



# ***City of Kentwood***

## ***2021 Community Parks and Recreation Plan***





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## COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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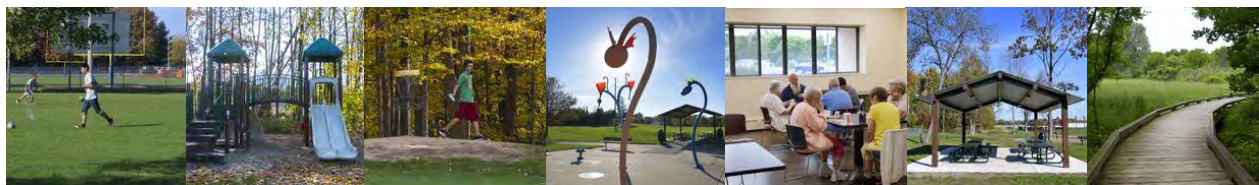
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SECTION 1

# INTRODUCTION



## SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

Parks, Recreation and Open Space are important elements of all communities and reflect positively on the quality of life for residents. The youth of the community are given places to go and activities to participate in that provide positive and constructive ways for them to use their leisure time. Families are able to find fun and inexpensive means of getting together with their friends and neighbors in a manner that builds a positive image of the community. The elderly also benefit from such programs in ways that provide for healthy and happy retirement.

A properly developed plan is representative of what people want, an imaginative projection of what might be and realistic in recognizing what is possible. It is based upon ideas that communities are for people; that change, complexity, and compromise are the essence of communities, and that planning is a means of anticipating or reacting to change.

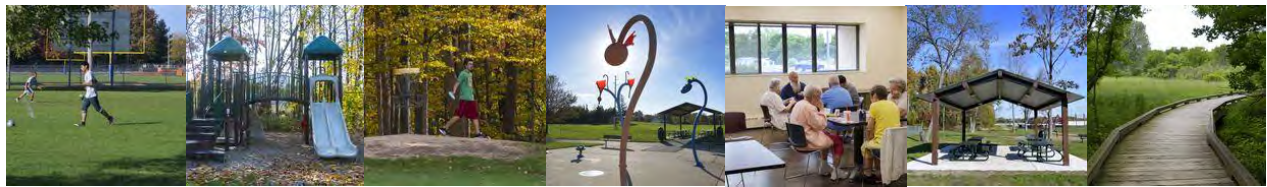
In recent years, a more holistic approach to recreational planning has been encouraged, stretching beyond the boundaries of traditional parks to include sidewalks, linear trails, greenways, town squares, plazas and other publicly and privately owned lands. A variety of indoor facilities also serve the recreational and social needs of the public. In addition to the human benefits of recreation and open space, there are also important environmental benefits, such as water resource protection, reduced vehicular traffic, and plant and wildlife protection.

### PLAN PURPOSE

The purpose of this Community Recreation Plan for the City of Kentwood is to provide a logical framework to guide decisions concerning recreation facilities and services. The plan addresses current recreation issues and identifies future needs of the community and the means for meeting those needs over the up-coming five-year period. It addresses both short and long-range goals and objectives and identifies an action program by which these goals and objectives can be accomplished.







In addition, the plan serves as an educational tool to acquaint local officials and residents of the need for a sound and balanced recreation program.

The last Community Park and Recreation Plan was developed by the City of Kentwood in 2015. This new Plan has been developed both to reflect the current needs and goals of the community, and to meet the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for qualifying for Federal and State funding assistance. These funds are available for land acquisition and facility development and improvements to new and existing parklands.

## **PLAN SCOPE**

The scope of this plan includes the City's active and passive recreation facilities, undeveloped open space, and trails and linear "green" corridors. Recreational programming is also an important consideration. The City offers a variety of athletic, recreation and enrichment programs for persons of all ages.

The area of the plan is essentially limited to the City boundaries. However, consideration is also made of neighboring municipal facilities and regional facilities that influence use patterns. A location map follows, which illustrated the regional context of the City. Although the City of Kentwood is almost fully developed; surrounding neighborhoods continue to grow.

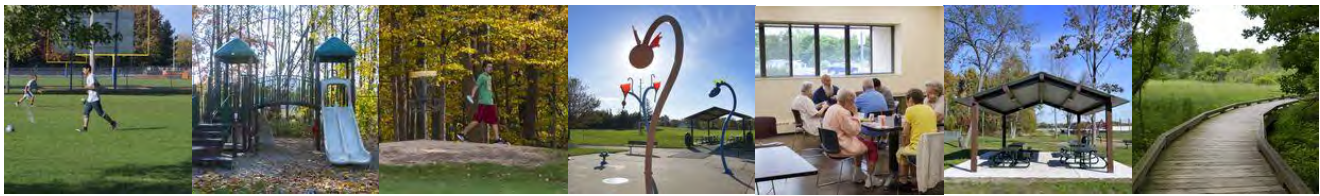
In terms of time, the Capital Improvement Schedule of this document covers development over the next five years. However, the Goals and Objectives developed to guide recreation planning may continue to be relevant for many more years to come.



## SECTION 2

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION





## **SECTION 2 COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The City of Kentwood was incorporated in 1967 by the vote of more than 6,000 residents, officially transforming Paris Township into Kentwood. Since that time, Kentwood has grown into a thriving community, home to more than 50,000 people.

The city has a total area of 20.95 square miles (54.26 km<sup>2</sup>), of which, 20.90 square miles (54.13 km<sup>2</sup>) is land, and 0.05 square miles (0.13 km<sup>2</sup>) is water. The city is bordered by Wyoming to the west, Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township to the north, Cascade Township to the east, and Gaines Township to the south.

### **SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **HISTORY**

In 1839 Paris Township was formally organized and named. The Kent County Agricultural Society purchased land in Paris Township for the first county fairgrounds in 1855. It later served as the initial encampment and training ground for the Third Michigan Volunteers during the Civil War.

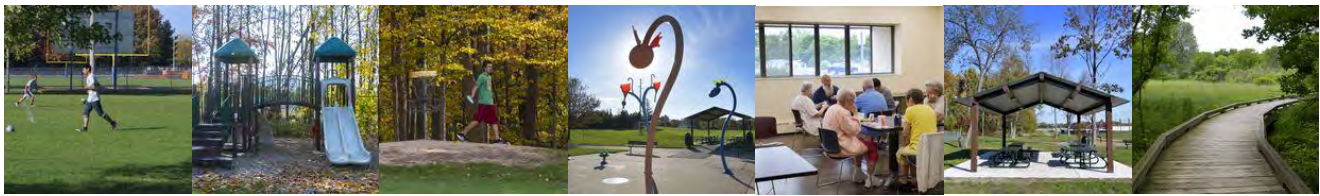
#### **POPULATION**

The City of Kentwood has witnessed slow growth in recent years. From 2000 to 2010, the target area's total population experienced a small increase of 7.1% or an annual rate of approximately 0.7%. This is less than national growth average, which was just over 1% annually. Projecting ahead, the population is expected to continue to grow at a reduced rate over the next 15 years. Based on the projections through 2027, the service area is expected to have approximately 54,923 residents living within 22,094 households.

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICT POPULATION**

For the 2020 school year, there are 17 public schools. The district serves 8,908 students. Minority enrollment is 65% of the student body (majority black) which is more than the Michigan state average of 34%. The student: teacher ratio of 20:1 is more than the state average of 18:1.





## POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of Kentwood's population, i.e. where people live within the city, represents a snapshot of Kentwood's development. Residential development is scattered across the city, although Kentwood's population is more concentrated on the west side of the city. Density increases associated with the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system along Division Avenue could increase the overall population in the area and add a new vitality to the west side of the city. The east side of the city will experience population growth during the coming years as vacant residential land develops in a more traditional manner.

## AGE SEGMENT

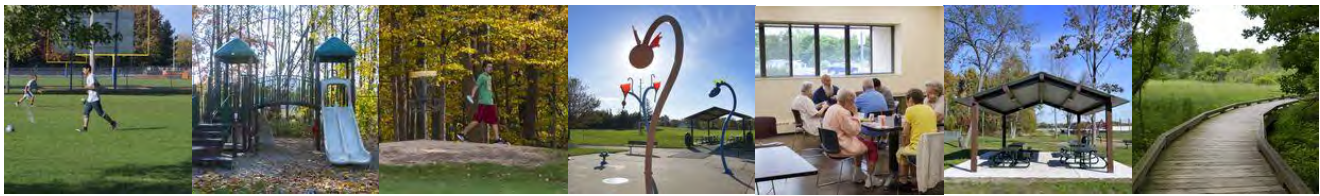
Evaluating the distribution by age segments, the City of Kentwood is fairly balanced between youth, young adult, family, and senior populations. In 2010, the highest segment by population is the 35-54 age group representing 27%, and the lowest is the 55+ segment which constitutes 22% of the population. Over time, the composition of the population for the City is projected to experience an aging trend. The Census results from 2000 and 2010 show a slight decline in the three youngest age segments (all three decreased by approximately 1%-2% each), while the 55+ age group grew by over 5% in the same period. Projections through 2027 show that each age segment, except the 55+ age group, will continue to experience small, but steady, decreases in size as compared to the population as a whole. The 55+ segment is expected to slowly grow to approximately 28.3% of the population by 2027. This will make it the single largest age segment and create a nearly even balance among the four major age segments. This is consistent with general national trends where the 55+ age group has been growing as a result of increased life expectancies and the baby boomer population.

## POPULATION BY RACE

When considering race, the service area has a limited diverse landscape. From 2000 to 2010, the City of Kentwood recognized significant diversification as the White Only category reduced from 80.87% to 70.12%, the Black Only group grew from 9.09% to 15.43%, and all other categories, except the American Indian and Pacific Islander populations, underwent some growth. During the 10-year period between Censuses, those of Hispanic/Latino Origin more than doubled its representation among the overall population, increasing from 3.88% in 2000 to 8.46% in 2010.







Predictions show that by 2027 the target area is projected to continue to diversify, with the majority Caucasian population dropping to 60.47%, while the Black Only category will reach 20.04%. Based on future projections, the minorities will gradually grow with the Hispanic Race exhibiting the most notable movement, growing from 3.88% in 2000 to 13% by 2027.

## **HOUSHOLD INCOME**

In 2016, the median household income of Kentwood residents was \$49,317, which is lower than Kent County (\$55,673), Michigan (\$50,803), the Grand Rapids/Wyoming MSA (\$55,675), and the US (\$55,322).

## **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/RESOURCE INVENTORY**

Understanding the physical features and natural resources of the City helps to explain its historical development and guide future develop to ensure important natural resources are preserved and protected for future generations.

## **TOPOGRAPHY**

The general topographic condition of Kentwood can best be described as largely flat with some rolling hills. The northern portion of the city generally has more varying topography; however, the overall change in elevation is small - 124 feet from the low point to the high point in the city.

## **WATERSHEDS**

The City of Kentwood drains into three different watersheds - Plaster Creek, Buck Creek and the Grand River. The Plaster Creek Watershed is the largest in the City, totaling 8,846 acres or 66% of Kentwood's land area. The Buck Creek Watershed covers the west side of the city and totals 4,334 acres or 32% of the land area. Only a small 226-acre area of the northeast corner of the City drains into the Grand River Watershed.

## **WETLANDS**

Wetlands are a vital part of the physical environment and serve many purposes. These sensitive areas are vital to the health and sustainability of the region's water resources and dependent plant and animal species. There is an estimated 1,911 acres of wetlands within Kentwood's city limits; some are seasonally wet, while others are permanently wet or flooded.





## **SOILS**

Heavy silt clays and loams dominate the soil types found within Kentwood. There are, however, pockets of sandy soils that are better drained. These soils are typically found in and along the Plaster Creek, and west of Kalamazoo Avenue. The heavier clay soils, while poorly drained, are not unworkable. Drain tile and site engineering usually are able to overcome any negative drainage situation caused by heavy soils.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

The natural features found in and around Kentwood are all part of a larger, regional ecosystem. These include Kentwood's wetlands and water features that are minor components of much larger systems that extend beyond political boundaries. As such, these resources must be addressed on a system basis, meaning that Kentwood must work in partnership with other communities to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of these resources.

## **CLIMATE**

The influence of Lake Michigan on the climate of West Michigan is quite strong throughout most of the year. Westerly winds combined with water temperature create "lake effects". During the summer months, the average daily temperature stays near 70° (F). Days with temperatures exceeding 90° are uncommon, usually occurring only a few times a year. The average daily temperature between the months of December and March is approximately 26° (F). Snow flurries are frequent, and the average annual snowfall is 78 inches within Kent County. The average date of the first freezing temperature in the fall is approximately September 24. Average annual rainfall in Kent County is 34 inches.

## **LAND USE**

In general, Kentwood residential neighborhoods follow a typical suburban pattern of development in which residential, commercial, office and industrial uses are separated from one another and the focus of transportation is primarily on automotive traffic with little consideration for non-motorized forms of transportation. Most of these subdivisions were developed between 1970-2000. Today development has slowed, due in part to the economy and in part because relatively little undeveloped land remains in the city. Kentwood includes 2,271 acres of vacant land. The greatest concentration of vacant, developable land is east of Breton Avenue and south of 36th Street. Much of the vacant





land is currently zoned for residential development – a combination of low and medium density single family residential.

Land Use Type	Area (sq ft)	Area (acres)	% of Total
Commercial	34,258,628	786	6.6%
Duplex	7,765,665	178	1.5%
Elderly Housing	8,740,573	201	1.7%
Industrial	82,157,063	1,886	15.8%
Mobile Home Park	6,837,480	157	1.3%
Multi Family	24,758,389	568	4.8%
Office	11,879,059	273	2.3%
Public/QuasiPublic	83,513,286	1,917	16.1%
Railroad	2,874,564	66	.6%
Single Family	158,053,607	3,628	30.4%
Vacant	98,909,447	2,271	19.0%
Total	519,747,765	11,932	100%

## LAND USE (COMMERCIAL)

Kentwood is known for its shopping centers that for years have provided the Grand Rapids area with the only regional shopping venue. Now several regional shopping centers exist, and the city's Woodland Mall has to work harder to keep its market share of sales. Woodland has had to continuously improve its image and offerings to keep up with more modern shopping centers. The addition of the food court, theatre, sit-down restaurants, an Apple store, new signage, a new Barnes and Noble bookstore, and a new North Face store have helped to keep the mall current. As much as Woodland relies on its anchor department stores to bring in customers to the mall, the overall 28th Street area relies on Woodland to bring people to shop on 28th Street. The success of many Kentwood businesses on 28th Street depends on the continued success of Woodland Mall.

## TRANSPORTATION

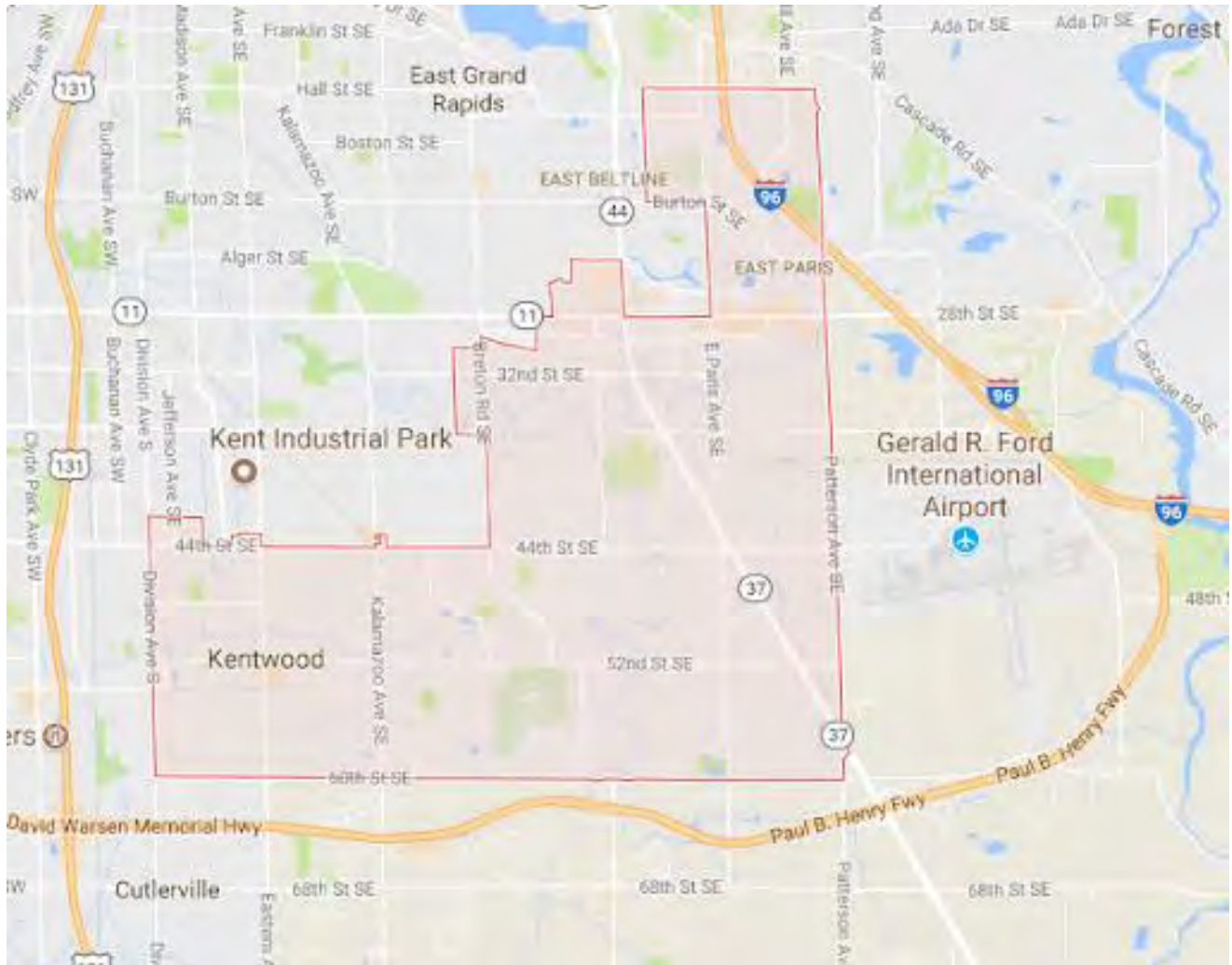
Kentwood is considered a first-tier suburb of Grand Rapids, the metro area's principal central city. As such, it shares many similarities with the areas of Grand Rapids that it borders, as well as with other inner suburbs; thus, distinctions between governmental units' blur and a clear identity is not readily noticed.



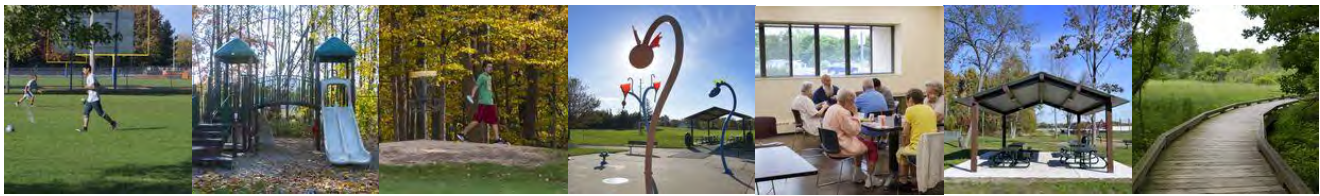




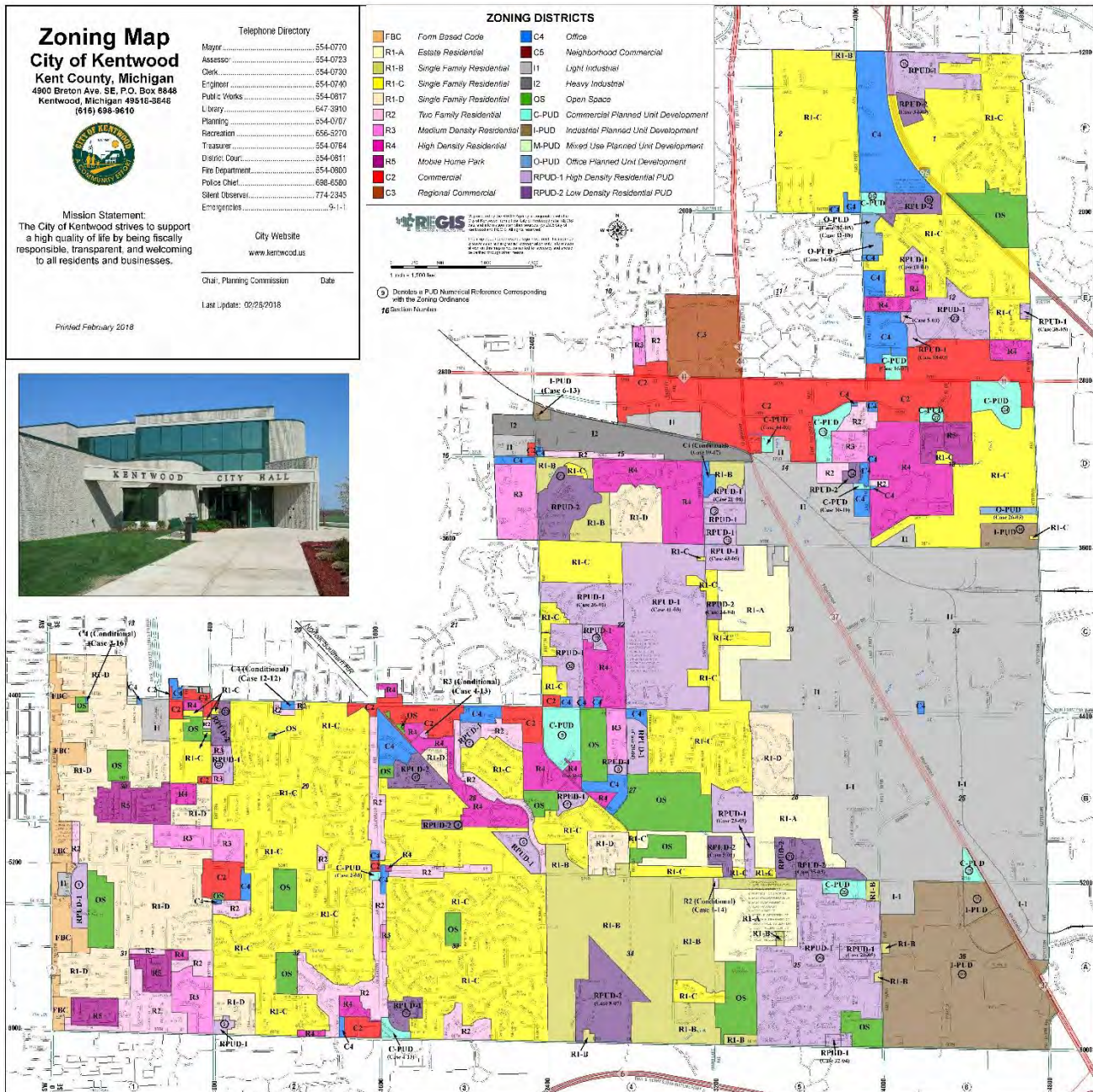
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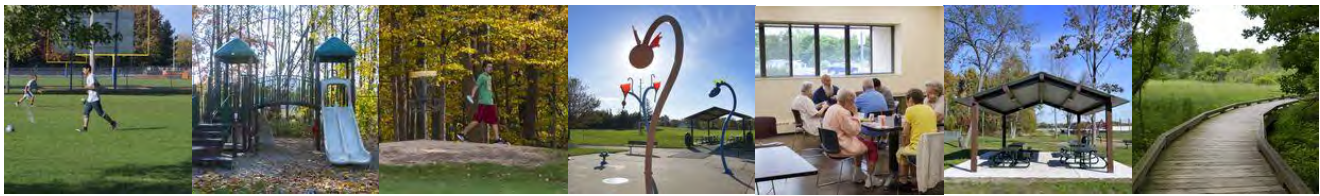
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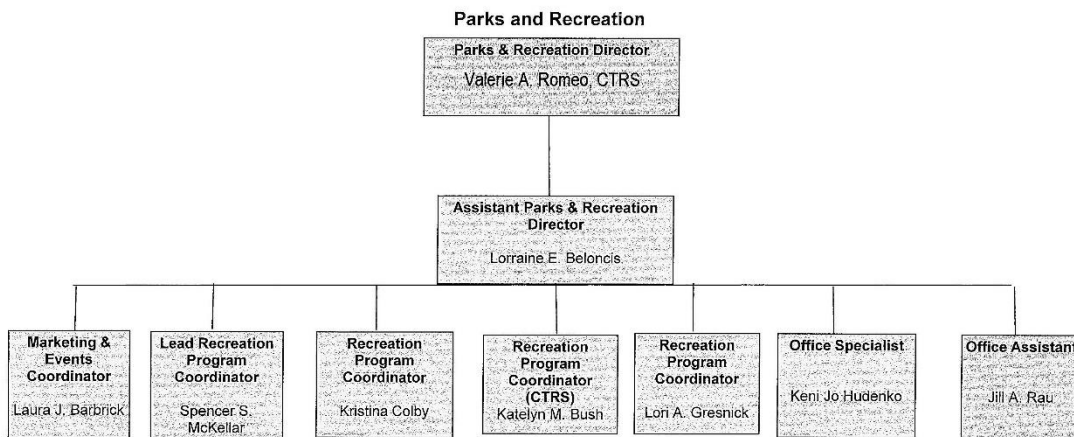
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## SECTION 3 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

### PARKS AND RECREATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



### KENTWOOD CITY COMMISSION

This body of six Commissioners and the Mayor are representatives of the citizens. All recommendations, purchasing, and policy decisions are the responsibility of this body. All the principals below will make recommendations to this Commission who in turn must answer to the citizens.

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

This nine-member Commission is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission was established by city ordinance, on February 17, 1976. Commission consists of a City commissioner; one representative from each of the Kentwood and Kelloggsville School Boards. The other six members are appointed to represent various other interest or neighborhood groups. The Parks & Recreation Director, Public Works Director, and the Assistant Planner serve as ex-officio members. The Commission meets at regular intervals, not less than four times a year.





## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of the Parks. Lawn care, general upkeep, snow removal, and equipment installation are the main areas of responsibility. The City garage personnel take care of the Recreation Department vehicles. The 2014 Public Works budget for park maintenance was \$250,000. However, the breakdown of operating and personnel costs to maintain the parks is difficult to estimate because of the shared duties of other department responsibilities for the entire City.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for all leisure programming including a variety of activities for all ages. This programming takes place in the parks, Activities Center and various school facilities. Coordination of the budget, park improvements budget, park acquisition and development are done in conjunction with the Park & Recreation Commission.

## **VISION**

Vision describes what the Department wants to be known for in the future, “Connecting people to parks, recreation programs and facilities for life.”

## **MISSION**

The following is the mission for how Kentwood Parks and Recreation will implement the vision: “We will create outstanding recreational, natural and cultural experiences to enrich Kentwood residents’ lives by enhancing the quality of life for our community now and for future generations.”

## **CORE VALUES**

Our core values are as follows:

- Outstanding customer service
- Enthusiastic Attitude and Teamwork of all staff
- Accountability and Integrity
- Creativity and Innovation
- Stewardship of our parks and natural areas
- Inclusiveness and Accessibility
- Leadership and Professional Development
- Excellence in everything we do







## **PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET COMMUNITY EVENTS BUDGET**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS BUDGET

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2020-21  
MAYOR RECOMMENDED  
BUDGET

2019-20  
PROJECTED  
ACTIVITY

2019-20  
AMENDED  
BUDGET

2018-19  
ACTIVITY

2017-18  
ACTIVITY

GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION

Dept 693 - COMMUNITY EVENTS					
101-693-702.000 SALARIES & WAGES	52,297	59,510	131,100	132,400	138,500
101-693-702.001 * SALARIES PART TIME	0	0	1,000	400	10,000
101-693-704.000 OVERTIME PAY	969	591	5,000	3,000	5,000
101-693-706.000 LONGEVITY PAY	250	250	800	800	900
101-693-714.000 F.I.C.A.	3,984	4,273	10,600	10,500	11,900
101-693-715.000 S.U.T.A.	6	5	100	100	100
101-693-716.000 MEDICAL INSURANCE	9,032	12,474	27,600	24,100	28,700
101-693-716.001 RETIREES MEDICAL INS	0	0	1,100	2,300	2,100
101-693-716.015 HSA EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	0	1,169	2,500	2,300	2,400
101-693-717.000 LIFE INSURANCE	90	103	300	300	300
101-693-718.000 WORKERS COMPENSATION INS *	280	227	700	600	600
101-693-719.000 PENSION	4,464	4,961	14,300	13,400	14,500
101-693-720.000 DENTAL INSURANCE	931	998	800	2,700	800
101-693-721.000 LONG TERM DISABILITY INS	190	220	600	600	600
101-693-722.000 VISION INSURANCE	13	14	100	700	800
101-693-740.000 * SUPPLIES	117,208	77,533	88,200	76,300	101,200
101-693-801.000 * CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	19,794	29,354	53,700	45,700	54,200
101-693-807.000 * DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	0	625	3,300	3,000	3,500
101-693-850.000 TELEPHONE	423	370	500	500	500
101-693-864.000 VEHICLE MILEAGE	159	286	800	1,300	1,300
101-693-910.000 * INSURANCE & BONDS	3,093	2,752	3,000	1,800	2,700
101-693-950.000 INTERNAL CHARGES	27,118	6,754	40,000	40,000	45,700
101-693-951.000 SCHOOL FACILITY CHARGES	0	0	500	500	500
101-693-975.000 * CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,541	11,292	8,500	8,500	8,500
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 693 - COMMUNITY EVEN	(246,842)	(213,761)	(395,100)	(371,800)	(435,300)

\* NOTES TO BUDGET: DEPARTMENT 693 COMMUNITY EVENTS

# PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2020-21
		ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	AMENDED BUDGET	PROJECTED ACTIVITY	MAYOR RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Dept 691 - RECREATION						
101-691-702.000 *	SALARIES & WAGES	385,032	403,648	404,000	399,600	399,000
101-691-702.001 *	SALARIES PART TIME	56,626	56,910	75,000	78,100	138,800
101-691-704.000 *	OVERTIME PAY	4,858	1,180	2,500	400	2,500
101-691-706.000	LONGEVITY PAY	1,860	1,880	1,800	1,800	2,100
101-691-714.000	F.I.C.A.	33,010	34,941	35,900	36,800	41,500
101-691-715.000	S.U.T.A.	79	81	100	100	100
101-691-716.000	MEDICAL INSURANCE	84,183	107,154	87,300	78,500	84,500
101-691-716.001	RETIREE MEDICAL INS	0	0	2,500	7,100	5,400
101-691-716.015	HSA EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	7,469	8,673	7,700	7,300	6,800
101-691-717.000	LIFE INSURANCE	719	738	800	800	800
101-691-718.000	WORKERS COMPENSATION INS	3,745	2,919	2,800	2,500	3,300
101-691-719.000	PENSION	33,269	34,931	41,300	39,000	39,900
101-691-720.000	DENTAL INSURANCE	9,270	9,178	6,600	8,400	4,400
101-691-721.000	LONG TERM DISABILITY INS	1,517	1,567	1,700	1,600	1,700
101-691-722.000	VISION INSURANCE	75	79	200	2,100	2,200
101-691-740.000 *	SUPPLIES	94,402	90,824	110,800	107,200	122,800
101-691-743.000	UNIFORM EXPENSE	453	0	0	0	0
101-691-801.000 *	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	62,929	50,974	71,500	60,300	80,700
101-691-807.000 *	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,047	2,684	5,300	5,000	5,500
101-691-850.000 *	TELEPHONE	1,398	1,319	1,200	1,800	2,000
101-691-861.000 *	AUTO SUPPLIES	1,060	702	1,000	1,000	2,000
101-691-862.000	GASOLINE EXPENSE	354	1,637	2,500	2,500	3,000
101-691-864.000 *	VEHICLE MILEAGE	5,232	6,254	5,500	5,500	5,500
101-691-910.000 *	INSURANCE & BONDS	4,444	4,709	2,500	2,500	2,500
101-691-920.000	ELECTRIC	11,301	12,616	15,000	15,000	15,000
101-691-921.000	HEAT	3,212	4,761	6,500	6,500	6,500
101-691-922.000	WATER & SEWER EXPENSE	1,350	1,360	4,500	4,500	4,500
101-691-934.000 *	REPAIR	2,782	2,123	7,500	9,000	9,500
101-691-941.000 *	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	16,398	12,611	27,000	17,000	24,500
101-691-945.101	USE OF FACILITIES	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
101-691-950.000	INTERNAL CHARGES	52,198	51,756	35,000	35,000	45,300
101-691-951.000 *	SCHOOL FACILITY CHARGES	225	0	2,000	5,000	8,000
101-691-956.000 *	EDUCATION & TRAINING	6,177	6,602	8,500	8,500	9,000
101-691-975.000 *	CAPITAL OUTLAY	7,239	(65)	9,800	9,800	14,500
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 691 - RECREATION		(914,913)	(933,746)	(1,005,300)	(979,200)	(1,112,800)

\* NOTES TO BUDGET: DEPARTMENT 691 RECREATION

SECTION 4

RECREATION  
INVENTORY





## SECTION 4

### EXISTING RECREATION INVENTORY

In order to determine the recreational needs for the City of Kentwood, an analysis of the existing facilities was undertaken. The intent of the analysis is to provide a clear evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing recreational opportunities the City has to offer its citizens. The inventory is based on information provided by City staff and site inspections carried out by MCSA Group as part of the planning process.

#### **CITY PARK AND OPEN SPACE FACILITIES**

The City of Kentwood provides a range of passive and active recreation opportunities for residents within its City Parks. There are fourteen (15) City parks that have existing recreational facilities on approximately 301 acres of public or quasi-public land in the City of Kentwood. In addition to various parks, there are 13 miles of non-motorized trails in Kentwood, which also connect to other Kent County trails. The City properties can be classified as follows: two mini-parks, four neighborhood open spaces and nine community park areas. This classification is adapted from “Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines,” J. D. Mertes and J. R. Hall, 1995, as recommended by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A more detailed description and photographic inventory of each site follows. An Existing Recreation Facilities map at the end of this section illustrates the location of public park/recreation areas within the City, and an Existing Recreation Facilities matrix provides a summary of the facilities provided at each Location.







An Accessibility Assessment of each facility was undertaken using the following ranking system for the site elements based upon the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design:

1 - NONE

2 - SOME

3 - MOST

4 - ALL

5 - THE FACILITY MEETS THE PRINCIPALS OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN

*Equitable Design, Flexibility in Use, Simple and Intuitive Use, Perceptible Information and Tolerance for Error, Low Physical Effort and Size and Space for Approach and Use*





## **MINI-PARKS**

Mini-parks are specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population of specific group such as tots or senior citizens. The service area of a mini-park is less than ¼ mile radius and the park size is typically 1 acre or less. There are currently 2 sites that fits this description.







***Bowen Station Park***  
***4499 Bowen Blvd. S.E.***  
***1.99 Acres***

This pavilion is located on the northside of the Main Street businesses in downtown Kentwood. The pavilion has 12 picnic tables, trash cans and electric. This small park is located near the northern end of the Paul Henry Trail. The park features picnic tables and a picnic shelter, restrooms, a playground, and easy access to the trail.

***Accessibility Rating: 2***

There is no route to playground equipment but there is a route to the vault toilet.

***Accessibility Improvements:***

Barrier Free picnic tables should be added, and closer barrier free parking spaces should be added when the parking area is restriped.

***Condition:***

The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.





## ***Burgis Park***

***4554 Burgis Ave. S.E.***

***0.63 Acres***

This mini-park is one of Kentwood's smallest parks. A family friendly park featuring tennis courts, a basketball court, and playground.

### ***Accessibility Rating: 3***

There is an accessible route to playground equipment, but no ramp into the engineered wood fiber surfacing. There is no route from the street parking to the basketball, tennis, or futsal court.

### ***Accessibility Improvements:***

Consider adding barrier free, off street parking spaces with accessible walkways throughout the park and to all areas of activity.

### ***Condition:***

The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.







***Home Acres Park***  
***145 Farnham St. N.E.***  
***3.39 Acres***

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This little park offers many features for community residents such as, ball fields, a picnic shelter with tables and restroom, a playground, skate ramps, gaga ball and a bocce ball court.

***Accessibility Rating: 3***

This park was accessible routes to the fields, skate park, playground and bocce but none of these elements contain accessible opportunities.

***Accessibility Improvements:***

Update play equipment and provide accessible opportunities.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.







***Rondo Station Park***  
***1950 Gerda St. S.E.***  
***1.99 Acres***

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This pocket park can easily be accessed from the Paul Henry Trail between 44th St. and 52nd St. This little park has picnic tables, benches, and a playground and serves as a neighborhood park for several residential areas as well as those using the path for recreation.

***Accessibility Rating: 2***

There are no accessible parking spaces, routes to picnic tables and play structures. Play equipment is outdated and not accessible.

***Accessibility Improvements:***

Add barrier free parking spaces, access to picnic tables and benches along ADA paths. Provide new play equipment that offers play opportunities for children of all abilities.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.





## ***Stauffer Station Park***

***2360 52<sup>nd</sup> St. S.E.***

***1.08 Acres***

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Located at the corner of Stauffer Ave and 52nd St, this park offers convenient parking, restrooms and access to the Paul Henry Trail.

### ***Accessibility Rating: 4***

There is barrier free parking with access to the bathroom facility.

### ***Accessibility Improvements:***

None required.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.







## **NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN SPACE**

The Neighborhood Park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. This park typically serves a ¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers. A size of 5-10 acres is considered optimal for this type of park. The focus is on informal active and passive recreational activities, such as walking, field games, court games, playground equipment, and picnicking. The City of Kentwood also has a couple of parks with acreages greater than 1 but less than 5 that will be included in this category as well.





### ***East Paris Nature Park***

***5995 East Paris Ave. S.E.***

***25.43 Acres***

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This community park is located on the Southeast side of the Kentwood with proximity to the Paul Henry Trail and the Endeavor School.

#### ***Accessibility Rating: 4***

Park has paved accessible routes, shelter, boardwalks, and overlooks. The paved path is broken up due to tree roots and it is proposed to replace trail with chips and fines.

#### ***Accessibility Improvements:***

Provide smooth surfaces to all trails, paths, and boardwalks. Update the variety of seating to include universal access.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.







***Jaycee Park***  
***1088 Gentian Dr. S.E.***  
***20.66 Acres***

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This park has an 18-hole disc golf course, basketball court, tennis court, and three playgrounds. It is also a site for the R.E.A.C.H. summer program for kids.

***Accessibility Rating: 3***

Pedestrian bridge is very narrow with railings that do not meet code requirements. Restroom building is not accessible.

***Accessibility Improvements:***

Update older play equipment with universally accessible pieces, widen secondary bridge and add accessible routes to basketball and playground, replace restroom/concession with an accessible building.

***Condition:***

The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.





## ***Kellogg Woods Park***

***275 Kellogg Woods Park Dr. S.E.***

***10.73 Acres (Leasing 36.63 Acres from School)***

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This is large city park, located on the Just off 54th St. and Division Ave., Kellogg Woods Park is the home to the first dog park in Kentwood. The large park features many amenities including ball fields, a soccer field, playgrounds, shelter and restrooms.

### ***Accessibility Rating: 2***

While recent updates have been made to some of the park amenities, many of the features are lacking accessible routes or paths.

### ***Accessibility Improvements:***

Site amenities such as play equipment, the picnic shelter, dog park, parking lot, and ball fields should be renovated to encompass ADA compliant sidewalks or paths.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.







***Old Farm Park***  
***2350 Embro Dr. S.E.***  
***16.83 Acres***

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This park has an 18 hole disc golf course, basketball courts, playground, and pickleball courts. Park was recently updated with a new universally accessible restroom building.

***Accessibility Rating: 3***

There are few accessible trails, parking spaces, and play equipment.

***Accessibility Improvements:***

Add barrier free parking spaces, access to disc golf, as well as accessible play equipment.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.





***Pinewood Park***  
***1999 Wolfboro Dr. S.E.***  
***16.55 Acres***

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This large park has a ball field, soccer field, tennis courts, basketball courts, gaga ball, and skate ramps. The park also has a picnic shelter, restrooms, splash pad and playground.

***Accessibility Rating: 3***

Updated playground equipment is barrier free as is the splash pad area. However, much of the path paving and walkways are in poor condition and often are not within accessible limits. Additionally, newer features like the gaga ball, swings and tot lot have not been updated to accommodate accessibility needs.

***Accessibility Improvements:***

Relocating or consolidating features such as the playgrounds and sport court games to create cohesion within the park and link to other areas with new smooth paths.

***Condition:***

The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.







***Veterans Park***  
***355 48<sup>th</sup> Street***  
***14.39 Acres***

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The park features a splashpad, playground, restroom/concession building, two shelters, full size soccer field, basketball and tennis courts. There is a connector trail from the East West trail. This park has been significantly improved in the last 2 years.

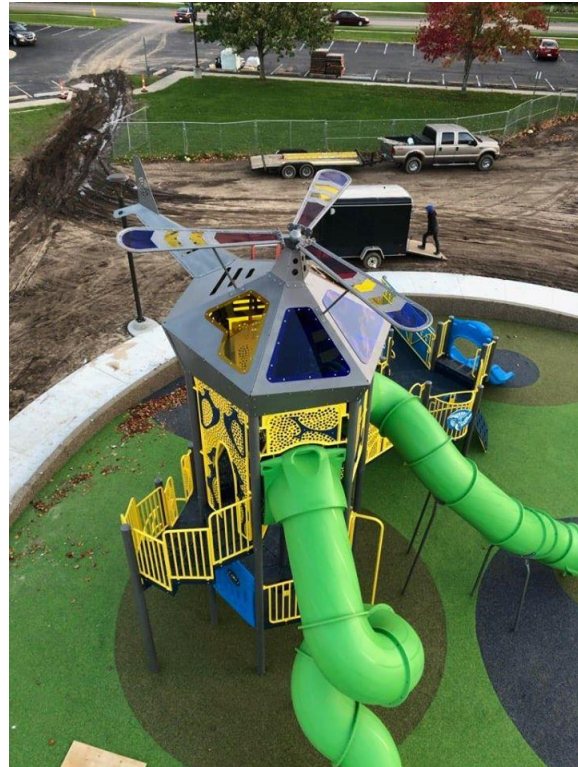
***Accessibility Rating: 4***

With the exception of the older basketball and tennis courts, the entire park has been renovated in the last two years. All improvements are universal.

***Accessibility Improvements:***

When renovations to the basketball and tennis courts are completed, they should be upgraded to the universal design standards.

***Condition:*** With the exception of the older basketball and tennis courts, the entire park has been renovated in the last two years.







## **COMMUNITY PARKS**

Community-wide parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks and provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting structured and unstructured community participation. These areas are typically between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance. Facilities may include wooded or natural areas, picnic shelters and grills, bike or hiking trails and other semi-active and passive uses for large groups of people. They may also contain specialized recreational facilities such as swimming pools, community centers and lighted ball diamonds. Community Parks should be easily accessible from throughout their service area. Currently there are six city parks classified within this category.







### ***Covenant Park***

***3402 36<sup>th</sup> Street SE***

***108.36 Acres***

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This community park property was recently donated to the City of Kentwood. Currently on the site are abandoned ballfields and a golf course.

***Accessibility Rating:*** N/A

***Accessibility Improvements:*** N/A

***Condition:*** Since the property was privately owned until recently, the condition is fair.







### ***Northeast Park***

***1900 Middleground Dr. S.E.***

***52.58 Acres***

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This park features a ball field, a soccer field, and basketball courts. There is also a picnic shelter, restrooms, and playground, as well as paved paths and a nature trail.

#### ***Accessibility Rating: 3***

While the variety of path types offers a diverse experience for visitors, the wood chip trail is not accessible. Many connection points along the wood boardwalk are showing wear and are not ADA compliant. Much of the play equipment is not barrier free and lacks proper water management.

#### ***Accessibility Improvements:***

Provide barrier free parking, improve trails to be barrier free and repair damage to wood boardwalk where deterioration has occurred. Update play equipment to include universally accessible pieces. Include accessible pathways connecting all areas, especially to playgrounds, ball fields and courts, as well as restroom facilities and the parking lot.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.







## ***Paris Park***

***3212 60<sup>th</sup> St. S.E.***

***58.78 Acres***

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Paris Park is a large natural area that offers opportunities for outdoor recreation to the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Park has connection to the Paul Henry Trail.

### ***Accessibility Rating: 3***

The pedestrian access from adjacent neighborhoods is incomplete and many of the nature paths, boardwalks, and bridges are not accessible.

### ***Accessibility Improvements:***

Provide complete pathways into the site from neighborhoods and enhance entrance connection at Paul Henry Trail. New signage for enhanced wayfinding and education opportunities.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.





### ***Stanaback Park***

***3717 Whitebud Dr. S.E.***

***50.98 Acres***

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The park features basketball courts, a picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, as well as both paved and nature trails.

#### ***Accessibility Rating: 3***

Some attempts have been made at making the park amenities accessible. However, key features are still lacking proper barrier free accessibility requirements.

#### ***Accessibility Improvements:***

Locate the ADA parking spaces closer to areas of activity and connect with appropriate pathways. Provide barrier free route to play structures and accessible play surfacing with edger for ease of maintenance. Ensure proper grading and drainage across all paths and parking areas.

***Condition:*** The Phase One Master Plan outlines proposed improvements.

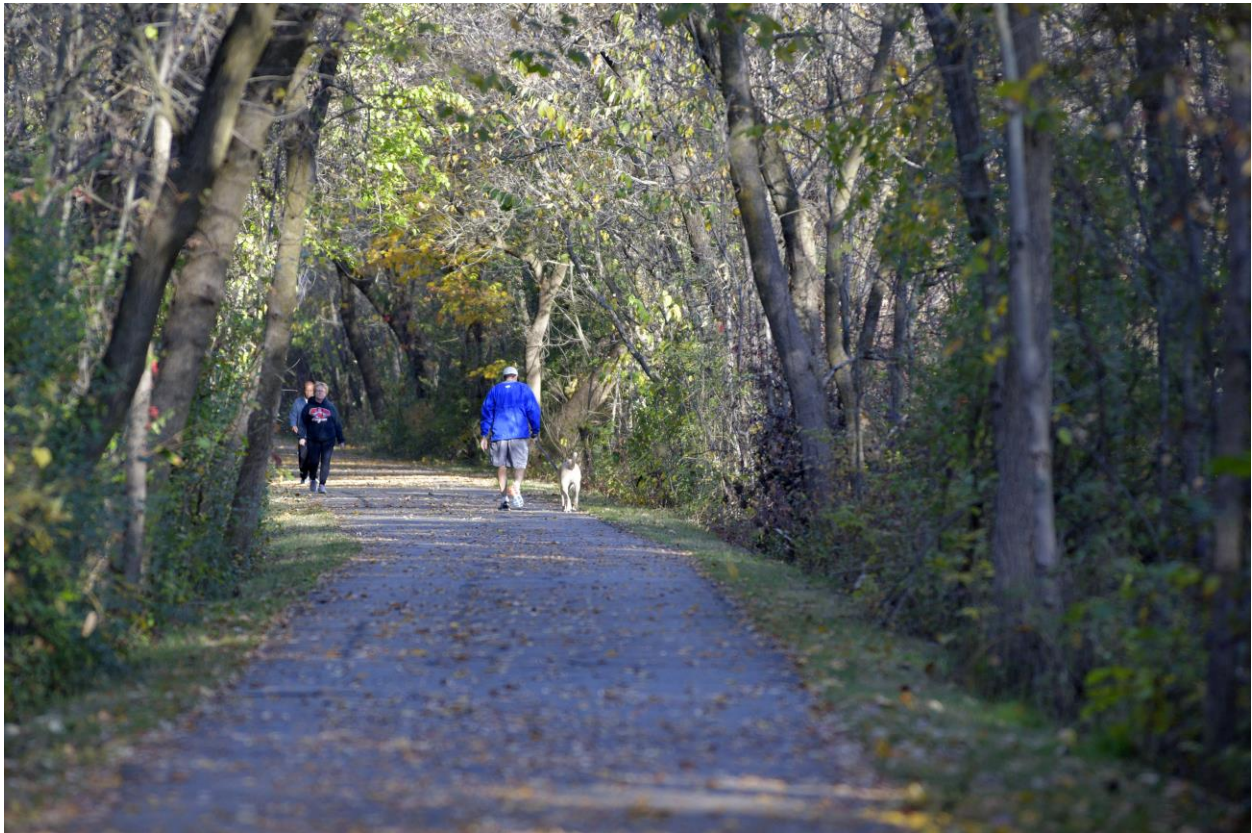






## **TRAILS**

In addition to various parks, there are 13 miles of non-motorized trails in Kentwood, which also connect to other Kent County trails. A copy of the 2017 City of Kentwood Non-Motorized Facilities Plan is located in the appendix.







## **PRIVATE PROPERTIES/FACILITIES**

Private recreational facilities within the City include No Limit Fitness, Orangetheory Fitness, Planet Fitness, Endurance Fitness, and Title Boxing. The surrounding Metropolitan Area has numerous opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation, including golf courses, bowling alleys, go-carting and health and fitness clubs.

## **REGIONAL FACILITIES**

The location of Kentwood means that its population has easy access to recreational facilities offered by the City of Grand Rapids, neighboring Townships and Kent County. Notable facilities of a regional nature include the Kent Trail System, White Pine Trail and Millennium Park, a 1,500 acre multi-purpose County Park.

There are also several State Parks within easy reach of Kentwood residents, with those along the shore of Lake Michigan at Holland, Saugatuck, and Grand Haven being the most popular.

## **RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY**

Please find attached the Grants received by Kentwood.





## Grant History

<b>Grantee</b> <b><u>City of Kentwood - Kent County</u></b>		
<b>Project No.</b> 26-01248	<b>Project County:</b>	<b>Project Year:</b> 0000
<b>Project Title:</b> Lamberts Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Withdrawn		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$84,000.00
<b>Project Description:</b> Develop 2 ball diamonds, picnic area, playground, road and parking, seeding and landscaping and permanent LWCF plaque.		
<b>Project No.</b> 26-00380	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1972
<b>Project Title:</b> 48th Street Recreation Center		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$61,370.44
<b>Project Description:</b> Develop 12 acres to include 2 ball diamonds, 2 tennis courts, 2 basketball and volleyball courts, 3 shuffleboards, 3 horseshoe courts, picnic area, site prep., sewer system, irrigation system, parking, landscaping/benches.		
<b>Project No.</b> 26-00608	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1975
<b>Project Title:</b> Jaycee Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$27,755.00
<b>Project Description:</b> Softball field, 2 lighted tennis courts, parking, senior citizens area, picnic area, shelter relocation of paly equipment, and LWCF sign, security lighting, pedestrian bridge, play ground equipment		
<b>Project No.</b> 26-00715	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1976
<b>Project Title:</b> Pinewood Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$25,195.00
<b>Project Description:</b> 2 tennis courts, ball diamond, 2 basketball couarts, 2 parking areas, site improvemetn, landscaping, and LWCF tot lot, paving of parking areas.		
<b>Project No.</b> 26-00824	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1976
<b>Project Title:</b> Burgis Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$18,364.44
<b>Project Description:</b> 2 tennis courts, tot lot, asphalt path, basketball area, benches, underwater irrigation system, landscaping, drinking fountain, and LWCF sign		
<b>Project No.</b> 26-00987	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1978
<b>Project Title:</b> Kentwood Old Farm Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$37,433.31
<b>Project Description:</b> Acquire 17 acres for out door recreation		



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**Grantee**

**City of Kentwood - Kent County**

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<b>Project No.</b> 26-01104 W	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1980
<b>Project Title:</b> Old Farm Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$50,206.76

**Project Description:** 2 tennis courts, restroom/warming house, picnic equipment, play equipment, basketball court, parking lot, bridge, grading, landscaping, irrigation, LWCF sign

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<b>Project No.</b> TF726	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1983
<b>Project Title:</b> Forest Hill Meadows		
<b>Project Status:</b> Withdrawn		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$40,000.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 20 acres in the northeast section of Kentwood with frontage on Forest Hill Pond.

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<b>Project No.</b> BF89-160	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1989
<b>Project Title:</b> Northeast Park-Phase II		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$75,000.00

**Scope Item:**

Asphalt/boardwalk trail  
Nature Center Shelter  
Parking area  
Picnic area  
Playground area  
Pond and lake decking  
Pond development

**Project Description:** Development of west area of park to include an asphalt walkway to viewing deck overlooking wildlife habitat pond, picnic and shelter area and playground area.

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<b>Project No.</b> TF91-056	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1991
<b>Project Title:</b> Heyboer/Keller Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$75,000.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 19 acres for active and passive recreation. Park would serve as a stopping area for our Rail-Trail users.

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**Grantee**

**City of Kentwood - Kent County**

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<b>Project No.</b> BF92-159	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1992
<b>Project Title:</b> Old Farm Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$73,500.00

**Scope Item:**

Backstop  
Bridge Over Drain  
Clearing/Grading/Seeding  
Fence for Easement  
Pathway to access easemt  
Pathway to Basketbl Cts.  
Pathway to Condo &SE Eas.  
Pathway to Tennis Courts  
Soccer Goals  
Stair/Rampway Up Hill

**Project Description:** Develop wheelchair access into park, access and pathway system for residents south of the park, and green area for neighborhood soccer/softball play.

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<b>Project No.</b> TF98-029	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1998
<b>Project Title:</b> Bowen Property Acquisition		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$26,250.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition in fee simple terms of 1.7 acres for a parking area and access for the Paul Henry/Thornapple Trail.

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<b>Project No.</b> CM99-039	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 1999
<b>Project Title:</b> Bowen Street Station Park Development		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$71,895.00

**Scope Item:**

Landscaping and Signage  
Parking Lot, Sidewalks, Pathways  
Picnic Grounds and Amenities  
Playground with surfacing  
Restroom Facility

**Project Description:** Develop property adjacent to Paul Henry/Thornapple Trail with restrooms, picnic and playground areas, connecting pathways and parking so that sites can be used for local recreation and trail access.



## Grant History

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**Grantee**

**City of Kentwood - Kent County**

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<b>Project No.</b> TF01-023	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 2001
<b>Project Title:</b> East Paris Nature Park Development		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$82,618.00

**Scope Item:**

Asphalt pathway - 8' wide  
Boardwalks within wetland area  
Bridges over spillways  
Clearing/grading for path areas  
Observation decks overlooking ponds/park (4)  
Picnic shelter  
Site amenities (benches, picnic tables)

**Project Description:** Project will develop pathways, boardwalks, pond viewing decks, picnic/nature shelter and nature stations.

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<b>Project No.</b> 26-01643	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 2004
<b>Project Title:</b> Veterans Splash Pad		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$75,000.00

**Scope Item:**

Benches  
Fencing  
Spray Park

**Project Description:** Development of a spray park and site amenities within Veterans Memorial Park

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<b>Project No.</b> TF05-026	<b>Project County:</b> Kent	<b>Project Year:</b> 2005
<b>Project Title:</b> Kenneth Stanaback Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$99,400.00

**Scope Item:**

Asphalt pathways  
Basketball court  
Parking lot  
Picnic shelter  
Picnic tables  
Playground structure  
Restrooms  
Site amenities  
Site preparations

**Project Description:** Development of scenic trails, a basketball court, pavilion, picnic area, and parking lot at Stanaback Park.

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## Grant History

**Grantee**

**City of Kentwood - Kent County**

**Project No. TF08-062**

**Project County:** Kent

Project Year: 2008

**Project Title:** North Stanaback Park Acquisition

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:** \$85,000.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 17.3 acres of natural, wooded and preserved area with ravines adjacent to existing Stanaback Park.

**Project No. TF09-029**

**Project County:** Kent

**Project Year: 2009**

**Project Title:** Pinewood Park Splash Pad

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:** \$65,000.00

**Scope Item:**

Accessible paved path

## Pavilion

## Permanent benches

### Permanent trash receptacles

### Picnic tables

Splash pad

**Project Description:** Development to include installation of a splash pad in Pinewood Park.

**Project No. TF11-024**

**Project County:** Kent

**Project Year: 2011**

**Project Title:** Northeast Park Boardwalk Expansion

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:** \$125,400.00

**Scope Item:**

MNRTF sign

Permit fees

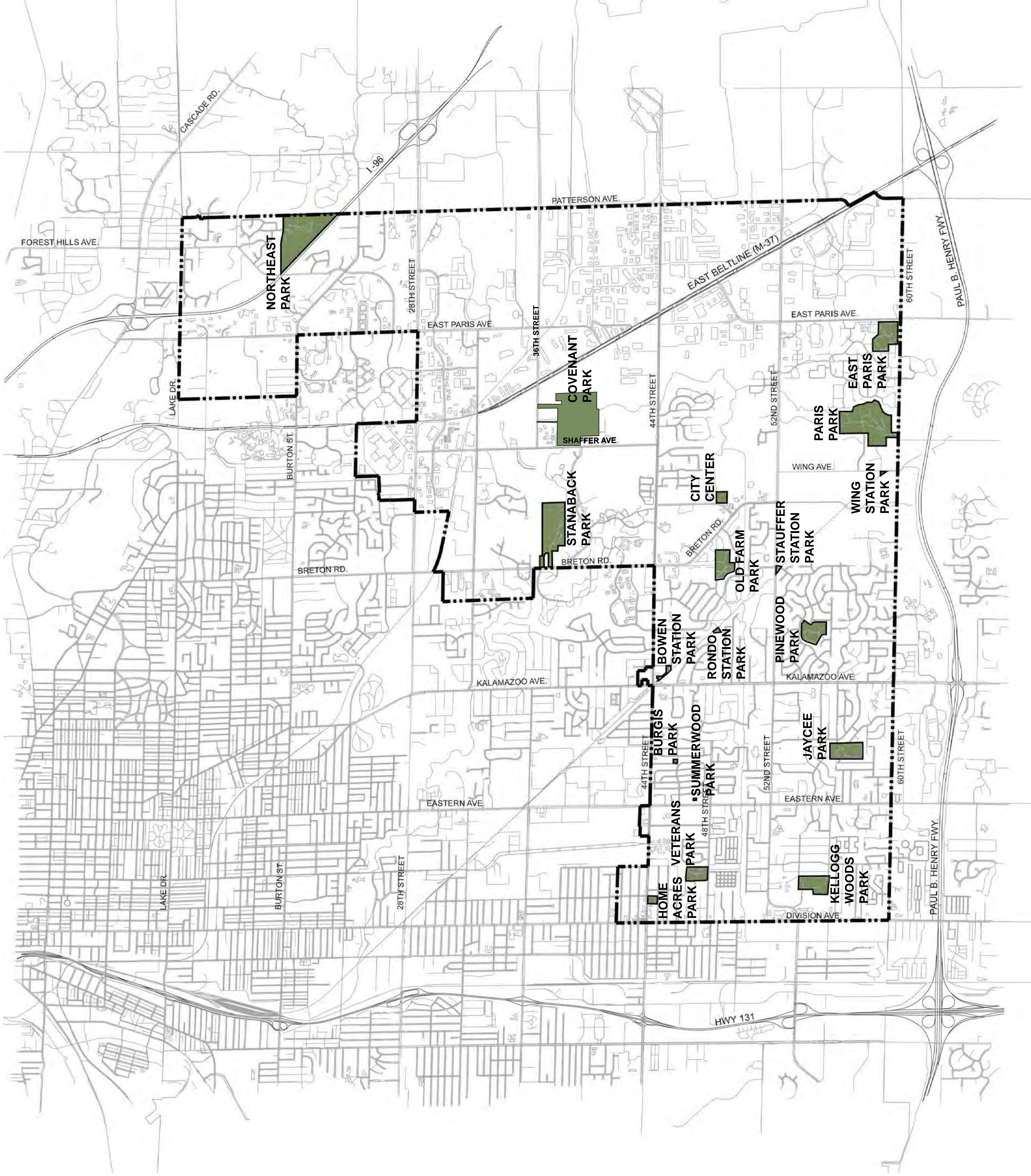
Wood boardwalk

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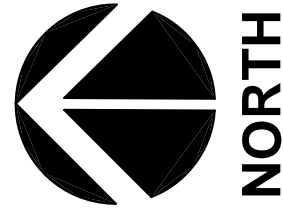
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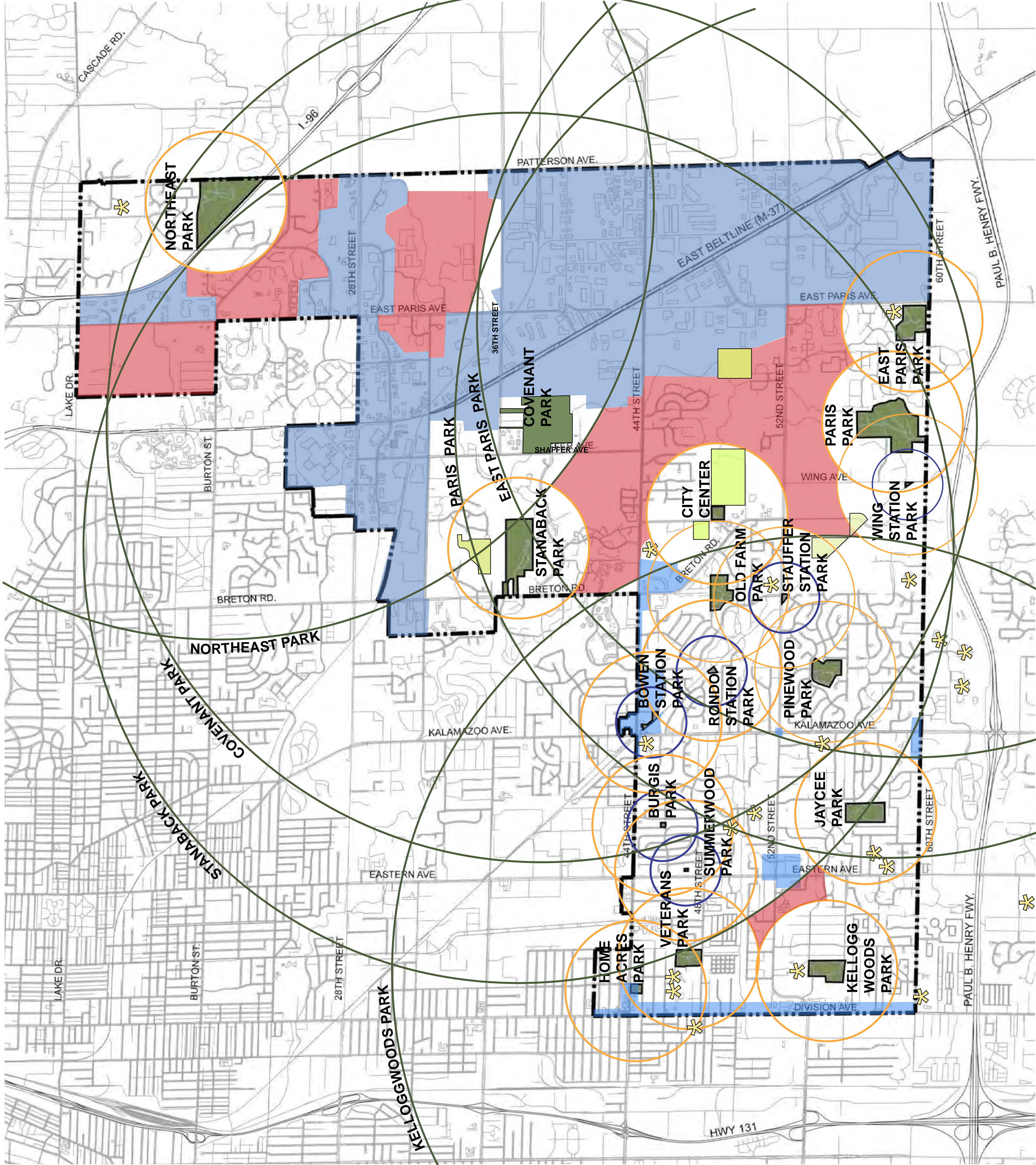
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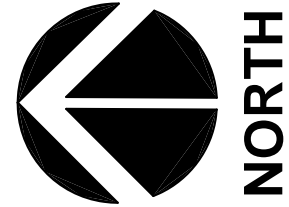


**LEGEND**

- KENTWOOD CITY PARKS
- PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATIONS
- COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONED AREAS
- UNSERVICED AREAS  
BASED ON CITY OWNED PARK  
LOCATIONS AND SCHOOL PROPERTIES  
USING “PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE  
AND GREENWAY GUIDELINES,”
- UNDEVELOPED CITY OWNED PROPERTY
- 1/4 MILE RADIUS  
(POCKET PARK)
- 1/2 MILE RADIUS - 10 MIN WALK  
(NEIGHBORHOOD PARK)
- 3 MILE RADIUS  
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- CITY BOUNDARY

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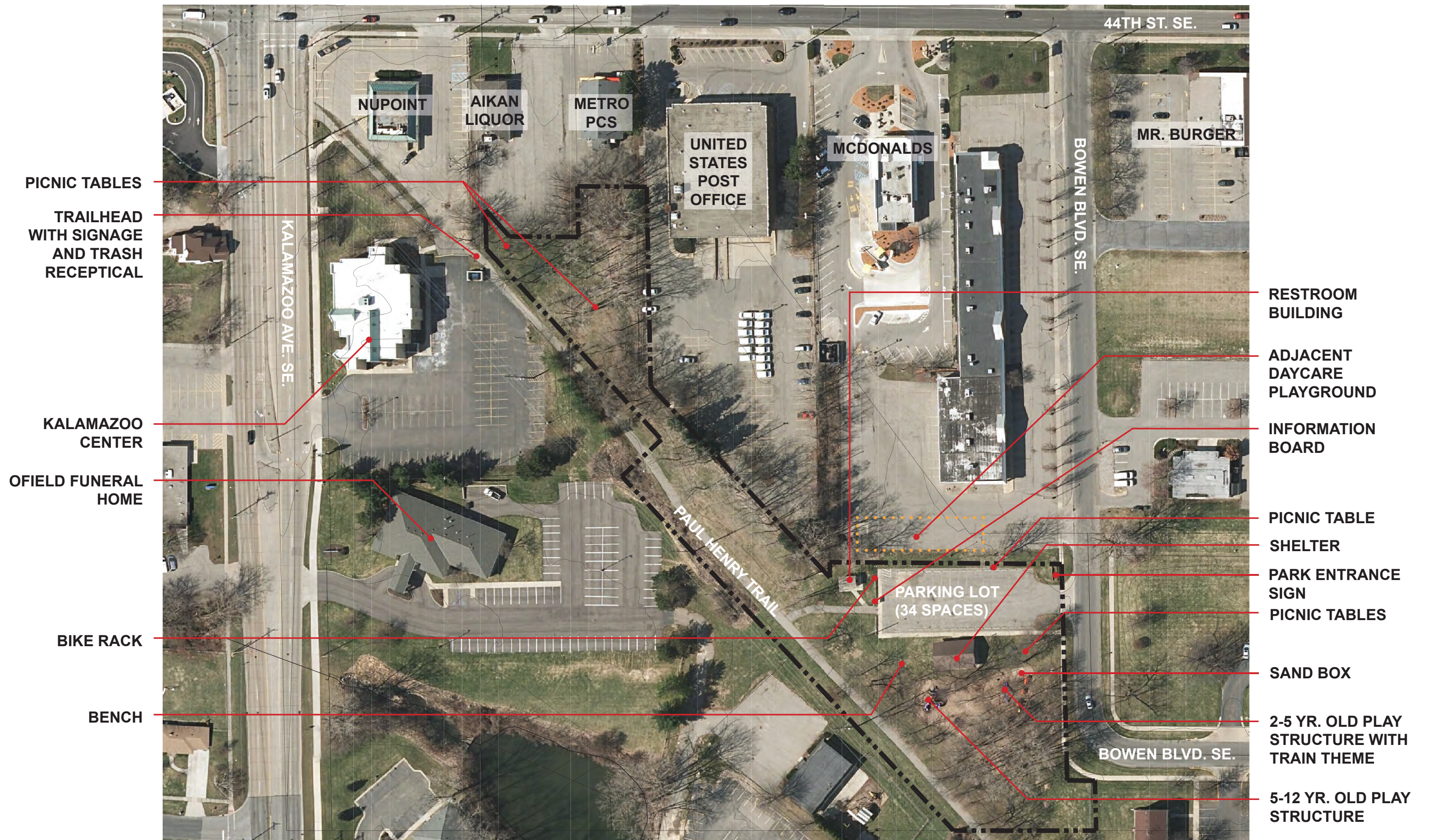
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**PARK SERVICE AREAS  
PARKS MASTER PLANS  
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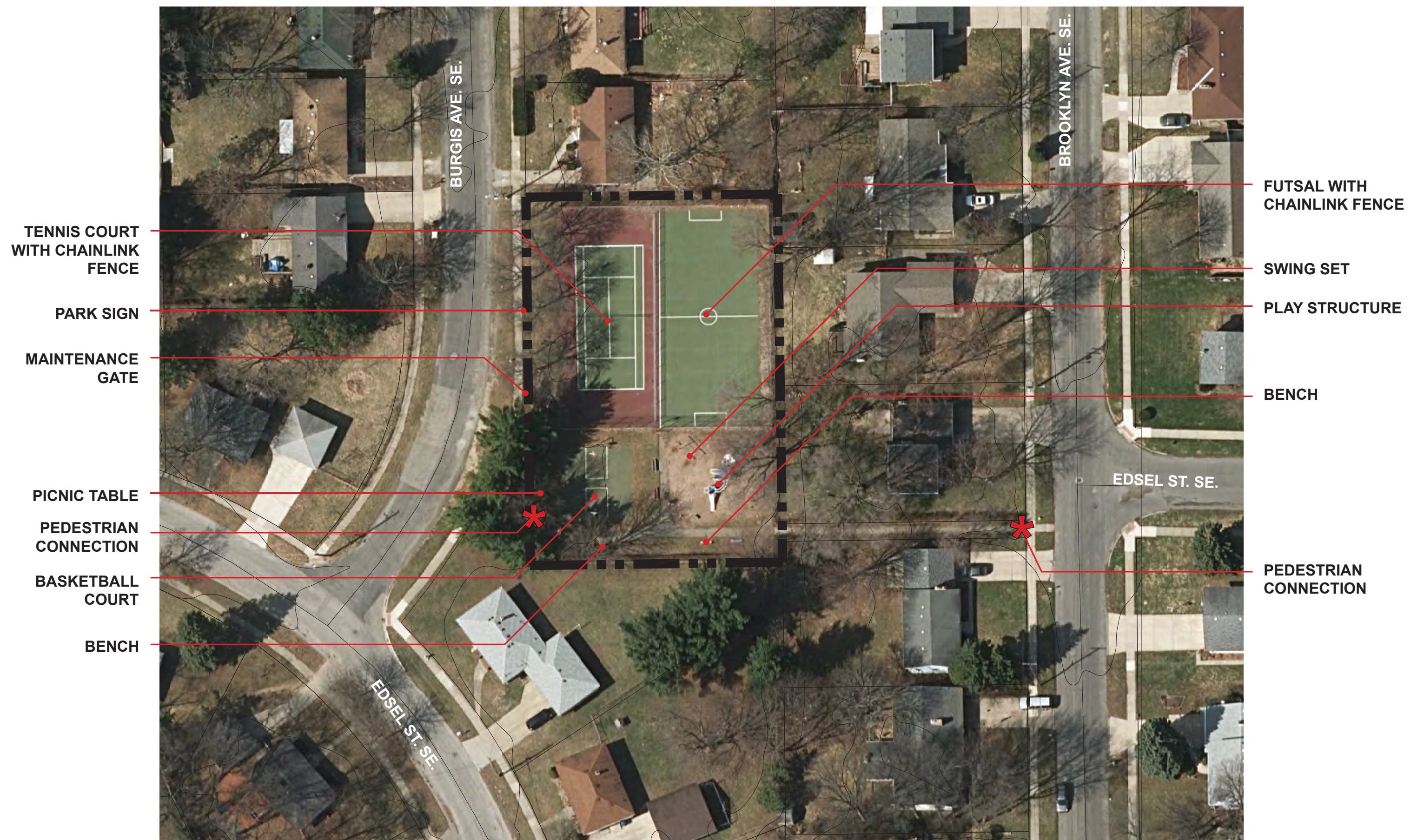
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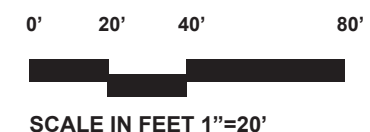
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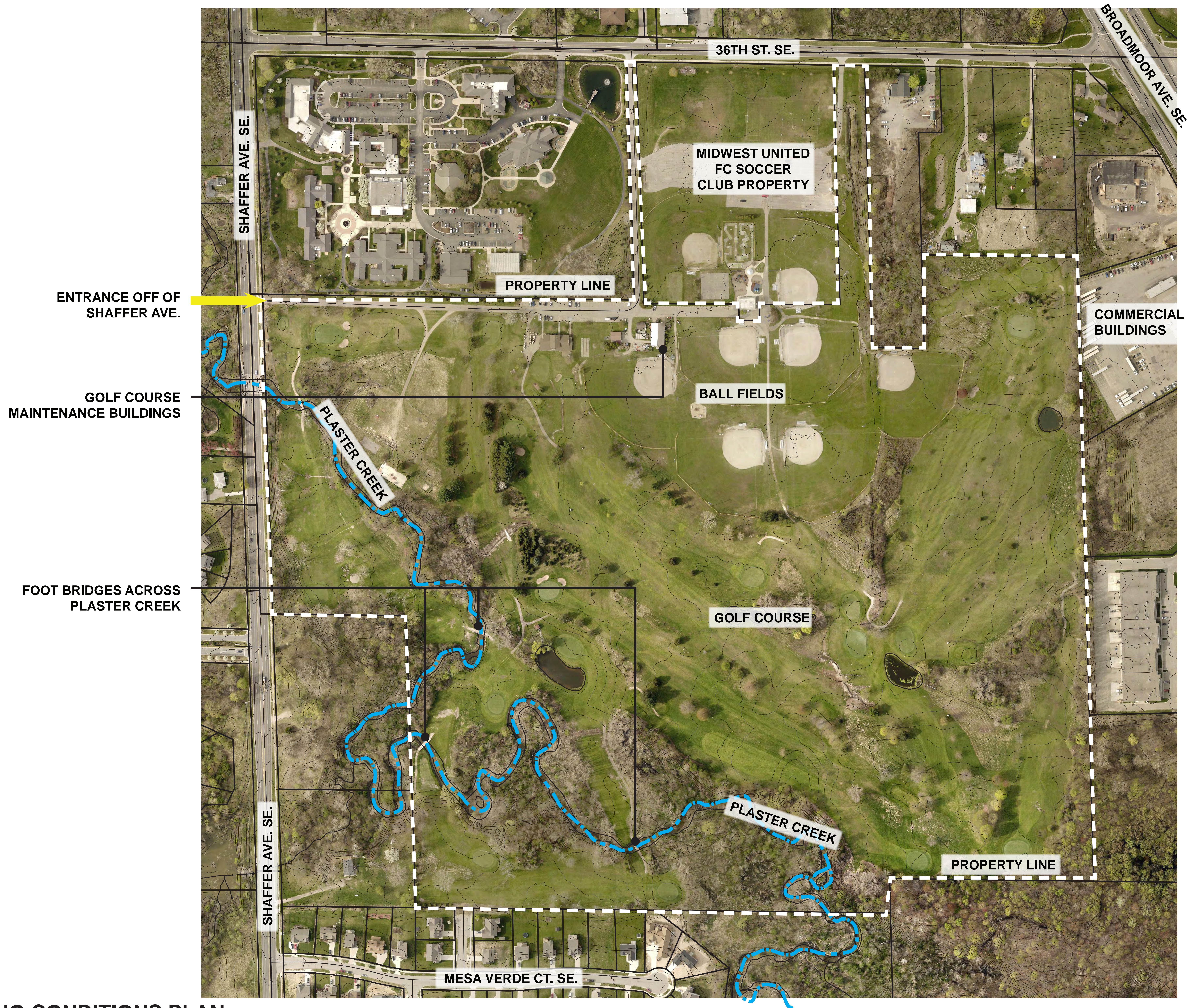
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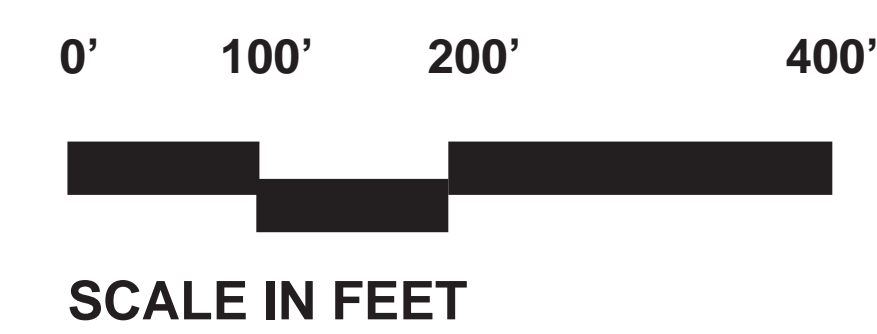
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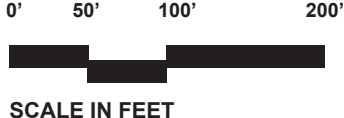




# East Paris Nature Park - EXISTING CONDITIONS

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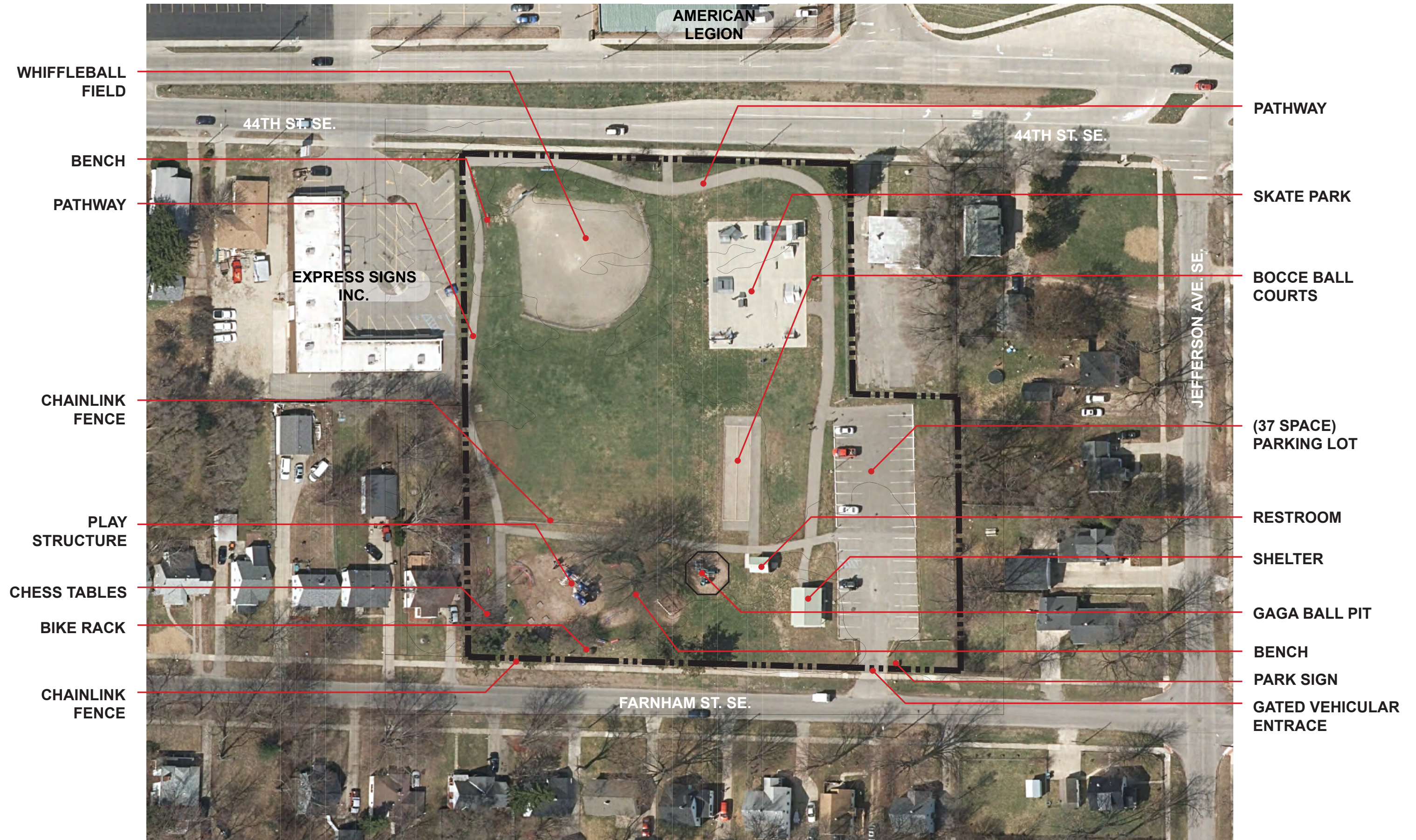
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HORSESHOE  
PITS

PARKING LOT  
(23 SPACES)

RESTROOM/  
PROGRAM ROOM

TENNIS COURT

PEDESTRIAN  
BRIDGE

BASKETBALL  
COURT

BENCH

TOT LOT WITH  
SWINGS

PEDESTRIAN  
BRIDGE

1/2 COURT  
BASKETBALL

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STRUCTURES

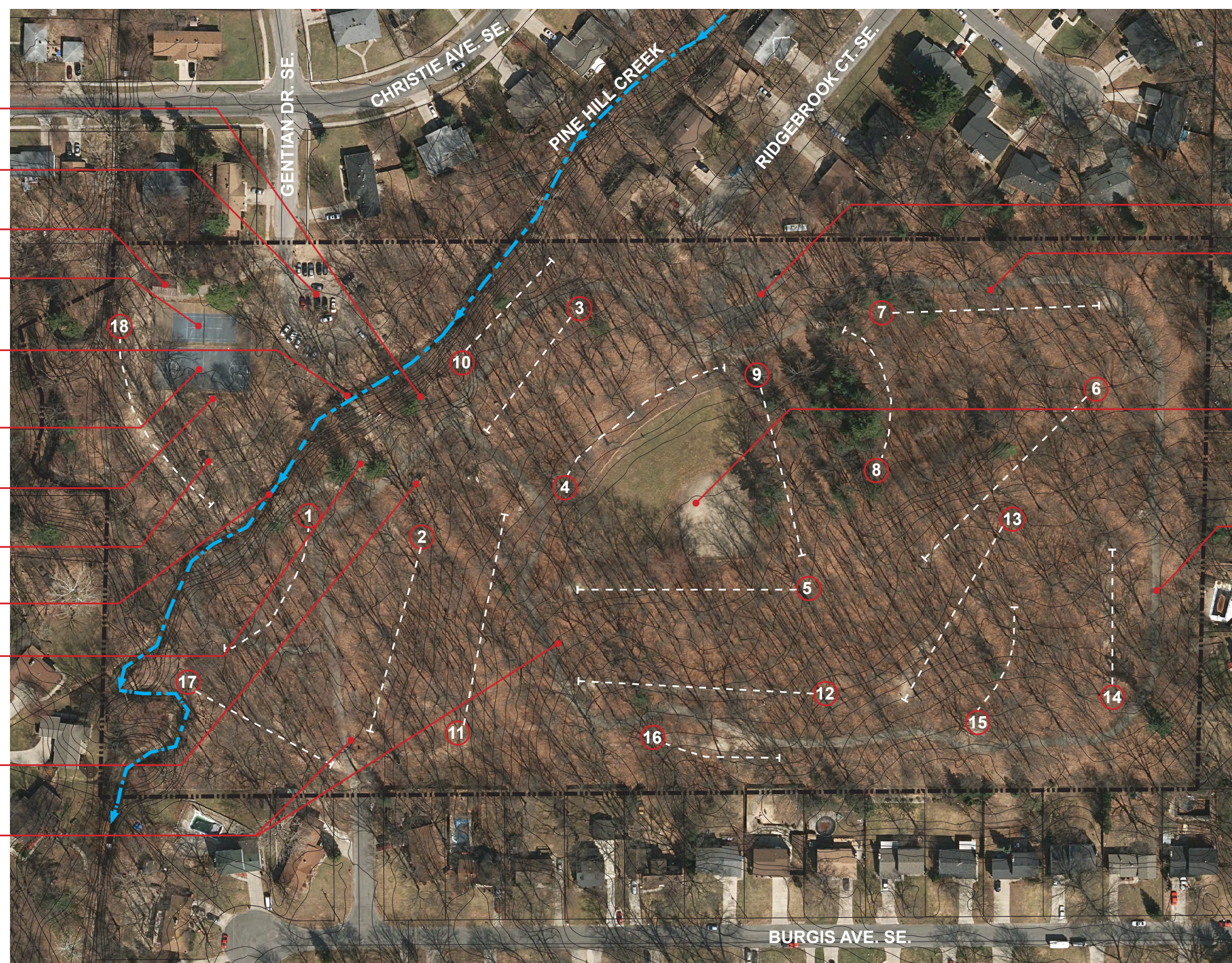
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PARKING LOT  
(7 SPACES)

BENCH

SOFTBALL FIELD  
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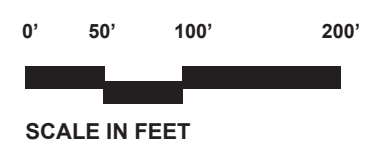
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# Kelloggwoods Park - EXISTING CONDITIONS **PARKS MASTER PLANS** CITY OF KENTWOOD, MICHIGAN



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OVERLOOK  
DECK

BOARDWALK

WOOD CHIP  
WALKWAY

BOARDWALK

BITUMINOUS  
PATHWAY

SEE CORE AREA  
ENLARGEMENT

BOARDWALK

VIEWING DECK

BENCH

**TRAIL LEGEND**

- WOOD CHIP TRAIL
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Northeast Park - EXISTING CONDITIONS  
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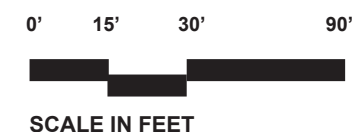




Northeast Park - CORE AREA EXISTING CONDITIONS

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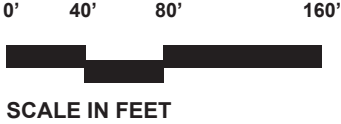
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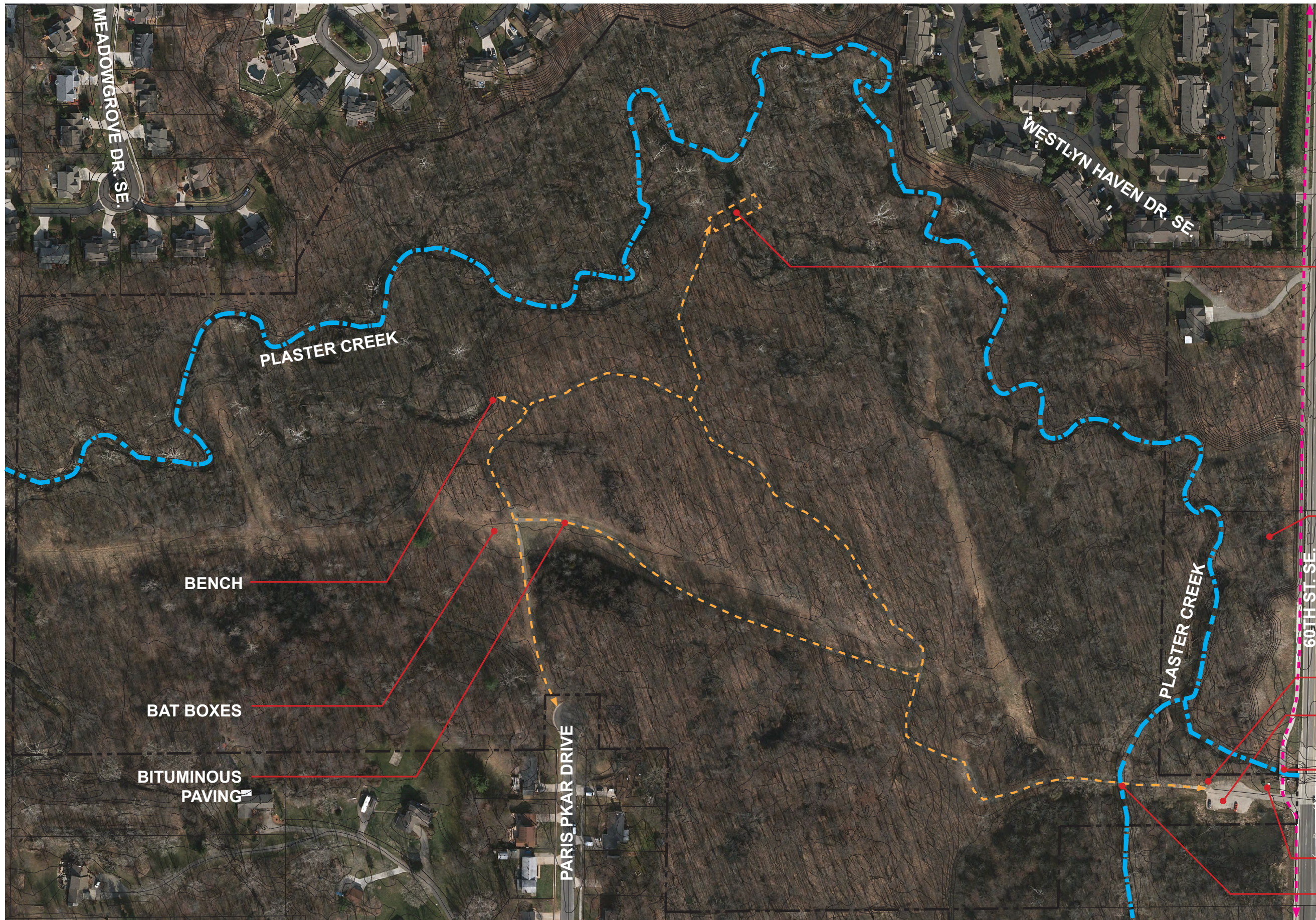
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PARK SIGN

BOARDWALK  
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Paris Park - EXISTING CONDITIONS  
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Pinewood Park - EXISTING CONDITIONS  
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SWINGS

BENCH

CONNECTION  
WALKWAY

CHAINLINK  
FENCE AT WEST  
PROPERTY LINE

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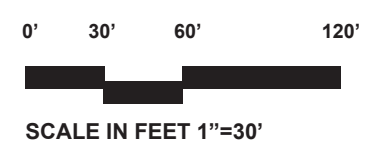
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# Rondo Station Park - EXISTING CONDITIONS

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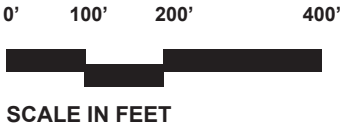




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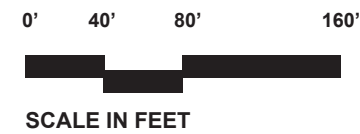




Stanaback Park - CORE AREA EXISTING CONDITIONS

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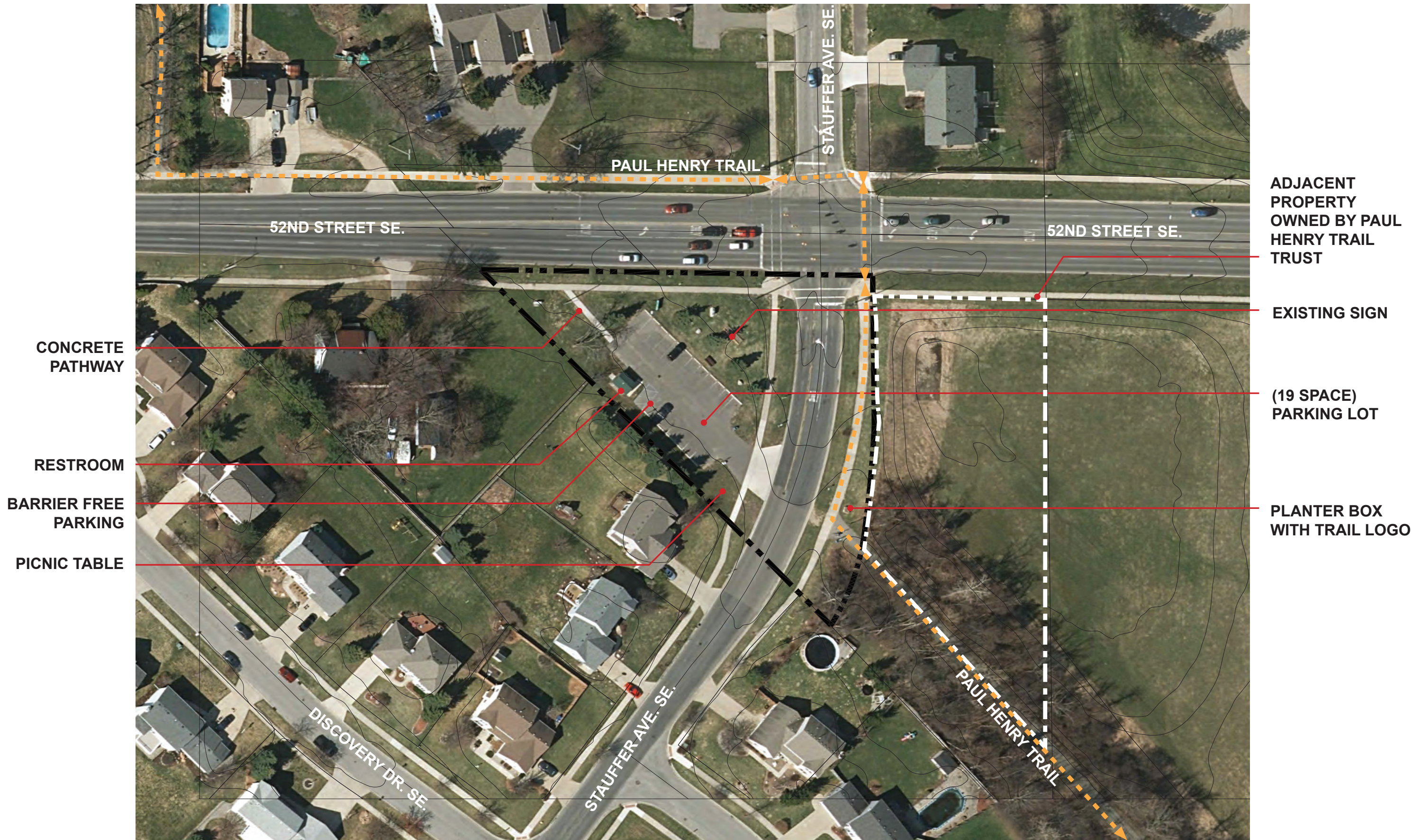
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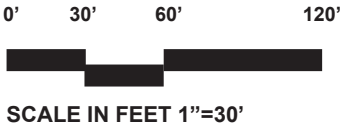
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SECTION 5

PLANNING AND PUBLIC  
INPUT PROCESS





## **SECTION 5**

### **PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

#### **RECREATION PLANNING**

Recreation planning plays an important role in maintaining the quality of life in a community. If a community is to provide effective recreational opportunities, it needs a way of identifying and solving current problems and anticipating future needs. Recreation planning is one means of obtaining a perspective on these problems; developing realistic alternatives; formulating goals, policies, and recommendations for public and private decisions; developing criteria to measure change; and involving people in the planning, design and decision processes.

This Parks and Recreation Plan presents an evaluation of the City's recreational needs and opportunities. It considers the existing amenities in the City, the current and anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities, and the means for providing those facilities.

Since the previous Parks and Recreation Plan, developed in 2015, the City has continued to make improvements to its park and recreation facilities. The most recent accomplishment is the completion of phase one of the park improvements at Veterans Park.

This plan is to serve as a guideline for directing the City in the operation and maintenance of existing and future facilities and programs to meet the recreational needs of its citizen's. The plan summarizes long-term recommendations intended to guide the development of recreation opportunities and describes an action and capital improvement program for implementation over the next five years.

#### **PLAN PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT**

This 2021 Community Park and Recreation Plan was developed by the City of Kentwood, with the assistance of MCSA Group, Inc, a park and recreation planning consultant. City staff met regularly with representatives of MCSA Group, between March 2020 and February 2021 for the development of this Plan.

Criteria considered and evaluated for plan development evolved from the examination of goals and recreation standards determined through a wide variety of input sources. This information was collected from the inventory and review of existing facilities; the







identification of recreation needs and deficiencies; public opinion; current statewide recreation issues and priorities; and future expectations.

Public input was sought starting in 2018 with a Focus Group Meetings and a Community Survey, continuing in 2019 for input on the Master Plans of all of the City Parks and finally at the Public Meeting held in November of 2020. These public input events and meetings were advertised via Email, on the City’s website, social media and in the local media. The meeting schedule was as follows. A summary of the comments and discussion items can be found in the appendices of this report.



**You're invited to **POP** in and share your thoughts on Kentwood's parks.**

The City of Kentwood is kicking off the master planning process for Parks and Recreation. Join us at one of five upcoming events to help shape the future of our parks.

- 1** **June 27: Ice Cream Social**  
 6-8pm • Veteran's Memorial Park • 355 48th St. SE
- 2** **July 19: Kentwood Summer Concert Series - The Moxie Strings**  
 7-8:30pm • Kentwood City Hall • 4900 Breton SE
- 3** **August 1: Ice Cream Social**  
 6-8pm • Northeast Park • 1900 Middleground Dr.
- 4** **August 11: Celebrate Kentwood**  
 12-4pm • Kentwood City Hall • 4900 Breton SE
- 5** **September 15: End of Summer Food Truck Festival**  
 12-4pm • Kentwood Public Library • 4950 Breton SE




 Kentwood Parks & Recreation | 616.656.5270 | [www.kentwood.us/parks](http://www.kentwood.us/parks)

Share your thoughts at [www.kentwood.us/parks](http://www.kentwood.us/parks)







November 16, 2020

Community Input Meeting

December 1, 2020 - January 1, 2021

Public Review

January 11, 2021

Parks and Recreation Commission  
Community Review and Input

January 19, 2021

City Commission  
Public Hearing Resolution

Another important part of the planning process was the development of a Master Plan for each of the parks. These were presented at the public meetings and were made available for viewing on the City's website. The plans were generally well received. The City responded to comments made and refined the plans as necessary.

Comments from the public meetings and surveys were incorporated into a final draft of the Plan, which was made available to the public for one month commencing on DATE to solicit further comments prior to a public hearing and plan adoption.

Following the one-month review period, the final plan was presented during a public hearing to the City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. The Resolution to formally adopt this plan can be found in Section 9.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

A Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey was conducted as part of the business plan update in 2018. 351 residents completing the survey. The overall results for the sample of 351 households have a precision of at least +/-5.2% at the 95% level of confidence.

### Overall Facility Use

The most used Kentwood City parks and facilities include: Paul Henry Trail (32%), Pinewood Park (23%), and East West Trail (20%). Summerwood Park (1%) and Rondo Street Station (2%) were the least used facilities during the past 12 months. Burgis Park (100%), Summerwood Park (100%), East West Trail (96%) and Paul Henry Trail (95%) received the highest "excellent" and "good" responses when respondents were asked to rate the condition of the parks and facilities they have used.







### Program Participation and Ratings

Twelve percent (12%) of respondents indicated they have participated in at least one recreation or sports program offered by the City of Kentwood Parks and Recreation Department during the past 12 months. All respondents participated in three or fewer programs or activities during the past 12 months. Ninety-five percent (95%) of respondents rated the overall quality of the programs and activities they have participated in as either “excellent” or “good”. Most respondents (68%) indicated their primary reason they have participated in recreation programs or activities is due to the location of the facility.

### Organizations Used for Indoor and Outdoor Recreation

Twenty-seven percent (27%) of respondents indicated their household has used the City of Kentwood Parks and Recreation Department for indoor and outdoor recreation and sports activities during the past 12 months. The other organizations that households use the most include: churches (23%), County parks (23%), and school district facilities (22%).

### Barriers to Park, Facility and Program Usage

Respondents were asked from a list of 18 potential reasons to identify what prevents them from using parks, recreation facilities, or programs of the City of Kentwood more often. The top two reasons by a wide margin were: “I do not know what is being offered” (40%) and “I do not know location of facilities” (30%). Only 1% listed “customer service by staff” as a reason preventing them from using City parks, facilities or programs more often.

### Facility Needs and Priorities

Facility Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 39 recreation facilities and amenities and rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities.

The three recreation facilities with the highest percentage of households that indicated a need for the facility were: walking and biking trails (52%), nature center and trails (46%), and greenspace and natural areas (39%). When analyzing the needs in the community, ETC Institute determined that the facilities with the highest level of unmet needs are: indoor fitness and exercise facilities (5,092 households), nature center and trails (4,872 households) and indoor running/walking track (4,435 households).

A copy of the Entire Business Plan Can be found in the Appendix.





SECTION 6

RECREATION NEEDS  
AND DEFICIENCIES





## SECTION 6

### RECREATION NEEDS AND DEFICIENCIES

This section of the Plan identifies recreation deficiencies determined through a variety of means. Study methods include comparison to recreational standards for acreage and facilities, geographic distribution of existing facilities, direct input from City staff and representatives, and public input and participation. While each of these methods has its limitations, using a combination of methods will yield a more accurate assessment of recreational needs and deficiencies. The following is a brief description of each of the methods used.

### RECREATION STANDARDS

While only a guide, recreation standards provide a benchmark for evaluating the relative adequacy or inadequacy of the City's recreation system. This Plan has used as a guide the 1983 Recreation, Park, and Open Space, Standards and Guidelines and 1995 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Typical recreation standards establish a certain number of activity-specific recreational facilities per 1,000 of population (e.g. 1 tennis court per 2,000 persons). Other standards establish a certain number of acres per 1,000 of population for different types of park facilities, such as neighborhood, community and regional parks. These standards are adapted to reflect the City's character and compared with the City's existing and projected population. This Plan will combine both approaches to ascertain deficiencies in recreational facilities and acreage. The 2017 U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was used for the purposes of this study.

There are two basic types of recreational experiences: "active" and "passive." "Active" recreation requires space and facilities capable of accommodating exertive activities. Such facilities include: sports fields, play apparatus areas, open areas, special facilities, such as pools and court areas, and areas for organized activities. On the other hand, "passive" recreation requires little more than space and furniture for quiet, non-exertive activities for limited numbers of users. Recreation areas must provide for both types of use and







preferably include a variety of opportunities for each to respond adequately to a wide range of interests and age groups.

Parks are generally classified by purpose and area per population served. They range in type from mini-playlots and green areas to large regional and national parks.

The categories used for this plan will be as follows:

1. Mini-Parks
2. Neighborhood Parks
2. Community Parks
3. Trails

## RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACREAGE

### 1. Mini-Parks

**Description** - Mini parks are mainly designed to serve a concentrated population or a specific age group or function but they can serve persons of all ages located in the immediate area.. The park is generally a “walk-to” type park, meaning no parking facilities for automobiles are normally found. Their primary purpose is to provide recreation to residents where major roads do not have to be crossed. The amenities provided can center on play apparatus for young children; however, some include passive activities for adults and seniors depending on the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Other amenities typically include gazebos, benches, scenic overlooks, picnic tables, and ornamental landscaping. Mini park service levels are 0.25 to 0.5 acres per thousand residents.

**Service Areas** – They are designed for up to a ¼-mile radius of service and are 1.5 acres or less in size.

**Neighborhood Park Acreage Standards** – Because of the specialized nature of these parks, they usually range in size from only 2500 square feet up to 1 acre.







### ***Existing Recreation Acreage***

The City of Kentwood currently has only two (2) parks that would fit into the mini-park definition. An additional three were added to this category that range from 1.99 acres to 3.39 acres as they are not large enough to be neighborhood parks. The acreages from this category are included in the neighborhood park acreages as there are no standards for mini park sizes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Existing Site Acreage</u>
Bowen Station Park	1.99 acres
Burgis Park	0.63 acres
Home Acres Park	3.39 acres
Rhondo Station Park	1.99 acres
<u>Stauffer Station Park</u>	<u>1.08 acres</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.08 acres</b>

## **2. Neighborhood Parks**

***Description*** - Neighborhood parks serve individual neighborhood populations as determined by the distance that can easily be traveled by local users for relatively short periods of recreation. Facilities provided in these parks are generally active in nature and include multipurpose open play areas for pick-up games, play apparatus, court areas, landscaping, site furnishings and possibly a shelter. Special areas for bike riding or specific court games may also be provided. Activities for all seasons should also be included.

***Service Areas*** - The area served by neighborhood parks is generally considered to be a one quarter (1/4) mile to one half (1/2) mile radius in size and should be uninterrupted by non-residential roads or other physical barriers.

***Neighborhood Park Acreage Standards*** - Nationally accepted standards for neighborhood parks recommend one of two (1-2) acres per 1,000 of population with five (5) acres as a minimum size and five to ten (5-10) acres optimal. It is recommended that the minimum of two (2) acres per 1,000 population be used as a guide for site selection.







### ***Existing Recreation Acreage***

The City of Kentwood currently has five (5) parks that would fit into the neighborhood park definition.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Existing Site Acreage</u>
East Paris Nature Park	25.43 acres
Jaycee Park	20.66 acres
Kellogg Woods Park	47.36 acres
Old Farm Park	16.83 acres
Pinewood Park	16.55 acres
Veterans Park	14.39 acres
<u>Mini Parks</u>	<u>9.08 acres</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>150.3 acres</b>

***Needs and Deficiencies:*** The table below compares the 2018 City population to the recreation standard of two (2) acres per 1,000 persons.

<u>2018 Population</u>	<u>Neighborhood Rec. Acreage Required</u>	<u>Neighborhood Rec. Acreage Available</u>	<u>Deficiency/ Surplus</u>
51,868	103.74	150.3	46.56

For the 2018 population, there is an excess of 46.56 acres for neighborhood recreation in accordance with the recreational standards. The City is adequately served by neighborhood parks.

### **3. Community Parks**

***Description*** - Community-wide parks provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting organized community participation programs that would not be appropriate in neighborhood parks because of their average size or traffic volume generated. Facilities should be centrally located, diverse enough to accommodate all age groups for both active







and passive experiences and organized so that compatible uses relate to one another. Adequate parking and vehicular circulation is also important, since park users will generally arrive at these parks by vehicle. Lighted use areas significantly increase the recreational value of parks of this type. Typical facilities recommended for community parks include ball fields, open use areas, tennis courts, picnic areas, play apparatus areas, restrooms and shelters. Additional special facilities could include band shells, amphitheaters, swimming and wading pools, community-meeting buildings, skating facilities, bicycle courses and nature study areas.

As with neighborhood parks, it is often beneficial to develop community parks in conjunction with junior or senior high schools where practical because of the athletic fields and courts potentially available for public use. This arrangement assures the maximum level of use as well as the most practical expenditure of development funds.

***Service Area*** - The area served by community-wide parks varies significantly from one municipality to another because of the distribution of population and related factors. However, a community park usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.

***Community Park Acreage Standards*** – The size of a community park varies according to the desired uses but is usually between 30 and 50 acres. It is recommended that a range of five (5) to eight (8) acres per 1,000 population be used as a standard basis for development.

***Existing Community Recreation Acreage*** – The City of Kentwood has four (4) facilities which would fall within the City-Wide Community Park classification.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Existing Site Acreage</u>
Covenant Park	108.36 acres
Northeast Park	52.58 acres
Paris Park	58.78 acres
Stanabeck Park	50.98 acres
<b>Total</b>	<b>270.70 acres</b>

***Needs and Deficiencies:*** The following table compares the 2018 City population to the recreation standard of eight (8) acres per 1,000 persons.







2018 <u>Population</u>	Neighborhood Rec. <u>Acreage Required</u>	Neighborhood Rec. <u>Acreage Available</u>	Deficiency/ <u>Surplus</u>
51,868	414.94	270.70	-144.24

The City-Wide Community Park acreage of 270 acres is deficient by 144.27 acres from the considered national standard for a typical community of this size based upon 2018 population. This deficit would be made up by acquiring additional properties as they become available.

#### 4. Natural Resource Areas/Open Space

**Description** - Natural Resource Areas are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space and visual/aesthetic buffering. These sites are typically unsuitable for development but offer natural resource potential and can support recreational activities at a level that preserves the integrity of the natural resource. The location and size of these parks are largely governed by availability.

**Existing Natural Resource Area Acreage** – The City of Kentwood does not have any. There are portions of each park that remain undeveloped, including Paris Park, Stanabeck Park, East Paris Nature Park, and the recently acquired Covenant Park.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Existing Acreage</u>
Wilma Property	13.78 acres
Breezeway Property	34.06 acres
City Center Property	3.80 acres
Wing Properties	14.87 acres
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.51 acres</b>

**Needs and Deficiencies** - There are no recognized acreage standards for natural resource areas and the City is fortunate to have a significant amount of natural resource acreage within the city limits. None of these properties have any development at this time.







## 5. Trails

**Description** – There are a number of different types of trails that can provide both transportation and recreation opportunities. Trails may be located within parks, on an independent right-of-way, or within the road right-of-way. Connector Trails are defined as “multi-purpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the Community” (J.D. Mertes and J.R. Hall, Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, 1995). These trails are generally located within the road right-of-way and can be divided into two types. Type I has separate paths for different user types, such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Type II has mixed uses and is suited to lighter use patterns.

The City of Kentwood has 13 miles on non-motorized trails which connect to other Kent County Trails. A copy of the City of Kentwood Non-Motorized Facilities Plan 2017 is located in the appendix for reference.

**Needs and Deficiencies** – The City should continue to allocate funding to providing connections to the trail system throughout the City.

## RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES

A comparison of activity-specific recreational facilities within the City of Kentwood to recreation standards indicates that the City is deficient in recreational facilities desirable for the current population. The deficiencies are for ballfields, specifically softball, baseball, soccer, basketball and football.

The following table compares the recommended number of facilities per population for the City of Kentwood with the existing facilities available and illustrates any current or projected deficiencies.

While standards for comparison address the quantity of facilities desirable for a particular number of persons, they do not address quality or location concerns. Consequently, any community that has the appropriate numbers of facilities may not have facilities of a useful or desirable quality or may not have facilities located where they would be most accessible to residents.







## RECREATION FACILITIES SUMMARY

The City of Kentwood has a good start in its park and recreation facilities, but financial resources are necessary not only for the maintenance of the existing facilities, but also the addition of necessary facilities required for a community of this size.







# **2020 RECREATION STANDARDS AND DEFICIENCIES** **CITY KENTWOOD** **Estimated 2020 Population: 51,868**

FACILITY	STANDARD	RECOMMENDED FACILITIES	EXISTING FACILITIES	FACILITY DEFICIENCIES
Softball	1:5,000	10	3	-7
Baseball	1:5,000	10	5	-2
Soccer	1:10,000	5	4	-1
Basketball (outdoor)	1:5,000	10	8	-2
Football	1:20,000	1	0	-1
Tennis/Pickleball	1:2,000	5	6	OK
Playground Equipment	1:3,000	4	12	OK
Volleyball	1:5,000	2	4	OK
Running Track	1:20,000	1	0	-1
Swimming Pool (Indoor)	1:20,000	1	0	OK
Picnic Shelters	1:2,000	5	9	OK
Sledding Area	Provide as Available	--	2	OK
Trails	1 system per region	--	4	OK



## SECTION 7

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES





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The City of Kentwood has developed the following goals and objectives for park and recreation facilities and programs. These Goals and Objectives are based upon input from citizens, elected and appointed city officials, and city staff. The goals are long-range in nature and intended to be broad in scope and flexible enough to accommodate future change. The objectives are intended to direct specific program and development decisions to be made within the next five years. Both the goals and objectives are intended to guide actions but be flexible enough to reflect changing attitudes and opportunities as they may present themselves. Time and attitude changes can have an impact on specific options, and it is essential for Kentwood to be responsive to its citizens.

### **PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR KENTWOOD RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES. UPDATE EXISTING FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF CITY RESIDENTS.**

#### **Objectives:**

- a) Improve and develop park resources within Kentwood which will offer unique opportunities for persons of all ages and abilities.
- b) Improve existing facilities to meet or exceed ADA requirements and where feasible Universal Accessibility.
- c) Continue to monitor and update equipment and facilities to comply with current safety standards.

#### **Potential Actions:**

- a) Provide appropriate access opportunities to areas within all parks.
- b) Continue to provide diverse programming for all community members.
- c) Improve trails and site amenities in all parks to provide improved barrier-free access.







- d) Maintain and/or upgrade existing playground elements within the community.

**CREATE A SUSTAINABLE PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF ITS CURRENT RESIDENTS WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE NEEDS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

**Objectives:**

- a) Create a resilient park and recreation system using diverse, stable, and predictable funding sources that maximize resources.
- b) Create lasting mutually beneficial partnerships.

**Potential Actions:**

- a) Convert some underutilized tennis courts to pickleball courts.
- b) Convert other underutilized amenities in parks to new amenities that will support the community needs and energize the parks.

**PROVIDE A GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM WITH CONVENIENT AND SAFE ACCESS FOR ALL. UTILIZE EXISTING AVAILABLE LAND TO REDUCE THE EXISTING ACREAGE DEFICIT IN CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY PARK FACILITIES. CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES.**

**Objectives:**

- a) Where possible, connect the trail system to community parks, neighborhood parks, and the neighborhoods they serve. Connect street bike paths to trail system.
- a) Increase acreage of parkland for City-wide community utilization.
- b) Provide park facilities and acreages which are consistent with accepted National Standards.
- c) Provide for recreation needs and demands.







- d) Approximate National Standards for City-wide community acreages

#### **Potential Actions:**

- a) Evaluate opportunities to acquire land which may become available.
- b) Purchase/obtain property in underserved areas of the City (northeast and southwest).
- c) Review needs for various park facilities in developing and existing areas of the City. Continue to assess the needs in areas that may become deficient when development occurs.
- d) Acquire another community park as well as more neighborhood parks in underserved areas of the city.
- e) Continue to develop the trail network in the city to connect trails to neighborhoods to build a safe environment to walk, run and bike in the city.

### **CREATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN THE CITY OF KENTWOODS PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.**

#### **Objectives:**

- a) Enhance placemaking of parks, trails and recreation facilities that will build community by capitalizing on enhancing our park experiences.
- b) Develop parks that promote people's health, happiness and well-being.

#### **Potential Actions:**

- a) Update signage of all parks and street access so the community knows where the parks in the city exist.
- b) Develop at least (6) experiences for a neighborhood park, (an experience is described as a walking loop trail, a basketball court, a playground, a picnic shelter, a fishing pond or playfield), (12) experiences for a community park and (20) experiences for a regional park.
- c) Develop designated facilities for special events, dogs, youth and adult sports, farmers market, nature education and outdoor aquatic spaces.







**PROVIDE A QUALITY PARK AND FACILITY SYSTEM, AESTHETIC IN APPEARANCE, IN BOTH EXISTING AND NEW PARKS.**

**Objectives:**

- a) Update and improve park facilities and infrastructure.
- b) Consider theming some of the community parks to strengthen their presence in the City.
- c) Develop a “central park” facility that would host community-wide special events.
- d) Develop more park shelters that also can be used as day camp sites.

**FOCUS ON THE PRESERVATION OF KENTWOODS NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE PROMOTION OF GOOD CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES. APPROPRIATELY UTILIZE THE NATURAL AREAS OWNED BY THE CITY.**

**Objectives:**

- a) Preserve and Protect the City’s Natural Resources and Habitats
- b) Future Development Projects should be designed mindful of wildlife habitats within the City.
- c) Protect environment for future generations.
- d) Protect and enhance wetlands to maintain water quality and as a habitat resource.

**Potential Actions:**

- a) Develop resource management plans for all-natural areas in the system.
- b) Develop volunteer corps to help alleviate non-native species in parks.
- c) Teach and train park staff on conservation practices as they maintain existing parks.
- d) Develop a conservation ethic in design of parks and programs in the system.
- e) Consider development of a nature-based learning center for the city to inform school







groups and residents of nature education and resource management practices.

- f) Develop a resource management team within the city to help guide parks but also public works.





SECTION 8

ACTION PROGRAM  
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### ACTION PROGRAM

The Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule for the City of Kentwood Community Park and Recreation Plan states the proposed course of development or improvement that will be taken over the next five years. The Goals and Objectives, from the previous section, serve as guidelines for the development of the Action Program. The Capital Improvement Schedule which follows will focus on the needs identified in the Action Program and will project potential expenditures for the five-year action period on a year-by-year basis. The five-year period will begin in 2021 and extend through 2025. This time period will not be sufficient to accomplish all of the goals and objectives but begins to prioritize those projects that may be achievable within the initial five years.

The Action Program focuses on reduction of deficiencies and expansion and improvements of facilities in a manner that not only meets current needs, but also diversifies the type and quality of recreational opportunities within the City. The Community Park and Recreation Plan identifies these needs in general terms in the Recreation Needs and Deficiencies section, the Action Plan describes specific actions to be taken to address these needs, and the Capital Improvement Schedule specifically itemizes those projects which will be most feasible during the next five years. The proposed schedule will allow for flexibility as funds become available and as opportunities are presented.

The following actions are comprehensive and may require more than five years to complete. Master Plans illustrating the proposed improvements are included for each of the major park properties.

#### ***Bowen Station Park:***

Park shall receive a new restroom, new accessible playground components, gateway signage, site amenities, and landscaping.

#### ***Burgis Park:***

Park shall receive sidewalk improvements and a drinking fountain.







***City Campus:***

New park will include splashpad, playground, plaza, shelters, stage, event lawn, parking, restrooms, and site amenities.

***Community Center:***

New centrally located facility will include an approximate 40,000 square-foot community center.

***Covenant Park***

Newly donated park shall be Master Planned with input from two 21 person committees from all areas of the community.

***East Paris Nature Park:***

Park shall receive trail improvements, signage, and site amenities.

***Home Acres Park:***

Park shall receive skate park improvements, shade shelters, lighting, signage, site amenities, and landscaping.

***Jaycee Park:***

Park shall receive new restroom/program building, playground structure, basketball court, parking improvements, and playground.

***Kellogg Woods Park:***

Park shall receive new restroom building, softball/baseball field, and landscaping.

***Northeast Park:***

Park shall receive new restroom building, playground, splashpad, site amenities, and landscaping.

***Old Farm Park:***

Park shall receive parking improvements, playground or splashpad, shelter, and site amenities.

***Paris Park:***

Park shall receive trail improvements and signage.







***Pinewood Park:***

Park shall receive splashpad improvements, pickleball/tennis courts, restroom, shade shelters, site amenities, and landscaping.

***Rondo Street Station Park:***

Park shall receive new playground, site amenities, and landscaping.

***Stanaback Park:***

Park shall receive playground equipment, ADA improvements, parking improvements, signage, pickleball courts, site amenities, and landscaping.

***Stauffer Station Park:***

Park shall receive wayfinding kiosk, lighting, signage, site amenities, and landscaping.

***Trails:***

Shall receive needed repairs, replacement, or new connections.

***Veterans Memorial Park:***

Park shall receive new soccer field and playground expansion.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE**

As stated in the Action Program, improvements and development will occur as funds and opportunities evolve. Assistance will be solicited from all available sources and will include both physical and financial support.

The City will take maximum advantage of any job training and related work programs to assist in clean-ups and basic miscellaneous construction and general recreation facility maintenance projects. The City will also seek funding assistance from all available sources such as millage, trusts, charitable foundations, private contributions, and all Federal and State funding programs.

The following schedule is a breakdown of the anticipated projects and projected funding for the next five years. Projections are based upon order-of-magnitude 2021 costs and will be detailed with refined programs and plans. Changes in the program may occur if projected funding levels increase or decrease but it is anticipated that the changes would







be related more to adjustments in the time schedule rather than specific projects themselves. Refer to the following Master plans for more site-specific information.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The following projects have been identified for improvements and will occur as funds and millage allow.

Project	City	Other Funds*	Total Project Costs	Suggested Year
<b><u>Bowen</u></b> Replace Restroom, New Playground Components, Gateway signage			\$376,000	2021
<b><u>Jaycee</u></b> New Restroom/Program Building, Playground Structure, Basketball Court, Parking Improvements, Gateway Entrance & Playground			\$887,000	2021
<b><u>Trail Improvements</u></b> Repair, Replacements and New Connections			\$200,000	2021
<b><u>City Hall Campus</u></b> Event Lawn, Splashpad, Playground & Restrooms			\$5,026,000	2022
<b><u>Old Farm</u></b> Parking Improvements, Playground, Shelter and Site Amenities			\$801,000	2022
<b><u>Trail Improvements</u></b> Repair, Replacements and New Connections			\$200,000	2022

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CDBG and other funds as available*







## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The following projects have been identified for improvements and will occur as funds and millage allow.

Project	City	Other Funds*	Total Project Costs	Suggested Year
<b><u>Community Center</u></b> New Community Center approximately 40,000 square feet			\$11,200,000	2023
<b><u>East Paris</u></b> Trail Improvements and Site Amenities			\$429,000	2023
<b><u>Northeast</u></b> Restrooms, Playground, Splashpad and Site Amenities			\$789,000	2023
<b><u>Paris</u></b> Trail Improvements and Signage			\$91,000	2023
<b><u>Rondo</u></b> Improve Playground, Site Amenities and Landscaping			\$329,000	2023
<b><u>Trail Improvements</u></b> Repair, Replacements and New Connections			\$200,000	2023
<b><u>Veterans</u></b> Soccer Field Improvements and pathways			\$427,000	2023

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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The following projects have been identified for improvements and will occur as funds millage funds allow.

Project	City	Other Funds*	Total Project Costs	Suggested Year
<b><u>Home Acres</u></b> Skate Park Improvements, Lighting, Signage, Site Amenities & Landscaping			\$800,000	2024
<b><u>Pinewood</u></b> Splashpad Improvements, Pickleball/Tennis Courts, Restroom and Shelter			\$679,000	2024
<b><u>Trail Improvements</u></b> Repair, Replacements and New Connections			\$200,000	2024
<b><u>Kellogg Woods</u></b> Restrooms, Softball/Baseball Field & Landscaping			\$756,000	2025
<b><u>Stanaback</u></b> New Playground Components and ADA Improvements, Parking Improvements, Signage & Pickleball courts			\$404,000	2025
<b><u>Stauffer</u></b> Signage, Site Amenities and Landscaping			\$187,194	2025
<b><u>Trail Improvements</u></b> Repair, Replacements and New Connections			\$200,000	2025
<b><u>Covenant Park Improvements</u></b> Master Plan and Development Improvements			TBD	TBD

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SECTION 9

LOCAL ADOPTION AND  
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