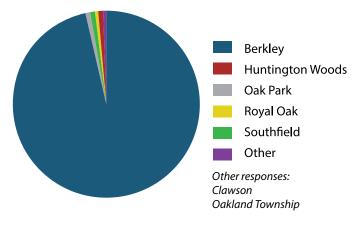
# **ON-LINE SURVEY SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

An online survey was made available to Berkley residents from July 14 through August 14, 2020. The survey was advertised via social media, on the City website, and in C&G News. Hard copies of the survey were available at the Recreation Center upon request. 454 unique responses were received.

The following pages provide a summary of the results. For open-ended questions and "other" responses, answers are provided verbatim and are not edited for spelling or grammar. Where indicated, these responses are organized by subject matter.

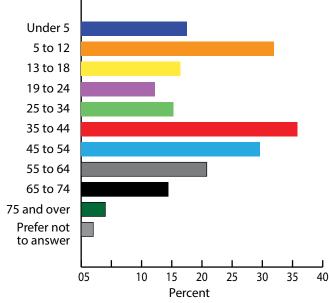
Q1: Please tell us where you live:

Community	Responses	Percent		
Berkley	424	96.6%		
Huntington Woods	3	0.7%		
Lathrup Village	0	0%		
Oak Park	4	0.9%		
Pleasant Ridge	0	0%		
Royal Oak	3	0.7%		
Southfield	3	0.7%		
Other (Please specify)	2	0.5%		
Total Responses	439			



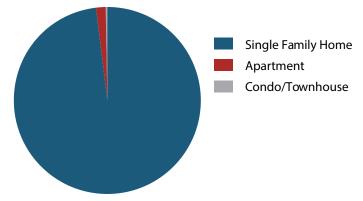
Q2: Please tell us the ages of the members of your household. For households with multiple family members, check all that apply.

Community	Responses	Percent
Under 5	79	17.5%
5 to 12	144	31.9%
13 to 18	74	16.4%
19 to 24	55	12.2%
25 to 34	69	15.3%
35 to 44	162	35.8%
45 to 54	134	29.6%
55 to 64	94	20.8%
65 to 74	65	14.4%
75 and over	18	4.0%
Prefer not to answer	9	2.0%
Total Responses	903	



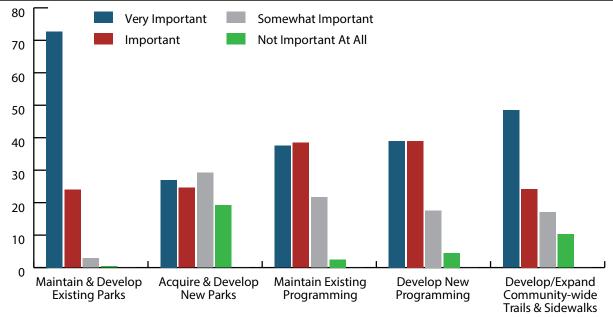
**Q3:** Please describe your current living situation.

Housing Type	Responses	Percent
Single family home	443	98.2%
Apartment	7	1.6%
Condominium / townhome	1	0.2%
Manufactured / mobile home	0	0%
Other (Please specify)	0	0%
Total Responses	451	



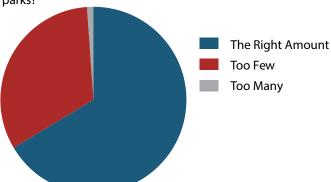
Q4: How important are the following items to you and your family?

	Very Important		Important		Somewhat Important		Not Important At All	
Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maintain and develop existing parks	327	72.7%	108	24.0%	13	2.9%	2	0.4%
Acquire and develop new parks	121	27.0%	110	24.6%	131	29.2%	86	19.2%
Maintain existing programming & events	168	37.5%	172	38.4%	97	21.7%	11	2.5%
Develop new programming/events	175	39.0%	175	39.0%	79	17.6%	20	4.5%
Develop or expand community-wide trails and sidewalks	217	48.5%	108	24.2%	76	17.0%	46	10.3%



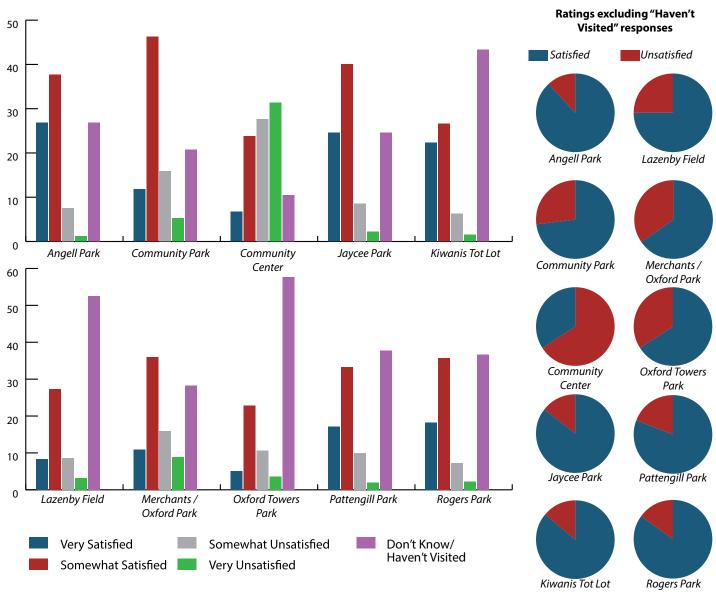
Q5: Does Berkley have too few, too many, or the right amount of parks?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Too few	142	32.4%
Too many	5	1.1%
The right amount	291	66.4%
Total Responses	438	



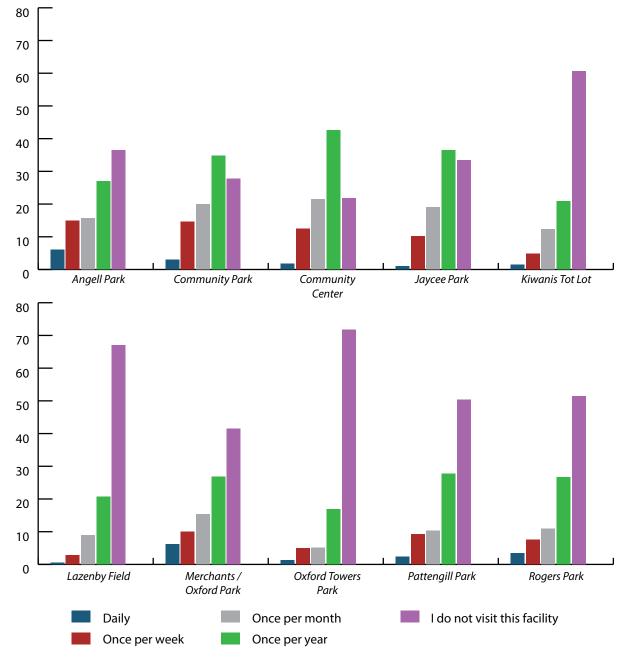
**Q6:** How satisfied are you with Berkley's parks and recreation facilities?

	Very Sa	atisfied		ewhat sfied		ewhat tisfied	Very Un	satisfied		Know / t Visited		t "Haven't ited"
Park	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	Sat./ Very Satisfied	Un. / Very Unsatisfied
Angell Park	111	26.8%	156	37.7%	31	7.5%	5	1.2%	111	26.8%	88.1%	11.9%
Community Park	49	11.8%	192	46.3%	66	15.9%	22	5.3%	86	20.7%	73.3%	26.7%
Community Center	28	6.7%	100	23.8%	116	27.6%	132	31.4%	44	10.5%	34.0%	66.0%
Jaycee Park	101	24.6%	164	40.0%	35	8.5%	9	2.2%	101	24.6%	85.8%	14.2%
Kiwanis Tot Lot	92	22.3%	110	26.6%	26	6.3%	6	1.5%	179	43.3%	86.3%	13.7%
Lazenby Field	34	8.4%	111	27.3%	35	8.6%	13	3.2%	213	52.5%	75.1%	24.9%
Merchants / Oxford Park	45	10.9%	149	36.0%	66	15.9%	37	8.9%	117	28.3%	65.3%	34.7%
Oxford Towers Park	21	5.1%	94	22.9%	44	10.7%	15	3.6%	237	57.7%	66.1%	33.9%
Pattengill Park	71	17.1%	138	33.3%	41	9.9%	8	1.9%	157	37.8%	81.0%	19.0%
Rogers Park	76	18.2%	149	35.7%	30	7.2%	9	2.2%	153	36.7%	85.2%	14.8%



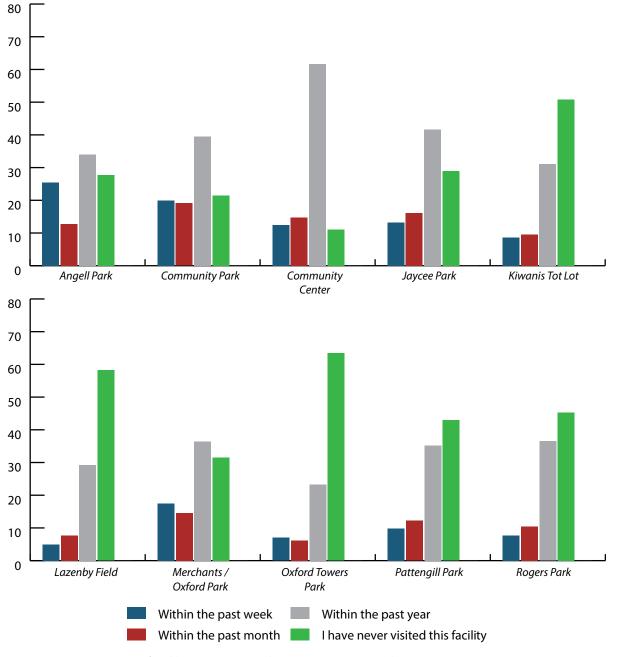
**Q7:** How frequently do you visit Berkley's parks and recreation facilities?

	Da	ily	At least once per week		At least once per month		Once or twice per year		I do not visit this facility	
Park	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Angell Park	24	6.0%	60	14.9%	63	15.6%	109	27.0%	147	36.5%
Community Park	12	3.0%	58	14.6%	79	19.9%	138	34.8%	110	27.7%
Community Center	7	1.8%	50	12.5%	86	21.5%	170	42.5%	87	21.8%
Jaycee Park	4	1.0%	40	10.1%	75	19.0%	144	36.5%	132	33.4%
Kiwanis Tot Lot	6	1.5%	19	4.8%	49	12.3%	83	20.9%	241	60.6%
Lazenby Field	2	0.5%	11	2.8%	35	9.0%	81	20.7%	262	67.0%
Merchants / Oxford Park	25	6.2%	40	10.0%	62	15.4%	108	26.9%	167	41.5%
Oxford Towers Park	5	1.3%	19	4.9%	20	5.1%	66	16.9%	280	71.8%
Pattengill Park	9	2.3%	37	9.3%	41	10.3%	111	27.8%	201	50.4%
Rogers Park	14	3.5%	30	7.6%	43	10.9%	105	26.6%	203	51.4%



**Q8:** When was the last time you visited one of Berkley's parks and recreation properties?

	Within the	past week	Within the past month		Within the	e past year	I have never visited this facility	
Park	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Angell Park	97	25.4%	49	12.8%	130	34.0%	106	27.7%
Community Park	75	19.9%	72	19.1%	149	39.5%	81	21.5%
Community Center	47	12.4%	56	14.8%	234	61.7%	42	11.1%
Jaycee Park	49	13.2%	60	16.1%	155	41.7%	108	29.0%
Kiwanis Tot Lot	32	8.6%	35	9.5%	115	31.1%	188	50.8%
Lazenby Field	18	4.9%	28	7.7%	107	29.2%	213	58.2%
Merchants / Oxford Park	65	17.5%	54	14.6%	135	36.4%	117	31.5%
Oxford Towers Park	26	7.0%	23	6.2%	86	23.3%	234	63.4%
Pattengill Park	37	9.8%	46	12.2%	133	35.2%	162	42.9%
Rogers Park	29	7.7%	39	10.4%	137	36.5%	170	45.3%



Q9: Do you and your family visit parks in neighboring communities or county or state parks?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	368	85.0%
No	65	15.0%
Total Responses	433	



Q10: If yes, which facilities do you visit and what do you like or dislike about them?

The following verbatim responses have been organized by topic. 296 unique responses were received for this question. Where a response falls into multiple categories, it is copied into each category. Where an exact response was received multiple times, the number of entries is provided in parenthesis to the right (e.g. "Playground (3)"). Responses are entered exactly as they were received, and no attempts were made to correct spelling or other grammatical errors.

# **STATE PARKS**

13 different state parks are mentioned by survey participants. Park with five or more mentions include: Belle Isle (14), Island Lake (8), and Maybury (6).

- 1. State Parks, and metro parks, open, clean, large
- 2. Belle Isle, the riverfront and gardens, Milliken state, river walk. Kensington nature trailsensington
- 3. We camp in state parks throughout Michigan
- 4. We have visited state parks, but not since the lockdown.
- 5. State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
- 6. Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another. Tenhave Woods is another.
- 7. Belle Isle water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
- 8. MIller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
- 9. Kensington, Belle Isle, Manistee State
- 10. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
- 11. Metro parks lots of choices. Star parks many to chose from.
- 12. Belle Isle, Dodge, Maybury, Bald Mountain. Like all listed
- 13. Mostly state parks for camping and recreation
- 14. state Parks and metro parks, county pARKS

- 15. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
- 16. Stage Nature Center we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
- 17. State
- 18. state parks
- 19. We go to metro and state parks with in a 1 hr drive from berkley
- 20. Bloomer Park in Rochester great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street - not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
- 21. the one across greenfield and catalpa, state parks if we take road trips
- 22. Maybury: an actual running trail
- 23. State or County Parks to use their hiking trails
- 24. State Parks most often. Also Royal Oak parks near family. Splash pads when available and weather permitting for nieces.
- 25. State Parks the variety of the parks
- 26. Troy nature center bald mountain kensington Beverly park nice (walking trail) barnum bark (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) heritage park (long walking park) lloyd nature center (hiking trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature preserve

- 27. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
- 28. Victoria Park great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
- 29. Kensington, Dearborn Parks, Belle Isle, Birmingham Parks
- 30. Metro Parks, Bloomer State Park
- 31. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
- 32. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
- 33. Chelsea State Park
- 34. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and may arks or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
- 35. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 36. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
- 37. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
- 38. State parks for camping
- 39. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
- 40. Beverly Hills Park on Beverly Blvd. Belle Isle Detroit. Van Hoosen Farm. Oak Park "Train" Park. Royal Oak Memorial Park. River Walk and Hart Plaza, Detroit. Grosse Pte, Park Park.
- 41. Clawson community park, RO community parks, Belle Isle, Stoney Creek, Kensington, Island Lake. Detroit parks that have been updated.
- 42. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.

- 43. island lake state park, kensington park for hiking trails
- 44. Trails are nice at Mayberry. Bike paths are great at Belle Isle.
- 45. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
- 46. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
- 47. We've camped at almost every State Park in Michigan. Good facilities and cleanliness are the most important factors.
- 48. Visit state parks for specific attractions.
- 49. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
- 50. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
- 51. Belle Isle, Dodge #4, Kensington
- 52. We go Kayaking at Proud Lake and Belle Isle
- 53. Carpenter lake wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve wooded area with deer. Belle Isle lots of options. Quickstad park
- 54. State parks- restrooms and options of activities
- 55. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
- 56. Kensington, Island Lake for trails.
- 57. We like hiking and biking trails at state and metro parks.
- 58. Kensington for the beach. Belle isle
- 59. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
- 60. Some of the MI state parks where we can ride our bikes and there are lots of trees and bike paths
- 61. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
- 62. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
- 63. state parks, meininger park. trees for hammocks.
- 64. Using state parks for access to lakes

## **COUNTY PARKS**

Six of Oakland County's thirteen parks were listed by participants. Parks with five or more mentions include: Catalpa Oaks (24) and Red Oaks (6)

- 1. catalpa oaks i like the trail, jaycee R.O. disc golf
- Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another. Tenhave Woods is another.
- Catalpa Oaks, Victoria Park, Burton Elementary, Norup
- 4. state Parks and metro parks, county pARKS
- Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
- 6. Red Oaks, I like the walking path, Catalpa Oaks
- 7. red oak dog park
- 8. the one across greenfield and catalpa, state parks if we take road trips
- 9. Catalpa Park. We like that everything has been updated on the grounds.
- 10. State or County Parks to use their hiking trails
- Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
- 12. Red oaks nature center, nice wooded trails
- 13. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
- 14. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
- 15. Red Oaks Dog Park
- 16. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and may arks or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
- 17. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
- 18. County parks
- 19. Red oaks, Kensington
- 20. Oakland county parks, picnic and pavilion and walking trails

- 21. Catalpa oaks play area is nice
- 22. Catalpa Oaks love having a great bathroom building.
- 23. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
- 24. Catalpa, it needs more natural areas not just mown grass. they have acutally removed trees!
- 25. Catalpa oaks, booth park, Stanley trails Beverly Hills
- 26. We visit Catalpa Oaks because it is close by and has very nice equipment.
- 27. Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,
- 28. Catalpa Oaks & all of the parks in Oak Park
- 29. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
- 30. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
- 31. Catalpa Oaks, Kensington, Stoney Creek
- 32. Oakland County and Metroparks with running trails
- 33. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
- 34. Pearson Elementary School in Birmingham; Oakland County Catalpa Park
- 35. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
- 36. We only venture out to get a long trail, or dog park. Like Independence Oaks.
- 37. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks

- 38. County Parks. Love the Nature Centers and long walking paths.
- 39. Catalpa oaks. For an out door work and they did a lovely job on the track
- 40. We travel to a lot of county and state parks for the hiking trails and water.

## **METROPARKS**

Three of the thirteen Huron-Clinton Metroparks were specifically mentioned by participants; Kensington (41), Stony Creek (13), and Lake St. Clair (1).

- 1. Belle Isle, the riverfront and gardens, Milliken state, river walk. Kensington nature trailsensington
- 2. State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
- Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
- 4. Kensington, Stony Creek, Wagner Park Royal Oak
- Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
- 6. Kensington, Belle Isle, Manistee State
- 7. Metro parks lots of choices. Star parks many to chose from.
- 8. Kensington, Stoney Creek.
- Kensington, Stony Creek, Paint Creek Trail for biking, nice long paths
- 10. state Parks and metro parks, county pARKS
- 11. Kensington Park Bike Trails
- 12. We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
- 13. Our main draw is having nice disc golf courses. We go to cass Benton, Kensington, Stoney creek etc to play their courses. When we stay local we usually go to Wagner, firefighters, or star jaycee
- 14. We go to metro and state parks with in a 1 hr drive from berkley
- 15. Kensington. We love the biking trails and nature trails for bird watching
- Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails

- 17. Lake St. Clair haven't been because of C19
- 18. Metro parks: great forested areas open areas
- 19. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
- 20. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds, Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
- 21. Troy nature center bald mountain kensington Beverly park nice (walking trail) barnum bark (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) heritage park (long walking park) lloyd nature center (hiking trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature preserve
- 22. Metro parks; the water activities
- 23. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
- 24. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
- 25. Victoria Park great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
- 26. Kensington metro park has great trails
- 27. Kensington, Dearborn Parks, Belle Isle, Birmingham Parks
- 28. Metro Parks, Bloomer State Park
- 29. Kensington nature walks

- 30. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
- 31. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
- 32. Biking trails at Kensington
- 33. Kensington, Stoney Creek, Lake Erie, Bloomer
- 34. Kensington. Room for dog to run
- 35. MetroParks, Stage Nature Center, Inglenook
- 36. Red oaks, Kensington
- 37. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
- 38. Kensington walking trails
- 39. Kensington walking trails, we go there for a change of scenery.
- 40. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
- 41. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
- 42. All the metro parks. Like all of the hiking/walking trails
- 43. Clawson community park, RO community parks, Belle Isle, Stoney Creek, Kensington, Island Lake. Detroit parks that have been updated.
- 44. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
- 45. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
- 46. island lake state park, kensington park for hiking trails
- 47. Kensington Park. We love bike trails and walking trails
- 48. Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,
- 49. Royal Oak Jaycee Starr , Troy nature center, kensington, Southfield's farm park
- 50. Catalpa Oaks, Kensington, Stoney Creek
- 51. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
- 52. Belle Isle, Dodge #4, Kensington
- 53. Oakland County and Metroparks with running trails

- 54. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
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- 60. Kensington metro park, we like the bike trail and water park
- 61. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
- 62. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
- 63. Kensington. Large Park with 8.5m loop
- 64. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
- 65. Metro Parks
- 66. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
- 67. Kensington, we like the walking paths

#### **OTHER PARKS**

Over 60 parks or park systems were named by respondents. Beverly Park (24) in Beverly Hills and Starr Jaycee Park (15) in Royal Oak were the two most frequently named individual parks. The communities of Royal Oak (40), Beverly Hills (24), Southfield (14) and Birmingham (10) were the most frequently mentioned park systems.

- 1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
- 2. Parks in Royal Oak. Bigger, more trees for shade & newer plays apes
- Mostly the Community Center. Take Grandchildren to Jaycee Park or park areas with playground equipment. Has not been possible during the pandemic.
- 4. I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
- 5. Westwood park. It's on my street
- 6. Southfield, Oak Park, and Royal Oak. Updated.
- 7. Community Park, like the family feel and upkeep. Batting cage too loud, can hear on other side of park.
- 8. Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
- 9. catalpa oaks i like the trail, jaycee R.O. disc golf
- Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another. Tenhave Woods is another.
- 11. Kensington, Stony Creek, Wagner Park Royal Oak
- 12. Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
- 13. Catalpa Oaks, Victoria Park, Burton Elementary, Norup
- 14. Star Jaycee royal oak like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birminghalast two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure!, like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak like the structure and the purple dinosaur.

- 15. We visit Birmingham parks both downtown. We love the hills and natural feeling near restaurants on old Woodward, Love the one right by the shopping district too so nice to give the kids a break and still be in town and walk for coffee or lunch. We also go to the warren indoor pool frequently in the winter spring and fall went the kids want water sports, occasionally going to oak park or Southfield outdoor pools. We also visit the Birmingham ice rink now & visit New Baltimore beach & splash pa.
- 16. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungie thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
- 17. The park is fun for kids, Burton
- 18. Beverly Park. Best in class.
- 19. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
- 20. Beverly Park , nice, maintained park, nice walking path
- 21. Kensington, Stony Creek, Paint Creek Trail for biking, nice long paths
- 22. We often visit the parks in Southfield. We love Inglenook, Carpenter Lake, and Buaervic
- 23. Beverly Park lots of open space and walking trails.
- 24. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
- 25. Parks in neighboring communities, mostly Royal Oak
- 26. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
- 27. Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools. Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
- 28. Angell, basketball courts and baseball field equipment is ok

- 29. Stage Nature Center we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
- 30. We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
- 31. Our main draw is having nice disc golf courses. We go to cass Benton, Kensington, Stoney creek etc to play their courses. When we stay local we usually go to Wagner, firefighters, or star jaycee
- 32. Star Jaycee Royal Oak. Clean, lots to offer, nice trees
- 33. Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it.
  Oak park and huntington woods pools. We love them. Starr jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
- 34. Gallup Park is Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsbourgh Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipt and restrooms there...
- 35. Beverly park, great play area for kids and has bathrooms
- 36. I go to Huntington woods to plat pickleball.
- 37. Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
- 38. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), carpenter lake (trails), independence oaks (trails), proud lake (trials),
- 39. Bloomer Park in Rochester great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
- 40. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.

- 41. State Parks most often. Also Royal Oak parks near family. Splash pads when available and weather permitting for nieces.
- 42. Royal oak and Birmingham well kept great kid programs
- 43. Royal Oak Jaycee like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
- 44. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds, Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
- 45. Troy nature center bald mountain kensington
  Beverly park nice (walking trail) barnum bark
  (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) heritage park
  (long walking park) lloyd nature center (hiking
  trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature
  preserve
- 46. Spencer Park Troy
- 47. Beverly Hills Park, Birmingham parks, burton
- 48. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
- 49. Starr Jaycee park at 13 and Crooks. Awesome play structure, lots of mature shady trees, disc golf.
- 50. Victoria Park great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
- 51. Kensington, Dearborn Parks, Belle Isle, Birmingham Parks
- 52. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
- 53. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf

- 54. Several parks in Royal Oak we like the kid-friendly playscapes. Most have a section for toddlers and a section for older kids that are close together.
- 55. rogers park
- 56. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
- 57. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.
- 58. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
- 59. Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
- 60. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
- 61. Beverly Park nice walking trail and wooded area, Troy Parks - walking trails
- 62. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
- 63. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
- 64. Gainsboro park. Facilities on site, and all the playground equipment is new, smart, and well laid out.
- 65. Mostly those in Auburn Hills. Play structures targeted at kids 3-12
- 66. Inglenook Park, Rosie's Park...nice softball fields. Carpenter Lake peaceful, nature trail
- 67. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.

- 68. Kensington, Stoney Creek, Lake Erie, Bloomer
- 69. MetroParks, Stage Nature Center, Inglenook
- 70. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 71. huntington woods. well shaded, well maintained, age appropriate, many small and some larger parks.
- 72. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
- 73. Pleasant ridge Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
- 74. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
- 75. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
- 76. Burton Elementary park
- 77. Huntington Woods Parks
- 78. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
- 79. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
- 80. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
- 81. Park in oak park behind state-police post-Southfield park behind library love both park nice slides for the kids multitude of things for the kids to play with
- 82. Beverly Hills Park on Beverly Blvd. Belle Isle Detroit. Van Hoosen Farm. Oak Park "Train" Park. Royal Oak Memorial Park. River Walk and Hart Plaza, Detroit. Grosse Pte, Park Park.
- 83. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.

- 84. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
- 85. Clawson community park, RO community parks, Belle Isle, Stoney Creek, Kensington, Island Lake. Detroit parks that have been updated.
- 86. Catalpa oaks, booth park, Stanley trails Beverly Hills
- 87. Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,
- 88. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.
- 89. Catalpa Oaks & all of the parks in Oak Park
- 90. Royal Oak Jaycee Starr, Troy nature center, kensington, Southfield's farm park
- 91. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).
- 92. Clawson—bathrooms and big pavilion
- 93. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
- 94. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
- 95. Saint clair shores veterans memorial park. A lot of us go with residents there so our kids can play at their amazing park and splash pad. There is nothing around here even like that. Berkley is built as if it is a retirement community but there are so many kids and young families here. Its unfortunate.
- 96. "Farm Park" on 12 mile in S'field royal Oak Parks. Great play structures and walking paths.
- 97. Lincoln Woods, Civic Center park, valley woods nature park, all in Southfield where there are forested trails
- 98. Starr Jaycee in Royal Oak lots of shade inglenook park in Southfield great covered patio with picnic tables late open spaces
- 99. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
- 100. Beverly Hills Park Clean & lots of equipment. Huntington Woods @ Elgin nice tot lot.

- 101. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.
- 102. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
- 103. I like jaycee park. it has a pavilion and shade.
- 104. Corona virus has limited visiting this year. But royal oak, Southfield, and Beverly Hills. We love how big their play equipment is and the walking path
- 105. Parks in Birmingham. I like that they have toy trucks for the kids to play with. Lots of shaded areas. I like the park in downtown Birmingham bc it has a cool hill to ride down on cardboard boxes. I also like the farm inspired park in Southfield on 12 mile road.
- 106. Lamphere Hill in Madison Heights; excellent walking trail.
- 107. Clawson Freedom Park
- 108. We like that Beverly Park has bathrooms and a sheltered picnic area.
- 109. Inglenook Park (we enjoy the many different play structures)
- 110. Beverly park is amazing
- 111. Carpenter lake wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve wooded area with deer. Belle Isle lots of options. Quickstad park
- 112. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
- 113. Victoria Park needs more shade
- 114. HW Parks, County Parks, Farmington Hills Heritage Park has a Splash Pad and Nature Center
- 115. Douglas Nature Preserve and linden park. Trails is what we like the most.
- 116. Pearson Elementary School in Birmingham; Oakland County Catalpa Park
- 117. The 696 pedestrian pavilion parks in Oak Park and Southfield (Victoria and Rothstein) and David Sheppard Park in Oak Park.
- 118. Parks in Royal Oak have far more open space to run. Drinking fountains are great to have or water bottle filling stations. Bike fixing stations.

- 119. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
- 120. Parks in other communities are much larger and feel more like embedded in Nature. For example, Royal Oak has Quickstad Park with trails, lots of trees, ponds, etc.
- 121. Pleasant Ridge Gainsboro park has bathrooms and a good amount of different climbing and spinning equipment
- 122. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
- 123. 12 mile in Southfield farm park. Great theme it's large and has lots of options.
- 124. Royal Oak change of scenery
- 125. Royal oak parks (SO MANY)!
- 126. Community Park and Oxford Merchant. They are clean, easy and kids of all ages can enjoy them.
- 127. state parks, meininger park. trees for hammocks.

# TRAILS (WALKING, HIKING, & GENERAL)

- We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
- 2. Belle Isle, the riverfront and gardens, Milliken state, river walk. Kensington nature trailsensington
- 3. I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
- Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
- 5. They have trees, trails, ultimate frisbee courses, and other things that aren't just baseball diamonds.
- Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
- 7. Belle Isle water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
- 8. Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
- shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
- 10. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
- 11. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungie thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
- 12. Hiking and biking trails
- 13. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/ hiking trails, dog friendly

- 14. Beverly Park lots of open space and walking trails.
- 15. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
- 16. Indoor pools! Outdoor activities like stargazing. Hiking.
- 17. Long hiking and biking trails
- 18. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
- 19. We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
- 20. Red Oaks, I like the walking path, Catalpa Oaks
- 21. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), carpenter lake (trails), independence oaks (trails), proud lake (trials),
- 22. Bloomer Park in Rochester great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
- 23. Maybury: an actual running trail
- 24. State or County Parks to use their hiking trails
- 25. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
- Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
- 27. We like to hike on nature trails and also go to dog parks.
- 28. Royal Oak Jaycee like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
- 29. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.

- 30. Huntington Woods Comm Center basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
- 31. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
- 32. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds, Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
- 33. Walking trails,, area to be away from young children.
- 34. Parks with trails
- 35. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
- 36. Victoria Park great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
- 37. Kensington metro park has great trails
- 38. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
- 39. Kensington nature walks
- 40. Hike, play soccer, play basketball, sled
- 41. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths
- 42. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
- 43. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.

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- 45. Beverly Park nice walking trail and wooded area, Troy Parks - walking trails
- 46. nature parks, walking trails, bicycle paths,
- 47. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
- 48. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
- 49. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 50. Nature trails, various ones
- 51. Various, places to walk, trails
- 52. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
- 53. Kensington walking trails
- 54. Kensington walking trails, we go there for a change of scenery.
- 55. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
- 56. Various other parks for walking and hiking trails or biking
- 57. Oakland county parks, picnic and pavilion and walking trails
- 58. Nature and places to walk
- 59. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
- 60. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.
- 61. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.
- 62. All the metro parks. Like all of the hiking/walking trails
- 63. like: trails, bike paths, water sport rentals

- 64. water parks, hiking trails, wooded areas
- 65. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
- 66. island lake state park, kensington park for hiking trails
- 67. Kensington Park. We love bike trails and walking trails
- 68. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).
- 69. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
- 70. Big outdoors lots of trails/hikes and nature
- 71. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
- 72. "Farm Park" on 12 mile in S'field royal Oak Parks. Great play structures and walking paths.
- 73. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
- 74. Lincoln Woods, Civic Center park, valley woods nature park, all in Southfield where there are forested trails
- 75. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
- 76. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
- 77. Corona virus has limited visiting this year. But royal oak, Southfield, and Beverly Hills. We love how big their play equipment is and the walking path
- 78. Lamphere Hill in Madison Heights; excellent walking trail.
- 79. Wooded trails
- 80. Oakland County and Metroparks with running trails
- 81. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
- 82. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
- 83. Trails, ice skating, splash pad
- 84. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life
- 85. Walking, biking trails are better

- 86. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
- 87. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
- 88. Douglas Nature Preserve and linden park. Trails is what we like the most.
- 89. Kensington, Island Lake for trails.
- 90. We like hiking and biking trails at state and metro parks.
- 91. We visit parks that have trails and water available.
- 92. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
- 93. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
- 94. Parks in Royal Oak have far more open space to run. Drinking fountains are great to have or water bottle filling stations. Bike fixing stations.
- 95. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
- 96. We only venture out to get a long trail, or dog park. Like Independence Oaks.
- 97. Kensington. Large Park with 8.5m loop
- 98. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
- 99. picnic tables, natute, trails
- 100. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
- 101. Kensington, we like the walking paths Catalpa oaks. For an out door work and they did a lovely job on the track
- 102. We travel to a lot of county and state parks for the hiking trails and water.

## **TRAILS - BIKING**

- 1. Belle Isle water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
- When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
- 3. Hiking and biking trails
- 4. Kensington, Stony Creek, Paint Creek Trail for biking, nice long paths
- 5. Long hiking and biking trails
- 6. Kensington Park Bike Trails
- 7. Kensington. We love the biking trails and nature trails for bird watching
- Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
- 9. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.
- 10. nature parks, walking trails, bicycle paths,
- 11. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
- 12. Biking trails at Kensington
- 13. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks,
- 14. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
- 15. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
- 16. Various other parks for walking and hiking trails or biking
- 17. like: trails, bike paths, water sport rentals
- 18. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
- 19. Kensington Park. We love bike trails and walking trails
- Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,

- 21. Trails are nice at Mayberry. Bike paths are great at Belle Isle.
- 22. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
- 23. Bike trails and paths
- 24. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
- 25. Dog parks, bike trails, nature areas
- 26. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
- 27. Lakes, bike trails
- 28. Walking, biking trails are better
- 29. We like hiking and biking trails at state and metro parks.
- 30. Kensington metro park, we like the bike trail and water park
- 31. Some of the MI state parks where we can ride our bikes and there are lots of trees and bike paths
- 32. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
- 33. Bike trails, access to bathrooms

## **SCENERY / NATURAL AREAS**

- 1. Several. Nature trails, peace and quiet.
- Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another. Tenhave Woods is another.
- shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
- 4. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
- 5. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
- 6. Indoor pools! Outdoor activities like stargazing. Hiking.
- Stage Nature Center we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
- 8. Michigan nature
- 9. Kensington. We love the biking trails and nature trails for bird watching
- 10. Royal Oak Jaycee like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
- 11. Metro parks: great forested areas open areas
- 12. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds , Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
- 13. Troy nature center bald mountain kensington
  Beverly park nice (walking trail) barnum bark
  (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) heritage park
  (long walking park) lloyd nature center (hiking
  trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature
  preserve
- 14. Red oaks nature center, nice wooded trails
- 15. Kensington nature walks

- 16. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths
- 17. Beverly Park nice walking trail and wooded area, Troy Parks - walking trails
- 18. nature parks, walking trails, bicycle paths,
- 19. Inglenook Park, Rosie's Park...nice softball fields. Carpenter Lake peaceful, nature trail
- 20. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 21. Nature trails, various ones
- 22. Natural outdoor spaces
- 23. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
- 24. Nature and places to walk
- 25. Catalpa, it needs more natural areas not just mown grass. they have acutally removed trees!
- 26. water parks, hiking trails, wooded areas
- 27. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
- 28. Big outdoors lots of trails/hikes and nature
- 29. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
- 30. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
- 31. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
- 32. Dog parks, bike trails, nature areas
- 33. Carpenter lake wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve wooded area with deer. Belle Isle lots of options. Quickstad park
- 34. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life
- 35. HW Parks, County Parks, Farmington Hills Heritage Park has a Splash Pad and Nature Center
- 36. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.

- 37. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
- 38. many that I have found either have not been tended to or have.... that is what I really like... I like the natural surroundings yet nicely manicured and mantained.
- Parks in other communities are much larger and feel more like embedded in Nature. For example, Royal Oak has Quickstad Park with trails, lots of trees, ponds, etc.
- 40. Some of the MI state parks where we can ride our bikes and there are lots of trees and bike paths
- 41. picnic tables, natute, trails

# LAKES, BEACH & SWIMMING, BOATING

- 1. Belle Isle water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
- 2. Stage Nature Center we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
- 3. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds, Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
- 4. Metro parks; the water activities
- 5. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
- 6. Victoria Park great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
- 7. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths

- 8. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 9. Rivers, running water.
- 10. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
- 11. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
- 12. Parks near water
- 13. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
- 14. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).
- 15. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
- Carpenter lake wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve - wooded area with deer.
   Belle Isle - lots of options. Quickstad park
- 17. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
- 18. Lakes, bike trails
- 19. Like Water facilities canoeing
- 20. Kensington for the beach. Belle isle
- 21. We visit parks that have trails and water available.
- 22. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
- 23. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
- 24. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
- 25. Using state parks for access to lakes

# **BOATING, CANOEING, & KAYAKING**

- We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/ paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
- I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
- southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
- 4. like: trails, bike paths, water sport rentals
- 5. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
- 6. We go Kayaking at Proud Lake and Belle Isle
- 7. Like Water facilities canoeing
- 8. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill

# **CAMPING, HUNTING & FISHING**

- 1. We camp in state parks throughout Michigan
- 2. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
- 3. Camping
- 4. Mostly state parks for camping and recreation
- 5. Stage Nature Center we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
- 6. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
- campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
- 8. State parks for camping
- 9. pools, splash pads, fishing
- We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.

#### **SAFETY & MAINTENANCE**

- 1. State Parks, and metro parks, open, clean, large
- Community Park, like the family feel and upkeep. Batting cage too loud, can hear on other side of park.
- Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
- 4. equipment for all ages, not hot to the touch, clean, maintained, ample activities/structure
- Cleanliness
- 6. clean, well maintained. different and interesting play structures
- 7. All over the state. Cleanliness, mantenance, facilities.
- 8. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
- Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
- 10. Cleanliness, new equip and landscaping
- 11. huntington woods. well shaded, well maintained, age appropriate, many small and some larger parks.
- 12. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
- 13. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
- 14. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.
- 15. Maxwell Park, RO. Very clean Clawson Park, very clean.
- 16. We've camped at almost every State Park in Michigan. Good facilities and cleanliness are the most important factors.
- 17. Beverly Hills Park Clean & lots of equipment. Huntington Woods @ Elgin nice tot lot.

- 18. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
- 19. many that I have found either have not been tended to or have.... that is what I really like... I like the natural surroundings yet nicely manicured and mantained.
- 20. Community Park and Oxford Merchant. They are clean, easy and kids of all ages can enjoy them.

#### **PROXIMITY**

- 1. Westwood park. It's on my street
- 2. Where I live there are no parks reachable without a very long walk. I have always wanted to take my grandson to a playground without having to get in the car. The play scape closest to me are pattengil and Jaycee Park. Both have nice play structures but are not within walking distance for a toddler or a grandmother with a stroller. I realize that it is not practical to try and find more park space in the middle of established neighborhoods.
- 3. We visit Catalpa Oaks because it is close by and has very nice equipment.
- 4. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).

## **VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES**

- I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
- Metro parks lots of choices. Star parks many to chose from.
- Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
- 4. Star Jaycee Royal Oak. Clean, lots to offer, nice trees
- 5. State Parks the variety of the parks
- I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
- 7. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
- 8. Change of scenery and different activities
- 9. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
- 10. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
- 11. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
- 12. Park in oak park behind state-police post-Southfield park behind library love both park nice slides for the kids multitude of things for the kids to play with
- 13. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
- 14. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
- 15. Beverly Hills Park Clean & lots of equipment. Huntington Woods @ Elgin nice tot lot.
- 16. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.

- 17. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
- 18. Carpenter lake wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve wooded area with deer. Belle Isle lots of options. Quickstad park
- 19. State parks- restrooms and options of activities
- 20. 12 mile in Southfield farm park. Great theme it's large and has lots of options.

# **SIZE OF PARK**

- 1. State Parks, and metro parks, open, clean, large
- 2. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
- 3. Parks in Royal Oak. Bigger, more trees for shade & newer plays apes
- 4. I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
- 5. Beverly Park lots of open space and walking trails.
- 6. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
- 7. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
- 8. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
- 9. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
- 10. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
- 11. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
- 12. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).

- 13. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
- 14. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
- 15. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
- 16. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
- 17. 12 mile in Southfield farm park. Great theme it's large and has lots of options.
- 18. Kensington. Large Park with 8.5m loop

#### **ACTIVE SPORTS**

- 1. I enjoy the tennid but wish there was more courts and basketball courts.
- Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools.
   Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
- 3. Angell, basketball courts and baseball field equipment is ok
- Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
- Huntington Woods Comm Center basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park - soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak - dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
- I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
- 7. Victoria Park great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
- 8. Hike, play soccer, play basketball, sled
- 9. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.

- southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
- 11. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and may arks or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
- 12. Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
- 13. Inglenook Park, Rosie's Park...nice softball fields. Carpenter Lake peaceful, nature trail
- 14. Clawson for youth sports activities.
- 15. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.
- 16. Parks and ball fields. Golf Courses
- 17. Soccer Fields available
- 18. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
- 19. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.

# **POOLS, SPLASH PADS, & WATER PARKS**

- 1. We visit Birmingham parks both downtown. We love the hills and natural feeling near restaurants on old Woodward, Love the one right by the shopping district too so nice to give the kids a break and still be in town and walk for coffee or lunch. We also go to the warren indoor pool frequently in the winter spring and fall went the kids want water sports, occasionally going to oak park or Southfield outdoor pools. We also visit the Birmingham ice rink now & visit New Baltimore beach & splash pa.
- 2. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
- Indoor pools! Outdoor activities like stargazing. Hiking.
- Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools.
   Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
- Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it.
   Oak park and huntington woods pools. We love them. Starr jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
- Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
- 7. State Parks most often. Also Royal Oak parks near family. Splash pads when available and weather permitting for nieces.
- 8. Splash pads and water misters. Picnic areas. Safe play areas for young toddlers.
- Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
- 10. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
- 11. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
- 12. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.

- 13. pool, splash pad, climbing wall
- 14. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
- 15. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
- 16. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 17. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
- 18. Pleasant ridge Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
- 19. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
- 20. Splash pad. Big playscapes that are completely functional.
- 21. water parks, hiking trails, wooded areas
- 22. Saint clair shores veterans memorial park. A lot of us go with residents there so our kids can play at their amazing park and splash pad. There is nothing around here even like that. Berkley is built as if it is a retirement community but there are so many kids and young families here. Its unfortunate.
- 23. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
- 24. Trails, ice skating, splash pad

- 25. HW Parks, County Parks, Farmington Hills Heritage Park has a Splash Pad and Nature Center
- 26. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
- 27. Slash pad
- 28. Kensington metro park, we like the bike trail and water park
- Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
- 30. pools, splash pads, fishing

#### **TENNIS & PICKLEBALL**

- 1. I enjoy the tennid but wish there was more courts and basketball courts.
- Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools.
   Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
- 3. I go to Huntington woods to plat pickleball.
- 4. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
- 5. Pickleball courts
- Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.

#### **GOLF & DISC GOLF**

- 1. catalpa oaks i like the trail, jaycee R.O. disc golf
- 2. Our main draw is having nice disc golf courses. We go to cass Benton, Kensington, Stoney creek etc to play their courses. When we stay local we usually go to Wagner, firefighters, or star jaycee
- 3. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
- 4. Starr Jaycee park at 13 and Crooks. Awesome play structure, lots of mature shady trees, disc golf.
- 5. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 6. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
- 7. Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
- 8. Parks and ball fields. Golf Courses
- Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon
  Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot),
  waterparks

# PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

- 1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
- Mostly the Community Center. Take Grandchildren to Jaycee Park or park areas with playground equipment. Has not been possible during the pandemic.
- 3. Where I live there are no parks reachable without a very long walk. I have always wanted to take my grandson to a playground without having to get in the car. The play scape closest to me are pattengil and Jaycee Park. Both have nice play structures but are not within walking distance for a toddler or a grandmother with a stroller. I realize that it is not practical to try and find more park space in the middle of established neighborhoods.
- 4. Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
- 5. MIller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
- 6. shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
- 7. Star Jaycee royal oak like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birminghalast two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure!, like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
- 8. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungie thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
- 9. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
- 10. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/ hiking trails, dog friendly
- 11. equipment for all ages, not hot to the touch, clean, maintained, ample activities/structure

- 12. Gallup Park is Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsbourgh Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipt and restrooms there...
- 13. Beverly park, great play area for kids and has bathrooms
- 14. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), carpenter lake (trails), independence oaks (trails), proud lake (trials),
- 15. Bloomer Park in Rochester great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
- 16. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
- 17. I like that they have Tot equipment. A lot of the parks in Berkley are for older/Elementary aged children. Some of the parks elsewhere have turf which is nice. Bathroom facilities would also be great to have along with more picnic tables/benches.
- 18. Royal Oak Jaycee like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
- 19. clean, well maintained. different and interesting play structures
- 20. Splash pads and water misters. Picnic areas. Safe play areas for young toddlers .
- 21. Several parks in Royal Oak we like the kid-friendly playscapes. Most have a section for toddlers and a section for older kids that are close together.
- 22. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths

- 23. Victoria Park great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
- 24. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
- 25. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.
- 26. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
- 27. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
- 28. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
- 29. Gainsboro park. Facilities on site, and all the playground equipment is new, smart, and well laid out.
- 30. Mostly those in Auburn Hills. Play structures targeted at kids 3-12
- 31. Cleanliness, new equip and landscaping
- 32. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 33. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
- 34. Splash pad. Big playscapes that are completely functional.
- 35. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.

- 36. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
- 37. We visit Catalpa Oaks because it is close by and has very nice equipment.
- 38. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
- 39. "Farm Park" on 12 mile in S'field royal Oak Parks. Great play structures and walking paths.
- 40. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
- 41. Corona virus has limited visiting this year. But royal oak, Southfield, and Beverly Hills. We love how big their play equipment is and the walking path
- 42. Inglenook Park (we enjoy the many different play structures)
- 43. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
- 44. Nice playground equipment and pavilions
- 45. Catalpa oaks play area is nice
- 46. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
- 47. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
- 48. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
- 49. Shaded play areas, newer play structures

# **EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**

- 1. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
- Bloomer Park in Rochester great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street - not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
- 3. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
- Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
- Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
- 6. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 7. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life

## **ACTIVE SPORTS**

- 1. Star Jaycee royal oak like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birminghalast two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure! , like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
- Royal Oak Jaycee like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
- 3. Huntington Woods Comm Center basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
- 4. Hike, play soccer, play basketball, sled
- 5. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.
- 6. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,

- 7. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/ Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
- 8. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 9. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
- 10. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic

## **TREES / SHADED AREAS**

- 1. Parks in Royal Oak. Bigger, more trees for shade & newer plays apes
- We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
- 3. They have trees, trails, ultimate frisbee courses, and other things that aren't just baseball diamonds.
- Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
- shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
- 6. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
- 7. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
- 8. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/ hiking trails, dog friendly
- 9. not good with names, but what I like are the fully grown trees and all the shade and quiet
- Star Jaycee Royal Oak. Clean, lots to offer, nice trees
- 11. Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it.
  Oak park and huntington woods pools. We love them. Starr jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
- 12. Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
- 13. Starr Jaycee park at 13 and Crooks. Awesome play structure, lots of mature shady trees, disc golf.

- 14. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
- Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
- 16. Parks with lots of shade.
- 17. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths
- 18. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
- 19. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
- huntington woods. well shaded, well maintained, age appropriate, many small and some larger parks.
- 21. Pleasant ridge Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
- 22. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
- 23. Starr Jaycee in Royal Oak lots of shade inglenook park in Southfield great covered patio with picnic tables late open spaces
- 24. I like jaycee park. it has a pavilion and shade.
- 25. Victoria Park needs more shade
- 26. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life
- 27. Plenty of shaded areas, bathrooms, splash pad and rental options
- 28. Shaded play areas, newer play structures

#### **DOG PARK**

- 1. We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
- State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
- 3. Belle Isle water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
- 4. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungie thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
- 5. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
- 6. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
- 7. I like that they have Tot equipment. A lot of the parks in Berkley are for older/Elementary aged children. Some of the parks elsewhere have turf which is nice. Bathroom facilities would also be great to have along with more picnic tables/benches.
- 8. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
- 9. Splash pads and water misters. Picnic areas. Safe play areas for young toddlers .
- Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
- 11. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.

- 12. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
- 13. Oakland county parks, picnic and pavilion and walking trails
- 14. Manicured grass. Fountains. Tables with chairs.
- 15. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.
- Maxwell Park, RO. Very clean Clawson Park, very clean.
- 17. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
- 18. Clawson—bathrooms and big pavilion
- 19. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
- Starr Jaycee in Royal Oak lots of shade inglenook park in Southfield great covered patio with picnic tables late open spaces
- 21. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.
- 22. I like jaycee park. it has a pavilion and shade.
- 23. Drinking Fountains/ Accessible Bathrooms
- 24. We like that Beverly Park has bathrooms and a sheltered picnic area.
- 25. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
- 26. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
- 27. Catalpa Park we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill

- 28. Nice playground equipment and pavilions
- 29. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
- 30. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Centertrails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
- 31. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
- 32. picnic tables, natute, trails
- 33. Parks in Royal Oak have far more open space to run. Drinking fountains are great to have or water bottle filling stations. Bike fixing stations.

#### **ACCESSIBILITY & AGE INCLUSIVENESS**

- 1. Star Jaycee royal oak like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birminghalast two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure!, like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
- 2. equipment for all ages, not hot to the touch, clean, maintained, ample activities/structure
- Gallup Park is Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsbourgh Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipt and restrooms there...
- 4. Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
- 5. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids - it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons - disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.

- 6. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
- 7. Several parks in Royal Oak we like the kid-friendly playscapes. Most have a section for toddlers and a section for older kids that are close together.
- 8. Geared too much towards kids -adults and dogs use parks, too
- 9. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
- 10. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.

## **BATHROOM FACILITIES**

- Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
- Belle Isle water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
- 3. Star Jaycee royal oak like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birminghalast two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure!, like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
- 4. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
- Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it.
   Oak park and huntington woods pools. We love them. Starr jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
- Gallup Park is Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsbourgh Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipt and restrooms there...
- 7. Beverly park, great play area for kids and has bathrooms
- 8. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), carpenter lake (trails), independence oaks (trails), proud lake (trials),
- I like that they have Tot equipment. A lot of the parks in Berkley are for older/Elementary aged children. Some of the parks elsewhere have turf which is nice. Bathroom facilities would also be great to have along with more picnic tables/ benches.
- 10. Royal Oak Jaycee like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
- 11. Huntington Woods Comm Center basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
- 12. Bike trails, access to bathrooms
- 13. Bathrooms are either non-existent or closed.

- 14. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
- 15. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
- 16. Catalpa Oaks love having a great bathroom building.
- 17. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
- 18. Pleasant ridge Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
- 19. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
- 20. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.
- 21. Clawson—bathrooms and big pavilion
- 22. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
- 23. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.
- 24. Drinking Fountains/ Accessible Bathrooms
- 25. We like that Beverly Park has bathrooms and a sheltered picnic area.
- 26. State parks- restrooms and options of activities
- 27. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
- 28. Pleasant Ridge Gainsboro park has bathrooms and a good amount of different climbing and spinning equipment

## **PARKING**

- 1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
- Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.

#### **PROGRAMMING**

- 1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
- 2. State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
- 3. Royal oak and Birmingham well kept great kid programs
- 4. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.

# **DOG PARK / DOG ACTIVITIES**

- We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
- 2. Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
- 3. Dog parks. Socialization of the dogs with exercise. The Oxford park is great with the wooded areas and lake for fog swimming.
- 4. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/ hiking trails, dog friendly
- 5. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
- 6. red oak dog park
- 7. We like to hike on nature trails and also go to dog parks.
- 8. Royal Oak Jaycee like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
- 9. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.

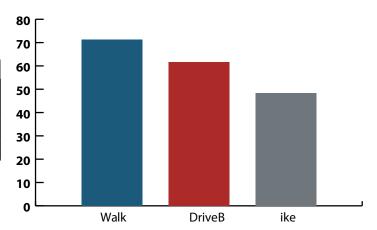
- 10. Huntington Woods Comm Center basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
- southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
- 12. Red Oaks Dog Park
- 13. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and may arks or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
- 14. Kensington. Room for dog to run
- 15. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
- Mostly parks that are close and have trails for walking dogs. Also parks that have fenced area for dogs.
- 17. Dog parks, bike trails, nature areas
- 18. We only venture out to get a long trail, or dog park. Like Independence Oaks.

# **OTHER**

- 1. They have trees, trails, ultimate frisbee courses, and other things that aren't just baseball diamonds.
- 2. We visit Birmingham parks both downtown. We love the hills and natural feeling near restaurants on old Woodward, Love the one right by the shopping district too so nice to give the kids a break and still be in town and walk for coffee or lunch. We also go to the warren indoor pool frequently in the winter spring and fall went the kids want water sports, occasionally going to oak park or Southfield outdoor pools. We also visit the Birmingham ice rink now & visit New Baltimore beach & splash pa.
- 3. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.
- 4. pool, splash pad, climbing wall
- 5. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
- 6. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
- 7. The community center could be so much more. Look at the community centers for Pleasant Ridge or Huntington Woods.
- 8. Parks in Birmingham. I like that they have toy trucks for the kids to play with. Lots of shaded areas. I like the park in downtown Birmingham bc it has a cool hill to ride down on cardboard boxes. I also like the farm inspired park in Southfield on 12 mile road.
- 9. uuuussually
- 10. Trails, ice skating, splash pad
- 11. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
- 12. Pleasant Ridge Gainsboro park has bathrooms and a good amount of different climbing and spinning equipment
- 13. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.

Q11: How do you typically travel to your local parks? Choose all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Walk	312	71.2%
Drive	270	61.6%
Bike	212	48.4%
Total Responses	794	



Q12: What types of activities do you or your family members participate in? Note that this can include any facility, not just Berkley's. Choose all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, jogging, cycling, rollerblading, etc.)	353	79.7%
Farmer's market	293	66.1%
Street or casual biking	284	64.1%
Outdoor park activities / playground	267	60.3%
Picnicking	257	58.0%
Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing, etc.)	251	56.7%
Movie nights or concerts in the park	219	49.4%
Aquatics (e.g. swimming, splash pad)	211	47.6%
Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.)	194	43.8%
Sledding	179	40.4%
Dog park / dog walking	175	39.5%
Canoeing / kayaking	171	38.6%
Court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	159	35.9%

Answer	Responses	Percent
Off-trail / rustic hiking	132	29.8%
Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature ID, etc.)	126	28.4%
Golf	120	27.1%
Kite flying	104	23.5%
Painting / photography / sculpture	101	22.8%
Mountain biking	84	19.0%
Figure skating / hockey	78	17.6%
Community gardening	68	15.3%
Skiing (cross country or alpine)	60	13.5%
Senior programs	52	11.7%
Disc golf	51	11.5%
Horseback riding	43	9.7%
Skateboarding	38	8.6%
Geocacheing	36	8.1%
Other (Please specify)	20	4.50%
Total Responses	4,126	

### **OTHER RESPONSES**

- flying rc planes
- Gymnastics and easter events, art fairs and carnival
- Camping
- tennis
- yoga in park
- Badminton
- group fitness classes,
- I walk around my neighborhood
- art fairs

- Swimming
- club meetings outdoors
- Tai chi
- Snowshoeing
- Camping
- Stand Uo Paddlebiard
- Used to be Kids gymnastics at the community center and holiday events.
- Yoga

Q13: Which of the following amenities would you like to see more of or improved in Berkley parks? Choose all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Community Center	271	61.7%
Multi-use walking/biking paths (i.e. 10'-wide paved pathways)	264	60.1%
Bathrooms	262	59.7%
Picnic areas and pavilions	220	50.1%
Fitness / exercise trails	213	48.5%
Splash pad	197	44.9%
Natural areas	194	44.2%
Rustic walking paths (i.e. 6 to 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths)	191	43.5%
Drinking fountains	182	41.5%
Playground structures	176	40.1%
Indoor gym & fitness facility	161	36.7%
Bike racks	155	35.3%
Community gardens	154	35.1%
Dog parks	149	33.9%

Answer	Responses	Percent
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	133	30.3%
Amphitheater / stage	119	27.1%
Pocket parks	114	26.0%
Basketball courts	95	21.6%
Linear parks/trails	89	20.3%
Demonstration gardens	80	18.2%
Sand volleyball courts	77	17.5%
Soccer fields	71	16.2%
Tennis courts	63	14.4%
Baseball fields	54	12.3%
Mountain biking trails	53	12.1%
Pickleball courts	51	11.6%
Disc golf	47	10.7%
Skate park	45	10.3%
Cross-country ski trails	33	7.5%
Other (Please specify)	24	5.50%
Total Responses	3,937	

#### **OTHER RESPONSES**

- trash cans! Need more around the parks so people stop leaving their trash in the streets.
   Par-ticularly by the parking area on Wiltshire by Angell Ele-mentary.
- Indoor Pool
- Street hockey court
- Pave catalpa so it is smooth for bik-ing and make a bike lane each way
- Pool
- The gym at the community center could use more storage for equipment
- Pool
- Pools both a kiddie pool and an adult lap pool
- Swimming pool
- Pool
- indoor ice arena
- Also maintaining current parks. Lots of broken equipment on playgrounds.
- Pool, like that of Huntington Woods

- pool
- Like to see a covered walkway to the community center that could also be used as a mini farmer's market days and foodtruck rally. Also would love an outdoor swimming pool.
- more lights for the senior to cross near so people won't get hit
- Pool
- POOL!!!
- Outdoor pool
- Pool. Charge residents a certain membership fee.
   Then whatever space is left, charge non residents larger fee. OR negotiate with Huntington woods to let us pay additional fee to use their pool
- Indoor pool. The high school is not a good option for families.
- Indoor tennis courts
- swimming
- Pool

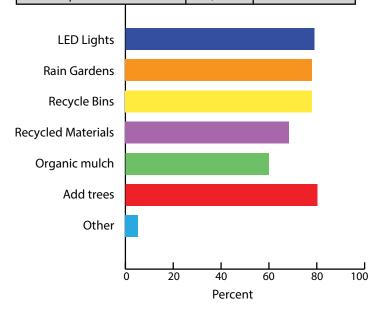
Q14: Sustainable design or "green" amenities are designed to help minimize the impact of a property on the environment. Some common green design features include use of LED lights, rain gardens, adding recycle bins, adding trees, and more. Would you be in favor of including sustainable design features in Berkley parks

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	417	94.1%
No	26	5.9%
Total Responses	443	



Q15: If yes, what kind of sustainable features would you like to see included?

Answer	Responses	Percent
LED lights	327	79.0%
Rain gardens	323	78.0%
Recycle bins	323	78.0%
Equipment made of recycled mate-rials	283	68.4%
Organic mulch and fertilizers	248	59.9%
Add trees	332	80.2%
Other (Please specify)	22	5.3%
Total Responses	1,858	

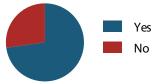


**OTHER RESPONSES** 

- underground water retention to prevent flooded/ muddy parks
- Add trees, add trees, add trees!
- Add trees
- Please do not spray pesticides and other chemicals where children play!!
- Rainwater retention
- No use of any pesticides on any green space in the city!!!!!!
- Drought-resistant and native plants
- · Community gardens
- sustainable community farming!
- Lights that have low impact on light pollution
- Solar power
- Insect 'hotels', educational signs about protecting the environment,
- More permeable surfaces
- Educational natural gardens with native plants
- · Benches, drinking fountains
- Polinator and native plant gardens. Pourous ground to help with runoff. NO use of pesticides
- No poisonous weed or insect kill-ers
- Whatever isn't going to raise taxes. Man just get it as cheap that you can.
- Compost bin
- Xeriscaping native plants that need little irrigation, instead of grass!

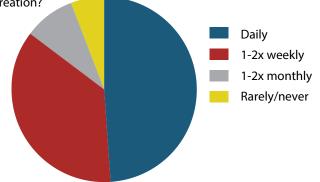
<b>Q16:</b> "Smart Parks" are parks that use technology to improve
the user experience by providing equitable access,
enhancing health and safety, and improving overall
operations. Examples of Smart Park technology
include benches with built-in charging ports and wi-fi,
sensors to help automate trash pick-up and irrigation,
shade structures with solar panels, and more.
Should Berkley evaluate Smart Park technology and
incorporate it into area parks where appropriate?

Responses	Percent
321	72.8%
120	27.2%
441	
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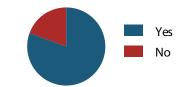
Q17: How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle for exercise or recreation?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Daily	218	49.0%
Once or twice weekly	162	36.4%
Once or twice monthly	40	9.0%
Rarely or never	25	5.6%
Total Responses	445	



Q18: Should Berkley work with surrounding communities to develop an interconnected regional trail network?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	354	80.8%
No	84	19.2%
Total Responses	438	



## Q19: If yes, are there any routes you would like to see developed?

- 1. A route between our surrounding communities that lead up to Birmingham and down to Ferndale
- 2. Any
- 3. an east-West interconnect. route to stoney Creek.
- 4. Not sure. Maybe a Royal Oak, Lathrup Village, Birmingham, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Ferndale route.
- 5. Royal Oak
- 6. Royal oak and Huntington woods
- 7. Connect with rails to trails network
- 8. A 5k to 10k loop that connects Huntington Woods, Berkley, and North Oak Part would be great
- 9. No specific roads/routes, but it would be fun to have a pained line that runs through all the different Berkley parks. Connecting them to one another so a running/biker can follow that line and hit up all the parks.
- 10. Yes
- 11. Berkley, Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Ferndale
- 12. woodward trail
- 13. Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills
- 14. Bike route streets need to be maintained (Harvard especially, east of Coolidge). Connecting the trail at community park to other parks would be a feat but would also be interesting.
- 15. Safe routes from Berkley to Royal Oak

- 16. Royal Oak, Southfield, Ferndale, etc..
- 17. To Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Southfield
- 18. Cass to Newport via Huntington Woods to Pleasant Ridge
- 19. No comment
- 20. Right now I have to drive to find a wooded area to walk or walk the sidewalks of surrounding blocks. Access to a walking trail within a mile of my home would be wonderful.
- 21. berkley-beverly hills-birmingham; berkley-HW-RO
- 22. Nope.
- 23. I'm not sure which routes would be appropriate.
- 24. I go through oak park to Huntington woods back to Berkley
- 25. Develop the alleyways behind the twelve mile and Coolidge businesses.
- 26. accessible and useable by the elderly
- 27. Any
- 28. To Detroit
- 29. Any where. This is a great idea
- 30. Not along busy streets
- 31. any trail that will allow me to walk/jog with my dogs. Only options are sidewalks in Berkley. You have posted signs that don't allow me to walk around Hurley field which are the only paths other than sidewalks in the neghborhood.

- 32. If feasible a route between Berkley, RO, and Birmingham or a route between Berkley, Southfield, and Huntington Woods.
- 33. A path to Royal Oak
- 34. bike routes along residential streets
- 35. Royal oak, Huntington woods, Beverly hills
- 36. Webster
- 37. We're more trail walkers, which isn't very likely to be linked to surrounding communities. Maybe develop cooperative literature with surrounding communities detailing their trail options? Sort of a one-stop-shop for which trail we'll visit this week. Searching individual communities' websites for information or word of mouth is inefficient.
- 38. To downtown Clawson and downtown Royal Oak
- 39. Connecting to rails to trails and camping
- 40. Comprehensive networks that emphasize non-motorized pathways between our small, interconnected cities
- 41. Routes through Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale.
- 42. I am a runner and a walker. While the idea of connected routes is nice, it is not realistic with the traffic we have in South Oakland County. I run and walk in the neighborhoods so I don't have to worry about crossing busy intersections.
- 43. Something that connects to water somewhere
- 44. Pleasent Ridge through Huntington Woods into Berkley
- 45. Anything that is paved and safe
- 46. Royal oak
- 47. Expand the path that is currently around the Health Dept at Catalpa and Greenfield thru Berkley HW SField and OP
- 48. How about an easier way for pedestrians to cross Woodward between Royal Oak and H. Woods, and Berkley?
- 49. RO, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Ferndale
- 50. Woodward bike trail.
- 51. there is a route along 696 we could more visually connect to by coolidge.
- 52. Something that does not impede or diminish regular roads and traffic
- 53. Berkley into Huntington woods, specifically creating one or two crosswalks near the preschool and park

- 54. 12 Mile to Main.
- 55. Along Mortenson across 11 Mile through Scotia to Pleasant Ridge/Ferndale. Perimeter of Roseland Park Cemetery. From Cemetery along Webster to Greenfield.
- 56. I would like a bike route that does not involve intermingling with cars
- 57. Utilize alleys as bicycle routes. Along Woodward from Bham thru Ferndale and throughout Berkley, Ferndale, RO,
- 58. not sure have not looked into it
- 59. Berkley to royal oak and ferndale
- 60. coordination of bicycle lanes on major thoroughfares. Goal is lengthy, relatively uninterrupted Idedicated lanes
- 61. Designated v. Shoulder bike route on catalpa, somehow connect to Normandy in royal oak bike route and Ferndale bike routes with more designated bike lanes. Traverse City has done a fantastic job on 8th street with combined bike lane and sidewalk. Something like this would be great around here to manage traffic and bikes better
- 62. near 11 mile rd and Coolidge up to 12 mile rd
- 63. I would prefer to see walking, hiking, biking off of the busy streets like 11 and 12 mile roads and Coolidge.
- 64. From Berkley through Royal Oak, Ferndale, and Southfield
- 65. from the hospital to 696, and from southfield to downtown royal oak
- 66. No particular ideas, but Berkley is a little small to house a large trail by itself.
- 67. any and all. this is a great idea.
- 68. Routes that connect so you can go places but aren't on major roads.
- 69. Huntington Woods...Royal Oak
- 70. Royal oak, Huntington woods, ferndale
- 71. Routes should stay clear of main roads whenever possible
- 72. Route connecting to downtown Ferndale/9 mile through Oak Park. Safe connection to Scotia possibly.
- 73. What ever is the most ligical and safest.
- 74. No idea
- 75. Can you connect to the Clinton River Trails?

- 76. One major north and south route, along with a major east and west route.
- 77. Between Berkley, H.W. and a clearer path along the East side of Roseland Cemetary!
- 78. Not specifically
- 79. North-South from Birmingham to Ferndale, if not farther
- 80. 11 mile to 12 mile rd
- 81. Bike routes and walking trails
- 82. Nothing specific
- 83. Berkley is a grid system community. Biking and walking routes in the city are many and varied. Also are very safe if busy roads are not used.
- 84. Even with the changes on coolidge for the bike lane I would not feel safe riding my bike and I certainly don't think it's safe for my kids. I think it should possibly be revisited asap. Having better options a walking/biking trail makes more sense to me personally. I would love to ride a bike to royal oak or ferndale. Better, more reliable transportation options would really help Detroit Metro in general.
- 85. If it is close to my home, I would use it. We live by Pattengill.
- 86. Linking Birmingham, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills
- 87. Berkley to Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale
- 88. connect to Pleasant Ridge, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Troy, to the Paint Creek Trail. In Chicago, the lakefront trails and forest preserves are so interconnected you can bike ride from the suburbs to the city on miles and miles of trails!
- 89. Between berkley and Royal is oak and berkley to Birmingham...
- 90. Link Berkley, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Birmingham in a pedestrian friendly path, insulated from vehicle traffic.
- 91. Trails to downtown Ferndale and Royal Oak
- 92. Nothing specific in mind.
- 93. Coolidge north of 12 Mile, something like the new wide multi-use path along 9 Mile. Bike lanes along all of 11 Mile with pedestrian crosswalks at Stanford and Scotia/Mortenson.
- 94. Into the surrounding communities: Royal Oak, Southfield, Birmingham, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Ferndale, etc.
- 95. Birmingham, Ferndale, Royal oak

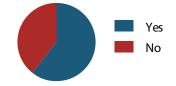
- 96. Woodward?
- 97. designated pedestrian/bike path into nearby communities would be great. Wasn't there a plan to accommodate bikes along RR tracks to Detroit?
- 98. Pedestrian Bridge over woodward @ catalpa
- 99. Easier access walking and biking across Woodward. For example catalpa to vincetta. A bike path between downtown berkley and royal oak and berkley and Birmingham would be great.
- 100. Berkley to Royal Oak on Vinsetta
- 101. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT! I am constantly leaving Berkley for this type of recreation. I most often go to the Clinton River Trail in Rochester, the West Bloomfield Trail, or the trail in Linden Park in Birmingham.
- 102. Improved bike lanes/trail paths connecting to multiple surrounding cities.
- 103. berkley, hw, royal oak, southfield, oak park, bingham farms, birmingham
- 104. Please give us a trail anywhere in the City! The sidewalks in berkley are in terrible shape.
- 105. No
- 106. Safe biking or hiking/walking routes to neighboring cities even those including Troy, Madison Heights, Birmingham, etc.
- 107. Trail through Oakland Co.
- 108. ?
- 109. Cranbrook to 8 mile
- 110. Tie all the parks together by trails with safer walkways to cross major roads
- 111. From Berkley to oak park and Berkley to Birmingham
- 112. Bike
- 113. I love trails but there is nowhere in the area that has good trail hiking. If there was a way for communities to have unpaved trails through wooded areas that would be amazing.
- 114. HWoods to B'ham
- 115. Berkley to Birmingham
- 116. Royal Oak, Troy, Madison Heights, Huntington Woods
- 117. to Birmingham and Quarton Lake area, Royal Oak, Oak Park
- 118. Bike route to Belle isle
- 119. A safe crossing at Woodward.

- 120. Connections to Royal Oak and Southfield/Beverly Hills
- 121. Ferndale, Royal Oak
- 122. Less traveled streets
- 123. Berkley to downtown royal oak
- 124. Connection to a rails to trails bike path, connection to Detroit green spaces.
- 125. connect to Pleasant Ridge, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Troy, to the Paint Creek Trail. In Chicago, the lakefront trails and forest preserves are so interconnected you can bike ride from the suburbs to the city on miles and miles of trails!
- 126. 11 mile to Royal Oak. Work with Oak Park. Making that a walled off community. Incorporate Berkley with Oak Park and bridge the gap.
- 127. toward Huntington Woods park/library, Royal Oak farmers market
- 128. Berkley to Birmingham to Beverly Hills to Franklin to Bloomfield Hills to West Bloomfield
- 129. To Royal Oak and Birmingham

- 130. a berkley, huntingwoods and oak park trail would be nice
- 131. Something that includes royal oak berkley
  Beaumont Huntington woods and oak park all west
  of Woodward
- 132. Better connecting Berkley to Huntington Woods, Oak Park, and Royal Oak.
- 133. 11 mile rd and 12 mile cut down on traffic
- 134. None
- 135. Perhaps something across Catalpa into Royal Oak to the park there by the railroad via Doc
- 136. Trails through natural areas with Royal Oak, Huntington Woods,
- 137. None in particular
- 138. Woodward Corridor north to Pontiac and south to detroit
- 139. Berkley south through Huntington Woods, Oak Park. Berkley north through Royal Oak west side of woodward/ Roseland Park Cemetary.
- 140. To downtown areas (royal oak, Birmingham). I think it would be cool to see something like a snowmobile trail.

**Q20:** Do you participate in programs and special events offered by Berkley Parks & Recreation?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	262	60.8%
No	169	39.2%
Total Responses	431	



## **Q21:** If yes, which programs or events do you participate in?

- 1. Family recreation events
- 2. Tennis
- 3. Camp, classes for kids, scavenger hunt :)
- 4. boofest, b'fast with bunny, daddy daughter/mother son dance,
- 5. Berkley days Jr women's club events
- 6. dog training; yoga/exercise
- 7. Fitness
- 8. Youth programs, dog training
- 9. Summer Camp
- 10. summer day camp
- 11. Art Bash, Cruisefest, used to have kids in youth summer camps
- 12. Bear Lacrosse
- 13. Swim Classes, Dance Classes, Daddy Daughter Dance, BooBash, etc.
- 14. Daddy-Daughter Dance, Berkley Days, Lids for Kids
- 15. summer camps, day camps, holiday events, rec classes
- 16. kids and family programs such as summerfest and winterfest, Breakfast with the Bunny, Boofest, Tale on the Trail
- 17. Summer camp, Dance class, baseball camp, Winterfest, summerfest events, Berkley Days, Art Bash, etc
- 18. None recently due to current events... in the past: Karate, CPR, etc.
- 19. most of the ones that are their craft shows, events hosted by them and jr womens guild taste of berkley friends of the berkley p/r
- 20. Mother-Son and Father-Daughter dances, summer camps prior to coronavirus, Doll Tea Party
- 21. Programming at the Community Center, Special Events (Dances, Movies, etc)
- 22. Movies, walking, Easter Egg hunt, Halloween
- 23. Dance for my daughter.

- 24. I wanted to put my toddler in field sports this summer. However, due to covid-19 we weren't able to. We did swim for tots with her at the high school
- 25. Tumble Tots, Story Trails
- 26. Children's and seniors
- 27. Children's programming in the past
- 28. Nothing recent, but have participated in exercise programs, recycling programs
- 29. Free
- 30. Camps, Bekley Days
- 31. Camps, youth activities
- 32. Special events would attend if there were more
- 33. Berkley Steelers football Berkley Baseball
- 34. Yoga
- 35. senior programs
- 36. Berkley camps
- 37. many senior programs and events.
- 38. vacation camps
- 39. Karate (past)
- 40. Adult dancing, exercise, financial etc.
- 41. Dance, art bash, berkley days, holiday parade
- 42. Senior day trips
- 43. Kids programs and camp
- 44. Kids program s, some adult enrichment
- 45. Summer Kamp, Parents Night Out, Summerfest, Winterfest
- 46. Community fairs/vendor expos
- 47. Daddy-Daughter Dance, Summer Camp,
- 48. Children's classes
- 49. Day Kamp
- 50. Field trips
- 51. dog obience
- 52. Daddy Daughter Dances, Holiday Festivities
- 53. Festivals, classes

- 54. Mommy and me gymnastics at red center, open play at Rex center, dolly and me tea, touch a truck, winter fest, Berkley days, dream cruise, parade, Xmas parade, Halloween at red center, Halloween at Jaycee park, summer fest at tot lot
- 55. Youth
- 56. Gymnastics, easter events, halloween events, art fairs, carnival
- 57. Berkley days, winterfest,
- 58. Tennis
- 59. Holiday / Dances / Camp/ Renting Facility / Exercise / Craft Fairs
- 60. tennis lessons
- 61. Most downtown events like art bash, cruisefest, irish fest, etc
- 62. We have done lacrosse, was getting into swimming lessons. After school programs.
- 63. Summer Fest, reading programs, Halloween reading events,
- 64. Swimming class, day camps, kids and adult classes
- 65. Fitness and children's programming
- 66. Baseball
- 67. Fitness and camps
- 68. Zumba
- 69. Used to before covid. Children's programs
- 70. youth
- 71. Sports
- 72. Senior trips
- 73. Sports and other activities for boys 8-10
- 74. Yoga, gymnastics, ninja,
- 75. Senior Exercise
- 76. Summer Parks for children
- 77. Carnival, baking competitions, move nights.
- 78. Summer camp, movies. We used to do more but my children are aging out of many of the programs.
- 79. Art bash Berkley days Christmas parade Cruise Fest
- 80. yoga
- 81. Watching friends kids play sports, Taste of Berkley, meetings at P&R facilities, Babysitting training for our daughter
- 82. a while back i participated in a zumba class. I am not aware what is currently being offered. always leaned about it through the newsletter
- 83. Kids programs

- 84. Dog obedience
- 85. Tennis, special events, karate, camps, Zumba
- 86. I usually do some type of program at the communitiy center like Yoga but they have often been cancelled
- 87. Adult activities
- 88. Youth programs and sports
- 89. special events
- 90. Tennis; fairs/events on 12 mile; robina concerts, random programming in berkley buzz
- 91. the Senior
- 92. When my kids were younger, we participated in the youth programs and loved it. Now that they are teens, there is not much for them to participate in.
- 93. Chalk art festival
- 94. Child & Pet programs
- 95. We have done activities for children including dance and pillow polo, dog training, winter fest, Berkley Days, movies outdoors, and some of the holiday activities
- 96. exercise
- 97. Did young kids programs when kids little, puppy class
- 98. Many at the community center, summer children's programming (tot lot party, etc), tot playgroup, art class
- 99. Multiple activities with Jump-A-Rama (gymnasitics, tumbling, NERF activities, Ninja Warriors, Parent's Night Out), we used to take our kids to learn to skate at the Berkley Ice Arena. We participate in the Daddy-daughter and Mom-Son dances/activities, our kids also take swimming lessions at the High School Pool.
- 100. Childrens programs
- 101. Multiple Jump-A-Rama programs (they are the BEST!), karate, parents night out, dolly & me teas, nerf wars, father daughter dances, mother son dances, some of the day camps for the kids
- 102. Winter fest
- 103. Summer camp, reading in the park, various kid events like the Halloween party, berkley days
- 104. Swim lessons
- 105. Day camp. Community center activities.
- 106. Swimming lessons
- 107. Music series, festivals

- for events
- 109. Summer Camp, vacation camp
- 110. exercise/yoga, arts/crafts, special events
- 111. Adult fitness classes
- 112. in the past, i have done exercise classes and attended community days and festivals
- 113. Downtown Berkley Activities, Free Movies, Scavenger Hunts
- 114. Daddy daughter dance, story time in the park
- 115. All events- have tried a few youth classes
- 116. street festivals, kids sports in the future
- 117. Community offerings
- 118. Stories in the park, tot lot event, community center events and kids classes.
- 119. Summer camp
- 120. Special events
- 121. Special Events
- 122. Nearly all family events
- 123. my kids took lessons and we skated at the ice rink. They played t-ball and soccer. They took dance lessons. Berkley has tried to keep its small town feel which was part of why we chose to live here.
- 124. Dog classes, kid classes
- 125. Adult exercise when there are classes I am interested in. Selection tends to be limited.
- 126. Yoga, plays, dog obedence, craft/holiday shows, movie night, cruisefest
- 127. Vacation Camp, Yoga
- 128. Holiday events, parent and child events, dances, classes, mom and child groups, movie nights, bouncy house activities...
- 129. Youth camps, classes. Winterfest
- 130. I have participated in past kickball leagues and other events put on within the city.
- 131. Sports camps
- 132. Kids classes and daddy daughter dance
- 133. Kids programming, basketball, baseball, other kids programs
- 134. Dogs, crafts, ladies night out, art bash
- 135. Concerts that used to be up on 12 mile
- 136. sports, travel, learning, exercise

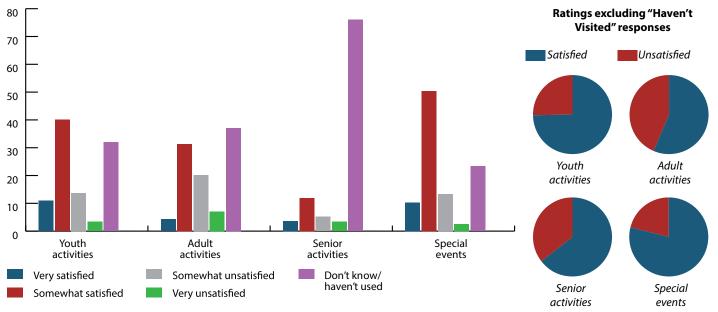
- 108. Community outreach and programs, street closures 137. I no longer participate due to the condition of our facilities, but had previously participated in Zumba, kids kamp, ice skating (lessons and open skate), Berkley days, tennis lessons, rented multipurpose room, dog training.
  - 138. Concert
  - 139. Kids baseball
  - 140. Tau chi
  - 141. Holiday Lights Parade, Art Bash, Cruise Fest, Etc.
  - 142. Lacrosse
  - 143. Winterfest and some community center programs
  - 144. Youth baseball
  - 145. community gather, icecream social, base/softball,
  - 146. I try to participate in all but specifically Berkley Davs, the Cruise on 12 Mile and the Christmas **Parade**
  - 147. Adult Sports and exercise classes
  - 148. Dog training, ice cream social, story time in the
  - 149. Boofest, Art Bash, Ladies Night, tot lot night, open play at community center
  - 150. Open play at the community center
  - 151. Exercise
  - 152. Holiday Lights, Craftshow, Punt, Pas, Kick, Lids 4kids, Boo fest, community Garage Sale, summer Day Camps, Winterfest
  - 153. Excercise programs
  - 154. bus trips cards exercise classes
  - 155. Urban gym, Halloween, Berkley days, etc...
  - 156. Urbangym berkley days
  - 157. Most annual events and some classes. Also, Pillo
  - 158. Dog training, open gym for kids, hunter safety, snowmobile safety
  - 159. Movies, art
  - 160. Childrens events and sports, adult fitness
  - 161. Dog training at the community center
  - 162. Dog classes
  - 163. euchre cards for seniors
  - 164. one put on between jr womens, holiday shop berkley days touch a truck too many to name
  - 165. None currently due to covid, but many in past for kids - gymnastics, child safety

- 166. Winter fest, Summer Fest
- 167. Senior trips
- 168. Superhero dance, winter festival, art festivals
- 169. Adult learning, child sports
- 170. meetings at community center
- 171. yoga, swim, community events, etc. anything available we can make it to
- 172. Drop in and play, Summerfest, doll tea, tumble tots
- 173. Tennis
- 174. Classes, use community center for meetings
- 175. Ones for the kids / youth
- 176. Kids classes
- 177. Camp
- 178. Camp, kid programs, would like to see more teen offerings.
- 179. Senior
- 180. Zumba, zumba kids, yoga, painting, pickle ball, parents night out, cheer
- 181. Camp, gymnastics, ice skating (when we had it) dance,
- 182. Movies at the park, dream cruise, zumba, Christmas parade, etc
- 183. lap swim
- 184. The on the trail, sorry I can't remember more!
- 185. It has been a long time, but we have used dog training classes, arts and crafts classes, and fitness classes. The offerings seem to grow less interesting over the years and have very little variety, to be honest, I have stopped looking at the classes for the past few years because so little was inter, and I've paid to take community fitness classes in Troy instead. Have taken arts classes at other community centers within the past year too.

- 186. daycamp, vacation camp, yoga
- 187. Some of the outside events. I was in camps as a kid through Berkley CC.
- 188. book walk, library reading in park with p&r games
- 189. Senior activities, holiday parade, fire prevention, art bash
- 190. Dances, craft shows, classes
- 191. senior exercise
- 192. Kids camp
- 193. Concerts
- 194. Community center open play and tumble tots, summerfest, winterfest
- 195. the senior event
- 196. Watch parades & take a class every now & then if I can afford it
- 197. Activities for my grandson. I have also tried taking some adult Ed classes
- 198. Senior exercise, concert in the park
- 199. Some senior programs, classes, community family events...i can bring my young niece.
- 200. Used to kids gymnastics and easter and halloween events
- 201. Yoga
- 202. Art bash, irish festival, dream cruise( not sure if these are P&R)
- 203. Zumba
- 204. Christmas crafts fair. Berkley Days, Art Fair, Irish Fest, Dream Cruise, Concert
- 205. Fitness programs, family city events like Winterfest, Boofest, Daddy Daughter Dance, Mother Son Night, Breakfast with the Bunny.

**Q22:** How satisfied are you with Berkley's program offerings?

	Very Satisfied		Somewhat sd Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Don't Know / Haven't Used		Without "Haven't Visited"	
Park	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	Sat./ Very Satisfied	Un. / Very Unsatisfied
Youth activities	42	10.9%	155	40.1%	53	13.7%	13	3.4%	124	32.0%	74.9%	25.1%
Adult activities	17	4.3%	124	31.3%	80	20.2%	28	7.1%	147	37.1%	56.6%	43.4%
Senior activities	14	3.6%	46	11.9%	20	5.2%	13	3.4%	295	76.0%	64.5%	35.5%
Special events	40	10.3%	195	50.4%	52	13.4%	10	2.6%	90	23.3%	79.1%	20.9%



**Q23:** If you were unsatisfied with any of Berkley's programs, what was the problem and what can Parks & Recreation do to improve them?

- 1. I think camp programming could be improved. Part of that improvement is the community center and part of it is structure and activities.
- 2. They don't have much impact and they seem to be poorly run.
- 3. space is limited for some events. Would love to have a space dedicated for music/concerts/outdoor theater
- 4. Need place to house summer/ fall music
- 5. Need better facilities
- 6. Any programs that are held in the community center are difficult because of defunct building.
- 7. Community center needs an update and more programs
- 8. Can use more programs for adults.
- 9. Not sure of what adult programs there may be?
- 10. More diverse offerings.

- 11. I wish there were more niche offerings for older kids. Like 4th grade and up. Art, music, etc
- 12. All programs are run by com. groups or a outside company
- More adult programs related to arts and culture, cooking, indoor fitness options like taekwondo/ taichi
- 14. Would like more choices for toddlers. More times and events.
- 15. More programs for demographics between child and seniors and later in the day
- 16. More variety'
- 17. More varieties
- 18. Add more get community of all Ages involved
- 19. Not enough variety.
- 20. not elderly friendly, city allows partial parking on sidewalks, blocking safe baby stroller and wheelchair, in parks and in the community AGAINST HANDICAP COMPLIANCE

- 21. My children participated in the rec leagues and the people running them were very clickly
- 22. New programs
- 23. Look at all the surrounding communities and what they offer as opposed to berkley.
- 24. Not enough field trips, adult classes, crafts
- 25. More music events, food truck rallies, art festivals, etc to get the community to gather, post Covid.
- 26. The facility needs major improvement and everthing seems to be on a low budget scale
- 27. I haven't found as many programs for senior fitness as other communities.
- 28. Facilities are not good. Prefer to use Huntington woods.
- 29. There needs to be more fun activities and enrichment programs for kids and teenagers!!
- 30. Increase variety—have gone to cooking classes in the past
- 31. Senior events
- 32. more variety
- 33. Look at all the surrounding communities and what they offer as opposed to berkley.
- 34. keep them clean
- 35. ease of registration;
- 36. Better instructors and varied programs
- 37. Most young children's classes are often not offered outside of normal business hours. Our children's programming is set up for a stay at home parent only or you need to get hired help.
- 38. cancelled often, the instructors at times were not as trained as I thought they should be
- 39. I feel like my kids age out of the programs quickly. There are a few that we were interested in but they are only offered on one specific time/day every season and it was a day we have a standing commitment and could never sign up.
- 40. I do not think there are enough activities for active seniors in our community. Examples, Yoga for seniors, interesting outings, swimming facilities, exercise equipment geared for seniors.

- 41. The Berkley special events usually seem very thrown together and half-done. For example the Holiday Lights parade is a bunch of noisy fire trucks followed by a long procession of groups walking and throwing candy. There's no excitement or energy to the event at all. Winter/Summerfest events are equally bland. We do appreciate how much Berkley does do with the resources they have. The Art Event on coolidge last year was surprisingly great.
- 42. Toddler classes at the community center are almost hazardous. I had to chase my toddler from automatic opening doors with seniors coming in and out, staircase, unsecured objects. Rooms are trying to serve too many functions. I fully support a new community center.
- 43. Sometimes hard to find programs to fit my schedule.
- 44. Offer a greater variety
- 45. I always look at activities for my child. There are not many programs available for young toddler aged children outside of traditional working hours. As a household with two working parents, we cannot participate in those activities.
- 46. Provide more and better bicycle parking for big special events to lessen the auto parking and traffic.
- 47. More that appeal to teens and adults
- 48. Have staff more engaged with residents, including all managers.
- 49. The last thing I went to was a first aid class a few years ago.
- 50. I want to see more. Ones that bring people in.
- 51. not unsatisfied, but maybe more art fairs, farmers markets, concerts, more indoor activities in the winter, outdoor activities at the parks
- 52. Not enough evening choices. There are great choices of times for classes in the daytime... I still work & need fitness outlets through classes.
- 53. Many programs seem geared towards people who do not work (held only during the day on weekdays). This includes for adults and children, so it makes it hard for working parents to participate. In most families we know, both people work.
- 54. Most Youth classes We tried were a bit chaotic. I felt my money was better spent at an actual school for them (gymnastics, dance)
- 55. Need more/ different types of activities
- 56. Offer more programs

- 57. we really miss the ice rink. Its hard to express how much we miss the ice rink, at this point if we could afford it my son might have been renting off time ice weekly/monthly to get coaching sessions easier.
- 58. I have not been able to take part due to NO classes being offered during working parent hours. I was only able to take my son once when I was not working.
- 59. Not enough adult activities, concert or movie in the park
- 60. Improve class selection specifically exercise and enrichment like painting, knitting/crochet, ceramics, etc.
- 61. canceling day camp, the time of programs makes most of them inaccessible for working families
- 62. Add more senior programs activities
- 63. —
- 64. More art classes for young adults (manga art)
- 65. The variety offered
- 66. Senior programs seemed to be for handicapped. There are active seniors too!
- 67. We need a larger, updated Community Center, more programs for teens, and more evening and weekend options. Also, we have an excellent soccer program (SOCS) and too few soccer fields.
- 68. Farmers markets.
- 69. Hard to evaluate this year as the pandemic has canceled most things.
- 70. Wish we had a nicer community crnter
- 71. Run your own programs like the schools do
- 72. I haven't had the chance to participate with my young children in any youth activities due to COVID, but had plans to.
- 73. More of them and talk about them morr
- 74. host outdoor ice rinks in the Winter. This was represented to be part of the Winterfest, but did not happen.
- 75. A lot of kids programming takes place during the work week, which means working parents can't engage. I would love to see toddler programming on the weekends.
- 76. Seek to create adult evening sports (Softball, Tennis), Family Kickball, Birdie Ball Golf, Corn Hole, Slow Rolls
- 77. Offer more options for adults
- 78. Haven't seen too many adult programs other than fitness that appeal to me

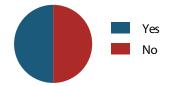
- 79. For me, it's less the programs and more the community center. It's very basic and outdated. That's a big factor for me. I'd be more interested in taking yoga, if it was in a comfortable/relaxing environment. The open play toys are old and sometimes dirty/broken. If the center was more comfortable and inviting, I'd want to spend time there.
- 80. More programs for the variety of ages in Berkley. Also different price points, some were really expensive.
- 81. Nothing appealing to adults and youth activities are too expensive for quality of program.
- 82. Get more activities going.
- 83. adult education& recreational programs
- 84. dog park
- 85. More family events for all ages, need to do more for teens, and family events that include teens.
- 86. Poorly manager and lack creativeness. Also the website sucks
- 87. Just want more options, especially for pre-teens and teens.
- 88. I would like to see a larger selection- I love seeing that they are incorporating outdoor activities. I would like to do cycling, tennis, outdoor fitness and mommy and tot classes
- 89. Somehow let the elderly know DAILY.all that is going on., put it on a calender in the daily Tribune.. is going
- 90. Not enough low impact excercise more Eastern excercise Tai Chi
- 91. My child has a food allergy and has never attended any of the special events (doll tea party, father daughter dance, etc) due to this. I wish there was something available for allergy kids.
- 92. Look at all the surrounding communities and what they offer as opposed to berkley.
- 93. Meh.
- 94. Not nearly enough adult options. Try skills like cooking, outdoor activities
- 95. not elderly friendly, city allows partial parking on sidewalks, blocking safe baby stroller and wheelchair, in parks and in the community AGAINST HANDICAP COMPLIANCE
- 96. Doesn't seem to have enough to offer for 12 years old and up.

- 97. swim class- water is freezing and pool is not easy to get in or out of. community center needs care and more sustainable for everyday use not meeting rooms!
- 98. Better times
- 99. Programs for childre and growing families are most important to us.
- 100. More teen events
- 101. Not very many things to do. You have to go more than 1 time a day for programs. Be nice if they were bunched together. Maybe offer lunch like most cities
- 102. Need better things for seniors . More family things. Berkley has gone down in services . Not so good anymore!
- 103. add additional hours for lap swim
- 104. The same classes and activities seemed to show up in every catalog. Very few arts/crafts offerings. Very few new and innovative fitness offerings. It seems much of the programming is geared toward youth and seniors, with a large gap for middle aged adults who may want enrichment. As I mentioned above, I Gre weary of seeing the same offerings tome and time again, that I've stopped looking at the offerings because nothing new ever seemed to be included for my interests.
- 105. Quit trying to be royal oak
- 106. canceling day camp, the time of programs makes most of them inaccessible for working families

- 107. Just not enough bringing the community together. Underwater basket weaving is cool but for my Grandma you know?
- 108. Better advertising not just online.
- 109. more adult hobby classes
- 110. Lack of indoor space, crowded indoor events, lack of programming for adults, kid programs and classes being cancelled due to lack of enrollment
- 111. Find alternative ways/sponsors to make them more affordable.
- 112. Programs offered do not interest me. I'd like to see more nature based programming like going to Detroit to see the bald eagles or other birding outings. Also gardening demonstrations.
- 113. More community wide events that include all...not just family, but seniors and singles. A bit more of selection of youth classes
- 114. A bigger centralized and updated facility to experience them in
- 115. maybe market the Zumba class so it is better attended
- 116. I think the Community Center is an issue. It's very uninviting. Christmas craft fair is a disappointment but the venue really wouldn't entice a nicer event. The Taste of Berkley is so nice but again the venue is not so nice.
- 117. It would be great to have more activities for teens art classes, coding, adulting, and programming for lgbt youth. A social hub for teens would be great!

# **Q24:** Do you participate in any special events or programs held in surrounding communities?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	204	49.8%
No	206	50.2%
Total Responses	410	



## Q25: If yes, which community, which program, and what do you like or dislike about it?

- 1. Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation. I work there and run their Special Events
- 2. Huntington Woods 4th of July programs, Farmers Markets in other surrounding communities
- 3. Royal oak
- 4. arts eats and beats
- 5. huntington woods
- 6. Art festival; Dream Cruise parade
- 7. Ice skating in Royal Oak, Troy and Birmingham
- 8. I like yoga classes in RO because of nice facilities. I always took my daughter to dance classes at Royal Oak Salter Center because of it's great amenities.
- 9. Berkley Days. It's just an awesome event.
- 10. nature talks, hikes
- 11. Huntington wokds
- 12. Arts beats and eats. Nice walking and social event
- 13. Royal Oak
- 14. other cities have Fireworks displays on the 4th, which is a great thing that makes your community feel special.
- 15. Royal Oak baseball camp since HW/Berkley did not have theirs this summer
- 16. More offerings
- 17. Birmingham Public schools offer great youth programming drama camps, art camps, yoga and mindfulness camps.
- 18. I had to answer yes but the answer should be sometimes... canot think off the top of my head... but not as much as I used to
- 19. Community House, Play 4 Fun football, Linda's Danceworks
- 20. We have done swim lessons in Huntington Woods and baseball programming in Royal Oak

- 21. Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Ferndale I really like the offerings for festivals, recreation that is cultural or learning (like a cooking class). I do not like the high prices in Huntington Woods or limitations on out-of-city people, but I get why! They're servicing their residents.
- 22. Birmingham , Pickleball indoors, Royal Oak Pickleball outdoors
- 23. Farmers markets food truck rally
- 24. Food truck rally, concerts, art shows, etc..
- 25. Farmers markets, antique shows, flea markets,
- 26. Southfield, winterfest
- 27. HW Summer Concerts FREE!
- 28. Huntington woods
- 29. more upscale, more partnership with other groups (CommunityHouse/DDA/ParksRec) for better budget, engagement
- 30. Royal Oak Senior center offers ballroom dance lessons that I go to.
- 31. Royal oak
- 32. Fireworks
- 33. Senior day trips, to, clawson, Troy. Madison heights. Warren
- 34. Event would be the DIY fest in Ferndale. It has a great use of parking lots and 9 mile with a large number of artists, vendors, music, food and beer. It is fun to walk around and meet local artists.
- 35. Royal Oak Farmers' market events food trucks, music, dance
- 36. Easter Egg Hunt
- 37. Troy-Zumba, crafts, cooking, road rallies, scavenger hunts
- 38. royal oak nature walks
- 39. Ferndale and RO Art festivals
- 40. Birmingham
- 41. Huntington Woods parade and fireworks; Oak Park 4th parade; events at Memorial Park, RO

- 42. Yoga Oak Park Recreation Center. Much nicer facility than Berkley's.
- 43. We do Huntington woods swimming lessons, swim team, and will pay to join pool. We've done luv all tennis.
- 44. I enjoy the Eastern Market and occasionally Royal Oak's. I also enjoy local art fairs.
- 45. Summer concerts in Lathrup Village. They're great!
- 46. Fireworks, farmers market
- 47. fairs & markets
- 48. Troy Parks and Rec. Swimming
- 49. oak park
- 50. Senior day trips, to, clawson, Troy. Madison heights. Warren
- 51. Ferndale DIY, Pig&Whiskey Festivals
- 52. Royal oak has great programs
- 53. RO Madison Heights
- 54. berkley
- 55. Detroit and Royal Oak more outdoor musical activities and acts.
- 56. RO activities at the Farmer's Market
- 57. farmers market,
- 58. love noel night in detroit when woodward is open to pedestrians. I enjoyed when we had a festival on coolidge
- 59. Farmers market and art fair
- 60. AEB, RO, great event. Art fairs in all surrounding communities
- 61. Royal Oak fitness classes nice variety offered, good instructors; Clawson senior meals good food & value, well-balanced
- 62. Novi, Southfield, Royal Oak, Troy
- 63. Birmingham special events and farmer's market
- 64. Fairs/events on royal oak, Birmingham, Ferndale occasionally. Typically do not care for how crowded these can be. Enjoy biking to events
- 65. the park and Rec programs
- 66. Summer concerts
- 67. Huntington woods & Oak Park
- 68. My children have done golf camps, softball clinics, basketball camps, dance and theater camps, and we like the diverse programs offered with various age group offerings along with some of the facilities available, they have also done swim lessons and a community pool would open that option up

- 69. Birmingham and troy. they had classes that weren't offered in Berkley
- 70. HW- concerts in park
- 71. Just moved to HW, used to live in Berkley. Done many programs in both. Loved tot class in Berkley.
- 72. ROYSA (Kids soccer), it was ok, a little disorganized.
- 73. RO, HW Ferndale special events.
- 74. Arts beats and eats anything that shuts down the streets and puts on a show is fun for our family!
- **75.** SOCS
- 76. Royal Oak farmers market and I dislike their lack of effective bicycle parking
- 77. Troy has a beautiful community center
- 78. Royal Oak, Birmingham. Staff is engaged,.
- 79. Festivals
- 80. Community events
- 81. We enjoy events that are inclusive, conscientious of impact (traffic, people, environment), cultural based (especially food), and that promote social interaction.
- 82. Royal Oak Days
- 83. wayne county light fest, royal oak farmers market. huntington woods men club auction and gala,
- 84. the seniors
- 85. HW, Royal Oak
- 86. Many Communities in the Metro Area: Royal Oak/ Ferndale/Birmingham/Brighton/Milford/.......
- 87. My son skates 4+ times a week. My husband would skate/play hockey at least once a week. We used the ymca, the M.A.T. and Barwis and school of martial arts. We sometimes go to a swim club in Beverly Hills or Rochester Hills. The movies in the baseball field were great.
- 88. Birmingham music in the park
- 89. Troy fitness classes, but prefer to have options in my own community
- 90. Royal Oak Spooktakular is very fun, Food Truck in Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge, is nice during summertime. ...
- 91. OAK PARK AND SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY POOLS!!!!
- 92. Birmingham... done of their farmers markets and outdoor art fairs are nice .
- 93. Oakland County camps and youth sports leagues
- 94. Special shopping days, festivals, art events

- 95. Birmingham art fair
- 96. royal oak, larger offering of services
- 97. other communities do them better and they are nearby, so it works. Next in Birmingham has great senior programs, RO has good pickle ball, Oak Park has great summer concerts in a pretty park.
- 98. Availability of programming, clean useable facilities.
- 99. Recently did a finance class in Royal oak and tennis last summer in HW. Liked that their faculties seemed used more and updated
- 100. Farmers market, concerts, fire works other markets
- 101. HW concerts in the park, 4th of July celebrations
- 102. Play groups, book clubs, running groups, outdoor yoga, wine/beer/food tastings
- 103. Southfield Adult Softball and love it!
- 104. Northville tennis parks and rec. we like their pros better and offers a better diversity of classes which run through fall
- 105. Ferndale/Troy/RO.
- 106. Mainly farmers markets
- 107. I liked the excercise class.
- 108. lunch cards library educational programs field trips
- 109. Royal oak farmers market,, concerts at the library,
- 110. Urbangym
- 111. We love the programs offered by Leslie Nature and Science Center in Ann Arbor
- 112. Royal Oak, Birmingham
- 113. We enjoy the boo fest, Easter bunny breakfast
- 114. Adult painting class Madison Heights senior center
- 115. Art fair
- 116. royal oak arts beats and eats..... too big a mess after
- 117. Birmingham special summer camp
- 118. Shakespeare Royal Oak productions at star jaycee Park
- 119. Arts beats and eats.

- 120. Farmers market, I go weekly, love the fresh produce
- 121. Indoor swimming, more evening workout options, nicer indoor gym
- 122. Royal oak
- 123. Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Bloomfield Hills offers quite a few nature programs
- 124. kids sports and events are at better times for working families to attend
- 125. Beverly Hills, larger scale
- 126. Ferndale and royal oak
- 127. Royal Oak and Lathrup Village
- 128. Birmingham and royal oak
- 129. Concert in the park and theater in the park
- 130. YMCA
- 131. I've taken classes at the BBAC, and paid to take fitness classes in Troy. Troy's facilitates were beautiful, and they offer a huge variety of fitness classes over different days and times, many geared toward working people, not just seniors, but was challenging to get to with traffic. BBAC fiber art
- 132. OAK PARK AND SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY POOLS!!!!
- 133. royal oak outdoor for adult
- 134. Royal Oak's Nature Society
- 135. Warren has good youth programming with participation that allows their programs to run
- 136. senior
- 137. Art & Craft Fairs....Arts, Beats & Eats
- 138. Troy library programs. They have the many interesting speakers.
- 139. Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Oak Park
- 140. Farmers Market in RO
- 141. Royal Oak Farmer's market, various art fairs I like this kind of activity
- 142. Lathrup Village Farmers Market, like that it's every week (except this year with the pandemic virus).
- 143. Southfield multiple programs, royal oak soccer

**Q26:** Which programs would you like to see more of? Check all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Art Bash	253	64.2%
Holiday Lights Parade	230	58.4%
Berkley Days	224	56.9%
Berkley CruiseFest	200	50.8%
Berkley WinterFest	199	50.5%
Outdoor Movies	188	47.7%
Berkley Craft Show	182	46.2%
Summerfest	182	46.2%
Community garage sale	172	43.7%
Holiday Events	166	42.1%
Youth activities	163	41.4%
Adult Activities	159	40.4%
	159	38.3%
Yoga		
Halloween Spooktacular	141	35.8%
Woodward Dream Cruise	140	35.5%
Fire Open House	129	32.7%
Special Community Events	128	32.5%
Community Picnic	114	28.9%
Summer day camps	98	24.9%
Dog obedience – various levels	95	24.1%
Great Berkley Campout	91	23.1%
Mother/Son and Daddy/ Daughter dances	90	22.8%
Dinner theatre	89	22.6%
Babysitting / Home alone class	74	18.8%
Pilates	74	18.8%
Food Coach classes	74	18.8%
Day Trips & Extended Travel	70	17.8%
Senior Activities	69	17.5%
Junior golf lessons	66	16.8%
Golf	66	16.8%
Indoor soccer	65	16.5%
Detroit Tigers game	65	16.5%
Vacation camps	62	15.7%
Home chore program	62	15.7%
Youth & teen dance (Preschool dance, introduction to dance, tap, ballet and hip hop jazz)	61	15.5%
Zumba	59	15.0%
Basketball camp	57	14.5%
Loan closet (durable medical supplies)	56	14.2%

Answer	Responses	Percent
Senior outreach services	54	13.7%
Speaker socials	53	13.5%
Summer horseback riding camp	49	12.4%
Horse back riding lessons	49	12.4%
Kiddie soccer skills,	49	12.4%
Bike Rodeo & Ride	49	12.4%
MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run	48	12.2%
Kiddie Tee Ball	48	12.2%
Jump-A-Rama Gymnastics	47	11.9%
Oil painting	46	11.7%
NFL punt, pass, kick	45	11.4%
Tiny tumblers	45	11.4%
Hunter safety	43	10.9%
Computer Classes (basic skills & internet)	42	10.7%
Senior day at Detroit Zoo	42	10.7%
Skateboard / roller blade camp	41	10.4%
Frankenmuth, Michigan	41	10.4%
Parent-tot playgroup	40	10.2%
Sports starters	38	9.6%
"Do Lunch" trips	36	9.1%
Boater & ORV safety	35	8.9%
Karate	33	8.4%
Kindermusik	33	8.4%
Adult/family karate	33	8.4%
New England – Cape Cod, Boston & Upstate NY	32	8.1%
New York Christmas Extravaganza	30	7.6%
Casino trips	29	7.4%
Shipshewana, Indiana	29	7.4%
Shopping trips	28	7.1%
Thunder Bay Resort, Michigan	28	7.1%
Outer Banks, NC & New River Gorge, WV	27	6.9%
Niagara Falls – Seneca Casino Resort	22	5.6%
Snowmobile safety	16	4.1%
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Other (Please specify)	27	6.90%
Total Responses	5,886	

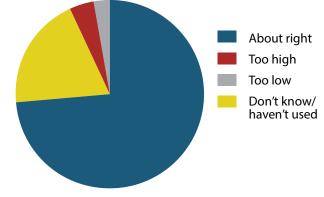
#### **OTHER RESPONSES**

- Home improvement how to do basic maintenance, gardening, hang a shelf, caulk the tub, paint, things we don't have classes for elsewhere
- 2. Loved the scavenger hunt would love to see this again!
- 3. Dance lessons, theatre
- 4. My kids are grown so not much applies to me.
- 5. Irish festival, beer and music festival
- 6. Computer training and how to make better use of my smart phone. Also Knitting and crocheting classes.
- 7. Kid dropoff nights at the community center, art youth activities, sibling ptograms
- 8. Pickleball
- 9. cooking
- 10. Swimming lessons and additional life skills for kids.
- 11. Bike Maintenance Class, Networking events. home Improvement Show, Pet parade, Adult game night, Food truck rally, Farmer Market Days, Water Aerobics, Rain Garden Class, Ice Cream Social at a time adults can attend
- 12. Music in the park events
- 13. I would like to see new, fresh activities. It feels like the same old thing year after year.

- 14. A pool!
- 15. Pottery, teen events/activities
- 16. Tai chi, pickle bakl
- 17. Love the ladies nights
- 18. photography classes, computer skills, iphone classes especially for the seniors
- 19. Enjoy Berkley CruiseFest as do my friends from other city's around Berkley.
- 20. More of the family friendly things we love about Berkley! Let's keep us updated and on the map. Dance class would be fun, maybe Ariel arts like agora, or maybe hammocks Pilates, yoga, sailing lessons, tot reading groups, just more!
- 21. Used to have water aerobics but this hasn't been offered in many years
- 22. All of the suggestions above seem dated. Please work to add some zest to offerings.
- 23. enjoyed the berkley 1 mi and 5k run....would love music concerts in the park.... kids nature classes .... natural playground (stumps, wood chips, like behind belle isle nature center
- 24. Gardening & garden design seminars
- 25. Everything
- 26. Activities for teens!

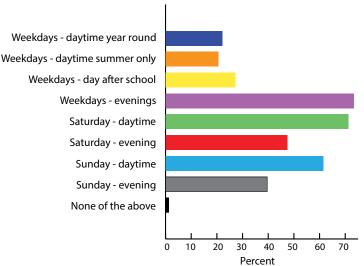
# **Q27:** How do you feel about the fees charged for recreation programming?

Answer	Responses	Percent
About right	299	73.8%
Too high	16	4.0%
Too low	11	2.7%
Don't know/Haven't used	79	19.5%



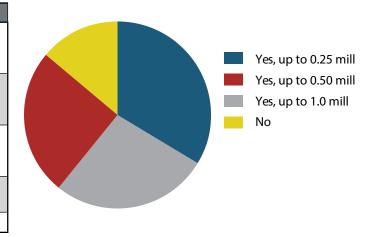
**Q28:** What times work best for you to participate in recreation programs?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Weekdays - daytime year round	89	22.1%
Weekdays - daytime during summer only	83	20.6%
Weekdays - daytime after school	109	27.1%
Weekdays - evenings	295	73.4%
Saturday - daytime	286	71.1%
Saturday - evening	191	47.5%
Sunday - daytime	247	61.4%
Sunday - evening	159	39.6%
None of the above	5	1.2%
Total Responses	1,464	



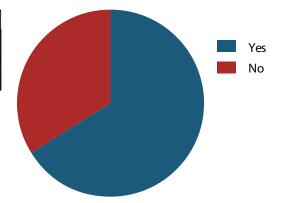
**Q29:** Maintaining and developing quality parks and recreation facilities requires adequate financing. Would you support a bond or millage to help with financing Berkley's parks and recreation?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes, up to 0.25 mill (\$25 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	145	33.7%
Yes, up to 0.50 mill (\$50 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	109	25.3%
Yes, up to 1.0 mill (\$100 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	117	27.2%
No, I would not support an additional millage	59	13.7%
Total Responses	430	



Q30: Would you support a 1.25 mill bond (\$125 per \$100,000 of household value) to finance the construction of a new community center?

Answer	Responses	Percent	
Yes	285	66.3%	
No	145	33.7%	
Total Responses	430		



Q31: Are there any other recreation-related items you would like to bring to our attention?

171 unique responses were received for this question. The responses have been broken into rough categories. Where a response covers more than one topic, it has been copied into each topic. Responses are posted verbatim, and have not been edited for content, spelling, or grammatical issues.

### **Community Center**

- 1. We have been in Berkley for 25 years so when our son was younger we used the parks and community center, including the ice rink for many years. I would like to see our parks stay updated and versatile for families of all ages. I think it adds a great deal to our community. While we don't presently have a dog, we did in the past and I think a good size dog park would be a great investment. Finally, I like the idea of a Community Center with fitness facility but we may not have space for it.
- 2. Any bond request must include costs for long-term maintenance. The downfall of the ice arena (as well as the pool at BHS) is the lack of adequate upkeep and adult supervision.
- 3. I would be all for putting money into a great community center IF it were really well thought out.
- 4. While I'm personally in favor of a pool in a community center, I'm worried that there is undue attention paid to the concept at the expense of maintaining and improving the parks we already have. I'd like to see better communication about plans for the existing parks and development of pocket parks. If a pool-based community center is not going to work, I'd rather we cut bait and put splash pads in the existing parks as they're improved with new equipment and features.
- 5. community center needs to be on the same scale as Royal Oaks, clawson or pleasent Ride these are all small communitys with small community centers
- 6. My support for the new community center will depend upon the proposed project. The FIRST time I hear the word "showplace" you will have lost me.
- 7. There needs to be more public bathrooms. I would support a new community center if it were more multi-use. The last community center proposed was essentially a big track/gym. I wanted to support it, but I didn't see a lot of value in spending that much for a fitness center.
- 8. I am all in support, but I do not feel we need to go

- crazy, we are a small community & NEED a new cc, but need to stay within our means. pools etc are not cost effective to maintain. Build a new c center that will be functional for all, be sure to have a working kitchen so that people an hold parties etc... do not go crazy and reach for the moon.
- 9. I would support the suggested 1.25 mil for community center but would also like to understand what specifically would be included... pool, ice rink, etc. Also, how will it be maintained so we don't run into the issues we have with the existing/non-functional ice rink.
- 10. The community center idea has been rejected several times. Please don't encumber the city with legacy spend and maintenance
- 11. We need a new Community Center badly.
- 12. Its difficult to agree to a 1.25 mill bond for a new community center without seeing plans or knowing what the costs/plans are for maintenance of a proposed facility.
- 13. I might support a reasonable community center, if it doesn't overreach like the last one.
- 14. I said yes to supporting community center bond, but it's a conditional yes. More info is needed.
- 15. I would have to know more about new community center design and programming before considering funding it.
- 16. I like to see a new community center; but don't think we need all the bells and whistles. we don't need a swimming pool, a ice skating rink would be awesome but I think probably too much
- 17. The community center has failed twice, and now in the age of Covid will fail again. I'd like to see the P&R Dept look at using existing spaces like schools, churches, coffee shops, etc to hold community programs and events.
- 18. Support for new community center would depend on "how much bang for the buck", the prior plans I have seen didn't seem to offer much more then a few rooms to offer activities which did not seem like much of an improvement from what we have now.

- I answered no to an additional bond for community center construction, but if the city comes forward with a detailed plan, that would most likely change my mind.
- 20. I feel that our community center is a drag on the vibrancy of our city. I wish that we could either put in our own pool, or arrange to have membership in the huntongton woods pool (we share schools, why can't we share recreation as well??). I know it costs money for this stuff, but I am willing to pay more in taxes for top notch amenities. to
- 21. 1. I am a residnet who wnats a pool, outdoor or indoor, and would pay to have one. 2. Would liek to see that a new community center has income capacity whether for tenants and/or sales. 3. I think phasing of the community center is key. 4. Could be fun to incorporate stromwater management in as many techniques as possible as the city has a huge problem.
- 22. My support above absolutely depends on what is being proposed. The last proposal didn't feel like it was created for Berkley, but from a random set of plans, saying "you need this".
- 23. especially at this point, it would really depend on the proposal. We do not need an indoor pool, or community gym, indoor tennis, or more basketball courts over better multi use/multi purpose facilities. As I am sure was evident we Really miss the ice rink! The space where the rink was has such poor drainage its a mess it really needs to be fixed/regarded.
- 24. I would not vote for the community center. I voted no last time because I was unhappy with the plans. Also the parks and rec do not offer adequate times where my family could utilize the center and it's programming so, I did not feel it was beneficial to me. I also did not appreciate the way the funds were going to be dispersed in the building of the center. Come back with some better plans, show us the NEW scheduling to accommodate all families needs...you may get more votes.
- 25. Just get a new community center!
- 26. we don't need what was proposed last year. But we do need one that has rooms that can support parties or classes, the basketball court is great to have and an outdoor ice rink would be great!
- 27. I totally support a new community center but have concerns considering the current state of life and a probable recession ahead

- 28. Parks and recs does not maintain what they have. Letting the current community center fall into disrepair does not mean we will let them build a new one. If the program was run correctly they could save the money and build the new center without a costly bond
- 29. I'm going to hammer home the disc golf. Having quality baskets like chainstar also makes a big difference. If the community center would have a nice disc golf course I would support it
- 30. Sending a recreation/ comm center survey in a pandemic is stupid...we voted down a center, why come at us again with the same Go Into More Debt Plan...totally inappropriate. We need FEWER city employee and debts, not more.ployees
- 31. No to the bond if the city is going to charge us too much to use it.
- 32. We should look at Troy, Warren and other communities with exceptional Community Centers including community pools. We would love a community dance program perhaps in cooperation with a local studio.
- 33. We need a new community center. Ours is in bad shape and will not hold a large group comfortably. For example Taste of Berkley. As a result I just do not go.
- 34. I am in favor of a new community center but this time the information given to the community should be detailed. It should be a structure we could be proud and a structure our community can hand down to generations in sound condition. Good examples are the Huntington Woods, Madison Hts, Oak Park, Royal Oak and Birmingham centers. We should know what we are voting for and not guess where our money will be used. Our city is in need of a new city hall and community center to pass on.
- 35. Stop pushing a new community center that is too large for the City of Berkley
- 36. The Staff is amazing! All very caring and valuable employees. The Community Center needs a "facelift", and the Ice Arena is sorely missed. A community outdoor amphitheater would be a nice replacement in that space.

#### **Kiwanis Tot Lot**

- 37. Fix the broken slide at Kiwi Tot Lot!
- 38. The parks can use more shade near the play equipment. There have been several times I took my kids to the park in the middle of a summer day and had to leave because the playground equipment was too hot. This has happened mostly at Angell and the Tot lot. I feel the Tot Lot should especially be protected from the sun. Planting shade trees would help (after they mature of course).
- 39. Tot lot needs an update. One of the slides has been blocked off for awhile and another had a big crack that took months to fix. I love the bench swing but it's definitely seen better days and isn't very comfortable anymore

## **Lazenby Field**

40. Convert lazenby into something useful, we have too many baseball fields

### **Merchants/Oxford Park**

- 41. Merchants/Oxford park has not seen any of the renovations that were planned for 2020. Play structure are not maintained or ever cleaned. Hand washing stations should be made available, at all parks.
- 42. Please keep the playground at merchants Field in natural playground as was marketed. We don't need a brightly colored, cheap plastic looking play structure. Please incorporate the equipment into the landscape.

## **Financing**

- 43. I checked no to both questions due to being a RO resident.
- 44. That mil for new community center is way too high. And would we allow Huntington woods use? Because we cannot use theirs. They seem to use Berkley for whatever they want.
- 45. PLEASE replace or remove the old wire fencing around our parks it would improve the curb appeal of our parks and neighborhoods greatly; we need more trees in our parks for shade/picnics/aesthetics/environmental health; engage community in clean up/build out/volunteer days and offer tshirts to volunteers to rep our parks; do more to engage community in existing parks as primer before asking for more new funding
- 46. You didn't give some other choices. I MIGHT support a \$125 bond if it was a fabulous center, ie pool. It seems steep for what we had.
- 47. I can't say I support ANY millage without seeing the plan that it's tied to.
- 48. My support on bond or mileage would definitely depend on the proposal of BPRC
- 49. keep all cost down
- 50. For the bond questions it would really depend. I'd love a pool to swim laps in, but I know they are expensive and usually have very limited hours for that type of thing. It would be great if there was a park closer to where we live (12 mile and Coolidge). We would also love a dog park
- 51. I wish there was a spot to be able to explain voting for a millage.... I would happily vote yes on a millage if I knew the money was being spent properly or accordingly... so I answered no on both above questions.... sadly these surveys are set for yes and no answers and nothing in between... I support a new community center 100% if done in the proper way.
- 52. we support and fund a lot as is- someone capable of money management should be able to use the resources we have to improve and maintain without additional funding and general mileages. figure it out! offer better paid events and better times for more well rounded age/group types
- 53. You asked what we would like in a park but not how much we are willing to pay. I am not willing to pay more for many of the items listed
- 54. Taxes are too high as it is . City has cut out so many services and they still want more money .

### Splash Pad / Pool

- 55. I have always wanted Berkley to have a community pool, and have supported all mileages the city has sought.
- 56. Pool
- 57. As summers are getting hotter and longer, Berkley should get a public pool for its residents, or work with neighboring areas that have pools (like Huntington Woods) to get access to their pools for our residents. Also, Berkley needs a dog park.
- 58. Community Pool that I think could bring in good revenue
- 59. Community pool and fitness center with group classes, child care center
- 60. WE NEED A COMMUNITY POOL!
- 61. Outdoor pool.
- 62. A community pool would be nice
- 63. Would really love a splash pad soon! Before my kids are too old for it.:)
- 64. Too many kids classes are right afterschool but parents are still working with 0 ability to get kids there. Please look into an indoor pool complex, BHS is not kid/senior friendly. More in-elementary activities working with latch key programs would be great. \*Please\* do more home improvement or outdoors/stargazing and local wildlife stuff. We go to Red Oaks and Cranbrook, would love to support those who don't have memberships.
- 65. swimming pool
- 66. I would like to see the ice arena return or a pool added.
- 67. The city desperately needs another swimming pool. Two lanes during kids' class time is not enough for open swim!!!!!!
- 68. Would love a community Pool
- 69. I would like to see a public swimming pool in our city.
- 70. You didn't give some other choices. I MIGHT support a \$125 bond if it was a fabulous center, ie pool. It seems steep for what we had.
- 71. Yes I would support a mill bond if a pool was to be built where the old ice arena was.
- 72. The splash pad will be a major bonus for my family once it is up & running. We really need actual bathrooms at parks, not just an occasional port-a-john.
- 73. Community pool

- 74. We need an a community pool, preferably indoor and outdoor. Varying depths for swimmers of all ages (not a standard lap pool like the one at Berkley High School).
- 75. I feel that our community center is a drag on the vibrancy of our city. I wish that we could either put in our own pool, or arrange to have membership in the huntongton woods pool (we share schools, why can't we share recreation as well??). I know it costs money for this stuff, but I am willing to pay more in taxes for top notch amenities. to
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- 77. 1. I am a residnet who wnats a pool, outdoor or indoor, and would pay to have one. 2. Would liek to see that a new community center has income capacity whether for tenants and/or sales. 3. I think phasing of the community center is key. 4. Could be fun to incorporate stromwater management in as many techniques as possible as the city has a huge problem.
- 78. I would love to see a community swimming pool, even if we had to pay to use it.
- 79. We need a pool
- 80. A pool! :-)
- 81. We should really have a pool, like Huntington Woods has since the ice arena has closed.
- 82. I would like to see a community pool
- 83. Dog park, swimming pool
- 84. Pool. Or be able to share fees of Huntington woods pool. Would also like to see continual roads blocked for additional outdoor seating at restaurants and outdoor events (such as the area by Berkley common currently)
- 85. For the bond questions it would really depend. I'd love a pool to swim laps in, but I know they are expensive and usually have very limited hours for that type of thing. It would be great if there was a park closer to where we live (12 mile and Coolidge). We would also love a dog park
- 86. I would want free open basketball courts for all ages but just high school or adult. And a pool for that \$\$
- 87. We do not need a splash pad. Improve the park only.
- 88. Pool is needed. Tax base can support it and splash pad can be added there
- 89. Please make an indoor pool / gym option. The community center site is wasted.
- 90. pool

### **Park Space & Park Amenities**

- 91. Get rid of a baseball field or three, fewer structured Park spaces that have to be a specific thing and more general greenspace that is open for everyone to use
- 92. We need a park in the Woodward/Catalpa/ Coolidge/12 Mile quadrant!
- 93. Gaga ball pits at the community parks and school playgrounds. More basketball courts at Angell. Sand volleyball at Angell.
- 94. Indoor gym
- 95. Batting cages.
- 96. we need a park in the woodward, Coolidge, 12 mile to catalpa square
- 97. I would love to see our park equipment and the parks atmosphere elevated like those in other cities where you feel the communities investment in their parks. Our parks need a well deserved facelift, P&R & Public Works have done an outstanding job at maintaining what we have. I hope Berkley residents vote to improve our parks.
- 98. we need a community garden and more green space and trees.
- 99. There is no park within walking distance of my house
- 100. Could groom cross country ski trails at existing parks pretty easily and without much cost.
- 101. Better kid park and they should have police be more attentive to who it hanging out there
- 102. Please maintain and improve all tennis courts! Tennis popular around here. Also allow use of restrooms in community center after working hours for programming occurring for summer tennis or other events.
- 103. I would love to see the addition of a cafe and seated table space to Merchants park or any of the other parks. Our parks aren't engaging for our young adults and adults other than for sport. I would like to see more focus on making them inviting for the whole community to enjoy with more trees and shaded seating. I would also like to see more quality bicycle parking made available.
- 104. The tennis courts need to be kept up better but we do really appreciate them
- 105. Fitness areas with pull ups, dips. push up, etc. Dog Parks. Picnic benches. Disc Golf.
- 106. What about shuffleboard

- 107. I would love to see fitness parks in Berkley similar to what Royal Oak has they financed them through a grant (I have grant writing experience and would even volunteer to write the application). It's hard to stat fit and active in Berkley because we don't have amenities to support that. I have to leave the community to participate in "healthy" hobbies. Communities that value health make it convenient to be active.
- 108. Please consider something for the neighborhood north of Catalpa and east of Coolidge....or bring back crossing lanes so we can access Berkley's amenities on foot. It's the only pocket of Berkley without a park or other recreation options and crossing Coolidge on foot is not safe with kids.
- 109. Improper use of land and various amenities throughout the city. Lack of trash receptacles and drinking fountains. And a restroom at Jaycee
- 110. For the bond questions it would really depend. I'd love a pool to swim laps in, but I know they are expensive and usually have very limited hours for that type of thing. It would be great if there was a park closer to where we live (12 mile and Coolidge). We would also love a dog park
- 111. I would want free open basketball courts for all ages but just high school or adult. And a pool for that \$\$
- 112. Things for older kids to do. Grade 6 and up.
- 113. Build indoor tennis courts it will be a community service unique throughout metro Detroit.

  Memberships to private indoor tennis facilities cost several hundred per month. We have a lot of kids and grown ups that would love to play throughout the rainy, cold seasons. Also provide a really well equipped fitness center. Again, this would add value to many residents. Pools and ice rinks are too expensive, but the aforementioned facilities would not take too much maintenance cost.
- 114. Rock climbing is popular!!!!! Any future community center needs a rock climbing wall. Also, dog parks are terrible unless you have acres upon acres of undeveloped land. We don't. Please never build one here.
- 115. Indoor park/play structure for winter months

#### Trails / Sidewalks

- 116. dog parks and trails. I see so many people walking dogs and we have no locations to let them run. fence in an area at Rogers or Angell to allow dogs to play.
- 117. Use road bond money we voted for to fix the roads so I can bike
- 118. Help support fixing the sidewalks in Berkley!!!
- 119. The bike paths in the street were a waste of resources because they are unsafe, I would never let my children ride them, and as a casual biker, I will not ride on them, we need safer paths. We also need clean up for dogs in more areas so that people clean up after dogs and to make our community more pet friendly. More trees throughout our parks and playgrounds would be nice for shade in summertime as well (plus it benefits our environment).
- 120. A really cool bike trail would be very great
- 121. The bike lane on Coolidge is very cumbersome and I'd like to see Coolidge back to 2 lanes
- 122. Remember that there are people who do not have kids, who are not into wanting a gym, etc. Increase and/or improve the natural environments. Walking hiking trails to other communities. You might increase business to local restaurants and retailers. I would walk to other cities for a dinner.
- 123. More pickleball courts more bike and walkingvtrails
- 124. Walking/biking paths would be great but at a minimum, existing sidewalks and paths need an drastic overhaul.
- 125. more bicycle paths
- 126. Less bike paths on the roads, no one uses them or wants them. I do less business on Coolidge now because of them.

### **Accessibility & Inclusivity**

- 127. I will not vote yes on any new bond without first addressing the lack of care/maintenance of our current parks. They are so poorly taken care of it's embarrassing. The complete disregard for those with disabilities needs to be addressed before I'd vote yes as well. We need accessible parks. Our votes in our home are not flexible on these two important matters.
- 128. Please work to ensure art, music, class, and food options are inclusive of the diverse demographics (cultures) which reside in the community.
- 129. There isn't a lot for someone in their 30/40s with no children
- 130. My visually impaired daughter uses a cane and most parks are not accessible to her. There is no way she can maneuver the sidewalk at JayCee Park. We would like to see park equipment that is inclusive to all people. It's difficult to even find a swing she can use at most of these parks.

#### **Pickleball**

- 131. We need Pickleball in Berkley
- 132. More pickleball courts more bike and walking vtrails

#### Ice Arena

- 133. Bring back the rink, or add a public pool, high school doesn't count. More options for kids not interest in sports, maybe skills learning like carpentry or gardening landscapes or fishing.
- 134. New Ice arena
- 135. I would like to see the ice arena return or a pool added.
- 136. Ice Arena
- 137. Using the space from the ice arena in ways to support the community until something can be settled-such as farmer's market or co-op, festivals as allowed (these days), horseshoes returned or a volleyball/basketball court. Something while we wait would be nice

### **Programs**

- 138. A more fancy dance for kids/parents. Maybe a combined one? I would love a good sit down meal instead of snacks. Better venue.
- 139. If feasible, it would be fun to bring adult sports leagues to the area. If there were to be sand volleyball courts built, then we could have an adult league. OR an adult baseball/softball league, soccer league, hockey league etc. Obviously this all depends on what would be available to be developed but it would bring adults that don't live in Berkley to come here and then more than likely spend money at a local establishment after they are done playing.
- 140. Too many kids classes are right afterschool but parents are still working with 0 ability to get kids there. Please look into an indoor pool complex, BHS is not kid/senior friendly. More in-elementary activities working with latch key programs would be great. \*Please\* do more home improvement or outdoors/stargazing and local wildlife stuff. We go to Red Oaks and Cranbrook, would love to support those who don't have memberships.
- 141. Programs for middle school and high school students or activities they could participate in at the community center.
- 142. Since the Royal Oak Farmers market has become difficult to park at, we need a Berkley one. Also, more singles events.
- 143. Please work to ensure art, music, class, and food options are inclusive of the diverse demographics (cultures) which reside in the community.
- 144. I think that senior related events are important for seniors who are alone (not my situation) and for children to have things to keep them busy. It would be nice to have things available to them to get them out of the house and with other people. Outdoor ice rinks, farmers market, art fairs, concerts, community center activies that are not just gym related (not basket ball or workout (I already belong to a gym/workout facility, as we have several in the city) and schools have gyms for kids.
- 145. Possibly partnering with the local YMCA Branches to work with joint programs.

- 146. Would love Parks&Rec to offer after-school programming at Berkley Public Schools
- 147. I've heard about camping out at Jaycee Park in the summer and would love to see this brought back to Berkley. I'd also love to see a kids cooking class with allergy friendly options.
- 148. Bring back the rink, or add a public pool, high school doesn't count. More options for kids not interest in sports, maybe skills learning like carpentry or gardening landscapes or fishing.
- 149. The current programming must be overhauled. To build a community center and have the same programming will not breathe new life into our community. Outdoor fitness classes using our parks, indoor fitness with new and interesting techniques, arts and crafts activities outside of the painting offerings that include fiber arts or scrapbooking or upcycling or sewing or weaving We cannot expect that youth and senior programming is enough. I want more than hypno classes and how to use a computer...,
- 150. We should look at Troy, Warren and other communities with exceptional Community Centers including community pools. We would love a community dance program perhaps in cooperation with a local studio.

# **Dog Park**

- 151. As summers are getting hotter and longer, Berkley should get a public pool for its residents, or work with neighboring areas that have pools (like Huntington Woods) to get access to their pools for our residents. Also, Berkley needs a dog park.
- 152. dog parks and trails. I see so many people walking dogs and we have no locations to let them run. fence in an area at Rogers or Angell to allow dogs to play.
- 153. Our community really needs a dog park.
- 154. Berkley is WAYYYY overdue for our own dog park!!!! PLEASE!!!!!!!
- 155. Dog park!!!!!!
- 156. Fitness areas with pull ups, dips. push up, etc. Dog Parks. Picnic benches. Disc Golf.
- 157. Berkley needs a dog park. Walking our dog and meeting neighbors during COVID-19/work from home has solidified this in my mind. There is plenty of space at Merchants park.
- 158. Dog park
- 159. I think having a dog park would be great!
- 160. Dog park\* Splash pad\*
- 161. Dog park. We have a huge pent up demand for one.
- 162. We have many wonderful parks! But it is unfortunate that we do not have a dog park.
- 163. dog park
- 164. Dog park, swimming pool
- 165. Please create a dog park
- 166. For the bond questions it would really depend. I'd love a pool to swim laps in, but I know they are expensive and usually have very limited hours for that type of thing. It would be great if there was a park closer to where we live (12 mile and Coolidge). We would also love a dog park
- 167. Rock climbing is popular!!!!! Any future community center needs a rock climbing wall. Also, dog parks are terrible unless you have acres upon acres of undeveloped land. We don't. Please never build one here.
- 168. A dog park. Berkley does not have a single dog park. A perfect spot would be where the old ice rink was

## Sustainability / Landscape

- 169. PLEASE replace or remove the old wire fencing around our parks it would improve the curb appeal of our parks and neighborhoods greatly; we need more trees in our parks for shade/picnics/aesthetics/environmental health; engage community in clean up/build out/volunteer days and offer tshirts to volunteers to rep our parks; do more to engage community in existing parks as primer before asking for more new funding
- 170. All parts of the city need more trees and landscaping including parks!
- 171. The parks can use more shade near the play equipment. There have been several times I took my kids to the park in the middle of a summer day and had to leave because the playground equipment was too hot. This has happened mostly at Angell and the Tot lot. I feel the Tot Lot should especially be protected from the sun. Planting shade trees would help (after they mature of course).
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- 174. I think having pollen farms/gardens would be great. Also, Southfield has a nice DIY garden area you rent space at that's very popular.

#### **Bathrooms**

- 175. There needs to be more public bathrooms. I would support a new community center if it were more multi-use. The last community center proposed was essentially a big track/gym. I wanted to support it, but I didn't see a lot of value in spending that much for a fitness center.
- 176. Please maintain and improve all tennis courts!
  Tennis popular around here. Also allow use of restrooms in community center after working hours for programming occurring for summer tennis or other events.
- 177. The splash pad will be a major bonus for my family once it is up & running. We really need actual bathrooms at parks, not just an occasional port-a-john.
- 178. Year-round bathrooms that are open at any/all of the playgrounds would help. We have rented pavilions at Starr-Jaycee for three birthday parties, because they have pavilions and bathrooms. If that splash pad ever gets built, bathrooms would be really nice. Also wish you would add them elsewhere, as it's a necessary thing with little kids.
- 179. Improper use of land and various amenities throughout the city. Lack of trash receptacles and drinking fountains. And a restroom at Jaycee

#### **Staff & Maintenance**

- 180. More maintenance on bathrooms.
- 181. Go back to the way it ran before
- 182. Ensuring that the playgrounds are kept in safe working order is critical.
- 183. Merchants/Oxford park has not seen any of the renovations that were planned for 2020. Play structure are not maintained or ever cleaned. Hand washing stations should be made available, at all parks.
- 184. I will not vote yes on any new bond without first addressing the lack of care/maintenance of our current parks. They are so poorly taken care of it's embarrassing. The complete disregard for those with disabilities needs to be addressed before I'd vote yes as well. We need accessible parks. Our votes in our home are not flexible on these two important matters.
- 185. Cleaning and updating current parks would go a long way...
- 186. Parks and Rec staff is amazing.

- 187. Poor maintenance at center and parks broken equipment that's never repaired.
- 188. Why don't you change the department leadership and generate profit with existing resources to fund new programming?
- 189. The Staff is amazing! All very caring and valuable employees. The Community Center needs a "facelift", and the Ice Arena is sorely missed. A community outdoor amphitheater would be a nice replacement in that space.

## **Regulations / Policing**

- 190. Better kid park and they should have police be more attentive to who it hanging out there
- 191. Place noise/boombox restrictions on parks that are reserved for group event AND enforce them.

#### Other

- 192. I don't have any
- 193. Pool. Or be able to share fees of Huntington woods pool. Would also like to see continual roads blocked for additional outdoor seating at restaurants and outdoor events (such as the area by Berkley common currently)
- 194. Stop pretending Berkley is a castle on a hill.Pretending like Oak Park and Southfield don't exist.
- 195. would love more book walks throughout the year in parks.....need more hand sanitizer stations and filled sanitizer pumps
- 196. Better use of parking lot behind Rite Aid and old Patrick J's
- 197. with all this improvement when will empty lots with trash be addressed?
- 198. No
- 199. nope
- 200. NO
- 201. none
- 202. Thanks!



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**TO:** Theresa McArleton, Parks Director

FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA

**DATE:** July 16, 2020

**RE:** Recreation Plan – Focus Group #1 – Summary of Comments

The first focus group meeting considered general recreation issues. It included six individuals from the community who have had experience with recreation programs and use the City's parks on a regular basis. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and any issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Participants liked that generally speaking, parks are close to home and can be walked to.
   Most participants were not consciously aware of gaps in access to parks, but when the topic was brought up, they agreed that the northeast area of the city was underserved.
- Participants appreciated the variety of options available, both in terms of parks and in programming. They felt that these options make the city more attractive, and having them keeps people in the city rather having to than look for recreation options elsewhere.
- Specific park amenities requested include:
  - Swings at Community Park
  - Electrical outlets
  - Bathroom facilities (across all parks, but Jaycee specifically mentioned)
  - Additional pavilions
  - Bandshell/amphitheater suggested using the old ice arena space near the Community Center
  - Updated play equipment noted that some of the equipment is old; new park structures are planned for Tot Lot by spring of 2021, and Community & Jaycee Parks by 2022
  - Bottle filling stations
  - Recycling facilities
  - More basketball courts
- Appreciated the ability to register and pay for programs online, but felt that the process could be streamlined or improved.
- One participant stressed the importance of cost effectiveness; he liked the idea of park amenities serving dual purposes, such as playing fields or courts that accommodate more than one sport, or environmental features that provide attractive landscaping.

 Using the parks for environmental purposes was met with some ambivalence; generally speaking, the participants didn't know how "sustainability" would be implemented in a park. They liked the idea of using solar and wind for powering the facilities.

- Several parks were mentioned as being very wet, especially around playing fields and play equipment. Rain gardens or detention areas were considered favorable if they helped to solve the drainage issues.
- Maintenance was mentioned, but did not appear to be a serious problem.
  - Tree maintenance at Oxford-Merchants Park was brought up as an issue.
  - Responsibility for snow plowing and general maintenance at the school parks is unclear. Is it a school, parks, or city issue?
- Would like to have the ability to register for tennis courts online. They felt only a few
  courts should be available for reservations; the remainder should be left as first come
  first served for drop-in play.
- There was definite interest in seeing more adaptive play equipment at area parks.
- General consensus was that a new Community Center should be built.
  - Several of the participants indicated that they would support a bond to pay for a new facility.
  - Would like to see amenities that serve dual purposes, e.g. multiple basketball courts that could also host volleyball or indoor tennis.
  - A pool was viewed as being too specific a use. There were concerns about cost as well. Several participants noted that while they would use a pool if it were built, they did not *have* to have one.
  - A teen center was viewed as a very positive amenity. The high use levels at the existing facility was a strong selling point.
  - Felt that the previous bond proposal focused too much on meeting rooms and the ability to see the facility.
  - Want the building to be big enough to house tournaments, and want to see a variety of uses.
  - One participant noted she was OK with "living in a small town." Berkley did not have to provide a regional attraction, just something that served the immediate needs of the people.
- Programming was viewed favorably.

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- One participant felt that fees were reasonable, and possibly even low.
- Programming hours were problematic; some programs were too close to school closing time which made it difficult for schoolage children to participate. Would like to see more correlation with camp hours, i.e. a program available in the morning followed immediately after by camp.
- Felt that the city had about the right amount of parks, but recognized that there was not much green space along 12 Mile and Coolidge.
  - Were interested in the idea of pocket parks in the downtown area.
  - Suggested buying one of the vacant properties downtown for use as a recreation classroom or event space.



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**TO:** Theresa McArleton, Parks Director

FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA

**DATE:** July 17, 2020

**RE:** Recreation Plan – Focus Group #2 – Summary of Comments

The second focus group meeting involved members of sports groups operating within the city. Representatives from Berkley Steelers (football and cheer), Socs (soccer), Dad's Club (baseball), and Mom's Club (softball) were present at the meeting held via Zoom on July 16. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Each of the groups felt that they had a good working relationship with Parks & Recreation. They felt that they received quick responses to any requests and felt comfortable discussing issues with the department.
- Lack of playing and practice space was the prime issue for each group.
  - Steelers noted that they have gradually been losing playing space over the years.
     The new development at Merchants Oxford Park takes away their traditional home. They are working with the school district for now, but do not feel confident this is a long term solution.
  - Socs uses Berkley primarily for practice. Their space needs are flexible; even a relatively small open space would work for 3v3 or tot level soccer.
  - The ice arena site might work for soccer if the site is cleaned up and properly graded, but is not large enough for football.
  - Loss of the ice arena impacted each of the groups. All used the facility for indoor practice on some level. They have looked into alternative locations for practice sites, primarily with the school district, but have run into scheduling problems or inadequate facilities.
- When asked if there are sites within the city that could be developed for active use, a few locations were mentioned:
  - o La Salette Church old school building could be used as a community center
  - Parcels northeast on Merchants Oxford Park are slated for development but have not been touched in years.
- The individual participants were in favor of a new Community Center.
  - Each of the groups use the existing center for meetings, but have been pushed out by other groups over the years. They would like to see a variety of meeting rooms available.

- Would like a large indoor multi-use space available for practice. Mentioned a training facility in Warren built in an old warehouse space with artificial turf surfacing.
- Each group mentioned a desire for a trophy case/display space for awards and other recognition items.
- Felt that the previous bond proposal suffered because the survey asked residents what items they would like to see, and those items weren't included in the final plan (specifically: a pool). Price was also an issue, and the fact that the request was proposed at the same time as road and water initiatives.
- Noted that a new community center could be a revenue generator for the city.
   Rental rates are an issue for the groups; school district policies regarding out-of-district students result in high costs for the groups, and forces them to look outside of the city.
- Other items they would like to see at parks and fields include:
  - o dog waste baskets; people have been using recycle bins to dispose waste
  - security cameras and lights; have been numerous incidences of vandalism at ball fields
  - improved bleachers; current position behind dugouts makes viewing the games impossible
  - o covered dugouts at all ball fields.

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**TO:** Theresa McArleton, Parks Director

FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA

**DATE:** July 24, 2020

**RE:** Recreation Plan – Focus Group #3 – Summary of Comments

The third focus group meeting involved senior representatives. Six area residents as well as Dan McMinn and Theresa McArleton were present at the Zoom meeting held on July 23. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Physical park facilities were not the primary interest for this group; the very first comment was, "I don't use the parks...". The individuals at the meeting were much more focused on a potential new recreation center and programming.
- Participants were very complimentary of the Parks and Recreation Department as a whole. They felt that facilities were well maintained and noted that staff "cares" about residents participating in programs. Having staff members who are actually from Berkley was viewed as a positive.
- There were few complaints from the participants.
  - Lack of space to hold programs and the state of the facilities (Recreation Center) was viewed as a drawback.
  - One individual noted that "seniors" encompass a large range of ages and that the younger seniors aren't taking advantage of Berkley programs, either due to lack of opportunities relevant to them or lack of outreach.
  - Felt that the "Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation" group was not active enough and was not well advertised.
- Development of pocket parks so that all residents were within walking distance of a park. Types of amenities at each park would depend on the location and size of the property; those in the downtown area might include seating, a fountain, and the ability to host music events, while those in the neighborhoods might have picnic tables and small play structures. Charging stations, ice cream stands, and tables with umbrellas were also suggested.
  - "Pop-up activities" at any new parks or at existing parks could help to make the community aware of the properties. Suggested programs like yoga or board games, and emphasized marketing the events to all ages.
- All of the individual participants were in favor of a new Community Center.
  - Noted that a new facility would be a community focal point and would increase the overall quality of life for community residents.

 Thought a survey asking residents if they voted on the previous bond proposal, what their vote was, and why they voted for or against it to help determine why the bond failed.

- Suggested forming support groups (teens, seniors, others) who could talk to their friends about a new center.
- One participant noted that a new center would be a tough sell right now due to economic conditions and the uncertainty surrounding COVID. Might want to scale down the center to make it more palatable to voters.
- Felt it important that any new facility be designed to accommodate users of all ages; should include amenities that benefit young families, toddlers, teens, adults, and seniors. Multi-generational use was mentioned several times throughout the meeting.
- Specific requested amenities include:
  - Multi-purpose/meeting rooms;
  - a large gym that can be divided into individual spaces;
  - a walking track;
  - teen space;

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- toddler space;
- an exercise room "about the same size as the (existing) chair yoga room" with a staff member available to show members how to use the equipment; and
- a full size kitchen that could be used by caterers or for cooking classes.
- Based on the amount of time discussing the topic, programming was the most important recreation facet for this group.
  - Important to help seniors socialize;
  - Noted that prices for programs were a good value and possibly undervalued;
  - New program requests included:
    - a basic technology/computer class;
    - cooking classes;
    - greenhouse/gardening programs in winter (suggested a greenhouse space in any new recreation center development)
  - Enjoyed the existing programs, and specifically mentioned the day trips and luncheons as outstanding.



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**TO:** Theresa McArleton, Parks Director

FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA

**DATE:** July 30, 2020

**RE:** Recreation Plan – Staff Input

Parks & Recreation staff met via video conference on July 28, 2020, to provide input on recreation-related issues in Berkley. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Staff felt the did a good job overall meeting the needs of the community. They are
  proud of the level of service they provide, and this is reflected by well-maintained parks,
  the variety of programs offered, and the general satisfaction with the park system
  demonstrated by residents. They generally felt that they had a good connection with
  Berkley residents.
- Generally felt that staff size was large enough to manage the current facilities, but that additional staff would likely be needed if a new Community Center is built or if events like a Farmer's Market are added.
- Some felt that marketing and social media presence could be improved. Noted a need to better promote Parks and create a buzz around programming options.
- Availability of programs on the weekend was also considered a problem. Noted that
  most recreation centers are at their busiest on weekends, but Berkley's remains
  underutilized on Saturdays.
- The Community Center was the main focus of attention. Staff felt that they were able to do a lot with very limited space, but feel that they could do much more with better facilities.
  - The current facilities are only capable of handling one active event at a time, and the lack of a proper gym means that they cannot host events like basketball.
  - Teens and Seniors need their own dedicated spaces. Suggested including at least two larger event rooms that could be divided up for smaller groups or combined for larger, intergenerational events.
  - A game room, a walking track, gym space with multiple courts, large kitchen space, storage space, and dedicated indoor play area were suggested for inside the building.
  - A new center could also act as a central gathering place for the community; the building grounds could house a pavilion, a digital marquee sign to advertise events, and a wall for projecting movies in summer months.

One participant noted that a lot of young families are moving in to Berkley and they are used to better facilities.

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- Offering preschool at a new center could be a revenue generator, but noted that this was a controversial topic with the previous bond. Including a large kitchen space was also considered a dividing point.
- There is no desire to see a pool in a new center; costs are too high, and staffing is problematic.
- The La Salette School building was not viewed as a reasonable alternative. The age of the building meant that it was inadequate for most activities, and would require a major overhaul to meet the needs of the city.
- For the parks, all of the equipment is outdated. It is still safe and well maintained, but is reaching the end of its expected life span.
  - Staff liked the idea of looking for more unique play items, and moving away from the standard cookie-cutter play equipment.
  - Cited Maggie Daley Park in Chicago and Gallup Park in Ann Arbor as models to strive for.
  - o Incorporating more ADA compliant features will be important, with a goal towards moving to universal design when new equipment is added.
  - Wheelchair merry-go-round, ziplines that swing, hide-out places, rolly slides, birds nest swings, and bridges were some examples of desire equipment.
  - o Adding exercise equipment or creating an exercise circuit was suggested.
  - There was definite interest in pocket park development. Benches, tables, and small play structures would be typical components. Pocket parks were identified as a place for residents to go and meet outdoor.
- Outside of the fields at Community Park, the ball fields in Berkley were described as being in poor condition. Improving grading and drainage and investing in upgraded dugouts and bleachers are necessary.
- Implementing smart park technology was viewed somewhat cautiously. Most agreed that electrical service was necessary, but there was concerns about safety. Benches with charging ports had some support, but were viewed as a maintenance issue (e.g. gum being stuck in the ports).
- Incorporating sustainability into park designs was viewed as a positive, but there were
  not a lot of suggestions for how it might work. Maintenance felt that items like rain
  gardens were possible and keeping them in order was relatively simple. Adding trees
  was viewed favorably.
- Staff did not think a dog park was feasible in Berkley. All of the parks are surrounded by residential areas, meaning noise would be a problem. There are few if any spaces large enough to accommodate a dog park in existing park properties. There were also concerns about residents not cleaning up after their pets.
  - They would like to see the ordinance changed to allow dogs in the parks. Adding dog refuse stations was also suggested.



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**TO:** Theresa McArleton, Parks Director

FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA

**DATE:** August 7, 2020

**RE:** Recreation Plan – Virtual Community Open House – Summary of Comments

A virtual open house was held on August 6, 2020, to receive input from residents. The open house ran for approximately an hour and a half, and attracted around 15 residents. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Participants were generally in favor of developing a new community center, but cautioned that it should be of an appropriate scale to the city. Meeting space, teen and senior center space, a flexible gym, and a running track were all desired amenities.
- One participant noted that there is a heavy emphasis on sports in the park, and unless
  you were doing something active there was little to do. They felt that cycling and
  walking activities were overlooked.
- Development of safe walking and cycling trails between and inside the area parks were requested. Adding bike racks and creating routes with clear maps, signage, and safety markings (e.g. sharrows) was also suggested. It was preferred that bike lanes be between the curb and parking to minimize interaction with cars. A linear park at along Twelve Mile near the cemetery was viewed as a way to begin developing trails through the city. One participant noted that the current bike routes are not well marked and "do not go where (he) wants to go".
- Pocket parks were discussed as a way to reach more residents. Theresa McArleton noted that six different locations, most downtown, had been floated for consideration. Dorothea & Coolidge, Griffith & 12 Mile, and Royal & 12 Mile were all specifically mentioned as possible locations.
- Several participants noted a need for new play equipment at Berkley's parks, with Kiwanis Tot Lot specifically mentioned. One resident requested swings at Community Park. Ms. McArleton noted that most parks would be receiving upgrades over the next couple of years, and that others had been updated recently.
- Gallup Park in Ann Arbor was mentioned as a model for development; the universal access features were especially appreciated.
- One resident was concerned about the development of Merchant-Oxford park. Her primary issue was the loss of practice space for the Berkley Steelers football team. She

mentioned concerns about parking, cost for the development, and the apparent lack of progress on construction. Staff described the planning process surrounding the park development and that bids had been received and were going to be presented to City Council on August 10.

RE: Berkley Recreation Plan – Open House Summary

August 7, 2020

#### May 18, 2020

#### Dear City of Berkley,

I am writing to express my idea of building a dog park in Berkley. I think a dog park is a great idea because there are so many dogs in Berkley. Dogs absolutely love to run and play with their owners and with other dogs. A dog park would be a great area to play fetch and to have doggie play dates with dog friends. Many people don't have enough time to take their dogs on long walks so they could walk their dogs to the park and let them run loose to tire them out. A great spot for a dog park would be next to the Community Center where the old ice arena used to be or in the large grassy area next to Hurley Field. Many people let their dogs run loose in the baseball diamonds (which is prohibited) but if there were a dog park they wouldn't have to. Dog parks are not expensive to build because all one needs is a secure fence around the park, a shady area for the dogs to rest, and a dog waste bag station so the owners can clean up after their dogs. It is also a simple feature as there would not have to be much construction. Thank you for considering building a dog park in Berkley!

Sincerely,

 From:
 Jennifer

 To:
 Chris Nordstrom

 Subject:
 Berkley Master Plan

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:20:54 PM

#### Chris,

I am the parent of a 2 year old and we live on Edgewood Blvd in Berkley. We are DESPERATELY in need of a park in our neighborhood! We are I mile or more from any of the other parks in our city. Yes, we will take the 30 minute or so walk or 10 min bike ride to go visit one but all the other neighborhoods in our community have one close by/ within walking distance. We visit the Tot Lot often but would love to have a closer nearby option. I am pleased to see the upgrades proposed for the parks as listed in the Master Plan. Just wanted to make sure my opinion was heard.

Thank you.

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

 From:
 Jennifer

 To:
 Theresa McArleton

 Cc:
 Chris Nordstrom

 Subject:
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Subject: Re: Recreation Master Plan

Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 2:10:24 PM

Thank you both for your responses as I greatly appreciate it!

I would also like to add we have a decent amount of children residing on Edgewood between Coolidge and Henley and they will very often take to playing and hanging out on the Boulevard. Not the safest but largest amount of grass to play on without going across multiple lawns and driveways. Thought you might benefit from knowing this additional piece of information as it just adds further to why we are in need of a park in our area.

Thanks again and have a wonderful weekend!

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2020, at 10:23 AM, Theresa McArleton <tmcarleton@berkleymich.net> wrote:

Good morning Jennifer,

Thank you very much for your email regarding Berkley parks and the Berkley Parks & Recreation Master Plan. We greatly and sincerely appreciate feedback regarding our parks, facilities and programs.

I definitely agree and the department recognizes that your section of the city would benefit from a park or recreation space. We will continue to work with the city to identify possible spaces and land that could allow us to develop a park in that neighborhood.

If you have additional thoughts or suggestions in the future, please do not hesitate to email or call me. Your opinions are most definitely heard and appreciated.

I hope you have a nice weekend and get to enjoy the sunshine.

Theresa McArleton

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Theresa K. McArleton (she, her, hers) Director of Parks & Recreation 248-658-3470 248-672-0295 (cell) tmcarleton@berkleymich.net

# **DRAFT**

The current Berkley Community Center (BCC) is located at 2400 Robina and abuts Hurley Field. The building was constructed in 1973. Over the years, the building has successfully served the community, but requires extensive upgrades in order to continue to do so. The facilities are undersized for current needs and lack dedicated gym and youth spaces. The building is also unable to provide programming opportunities for all age groups and activity levels. In addition, the roof, walls, foundations and all major building systems require extensive repairs or are past their useful life and require replacement.

In order to inform the decision-making process for the BCC on it's future life and amenities, HRC has prepared a facility program analysis that identifies similar community center projects in neighboring communities and reviews several options for consideration for the future Berkley Community Center.





## **EXISTING PHOTOS**



## **EXISTING SITE MAP**



FUTURE BERKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

FACILITY PROGRAM ANALYSIS

A comparison chart of other community centers in southeast Michigan has been included for reference below. Population size, overall facility size, desired amenities and rough construction costs should be considered when reviewing the options for the future BCC.

Southeast Michigan Community Centers					
Community	Population	Facility Size	Amenities	Estimated Cost in Today's Dollars	
Berkley Berkley Community Center Opened 1973	15,425	8,100 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Meeting Rooms	\$3,000,000	
Canton Summit On The Park Opened 1996	90,173	95,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Child Care, Banquet & Conference Center, Fitness Center, Aquatic Center and Pool	\$27,000,000	
Huntington Woods Gillham Recreation Center Opened 2000	6,238	58,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Multi-Purpose Rooms, Outdoor Aquatic Center and Pool	\$19,000,000	
Lapeer Lapeer Community Center Opened 1995	8,841	55,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Child Care, Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Pool and Splashpad, Indoor Track, Racquetball	\$18,000,000	
<b>Livonia</b> <i>Kirksey Recreation Center</i> Opened 2003	96,942	130,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Kid Quarters, Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Aquatic Center and Pool, Indoor Track, Gym- nastics Center, Rock Wall	\$32,000,000	
Rochester RARA Recreation Complex Opened 2003	13,348	55,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Child Care, Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Dance, Gymnastics, Field House, Indoor Playscape	\$16,000,000	
<b>Troy</b> <i>Troy Community Center</i> Opened 2008	80,980	127,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Child Care, Banquet Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Dance & Aerobic Studios, Aquatic Center and Pool, Game Room	\$33,000,000	
Sterling Heights Sterling Heights Community Center Opened 2020	132,964	98,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Teen, Child Care, Conference Center & Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Dance & Aerobic Studios	\$25,000,000	
Warren Warren Community Center Opened 2003	140,000	180,000 Sq. Ft.	(3) Gyms, Seniors, Banquet & Conference Center, Fitness Center, Aquatic Center and Pool, Performing Arts Center, Batting Cages	\$39,000,000	
<b>Wixom</b> Wixom Community Center Opened 1992	14,010	11,600 Sq. Ft.	Banquet & Conference Center, Seniors	\$5,000,000	



## OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BCC INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Option 1—Renovate the Existing Building and Construct an Addition to increase amenities
- Option 2—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 20,000 Sq. Ft. facility
- Option 3—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 40,000 Sq. Ft. facility
- Option 4—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 60,000 Sq. Ft. facility

#### Option 1—Renovate Existing Building and Build Addition

A major renovation would be undertaken to repair and replace existing building systems and elements. Minor changes to the building layout could be accommodated in order to make the layout more functional as well as increase safety and flexibility. An addition would be constructed to the south of the existing building to add amenities and provide additional program space. This option could be done in phases to spread out costs over several years as well as to allow for continuous operations.

#### Option 2— Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 20,000 Sq. Ft. facility

A new facility would be constructed to the west side of the site where the existing parking lot (next to Hurley Field) is located. The existing facility would be demolished after the new building is constructed to allow for no disruption in service for the community. Amenities would include a Two-Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Rooms, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza.

#### Option 3—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 40,000 Sq. Ft. facility

Similar to Option 2, a new facility would be constructed to the west side—this facility would have a larger foot-print to accommodate additional program space. Amenities would include everything in the 20,000 sq. ft. option, plus Multipurpose Classrooms (for pre-School, childcare and enrichment classes), Community Meeting Room, Gathering and Pre-Function Spaces (to support rental opportunities as well as create informal meeting and hang out spaces), Kitchen (for event catering as well as concessions), Indoor Playscape, Fitness Area and Track (with weight room and dance/exercise studios), and additional space for Storage, Restrooms, Offices and outdoor Ice Rink in the Plaza.

#### Option 4—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 60,000 Sq. Ft. facility

This option would build upon Option 4, including all amenities in that plan, plus the addition of an Aquatic facility. This amenity would be placed at the north end of the new facility and would therefore require the relocation of two existing tennis courts. The Aquatic facility could also be constructed as a 2nd phase to the Option 3 plan, allowing costs to be deferred on this amenity until budget permits.



#### Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 1, Renovate/ Expand Existing Facility **Estimated Cost Space Type** Area PHASE 1—Renovate Existing **Existing Building Renovations** 8,100 Sq. Ft. \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000 **Structural Repairs Update HVAC & Electrical Update Restrooms Update Kitchenette** Update Offices & Meeting Spaces Update Seniors Annex **Update Gym (Single Court)** Site \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 **Renovate Existing Parking Lots & Sidewalks** PHASE 2—Expansion Commons 1,000 Sq. Ft. \$100,000 to \$150,000 Reception Circulation 3,000 Sq. Ft. \$400,000 to \$500,000 **Multipurpose Classrooms Teen Room Administration** \$150,000 to \$200,000 1,000 Sq. Ft. Offices 3,000 Sq. Ft. \$450,000 to \$600,000 Mechanical/ Electrical **Gym Support** \$400,000 to \$500,000 2,500 Sq. Ft. **Locker Rooms Gym Storage** Site \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 **Additional Parking Utilities and Drainage** Site Lighting **Total** \$8,000,000 to \$12,950,000 18,600 Sq. Ft.



Note: The addition is currently planned as a single story structure. As an alternative, it could also be constructed as a two-story structure to provide additional program and amenity space—this would likely add between \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in additional costs to the overall estimates.

## SCHEMATIC SITE LAYOUT



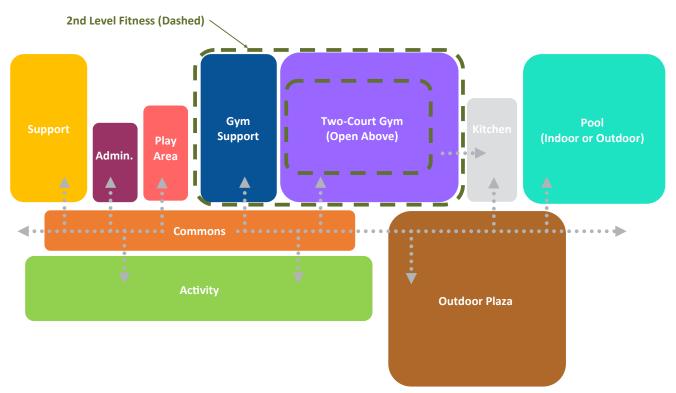
## **NEW CONSTRUCTION OPTIONS**

As part of a long-term planning strategy, Stantec assisted the City in 2017-2018 by providing an indepth program analysis for constructing the new BCC, which led to a bond initiative in 2018. A 2018 Town Hall presentation included the goals for the BCC, which were delineated as follows:



SCHEMATIC SITE LAYOUT

"The BCC will be flexible, providing space for recreation, gathering, social events, birthday parties, league play, banquets, preschool and more. Spaces will be designed to serve more than one purpose, keeping the Community Center active throughout the day and into the evening. The BCC will encourage programs to thrive and grow, both existing and new. Flexible spaces will ensure senior events, after school activities and art programs will have what they need for success. Wellness, dance, league and sport programs will have space for firstclass experiences. Opportunities will abound to bring different groups together in new ways."



## NEW 60,000 SQ. FT. COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEMATIC BUILDING LAYOUT

(PROGRAM COMPONENTS TO BE OMITTED OR REDUCED FOR 20,000 AND 40,000 SQ. FT. FACILITIES AS NOTED IN WRITEUPS)



Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 2, New 20,000 Sq. Ft. Facility				
Space Type	Area	Estimated Cost		
Commons  Reception Circulation	1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$100,000 to \$150,000		
Activity • Seniors Room • Teen Room	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$250,000 to \$350,000		
Administration • Offices	1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$150,000 to \$200,000		
Support  Mechanical/ Electrical  IT  Storage	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$300,000 to \$500,000		
Gym Support  Locker Rooms Gym Storage	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$500,000		
Gym  Two-Court Gym (no 2nd Level)	12,000 Sq. Ft.	\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000		
Outdoor Space  Outdoor Plaza		\$250,000 to \$300,000		
Site     Parking     Utilities and Drainage     Site Lighting     Existing BCC Demolition		\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000		
Total	20,000 Sq. Ft.	\$6,450,000 to \$8,000,000		



Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 3, New 40,000 Sq. Ft. Facility				
Space Type	Area	Estimated Cost		
Commons     Lobby     Reception     Circulation     Gathering & Pre-Function Spaces	5,000 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$600,000		
Activity	6,000 Sq. Ft.	\$800,000 to \$1,000,000		
Administration • Offices	1,600 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000		
Support  Restrooms  Mechanical/ Electrical  IT  Storage	7,000 Sq. Ft.	\$750,000 to \$1,000,000		
Gym Support  Locker Rooms  Gym Storage  Event Storage/ Coats  Nursing Room	5,500 Sq. Ft.	\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000		
Gym • Two-Court Gym	12,000 Sq. Ft.	\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000		
Kitchen • Catering/Warming Kitchen • Indoor/ Outdoor Concessions	900 Sq. Ft.	\$250,000 to \$500,000		
Indoor Play Area  Playscape Coffee Nook	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000		
<ul> <li>2nd Level Fitness</li> <li>Fitness Area (Weights &amp; Cardio)</li> <li>Dance Studio</li> <li>Restrooms</li> <li>Indoor Track</li> <li>Elevator/Stairs</li> </ul>	12,000 Sq. Ft. (incl. in Gym Sq. Footage)	\$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000		
Outdoor Space  Outdoor Plaza/Ice Rink		\$500,000 to \$1,000,000		
Site		\$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000		
Total	40,000 Sq. Ft.	\$13,100,000 to \$17,200,000		



Berkley Community Center Facility Program	Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 4, New 60,000 Sq. Ft. Facility				
Space Type	Area	Estimated Cost			
Commons  Lobby  Reception  Circulation  Gathering & Pre-Function Spaces	5,000 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$600,000			
Activity  Multipurpose Classrooms  Seniors Room  Teen Room  Community Meeting Room	6,000 Sq. Ft.	\$800,000 to \$1,000,000			
Administration • Offices	1,600 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000			
Support  Restrooms  Mechanical/ Electrical  IT  Storage	7,000 Sq. Ft.	\$750,000 to \$1,000,000			
Gym Support  Locker Rooms  Gym Storage  Event Storage/ Coats  Nursing Room	5,500 Sq. Ft.	\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000			
Gym • Two-Court Gym	12,000 Sq. Ft.	\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000			
Kitchen     Catering/Warming Kitchen     Indoor/ Outdoor Concessions	900 Sq. Ft.	\$250,000 to \$500,000			
Indoor Play Area  Playscape Coffee Nook	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000			
<ul> <li>2nd Level Fitness</li> <li>Fitness Area (Weights &amp; Cardio)</li> <li>Dance Studio</li> <li>Restrooms</li> <li>Indoor Track</li> <li>Elevator/Stairs</li> </ul>	12,000 Sq. Ft. (incl. in Gym Sq. Footage)	\$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000			
Outdoor Space  Outdoor Plaza/Ice Rink		\$500,000 to \$1,000,000			
Site     Amphitheater     Parking     Utilities and Drainage     Site Lighting     Existing BCC Demolition		\$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000			
Pool  Requires Relocation of Two Tennis Courts	18,000 Sq. Ft.	\$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000			
Total	58,000 Sq. Ft.	\$16,100,000 to \$23,200,000			



## **OPTION SYNOPSES**

#### Option 1—Renovate Existing Building and Build Addition

- 18,600 sq. ft. (Limited Footprint)
- More costly per Sq. Ft. to renovate than new construction due to inherent building problems
- Existing layout is limited, extensive repairs needed
- Single Court Gym, Seniors Space only, limited support and amenity spaces
- Phased construction allows costs to be deferred
- Cost: \$8,000,000 to \$12,950,000

#### Option 2— Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 20,000 Sq. Ft. facility

- 20,000 sq. ft. (Limited Footprint)
- New Construction—technological advances increase energy efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance
- Two Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Spaces, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza
- Cost: \$6,450,000 to \$8,000,000

### Option 3—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 40,000 Sq. Ft. facility

- 40,000 sq. ft.
- New Construction—technological advances increase energy efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance
- Two Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Spaces, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza
- Multipurpose Classrooms, Community Meeting Room, Gathering and Pre-Function Spaces, Indoor Playscape,
   Fitness Area, additional Storage, Restrooms, Offices and outdoor Ice Rink in the Plaza.
- Kitchen—promotes rental opportunities for special events
- Cost: \$13,100,000 to \$17,200,000

### Option 4—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 60,000 Sq. Ft. facility

- 60,000 sq. ft.
- New Construction—technological advances increase energy efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance
- Two Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Spaces, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza
- Multipurpose Classrooms, Community Meeting Room, Gathering and Pre-Function Spaces, Indoor Playscape, Fitness Area, additional Storage, Restrooms, Offices and outdoor Ice Rink in the Plaza.
- Kitchen—promotes rental opportunities for special events
- Pool Facility—phased construction allows costs to be deferred
- Cost: \$16,100,000 to \$23,200,000

