head kiosks. Educational points should highlight the significance of the historic Grand River Trail, and possibly the historic village that is currently housed on the Livingston County fairgrounds.

Develop a comprehensive pathway system that provides non-motorized access to key local and regional destinations.

- Develop wider, multi-use pathways that accommodate walkers, joggers, runners, rollerbladers and bicyclists.
- Coordinate with local schools toward development of Safe Routes to School programs that compliment Village efforts.
- Encourage walking and bicycling as alternative transportation options to help reduce emissions and improve the environment.
- Utilize road, utility and railroad corridors to provide off-road pathways, and continually upgrade existing sidewalks that provide connectivity.
- Incorporate pathways into larger, regional systems where possible.

Develop regional facilities like indoor ice rinks, indoor swimming pools or community fitness centers through regional partnerships.

- Explore the possibility of a regional recreational authority that can levy millage and operate independent from other entities.
- Ensure that costly regional facilities like indoor ice arenas and swimming pools can feasibly be maintained in the long-term by evaluating regional populations, local revenue and proximity to other similar facilities.

Support the acquisition and development of land that respects natural resources and compliments conservation efforts.

- Carefully design the River Trail project using natural materials.
- Avoid the need to cut mature or large stands of trees, or at a minimum, maintain existing root systems to stabilize the riverbank.
- Where funds allow, purchase sensitive lands that are susceptible to development and would otherwise be developed if not protected.
- Work with the Livingston Land Conservancy to acquire sensitive land for protection.



Park Specific Recommendations

This planning process involved a discussion of ideas for every park in the system. While many of the recommended park improvements have been incorporated into the Action Program, it is important to keep documentation of all park improvements envisioned. This section provides a listing of recommended project ideas and concepts.

Centennial Park

This park provides an excellent local resource, especially given its location amongst other civic uses like the senior center and library. These uses generally bring seniors and youngsters to the park, and so park improvements should consider their needs, especially as it relates to accessibility. Centennial Park has the greatest potential to provide for those less able to enjoy the more active facilities at Community Park. The land area is largely developed, so the future projects should focus on improving accessibility and maintaining the existing park. The existing basketball courts need re-striping, and a more complete, paved walkway system is needed to allow unobstructed access the playground area, pavilion, and nearby community buildings.



Centennial Park

Community Park

Community Park is the largest park in the Village, and offers the largest range of opportunities. More structured fields are needed, as are paved drives. A conceptual plan for Community Park (*see page 5-10*) was developed that illustrates the long-term vision, which includes the following goals:

- **Concerts at the Park.** The existing sledding hill presents an opportunity for public concerts and events, as the hillside can be used for seating. Temporary stage trailers could be used until a permanent band shell or stage should be constructed.
- **River Walk Trailhead.** This park will be used as a trailhead for the River Walk trail discussed later. It is envisioned that the trailhead will be incorporated into a larger public feature at Community Park that could



include parking, restroom facilities, a plaza, water feature and children's splash park. A schematic of this trailhead is provided on the conceptual plan for the park.

- **General Maintenance.** The existing baseball fields need maintenance; the rearmost softball field is rarely used due to its shallow outfield and all are overgrown. The Village plans to remove the softball field and move the two larger fields to the west. Remaining land should be graded flat and seeded for general use as open space or practice fields. The Village should implement a temporary maintenance plan to help improve the field conditions until the fields can be reconstructed.
- **Other Improvements.** Residents have expressed a desire for additional facilities, such as horseshoe pits, bocce ball, frisbee golf and potentially outdoor ice skating, if the existing wastewater lagoons are reclaimed. Some of these could easily be accommodated at Community Park, and should be considered when future improvements are made.
- **Pond Reclamation.** The rear of Community Park contains unused wastewater settling ponds that are regulated through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The ponds occupy several acres and are not accessible to the public due to their prior use as part of the Village's wastewater treatment system. In order for these ponds to be usable as parkland, a process of study, closure, and reopening of the ponds must take place. The process is lengthy and costly, likely taking over a year and up to a million dollars to complete, but the additional parkland that will be gained could add value that makes it worth pursuing, if not within the scope of this Plan, at least in the future. Since the amount of parkland currently provided is adequate to meet current recreation needs, this Plan does not suggest the Village pursue this idea immediately, rather that it work to further investigate the process before ruling out future use of this land.



River Walk

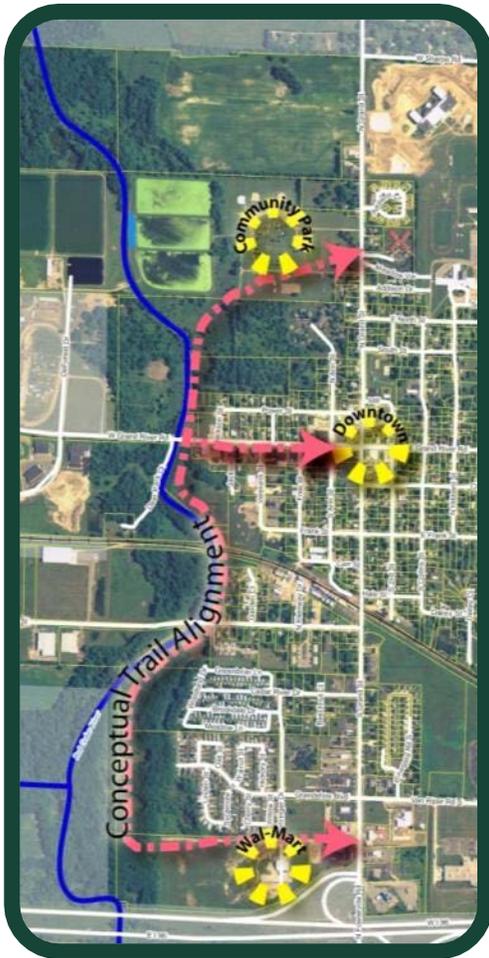
The greatest natural resource in the Village is the Red Cedar River, a tributary of the Grand River which flows from south to north along the Village's western boundary. Most visiting the area would not know of this resource, as it is quietly hidden. In addition, Grand River Avenue marks the location of an historic Indian trail way through Livingston County, which extended from Detroit to Lansing. This stagecoach route was created to encourage growth, where communities like Farmington, Brighton, Howell, and Fowlerville eventually developed. Further research into the history of this trail should be conducted and information posted proudly at all trailheads.

The concept of the River Walk originated with the 2009 Fowlerville Master Plan, which envisioned a non-motorized trail along the Red Cedar River, extending from the Wal-Mart retail store at the south end of the Village to Community Park, and points beyond, at the north end. Due to certain constraints, this project will proceed first where land, access easements and financial resources are available and will be completed in stages as additional resources are attained. Three key stages will be required to complete the Walk:

- 1) **Trail Alignment.** This stage will involve analysis of the river corridor to determine any barriers to a continuous trail, such as ownership issues or the presence of wetlands. *Map Three: Natural Features* shows that the greatest area of wetlands exists on the west side of the river, north of Grand River Avenue. Wetlands along the west bank may be avoided if the trail is developed on the east bank, which is actually favorable given the fact that most residents in the Village live east of the river. Priorities for trail construction are as follows:
 - **Priority #1:** First priority for this project is to develop the trail segment between Garden Lane and Grand River Avenue. While land owned by the Village is scarce here, there are numerous easements currently held by the Village that could facilitate the trail without costly land acquisition. This segment will likely be constructed first for this reason, but could be delayed if the process to get a railroad crossing permit becomes lengthy or difficult.

A River Walk along the Red Cedar River would:

- 1) Create a needed passive recreation resource not widely found in the area.
- 2) Provide recreation facilities for residents in the southern portion of the Village, who are currently underserved.
- 3) Help Fowlerville celebrate its location along the historic Grand River Trail.



Conceptual River Walk Alignment

- **Priority #2:** It is anticipated that trail segments will be constructed as land and finance circumstances allow. Therefore, a high priority will be to provide other non-motorized connections that make the trail more accessible. Sidewalks currently exist along Grand River Avenue, Garden Lane and Grand Avenue that create a non-motorized “loop” when combined with the River Walk. Existing sidewalks should be evaluated for safety and condition, continually maintained, and potentially widened into multi-use pathways.
- **Priority #3:** Final phases of the trail will include segments from Grand River Avenue to Community Park and from Garden Lane south to the Wal-Mart store.

2) **Financing and Construction.** Detailed field research will be needed at this stage of the process. After funding is secured, identifying the specific trail route will require a more intimate understanding of the land and ground-level surveys, so the Village should start by surveying the riverfront and delineating any wetlands to identify the best route. Construction costs will vary depending on land acquisition costs, the number of wooden bridges, amount of fill, and sub-base required to complete the Trail.

This stage is likely to take the longest to complete, as resources in the Village are limited. When the previous plan was prepared, the United States and Michigan were in the midst of an economic recession which significantly restricted public expenditures and now puts the Village in catch-up mode. Therefore, funding from the Village’s general fund may be limited in the next several years. However, there are numerous philanthropic foundations, public agencies and civic organizations that offer grants for recreation-related projects. The array of funding options is discussed in greater detail in Appendix C. The Village should focus on grass-roots funding efforts that show strong community support, which helps garner grant funding. Additionally, locally-driven fundraising often creates a greater sense of community pride that tends to increase safety and reduce vandalism.

3) **Trailhead Facilities.** Trailhead facilities should be constructed on Village-owned property, preferably where such facilities will serve other purposes. For instance, trail head improvements at Community Park



are planned with other desired improvements like expanded parking lots, play areas and volleyball courts. There, the parking will serve trail users as well as general visitors to the park. All trailhead facilities should include adequate parking, bike racks, waste receptacles, informational and educational signage, and other amenities that can serve both general park users and trail users. The Village may choose to place donation receptacles as well, as it helps encourage users to help fund future improvement and maintenance efforts.

- **Priority #1:** The Garden Lane trailhead should be the first constructed. Amenities at this trailhead are shown on the Garden Lane Trailhead Concept, and include a modest parking lot, scenic overlook, modern playground and skate park. A conceptual plan for this park/trailhead is provided on the next page.
- **Priority #2:** The Community Park trailhead should be constructed when funding is available. Shared parking and restroom facilities should be provided for trail users and other park users.
- **Priority #3:** A trailhead should be developed near Grand River Avenue. The Village owns land on the river just north of Power Street which could house a small parking lot for trail users. If additional land is acquired in the future, the Village may consider working with the Fowlerville Agricultural Society to see if any of the historic village they maintain could be housed at the trailhead in homage to the historic Grand River Trail.
- **Priority #4:** To complete the trail, a trailhead at the Wal Mart store should be considered. The store maintains a large parking lot that could easily serve trail users. It would also provide a convenient non-motorized link to nearby residential areas.

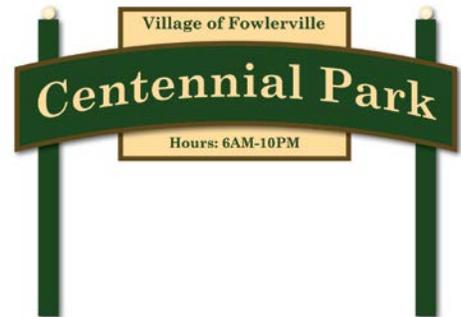
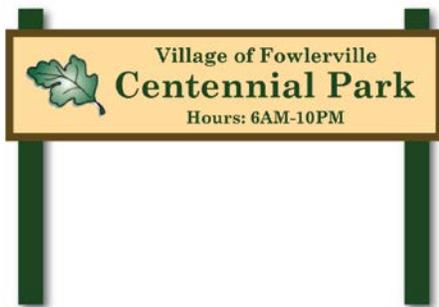


System-Wide Initiatives

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

Coordinated Signage

It is important to clearly mark park entrances and visually unify park designs so residents associate them to Fowlerville’s park system. Signage is more effective in directing citizens if they are consistent in design, placement and content. A set of uniform design themes that symbolize Fowlerville parks should be used in the design of lighting, benches, signs, waste receptacles, bike racks, and other amenities. This would not preclude the Village from erecting special monuments or other signage intended to highlight various amenities within a park, but entrance and directional signage should remain consistent. Some example sign concepts are offered below, but the final design will be determined by the Village Council as they see fit. The Village could hold a community-wide design contest to create additional support and awareness of the Park system.





Programming

The Village currently contributes to programming for the area by participating in the Regional Recreation Commission. As part of this effort, the Village conducted an online survey to seek public input. Results indicate that area citizens place most importance on children's athletic and teen programming, then on family concerts and events. The entire survey results are shown in Appendix B.

Programs are organized through the Fowlerville School District, providing students and area youth with multiple athletic opportunities. The Fowlerville Senior Center also offers certain programs for area seniors. These are discussed in detail in Chapter Two.

Programming for adults between school age and retirement is lacking in the Village. Historic reference to organized softball and baseball leagues were found throughout this process. Resurrecting such leagues could help strengthen citizen interest in recreation and spark the momentum needed to expand the options to include other programs. In general, this Plan suggests programming should be organized based on expressed need or want by area residents. The Village should continually seek input from the public to maintain an understanding of their changing desires, through surveys, comment boxes and open lines of communication with the public.

Staffing

Recreation programs are currently administered through the Fowlerville School's Community Education Department. One full-time employee oversees parks and recreation for all residents within the school district. This arrangement naturally lends itself to offer services and programs for school-aged children. Since children's athletics are already well provided, the Village should focus future efforts toward providing adult and senior-oriented programming. If development continues in Livingston County at the rates anticipated, additional staffing may be needed to serve the influx of new residents.



Community Involvement/Fund Raising



Community involvement is a critical component of recreation planning, and it also helps show support for local programs and projects. The Village could garner support through adopt-a-park beautification programs, partnerships with neighborhood associations, or through associations with the business community and service organizations. These groups often

sponsor improvements or offer volunteer assistance at events. More specific discussion of potential funding sources and other resources is included in Appendix C.

Pathways

Because of Fowlerville's central location within the study area, it is important that residents from the outlying townships of Handy, Iosco, Conway and Cohoctah are able to access parks in the Village. Providing multi-use or recreational pathways is an excellent way to provide both a recreational and transportation resource. Pathways should be wide enough to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, along with the array of other users, from those with strollers, wheelchairs or rollerblades. The Village should encourage the development of such pathways, especially along Grand Avenue where, if extended north and south, will provide direct connections to the Village's two key parks. Collaboration on a regional level is key to the success of any pathway system, as connectivity to other sidewalk resources or key destinations is crucial if they are to be used.

Land Acquisition

Although it is a priority to maximize use of existing facilities, the Village should explore opportunities for land acquisition to meet future demands for parkland. The Village Master Plan suggests acquisition of smaller, neighborhood lots to be used as local playgrounds or as named in this plan,



“mini-parks.” These provide places for small children to meet and play that do not require travel along busy roadways. The Village could capitalize on the current down economy, where purchase of lots can be made at a lesser cost. Past planning documents also suggest the need for additional parkland in the south end of the Village. Additional land, along with the development of a river walk as discussed above, would allow the Village to better serve its residents in the south end.

Five Year Action Program

The Action Program for Fowlerville provides a five-year implementation checklist for the Parks and Recreation Department and others involved in park and recreation planning. The plan is able to stand alone for daily use and referral by the Village.

The tables on the following pages identify recommendations in a useable list for the Village. This not only keeps the Village on track with projects but it also helps to identify funding priorities. There are a number of action items identified during the five-year planning period. Some actions are on-going strategies that should be considered on an annual basis to help ensure consistent, quality service of recreation facilities and programs.

Tasks should be reviewed on an annual basis and priorities adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. In particular, costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are expressed in 2010-dollar values (since almost all of the projects are carry-overs from the 2010 plan), they are based on general assumptions of construction costs based on other Midwest projects, and are strictly preliminary. While this Action Plan states items that should be completed in a specific order, the reality of implementation is that projects will be completed as time and funding resources permit. This requires the Village to be flexible in applying the Action Plan, as opportunities may demand that certain projects rise to the top of the priority list.

Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming elements and engineering plans are developed. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the Plan based on the schedule provided, some projects may extend beyond the scope of this Plan, or be broken down to be completed incrementally over time.



2018 Planning and Maintenance Program

Project	Estimated Cost	Primary Funding Source
Community Park Improvements:		
1. Grade area for horseshoe pits and bocce ball.	TBD	General fund
2. Research potential use of existing wastewater settling ponds as ice rink.	N/A (in-house)	General Fund
Garden Lane Park Planning:		
1. Develop a Specific Park Plan.	\$4,000 - \$10,000	General Fund
River Walk Planning:		
1. Research available property or access easements on both sides of the river.	TBD	General Fund Private Donations LWCF Grants MNRTF Grants Conservation Easements
2. Evaluate and determine the best trail alignment considering topography, presence of wetlands and property ownership.	Depends on Scope: approx. \$1,500 - \$2,000 per acre	General Fund
System Wide Planning:		
1. Investigate land for new park in the south portion of Fowlerville.	TBD	General Fund

2019 Grant Application Program

Project	Estimated Cost	Primary Funding Source
Community Park Improvements:		
1. Grant application for trailhead.	\$5,000 with Staff assistance	General Fund
Garden Lane Park Improvements:		
1. Design & Prepare Grant application for Skate Park and Scenic Overlook.	Depends on scope: Approx. \$25,000	General Fund



2020 Initial Improvement Program

Project	Estimated Cost	Primary Funding Source
Community Park Improvements:		
1. Develop trailhead parking.	\$25,000 - \$35,000	LWCF Grants MNRTF Grants
2. Install splash park, if grant approved.	\$50,000 - \$100,000	MNRTF Grants Kellogg Foundation Mott Foundation Local Fundraising Private Donations Public Partnerships
Garden Lane Park Improvements:		
1. Parking & scenic overlook.	\$50,000 - \$60,000	General Fund MNRTF Grants Kellogg Foundation Mott Foundation Local Fundraising Public Partnerships
System Wide Improvements:		
1. Implement signage program at all parks.	Depends on Scope: Approx. \$20,000 - \$30,000	Save America's Treasures Mott Foundation Local Fundraising

2021 Continued Improvement Program

Project	Estimated Cost	Primary Funding Source
Garden Lane Park Improvements:		
1. Engineer and install skateboard park.	Depends on Scope: Approx. \$50,000 - \$120,000	MNRTF Grants Kellogg Foundation Mott Foundation Local Fundraising Public Partnerships
System Wide Improvements:		
1. Grant application for south park.	\$5,000 with In-House assistance	MNRTF Grants Kellogg Foundation Mott Foundation Local Fundraising Public Partnerships



2022 Continued Improvement Program

Project	Estimated Cost	Primary Funding Source
System Wide Improvements:		
1. Acquire property for southern Village park.	TBD	LWCF Grants Save America's Treasures MNRTF Grants

Additional Ongoing and Future Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Primary Funding Source
Community Park Improvements:		
1. Purchase band shell or temporary stage for concerts	TBD	General Fund Public Partnerships Recreation Bond or Millage
2. Construct frisbee golf course along walking trails	Varies – Approx. \$800 - \$1,000 per hole	MNRTF Grants Kellogg Foundation Mott Foundation Local Fundraising Public Partnerships
3. Construct concession stand for events.	Depends on Design: \$100,000 - \$250,000	General Fund MNRTF Grants Public Partnerships Recreation Bond or Millage
River Walk Improvements:		
1. Purchase land on the east side of the Cedar River.	Depends on site: Approx. \$3,500/ac.	LWCF Grants MNRTF Grants Conservation Easements Save America's Treasures EPA's Clean Water Fund
System Wide Improvements:		
1. Improve existing sidewalks that provide connectivity.	\$3.50/s.f.	Bikes Belong Coalition General Fund DOI Grants
2. Work to complete the existing sidewalk system so all residents can have non-motorized access to parks.	\$3.50/s.f.	Bikes Belong Coalition General Fund DOI Grants



3. Evaluate existing facilities relative to ADA requirements and incorporation of universal design into all park improvement projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Study: \$1,200 - \$1,800 per park▪ Improvements: TBD	MNRTF Grants LWCF Grants Public Partnerships DOI Grants
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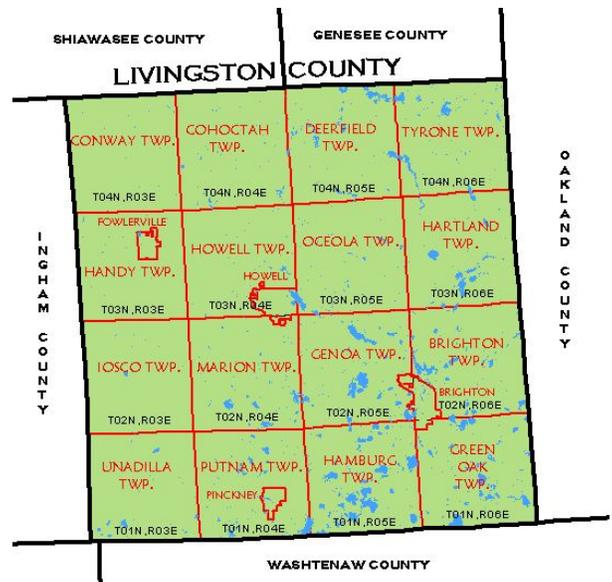


Appendix A: Community Description

The following is a snap shot of Village of Fowlerville today. This serves as a starting point for understanding the Village and aptly determining goals and recommendations. Included are key findings of the Village’s various socioeconomic characteristics, as well as an overview of the community’s location, land use, natural features, and transportation system. It is important to understand the Village’s existing conditions in establishing realistic park and recreation goals and objectives.

Regional Setting

Centrally located between several of the State’s metropolitan centers — Detroit, Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Flint — Livingston County has become an attractive place for residents looking for a less hectic lifestyle and for businesses seeking a location at the bustling crossroads of commerce. As development migrates eastward from Lansing and westward from Metro Detroit, the Village has emerged as a desirable location for commuters.





Located in the heart of Livingston County, one of Michigan’s fastest growing counties, the Village of Fowlerville stands in the path of development as it grows from the surrounding cities of Lansing, Brighton and Flint. While much of the Village is already developed, recent activity includes redevelopment of the downtown and general commercial areas, and development within the industrial districts. This has led to additional attention from residential developers; however, the majority of activity remains in the Village’s commercial areas. Most of the residential development occurred prior to 1940, leaving the Village with an historic charm and development pattern that has contributed to the Village’s close-knit, small town community spirit.

Socioeconomic Characteristics

The following is a demographic report of Fowlerville which serves to depict some of the various characteristics of the community to gain a better understanding of the Village’s unique qualities. Included is an analysis of the age, ethnicity, income and employment characteristics together with household trends of Village residents.

Population Trends and Projections

Because Livingston County is among Michigan’s fastest growing counties, communities within the county are also experiencing rapid population growth. Table A-1 shows recent and projected population trends for several Livingston County communities. As shown, the townships experienced the highest growth rates, largely due to the high availability of land. Municipalities including Howell and Brighton are experiencing growth, but not as rapidly as in outlying areas.

Modest long-range growth in Fowlerville will increase the need for recreational facilities and programs. In order to maintain the existing level of services, new facilities and programs will need to be developed and/or existing facilities and programs will need to be improved and expanded at rates comparable to the projected growth.



Table A-1 Population Trends					
	2000	2010	% Change 2000- 2010	July 2017 Estimate	2040
Fowlerville	2,972	2,886	-2.9%	2,763	3,236
Handy Township	4,032	5,120	27%	5,337	6,052
Brighton Township	17,673	17,791	0.7%	18,602	21,498
Genoa Township	15,901	19,821	24.7%	20,881	23,061
City of Brighton	6,701	7,444	11.1%	7,899	9,628
City of Howell	9,232	9,489	2.8%	9,420	11,448

Source: SEMCOG, U.S. Census Bureau

Household Trends and Projections

Consistent with the population growth trend, Village of Fowlerville has seen a steady increase in the number of households and this trend is projected to continue through 2040. New parks and recreation facilities must be located appropriately to serve new residents.

The average size of households in a community can be an important factor in determining how parks and recreation facilities and programming are provided, as a changing household size will affect the population density and thus the necessary distribution of parks. The average size of Fowlerville households has steadily decreased over the past, which is consistent with both local and national trends as people are having fewer children and living longer.

Age

An understanding of the age distribution in Fowlerville is essential in planning for future park and recreation needs. As we pass through the various stages of life, our recreational requirements change, resulting in different facility and programming requirements. *Table A-2: Age Distribution* shows the age distribution of the Village in 2010 and projected for 2040.



Age Group	2010		2040		# Change 2010-2040
	#	%	#	%	
0-4	229	8%	207	6%	-22
5-17	546	19%	447	14%	-99
18-34	656	23%	578	18%	-78
35-64	1,069	37%	922	28%	-147
65+	386	13%	1,082	34%	696
Total	2,886	100%	3,236	100%	-

Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), US Census Bureau

SEMCOG predicts the percentage of each cohort of less than 65 years of age will decrease. The significant change will be in the increase of residents 65 years and older from roughly 13% of the population to 34% of the population. This indicates a strong need to plan recreation for seniors as the baby boomer generation matures and improvements in medical technology help people live longer.

Persons with Disabilities

Age Range	2000 Population
Age 5-20	7.4%
Age 21-64	19.8%
Age 65+	54.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

The proportion of the population with some type of disability should be considered when planning parks and recreational facilities and programs. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 mandates that all public services, including park facilities, be barrier-free. As the population ages, the proportion with one or more disability generally increases, and this trend is consistent for Fowlerville. Disabilities include sensory, physical, mental, self-care, go-outside-home, and employment disabilities. *Table A-3: Non-Institutionalized Persons 5 Years and Older with a Disability* shows, for various age categories, the proportion of the non-institutionalized population older than 5 years with one or more disability.



Income

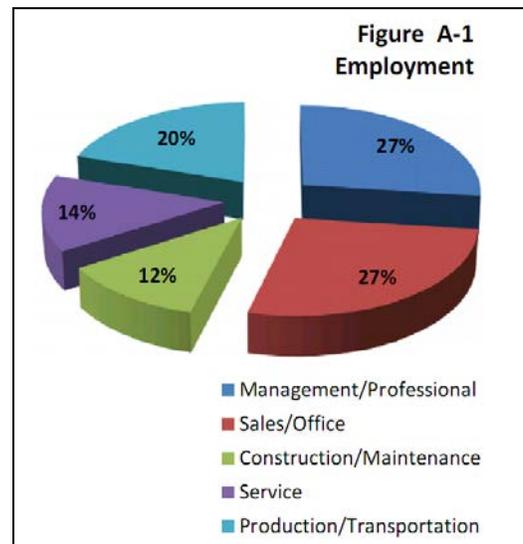
A successful parks and recreation program requires providing affordable recreational opportunities to the community. As incomes vary within a community and a region, so too does the notion of affordability and availability of disposable income for recreation. *Table A-4: Median Household Income* shows that residents of the Village and Howell earn less than those in Brighton; however, income levels in Fowlerville are slightly the rise. In fact, median household incomes have been on the increase since 1990.

Table A-4 Median Income			
	2010	2016	% Change
Fowlerville	\$41,721	\$42,669	2.3%
City of Brighton	\$46,731	\$59,972	28%
City of Howell	\$43,094	\$42,324	-1.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Employment

Residents of Fowlerville are employed in a range of employment categories. As shown in *Figure A-1: Employment*, there is a good distribution of residents in the sales or office, management or professional, and production or transportation occupations. By far, the least popular occupation is farming, fishing and forestry. The relative strength of the employment picture in Fowlerville suggests that the local economy is stable and that residents should be able to continue to fund the parks and recreation budget.





Physical Characteristics

The following is a description of the physical characteristics of Village of Fowlerville, including land use, natural features, and the transportation network. This information is important in understanding the potential for the type, location, and extent of future park and recreation improvements.

Land Use

The land use distribution and development pattern of a community is important when considering the geographic distribution of parks and recreational facilities because they should be placed where there are concentrations of residents and the related places of public gathering. *Map Four: Existing Land Use* indicates the location, and *Table A-5: Existing Land Use* shows the acreage of key land uses in the Village.

In general, Fowlerville contains two fairly distinct sectors — the community that lies north of the railroad tracks and that which lies to the south of the tracks. On the north side is the original Village consisting of older residential neighborhoods surrounding the downtown business district. This downtown area occupies the four corners of the main intersection and over time has spread further out in all directions. Recent activity shows new interest in redeveloping the downtown. Modern attitudes toward urban settings are evolving and downtown living opportunities are becoming more desirable for young professionals and empty-nesters.



Downtown Commercial Building

Business activity has not been confined to the core district. A variety of service, retail, and industrial uses have infiltrated some of the residential areas southwest of the downtown’s main intersection. In some locations, individual homes are situated near or adjacent to various businesses. Likewise, various historic industrial uses have been maintained in areas where residential uses are planned.



The remaining areas north of the railroad tracks are fairly well balanced in terms of land use. Single family homes are the predominant use, although the greatest acreage is devoted to public and quasi-public lands (schools, churches, municipal facilities, parks, etc.). Some multiple family residential is found north of Grand River Avenue. Some agricultural land in the northern portion of the Village is still actively farmed, particularly the land located at the extreme northern boundary near the fairgrounds.

Land south of the railroad tracks is dominated by non-residential uses that capitalize on the proximity to the freeway interchange. A large industrial area has emerged in the southeast corner of the Village, along E. Van Riper Road. Retail, office and service businesses line much of the frontage along Grand Avenue between the interchange and railroad tracks. A mix of residential, commercial and industrial uses is found adjacent to the tracks, west of Grand Avenue.

Natural Features

Map Three: Natural Features depicts the general location of key natural features within the Village including wetlands, woodlands, and water bodies. These natural features provide potential park and recreational opportunities.

The most significant natural feature in Fowlerville is the Red Cedar River which runs north and south along the west edge of the community. While the river is a desirable natural amenity, it is also a constraint to development. Much of the adjacent land is low and subject to periodic flooding, making it impractical for development. On the other hand, such development limitations may present an opportunity for recreation and open space. Such is the case with the Red Cedar River, as local residents have expressed a desire for a passive, river walk and park along the banks of the river. Woodland and wetlands associated with the River may also be used for passive recreation, but should be preserved in large part, to ensure protection of the River's water quality.

Transportation

While vehicular access to and from the Village of Fowlerville is made very convenient by virtue of the interchange at I-96 and Grand Avenue, getting



around within the Village is less expedient. There is only one continuous north/south street and one continuous east/west street running through the Village. These streets, Grand Avenue and Grand River Avenue, intersect in the center of the Village, making it necessary for virtually all through traffic to use this main intersection.

Further complicating traffic movement is the presence of a heavily used rail line (over two dozen trains per day) running diagonally, northwest to southeast, through the middle of the community. Traffic backups from the tracks south to the freeway are not uncommon due to the lack of an alternative route.

While these factors present barriers to through movements within the Village, the traditional layout and design of the road system has afforded local residents the means to bypass these areas. The grid pattern of roads in the Village provides several travel routes through the Village, and County roads at the perimeter of the Village provide additional options to bypass downtown or the highway interchange.



Appendix B: Public Involvement

The Village of Fowlerville made great efforts to ensure the public and surrounding communities had adequate opportunities to comment. Summarized below are the various ways the Village solicited input.

Meetings

The Planning Commission, Village Council and Village staff conducted several public meetings in the development of this Plan.

Village Website

The Village took advantage of its website (www.fowlerville.org) when developing this Plan. The Public Survey was conducted online using survey software, with links provided to other community websites, where desired and permitted.

When complete, the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was posted on the Village of Fowlerville website for public review. All links and documents were posted on the Village's home page to maximize visibility and responses.

Survey

An online survey was conducted as part of this process. The survey was announced on the Village website, at public meetings and via postings in prominent places throughout the community, and internet links provided on the Village website. The survey was available to any interested person, whether a local resident or not and 217 people completed the survey. The results are found at the end of this section.



Public Review Period and Public Hearing Notice

The draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was available for public review at the Fowlerville Village Hall during normal business hours, starting on January 14, 2018.

**Notice of 30 Day Public Review
Village of Fowlerville**

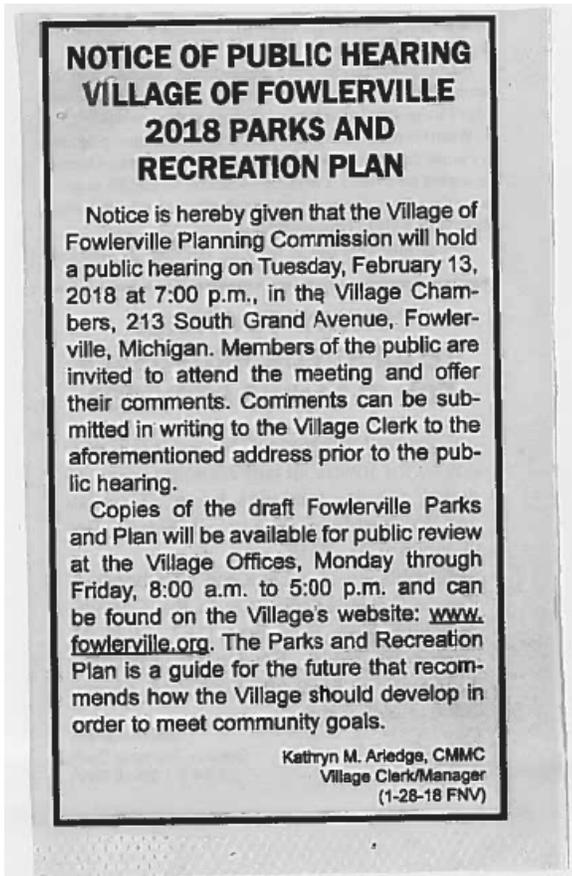
2018 Parks and Recreation Plan

Notice is hereby given that copies of the draft Fowlerville Parks and Recreation Plan will be available for public review at the Village Offices, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning on January 14, 2018 and can be found on the Village's website: www.fowlerville.org. The Master Plan is a guide for the future that recommends how the Village should develop in order to meet community goals.

Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC
Village Clerk/Manager
Posted Village of Fowlerville Web Page
January 14, 2018



A Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Fowlerville News and Views on January 27, 2018. The Planning Commission conducted the public hearing on February 13, 2018 with no one providing public comments. (Meeting Minutes are found in Appendix D.)



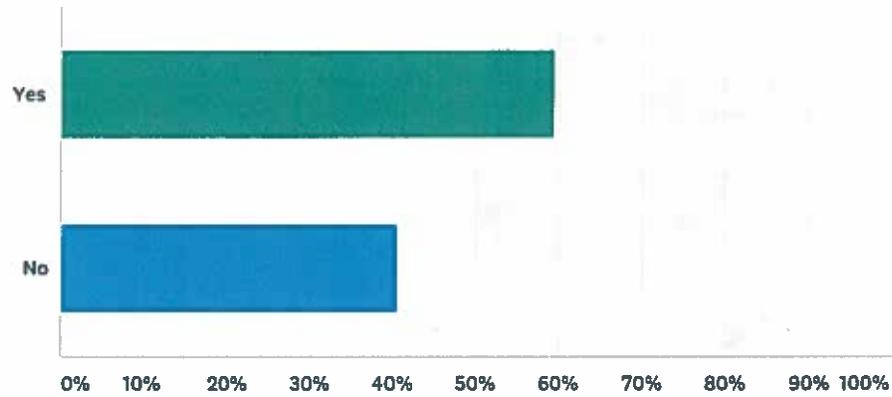
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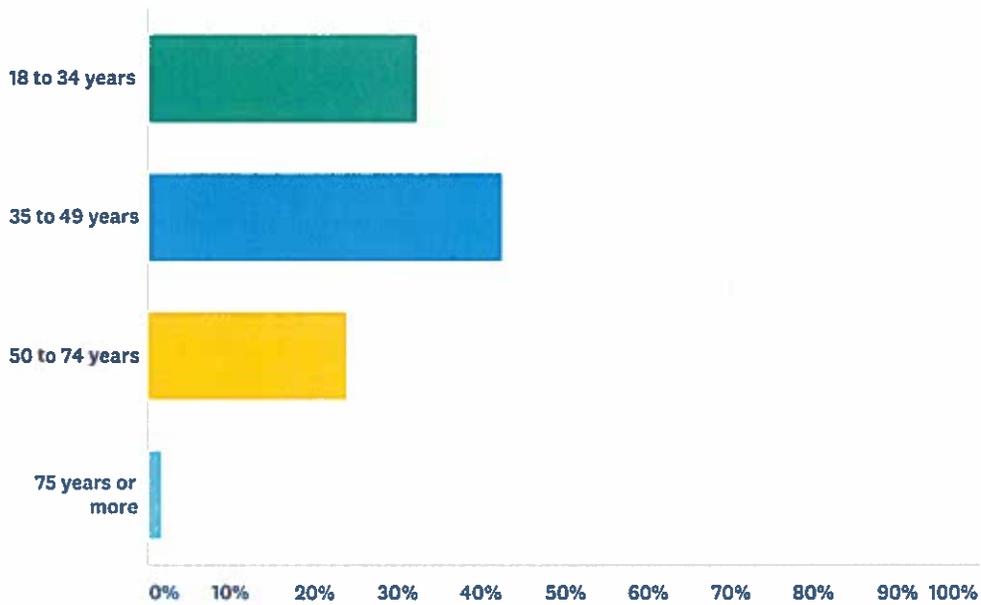
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.45%	129
No	40.55%	88
TOTAL		217

Q2 What is your age?

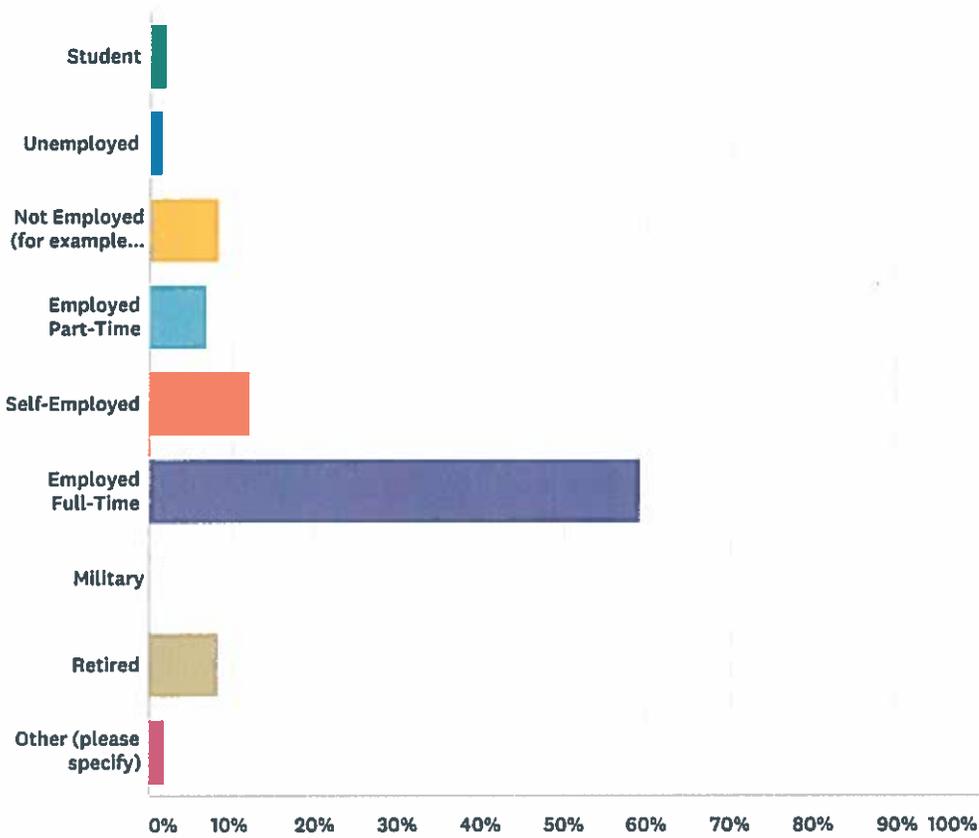
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 to 34 years	32.26%	70
35 to 49 years	42.40%	92
50 to 74 years	23.96%	52
75 years or more	1.38%	3
TOTAL		217

Q3 What is your occupational status?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Student	1.85%	4
Unemployed	1.39%	3
Not Employed (for example: stay-at-home parent, disabled, etc.)	8.33%	18
Employed Part-Time	6.94%	15
Self-Employed	12.04%	26
Employed Full-Time	59.26%	128
Military	0.00%	0
Retired	8.33%	18
Other (please specify)	1.85%	4
TOTAL		216

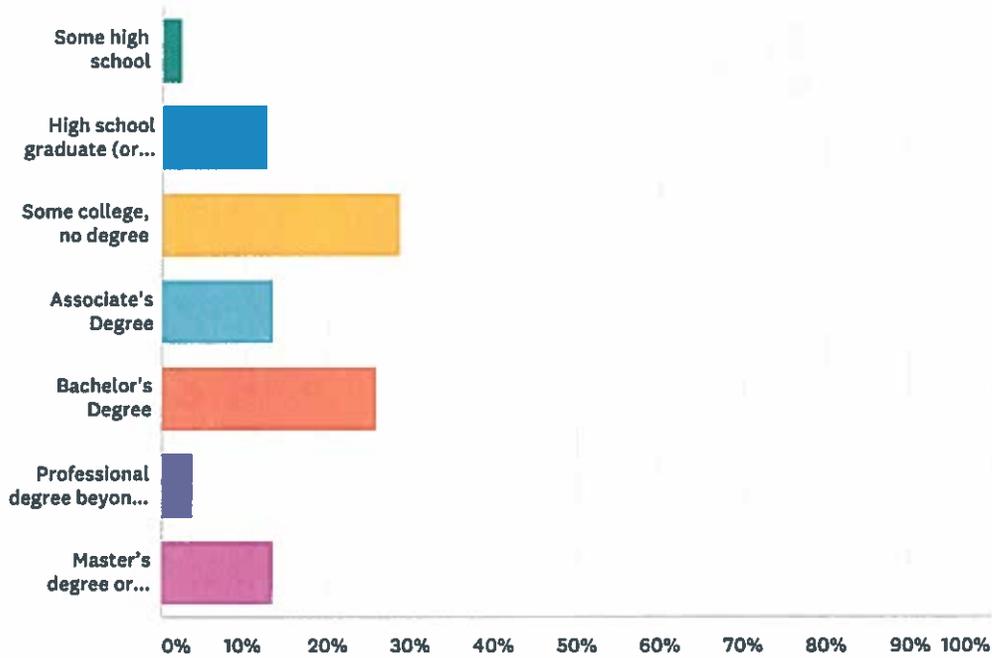
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1	Work part-time from home/student	7/18/2017 6:45 AM
2	Homemaker	7/17/2017 10:26 PM

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3	Full time Coldwell Banker Town & Country Realtor	7/17/2017 10:01 PM
4	Employed 3/4 time	7/17/2017 5:31 PM

Q4 What is the highest degree or level of education you have attained?

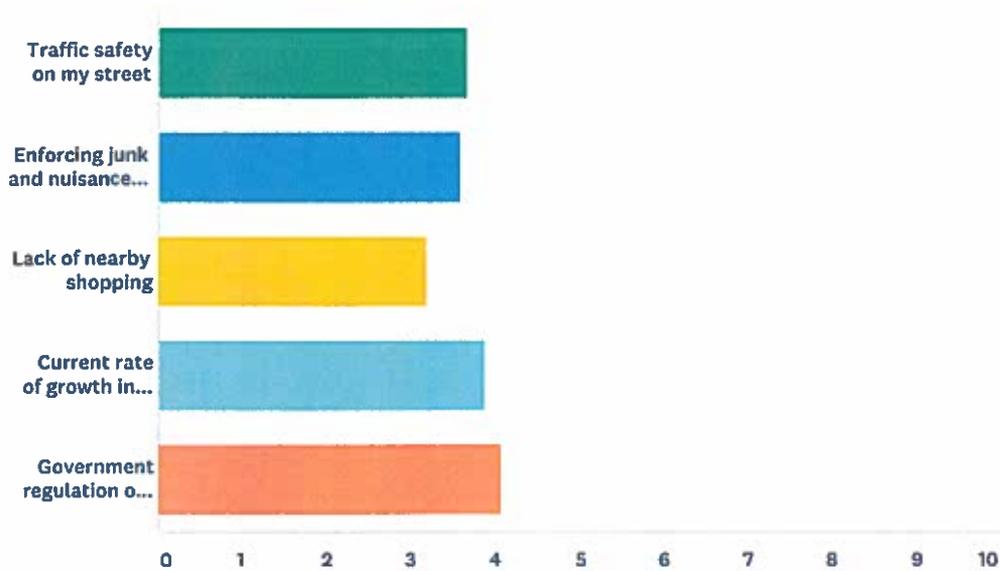
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Some high school	2.31%	5
High school graduate (or GED equivalent)	12.50%	27
Some college, no degree	28.70%	62
Associate's Degree	13.43%	29
Bachelor's Degree	25.93%	56
Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree	3.70%	8
Master's degree or higher	13.43%	29
TOTAL		216

Q5 How much of a problem TO YOU are the following conditions?

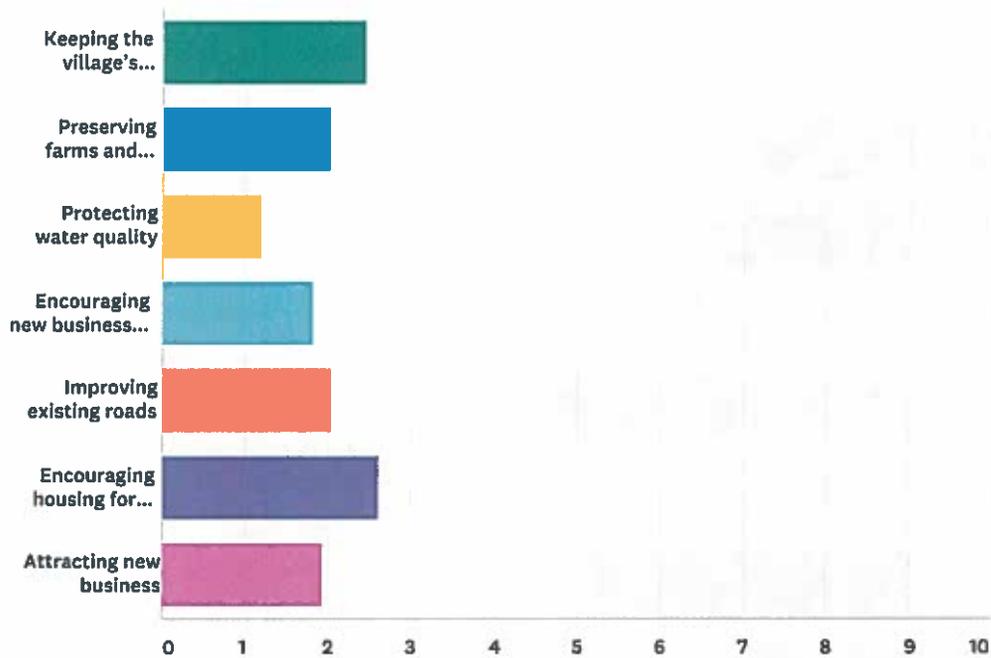
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	A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM	A BIG PROBLEM	A PROBLEM	A VERY MINOR PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Traffic safety on my street	13.68% 26	4.74% 9	11.05% 21	40.00% 76	30.53% 58	190	3.69
Enforcing junk and nuisance ordinances	14.66% 28	5.76% 11	16.23% 31	31.41% 60	31.94% 61	191	3.60
Lack of nearby shopping	16.22% 30	13.51% 25	24.32% 45	25.95% 48	20.00% 37	185	3.20
Current rate of growth in the community	6.56% 12	6.01% 11	16.94% 31	32.79% 60	37.70% 69	183	3.89
Government regulation on the use of my property	5.41% 10	6.49% 12	12.43% 23	23.24% 43	52.43% 97	185	4.11

Q6 How important are these issues TO YOU for the next 10 years?

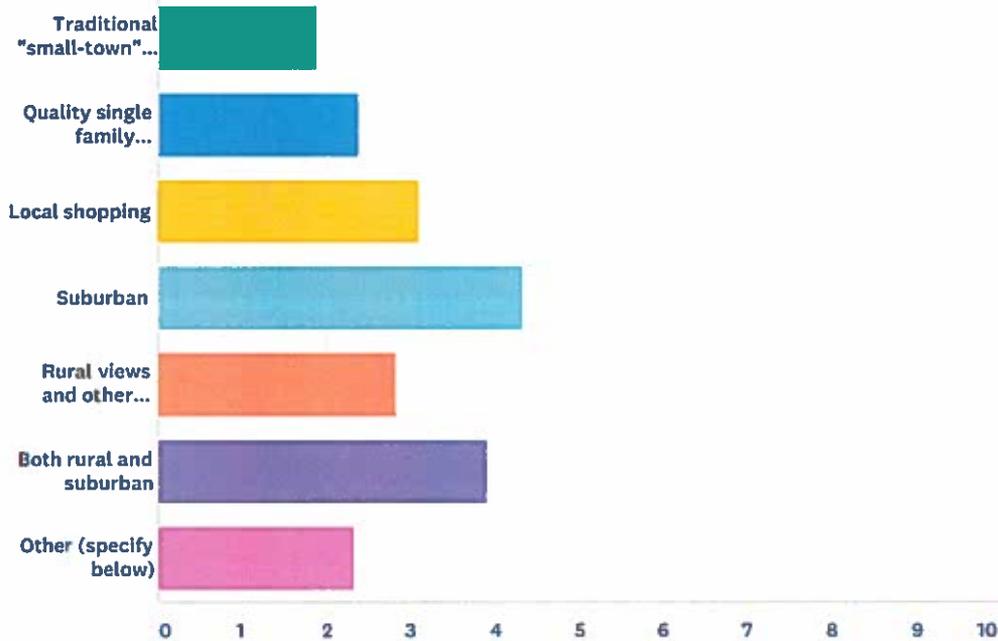
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	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Keeping the village's character the same	34.76% 65	20.86% 39	21.39% 40	10.70% 20	12.30% 23	187	2.45
Preserving farms and agriculture	49.47% 94	22.11% 42	13.16% 25	6.84% 13	8.42% 16	190	2.03
Protecting water quality	85.34% 163	13.09% 25	0.00% 0	0.52% 1	1.05% 2	191	1.19
Encouraging new businesses and services	56.84% 108	24.21% 46	7.89% 15	3.68% 7	7.37% 14	190	1.81
Improving existing roads	45.21% 85	28.19% 53	10.64% 20	9.04% 17	6.91% 13	188	2.04
Encouraging housing for seniors	23.16% 44	27.89% 53	22.63% 43	16.32% 31	10.00% 19	190	2.62
Attracting new business	54.26% 102	19.68% 37	10.11% 19	9.04% 17	6.91% 13	188	1.95

Q7 What defines the CHARACTER of the Village of Fowlerville? Rank the following in order of importance by marking 1 for your first choice, 2 for your second, etc.

Answered: 188 Skipped: 29



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Traditional "small-town" feel	57.39% 101	19.32% 34	11.93% 21	3.98% 7	2.84% 5	4.55% 8	176	1.89
Quality single family neighborhoods	33.15% 61	28.26% 52	18.48% 34	9.78% 18	7.07% 13	3.26% 6	184	2.39
Local shopping	22.99% 40	14.37% 25	24.71% 43	17.24% 30	8.05% 14	12.64% 22	174	3.11
Suburban	4.71% 8	9.41% 16	14.12% 24	17.65% 30	27.65% 47	26.47% 45	170	4.34
Rural views and other natural features	23.16% 41	21.47% 38	22.60% 40	17.51% 31	11.30% 20	3.95% 7	177	2.84
Both rural and suburban	11.76% 20	10.59% 18	17.06% 29	17.65% 30	21.76% 37	21.18% 36	170	3.91
Other (specify below)	65.22% 15	0.00% 0	8.70% 2	4.35% 1	4.35% 1	17.39% 4	23	2.35

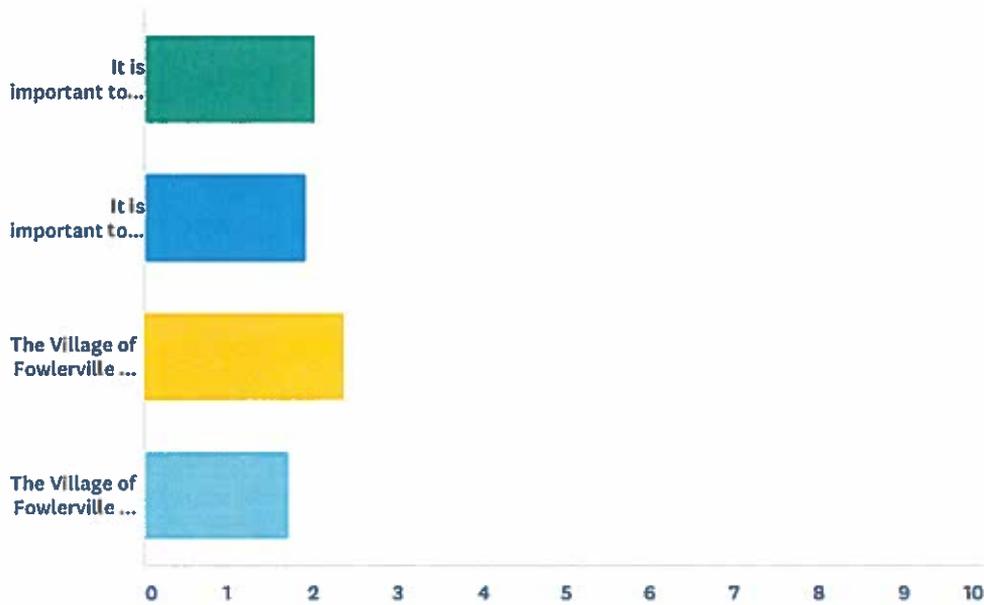
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Don't load Fowlerville with a bunch of chain restaurants and businesses. Every town looks the same now.	9/8/2017 6:59 PM
2	Parking areas	9/8/2017 10:00 AM

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3	I would like to see our downtown businesses thrive, maintain the small town feel but bring marketing and appearance to modern times. I think this will be more inviting to not only residence but people passing through our town. Currently there are too many business fronts not be occupied or closed due to various reasons. Are there grants for these business owners?	8/21/2017 10:24 AM
4	the character of the village is currently junk-yard, get the cars and boats off your lawn hillbilly!	8/17/2017 1:55 PM
5	we thought of moving in the village, but too many house with JUNK in their yards! Too many run down places that look bad.	8/1/2017 5:42 AM
6	Declining	7/31/2017 7:59 AM
7	too many run down rentals in the village	7/24/2017 2:16 PM
8	Appearance of downtown businesses and the lighting.	7/19/2017 6:28 AM
9	SLOW DOWN traffic- too much speeding!	7/18/2017 9:11 AM
10	recreation, nature trails,bathrooms in the community park.	7/18/2017 9:03 AM
11	High speed internet	7/17/2017 10:57 PM
12	Not becoming Novi or Brighton. Not sure where this survey is going, but pretty sure thats not a good idea. People come to this town for what it is.	7/17/2017 9:57 PM
13	Better schools	7/17/2017 9:51 PM
14	Quality dining (not fast food)	7/17/2017 7:22 PM
15	Town needs more things for kids...summer day camps through a community ed program. The library needs updated summer read programs. Our old library had an open invite policy to its kids program no pre-registration needed...I find it very odd that they only allow so many people per class...hopefully this will change with the new library. Fundraising throughout the community for a splash pad or updated park structures would be amazing	7/17/2017 4:38 PM
16	businesses other than party stores, bars, wallmart and fast food chains. Locally owned specialty retail, rural services such as a farm coop, producers venue, farm & fleet store, etc. preferred to maintain support for rural endeavors	7/17/2017 4:07 PM
17	Allowing chickens on residential property inside village limit	7/17/2017 4:04 PM
18	Strong police presence	7/17/2017 1:40 PM

Q8 Indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following:

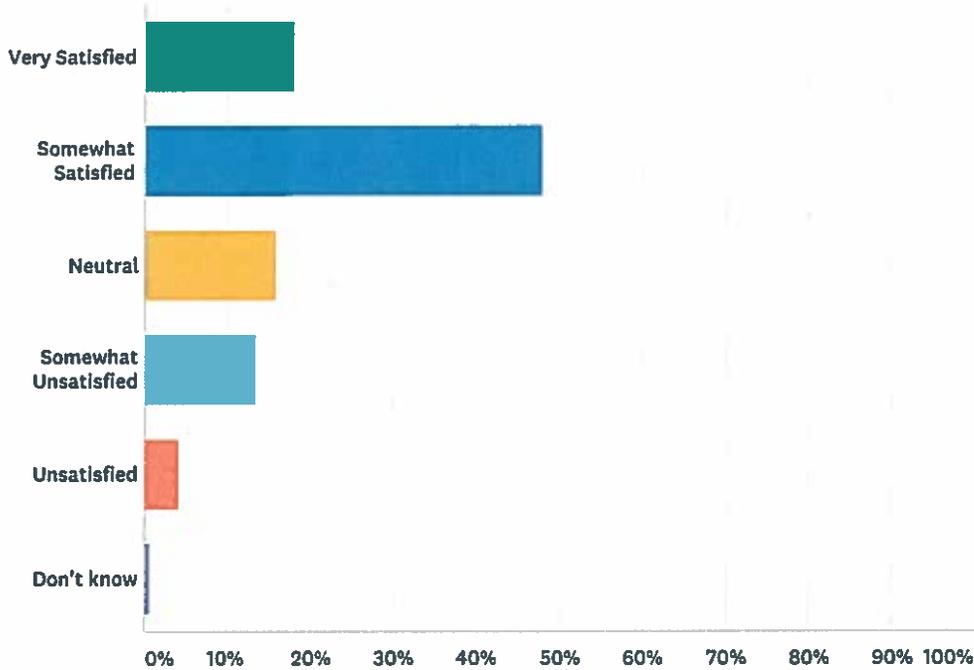
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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL / NO PREFERENCE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
It is important to preserve the Village of Fowlerville's rural heritage	37.89% 72	33.68% 64	18.42% 35	8.95% 17	1.05% 2	190	2.02
It is important to preserve the Village of Fowlerville's natural features	37.04% 70	43.39% 82	11.64% 22	6.88% 13	1.06% 2	189	1.92
The Village of Fowlerville is a bedroom community for larger communities along the I-96 corridor.	18.18% 34	34.76% 65	39.04% 73	6.95% 13	1.07% 2	187	2.38
The Village of Fowlerville is a good place to raise a family	46.60% 89	40.31% 77	9.42% 18	2.62% 5	1.05% 2	191	1.71

Q9 How satisfied are you with the existing parks and recreation facilities in the Village of Fowlerville?

Answered: 188 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Satisfied	18.09%	34
Somewhat Satisfied	47.87%	90
Neutral	15.96%	30
Somewhat Unsatisfied	13.30%	25
Unsatisfied	4.26%	8
Don't know	0.53%	1
TOTAL		188

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Parks are good. Adding bike trails would be awesome.	9/8/2017 7:03 PM
2	We lack bike and walking trails. No access to or even view of water (ponds/lakes).	9/8/2017 10:40 AM
3	need trails for walking, biking, rollerblading, etc	9/8/2017 10:02 AM
4	I'd love to see more recreational options for teens, i.e. skatepark, etc	9/8/2017 7:59 AM
5	Would like a nature walking trail	9/8/2017 7:24 AM
6	It would be nice if the parking area where the farmers market was could be utilized for something. Also bring back the farmers market!	9/7/2017 12:54 PM
7	I wish the walking path in the large park to north had more trees that line the path. When its hot out, shade to walk in would be nice	9/7/2017 11:13 AM

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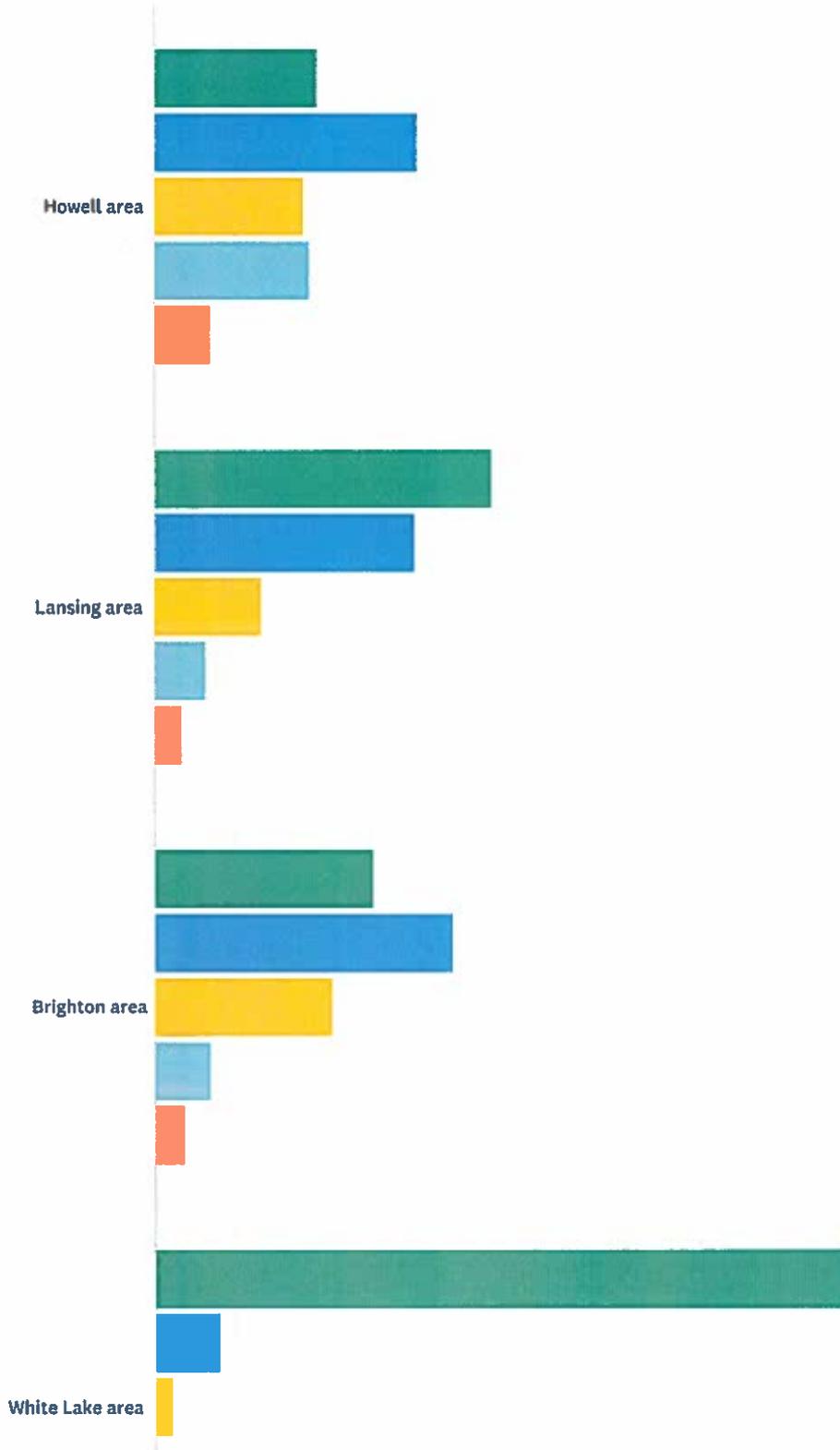
8	Not worried about "parks"- get the cars off the lawns, junk out of yards, and families with 5 dogs should get rid of a few!	8/31/2017 6:59 AM
9	There needs to be some type of rec center for the youth, indoor and outdoor for kids that do not partipate on formal sports.	8/21/2017 10:30 AM
10	recreation? you mean like Easy riders- no interested	8/17/2017 1:59 PM
11	Parks - not the problem. WE considered moving into the visage, but too many junky places.	8/11/2017 2:43 PM
12	Parks is NOT the villages problem- it's yards filled with boats, cars, and plain old JUNK,	8/1/2017 5:45 AM
13	We have a large are of unused land wating for a river walk to restore some semblance of nature back to GArдне Lane but nothing ever happens.	7/31/2017 8:01 AM
14	We don't need more parks- use your yard folks	7/31/2017 4:38 AM
15	There is a swing at the original park that has been broken for awhile. There should be new stuff added to the original park. We need a skate park too.	7/18/2017 8:47 PM
16	no bathrooms in the park, no place for youth to gather, i.e skate park, no swimming facility, or splash park, no water feature, need to clean up the retention ponds and allow public access to the riverfront.	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
17	We need more long trails through forests to hike/ ride bikes on.	7/18/2017 7:59 AM
18	The Fowlerville Community Park needs some work. No mulch, equipment is broken	7/18/2017 7:14 AM
19	The parks are nice and not used alot so access is easy.	7/18/2017 4:57 AM
20	Love centennial park	7/17/2017 11:37 PM
21	We need better restrooms	7/17/2017 10:26 PM
22	I wish we had a dog park like the one in Howell.	7/17/2017 10:14 PM
23	Would be nice to see a skateboard parj, ice skating rink by sledding g hill with warming shelter!	7/17/2017 10:08 PM
24	Would really appreciate a dog park	7/17/2017 10:06 PM
25	My kids live our parks.	7/17/2017 9:59 PM
26	Need more stuff for older kids	7/17/2017 9:56 PM
27	Bathroom would be good and more equipment for kids to play on. I also really like parks that have one entrance in and one exit out (the same place) there's one in downtown Williamston that is very nice and the Brighton Mill Pond (to give some examples)	7/17/2017 9:49 PM
28	We need something for the teens to do.	7/17/2017 8:38 PM
29	U have to get more for kids to do	7/17/2017 6:28 PM
30	Need paths for walking and biking	7/17/2017 6:01 PM
31	We have a beautiful, large park that is under utilized, we easily could add volleyball courts, maybe a skate park, or a pool so we don't have to drive far to find a beach.	7/17/2017 5:59 PM
32	As a frequent user of parks in the village, broken equipment doesn't get fixed fast. We do love the community park though!	7/17/2017 5:46 PM
33	Need updating and a splash pad!!	7/17/2017 4:42 PM
34	Would like nice wooded hiking trails and places to take our dogs for a walk or swim in a clean lake/river/stream	7/17/2017 4:07 PM
35	Not enough to do for teens	7/17/2017 4:01 PM
36	We need more places for the older teenagers to hang out	7/17/2017 3:45 PM
37	I like in town with a very small lot so I rely on the parks to let my kids run and play. The Rotary park has a broken swing and really needs mulch. Consider rubber mats under the swings so they don't end up giant mud puddles.	7/17/2017 3:10 PM
38	Wish more activities for smaller children under 5 at the parks	7/17/2017 1:43 PM
39	The walking trail in North Park, not enough trees. Too hot to walk during day	7/17/2017 1:43 PM

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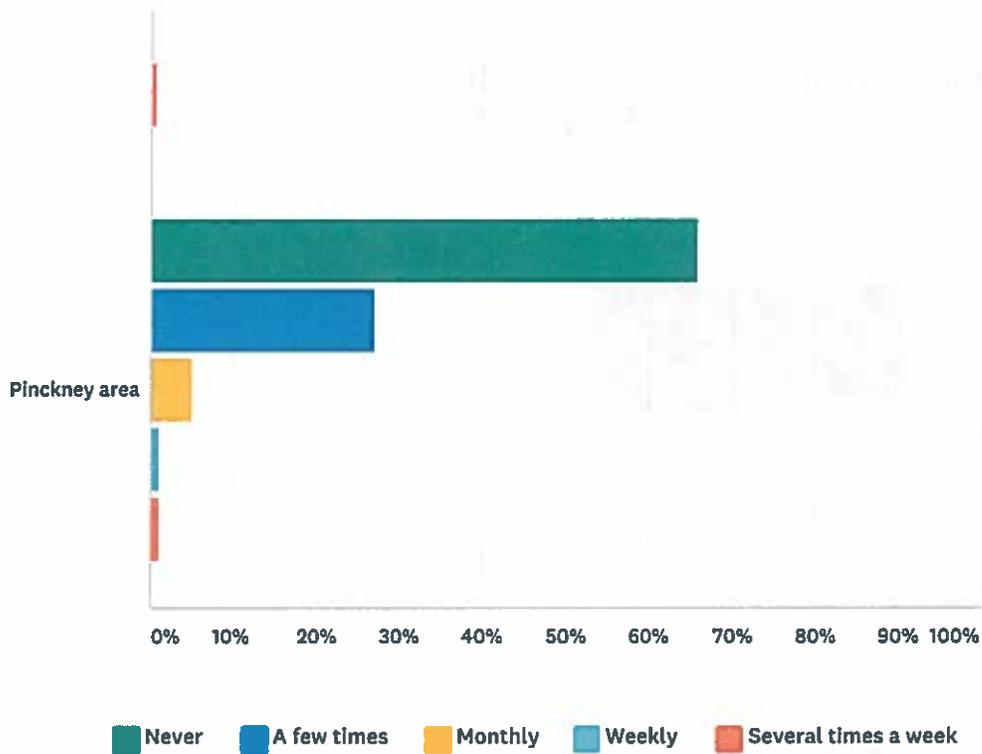
40	Bathrooms at the park by fire dept need to be open more and longer. Especially when the elementary kids do their halloween parade. Parents and supporters stand waiting for and 1 -2 hrs and they aren't open.	7/17/2017 11:49 AM
41	I do not know what more could be done as our two parks are nice but it would also be nice to see some kind of addition.	7/17/2017 11:25 AM
42	Need more shade areas	7/17/2017 10:28 AM

Q10 In the past year, how often have you visited the following areas for recreational purposes?

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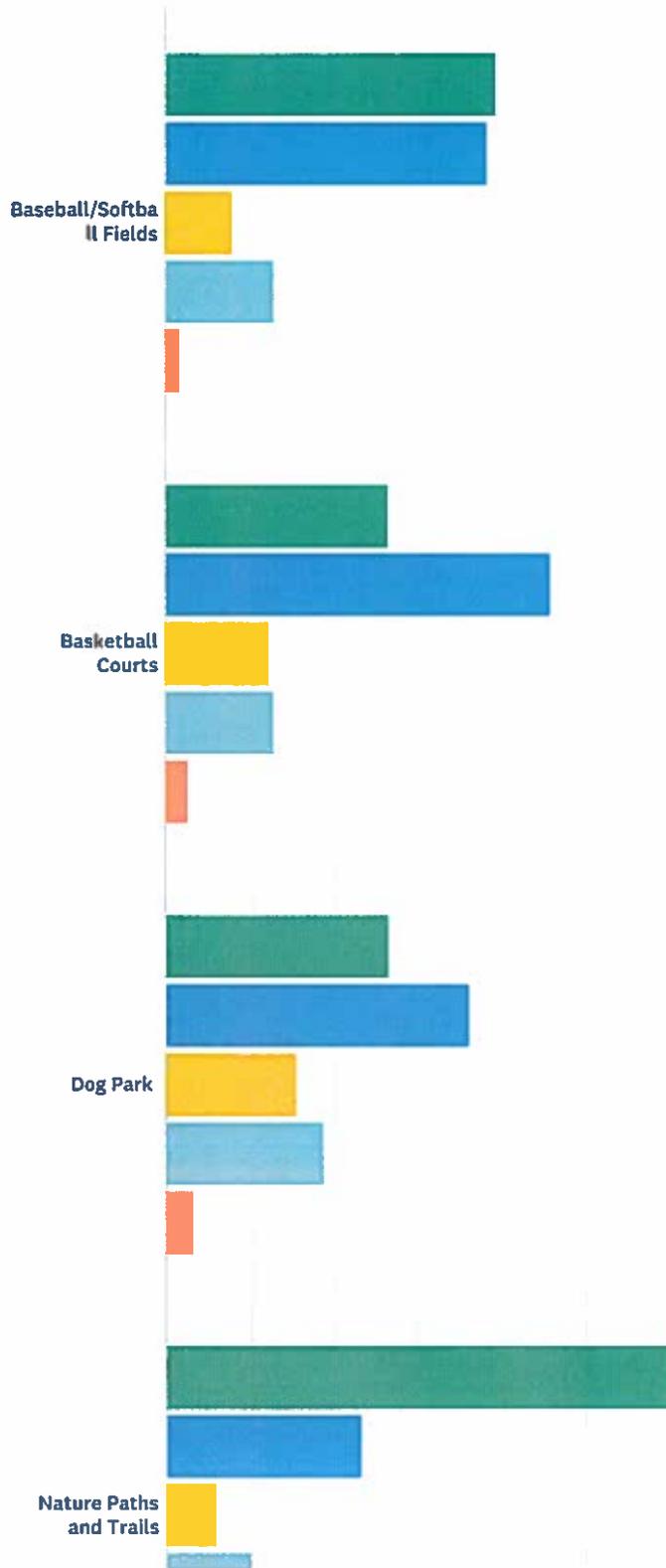


	NEVER	A FEW TIMES	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	TOTAL
Howell area	20.65% 38	33.70% 62	19.02% 35	19.57% 36	7.07% 13	184
Lansing area	43.24% 80	33.51% 62	13.51% 25	6.49% 12	3.24% 6	185
Brighton area	28.11% 52	38.38% 71	22.70% 42	7.03% 13	3.78% 7	185
White Lake area	89.07% 163	8.20% 15	2.19% 4	0.00% 0	0.55% 1	183
Pinckney area	65.93% 120	26.92% 49	4.95% 9	1.10% 2	1.10% 2	182

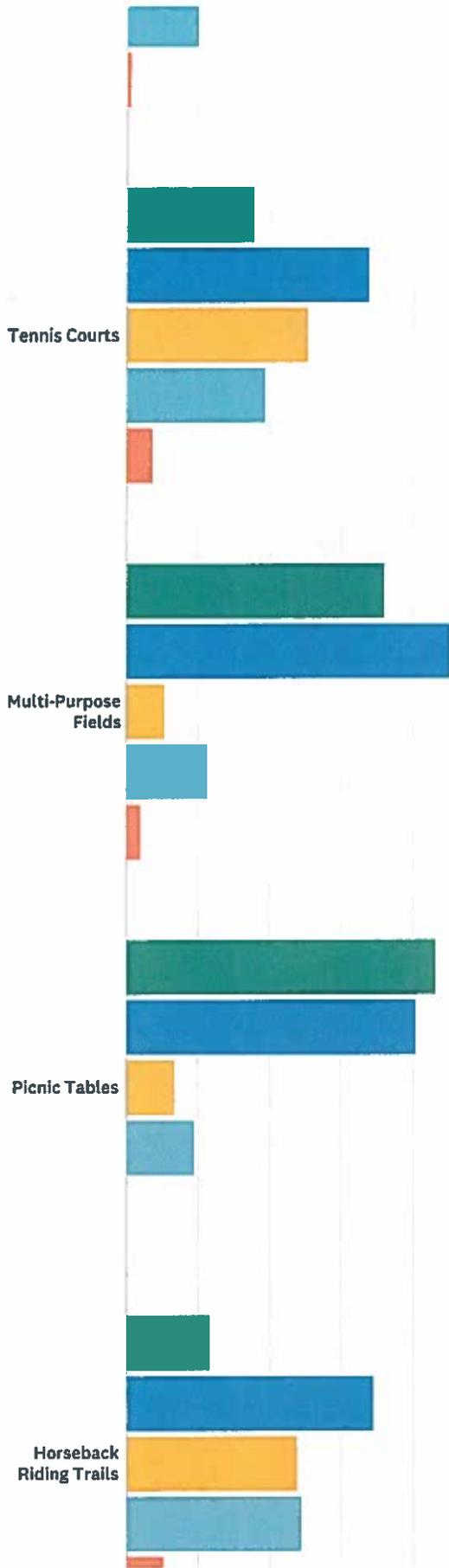
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Kroger's, lakes, movie theater, restaurants	9/10/2017 7:01 PM
2	Need something local for Fowlerville!	9/8/2017 10:02 AM
3	Corunna	9/7/2017 1:16 PM
4	I like to stay close to home, fowlerville	9/7/2017 11:13 AM
5	PLEASE- clean up the village!	8/31/2017 6:59 AM
6	Why don't you tell the hillbilly to stop parking all their vehicles on their lawns!	8/11/2017 2:43 PM
7	prefer beaches near PALM trees! :) (They're outside Michigan)	7/18/2017 9:12 AM
8	Gregory area	7/18/2017 8:08 AM
9	Williamston- weekly	7/17/2017 9:49 PM
10	Kensington Metro Park	7/17/2017 7:00 PM
11	need paths for walking and biking	7/17/2017 6:01 PM
12	Howell weekly	7/17/2017 5:26 PM

Q11 How important are the following outdoor recreation facilities in Fowlerville?

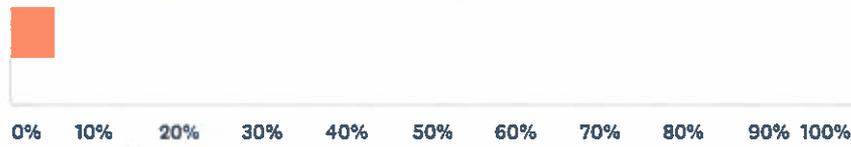
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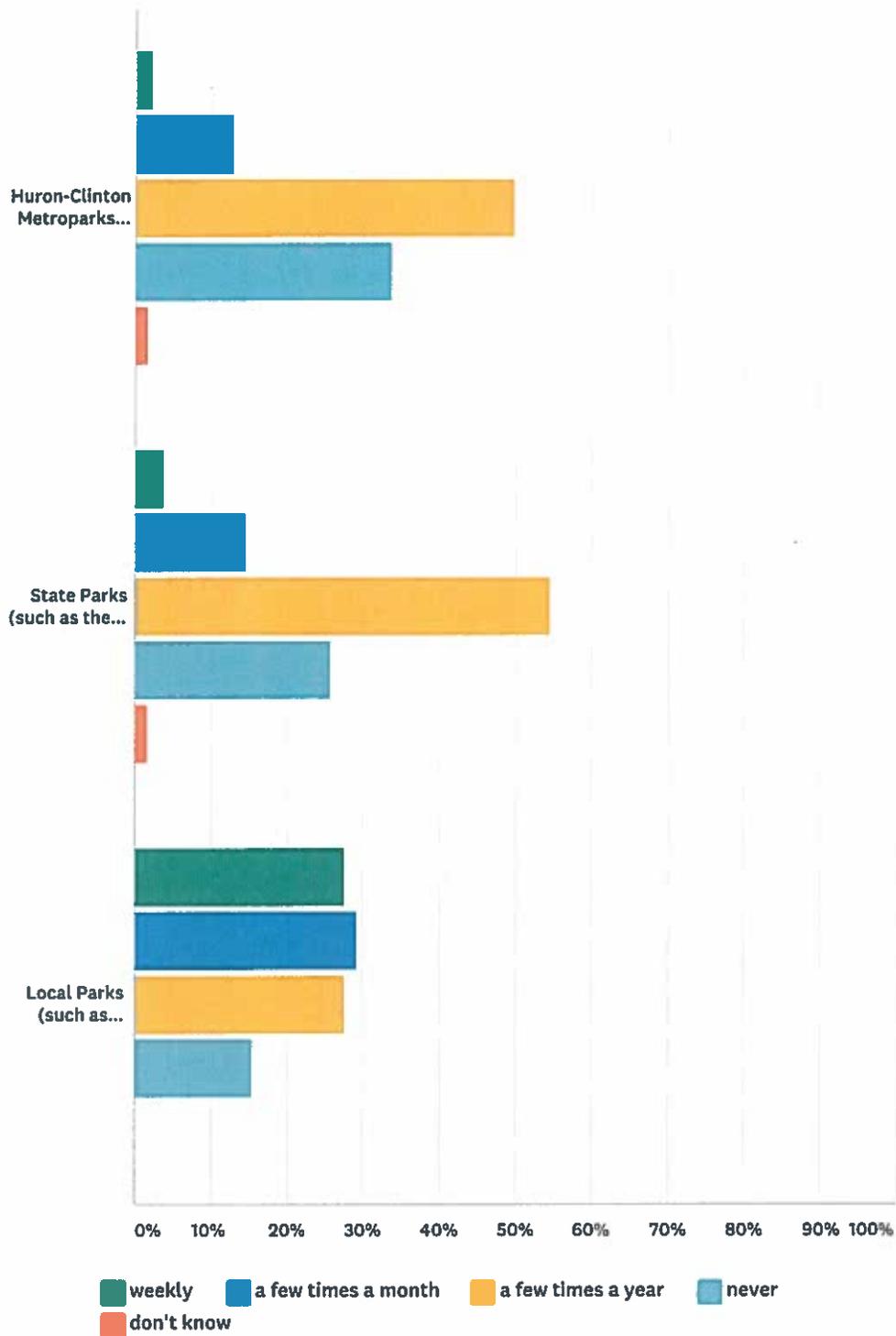
■ very important
 ■ somewhat important
 ■ not that important
■ not important at all
 ■ don't know

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT THAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Baseball/Softball Fields	39.36% 74	38.30% 72	7.98% 15	12.77% 24	1.60% 3	188
Basketball Courts	26.60% 50	45.74% 86	12.23% 23	12.77% 24	2.66% 5	188
Dog Park	26.60% 50	36.17% 68	15.43% 29	18.62% 35	3.19% 6	188
Nature Paths and Trails	60.32% 114	23.28% 44	5.82% 11	10.05% 19	0.53% 1	189
Tennis Courts	17.74% 33	33.87% 63	25.27% 47	19.35% 36	3.76% 7	186
Multi-Purpose Fields	36.02% 67	45.16% 84	5.38% 10	11.29% 21	2.15% 4	186
Picnic Tables	43.09% 81	40.43% 76	6.91% 13	9.57% 18	0.00% 0	188
Horseback Riding Trails	11.70% 22	34.57% 65	23.94% 45	24.47% 46	5.32% 10	188

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Benches would be a good alternative to picnic tables	9/7/2017 3:01 PM
2	get cars, trailers, and boats off the lawns!	8/31/2017 6:59 AM
3	I think a skate park or community center would be a great asset to our community.	8/21/2017 10:30 AM
4	why paint light poles when yards look like parking lots?-keep boats,trucks,and cars off the grass	8/17/2017 1:59 PM
5	Skate park	7/18/2017 8:47 PM
6	skate park, and natural trails along the river.	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
7	Walking trails	7/18/2017 8:08 AM
8	Golf course maybe?	7/17/2017 9:56 PM
9	Children's play structures	7/17/2017 11:25 AM
10	More shaded areas in parks	7/17/2017 10:28 AM

Q12 How often do you use the following types of facilities?

Answered: 188 Skipped: 29



	WEEKLY	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	NEVER	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
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Huron-Clinton Metroparks (such as Huron Meadows or Kensington, etc.)?	2.14% 4	12.83% 24	49.73% 93	33.69% 63	1.60% 3	187
State Parks (such as the Seven Lakes State Park, Brighton Recreation Area, etc.)?	3.74% 7	14.44% 27	54.55% 102	25.67% 48	1.60% 3	187
Local Parks (such as Centennial or Fowlerville Community Park)?	27.66% 52	29.26% 55	27.66% 52	15.43% 29	0.00% 0	188

Q13 Please list any other park facilities you use not listed above including school facilities, county facilities, other communities' facilities, or privately owned facilities such as golf courses and bowling alleys.

Answered: 49 Skipped: 168

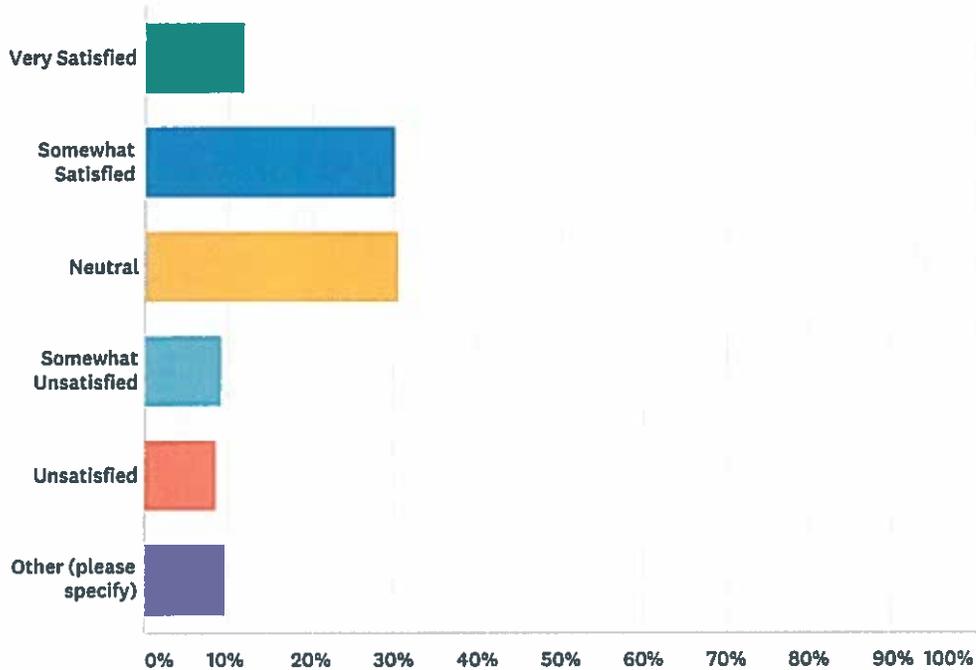
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1	fowlerville community schools parks and athletic fields	9/17/2017 11:56 AM
2	Golf courses and pinckney lakes	9/10/2017 7:01 PM
3	Genoa Park School Playgrounds	9/8/2017 10:04 AM
4	Lansing River Trail, East Lansing Trails	9/8/2017 10:02 AM
5	Oak lane golf course couple times a week	9/8/2017 8:16 AM
6	Golf bowling	9/7/2017 11:29 PM
7	Corunna park, Duran park,	9/7/2017 1:16 PM
8	visit the bowling alley in Howell, Also go out on Thompson lk in boat and visit beach	9/7/2017 11:13 AM
9	family property	8/17/2017 1:59 PM
10	We use our own property. We'd like to move closer to freeway, but Fowlerville Village is to filled with dumpy houses and yards. Recreation is not the problem!	8/11/2017 2:43 PM
11	our yard	8/4/2017 6:13 AM
12	We use our own property for fun and get together.	8/1/2017 5:45 AM
13	Howel bowe e drome, Demmer center for archery, MAC at MSU, lake Lansing, east Lansing aquatic center, heartland indoor pool	7/19/2017 12:27 PM
14	I golf a couple times a summer, we go swimming at an indoor pool a few times a year and we let the kids play at the school playgrounds many times throughout the summer.	7/18/2017 9:35 PM
15	We use the school playgrounds a lot. They are very nice.	7/18/2017 8:47 PM
16	Lakelands Trail in Gregory.	7/18/2017 11:25 AM
17	Howell Pool, Grandchildren have to go to other communities for skateboarding.	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
18	School track and parking lot for parking.	7/18/2017 7:59 AM
19	Mjr movie theatre, crooked lake, howell bowling alley, school parks, tanger outlet mall	7/18/2017 7:53 AM
20	Howell bowl e drone Miniature golf courses Genoa park	7/18/2017 7:34 AM
21	Howell High School Pool Howell Library (more activities for kids)	7/18/2017 7:14 AM
22	School play grounds	7/17/2017 11:37 PM
23	Howell dog park	7/17/2017 10:14 PM
24	Bowling alleys and rec center for teens	7/17/2017 10:07 PM
25	Dog Park in Howell	7/17/2017 10:06 PM
26	Howell lake area Faulkwood Brookshire Brighton bowl Brighton movies Castaway	7/17/2017 9:56 PM
27	McCormick Park-Williamston Michigan- weekly	7/17/2017 9:49 PM
28	Fowlerville community park, munn softball field,	7/17/2017 8:48 PM
29	Soccer fields	7/17/2017 8:38 PM
30	Williamston park (includes wooden kids play structure) Hunters Ridge Golf Course	7/17/2017 8:36 PM
31	Howell City parks, Genoa township park	7/17/2017 7:31 PM

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32	Thompson Lake Beach	7/17/2017 7:24 PM
33	bowling alley	7/17/2017 6:04 PM
34	Lansing River Trail	7/17/2017 6:01 PM
35	Smith Elementary playground	7/17/2017 5:59 PM
36	Bowling alley, putt putt	7/17/2017 5:32 PM
37	Taylor's beach - during summer - weekly	7/17/2017 5:26 PM
38	We choose to go to the school parks over the city parks	7/17/2017 4:42 PM
39	Splash pad in Owosso, and the imagination station in Brighton	7/17/2017 4:31 PM
40	Swimming Pools in Howell, Williamston, Hartland, and East Lansing. I think it would be amazing if we had those services available here.	7/17/2017 4:20 PM
41	dog training venues for AKC performance events such as sheep herding, agility, obedience and dock diving; Williamston park for hiking, state parks and forest service campgrounds	7/17/2017 4:07 PM
42	The schools and their play grounds	7/17/2017 4:01 PM
43	Lansing aquatic	7/17/2017 3:50 PM
44	We go to the Mill Pond in Brighton and Bishop Lake (which may be part of Brighton Rec) regularly	7/17/2017 3:10 PM
45	Playgrounds at Smith and Kreeger	7/17/2017 2:12 PM
46	Williamston community park has a great area for smaller childre	7/17/2017 1:43 PM
47	Would love to see a bowling alley in Fowlerville	7/17/2017 1:43 PM
48	Any place for water in the summer time. Lake, pool, splash pad etc.	7/17/2017 11:49 AM
49	Howell nature center.	7/17/2017 11:25 AM

Q14 How satisfied are you with the existing recreation programs in Fowlerville?

Answered: 186 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Satisfied	11.83%	22
Somewhat Satisfied	30.11%	56
Neutral	30.65%	57
Somewhat Unsatisfied	9.14%	17
Unsatisfied	8.60%	16
Other (please specify)	9.68%	18
TOTAL		186

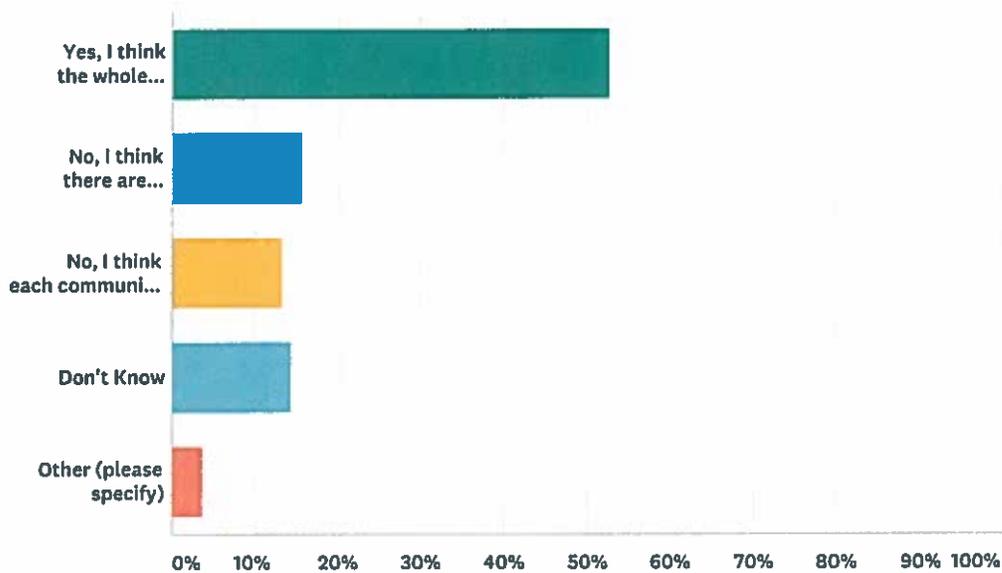
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Would like to see churches engaged to help offer senior and adult recreation and community building	9/7/2017 3:01 PM
2	I would like to see a low cost exercise, yoga, meditation or walking groups available	9/7/2017 11:13 AM
3	Don't give a hoot about the parks when the village yards are a mess!	8/31/2017 6:59 AM
4	depends what you call "recreation" - collecting junk mobiles or trailers in yards- not my idea of recreation	8/17/2017 1:59 PM
5	Your focus is way off for what the village really needs.	8/1/2017 5:45 AM
6	whatever happened to neighbors having neighbors over	7/31/2017 4:38 AM
7	Unknown	7/19/2017 10:29 PM

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8	There needs to be a community recreation program geared more toward seniors.	7/19/2017 6:32 AM
9	there a no programs for people who don't participate in sports. Such as youth creative programs like art in the park or other plans not affiliated with sports. , or adult recreation programs	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
10	The ppl running the Fowlerville Rec program are "Rude" and unorkids weren't so into sports I wouldn't sign them up here. And we do take advantage a lot of the Howell Rec programs. Just sad when my kids can't play with kids from their own town.	7/18/2017 7:34 AM
11	Not aware of program	7/18/2017 4:57 AM
12	Again, a dog park would be amazing.	7/17/2017 10:14 PM
13	I	7/17/2017 8:23 PM
14	Not aware of any	7/17/2017 6:41 PM
15	Not enough for kids to do	7/17/2017 6:28 PM
16	Moved to the area in November and have never received any information regarding any recreation activities for kids/adults	7/17/2017 4:42 PM
17	I	7/17/2017 11:26 AM
18	Very unorganized program. Needs major direction to help it become more successful	7/17/2017 11:09 AM

Q15 Would you support the creation of a Regional Authority, comprised of residents from the Village of Fowlerville and surrounding communities, that would collectively maintain the parks and organize recreation programs?

Answered: 186 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I think the whole region should cooperate to provide parks and recreation	52.69%	98
No, I think there are enough parks and recreation programs now	15.59%	29
No, I think each community should provide for their own parks and recreation	13.44%	25
Don't Know	14.52%	27
Other (please specify)	3.76%	7
TOTAL		186

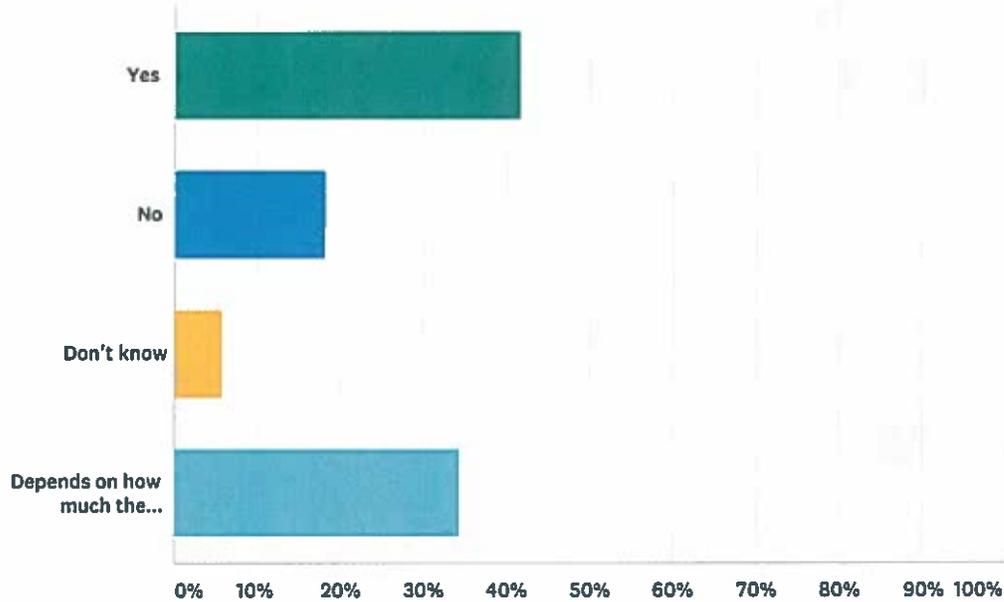
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	People in Fowlerville should maintain our parks, we know whats best for our area. Start a group to do it, like the garden group.	9/7/2017 11:16 AM
2	NO! But I would pay to haul away our neighbors JUNK!	8/31/2017 7:00 AM
3	I'm not sure. If it was not affiliated with the school it might be appropriate. A recreation authority with a millage and a budget might get some thing done in our area that would improve the overall appeal to the area. People want to live in an area where they can enjoy recreation close to home.	7/18/2017 9:19 AM
4	C	7/17/2017 5:01 PM
5	I think you lose small town feel when you "out-source" recreational activities	7/17/2017 4:43 PM
6	Regional cooperation via a new RA is fine, so long as the facilities are located throughout the Region, and not centralized into a very few locations. Diversity in offerings and locations is important for accessibility to all	7/17/2017 4:10 PM

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7	No, I think the ideals of Fowlerville residents should be at the core of our small town parks and recreation programs.	7/17/2017 11:28 AM
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Q16 Would you support a small millage to help pay for parks and recreation facilities or improvements in the area?

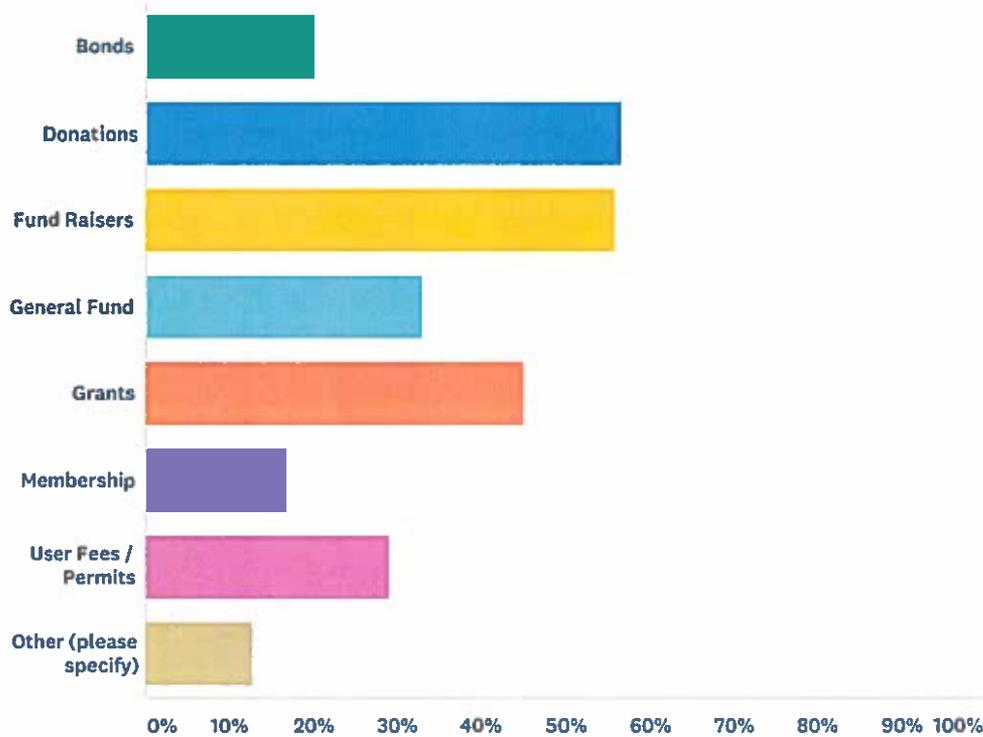
Answered: 187 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.71%	78
No	18.18%	34
Don't know	5.88%	11
Depends on how much the millage is	34.22%	64
TOTAL		187

Q17 How should Fowlerville fund parks without a tax assessment?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 38

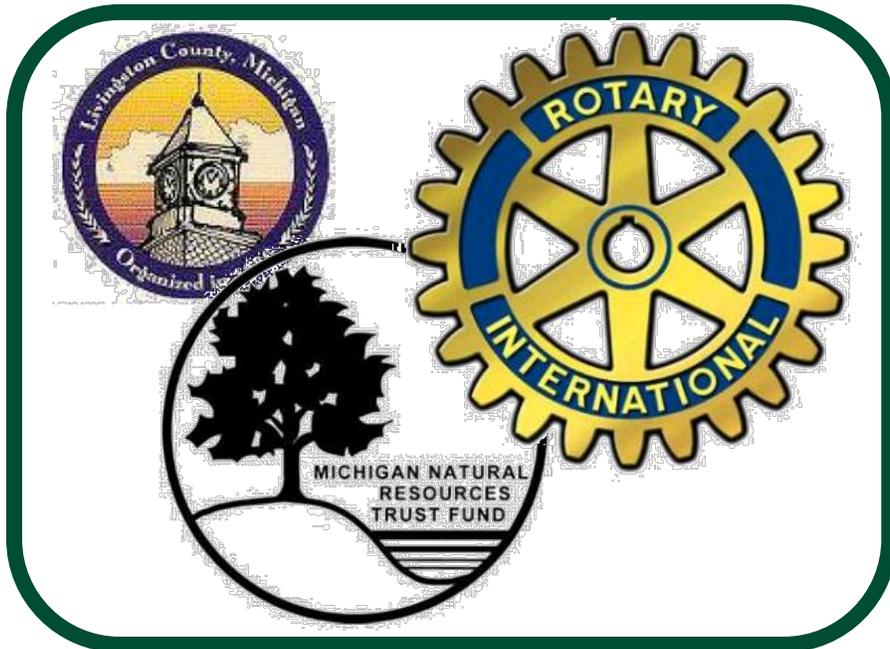


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bonds	20.11%	36
Donations	56.42%	101
Fund Raisers	55.87%	100
General Fund	32.96%	59
Grants	45.25%	81
Membership	16.76%	30
User Fees / Permits	29.05%	52
Other (please specify)	12.85%	23
Total Respondents: 179		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sponsorships and legacy gifts	9/7/2017 3:03 PM
2	Tax	9/7/2017 10:39 AM
3	Forget it! Fund some clean up instead. I'd donate time and money!	8/31/2017 7:00 AM
4	forget it-	8/21/2017 5:02 AM
5	forget parks - enforce junk ordinances and parking on the grass	8/17/2017 1:59 PM
6	Why don't you charge people for junk in their yard?	8/11/2017 2:44 PM

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7	I don't know where else to write this, but I am sick of all the cars, boats, and trailers parked on lawns and in driveways. They make the village look like a junk yard!	8/9/2017 6:00 AM
8	no charge	8/4/2017 6:13 AM
9	I guess this is the only place I can voice this- the village would be convenient for living, but clean it up. Flowers on the poles downtown is not enough to compensate for all the junk in yards- extra cars, trailers in yards, parking all over the lawns, and tons of junk surrounding houses. That's why we remain outside the village.	8/1/2017 5:47 AM
10	With a strong recycling program.	7/31/2017 8:02 AM
11	forget the whole thing- fix up dumpy houses if you have extra money- downtown looks like the pits!	7/31/2017 4:39 AM
12	forget it- we don't need more parks	7/29/2017 5:57 PM
13	Forget it, spend money on enforcing clean up of dumpy houses	7/24/2017 7:03 PM
14	I don't know as funding is not my expertise. However, the current rec dept. supervisor, Wendy, Should NOT be the one in charge of it. She needs to be watched over and questioned more often to improve what we already have in place for kids.	7/19/2017 12:29 PM
15	How it is done now.	7/18/2017 9:36 PM
16	if we had the money that the LDFA & DDA have in the Village budget we could do a lot more for the residents of the village instead of a select few. Perhaps it is time to revisit our priorities.	7/18/2017 9:19 AM
17	forget it! we do not need more "parks"	7/18/2017 9:13 AM
18	don't need	7/18/2017 9:04 AM
19	Dog park yearly memberships	7/17/2017 10:07 PM
20	Figure out a way to make the Easytridera rodeo fund it... They pay, we play.	7/17/2017 10:00 PM
21	we already pay TOO MUCH in taxes for a small village and almost NO services services	7/17/2017 6:04 PM
22	Splash pad charge everyone a fee half day fee full day fee	7/17/2017 4:43 PM
23	State parks passes	7/17/2017 11:29 AM



Appendix C: Funding Sources

The scope of recreation improvements proposed in the Action Program can be financed through a combination of resources. In addition to the general fund, potential funding sources are described below.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The National Park Service’s Land and Water Conservation Fund provides funding assistance for communities to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation. The minimum award is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$500,000 with a required 50% local match. The eligibility criterion emphasizes preservation of natural resources such as waterways. This grant is ideal for land acquisition along the Red Cedar River that is intended for passive recreation and open space in the future. Grant applications are due in April of each year. For more information, visit their website at www.nps.gov/lwcf



Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources administers the MNRTF grant program. The MNRTF provides funding assistance for the purchase of



land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, and the development of recreation facilities. Funding assistance is directed at projects that protect natural resources or improve outdoor recreational opportunities, especially those promoting “universal design” and development of trails. Two types of grant applications are offered: improvement grants are offered between \$15,000 and \$500,000 with a required minimum local match of 25%, and acquisition grant amounts vary depending upon the value of property and local match amount – there is no maximum. MNRTF grants are ideal for acquisition of environmentally sensitive land and park development plans, but it is a highly sought source of funding and the application process can be quite competitive. Applications are due in April and September of each year for acquisition projects and April of each year for development projects. For more information, visit their website at

www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366_37984_37985-124961--,00.html

Michigan Natural Resources Tree Planting Grants

Through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), there are two tree planting grant programs that will assist in funding park landscape enhancements and re-forestation projects. Applicants must provide at least 50% of the total project cost.

- **Urban Community Forestry Program- Arbor Day Mini-Grants.** This mini-grant program is designed to provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities related to Arbor Day. Applications are due in July with maximum grant requests of \$20,000. For more information, visit their website at www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366_37984_38165-128813--,00.html
- **Urban Community Forestry Program.** This program provides the same services as above plus management plans, inventories and maintenance activities. These activities do not have to be related to Arbor Day. Applications are due in July with maximum grant requests of \$20,000. For more information, visit their website at www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366_37984_38165-126153--,00.html



U.S. Department of the Interior

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is the nation's principal conservation agency. Its mission is to "protect and manage the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage; provide scientific and other information about those resources; and honor its trust responsibilities or special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated Island Communities."

- **Non-competitive Grants.** Grants are offered through the Historic Preservation Fund to assist State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in their efforts to protect and preserve their historic resources.
- **Save America's Treasures.** Funding to government agencies and nonprofit organizations is available for preservation and conservation work on nationally significant artifacts, collections, and historic properties.

Baseball Tomorrow Fund

This fund, which is provided through a joint partnership between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, and awards annual grants to projects aimed at increasing the number of youth participating in and improving the quality of baseball and softball programs. The program is specifically aimed at children ages 10 to 16, and to those using innovative approaches or providing opportunities to minorities and women. Tax exempt and 501(c)3 organizations are eligible, and Baseball Tomorrow strongly encourages at least 50% matching funds.

http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=grant_process



Wetland Program Development

The goals of the Environmental Protection Agency's wetland program and the Clean Water Action Plan are to increase the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and increasing wetland acreage, and improving wetland health. State, tribal, and local governmental agencies, interstate, intertribal, and local government associations are eligible to receive grant funds. Applications are due in the fall with a required 25% minimum local match. For more information, visit their website at

www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines



User Fees

Fowlerville may consider charging reasonable fees to participants of recreation programs or specific facilities such as picnic pavilions, or other new facilities. Once in place, the Village should evaluate the fees annually to ensure they are providing the appropriate amount of funding to allow the programs to continue.

Recreation Bond

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

Special Millage

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

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

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



bonds are used to finance the improvements and the tax increment revenues are used to repay the bonds.

Conservation Easements

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

Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships

The Village is currently engaged in such a partnership with other communities and Fowlerville Community Schools. Future partnerships with local businesses, service groups or entities like the Senior Center or Library, can help further common interests at reduced costs.

Local Fundraising

The Fowlerville community is full of active, community-minded residents. This is evident by the number of service groups, philanthropic organizations and church activity present in the Village. Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

Soliciting funding and support from those who stand to benefit from parks and recreation improvements makes sense, but is also more likely to foster a sense of ownership of local resources. Such efforts are currently used to fund community events, and recently the Fowlerville Rotary Club funded the installation of the "Rotary Mile" pathway in Community Park through such an effort. A great way to encourage this is to commemorate those who helped fund projects through monuments, signs and kiosks that list donors.



Example of Donor Monument at Skate Park



Foundations

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



- **Arbor Day Foundation.** Becoming a member of the Arbor Day Foundation will provide the Village with additional resources related to tree planting and maintenance. Fowlerville should investigate becoming a designated Tree-City USA, which provides additional advantages towards park enhancement projects. More information is available on their website www.arborday.org
- **Bikes Belong Coalition.** The Bikes Belong Grants Program strives to put more people on bicycles more often by funding projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling. They seek to assist local organizations, agencies, and citizens in developing bicycle facilities projects. Bikes Belong Coalition accepts applications for grants quarterly for up to \$10,000 each, and will consider successor grants for continuing projects. For more information, visit their website at www.bikesbelong.org/grants
- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.** The Mott Foundation is a private, grantmaking organization based in Flint, Michigan with a vision, “of a world in which each of us is in partnership with the rest of the human race-where each individual's quality of life is connected to the well-being of the community, both locally and globally.” Mott funds environmental, social and economic programs that further their vision. Funding through Mott should be limited to those items with strong community support, preferably those initiated through grass-roots efforts that cannot be funded through other public funding sources. www.mott.org
- **W. K. Kellogg Foundation.** The Kellogg Foundation’s mission is aimed at “creating communities, systems, and nations in which all children





have an equitable and promising future – one in which all children thrive.” As such, many of their grants fund school-related projects, and since recreation in Fowlerville involves the school district, this is a promising funding source for school-based applications. Kellogg grants are directed to child education and learning; food, health and well-being; and family economic security, and are best suited for Safe Routes to School projects that focus on improving safety and non-motorized access to local schools. www.wkkf.org/default.aspx?LanguageID=0

- **Michigan Recreation and Park Association Foundation.** The MRPA is committed to enhancing quality of life experiences for all people by supporting community enrichment, research, advocacy, natural resources, and professional development of park and recreation professionals, students, and citizen advocates. www.mrpafoundation.org



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Appendix D: Adoption & Transmittal Information

RESOLUTION NO. : 18-05
VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE DATE: February 19, 2018

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Village of Fowlerville initiated a planning process to prepare a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes inventories and surveys of the existing recreation resources and assessed future need for recreational facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fowlerville Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been completed and a public hearing held before the Village Planning Commission on February 13, 2018 to hear comments from the public; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and passed a resolution endorsing the Plan and recommending adoption by the Village Council at their next Village Council meeting on February 19, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Fowlerville Village Council does hereby adopt the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Village Council Member Bielous offered the foregoing Resolution, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Village Council Member Bell, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Carol Hill, President	<u>Aye</u>
Jerry Bell, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Ken Bielous, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Everett DeGrush, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Kathryn Heath, President Pro Tem	<u>Aye</u>
Theresa Mailloux, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Scott Schultheis, Trustee	<u>Absent</u>

The President thereupon declared this Resolution approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville this 19th day of February, 2018.

Carol K. Hill
Carol Hill, Village President

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 18-05 adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 19, 2018.

Kathryn M. Aledge
Kathryn M. Aledge, Village Clerk

Village of Fowlerville
Planning Commission
Resolution of Endorsement
2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
February 13, 2018

WHEREAS, development of adequate parks and recreation facilities requires a pro-active plan based on a combination of community input, analysis of existing conditions, analysis of the basic needs for current and future residents, parks and recreation planning expertise, as well as prioritized improvements programs and potential funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific Action Program for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with a prioritized list of projects for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fowlerville has prepared the Fowlerville Parks and Recreation Master Plan which includes all the above elements; and

WHEREAS, said plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making the Village eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Village followed a planning process that contained public involvement, including a public survey, for the purpose of soliciting community input on said plan; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on the final draft February 13, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Fowlerville Planning Commission hereby endorses and recommends to the Village Council adoption of the 2018 Fowlerville Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Motion by: Peach

Supported by: Stock

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

I, Kathryn Arledge, Village Clerk of Fowlerville, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Fowlerville Planning Commission at its regular meeting held on February 13, 2018.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2018



Kathryn M. Arledge
Kathryn Arledge, Village Clerk/Manager

Village of Fowlerville
213 South Grand Avenue
Fowlerville, MI 48836
517-223-3771

Planning Commission Public Hearing Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

1. Call to Order.
The Village of Fowlerville Village Planning Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Curtis, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Recited.
3. Roll Call.
Commissioners present: Curtis, Kuehn, Peach, Spagnuolo and Stock. Absent: Allison and Schultheis. Others Present: Kathryn Arledge, Village Clerk/Manager and Brian Borden, LSL Planning.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS-Solicitation of public comments on the Village of Fowlerville draft Parks and Recreation Plan.
No Public Comments received.
5. Adjournment.
MOTION KUEHN, SECOND STOCK TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:01 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC
Village Clerk/Manager



February 28, 2018

Ms. Kathleen J. Kline-Hudson
Livingston County, Planning Director
304 E. Grand River Ave., Suite 206
Howell, MI 48843-2323

Subject: Village of Fowlerville Parks and Recreation Plan

Dear Ms. Kline-Hudson:

On behalf of Village of Fowlerville, we are pleased to submit for your records the locally adopted Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan was adopted by the Village Council on February 19, 2018.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact Kathy Arledge, Village Manager (517) 223-3771.

Respectfully,
LSL PLANNING, A SAFEBUILT COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. V. Borden".

Brian V. Borden, AICP
Planning Manager

Enclosure



February 28, 2018

Mr. Tyler Klifman
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
525 Griswold St., Suite 1600
Detroit, MI 48226

Subject: Village of Fowlerville Parks and Recreation Plan

Dear Mr. Klifman:

On behalf of Village of Fowlerville, we are pleased to submit for your records the locally adopted Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan was adopted by the Village Council on February 19, 2018.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact Kathy Arledge, Village Manager (517) 223-3771.

Respectfully,
LSL PLANNING, A SAFEBUILT COMPANY


Brian V. Borden, AICP
Planning Manager

Enclosure