



RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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Fall & Winter Recreation Reports 2012-2013

Summer Recreation Report 2013

Introduction to the Recreation Master Plan

The development of a comprehensive recreation master plan began in Wyandotte in 1977 when the first plan was developed and has since continued with updates in 1985, 1989, 1991, 1999, 2002, and 2009. The 2014-2018 Master Plan serves as an update and continuation of the prior master plan. Each plan was reviewed by the Recreation Commission and the City Council, prior to adoption for implementation.

The Planning Process

The development of this plan was an extensive process that incorporated meetings and discussions that were held by the Superintendent of Recreation with the Wyandotte Recreation Commission, various city and school system Department Heads, as well as citizens and private interest groups. These meetings included a public input meeting, a 30 day review of the draft of the plan, and a public hearing on the final draft of the plan.

Recreation Administration

The Recreation Department is under a full-time staff with a Superintendent, who answers to a five member citizen Commission appointed by the Mayor with approval of the City Council. The Department is provided for by the City Charter and financing is through annual appropriations. Staff consists of regular full-time employees and part-time employees that are hired directly by the Department.

Community Description

Wyandotte is 5.54 square miles in size (5.27 land miles) and is bordered by the Detroit River to the east, the cities of Ecorse and Lincoln Park to the north, the cities of Lincoln Park and Southgate to the west, and the city of Riverview to the south. Wyandotte is located 12 miles from downtown Detroit and 10 miles from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The nearest interstate highway is I-75 and it is located 2 miles to the west. The Population of Wyandotte is approximately 25,883 (2010 Census) down from 28,006 (2000 Census) or a decrease of roughly 7.5% in the last 10 years. The City is made up of 10,991 households (2010 Census) which has decreased from 11,816 households (2000 Census). The population has been steadily declining for the past several decades. The City does have stable businesses ranging in size from 2-3 employees to some with several hundred (BASF Corporation and Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital).

The east side of Wyandotte is generally the location of older housing, but also contains the Central Business District, Wyandotte Roosevelt High School, the majority of multiple dwellings, and all the high-rise and senior citizen apartment buildings. Recreation facilities in this area include Yack Recreation Center, the Copeland Senior Center, two waterfront parks, and Wyandotte Shores Golf Course. The west side of the Wyandotte is made up predominantly of newer, single family housing and is where the majority of the city parks are located.

The Recreation Department relies heavily on the school district for access to several school facilities for a variety of programs. Those programs include boys and girls youth basketball, Class D (high school) basketball, adult basketball leagues, swim lessons, water aerobics, open swimming, and access to the fitness facility. Access to these facilities is restricted by specific time availability or specific summer months when school is not in session.

The school district is made up of four elementary schools (grades K-5), one middle school (grades 6-8), and the high school (grades 9-12). Two schools are used by the district and Wayne County for the education and training of the learning and mentally impaired.

The annual city budget for 2014 fiscal year is \$20,902,866 with approximately \$9,000,992 coming from taxes.

Administrative Structure

The city of Wyandotte is governed by a seven member council, including the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore that is elected by the people. In April of 1942, under Public Act 156 of 1917 of the State of Michigan, the city of Wyandotte created the Recreation Commission as provided by the City Charter in Chapter 7, sections 37 through 42. Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council in April. Commission members are appointed to five year terms. The Recreation Commission selects the Superintendent of Recreation to oversee the day to day operations of the department and advises on issues relating to programming, facilities, and budgets. The commission meets monthly to review issues and dealings within the department.

The current department is headed by the Superintendent of Recreation. This position is aided by three full time staff: recreation secretary, the parks foreman, and the arena foreman. The parks foreman oversees and maintains 16 parks/playgrounds throughout the city. The arena foreman oversees and maintains the Yack Arena. The remainder of the department is staffed with approximately 80-100 part time employees and numerous volunteers. The volunteers are coaches for the boys and girls youth basketball program, rangers at the golf course, delivery drivers for Meals On Wheels, and distributors for Surplus Food. Aside from regular staff and volunteers, the Recreation Department uses several third party providers to supply recreation. These organizations include Wyandotte Karate, Downriver Gymnastics, Elements of Exercise (Zumba classes), Young Champions Cheerleading, Braves Baseball, Wyandotte Indians Football, and Wyandotte Warrior Hockey.

The Braves, Indians, and Warriors are non-profit organizations that run the youth leagues for little league baseball, football, and hockey within the city. Their teams practice and/or play on either the department's or school district's baseball/softball diamonds, football field, or ice rink. The other private organizations (Wyandotte Karate, Downriver Gymnastics, Element of Exercise, and Young Champions Cheerleading) provide recreation opportunities that are supported and promoted by the Recreation Department.

The department has worked closely with neighboring cities (Southgate and Riverview) to offer recreation opportunities for residents of all three cities. Southgate runs youth soccer, Riverview has ran outdoor summer basketball and a dodge ball league, and Wyandotte offers beach volleyball during the summer and youth from any of the three cities can participate in. During the

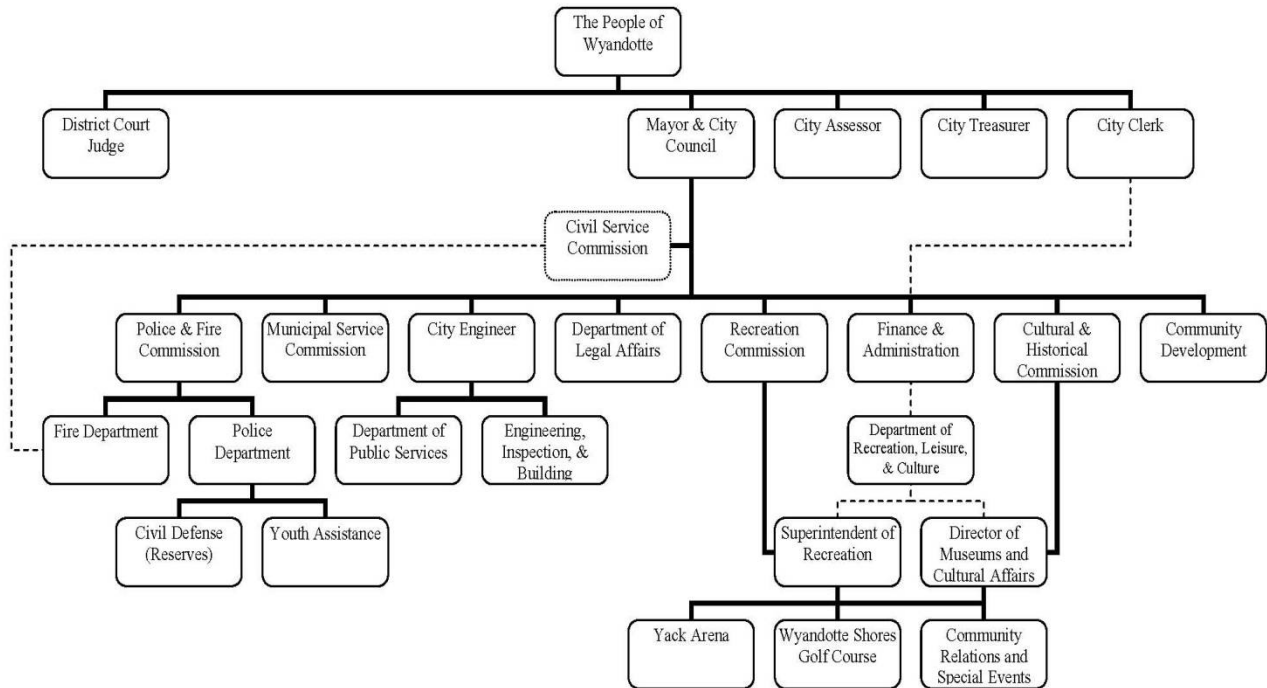
indoor youth basketball season, Riverview had low numbers and only three teams so a game schedule with crossover games between Wyandotte and Riverview teams was created.

The department works very closely with and has a strong relationship with the Wyandotte Public School District. The department maintains the baseball and softball fields within the city and allows the school teams to use them for practices and games. In return, the department receives use of the school gymnasiums for basketball programs and use of the high school pool during the summer for water related activities. The recreation department is also allowed use of the fitness facility at the high school to provide the public with access to exercise equipment.

The current budget for the entire Recreation Department for the 2014 Fiscal Year is \$1,291,733 which is broken down into four separate areas: Recreation=\$475,446, Yack Arena=\$353,323, Golf Course=\$450,322 and the Pool=\$13,642. The primary source of these funds comes from the General Fund of the City. An additional \$60,000 has been allocated from TIFA funding to fund several park improvement projects including: resurfacing of baseball diamonds, park bench replacement, and playground surfacing improvements.

Organization Flow Chart

**City of Wyandotte
Organization Chart
October 1, 2008**



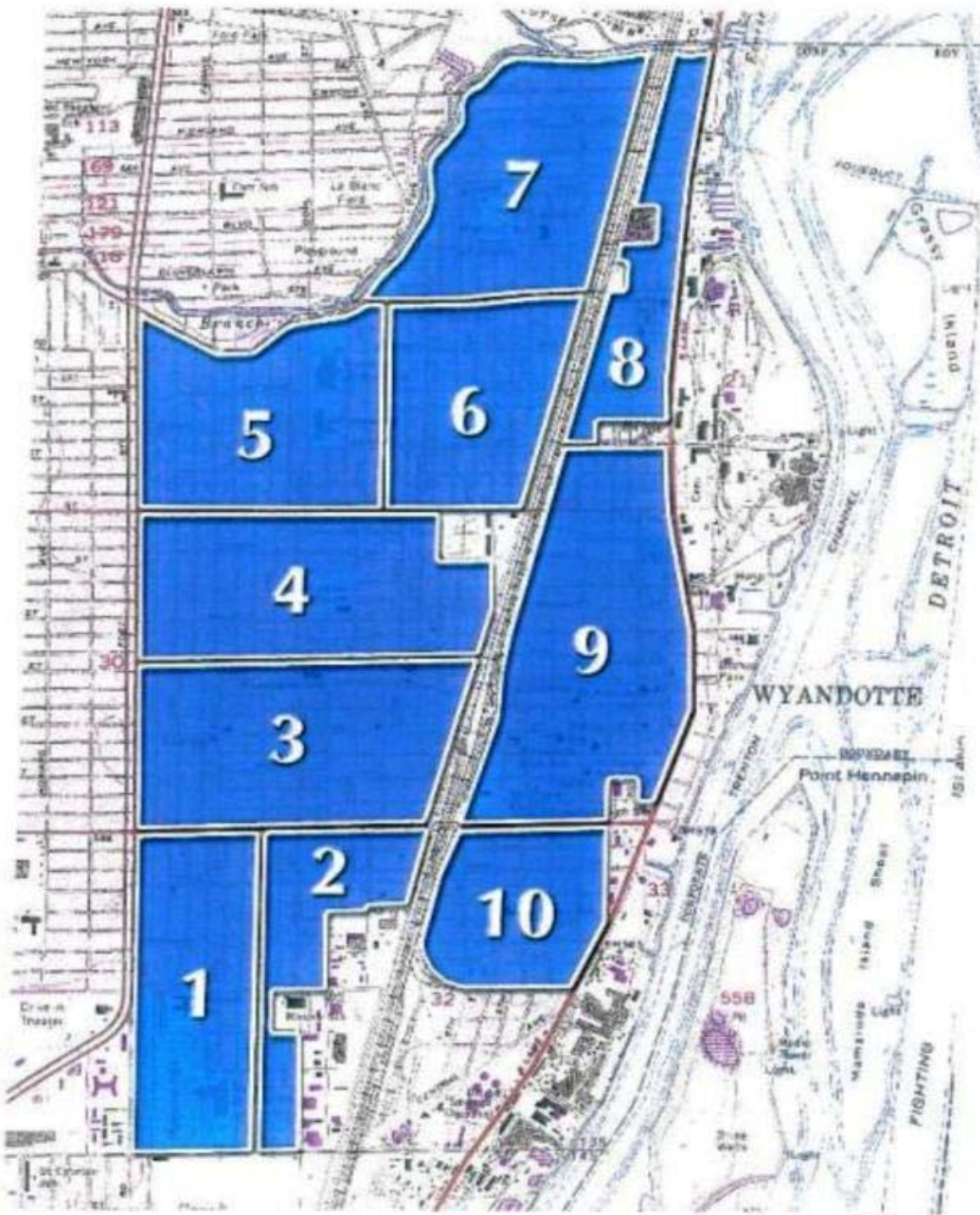
Board of Electrical Examiners and Review
 Beautification Commission
 Building Board of Appeals
 Plumber Code Board of Appeals
 Downtown Development Authority
 Planning and Rehabilitation Commission
 Retirement Commission

Zoning Board of Appeals and Adjustment
 Solid Waste and Recycling Committee
 Economic Development Corporation
 Tax Increment Finance Authority
 Workman's Compensation Board
 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 Wyandotte Building Authority

Recreation Inventory

Wyandotte is divided into 10 Neighborhoods for planning, redevelopment and recreation purposes. The following Neighborhood and Communities Map (see page 10) denotes the location of the ten existing zones in which school and recreational owned parks/playgrounds exist as of January 2014. The subsequent Recreation Inventory Lists itemize the equipment and amenities at each site. The lists have been divided into categories: School Board Land and City Land. For clarity and to be consistent with other plans, this summary divides existing recreation sites into “Neighborhood” and “Community” level facilities. All school owned playgrounds are School Parks. All other parks are Neighborhood Parks unless noted as a Mini-Park or Community Park. Accessibility Assessments are in parentheses next to the park/playground name.

Each Neighborhood and the existing parks/playgrounds within each were visited by the Superintendent of Recreation. A detailed inventory of each site was compiled.



Neighborhoods and Communities



Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
1	None Madison School sold in 2013	None Memorial Park lies in this Neighborhood but is considered a Community use park	

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
2	Monroe Elementary (2) 6.9 Acres Merry-Go-Round 6 Adult Swings 10' Slide Climb Around Climbing Dome Youth baseball diamond, bleachers, benches, and backstop Basketball Court 4 Park Benches Health & Exercise Unit Playscape with 10 Units & 4 Slides Gymnasium	V.F.W. Playground (1) 5.6 Acres Wood fence Youth baseball/softball diamond, dugout w/benches, bleachers, and backstop 8 Adult Swings 4 Tot Swings Shelter Basketball Court Sandbox Drinking Fountain 3 Park Benches 2 Picnic Tables Playscape with 2 slides, fireman's pole, climber, and horizontal ladder Outdoor Ice Rink	12.5 Acres

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
3	Washington Elementary (2) 3.5 Acres Health & Exercise Unit 3 Basketball backboards Wood and Chain Link Fence Playscape w/10 units & 4 slides Teeter Totter 6 Swings Parallel Bars Gymnasium	Oak Club Park (1) 1.7 Acres 4 Baby Swings 8 Adult Swings Sandbox Shelter in Play Area Concrete Basketball Court Drinking Fountain 3 Benches 1 Picnic Tables Playscape with 1 slide, 2 climbers, and horizontal ladder	5.2 Acres

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
4	None	<p>Pulaski Park (2)</p> <p>13 Acres</p> <p>Wood Fence 8 Big Swings 2 Baby Swings 10' Slide Sandbox Shelter in Play Area Playscape w/6 climbers, 2 slides, rubber surfacing Funnel Ball 7 Permanent Park Benches Permanent & Portable Bleachers Shelter Building, w/Restrooms 2 Basketball Courts w/lights & bleachers 4 Tennis Courts with fencing and bleachers 2 Baseball diamonds w/backstops, benches 1 Softball diamond w/backstop, benches 1 Softball diamond w/lights, backstop, benches 3 Drinking Fountains Concession Stand Outdoor Ice Rink w/lights .9 Mile Walking Track</p> <p>Lions Club Park (Mini-Park) (1)</p> <p>.32 Acres</p> <p>Climber Playscape w/2 slides, 3 climbers Balance beam 4 Adult swings 2 Baby swings 4 Permanent benches Black Metal Ornamental fencing</p>	13.32Acres

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
5	Jefferson Elementary (2) 7.8 Acres	None	
	Health & Exercise Unit 16 Adult Swings 4 Baby Swings Climb Around Playscape w/10 units & 4 slides Concrete Basketball Court Gymnasium		
	Wilson Middle School (2) 10.8 Acres	Leased	
	Gymnasium Fenced 2 Tennis Courts Basketball Court Football Field 2 Baseball Fields w/backstops, benches and bleachers .3 Mile Jogging/Running Track Storage Building w/restrooms 6 Park Benches		18.6 Acres

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
6	Lincoln Center (2) 1.7 Acres	P.A.C. Club Playground (1) 3.2 Acres	
	Playscape w/10 units Swings Basketball Court Health & Exercise Unit Gymnasium	Wood Fence Shelter Concrete Basketball Court 8 Big Swings 4 Baby Swings 10' Slide Drinking Fountain Soccer field w/goal posts Sand Box Playscape w/1 slide and fireman's pole	4.9 Acres

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
7		<p>F.O.P. Playground (1)</p> <p>7.5 Acres</p> <p>Baseball/Softball diamond w/fence, bleachers, dugouts, benches, scoreboard Shelter w/restrooms and drinking fountain Concrete Basketball Court Sandbox 6 Big Swings 4 Baby swings Wood Fence Shelter in Play Area 4 Permanent Park Benches 4 Picnic Tables Playscape w/10 Units & 4 Slides Merry-go-round 10ft slide Wooded Area</p> <p>W.A.A. Playgound (Mini-Park) (1)</p> <p>.5 Acres</p> <p>Wood Fence 2 Adult Swings 2 Baby Swings Playscape w/3 Slides, fireman's pole, 2 climbers Sandbox Shelter Picnic Table 1 Park bench</p>	

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
7 (continued)		Kiwanis Playground (Mini-Park) (1) .6 Acres 4 Baby Swings 6 Adult Swings Drinking Fountain Shelter Sandbox Concrete Pad 4 Permanent Park Benches Wood Fence 2 Picnic Tables 3 Park Benches Playscape w/3 slides and horizontal ladder	8.6 Acres

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
8		Exchange Playground (1) 3.2 Acres Wood Fence Teeter-Totter 4 Baby Swings 6 Big Swings Sandbox w/Sand Shovel Shelter Playscape w/5 Slides, horizontal ladder, fireman's pole 2 Park Benches 4 Spring-Riding Animals Shelter 2 Picnic Tables Basketball Court w/2 Standards 10ft Slide Merry-go-round Drinking Fountain	3.2 Acres

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
9	<p>Garfield Elementary (1)</p> <p>2.8 Acres</p> <p>Wood Fence Playscape with 10 units and 2 Slides 3 Tot Swings 6 Big Swings 3 Climb Around Funnel Ball Goal 2 Basketball Standards 2 Park Benches Gymnasium</p>	<p>Jaycee Park (1)</p> <p>2.5 Acres</p> <p>Wood Fence 6 Adult Swings 4 Baby Swings Playscape w/2 slides, fireman's pole, 4 climbers, horizontal ladder, rubber surfacing 5 Park Benches 2 Picnic Tables Shelter</p> <p>Federal Square (Mini-Park)</p> <p>.4 Acres <i>(No recreation facilities.)</i> 4 Park Benches Wooded</p> <p>K of C Tot Lot (Mini-Park) (1)</p> <p>.3 Acres</p> <p>Fencing 8' Slide 2 Climbers Sandbox 4 Park Benches Merry-Go-Round 4 Baby Swings Picnic Table 2 Spring-riding Animals Spiral Slide Shelter Drinking Fountain</p>	<p>6.0 Acres</p>

Neighborhood	School Board	City-Owned	Total Acres
10		<p>McKinley Playground (2)</p> <p>6.1 Acres</p> <p>Wood Fence Shelter 6 Adult Swings 4 Baby Swings Playscape w/5 Slides, climber, horizontal ladder Ballfield Backstop 4 Basketball Backboards w/Goals 1 Tennis Courts Funnel Ball Jungle Gym 3 Climbers</p> <p>Rotary Park (1)</p> <p>0.29 Acres</p> <p>Playscape w/5 slides, horizontal ladder, climber Picnic Table Wood Fencing 2 Basketball Backboard w/goals Adult Swing Set with 4 swings</p>	6.1 Acres

Community	School Board	City-Owned	Total
South	<p>Roosevelt High School (2)</p> <p>21.2 Acres</p> <p>Football Stadium 1/4 Mile Running Track 5 Tennis Courts Practice football, soccer & and fitness area Swimming Pool</p> <p>JO BRIGHTON CENTER (2)</p> <p>12.4 Acres</p> <p>Gymnasium Permanent Collapsible Bleachers Soccer Field</p>	<p>Memorial Park (Community Park) (2)</p> <p>33.8 Acres</p> <p>4 Baby Swings 7 Adult Swings and 1 Handicap Swing Concrete Basketball Court w/2 rims Shelter Lighted Softball Diamond w/fence bleachers and benches Lighted Baseball Diamond w/fence, lights, dugout, pressbox and storage Baseball Diamond w/fence, benches, and backstop 2 Electric Scoreboards Sand Box Concession and 2 Restroom Buildings 5 Permanent Park Benches 4 Drinking Fountains Permanent Bleachers Multiple Youth Soccer Fields Playscape w/4 slides, fireman's pole, and climber 1.3 Mile Walking/Jogging Track Outdoor Ice Rink 2 Picnic Tables Nine hole Disc Golf Course Skatepark</p>	<p>67.4 Acres</p>

Community	School Board	City-Owned	Total
CITY WIDE		<p>BISHOP PARK (Community Park) (2) 12.2 Acres</p> <p>7 Adult Swings and 1 Handicap Swing Merry-Go-Round 8 Baby Swings 2 Climbers Handicap Accessible Playscape w/10 Units Misc. Tot Lot Equipment Fishing Pier Picnic Tables, Benches, Grills Restrooms/Concession Building w/wood deck patio & tables Two Pavillions Log Cabin Irrigation System Cement & Wood Walking Paths Boardwalk Handicap Accessible Kayak Launch Drinking Fountain</p> <p>BASF WATERFRONT PARK (Community Park) (2) 24 Acres</p> <p>Amphitheater Concession Stand/Restrooms 1500' Waterfront Promenade Wyandotte Boat Club Rowing Facility with Ramp 4 Over the Water Viewing Nodes Kayak Launch</p> <p>WYANDOTTE SHORES GOLF COURSE 60 Acres</p> <p>9 Hole Golf Course Par 36</p>	<p>96.2 Acres</p>

Additional Citywide Recreational Facilities

Municipal Boat Ramp (2): Public boat launching ramp (2 acres) on the Detroit River, just north of St. Johns, and is leased out on a yearly basis.

Yack Arena (3): Large indoor ice arena/convention center with a concession stand, locker rooms, and restrooms. During the spring/summer months (ice is taken off), the arena is available for rent and has been used for various ethnic festivals, trade shows, flea markets, circuses, concerts, etc. The Yack Arena is located 3131 Third Street, is convenient to parking and the Central Business District. The Yack Arena sits on approximately 1.4 acres of land.

As a skating rink, the Yack serves host to hockey and figure skating leagues of all skill levels, as well as open skating for all ages. The Yack Arena adds considerably to the citywide recreation offerings and, in fact, probably offsets to a considerable degree the “shortfall” of citywide recreation land in the city. Approximately 250,000 people visit the Yack yearly.

Copeland Center (2): Located at 2306 Fourth Street, the Copeland Center serves as a multi-purpose building which is used by several different groups, primarily the senior citizens. The seniors use it as a drop-in social center for lunch, cards, billiards, bingo, art and exercise classes, and dances. The building also serves as a meeting site for youth organizations such as the Wyandotte Indians and Wyandotte Braves.

City of Wyandotte Owned Facilities Chart

	Play Area	Shelter	Restroom	Ballfields	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Basketball Courts	Drinking Fountain	Beach Volleyball	Disc Golf
V.F.W Park	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Oak Club Park	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Pulaski Park	1	1	1	4	0	4	2	3	0	0
Lions Club Park	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PACC Park	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
FOP Park	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
WAA Park	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kiwanis Park	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Exchange Park	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Jaycee Park	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
KofC Tot Lot	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
McKinley Playground	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Rotary Park	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial Park	1	2	2	3	6	0	1	4	0	1
Bishop Park	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BASF Park	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Wyandotte Public School District Owned Facilities Chart

	Play Area	Tennis Courts	Basketball Courts	Swimming Pool	Gymnasium	Football Fields	Ball Fields
Monroe Elementary	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Washington Elementary	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Jefferson Elementary	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Wilson Middle School	0	2	1	1	1	1	2
Lincoln Center	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Garfield Elementary	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Roosevelt High School	0	5	0	1	3	1	0
Jo Brighton Center	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

INSERT CITY MAP WITH PLAYGROUNDS

WYANDOTTE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

CITY OWNED PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

BASF Waterfront Park
Bishop Park
Exchange Club Park
F.O.P.
Federal Square
Frostic Park
Jaycee Park/Copeland Center
K of C Tot Lot
Kiwanis Club Park
Lions Club Park
McKinley Playground
Memorial Park & Pool
Municipal Boat Ramp
Oak Club Park
PAC Club Park.
Pulaski Park
Rotary Club Park
V.F.W. Park
W.A.A. Park
Wilson Middle School (leased)
Wyandotte Shores Golf Course
Yack Arena

SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Garfield Elementary
Jefferson Elementary
Jo Brighton Center
Lincoln Center
Monroe Elementary
Roosevelt High School
Washington Elementary
Wilson Middle School

Regional Recreation

Nearby regional recreational sites are provided by the Huron-Clinton Metro Park System, the Wayne County Parks System, and private entities. These Park Systems fulfill some of the recreational needs of our citizens that we are unable to provide within our city limits, such as hiking trails, bike trails, campsites, nature and wildlife areas. The Park Systems are also used for winter outdoor activities which include tobogganing, hill sledding, and cross country skiing. Private transportation is needed to reach most of these sites and it is not always possible or affordable for our citizens. State parks are normally further away and the transportation to reach them is the same as with the regional parks. Therefore, the city recreational facilities attempt to provide the best available recreational opportunities possible.

REGIONAL RECREATION INVENTORY

The City of Wyandotte lies within a fifteen mile radius of a large number of regional recreational area and facilities within Wayne County. These include, among others, state parks and game areas, regional bikeways, boat launches, State Game area and profession sporting venues.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN WAYNE COUNTY:

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|-----|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1. | Comerica Park | 16. | Detroit Zoo |
| 2. | Ford Field | 17. | Belle Isle |
| 3. | Joe Louis Arena | 18. | Elizabeth Park Marina |
| 4. | Fox Theater | 19. | Humbug Marina |
| 5. | Cobo Center | 20. | Belleville Lake |
| 6. | Pointe Mouillee State Game Area | | |
| 7. | Lake Erie Metropark | | |
| 8. | Oakwoods Metro Park | | |
| 9. | Lower Huron Metro Park | | |
| 10. | Willow Metro Park | | |
| 11. | Detroit Riverwalk | | |
| 12. | I-275 Metro Trail | | |
| 13. | Lower Rouge River Trail | | |
| 14. | Hines Park Trail | | |
| 15. | Maybury State Park | | |

Park Land Acquisitions and Improvements Funded by DNR Grants

Exchange Park 1967

Grant # 26-00144

Grant funds were used to install a baseball backstop in the southeast corner of the park, grade and seed the land, and a LWCF sign. In 2010, due to the deteriorating condition and the discontinued use as a baseball field, the backstop was removed. The area now sits as an open green space in the park.

Wyandotte City Parks 1967

Grant #26-00053

Grant funds were used to install fencing, picnic and playground equipment, a drinking fountain, landscaping, parking area, storm sewer system, preparation of plans, and a LWCF sign. Due to the generality of the description, hard to know what park this is. It is safe to say that any picnic or playground equipment installed in 1967 was replaced with more modern equipment in the past 20 years.

Memorial Park 1969

Grant #26-00145

Grant funds were used in the development of two park shelters, safety fencing, bleacher control fencing, and a LWCF sign. The fencing around the playground and shelter areas was converted to wooden split rail fencing in the early 1990s as were the majority of the parks in the city. The metal cyclone fencing around the baseball fields remains. The shelters remain and have had the roofs repaired/replaced (converted from shingles to steel roof).

Kiwanis Park 1969

Grant #26-00142

Grant funds were used to develop a basketball court and pelletize under playground equipment, and a LWCF sign. The basketball concrete court remains, but the basketball poles were removed in the early 1990s due to unruly basketball participants. The court may be used in the future to create two Pickleball courts. The pellets under the playground equipment have been removed and replaced with certified playground woodchips.

P.A.C.C. Park 1969

Grant funds were used to build a shelter and install a LWCF sign. Shelter roof has been repaired and replaced (converted from shingles to steel roof).

Ford City Tot Lot 1971 **Grant#26-00203**

Grant funds used to acquire .27 acres of land. Park was developed into a Tot Lot and was updated in the past five years with the addition of new swings, a shelter, drinking fountain, and climber. Older equipment includes a sandbox, two slides, picnic tables and benches, and a merry-go-round. Park is now renamed K of C Tot Lot.

P.A.C.C. Park 1977 **Grant #26-01023 X**

Grant funds were used to install fencing along the railroad property, install two lighted tennis courts, and install a LWCF sign. The fencing is still being used and in decent shape, however, the tennis courts have been removed. Due to a lack of play, the courts were converted to a roller hockey facility. Due to the deterioration of the concrete, the courts were ultimately removed and turned into a green space with several trees planted.

Pulaski Park 1977 **Grant #26-00897**

Grant funds were used to develop a basketball court with lighting, add lighting to an adjacent court, and install a LWCF sign. The lighting no longer works on the two courts. The courts have been updated several times, most recently in 2013 with new concrete, poles, and rims through a Wayne County Parks grant.

Bishop Park 1983 **Grant #26-01252**

Grant funds were used for the burial of overhead power lines, the development of a handicap accessible fishing pier, restroom and concession building, and a LWCF sign. The fishing pier is still very heavily used on a daily basis by fishermen. The restroom and concession building are open during the months of April through October

Wyandotte Boat Ramp 1984 **Grant #TF791**

Grant funds were used to acquire three lots totaling about 1/3 of an acre for additional parking. Land is still used for parking.

Bishop Park 1986 **Grant #26-01451**

Grant funds were used to build a group shelter/band shell. The shelter is still heavily used today by groups hosting picnics, birthday parties, concerts, and other events in the park.

Wyandotte Boat Ramp 1987 **Grant #TF87-255**

Grant funds were used to acquire three parcels of land less than an acre in size to expand the boat ramp parking lot. Land is still used for the parking lot for the boat ramp.

Wilson Field 1989**Grant #BF89-194**

Grant funds were used to develop 5.9 acres of land north of Wilson Middle School including two tennis courts, 1/3 mile walking track, basketball court, baseball field, two tennis courts, landscaping and irrigation. This park is maintained by the school district and is used by the middle school athletic teams as well as gym classes. The baseball fields are maintained by the city. All amenities are heavily used. The tennis courts have been converted to a street hockey court and two pickleball courts due to a lack of use.

Yack Arena 1989**Grant #BF89-368**

Grant funds were used for the complete renovation of two restrooms and locker rooms at the Yack Arena. Updates included new plumbing and lighting, doors and door frames, flooring, and paint. Facilities were in good working order and heavily used until 2006. In 2006, the Yack Arena underwent a total renovation and everything in the building was replaced.

Memorial Pool 1990**Grant #BF90-084**

Grant funds were used for the renovation of the pool included making the building, pool, and locker rooms handicap accessible. Other renovations included improvement to make the facility more energy efficient and various safety items. In 2005, Memorial Pool was closed due to the deteriorating conditions of the pumps and piping needed to operate the pool. In 2013, the facility was traded with the school district in exchange for the former McKinley Elementary.

BASF Park 1992**Grant #BF92-041**

Grant funds were used for the development of the park. 1500 feet of sheet piling, brick paved boardwalk, lighting, trees, park benches, permanent trash cans were installed. This is a very popular passive park that is very heavily used by walkers, runners, bicyclists, and serves as a site for many formal photos (weddings, prom, homecoming, etc.).

BASF Park 1993**Grant #BF93-166**

Grant funds were used for continued development of the park. Additional trees, storm drains, asphalt walkways, a parking lot with lighting, landscaping, and park inspection were all funded through the grant. This is a very popular passive park that is very heavily used by walkers, runners, bicyclists, and serves as a site for many formal photos (weddings, prom, homecoming, etc.). In 1998, two beach volleyball courts were added to the park.

The Planning Process

In the planning process, many city and school system officials were contacted. Meetings were held with those persons and with private interest groups. The Superintendent of Recreation held meetings and discussions with the following: the Operations Supervisor, the Director of Athletics, and the Superintendent of Wyandotte Public Schools, the City Engineer, and the Recreation Commission seeking their input into the plan. The Planning and Rehabilitation Commission and the City Council provided input before their approval of the plan.

Public input was also sought out for inclusion in this plan. On November 12, 2013, a public input meeting was held at the Yack Arena to address recreation concerns and collect ideas for future developments and/or renovations. The meeting was announced on local cable during a City Council meeting, advertised in the local paper, and advertised at City Hall and the Yack Arena. One on one conversations between the Superintendent and citizens also took place.

Each playground/park was reviewed and an extensive inventory of each park was recorded.

The results of the park reviews and input from the public, government and school officials led to ideas for future improvements and additions to our playground facilities and parks. These improvements and additions will provide for not only different recreation opportunities, but more enjoyable recreation opportunities for the citizens of Wyandotte. These ideas are included in the upcoming **Action Program**.

Goals and Objectives

In terms of “parks and recreation”, the city of Wyandotte is at a crossroads. Even though the community is losing population, households, and the number of schools have been reduced (both public and private), Wyandotte is still considered an attractive place to live, work, and recreate. In order to satisfy current residents and remain attractive to non-residents, the Recreation Department needs to consider improvements and new developments that will improve the quality of life in Wyandotte

Based on the input received, several goals have been established to help improve the parks and recreation opportunities in Wyandotte. These goals include previously envisioned improvements as well as new improvements and developments that can help to improve the overall image and sustainability of the Wyandotte community. These goals include:

- **Goal #1** Acquiring land when possible for recreation purposes
 - **Objective:** Expansion of current parks/playgrounds or to develop new parks/playgrounds that will create recreation opportunities that will reduce the neighborhood park deficiencies

- **Goal #2** Improving our current recreation facilities so that they may be enjoyed by persons of all ages and abilities
 - **Objective:** Renovate current parks/playgrounds and/or develop new parks/playgrounds that meet ADA guidelines to expand the recreational opportunities for all residents
 - **Objective:** Renovate current parks/playgrounds and/or develop new parks/playgrounds that will allow users of all ages to enjoy our facilities

- **Goal #3** To provide the maximum amount of use of the parks and recreation facilities to the residents of Wyandotte
 - **Objective:** Improve the park availability and amenities to users through the addition of lighting and other additions

- **Goal #4** To provide the maximum amount of recreational opportunities to the residents of Wyandotte

- **Objective:** Maintain the current level of recreation programming and options while finding ways to create new recreational opportunities for residents

- **Goal #5** Effectively provide funding for the development and maintenance of recreation facilities and programs
 - **Objective:** When possible, collect user fees to help offset the cost of programs and improvements
 - **Objective:** Seek grants, donations, and other funding sources to fund programming and improvement projects

- **Goal #6** Seek opportunities to work with neighboring recreation agencies to provide programming and facilities that are beneficial for the area
 - **Objective:** Work with nearby recreation agencies to share programming or services to build strong programs and sustainable facilities

Action Program

The following section contains plans for the future of the parks, playgrounds, and programming for the city of Wyandotte. The plan has been broken down into three categories: Neighborhood, Community, and City-Wide recreation.

NEIGHBORHOOD 1: Madison School

In 2013, Madison School was sold to a private firm and is no longer owned by the school district. The building and surrounding land (playground included) now belongs to the new owner. Memorial Park abuts the school site and the north end of this park is central to that neighborhood and the tot lot area is, fortunately, located at the north end of the park.

The acquisition or lease of the land south of the old Madison School building (includes a handicap playground area) should be considered to negate the neighborhood land deficiency. This would also decrease the South Community deficiency. The Madison School site abuts the Memorial Park city wide facility and the acquisition or lease of these sites would for the most part, satisfy much of Wyandotte's city wide recreation demand.

NEIGHBORHOOD 2: Monroe School and VFW Park

A 6.9 acre site at the Monroe Elementary School serves this area and the V.F.W. Playground, a 5.6 acre facility, is also located at the eastern edge. Thus 12.5 acres more than meet the requirement of 10.7 acres. Updating and installing new equipment should be considered to maximize the facilities available in this neighborhood. While both VFW and Monroe sites use certified playground woodchips as their base, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities. VFW could use the addition of pathways to make the play areas, baseball diamond, and drinking fountain more accessible. The basketball court should be resurfaced. Some additional landscaping should be planted in this park to beautify the area along with some permanent composite picnic tables and park benches. The soccer field is no longer used, in its place, a beach volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and/or tennis/pickleball courts would help to enhance the park. The baseball diamond could use concrete or asphalt paths to the bleacher area.

The school district has expressed interest in expanding their parking lot at the school, thus requiring the repositioning of the existing baseball diamond. When repositioned, permanent bleachers, dugouts, handicap seating, and a drinking fountain should be added to enhance this area.

NEIGHBORHOOD 3: Oak Club Playground

This 1.7 acre site is well located to serve the western part of the neighborhood but is less than the minimum desirable size for a complete playground. Expansion is probably not economically possible because of the number and quality of the surrounding homes, but every effort should be made to expand the site to include the entire block if circumstances ever permit such action. Such expansion would provide a total of 2.1 acres.

The Oak Club Playground is in need of modern equipment. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities. The basketball court should be resurfaced. Trees could be planted and some landscaping would beautify the park. The construction of beach volleyball courts, pickleball courts, or horseshoe pits would provide for more park participation.

NEIGHBORHOOD 3: Washington School

Similarly, it would be difficult to expand the Washington School site but it should remain as a long-range proposal; either to the south to include the Superior Boulevard right-of-way to provide 4.1 more acres (making a total of 7.6) or east toward Twelfth Street as far as economics permit. These proposals would still leave the neighborhood some 4.4 acres short of its projected need. The deficiency could be considered offset by an excess of neighborhood recreation in the adjacent Neighborhood 4 (Vinewood, which separates these two neighborhoods, is not a serious barrier). To alleviate the projected shortage of need, the addition new basketball backboards would help satisfy some of the need.

NEIGHBORHOOD 4: Pulaski and Lions Club Park

Pulaski Park is in the center of Neighborhood 4 and it, alone, is slightly larger than is required to meet the needs of the Neighborhood. Acquisition of the remainder of the block of Walnut Street would add 2.3 acres to the existing 13 acre site. Improvements are needed for the Pulaski Park facility in order to bring it to its optimum development. There is a definite need of increased parking for this frequently used site. Replacement of the deteriorated irrigation system for the four ballfields and a drainage system is needed because of its great demand and use. Converting the three remaining slag ball fields to a more user friendly material composed of red clay and sand would increase the field usage. The installation of permanent composite picnic tables and park benches, barbeque grills, and a beach volleyball court will increase family usage. The tennis court lighting system should also be replaced. The addition of lighting around the walking track that runs through the park could make the park more user friendly after sunset and before closing time. The overhead electrical lines that bisect the park area should be placed underground. They currently go through the picnic and playground area. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of most of the playground area, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities. Also, the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways to the play areas would make the areas more accessible.

Lions Club Park was recently developed and expanded in the last three years. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

NEIGHBORHOOD 5: Jefferson Playground

The Jefferson Playground area is in need of landscaping and trees. The basketball court needs to be resurfaced and the area adjacent to the court should be landscaped. The baseball field has been removed and the school district is considering adding a parking lot to the area. Tennis courts, pickleball courts, or a beach volleyball court would be a nice addition to the park. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

NEIGHBORHOOD 5: Wilson Field

Converting the baseball and softball diamond from a slag infield to a much more user friendly material of red clay and sand would increase use. Replacing the fencing around the tennis courts, the installation of permanent composite benches, and repaving the walking/running track would help to increase park use.

NEIGHBORHOOD 6: Lincoln Center

The playground of the former Taft Elementary School should include permanent rubber surfacing and more handicap accessible equipment. After Taft Elementary closed, the school district renamed the building the Lincoln Center; the building serves the mentally and physically handicapped youth.

NEIGHBORHOOD 6: P.A.C. Club Park

The P.A.C. Club Playground facility (4.8 acres) is in need of additional landscaping and tree planting which would be beneficial to this park. The basketball court needs resurfacing and a permanent set of bleachers near the court should be installed for spectator's use. The playscape needs to be updated. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities. Additional landscaping should be installed to enhance the park. The full sized soccer field that is no longer used could be converted to tennis courts, beach volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, pickleball courts, and a walking/running track.

NEIGHBORHOOD 7: FOP, WAA, and Kiwanis Parks

This area contains F.O.P. Park, W.A.A. Park and the Kiwanis Park. The F.O.P. Playground is near the center of the neighborhood and the W.A.A. and Kiwanis Parks are of smaller stature.

The Kiwanis Park needs a new sandbox and general improvements to the landscaping. A beach volleyball court could enhance the park, however, the land is contaminated and any digging needs to be approved by the State. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities. Installing permanent

composite benches and picnic tables, and replacing the drinking fountain would also enhance the use of the facility.

The W. A. A. Playground is in need of a drinking fountain along with some landscaping and newer equipment. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

F.O.P. Park has plenty of open space and amenities including a beach volleyball court, pickleball courts, horseshoe pits, barbeque grills, and permanent composite benches and picnic tables should be considered to attract more family use. A walking/running path through the park would bring more use to the park. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the playground equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

NEIGHBORHOOD 8: Exchange Club and K of C Tot Lot Parks

The Exchange Club Playground (3.2 acres) is the main facility in this area. This neighborhood suffers a serious shortage of recreation land. The possibility for another neighborhood park, possibly within the ongoing Labadie Park development should be given great consideration to help reduce the shortage of land. Removal of the concrete wading pool that has begun to come to the surface (buried decades ago), along with the installation of permanent composite park benches and picnic tables, and additional play equipment would be an enhancement at this park. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities. A running/walking track along the perimeter of this park could enhance its use.

The K of C Tot Lot was developed between McKinley & Fourth Streets, north of Ford Avenue. Currently, the park is divided into two halves, divided by an alley. Serious consideration should be given to closing the western half and putting the land up for sale for development. The eastern half has been expanded when the home to the south was demolished. The park now contains a shelter and a drinking fountain. The addition of permanent composite benches and a picnic table would help

enhance the park. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

NEIGHBORHOOD 9: Jaycee, Frostic, and Rotary Club Parks and Federal Square

The Jaycee Playground is a 2.5 acre site that serves this neighborhood's playground demand. The William R. Copeland Center was constructed on the 4th Street side and serves as a Senior Citizen Center as well as a meeting hall for various local organizations. There is a need for additional trees. The playscape has permanent rubber surfacing, but certified playground woodchips serve as the base for the swings and merry-go-round. Converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

Frostic Park is a small open area just north of the Copeland Center. Frostic Park features several benches and two statues. It is considered a passive park.

Federal Square is a small open area on Spruce between 4th & 5th Streets. It, like several other small sites in public courts, could be given treatment to help meet the passive recreational needs of a neighborhood; however, the cost of maintaining such facilities often makes them questionable.

Rotary Club Park is a newly constructed one acre park and is located adjacent to the St. Joseph Church parking lot. It satisfies the need for the neighborhood in a small way, but none the less, provides for a great need. If expansion of the site becomes a possibility, full consideration should be given to this effort. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

NEIGHBORHOOD 10: McKinley School Playground

The McKinley School building was acquired in 2013 from the school district in a facility swap (the city took ownership of the McKinley building and the school district took ownership of the Memorial Pool facility). Currently the city is taking proposals for the building which could include the sale of the land

(including the playground area). For the purpose of this plan, we will proceed as if the land will not be sold. Additional play equipment is needed for the playground area. A soccer field could be developed with goals in the open space area. The basketball courts should be resurfaced and an additional parking area should be considered. The single tennis court could be converted to two pickleball courts. Certified playground woodchips serve as the base of the equipment, converting to a more permanent surfacing such as poured in place rubber and the addition of concrete or asphalt pathways could make the play areas more accessible to those with disabilities.

NORTH COMMUNITY: This area is composed generally of Neighborhoods 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. A deficiency in land for recreation purposes does exist, but because of the built up conditions of the area, we should preclude an active pursuit of acquiring land at this time. With that being said, there is an area located north of Goddard and west of River Rd. (also known as Beaver Park) that could be pursued as a possible location for a dog park within the city. Within Neighborhood 7, east of the railroad tracks and north of Goddard there are no parks that are accessible without children needing to crossover the railroad tracks. As a safety measure, land within the Labadie Park district should be considered for acquisition for a park/playground area.

SOUTH COMMUNITY: This area is composed generally of Neighborhoods 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10 and this area is primarily serviced by Memorial Park. Memorial Park is the most substantial of the city parks - comprising some 34 acres.

The acquisition or lease of the property south of the former Madison School (including the playground area) should be considered in a future development plan.

The addition of permanent, outdoor exercise stations spaced sporadically around the 1 mile walking/running track would make the park all the more enticing to those looking to exercise. The addition of lighting around the track could make the park more user friendly after sunset and before closing time.

The Skatepark that was installed more than 10 years ago is beginning to age. There are areas of concrete that need to be replaced and some pieces of apparatus are beginning to rust. The entire Skatepark could use paint (with a specific “gripping” paint designed for Skateparks).

The acquisition of land directly south of the Wyandotte Animal Shelter should be pursued as a possible site for a Dog Park.

CITY-WIDE FACILITIES

Bishop Park: This facility sits on the Detroit River and is directly contiguous to the Wyandotte Central Business District. In terms of the park itself, there are a number of proposals that should be considered in the development of the facility.

The City constructed a berm and planted extensive landscaping along the northern edge of the park to reduce visual degradation, provide relief from fugitive dust and reduce noise levels from the Municipal coal handling operations near the park. As money can be budgeted, additional landscaping should be undertaken to replace any diseased or dying trees/shrubs.

The majority of the benches in the park are constructed of wood, which can rot due to the weather and require paint every couple of years. In 2012, a dozen park benches along the waterfront at the northern end of the park were replaced with composite benches. These benches will never require painting and the boards will never rot. In 2013, ten more benches were installed along the waterfront near the south end of the park. A program to continue the replacement of the benches and picnic tables from wood to composite would improve the park and cut down on maintenance time and costs.

Some consideration should be given to the installation of concrete walks throughout the park in order to make it more readily accessible to the handicapped. Updating and adding to the existing grills would encourage more family picnics in the park. Some of the older playground equipment should be update. In 2005, a new playscape with permanent rubber surfacing and a second pavilion was installed. Currently, there are several benches for adults to sit on as they watch their children play.

The addition of permanent adult exercise stations surrounding the playscape should be considered to help enhance the park.

The lighting throughout the park is more than 25 years old and needs an upgrade. Replacing the old lighting along the waterfront, on the fishing pier, kayak launch, and throughout the park would make the park much more inviting after sunset and could prevent vandalism that occurs under the cover of night.

If deemed safe, a 10' wide asphalt path from Van Alstyne to the adaptive kayak launch (so that handicap persons could drop off their kayaking equipment) could be installed and it would aid in the servicing of the park (maintenance vehicles). This path would only be used by maintenance vehicles or handicap persons using the kayak launch. A 10 hp motor and additional intake line is suggested to split the present watering system and ease its work load.

The development of a transient marina could also be favorable to not only the park, but the downtown business district. Boat slips for small fishing boats and larger recreation boats will be included. A facility with restrooms, washers and dryers, as well as a pump out station should also be considered. The marina will not only be an attraction for recreational use, but could also serve as a safe haven for those boaters coat on the water during inclement weather.

In the far realm of planning, any additional property that could be acquired adjacent to the park in any direction would greatly enhance and make our existing park facility more viable to the citizens.

Boat Ramp: It would be advantageous to purchase additional surrounding land for parking to take care of the overflow of vehicle parking (during peak times, some boaters need to park across the Biddle Avenue behind a business in a city lot. The restroom facilities should be modernized and made handicap accessible. The parking lot is deteriorating and should be repaved. The addition of solar panels to the roof of the boat ramp building should be considered.

Grassy Island - Roughly 72 acres in size, this island had been in the process of being filled (reclaimed) by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in previous years. It is owned by the U.S.

Department of the Interior but was incorporated into the city limits of Wyandotte through an Act of Congress in the late 1950's and, by another Act of Congress, declared as the Wyandotte National Wildlife Refuge in 1961. Migratory wildlife feed on the submerged celery beds during their flights twice each year and the site may not be commercialized or industrialized; however, it may be developed for recreational use (with proper authorization) by the City of Wyandotte, the County of Wayne or either the State of Michigan or the federal government itself. Because it will require some time yet for the fill to be completed and for the fill material to settle enough for the land surface to support people, it is automatically in the longer-range plan rather than the short-range one. Regardless of which governmental agency develops the island, it will offset some of the shortage of recreational land within the City of Wyandotte.

BASF Waterfront Park and the Wyandotte Shores Golf Course: The former BASF industrial site was leased to the City and a 24 acre park and a nine-hole championship golf course were constructed and completed in 1995/1996. Consideration should be given to acquiring the vacant industrial land south of the golf course to construct several practice holes with a driving range, a miniature putting course, and passive park opportunities. If feasible, a solar garden should be constructed in an unused portion of the golf course (northeast corner) to help offset the high costs of charging the electric golf carts daily.

In BASF Park, an acoustical backdrop could be used for concerts and special events and the park could use additional park amenities. The number of people who kayak the Detroit River has been on the rise. Currently there is one area in BASF Park to launch kayaks, unfortunately, that area can only accommodate a single able bodied kayaker at a time. Consideration should be given to creating a larger kayak launch that can meet the needs of kayakers of all abilities.

Copeland Center: The Copeland Center opened in 1974 and is outdated. In early 2014, the original tile floor and a sliding room partition will be replaced. Other updates that should be considered include energy saving measures. The installation of solar panels on the roof and the installation of a drop ceiling in the main gathering room to help reduce energy costs. The building's sound system is nearly 40 years old and should be replaced.

Yack Arena: In 2006 the arena underwent a \$3 million dollar renovation, however, the building could still use some improvements. Storage at the arena (for tables/chairs/staging during the ice season and for hockey boards/benches/glass during off-ice season) is nearly non-existent. Many of these necessities are stored offsite (two miles away) and need to be delivered to the arena. Adding on to the building for additional storage space is highly suggested to have everything needed for arena operations onsite.

As the various groups that use the arena for skating purposes (high school hockey team, hockey association, figure skaters) have begun to do more off-ice activities, it has become apparent that the Yack does not have adequate space to accommodate these activities. A possible addition to the building should be considered to try and accommodate these activities.

The Yack Arena also serves as host to the Recreation offices. The addition of an online registration/payment process would make signing up for programs much easier than it is now. Users would have the convenience of signing up for programs from home instead of having to make it down during office hours.

ADDITIONAL CITY-WIDE RECREATION PROJECTS

Linked Bicycle Paths: The development of a series of bike paths throughout the city should be pursued. These paths would take users on a tour of Wyandotte and would serve as a fun and healthy way for people to get a closer view of our city. The tour would provide a brief overview of some of Wyandotte's history. The paths could include stops by many of our historical homes and buildings, various monuments, parks, businesses, etc. throughout the city. Each location could be designated with a plaque giving a brief description of the location.

Multi-use Recreation Facility: The pursuit of developing a multi-use recreation facility should be considered. Currently, the city lacks its own gymnasium, pool, and fitness facility. The city relies on its excellent working relationship with the school district for access to these facilities. Unfortunately, access to these the school facilities are often restricted due to conflicts with many school run activities. A facility of our own would allow us to offer year round swimming lessons,

open swimming, water aerobics, basketball and volleyball programs, as well as a place for residents to exercise in.

A possible location for such a facility could be one of the city owned parking lots adjacent to the Yack Arena. Using one of these lots to build such a facility would create a parking problem and consequently, additional parking would need to be acquired (perhaps through construction of a parking structure).

SUMMARY OF THE ACTION PROGRAM

Based upon the goals and objectives identified and neighborhood needs, certain costs estimates and priorities should be defined. There is a need for flexibility even as pursuit of these goals is made; without the goals and an "action plan", however, there is a tendency to let things drift. A community must budget for the majority of its services and recreation is universally accepted as one of the services demanded by the public today - accordingly, it should receive fair consideration in any city's budget process. Certain state and federal grant programs are available and should not be overlooked as one means to achieve the community's goals. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Passport are the most active grants available for recreation today. In addition, Community Development funds can be used for this area of public service development.

This plan looks to address some of the areas where needs or wants have been expressed. The addition of pickleball courts, the pursuit of a dog park, the pursuit of a transient marina, bicycle paths, etc. as well as making the parks and playgrounds more accessible for those with disabilities are all goals that this program hopes to achieve.

ACTION PLAN
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

2014 Capital Improvement Program

Category	Year	Project	Estimated Cost
1	2014	Playground Surfacing and Accessibility Improvements	\$75,000
1	2014	Baseball/Softball Diamond Surface Upgrades	\$10,000
2	2014	Bishop Park bench replacement and lighting improvements	\$250,000
2	2014	Land Acquisition and Dog Park	\$150,000
		TOTALS	\$485,000

2015 Capital Improvement Program

Category	Year	Project	Estimated Cost
3	2015	Transient Marina at Bishop Park	\$3,000,000
1	2015	Playground Surfacing and Accessibility Improvements	\$75,000
1	2015	Baseball/Softball Diamond Surface Upgrades	\$10,000
2	2015	Bishop Park bench replacement and playground improvements	\$50,000
1	2015	Park Additions – Volleyball, Pickleball, Etc.	\$25,000
		TOTALS	\$3,160,000

2016 Capital Improvement Program

Category	Year	Project	Estimated Cost
2	2016	Memorial Skatepark Improvements	\$50,000
1	2016	Playground Surfacing and Accessibility Improvements	\$75,000
1	2016	Baseball/Softball Diamond Surface Upgrades	\$10,000
2	2016	Copeland Center Improvements	\$200,000
1	2016	Park Additions – Volleyball, Pickleball, Etc.	\$25,000
2	2016	Yack Arena Additions	\$100,000
2	2016	Bishop Park bench replacement	\$10,000
3	2016	Kayak Launch	\$80,000
		TOTALS	\$550,000

2017 Capital Improvement Program

Category	Year	Project	Estimated Cost
2	2017	Multi-use Recreation Facility	\$3,000,000
1		Playground Surfacing and Accessibility Improvements	\$75,000
1	2017	Baseball/Softball Diamond Surface Upgrades	\$10,000
2	2017	Bishop Park bench replacement	\$10,000
1	2017	Park Additions – Volleyball, Pickleball, Etc.	\$25,000
		TOTALS	\$3,120,000

2018 Capital Improvement Program

Category	Year	Project	Estimated Cost
1	2018	Playground Surfacing and Accessibility Improvements	\$75,000
1	2018	Baseball/Softball Diamond Surface Upgrades	\$10,000
2	2018	Bishop Park bench replacement	\$10,000
2	2018	Bicycle Paths	\$250,000
1	2018	Park Additions – Volleyball, Pickleball, Etc.	\$25,000
1	2018	Land Acquisition and Park Construction (Labadie District)	\$200,000
1	2018	Wilson and Pulaski Walking Track Resurfacing	\$100,000
		TOTALS	\$570,000

Category 1 = Neighborhood Parks

Category 2 = Community Wide Parks/Facilities

Category 3 = Waterfront

Attachments to this Recreation Plan indicate the many and varied offerings of the City's Recreation Department and are included to illustrate how a community uses such programs to offset what would otherwise be considered major shortcomings so far as available recreation land is concerned. Of considerable importance is the effort in recent years to provide supervised recreation as well as social activities for the physically handicapped; in this area, Wyandotte has set a fine example and has pioneered for the Downriver Area.

Items presented for "Immediate" action may, of course, have to wait their turn for available funding; similarly, items given a 5-year, 10-year or long range priority may be advanced through opportunistic use of state and federal grant programs as well as annual requests for a fair share of city budget.