

# CITY OF WARREN RECREATION PLAN



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**City of Warren  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Mission Statement**

The City of Warren, Parks and Recreation Department's Mission is to provide Warren residents of all ages with positive, productive leisure time experiences and to make these activities convenient, affordable and numerous in order to enhance the physical and social well being of all residents.

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## **INTRODUCTION: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Warren Recreation Plan is intended to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Provide an overview of existing conditions within the City of Warren, which may influence the delivery of recreation services.
2. Undertake a survey of City residents to provide an increased awareness of the City's recreation needs.
3. Identify recreation deficiencies and needs which City-level services can address.
4. Develop policies and programs designed to address the recreation needs.
5. Identify park improvements; establish acquisition of park lands, where needed; And suggest facilities and programs to meet the recreation needs of all age groups.
6. Include a capital improvement program, identifying specific projects and intended funding sources to be implemented over a specified time frame.
7. Qualify the City to participate in recreation programs available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The completed Recreation Plan will meet or exceed all State and Federal grant program requirements.
8. Prepare a Plan to serve as a functional and practical guide for the development of City recreation programs and facilities.

## **WARREN PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **PURPOSE**

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### **COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

Recreation improvements need to consider the community's physical setting and the characteristics of the people being served. Based upon an examination of these factors, the following conclusions are drawn:

Following a period of rapid growth, the City experienced four decades of population decline. Still, Warren holds the third largest population of all cities in Michigan and projections through the year 2030 anticipate a leveling off of this decline.

Warren's population declines are largely the result of declines in younger age groups. Preschool and school-aged children declined in absolute numbers and as a percent of the City's total population. Older residents have increased significantly.

The City's population is concentrated in several identifiable residential neighborhoods. The largest concentration of residents is located in the northeast section of the community. There are several major regional transportation routes, especially Mound Road, Van Dyke Avenue and the 1-696 Freeway, dividing the City's residential neighborhoods and creating barriers to the convenient movement of residential traffic.

The City's predominantly developed land use pattern, with little remaining undeveloped open space, places a greater importance on the community's existing parks to provide open space and recreation opportunities.

## RECREATION INVENTORY

A wide range of recreation facilities, provided by several different organizations, are available to Warren residents. For example, 17 State parks or recreation areas, two Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Parks, and one County park are reasonably accessible to City residents.

The City of Warren owns, operates and maintains a total of 25 park sites. These include five community parks (City Square Park, Halmich Park, Shaw Park, Veterans Memorial Park, and Warren Community Center Park) and 20 neighborhood-level parks. These parks occupy approximately 347 acres of land. Individual park sites range in size from 2.6 acres (Altermatt Park), to a high of 74 acres (Halmich Park). The average park size is approximately 12 acres.

The parks are relatively evenly distributed throughout the City. The four (4) quadrants of the City approximately contain six parks each. The distribution of parks is important, especially in an urbanized community like Warren that is divided into identifiable neighborhoods by the numerous transportation corridors that cross the City.

The Warren Parks and Recreation Department operates the following four indoor recreation centers: Fitzgerald Recreation Center, Owen Jax Recreation Center, Stilwell Manor Recreation Center and the Warren Community Center.

## RECREATION GOALS

The following goal statements offer a policy framework for meeting the City's current and anticipated recreation needs. They are intended to be broad enough to provide the City with enough flexibility to address the needs of the Warren residents over the next five years.

### *Overall Plan Goal*

1. Enhance and increase the quality of life for Warren residents by providing a full range of recreation facilities and programs to meet their needs.

### *Existing Facilities*

1. Maximize the use of all existing City park sites.
2. Expand and upgrade the range of recreation opportunities available at each park.
3. Adhere to high maintenance standards for all City parks.
4. Improve the visual quality of all parks by undertaking a continuous landscaping program.
5. Prepare a capital improvement program for each existing park site, identifying equipment that should be replaced or added, including a yearly improvement schedule.

### *New Facilities*

1. Improve one or more park sites serving the southern half of the City.
2. Expand existing park sites, where possible, by acquiring land from school districts when existing schools are closed and sold.
3. Develop a new and/or upgrade an existing indoor recreation center serving the southwest and southeast portion of the City.
4. Develop a bicycle/pedestrian path linking the City's recreation facilities to regional recreational sites.
5. Bridge development to connect residential neighborhoods to parks and bike path over the Red Run Drain between; a. Ryan and Mound Roads b. Mound and Van Dyke Roads c. Van Dyke and Hoover.

*Administration*

1. Monitor and adjust program offerings to reflect changing preferences and the demographic characteristics of Warren's population.
2. Offer passive and active recreational programs, instructional programs, sports leagues, special events and programs designed for residents with special needs.
3. Increase exposure to Recreation Department Programs and facilities by regularly publishing program offerings and special events available from the City.
4. Establish a regular mechanism to solicit citizen input on Recreation Department programs.
5. Encourage continued cooperation between the Parks and Recreation Department and the six school districts serving the City regarding the use of school facilities.
6. Maintain and update as necessary the current policy with the local school districts regarding the use of school facilities by the Warren Parks and Recreation Department, including wider use of school facilities by the City, as well as City control of all ball diamonds, soccer fields and play fields.
7. Partner with school districts to establish sites to be used for recreational purposes.
8. Establish a long-term financial plan, including a projection of needed capital expenditures to be made over time.
9. Pursue all possible funding sources for capital improvements, operations and maintenance.
10. Charge reasonable and fair customer fees to support existing programs.

## RECREATION ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan considers each element of the City's recreation program, including neighborhood and community parks, indoor facilities, administration, financing and the relationship of the City with other recreation providers. Specific recommendations are offered for each of these topics. More detailed descriptions of each recommended action are included in section 3.

- RECOMMENDATION 1:** Prevent the loss of additional neighborhood-level recreation opportunities and acquire neighborhood park sites, where necessary, in those neighborhoods that are served by neither a park nor elementary school site.
- RECOMMENDATION 2:** Maximize the use of amenities at certain parks that are heavily programmed. Let some of smaller, neighborhood parks serve as open space with fewer amenities.
- RECOMMENDATION 3:** Maximize the use of the indoor recreation facilities available in the City.
- RECOMMENDATION 4:** Increase the amount of money available for recreation programs and facilities, especially capital investments in park improvements.
- RECOMMENDATION 5:** Provide a series of regional pedestrian and bicycle paths linking Warren's major recreation facilities with those in other parts of the Metro Detroit region.
- RECOMMENDATION 6:** Provide pedestrian and bicycle paths to link Warren's neighborhood parks to one another, the major community parks and City's Recreation Facilities.
- RECOMMENDATION 7:** Ensure ADA barrier-free accessibility in all parks: Update all comfort stations to ADA standards.
- RECOMMENDATION 8:** Upgrade and modernize some neighborhood parks, allow others to take on a more passive use.
- RECOMMENDATION 9:** Provide for increased cooperation between the Warren Recreation Department and other public and private recreation providers serving the City of Warren.
- RECOMMENDATION 10:** Acquire additional City-wide recreational acreage.
- RECOMMENDATION 11:** Create a "Field of Dreams" baseball field for special needs citizens.

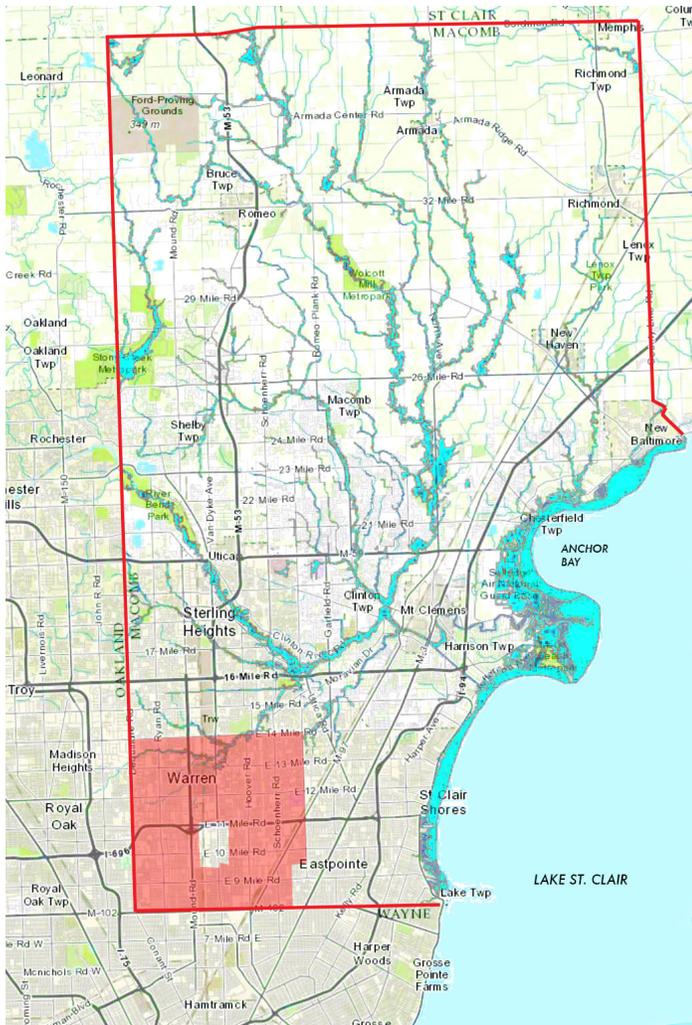
# **1 City of Warren: Community Description JURISDICTION & DEMOGRAPHICS**

# Community Description

JURISDICTION  
NATURAL FEATURES

## REGIONAL SETTING

The City of Warren is located in the southwest corner of Macomb County. Macomb County is bordered by Lapeer County on the northwestern corner and St. Clair County on the northeastern corner. The City shares a common boundary with Wayne County to the south, along 8 Mile Road, and with Oakland County, along Dequindre Road. The following individual communities share common boundaries with Warren, including the Cities of Detroit, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights, Fraser, Roseville and East Detroit. The City of Center Line is located within Warren’s perimeter boundaries.



Local Watershed Map, Macomb County.



Regional Map, Southeast Michigan.

## MAJOR ROADWAY CONNECTIONS

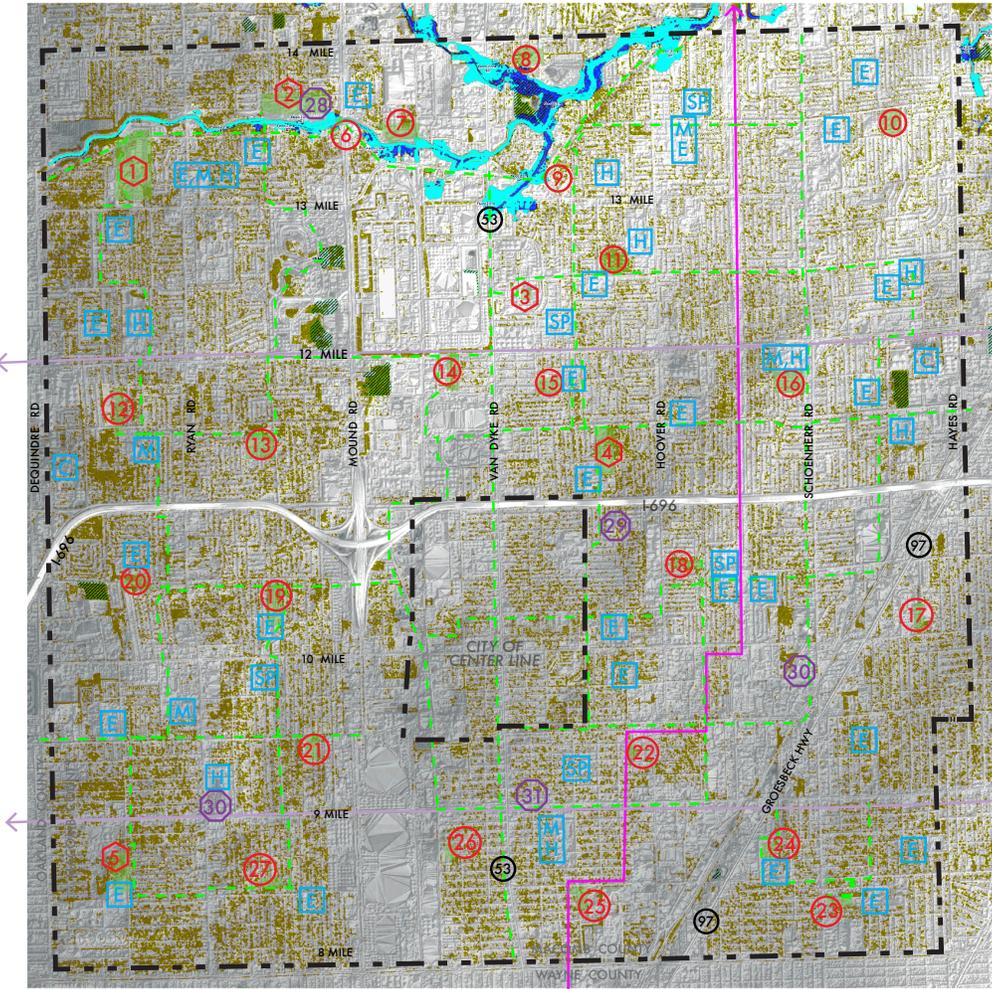
There are several regional transportation routes across the City. These include the I-696 Freeway, M-53 (Van Dyke Avenue), M-102 (Eight Mile Road) and M-97 (Groesbeck Highway). Mound Road is another important north-south route extending from Detroit and offering access to I-696.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The physical setting of a community may influence the availability of recreation opportunities. The presence of varied topography, woodlands and other natural water features, including lakes and rivers, often provide unique opportunities for diverse recreation activities. A community’s land use characteristics also need to be considered in evaluating recreation needs and opportunities.

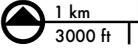
## EXISTING LAND USE

The City of Warren is characterized by a nearly completely developed land use pattern. Residential uses, specifically single-family homes, are the City’s dominant use features. The City’s residential neighborhoods are separated by two major industrial corridors. The principal industrial corridor is located between Van Dyke and Mound Roads, and the secondary corridor is located along Groesbeck Highway and the Grand Trunk and Western Railroad Tracks. Most of Warren’s commercial development is located along the major transportation routes that pass through the City.



**NATURAL FEATURES & RECREATION ASSETS**

- ⬡ COMMUNITY PARKS
  - 1. HALMICH
  - 2. WARREN COMMUNITY CENTER PARK
  - 3. CITY SQUARE
  - 4. VETERANS MEMORIAL
  - 5. SHAW
- ◯ NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
  - 6. BEEBE'S CORNER
  - 7. ECKSTEIN
  - 8. BATES
  - 9. KRAFT
  - 10. MILLER
  - 11. LICHT
  - 12. HARTSIG
  - 13. BUTCHER
  - 14. BURDI
  - 15. RINKE
  - 16. MC GRATH
  - 17. TROMBLEY
  - 18. RENTZ
  - 19. BUSSE
  - 20. STEINHAUSER
  - 21. AUSTIN-DANNIS
  - 22. JAYCEE
  - 23. UNDERWOOD
  - 24. WINTERS
  - 25. WIEGAND
  - 26. GROESBECK
  - 27. ALTERMATT
- ◯ INDOOR RECREATION CENTERS
  - 28. WARREN COMMUNITY CENTER
  - 29. STILLWELL MANOR
  - 30. FITZGERALD
  - 31. OWEN JAX REC CENTER
- ⬡ SCHOOLS
  - E ELEMENTARY
  - M/J MIDDLE SCHOOL
  - H SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
  - SP SPECIAL PURPOSE
  - C COLLEGE
- CITY BOUNDARIES
- RED RUN DRAIN FLOOD PLANE
- PROPOSED LOCAL BICYCLE PATH
- PROPOSED COUNTY BICYCLE PATH
- PROPOSED REIGONAL BICYCLE PATH



**WOODLANDS/ WETLANDS**

Undisturbed woodlands and wetlands offer numerous benefits for recreational purposes. For example, these natural features enhance the setting of parks by providing opportunities for picnicking, hiking, and nature interpretation. Warren’s urbanization has impacted the City’s natural features and few significant woodlands and wetlands remain in Warren today. These natural features were altered to accommodate the land development activities that occurred in Warren since 1950.

**TOPOGRAPHY/ WATER**

Warren is located in a portion of Macomb County that was once a glacial lake bed, which explains the City’s predominant level surface features. No significant changes in topography are evident in the City except along the banks of the Red Run Drain which crosses the northern portion of the City. The drain is the City’s only significant water feature.

# Community Description

## DEMOGRAPHICS

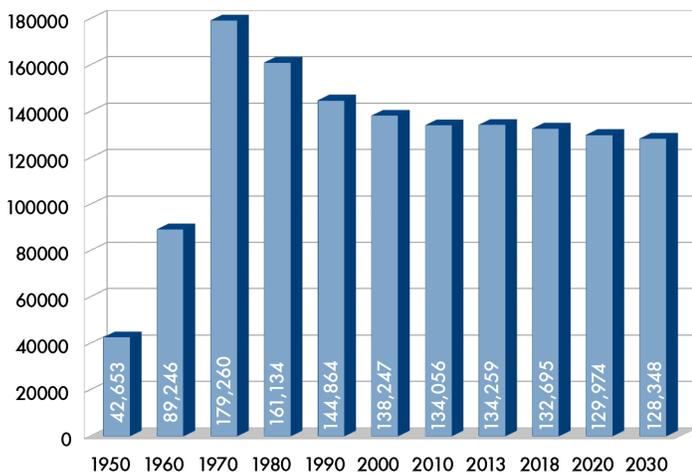
### POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS

Warren’s population experienced significant population increases and declines since 1970. These changes are the consequence of the City’s regional location. Located along the City of Detroit’s northern boundary, Warren is included among a ring of inner suburbs that benefited from the first wave of suburban migration, which occurred beginning in the 1950s and continued through to the 1960s. Warren’s convenient location along several regional transportation corridors accelerated this process.

During these two decades, Warren’s population doubled twice, from 42,653 in 1950 to 89,246 in 1960, peaking at 179,260 in 1970. Since 1970, Warren’s population base experienced three successive declines. In 1980, the population declined to 161,134, for a loss of 18,126 persons. In 1990, the population declined 16,270 persons to 144,869. In 2000, the population declined further to 138,247 for a loss of 6,617 persons. From 2000 to 2010, the population decreased by another 3%.

The latest population estimates prepared by the US Census estimates Warren’s population is 134,259. This makes Warren the third largest populous of all cities in Michigan. The previous demographics report estimated a greater population loss in 2010, however, current estimates show a small increase in population since the 2010 census. Instead of a decline of 2000 residents, the total number of residents has increased slightly, from 134,056 to 134,259.

**FIGURE 1.1:  
POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS**



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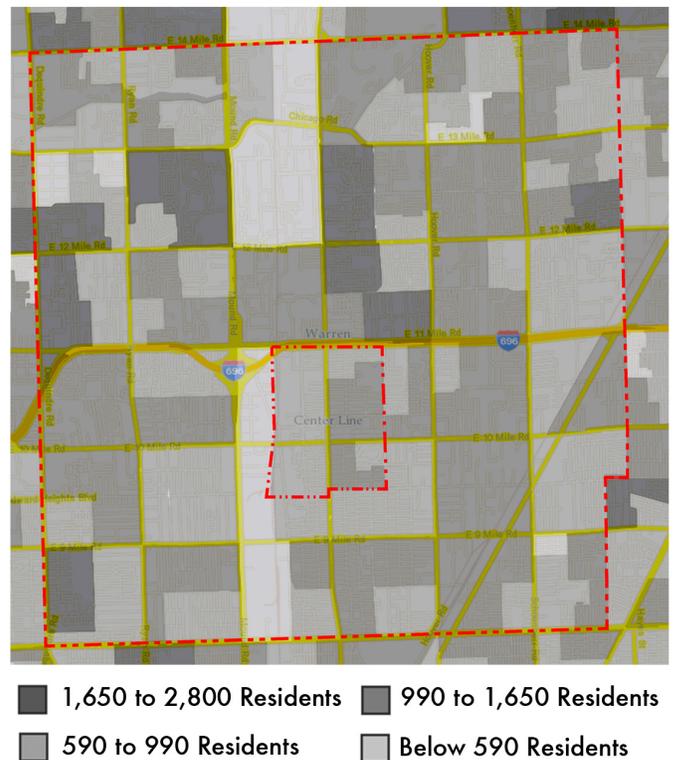
Year	1980	1990	2000	2010	2013	2018
Population	161,134	144,864	138,247	134,056	134,259	132,695

### DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of Warren’s population across the City’s 34.3 square mile area has an influence on the delivery of recreation services to City residents. Population distribution patterns can be evaluated in relation to existing parks and school sites to determine if existing recreation opportunities are appropriately located in relation to the City’s population.

Those major transportation routes that cross Warren divide the City into four major geographic areas identified as northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest. The northeast corner of the City, extending from I-696 north and from Van Dyke Avenue east, is the most populous portion of the community.

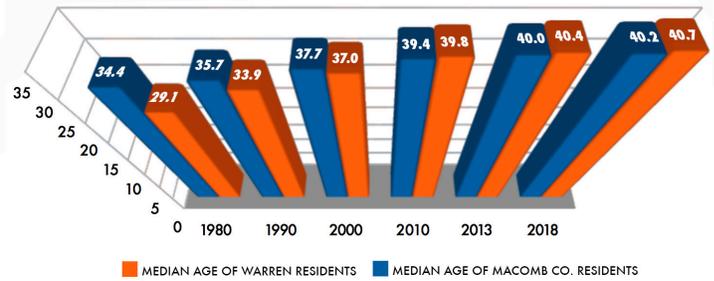
**MAP:  
GEOGRAPHIC POPULATION DISTRIBUTION**



**POPULATION AGE & LIFE CYCLE**

The City of Warren’s median age of 30.4 years in 1980 rose significantly in 1990 to 35.7 years. The change to 37.9 years in 2000 was about half the rate of the previous decade. From 1980 to 2010, the median age for Warren Residents has increased by 5 years compared to the rest of Macomb County where the increase was over 10 years. Current estimates and projections (Table 2) show this rise in age seem to be slowing.

**FIGURE 1.2:  
MEDIAN AGE GROWTH TRENDS**



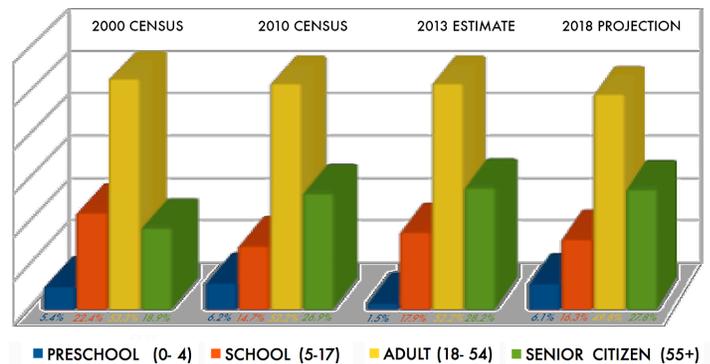
**TABLE 1.2:  
MEDIAN AGE**

Age	1980	1990	2000	2010	2013	2018
Median Age City of Warren	34.4	35.7	37.7	39.4	40	40.2
Median Age Macomb Co.	29.1	33.9	37	39.8	40.4	40.7

Between 2000 and 2010, there was a population loss of 4,192 residents. This is less than the population loss from 1990 - 2000 where there was a loss of 6,591 and significantly less than the ten year span from 1980 - 1990.

The largest age group in Warren is the adult population, ages 18-54, which remains nearly twice as many persons as the seniors. In Table 3, from 2000 - 2010, the largest increase was found in seniors over the age of 85 (42%). However, the second largest increase was seen in adults from 45 - 54. This age group will contribute to a significant increase in senior citizens in the 2020.

**FIGURE 1.3:  
COMPARISON OF LIFE CYCLE BY YEARS**



**TABLE 1.3:  
POPULATION BY AGE**

Age	2000	2010	2000 - 2010 Change	2013 Estimate	2018 Projection	2013 - 2018 Change
0-4	8,784	8,236	-6.20%	8,153	8,120	0.40%
5-14	17885	16,621	-7.00%	16,523	16,123	-2.40%
15-19	8,050	9,084	12.80%	8,300	7,827	-5.60%
20-24	7,511	8,546	13.70%	8,576	8,155	-4.90%
25-34	20,550	16,853	-17.90%	17,173	17,360	1.00%
35-44	21,969	18,184	-17.20%	17,813	16,702	-6.20%
45-54	16,252	20,282	24.70%	20,337	18,286	-10.00%
55-64	13,375	14,606	9.20%	15,820	16,677	5.40%
65-74	12,515	9,823	-21.50%	9,703	11,311	16.50%
75-84	8,808	8,185	-7.00%	8,096	8,168	0.80%
85 & over	2,548	3,636	42.70%	3,765	3,966	5.30%

POPULATION GENDER

Females comprise a slightly larger share of Warren’s total population than do males. There has been little variance in this distribution since the year 2000. This data is presented in the table below.

**TABLE 1.4:  
GENDER DISTRIBUTION**

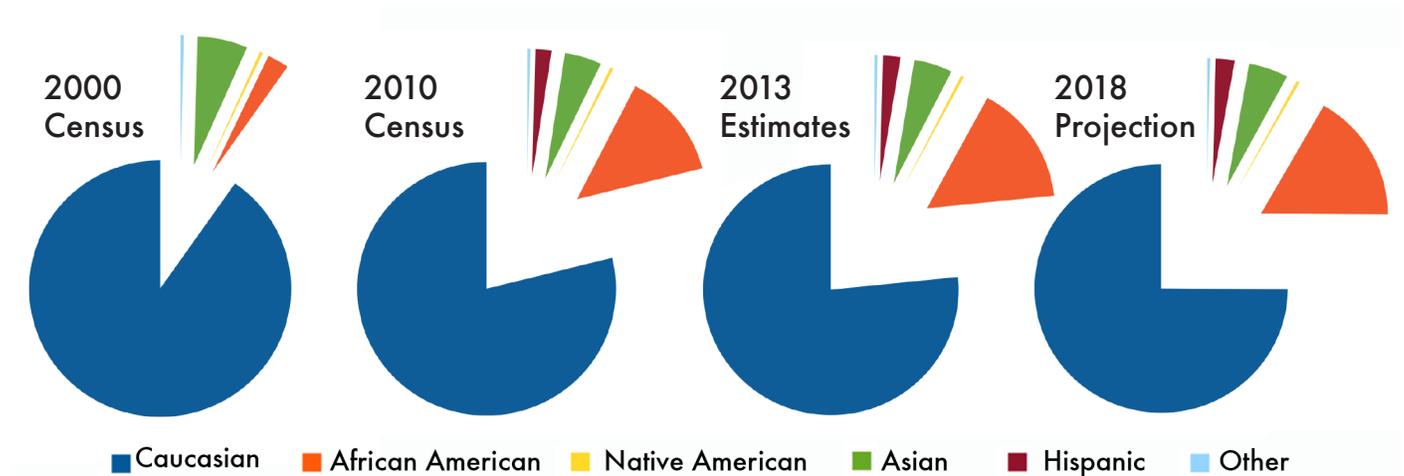
Gender	2000	2010
Males	48.80%	48.40%
Females	51.20%	51.60%
	2013 Estimate	2018 Projection
Males	48.40%	48.40%
Females	51.60%	51.50%

RACE AND ETHNIC CHARACTERISTICS

The City of Warren is becoming an increasingly diverse place to live. According to census data published in 2000, 91.3% of Warren’s population was white. This number decreased significantly in the 2010 census (16.7%) and according to current estimates and projections, the number of residents identifying as white or Caucasian continues to decrease. By 2018, it is estimated that population of whites will drop under 75%.

The largest increases among ethnic groups between 2000 and 2010 are found in the African American (390%) and the Hispanic Communities (47.6%). Projections for 2018 indicate that in African American Community will makeup 17% of the ethnic population, or approximately 22,300 residents, a significant increase from the 3,700 residents that identified themselves as African American in the 2000 census.

**FIGURE 1.4:  
ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION BY YEAR**



**TABLE 1.5:  
ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION BY YEAR**

Ethnicity	2000	2010	2013 Estimate	2018 Projection
Caucasian	91.30%	78.30%	76.00%	74.30%
African American	2.70%	13.50%	15.40%	16.70%
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6.30%	4.60%	4.80%	5.00%
Hispanic	n/d	2.00%	2.20%	2.40%
Other	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

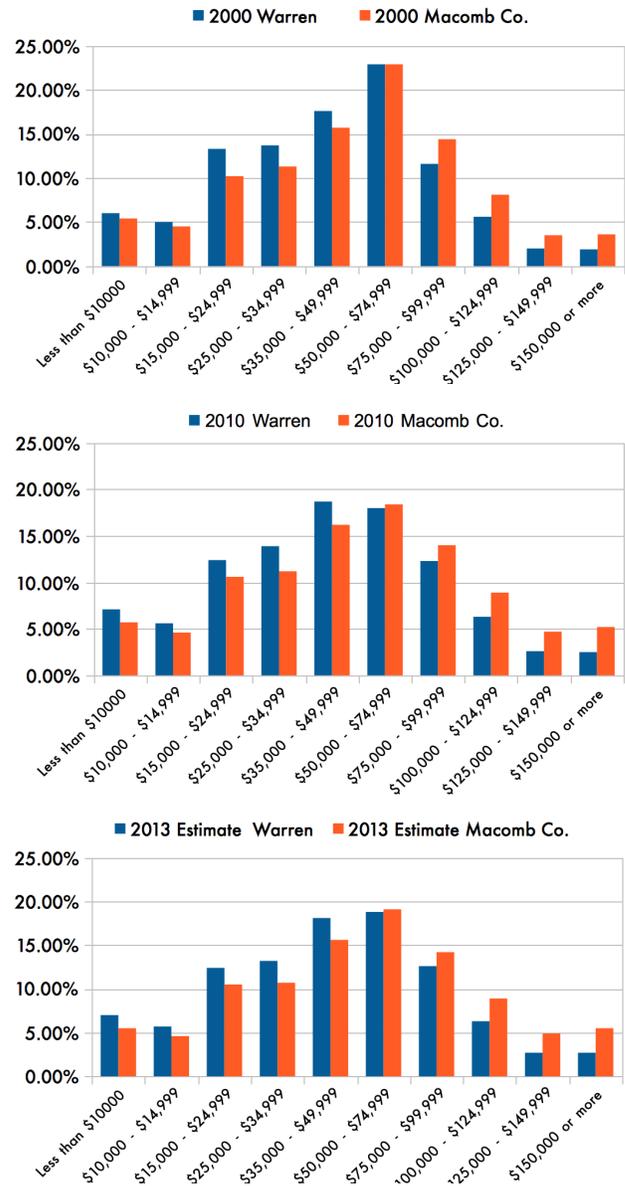
Economic characteristics, especially household income levels and the number of residents living in poverty, may influence the choice of recreational opportunities or leisure-time pursuits. For example, a household with higher income levels may have more opportunities to participate in a wider range of recreational activities, especially those offered by private providers. The opposite may be true for households with lower incomes.

Two of southeast Michigan’s leading employment corridors are located in the City of Warren. The first of these is the Van Dyke/Mound Corridor, which extends the full length of the City between Van Dyke and Mound Roads. The corridor’s single largest facility is the General Motors Tech Center, which is located near the geographic center of the City. A second linear industrial corridor is located along Groesbeck Highway. A portion of this corridor crosses the southeast corner of the City. These corridors are shown in Illustration 3.

The presence of both corridors in Warren explains the City’s role as a major regional employment center. More than 101,000 persons worked at locations in the City of Warren in 2000. Projections from SEMCOG anticipate a minimal employment growth for the City through 2010.

The City’s employment characteristics are also partially explained by the dominance of these two industrial corridors. Approximately 33 percent of the City’s resident labor force are employed in manufacturing-related industries. Warren’s employment rates also reflect the City’s manufacturing base and the periodic fluctuations in the auto industry. In 1990, the City reported a 9.3 unemployment rate. The most current unemployment data for the City shows a rate of 4.9 percent. This is slightly higher than the State-wide rate of 4.5 percent.

**FIGURE 1.5:  
ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD INCOME COMPARISON**



**TABLE 1.6:  
ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD INCOME COMPARISON**

	2000		2010 Macomb		2013 Estimate	
	2000 Warren	Macomb Co.	2010 Warren	Co.	Warren	Macomb Co.
Less than \$10000	6.00%	5.40%	7.10%	5.70%	7.00%	5.50%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	5.00%	4.50%	5.60%	4.60%	5.70%	4.60%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	13.30%	10.20%	12.40%	10.60%	12.40%	10.50%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	13.70%	11.30%	13.90%	11.20%	13.20%	10.70%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	17.60%	15.70%	18.70%	16.20%	18.10%	15.60%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	22.90%	22.90%	18.00%	18.40%	18.80%	19.10%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	11.60%	14.40%	12.30%	14.00%	12.60%	14.20%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	5.60%	8.10%	6.30%	8.90%	6.30%	8.90%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	2.00%	3.50%	2.60%	4.70%	2.70%	4.90%
\$150,000 or more	1.90%	3.60%	2.50%	5.20%	2.70%	5.50%

# **2** **City of Warren: Administrative Structure** **ORGANIZATION & RECREATION AUTHORITIES** **BUDGETING**

# Administrative Structure

## ORGANIZATION

The City of Warren operates under a strong Mayor/ City Council form of government. The City Council is the legislative branch and the Mayor is the administrative branch. The Mayor is elected to be the chief administrator or chief executive officer. All departments of the City are responsible to the Mayor, and the department heads are appointed by the Mayor.

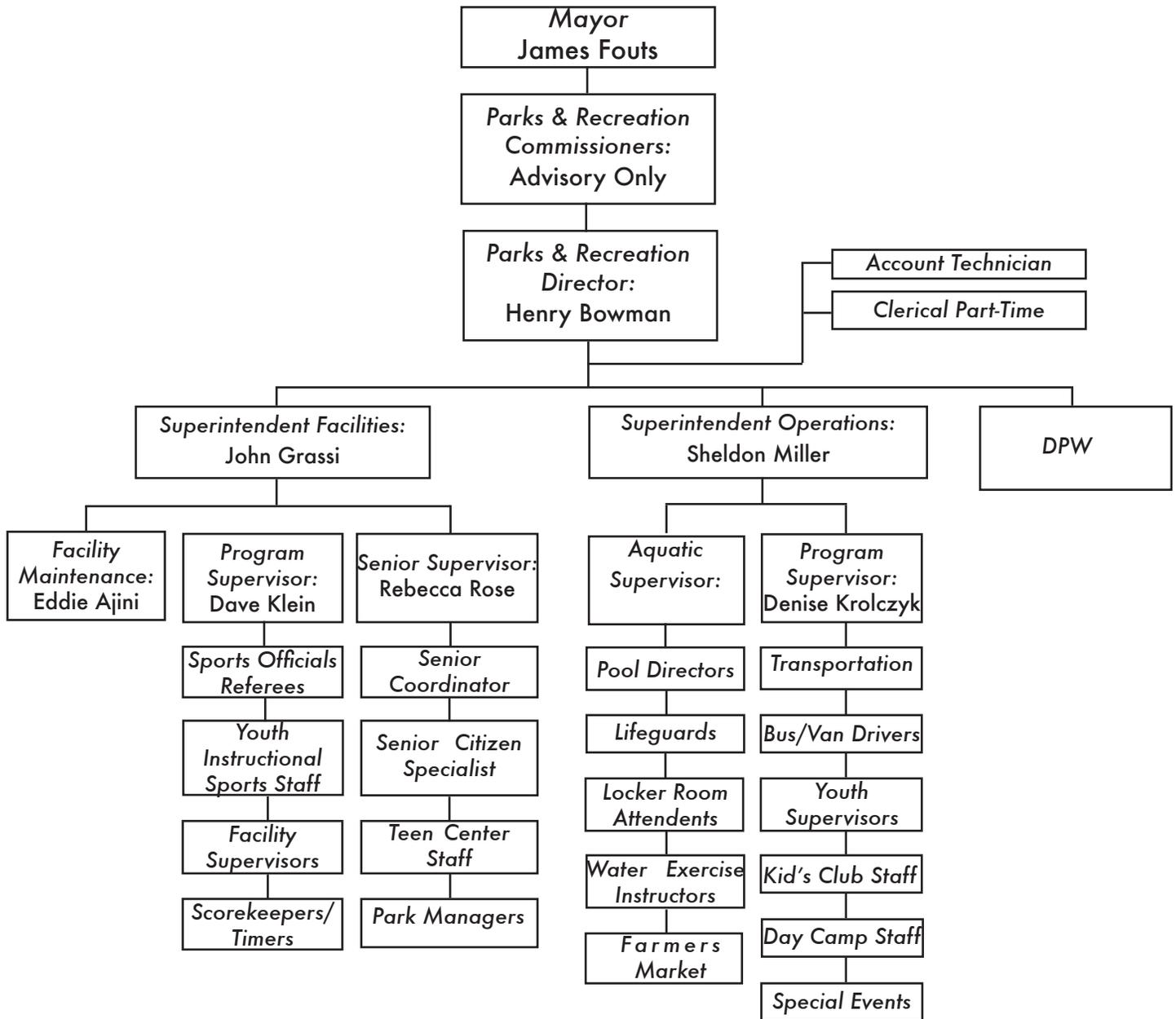
Warren's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was created by Ordinance 32 in 1961 to study and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. This was done with regard to recreation to policy, present and future requirements for park and recreational facilities, and to make estimates of the costs of acquisition and maintenance of said facilities. One (1) member of City Council is selected by the Council to sit as a non-voting member of the Commission. This nine-member Commission meets monthly. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department serves as secretary to the Commission. A copy of the Ordinance creating the City of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission is included in the Appendix of this document.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meets quarterly or as needed. This nine person board reviews policies and procedures; participates in "appeals" process; and helps assess the wants and needs of the Warren community. This Commission meets with staff to discuss the current and future strategic plans of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The City of Warren Parks and Recreation Department has a staff of nineteen (19) full-time employees who are responsible for staffing the financial, clerical, maintenance, program and activity functions of the City's Parks and Recreation Program. The Department hires up to 350 seasonal employees each year as playground instructors, park managers, craft instructors, umpires, referees, scorekeepers, and lifeguards, among others. Warren's forestry operation also falls under the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department. A full-time Supervisor is responsible for overseeing the operation of the City's parks, recreation and forestry operations. The administrative structure of the Department is shown in Figure 2.1.

Volunteers are often used within the Parks and Recreation department. Their services are crucial for special events and other community activities. They perform duties such as parking, security, and giving general information to event participants. A core group of citizens, known as C.E.R.T. (Citizens Emergency Response Team) are often used, along with volunteers from senior citizens groups, high school students, churches, civic organization, and so on.

**FIGURE 2.1:  
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE ORGANIZATION**



# Recreation Budget

The Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2013 is \$3,011,514. The passage of the special millage by the citizens of Warren has provided a stable funding source to operate the department and provide some needed improvements throughout City Parks. The Recreation Special Revenue Fund accounts for specific property taxes, grants and user fees that are used to operate the Warren Community Center, activities, parks, playgrounds and other facilities. The revenues received in this fund can only be used for recreational purposes.

Funding allocated for limited capital improvements have taken place as a result of responsible usage of the budget fund balance. Over the past several years the Department has been provided some state DNR funding through Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund and the Clear Michigan Initiative for park development.

The approval of one mill dedicated to the operation and improvement to the Parks and Recreation Department has proven to be a major accomplishment for the City of Warren. The intention of the department is to make continuing improvements in programs, staffing, facilities and parks wherever necessary. The stability of dependable funding will provide flexibility and latitude to make appropriate changes.

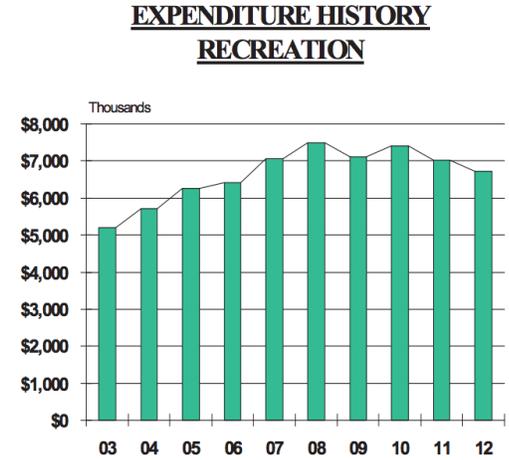
Public transportation demands continue to grow with the older population in Warren. The Parks and Recreation Department has established and provides transportation for numerous older citizens. Funding is primarily secured through the Michigan Department of Transportation, Smart Grants and the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund.

**FIGURE 2.2:  
FISCAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES AND INDICATORS**

**Fiscal 2014 Performance Objectives**

1. To increase participation at all Special Events and attain corporate co-sponsorship of all Special Events.
2. To increase senior citizen and handicap transportation service to our community.
3. To continue to develop all City parks and enhance the physical appearance of the parks to increase family usage.
4. To continue to develop teen programs and family activities at all facilities.
5. To continue to remove trees and stumps as needed. Continue with a systematic block-pruning program and handle emergencies that are necessary.
6. To continue to promote membership growth and total usage of the Warren Community Center.

<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Fiscal 2012 Actual</u>	<u>Fiscal 2013 Budget</u>	<u>Fiscal 2013 Estimated</u>	<u>Fiscal 2014 Budget</u>
Playground registration	154	200	-	-
Pavilion rentals	460	450	400	425
Bus transportation	18,510	24,200	19,000	19,200
Special event youth participation	25,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
Day camp registration	968	1,700	975	990
Senior special events	4,500	4,200	3,000	3,500
Adult & youth sports registrants	7,000	7,500	7,500	7,500
Adult & youth sports participants	106,500	107,500	107,000	107,250
Senior programs	85,000	85,000	80,000	80,000
Senior sports programs	23,000	23,500	23,000	23,250
Trees removed	345	275	275	275
Trees trimmed	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trees planted	500	-	50	50
WCC pool attendance	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000
Swim lesson registration	4,000	4,225	4,225	4,225
Yearly pass registration	3,975	5,000	4,300	5,000
WCC pool rental attendance	8,500	9,500	9,500	9,500



\*Figure 7 was reprinted from the City of Warren Budget as adopted by Council for fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

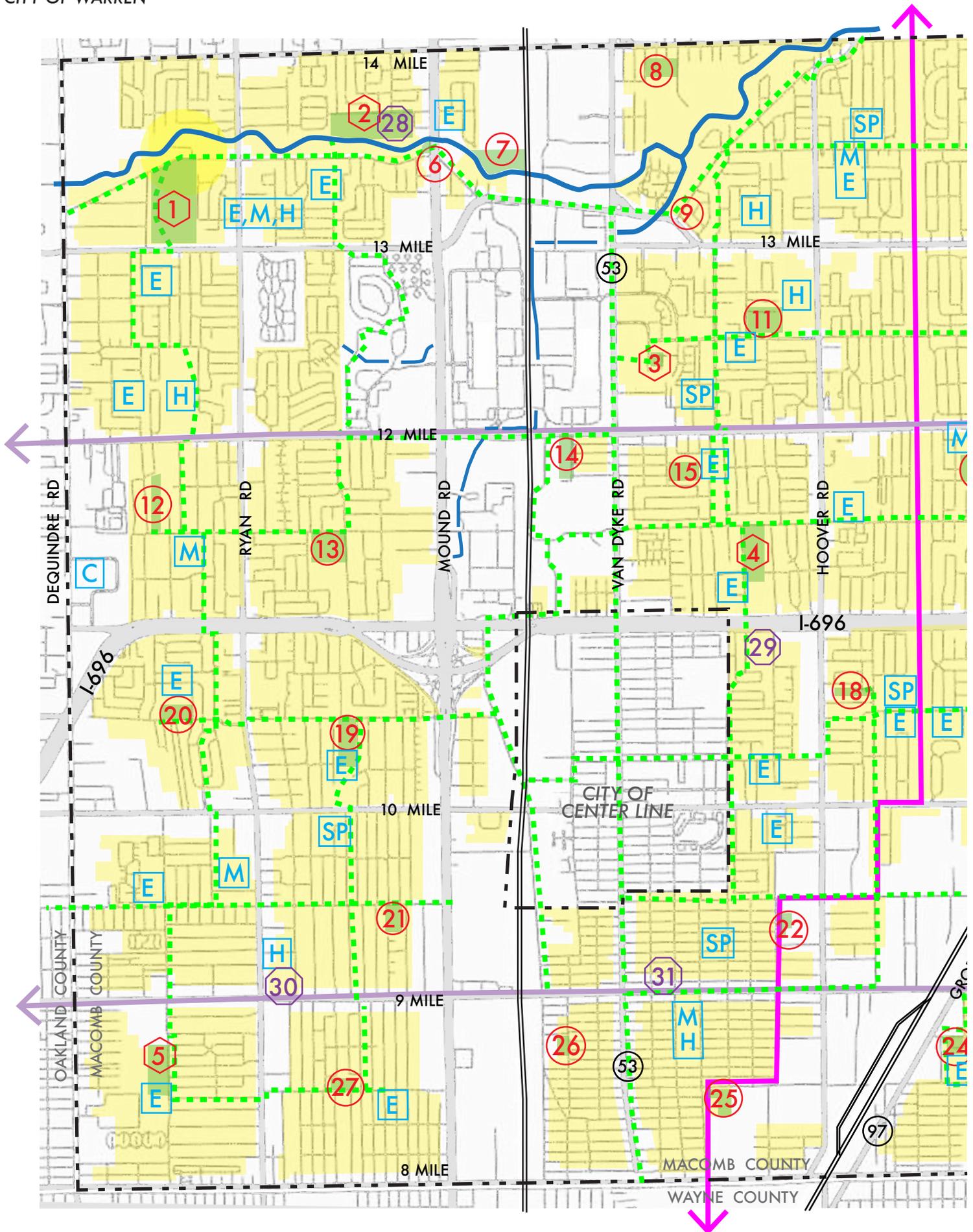
**TABLE 2.3:  
RECREATION BUDGET HISTORY**

<b>BUDGET LINE ITEM:</b>	<b>Year Ended 2013</b>	<b>Year Ended 2012</b>	<b>Year Ended 2011</b>	<b>Year Ended 2010</b>	<b>Year Ended 2009</b>	<b>Year Ended 2008</b>
<b>TAXES:</b>	3,130,938	3,465,127	3,840,283	4,358,450	4,492,659	4,534,734
<b>STATE GRANTS:</b>	328,915	363,018	272,676	267,361	303,445	235,523
<b>RECREATION FEES:</b>	2,146,578	2,138,853	2,166,358	2,231,903	2,245,615	2,246,157
<b>MISC.</b>	139,039	130,010	198,115	147,676	130,803	109,192
<b>INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS:</b>	1,523	1,876	4,156	4,715	30,818	134,488
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>5,746,993</b>	<b>6,098,884</b>	<b>6,481,588</b>	<b>7,010,105</b>	<b>7,203,340</b>	<b>7,260,094</b>
<b>PERSONNEL SERVICES:</b>	N/A	2,542,567	2,773,420	2,823,963	2,859,685	2,889,309
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:</b>	N/A	1,379,483	1,453,264	1,398,955	1,423,485	1,280,555
<b>SUPPLIES:</b>	N/A	188,022	198,352	238,513	258,257	305,954
<b>OTHER SERVICES &amp; CHARGES:</b>	N/A	772,190	1,755,688	1,964,558	1,551,329	1,903,573
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	140,051	135,930	253,584
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>5,019,196</b>	<b>5,850,777</b>	<b>6,180,724</b>	<b>6,566,040</b>	<b>6,228,686</b>	<b>6,632,975</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES:</b>	N/A	5,370	-545,535	-405,773	97,507	-233,121
<b>FUND BALANCE- BEGINNING OF YEAR:</b>	<b>2,024,729</b>	<b>2,625,127</b>	<b>3,213,536</b>	<b>3,619,309</b>	<b>3,521,802</b>	<b>3,754,923</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE- END OF YEAR:</b>	<b>1,905,931</b>	<b>2,024,729</b>	<b>2,668,001</b>	<b>3,213,536</b>	<b>3,619,309</b>	<b>3,521,802</b>

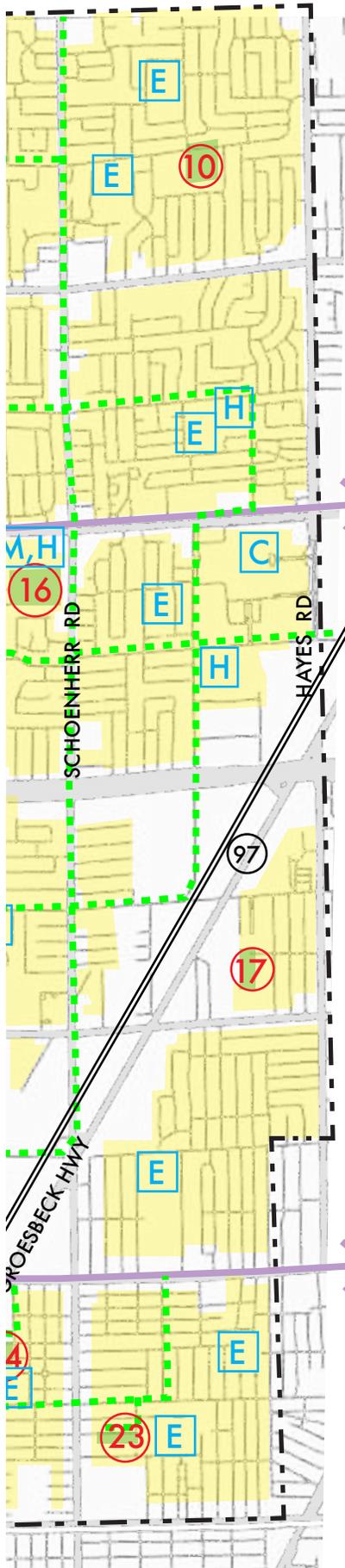
**TABLE 2.4:  
CITY OF WARREN DNR GRANT HISTORY**

Year	Project No.	Project Title	Grant Type	Amount	Project Status	Details
2001	TF01-017	Rentz Park Development	Development	\$120,500.00	Closed	Develop Rentz Park, a small neighborhood park, with play-ground equipment, walking path, park benches, and landscaping.
2000	CM00-019	Warren Community Center Development - Phase 1	Development	N/A	Closed	Replaced fencing, new concrete walking paths, storm water drainage, lighting, landscaping, grills/picnic tables and shelters with restrooms.
1996	TF96-040	Trombly Park Expansion	Acquisition	\$375,000.00	Withdrawn	Purchase adjacent property, 9.8 acres, to enlarge park and provide additional recreation for the neighborhood and the City.
1995	TF95-269	Shaw Park Expansion	Acquisition	\$300,000.00	Withdrawn	Acquisition of aprox. 20 acres to expand Shaw Park, an existing 21-acre park used for passive and active recreation.
1992	BF92-152	Urban Parks Development	Acquisition	N/A	Closed	Equipment upgrades and site developments to Licht Park, Rinke Park, Miller Park, Steinhausen Park and Council Park.
1991	TF91-245	Park Property Acquisition	Acquisition	\$843,000.00	Withdrawn	Purchase 60 acres for park development.
1990	BF90-071	Warren Park Improvements	Development	N/A	Closed	New play structures at 6 parks, new picnic equipment at 8 parks.
1989	BF89-441	Urban Parks Development	Development	N/A	Closed	Comfort stations w/ shelter (3) playground equipment (4) grills and picnic tables (3) picnic pavilions (4) landscaping (5) paved parking lots (2).
1989	BF89-442	Bear Creek (Jeanne O. Busse) Park	Development	N/A	Closed	Site work, paved parking lot, comfort station/ shelter, playground equipment, picnic equipment, soccer field, fencing, signage, trees and landscaping.
1979	TF325	Warren Outdoor Education & Recreation Center	Acquisition	N/A	Withdrawn	Acquire aprox. 17 acres of heavily wooded land.
1978	26-01060 A3	Louis J. Burdi Park	Development	N/A	Closed	Tennis Courts (2), playground Equipment, Landscaping, Drainage, Park signage, picnic equipment, Boundary Fencing.
1977	26-00862	Austin- Dannis Park	Development	N/A	Closed	Lighted Tennis Courts (4), Soccer posts, bleachers, playground equipment, landscaping, drainage, boundary fencing, plaque.
1977	26-00863	Orba-Underwood Park	Development	N/A	Closed	Lighted Tennis Courts (4), ballfield, bleachers, playground equipment, soccer posts, landscaping, drainage, boundary fencing, plaque.
1976	26-00734	Jaycee Park	Development	N/A	Closed	Lighted Tennis Courts (2), Playground equipment, Football/ soccer field / bleachers, landscaping, fencing, signage.
1975	26-00555	Austin- Dannis Park	Acquisition	N/A	Closed	Acquisition of 10 acres.

# **3** **City of Warren: Recreation Inventory** **PROGRAMS, PARKS &** **FACILITIES**



# CITY OF WARREN PARKS & RECREATION PLAN



**COMMUNITY PARKS**

- 1. HALMICH
- 2. WARREN COMMUNITY CENTER PARK
- 3. CITY SQUARE
- 4. VETERANS MEMORIAL
- 5. SHAW



**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

- 6. BEEBE'S CORNER
- 7. ECKSTEIN
- 8. BATES
- 9. KRAFT
- 10. MILLER
- 11. LICHT
- 12. HARTSIG
- 13. BUTCHER
- 14. BURDI
- 15. RINKE
- 16. MC GRATH
- 17. TROMBLEY
- 18. RENTZ
- 19. BUSSE
- 20. STEINHAUSER
- 21. AUSTIN-DANNIS
- 22. JAYCEE
- 23. UNDERWOOD
- 24. WINTERS
- 25. WIEGAND
- 26. GROESBECK
- 27. ALTERMATT



**INDOOR RECREATION CENTERS**

- 28. WARREN COMMUNITY CENTER
- 29. STILWELL MANOR
- 30. FITZGERALD
- 31. OWEN JAX REC CENTER



**SCHOOLS**

- E ELEMENTARY
- M/J MIDDLE SCHOOL
- H SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- SP SPECIAL PURPOSE
- C COLLEGE



RESIDENTIAL ZONING



PUBLIC PARK



CITY BOUNDARIES



RED RUN DRAIN



RAILROAD TRACKS



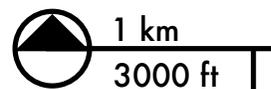
PROPOSED LOCAL BICYCLE PATH



PROPOSED COUNTY BICYCLE PATH



PROPOSED REGIONAL CORRIDOR



# Local Recreation Facilities

## CITY OF WARREN

The City of Warren offers comprehensive, community-wide parks and recreation programs. The characteristics of the facilities and services available to City residents are described as follows. Parks and Forestry staff conducted an inventory of existing local facilities. The physical inventory of existing local and regional facilities. The physical inventory of local facilities consisted of site analysis of all City of Warren parks and recreation sites. An inventory of playground equipment and park facilities was recorded with regard to location, acreage, quantity and accessibility. Additionally, a wide variety of recreation facilities provided by several different organizations are available to Warren residents. Recreational providers include; Macomb County, City of Warren, the five school districts that serve the City, and various private businesses.

## CITY PARKS

The City of Warren owns, operates and maintains a total of 27 park sites. These include five community parks, twenty neighborhood parks and the development of two additional neighborhood parks. These parks occupy approximately 350 acres of land. Community Parks are considered major parks and typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from several neighborhoods in a 3-5 mile radius. Community Parks may include areas for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, special features, and concession facilities. Neighborhood parks range in acreage from 2.6 acres (Altermatt Park) to 74 acres (Halmich Park). They typically serve neighborhoods in a 1/4 - 1/2 mile radius.

The parks are relatively evenly distributed throughout the City. The Four quadrants of the City contain approximately six parks each. The distribution of parks is important, especially in an urbanized community like Warren that is divided into identifiable neighborhoods by the numerous transportation corridors that cross the City.

## INDOOR RECREATION CENTERS

The Warren Parks and Recreation Department operates four indoor recreation centers:

- Fitzgerald Recreation Center, a 50±-year-old structure, located at the intersection of Nine Mile Road and Ryan Road in the southwest quadrant of the City. The building includes a gym, stage, kitchen and meeting room. It is used for a combination of senior citizen and youth activities. It was renovated in 2008.
- Owen Jax Recreation Center; is located to the east on Nine Mile Road, between Automobile and Federal Avenue, on a 3± acre site. This facility was opened in 1991 and was formerly the site of a church. The two-story building offers 18,418 square feet of floor area. The main floor includes a large, multi-purpose meeting room, flanked on both sides by a series of smaller multi-purpose rooms. A kitchen is located at one end of the building. The second floor is occupied by a gymnasium, suitable for basketball, volleyball and similar indoor athletic events. Activities offered at this site include arts and craft classes, athletic events for teenagers, a senior citizen drop-in center and teen center.
- Stilwell Manor is a Senior Citizen housing complex. This facility is located in the Hoover and 1-696 area. The Warren Parks and Recreation Department runs senior programs and activities from this site.
- The Warren Community Center is located to the west of Mound Road between Chicago Road and 14 Mile Road on a 38.6-acre site. The site was purchased in 1998 and was formally a high school in the Warren Consolidated School District. This facility is the gem of the Department.

**TABLE 3.1:  
CITY OF WARREN RECREATION INVENTORY**

PARK	ACRES	SERVICE AREA	PLAY STRUCTURE	SWINGS	SLIDES	BASEBALL DIAMOND	BASKETBALL COURT	SOCCER FIELD	VOLLEYBALL	ROLLER HOCKEY	TENNIS	SHUFFLEBOARD	HORSESHOES	SWIMMING POOL	WALKING PATH	ICE RINK	RESTROOM	PAVILION	PARKING	SIGN	BIKE RACK	PICNIC TABLE	GRILLS	TRASH RECEPTACLES	BENCHES	PARKING SPACES	
1 HALMICH	74	C	3	4	7	6	4	8	1	2	4		1	2	1	3	2	P	2	6	110	16	42	10	971		
2 WARREN CC PARK	38.5	C	1	1	7		2	10		1				1	1		2	2	P	1	3	12		6	26	350	
3 CITY SQUARE	1.5	C												1	1	1	1	1	P	1	1	15	6	10	12		
4 VETERANS MEMORIAL	22	C	2	1	4				2			5	3		1	1	2	2	P	2	1	50	13	5	28	173	
5 SHAW	21.2	C	1	3	2	2		1	1	1	2						1	1	P	1		14	4	6	4		
6 BEEBE'S CORNER	0.35	N																									
7 ECKSTEIN	16.6	N	1	2	2	2									1		1		G	1		8				100	
8 BATES	10	N	1	2	3	1	2		1	1							1		P	1		16	3	10	2	45	
9 KRAFT	0	N																									
10 MILLER	12	N	1	3	3	1	2	1	1	1			1		1	1	1	1	P	1		10	2	6	3		
11 LICHT	7	N	1	3	3				1				1	1			1		P	1		35	6		1	70	
12 HARTSIG	11.4	N	1	2	3			2	2								1	1	P	1		10	2	12	2	33	
13 BUTCHER	12.5	N	1	2	3	2					2		5				1	1	P	1	1	25	8	10	26	262	
14 BURDI	8	N	1	2	2			2		1							1	1	P	1	1	18	4	10	2	60	
15 RINKE	8	N	2	2	4	2		1	1		2						1			1	3	14	4	6	4		
16 MC GRATH	8.6	N	1	3	4	1		1	1				1				1		P	1		14	2	4		62	
17 TROMBLEY	14.5	N	1	3	3	1	1										1		P1	1		3	2	2		72	
18 RENTZ	4	N	1	1	1										1									2	4		
19 BUSSE	10	N	1	2	2			1			2				1		1	1	P	1	1	18	2	10	4	26	
20 STEINHAUSER	8	N	1	3	1	1				1					1		1		P	1		6		6	3	24	
21 AUSTIN-DANNIS	10	N	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	1							1	1	P	1	1	12	7	12	4	39	
22 JAYCEE	4.5	N	1	2	2					1					1	1	1	1		1		4	5	7			
23 UNDERWOOD	8	N	1	3	3			1	1						1		1	1	P	1	1	10	5	6		50	
24 WINTERS	6.5	N	1	1	1	1									1		1	1	P	1		8	2	3	20		
25 WIEGAND	14.1	N	1	4	2	3									1		1	1	P	1	1	35	7	8	3	131	
26 GROESBECK	6.9	N	1	1	2	1	2								1		1	1	P	1		12	7	10	2	11	
27 ALTERMATT	2.6	N	1	3	3										1					1		7	4	6	3		

# Warren Schools

## WARREN SCHOOLS + PARKS AND RECREATION

Schools have traditionally played an important role in meeting local recreation needs, especially at the neighborhood level. This is especially true in Warren, where elementary schools were originally located near the center of a one-square mile neighborhood, often adjacent to a neighborhood park owned and operated by the City. In addition to expanding the total area available for recreation purposes, school buildings also provide valuable indoor recreation space that can be used for City programming purposes. Six school districts serve the City of Warren. Each district cooperates with the Parks and Recreation Department relative to the delivery of recreation services and facilities to Warren residents. The level of involvement varies among districts, depending, in large part, on the size of the district and the number of school sites located in the City.

The Parks and Recreation Department uses many school sites for a variety of programming purposes. For example, school gymnasiums and ball fields are regularly used for league sporting events, such as basketball and baseball. There are many other examples of similar cooperative arrangements between these two recreation providers. Because of this close relationship, there is a compelling need to involve the school districts in any long-range planning for future recreation improvements. Cooperation among all recreation providers offers an opportunity to expand the range of recreational services available to Warren residents. Failure to do so could result in overlapping responsibilities and an unnecessary duplication of effort. With these concerns in mind, we conducted focus groups and distributed surveys at two schools.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

All six school districts offer some form of adult community education or vocational education programs. While the scope of these services varies from district to district, examples of commonly offered programs include: adult high school completion, pre-school and senior citizen programs. In some instances, these programs are operated jointly by several school districts. For example, the Van Dyke, Warren Woods and Center Line Districts form a consortium that provides vocational educational services.

East Detroit cooperates with four other districts on the east side of Macomb County to provide similar services. Warren Consolidated is in consortium, which collaborates with other Macomb Counties Adult Education programs for job training. Continued involvement of these school districts in community education programs has resulted in a duplication of effort with respect to similar programs offered by the Warren Parks and Recreation Department. Any such duplication should be avoided whenever possible. Monitoring of programs offered by the school districts and continued cooperation between recreation providers is necessary to ensure that duplication is avoided.

## BUILDING USAGE

Each school district permits the use of school buildings and sites by the Warren Recreation Department. The use of school buildings is an important component of the City's overall recreation program, especially in light of the fact that the City's indoor recreation centers are not large or numerous enough to accommodate the demand for gymnasiums or other indoor facilities. Generally, the Recreation Department has second priority after school needs are met. In 1998, The Warren City Council and five school districts in Warren and one in Eastpointe approved a "Joint Agreement for Use of Facilities." This agreement was to provide a uniform procedure for the Warren Parks and Recreation Department's request for building usage from each school district. Even with this policy, coordinating the use of more than three dozen individual school sites is difficult. Frequently it is necessary to clear the use of buildings with individual principals. Because of the number of parties involved, coordination on this scale is a significant undertaking. Any efforts to streamline this process would result in a better use of school sites for recreation purposes.

A related problem involves the closing of school buildings as a result of demographic changes impacting Warren. Building closures and their subsequent sale diminishes the inventory of facilities that are potentially available for recreation purposes. All six districts indicated they have cooperative working arrangements with the Recreation Department. Further, they have indicated a desire to expand the range of cooperative activities. Both comments offer the opportunity to build on a strong foundation of cooperation that currently exists.

**TABLE 3.2:  
CITY OF WARREN RECREATION INVENTORY**

SCHOOL FACILITIES	Acrage	Playground Equipment	Baseball/Softball	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Swimming	Gym/Multi-Purpose	Football/Track	Winter Community Center	Summer Playground	Basketball Leagues	Volleyball Leagues	Tennis Instruction	Open Recreation	Other Programs
<b>WARREN CONSOLIDATED</b>																
Wilde Elementary	14	X	X	X	X			X		X	X					X
Siersma Elementary	9	X	X		X			X			X					X
Butcher Education Center	15				X							X	X			X
Carter Junior High	20		X	X				X	X			X	X		X	X
Wilkerson Elementary	9	X		X	X			X		X	X				X	
Green Acres Elementary	15	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	X
Pearl Lean Elementary	11	X	X	X				X		X						X
Mott Senior High	48		X			X	X	X	X					X		X
Cromie Elementary	15	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	
Cousino Senior High	45	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	
Beer Junior High	19	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X		X	
<b>FITZGERALD</b>																
Westview Elementary	18		X	X	X	X					X	X			X	
Chatterton Middle School	29	X		X	X			X	X							
Schofield Elementary	17			X		X										
Mound Park Elementary	3	X						X			X	X				
Fitzgerald Senior High	18		X	X			X	X						X		X
<b>CENTERLINE</b>																
Roose Elementary	3	X	X		X			X		X	X					
Crothers Elementary	5	X	X		X			X		X	X					X
Peck Elementary	7	X	X	X	X			X		X	X					X
<b>VAN DYKE</b>																
Kennedy Elementary	3	X	X		X			X		X	X					
Washington Elementary	3	X			X			X		X	X					X
Lincoln Senior High	3	X	X					X		X						
Lincoln Junior High	16		X			X	X	X	X					X		X
McKinley Elementary	3	X	X		X			X		X	X				X	X
Carlson Elementary	7	X						X		X	X					
<b>EAST DETROIT</b>																
Crescentwood Elementary	14	X	X		X			X		X	X					X
Roosevelt Elementary	10	X	X					X		X						X
<b>WARREN WOODS</b>																
Warren Woods Tower High	44	X	X	X			X	X	X							X
Briarwood Elementary	5	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Enterprise Adult Education	25		X	X			X	X	X					X		
Westwood Elementary	6															X
Pinewood Elementary	5	X	X					X		X	X					X

# Programs & Special Events

The Warren Parks and Recreation Department offers year-round recreational programs, including baseball, ice skating, softball, basketball, volleyball, swimming, arts and crafts, music, theater, dancing, bowling and special events. All of the special events held in the past year have been a huge success with residents. There are programs geared toward all age groups; young children, teens, adults and senior citizens. The parks and recreation department also offers a variety of programs to the special needs community. Below are some of the activities and events offered through the Warren Parks and Recreation Department:

## PROGRAMS OFFERED TO CHILDREN:

- Owen Jax After: School Programs & Activities
- Young Rembrandt's Drawing Classes
- Piano Lessons
- Suzuki Violin Lessons
- 1st - 3rd Grade
- Basketball Clinic
- Parent-Tot Class
- Knapp School of Dance
- Karate Lessons
- Gymnastics
- Drum Lessons
- Warren Soccer Academy
- Tennis Lessons
- Youth Soccer League
- Baseball/Softball
- Theatre Camp
- Fencing Class
- Swimming Lessons

## PROGRAMS OFFERED TO TEENS:

- Owen Jax After: School Programs & Activities
- Knapp School of Dance
- Karate Lessons
- Gymnastics
- Tennis Lessons
- Tai Chi
- Baseball/Softball
- Theatre Camp
- Fencing Class
- Swimming Lessons
- Teen Book Club

## PROGRAMS OFFERED TO ADULTS:

- Parent-Tot Class
- Tai Chi
- Adult Karate
- Volleyball
- Pickle Ball
- Adult Aerobic Classes
- Computer Classes
- Body/Core Strength Training
- Yoga with Jeanie
- Fencing Class
- Lap Swimming
- Water Exercise
- Swimming Lessons
- The Warren Reading Group

## PROGRAMS OFFERED TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY:

- Yoga with Jeanie
- Lap Swimming
- Water Exercise
- Swimming Lessons
- Transportation Services
- Nutrition Program
- Drop-In Scrapbooking/ Card Making
- Bingo
- Pinochle Tournaments
- Gym Walking
- Ceramics Class
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Red Hat Society
- Country Cuzzins Beginner Line Dancing
- Senior Citizen Exercise Classes @WCC
- Play For Fun Evola Music
- Ernie Clark's POWER SIT
- Computer Classes
- Woodcarving

## PROGRAMS OFFERED TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY:

- Basketball League
- Boccie League
- Softball League
- Softball Clinic
- Karate
- Karaoke
- Friday Night Movie Night
- Social Group
- St. Patrick's Day and Summer in the Park Dances
- Inclusive Family Zumba (new this fall)
- Arthritis Foundation Exercise class
- Guys / Ladies Nights
- Friday Night Adventure Night
- Sports Training

## SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAMMING BY SEASON:

## WINTER

- Christmas Events: Christmas Tree Coloring Contest, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Senior Christmas Parties
- Ice skating at City Square Ice Rink in the months of December - February.
- Cold Rush - Ice Sculptures, Ice Dance Teams, Live Music, Petting Zoo, and Putt Putt Golf.
- Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance. February at the City Square Atrium.
- 50th Anniversary Sweetheart Dinner Dance honoring Warren residents who have been married 50 years or longer, but everyone is welcome! February.

## SPRING

- Family Spring Carnival. Fun includes: Petting farm, moonwalk, visit with the Easter Bunny, carnival games, special entertainment, and more. This event is FREE!
- The 80 and over Luncheon is also held in April. This is an event to honor all Warren residents who are 80 years and older. The luncheon is held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center.
- Farmers Market at City Square May- October. Sunday's 9am - 2pm.

## SUMMER

- Dancing and Play in the City Square water fountain.
- Warren Birthday Bash - August 21 - 24 - Live music, racing pigs, petting zoo, Frisbee Dogs, Food, and carnival.
- Movies at the Square - Usually six movies all summer long.

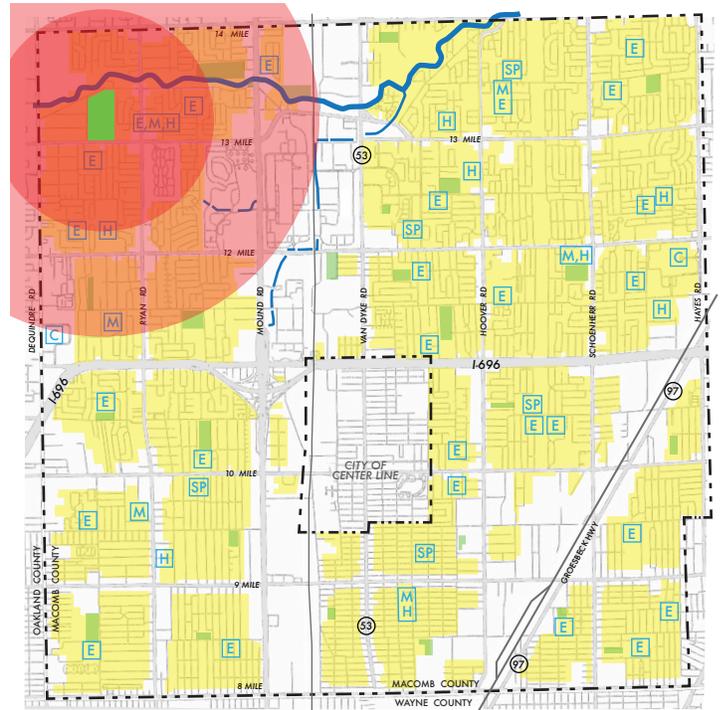
## FALL

- Harvest Treat takes place in the October at City Square. Families may join us for a FREE pumpkins, hay rides, mechanical bull rides, crafts, cider & donuts, and the Farmers Market beginning of October.



# Halmich Park

Community Park | 74 acres  
3001 E 13 Mile, Warren MI, 48092



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1$  mile  $r = 2$  miles

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

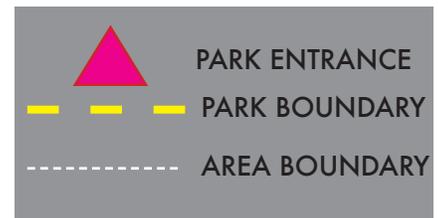
This park occupies a 74-acre site, extending approximately one-half mile in depth between 13 Mile Road and Chicago Road. The park includes six baseball/softball diamonds with lights, scoreboards and irrigation; ten soccer fields with irrigation, six tennis courts with lights, two picnic shelters, open play areas and assorted playground equipment. A large, paved parking area is available along 13 Mile Road and north of the large pavilion. Halmich is the City’s most heavily used and programmed facility, especially for organized league athletic events.

Changes completed at the Halmich site include a rearrangement of the soccer field occupying the north end of the park and enclosing the existing drain that crosses this portion of the park. This improvement allowed for the realignment of existing fields and the addition of a fifth and sixth soccer field to accommodate increased demands for league play. Additional parking was also added at the north end of the park, in proximity to the soccer fields added in 1994. Additional playground equipment was needed considering the heavy usage of the site. Two new playground structures were installed at this site in 1992, and a third was added in 1993. An ADA accessible “Farm structure” was added in 2005.

Heavy usage of the park exceeds the designed capacity. Warren Community Center Park helps to alleviate this problem with its additional soccer fields. Landscaped screening is needed between the ball diamonds and the adjoining single-family homes located along the eastern boundary of the park. Additionally, based on feedback from surveys and focus groups, providing wi-fi to park users is an amenity that can increase park usability. Also, additional and improved lighting is recommended.

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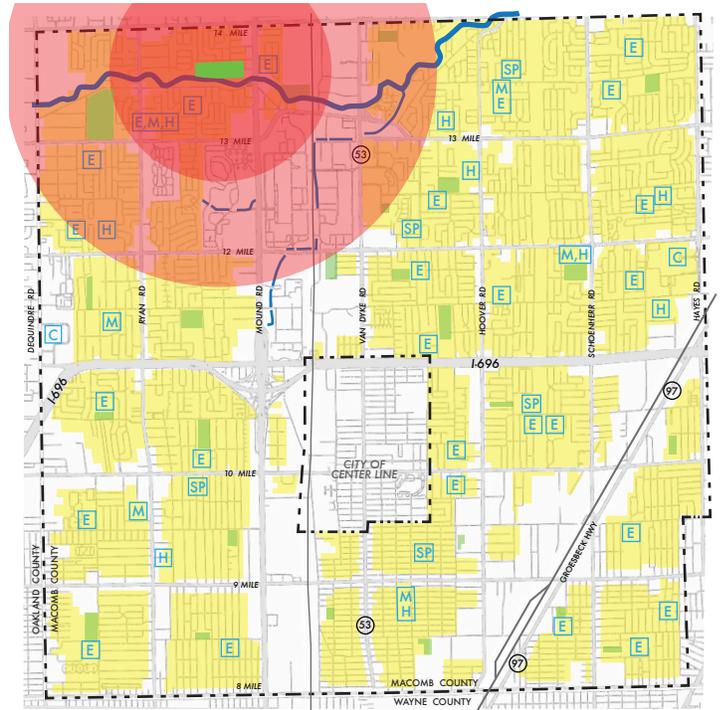
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 ALSO COM. AT S 1/4 POST SEC. 6; TH. N 88°05'E 43 FT. TO P.O.B.; TH. N 600 FT. ALG. E SIDE LINE OF WARNER ST.; TH. N 88°05'E 332 FT.; TH. S 600 FT.; TH. N 88°05'W 332 FT. ALG. 13 MILE RD. TO P.O.B. 4.573 ACRES





# Warren Community Center Park

Community Park | 48.6 acres  
5460 Arden Ave., Warren MI, 48092

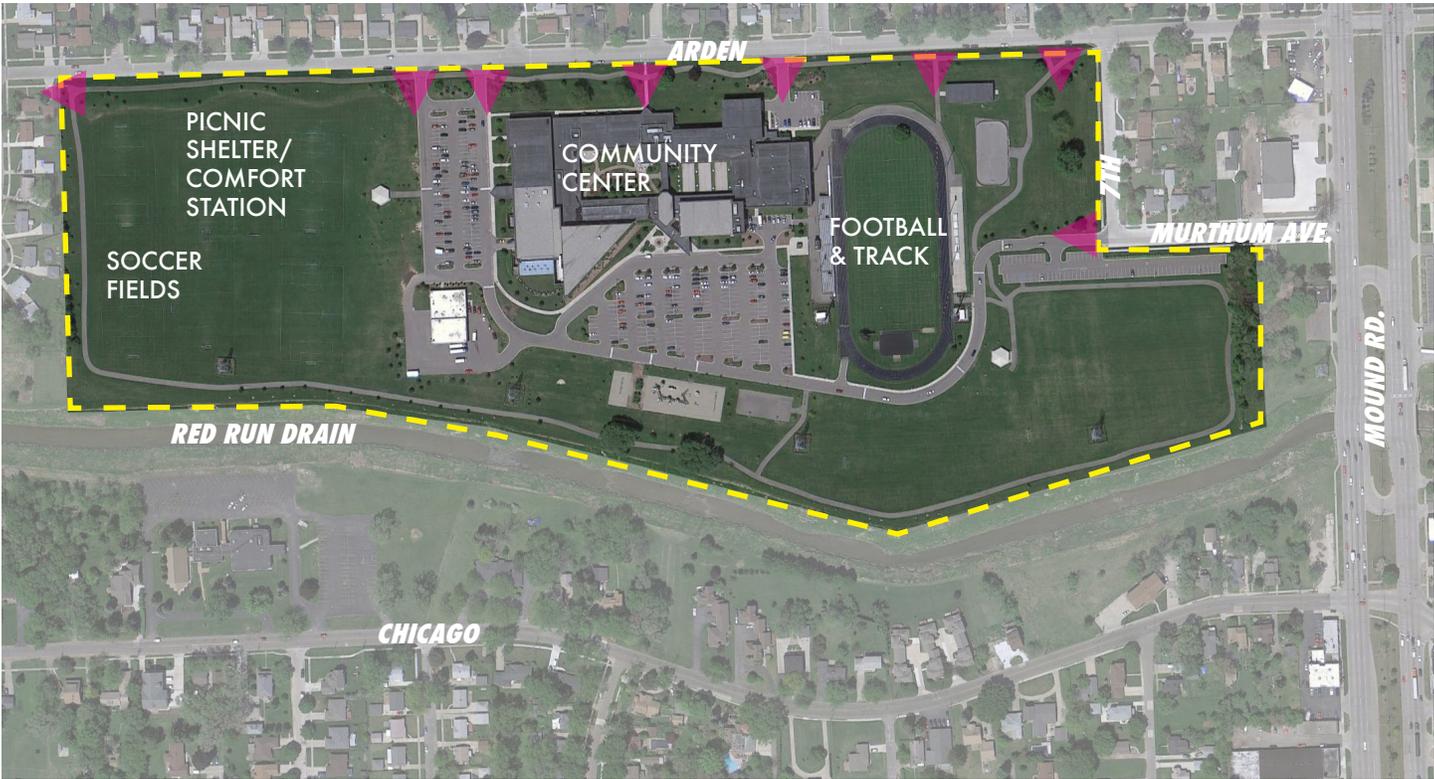


Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1$  mile  $r = 2$  miles

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

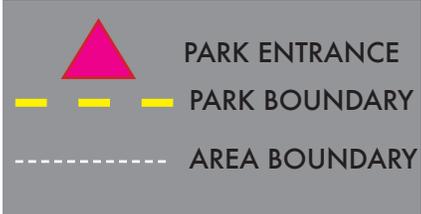
Warren Community Center Park is a 48.6-acre site located in the northwest quadrant of the city west of Mound Road. Parking lots are available off Arden Road and off Murthum Avenue. The location also facilitates the new Warren Community Center that houses the Warren Parks and Recreation main office. The park amenities include; two comfort stations, a large playground structure, two basketball courts, roller hockey court, 8 soccer fields, a football stadium and a 1.25 mile walking/bike path that surrounds the entire park. This park helps alleviate the problem of overcrowding at Halmich Park.

This park currently has a large play structure, two picnic shelters with comfort stations, twelve irrigated soccer fields, one irrigated football stadium with lights and a track, large paved parking areas, walking path, basketball courts and roller hockey courts. The new facility is rapidly outgrowing it's parking lot and there is a need for additional parking. Extensive renovation needs to be done to the stadium with artificial turf to maximize it's potential use. Repairs also need to be done with the Hockey Rink..



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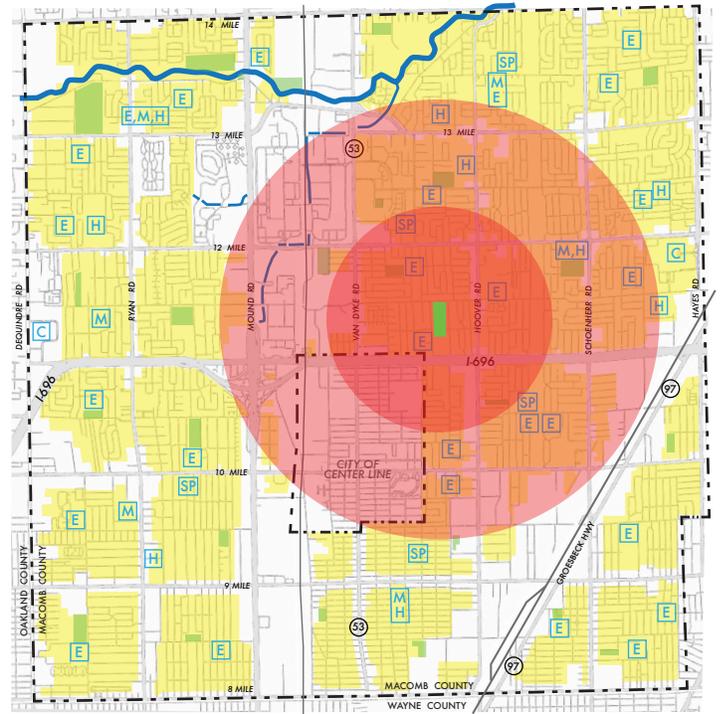
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 N00°17'45"E 120.43 FT TO POB;  
 TH N00°17'45"E 811.22 FT; TH S89°41'20"E 1133.01 FT;  
 TH S00°15'55"W 928.99 FT; TH N79°34'05"W 101.60 FT; TH  
 N77°15'30"W 102.42 FT; THN79°51'49"W 474.06 FT;  
 TH S82°56'00"W 466.41 FT TO POB;  
 SUBJECT TO A PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR RED RUN DRAIN OVER  
 & ACROSS THE S END OF ABOVE DESC. ALSO ARDEN ARBOR SUB.  
 LOT 19 TO 24 INCL, WHICH INCLUDES THAT PART OF VAC 11 TH  
 STREET LYING BETWEEN LOTS 20 & 21 ALSO ASSESSORS ADDI-  
 TION BLOCK 8 PART OF LOT 11 BLOCK 8 OF ASSESSORS ADDITION  
 DESC AS FOLLOWS;  
 COMM AT NE COR SEC 5;TH S88°25'00"W 1263.08 FT;  
 THS00°38'00"E 1932.93 FT TO POB;  
 TH S00°48'00"E 648.94 FT; TH S88°21'00"W 546.44 FT;  
 TH N01°18'00"E 652.80 FT;  
 TH N88°12'00"E 543.63 FT TO POB  
 EXC SWLY .36 ACRES FOR RED RUN DRAIN EASEMENT ALSO AS-  
 SESSORS ADDITION BLOCK 8 W 30 FT OF LOT 19 EXC N 345 FT  
 ALSO E 60 FT OF W 655.5 FT OF LOT 19 EXC  
 N 345 FT; ALSO S 60 FT OF N 651.8 FT OF LOT 19 EXC W 655.5 FT  
 ALSO EXC SLY PARCEL  
 OF SEVENTH STREET CONT 0.08 AC FOR RED RUN DRAIN EASE-  
 MENT ALSO ASSESSORS ADDITION BLOCK 8 E 565.5 FT OF W  
 595.5 FT OF LOT 19 EXC N 345 FT ALSO EXC 0.16 ACRES FOR RED  
 RUN DRAIN EASEMENT  
 ALSO ASSESSORS ADDITION BLOCK 8 E 239.00 FT OF W 894.50 FT  
 OF LOT 19, EXC N 651.80 FT  
 ALSO ASSESSORS ADDITION BLOCK 8 PART OF LOT 10 DESC AS-  
 BEG AT NW COR LOT 10; TH N87°51'00"E 990.00 FT;  
 TH S62°55'00"W 204.00 FT; TH S81°20'00"W 176.7 FT;  
 TH S57°55'00"W 144.2 FT; TH S80°56'00"W 332.4 FT;  
 TH N80°10'00"W 183.6 FT;  
 TH N00°32'30"W 180.00 FT TO POB





# Veteran's Memorial Park

Community Park | 22 acres  
27400 Campbell Rd., Warren Mi, 48903



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1$  mile  $r = 2$  miles

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Veterans Memorial Park is a 22-acre park located near the center of the City, north of I-696, between Van Dyke and Hoover. Access to the park is available along Martin Road and Campbell Road, where the parking lot is located at the southern end of the park. Other facilities located at this park include shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, and wooded picnic area. A paved walkway extends from Martin Road south to the pool complex.

Additional parking is available on Martin Road. to accommodate park users interested in taking advantage of those facilities located near the north end of the park. Veterans Memorial Park is widely used for family picnics. A parking lot with a capacity of between 25 and 30 cars made this area more accessible and useful. A new pavilion was also added to the wooded area. In 2002, a large theme oriented play structure was added.

Improvements made to the park expand the range of facilities available at this site, including two sand volleyball courts, additional grills and picnic tables, one additional playground structure, and a pavilion and restroom structure. The central location of this park is ideal logistically for develop programming opportunities for disabled children. Some ideas generated through focus groups and surveys include a sensory garden and a "field of dreams" baseball field.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 15 LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 SEC. 15 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 LOT 8 EXC. N 43 FT. FOR HWY. PURP. AND LOTS 9, 10, 11 AND THE NORTH 187.31 FT. OF LOT 12 OF THE LEWIS I. CARRIER CLOVERLY SUBD.



	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY

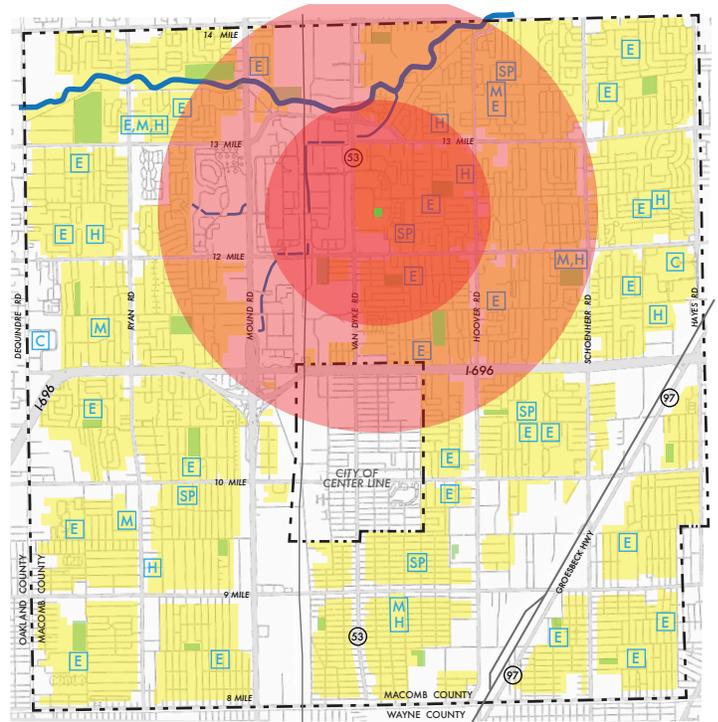
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# City Square Park

Community Park | 2 acres  
One City Square Warren, MI 48093



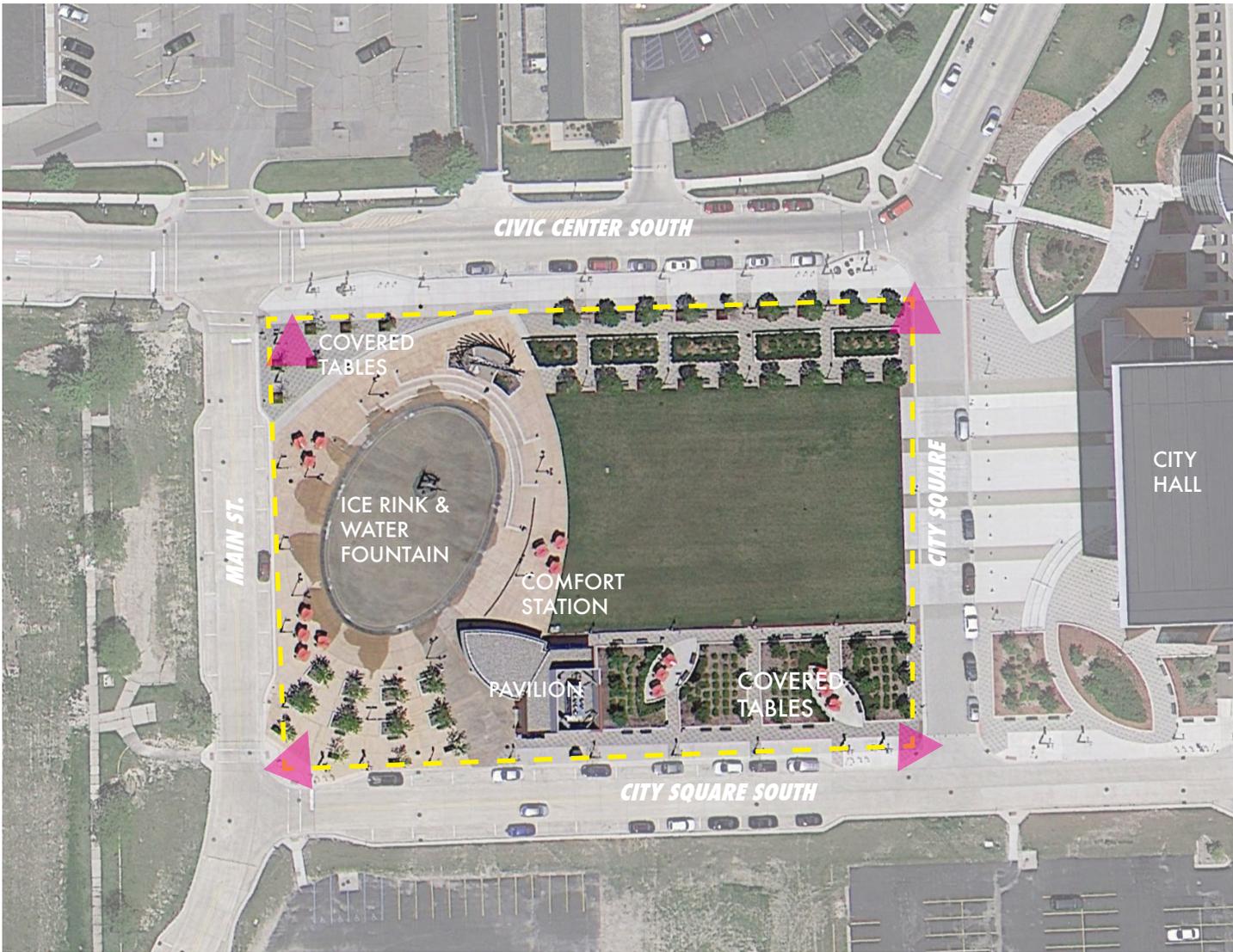
Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1$  mile  $r = 2$  miles

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

This new park is the site of City Hall and the Main Library. It is on a 2 acre site but it is the location of many major special events held in the City of Warren. The new Farmers Market is an attraction that was added in 2007. Thousands of Warren residents and visitors from surrounding areas visit City Square to attend the events and enjoy the water fountain in the summer and ice skating in the winter. This park has an adjacent parking garage, water fountain/ ice skating rink, walking paths, concession area/ warming area, benches, landscaping and is centrally located in the City of Warren. This facility was opened in the Spring of 2006.

The park offers adequate amounts of barrier-free parking on the street and in the parking garage. It also offers barrier-free restrooms in the pavilion.

City Square Park has huge potential to expand to accommodate special events, such as the farmer's market as well as other festivities. An additional pavilion or shelter could expand the usage and programming of the farmer's market and the ice rink.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 10  
DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
LOCATED IN THE S 1/2 OF NW 1.3 OF SW1/4, 2 ACRES .

-  PARK ENTRANCE
-  PARK BOUNDARY
-  AREA BOUNDARY

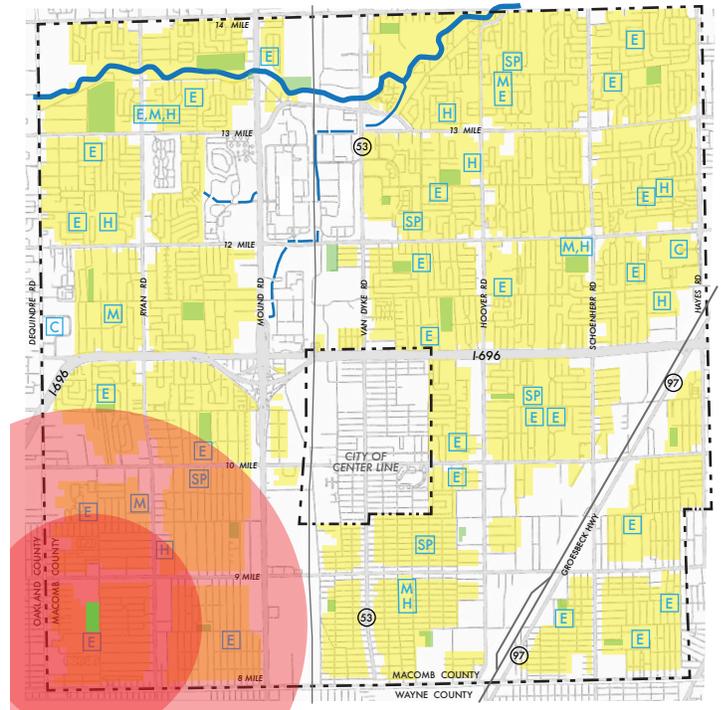
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# Shaw Park

Community Park | 20 acres  
22101 Warner Ave., Warren MI, 48091



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1$  mile  $r = 2$  miles

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Shaw Park occupies a 20-acre site and is one of Warren’s community parks in the southwestern part of Warren, between Dequindre and Ryan Roads, south of 9 Mile Road. Shaw is a well-planned park, containing a good variety of equipment and facilities. Schofield School adjoins the park to the south, thereby expanding the quantity of open space and recreation facilities available to the community. Shaw Park provides many mature trees, soccer fields, picnic areas, a pavillion, comfort station and walking paths.

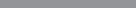
The City has attempted to acquire 20 acres of land that is adjacent to the West Side of the park through a donation or a gift. If the City is successful in accomplishing this goal it could potentially become the second largest park in the City and would have a major affect on the future development of this park. Explanding park sites in this manner follows the master plan and goals of the City.

A new large play structure was added in 1999. The site is large enough to accommodate a pedestrian path system, linking various park facilities together and connecting the park to the adjoining school site.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 31  
 LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 SEC. 31 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 COMM. AT N 1/4 POST SEC. 31; TH. S 1236.60 FT.  
 TO P.O.B.; TH S 89°48' E659.26 FT.  
 TO P.O.B. SUB. TO RELEASE FOR BEAR CREEK DRAIN R.O.W. OF  
 3.015 ACRES  
 GROSS ACREAGE 21.19 ACRES  
 NET ACREAGE 18.175 ACRES

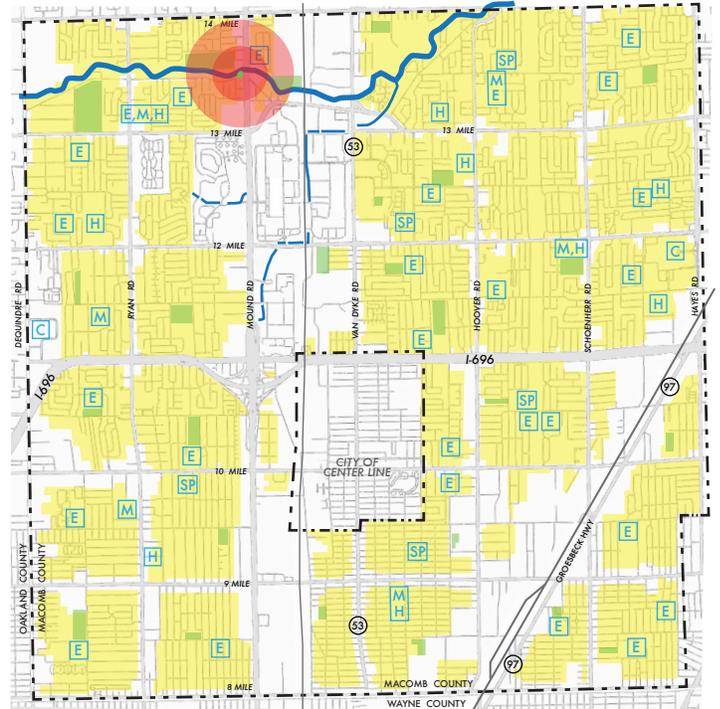
 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY





# Beebe's Corner

Neighborhood Park | .35 acres  
31933 Mound, 48092

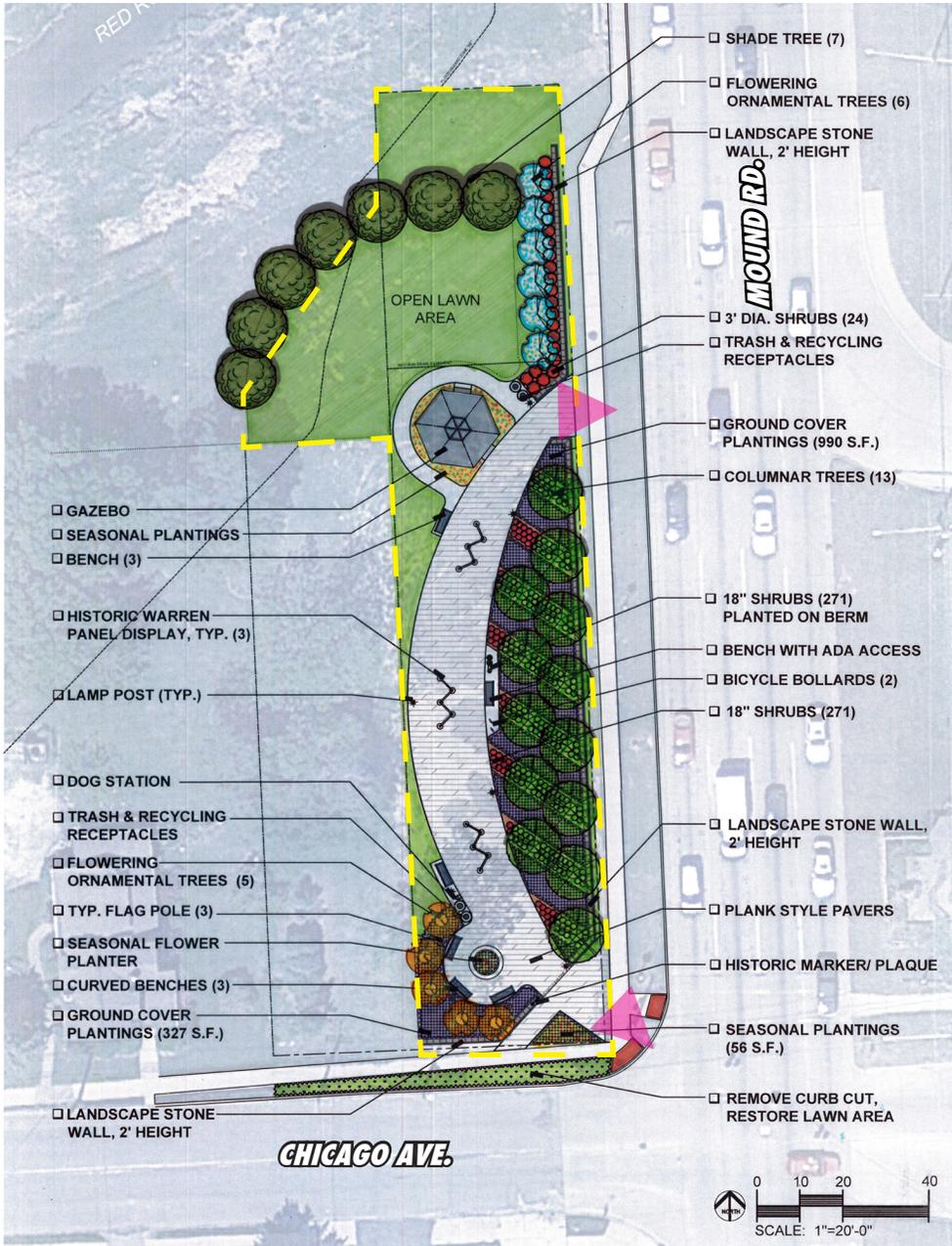


Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Beebe's Park is a small parcel of land that was recently acquired by the Warren Parks Department development. The creation of this park follows an existing recommendations from the Warren Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to acquire additional acreage of park space. It is located at the northwest corner of Chicago and Mound. Beebe's Corner is currently in development to serve as a neighborhood pocket park. Several Village of Warren neighborhood focus groups have met and discussed what they envision for the development of Beebe's Park.

Based on the results of the focus groups, Beebe's Corner is being developed as pedestrian oriented, neighborhood park. The proposed concept plan is centered around programming that incorporates an educational aspect of the history of the City of Warren. The Parks department is looking to partner with local businesses to raise funds for its development. A possible long term goal for this park would be to expand a pedestrian bridge across Mound Rd. Above and to the right are some of the proposed concepts envisioned for the park.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 5  
 PART OF LOT 3, BLOCK 8, ASSESSOR'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WARREN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4, PAGE 58 OF PLATS, MACOMB COUNTY RECORDS, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 3, 225.8 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4; THENCE EAST AND BEING A CONTINUATION OF THE NORTH LINE LOT 4, 13.18 FEET OF NEW RIGHT OF WAY OF MOUND ROAD; THENCE SOUTH ALONG WEST LINE OF MOUND ROAD 22.57 FEET TO SOUTH LINE OF LOT 3; THENCE WEST 8.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALSO ALL OF LOT 4, EXCEPT THE NORTHERLY .08 ACRES RED RUN DRAIN EASEMENT.

 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY

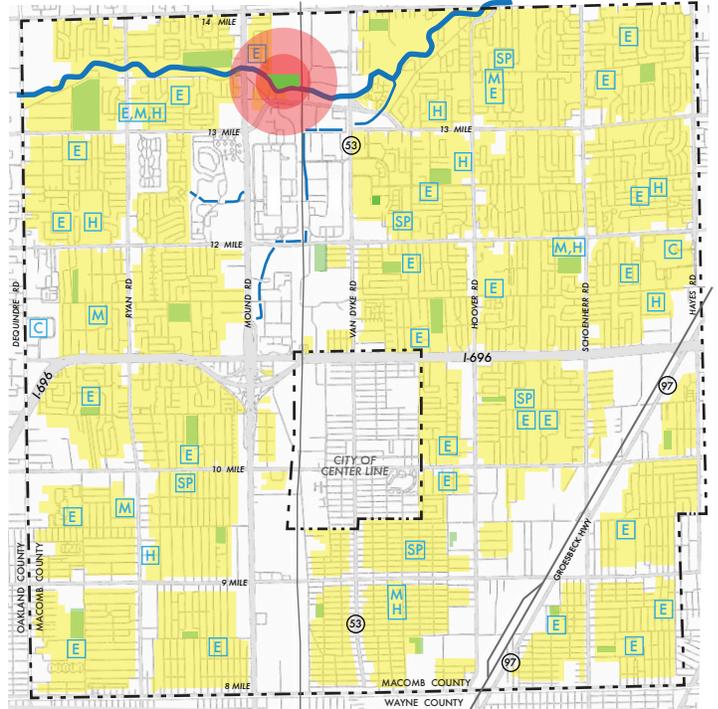
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# Eckstein Park

Neighborhood Park | 16.6 acres  
31810 Davy, Warren MI, 48092



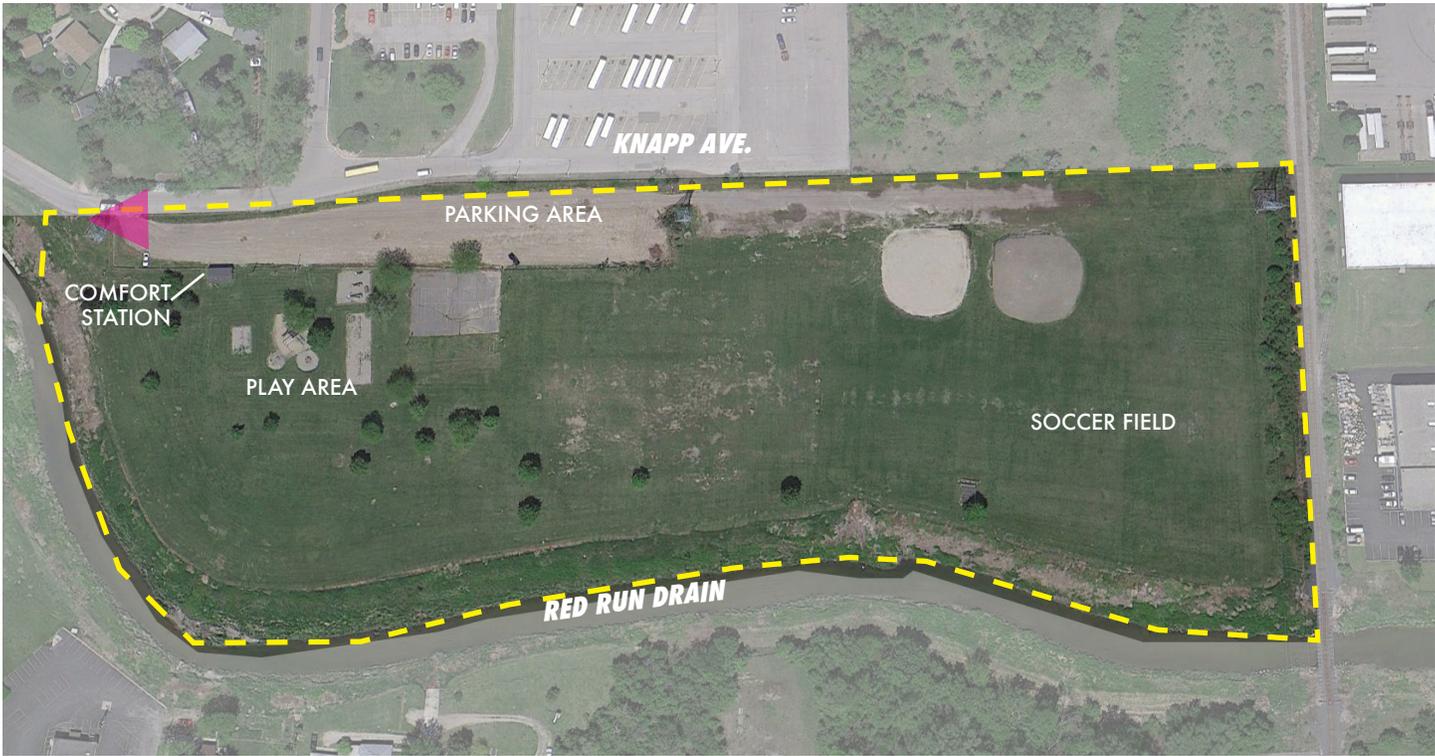
Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Eckstein is a 16.6-acre park, located on the north side of the Red Run Drain, west of the Conrail Railroad tracks. This park has a very limited walk on service area as a consequence of its location within the Mound Road industrial corridor. The park is, however, heavily used by St. Anne’s Catholic Church and School. Many of the students at St. Anne’s School are City residents. St. Anne’s has been an active partner in the improvement and maintenance of this park.

The park is heavily used on a daily basis by children at St. Anne’s School, but has the potential to attract a wide variety of user, due to the location. Currently on site there is a comfort station, a small play area and open space for soccer. Eckstein Park is one of the few parks that is not surrounded by a neighborhood.

There is no signage at the park, although there is wayfinding signage directing visitors to the park. A total redevelopment that includes many improvements are planned for this park, pending available funds. Desired improvements include: walking path, redeveloped ballfield with lights, fencing, paved parking lot, trees, landscaping, concession stand with restrooms, roller and ice hockey, restroom and warming area, skateboard area, playscape, batting cage, fountain, maintenance building, and miscellaneous electrical lighting.

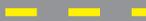


**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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ASSESSORS ADDITION BLOCK 7 ALL THAT PART OF LOT 14 LYING N OF RED RUN DRAIN  
EXC. SLY 0.6004 ACRES FOR RED RUN DRAIN EASEMENT 1.0757 ACRES

ASSESSORS ADDITION BLOCK 7 ALL THAT PART OF LOT 18 LYING N OF THE CEN. LINE OF THE  
RED RUN DRAIN; EXC. COMM. AT NE COR. LOT 18;  
TH. S 0°38'40" E 530.52 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
TH. S 0°38'40" E 60 FT; TH. N 75°51'10" W 15.51 FT;  
TH. N 0°38'40" W 56.04 FT; TH. N 89°21'20" E 15 FT.  
TO P.O.B.; INCL. RED RUN EASEMENT ACREAGE  
6.85 ACRES

 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY

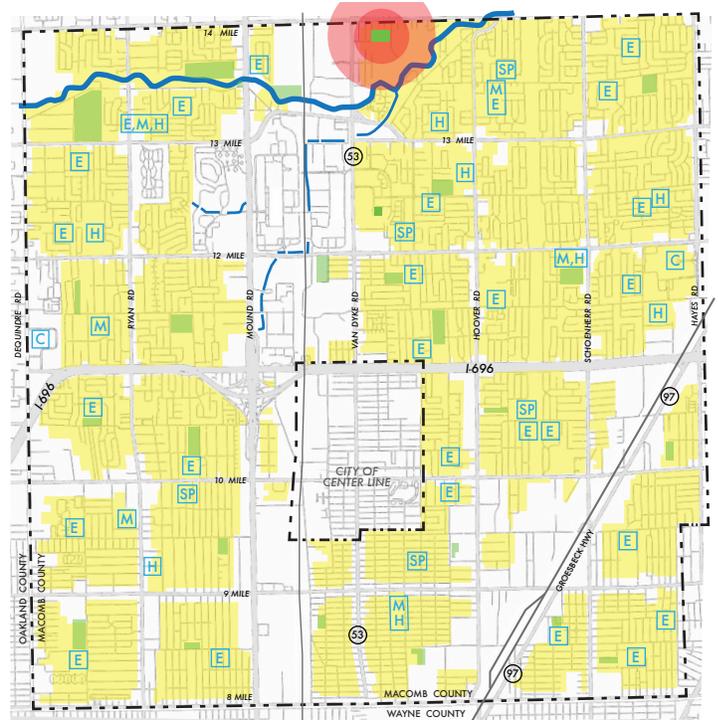
  
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# Bates Park

Neighborhood Park | 10 acres  
32601 Warkop, Warren, MI, 48093



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Bates Park is located one block south of 14 Mile Road, Warren’s northern boundary, and east of Van Dyke Road. This park has an inviting appearance due, in large part, to the large number of mature trees found on this site. Family picnics are a popular use for this park. One new playground structure was installed in 1992. Additional landscaping was also completed around the Recreation Department Maintenance Building, especially at the west end of the parking lot, which serves as an entrance to the park.

The service area of Bates Park is limited by several factors, the most obvious of which is the presence of the Red Run Drain which divides the neighborhood and the Warren Waste Water Treatment Plant. Another limiting factor is the lack of continuity in the neighborhood street system, which is not continuous, further limiting access to the park for those neighborhood residents living south of Trembleton Street. This access is needed because of the number of families with young children that live in the neighborhood and the smaller lot sizes that characterize this neighborhood. Providing better access is the principal challenge for this park. Construction of a pedestrian bridge over Beaver Creek, along the alignment of Ruehle Street, offers one means of accomplishing this.

Some desirable improvements to Bates Park includes: an educational “nature walk” component, expanding trails and adding fishing ponds. A long term improvement to this park would be the construction of a pedestrian bridge across Beaver Creek to allow access to and from the south.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 3  
 LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 SEC. 3 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 TREMBLETON SUBDIVISION LOTS 565 TO 574,  
 603 TO 614, 711 TO 722 AND 751 TO 762  
 INCL. 1/2 VAC. ALLEYS ADJ.; LOT 867 EXC. N  
 30.0 FT. OF E 39.0 FT. & LOTS 868 TO 870  
 INCL. EXC. E 39.0 FT.; ALSO VACATED HAFF AVE. AND WINNIE AVE.

 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY

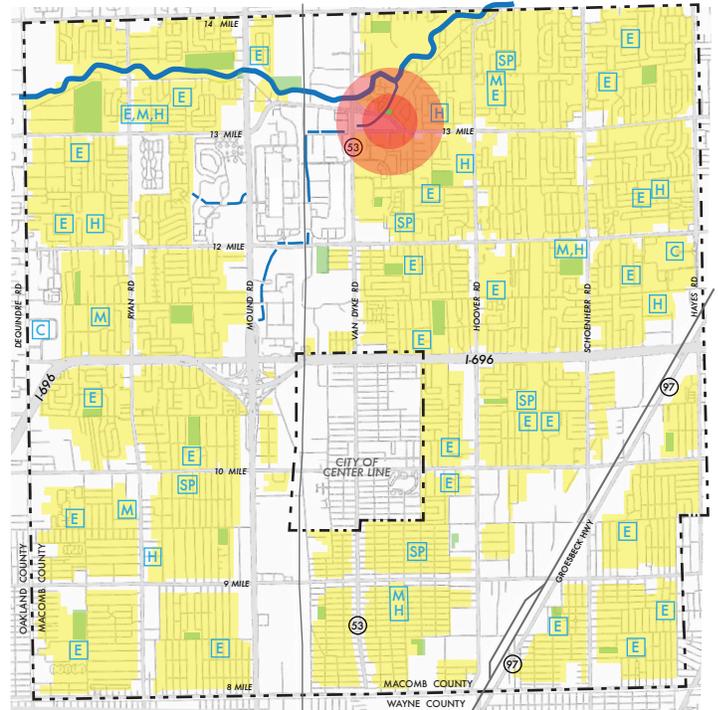
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# Kraft Park

Neighborhood Park | 1 acre  
S. Chicago & Chicago, Warren, MI, 48093



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

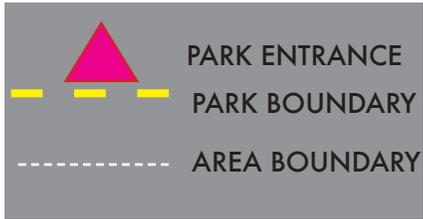
## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Kraft Park is a small parcel of land that was recently acquired by the Warren Parks Department for development. Kraft Park is located at the corner of Chicago Road and Chicago Road South, north of 13 Mile Road and East of VanDyke Road. This park follows through with existing recommendations from the Warren Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to acquire additional acreage of park space. Kraft Park currently in development to serve as a neighborhood pocket park.



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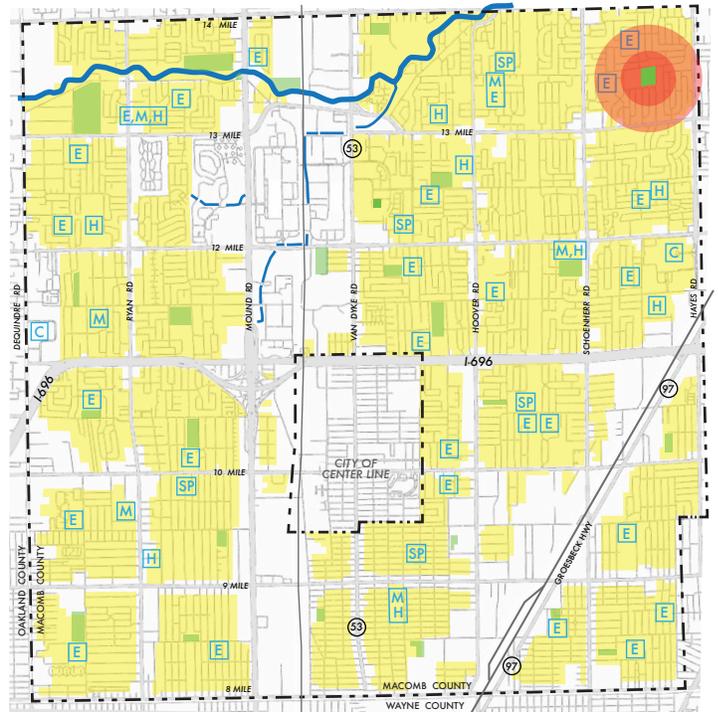
T1N,R12E,SEC 3; COMM AT CEN POST SEC 3; TH S0°21'30"E 296.56 FT;  
 TH S33°47'W 1752.91 FT ALG CEN LINE CHICAGO RD TO POB; TH S33°47'W  
 163.40 FT; TH N82°43'45"W ALG CEN LINE CHICAGO RD TO E LINE BEAR  
 CREEK R/W; TH N50°42'E 62.12 FT; TH N36°19'50"E 159.63 FT; TH LEAVING  
 DRAIN S72°45'E 246.62 FT TO POB; 1.03 AC.



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# Miller Park

Neighborhood Park | 12 acres  
14500 Masonic Ave., Warren, MI, 48088



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Miller Park occupies a 12-acre site on Masonic in the northeast corner of the City. Miller Park's location, near the geographic center of the neighborhood along a major road, offers convenient access for neighborhood residents. Two open space sites operated by Warren Consolidated Schools are also located within the neighborhood. The School District sold Melby Middle School and it was converted into Regina High School.

This heavily used park has an open appearance with no distinguishing physical characteristics. The only parking is along Masonic, which is not desirable due to heavier traffic volumes along this road.

Off-street parking has been added to encourage greater use of this site. Other needed improvements for this park include; landscaping, particularly along the Masonic Road frontage, park benches, and the construction of a walking path around the park, and connecting to the neighborhood via the existing six-foot wide easement.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 1  
 LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 OF SEC. 1 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 L1301401001 N 12.0 ACRES OF W 1/2  
 OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SEC. 1  
 12 ACRES

	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY

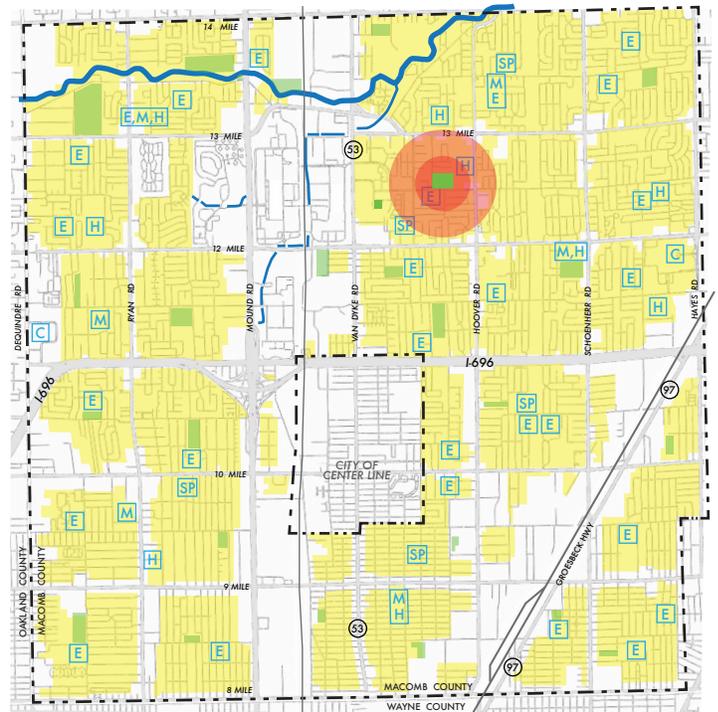
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11

# Licht Park

Neighborhood Park | 7 acres  
30100 Campbell, Warren MI, 48093



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Licht Park is a seven-acre park, located on Campbell Street, approximately one-half mile to the west of the City of Warren Civic Center. The park shares a common boundary with Cousino High School to the east. Cromie Elementary School is located one block to the south. The park offers convenient access for cars, bicycles and pedestrians. Parking is available in an off-street paved lot. The area surrounding the park is developed entirely for residential purposes.

Licht Park features a significant number of tall, mature trees, plenty of shade, and good turf. These features combine to create a good visual character and inviting atmosphere and explain the wide use of this park for picnics. Proximity of the park to Warren’s Civic Center and to those large employers located near the Civic Center contribute to the park’s heavy use during the lunch hour. The heavy park usage and its convenient location created the need to make several improvements to reinforce popularity of the site. A paved path was developed throughout the park, including exercise stations. The path extends to the abutting school complex to the east and to the surrounding neighborhood. A large multi-facet play structure was installed in 1997.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 10  
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 SUPERVISOR'S PLAT OF TROMBLY ACRES  
 LOTS 26 & 27

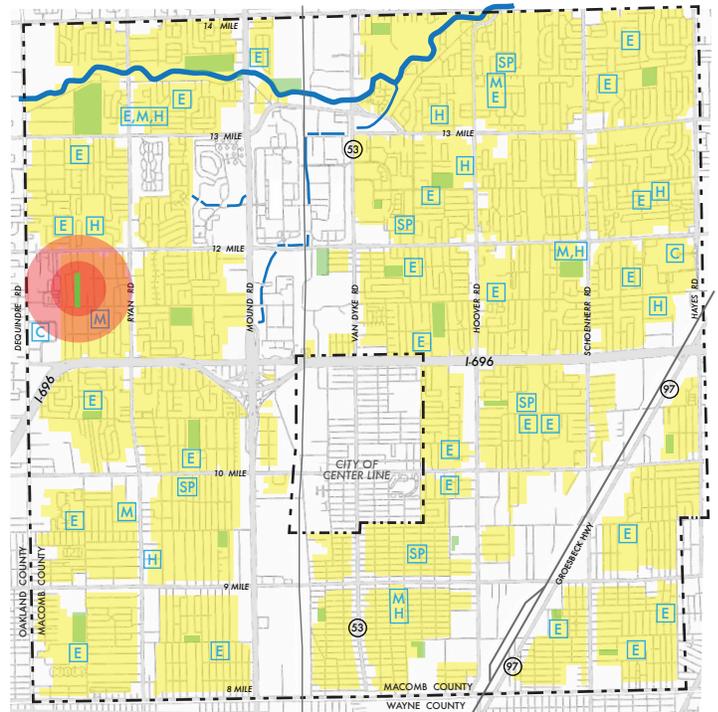
 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY


  
 250 ft



12

**Hartsig Park**  
 Neighborhood Park | 11 acres  
 2201 Warren MI, 48092



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

### AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Hartsig Park occupies an 11-acre site on the north side of Martin Road, approximately one-half mile north of I-696 and one-half mile west of Ryan Road. The park is centrally located within the one-square mile neighborhood that it serves. Beer Middle School, operated by Warren Consolidated Schools, is located on the opposite side of Martin Road. The two sand volleyball courts and the two soccer fields located at this site draw residents from a wider geographic area than the traditional one-half mile service radius. A new parking lot was constructed at this site in 1991. A playground structure and picnic shelter were also added.

There is no signage at the park. The soccer fields are in need of redevelopment with the addition of proper drainage and irrigation to accommodate for its heavy usage. The park would also benefit from the construction of a paved walkway system, connecting the parking lot along Martin Road with the soccer fields located to the north.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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 LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 SEC. 18 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
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 TH. S 03°04'25" E 1143.37 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
 TH. ALG. CEN. LINE DRAIN N 73°20'20" E 198.38 FT.;  
 TH. S 87°08'50" E 77.16 FT.,  
 TH. S 79°37'50" E 56.48 FT.;  
 TH. LEAVING DRAIN S 02°49' E 1554.41 FT.;  
 TH. N 89°51' W 318.04 FT.;  
 TH. N 03°04'25" W 1511 FT. ALG. N & S 1/4 LINE SEC. 18 TO P.O.B.;  
 SUBJECT TO RESERVATION OF N 30 FT. FOR DRAIN EASEMENT  
 11.419 ACRES



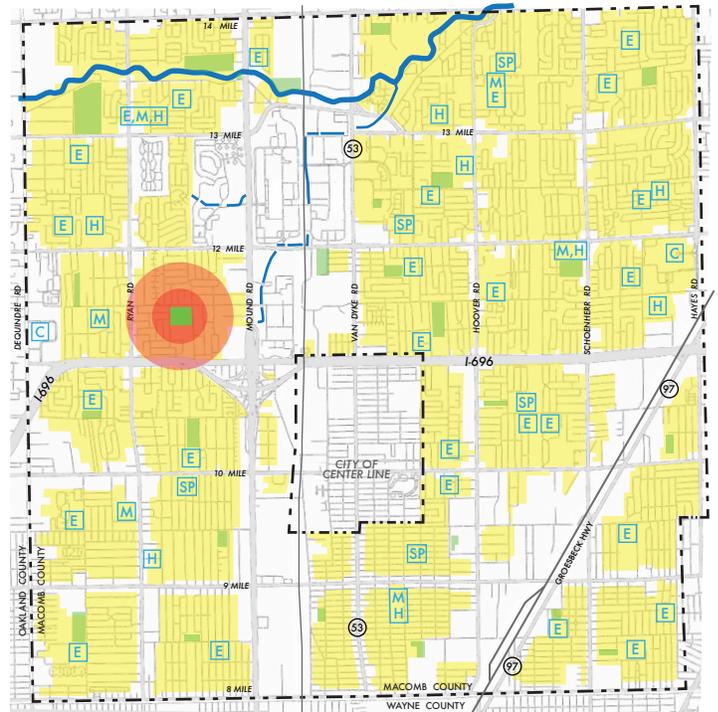
	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY



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# Butcher Park

Neighborhood Park | 12.5 acres  
4700 Martin, Warren MI, 48092



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Butcher is a 12.5-acre park, located between Ryan Road and Mound Road on the south side of Martin Road. Butcher Community Education Building, in the Warren Consolidated School District, adjoins the park site to the south. The park is centrally located in a well-defined neighborhood. A new single-family subdivision has been developed near the park, which will increase population levels and provide more park uses. Completion of the development of Walker Woods property will further expand potential future for population growth. A new play structure was installed in 1998.

The heavily wooded characteristics of this park offer an ideal setting for picnics. This park is easily accessible to both pedestrians and bicyclists. No off-street parking is available, however, except at the school site. The status of the school site impacts the long-term plans for this park. For example, if Butcher School is sold, it may be necessary to construct a new parking lot with access to Martin Road.

Providing a paved pedestrian walkway would improve circulation in the park. It would also unify existing site features, such as the picnic shelter, comfort station and ball diamonds, which are dispersed across the site.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 17  
 LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 SEC. 17  
 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 L1317327001 BEG. AT NW COR. OF S.P. OF PAUL HOSTE'S FIRST  
 SUB; TH. S 02° 10' 30" E 767.13 FT. ALG. W LINE OF SD. PLAT;  
 TH. S 89° 23' W 719.99 FT;  
 TH. N 0° 37' W 770.5 FT;  
 TH. N 89° 34' E 462.17 FT. & N 89° 54' 30" E  
 236.97 FT. ALG. E & W 1/ 4 LINE SEC. 17  
 TO P.O.B.; EXC. W 30 FT. FOR STREET.  
 12.531 ACRES

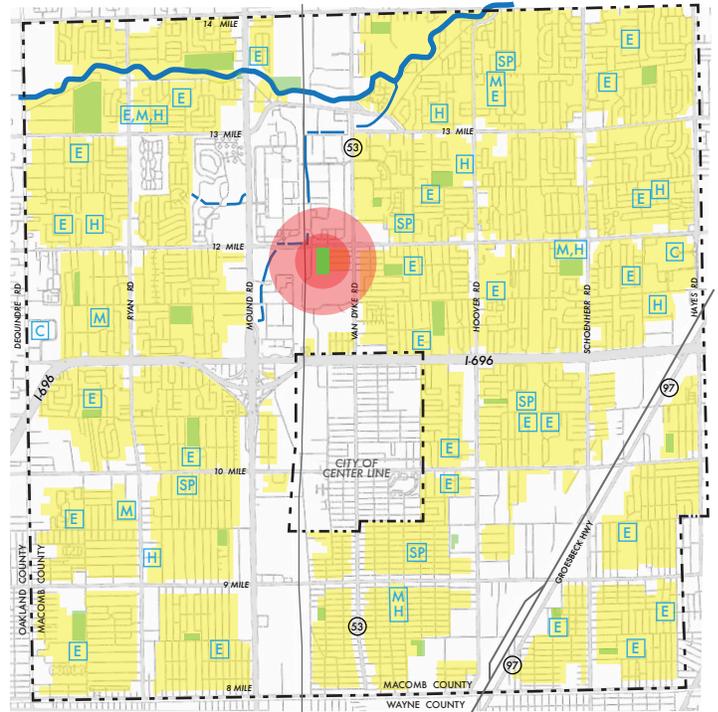
 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY



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# Burdi Park

Neighborhood Park | 8 acres  
7000 12 Mile Rd, Warren MI, 48092



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

This 8.0-acre park is located on the south side of 12 Mile Road in Warren’s industrial corridor, between Van Dyke and Mound Roads. Because of the industrial character of the surrounding area, the service area of the park is limited to a portion of the neighborhood which live in proximity to the park. Burdi is more of a specialty park that is used for soccer, drawing users from across the City. The roller hockey courts, parking lot and playground area, located at the southern end of the park, serve these needs. It is also widely used by employees of the adjacent industrial establishments, especially during lunch breaks.

The soccer fields in the center of the park are well programmed and should continue to be on a long-term basis. There is also a 350’ by 80’ fenced in area that has been converted into a Dog Park. Permits for entry are available through the Parks and Rec Department.

Future improvements to this site should recognize its dual function as both a neighborhood and specialty park. The southern end of the park should continue to serve the recreation needs of the nearby residential neighborhood. The roller hockey courts have recently been improved. In order to get maximum usage from the soccer fields; redevelopment with proper drainage and irrigation will provide long term usage.

An internal path along the perimeter of the park could help unify these somewhat diverse park functions. A path with exercise stations would be of some benefit to those persons who use the park, especially during lunch hours. Landscaping along the path and the industrial establishments along the west of the park should also be considered to soften the appearance and to make it more inviting. Those who jog around the GM Tech Center may also wish to use this path as part of an exercise trail.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 16  
LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 SEC. 16 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
E 10 ACRES OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4, EXC.  
N 60 FT. FOR HWY. PURP. ALSO EXC. E 40 FT FOR STREET  
8.92 ACRES



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	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY

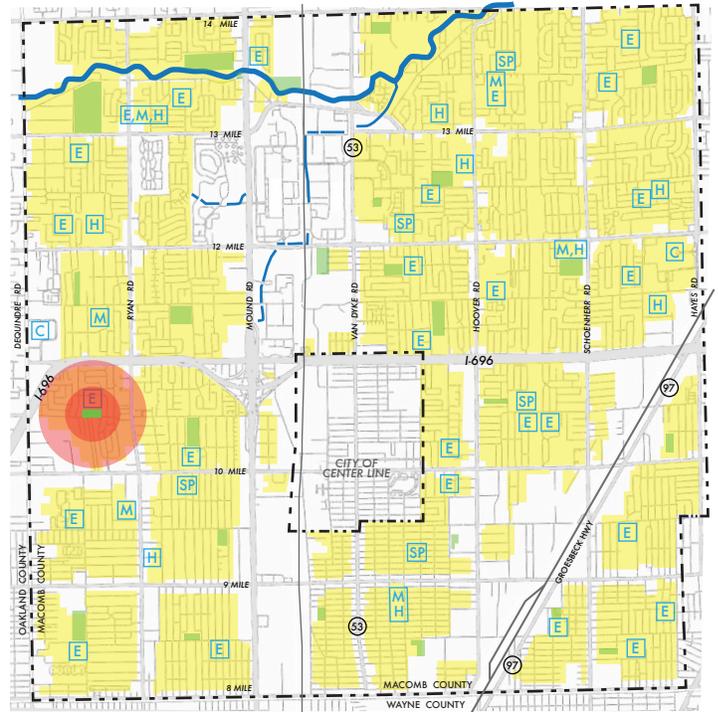
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# Rinke Park

Neighborhood Park | 8 acres  
28500 Arsenal, Warren MI, 48093



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

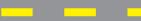
This 8.0-acre park is located in the central portion of the City with a well-defined service area. A private school (Macomb Christian Academy), located next to the park, expands the number of persons using this site. The ball diamonds also draw users from beyond neighborhood boundaries, especially for men/women coed softball. Parking is provided at the school site. The park has a pleasant visual character, with good turf and mature trees.

Additional landscaping is needed near the tennis courts and along the southern property line, adjacent to existing single-family homes which back up to the park. Expansion of the existing pedestrian path system is needed at this site. The existing sidewalk is deteriorated and there is no direct barrier free path from the street to the play structure. The tennis courts are in deteriorated condition and are slated for removal. In addition, the green belt to the west of the tennis courts needs to be re-graded to allow for proper drainage.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 15  
 LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 SEC. 15 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 COMM. AT N 1/4 POST SEC. 15;  
 TH. S 02° 12' 20" E 736.05 FT.;  
 TH. S 89° 45' 50" W 850.0 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
 TH. S 02° 21' 50" E 599.59 FT.;  
 TH. S 89° 45' 50" W 591.07 FT.;  
 TH. N 0° 59' 10" W 599.23 FT.;  
 TH. N 89° 45' 50" E 576.77 FT. TO P.O.B.  
 8.032 ACRES

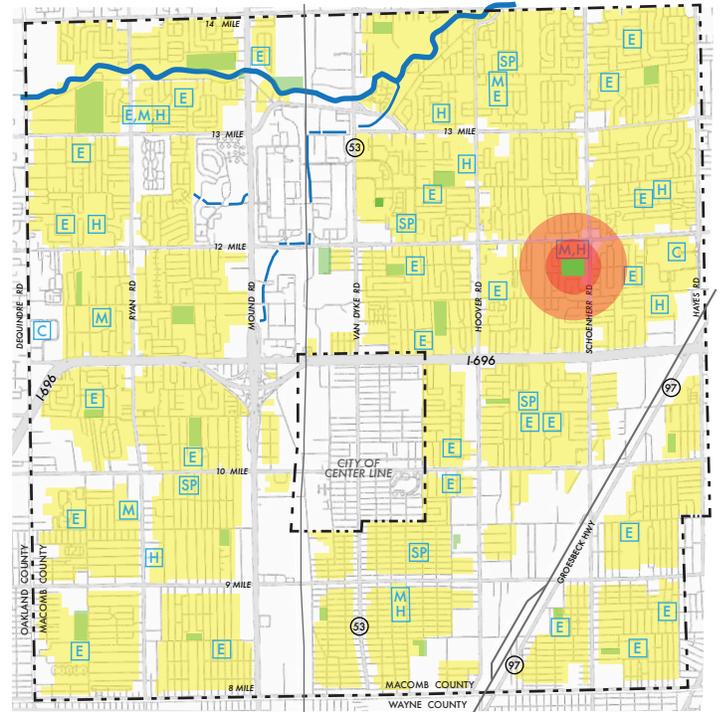
	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY

250 ft 



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**McGrath Park**  
 Neighborhood Park | 8.6 acres  
 13300 Leisure, Warren MI, 48088



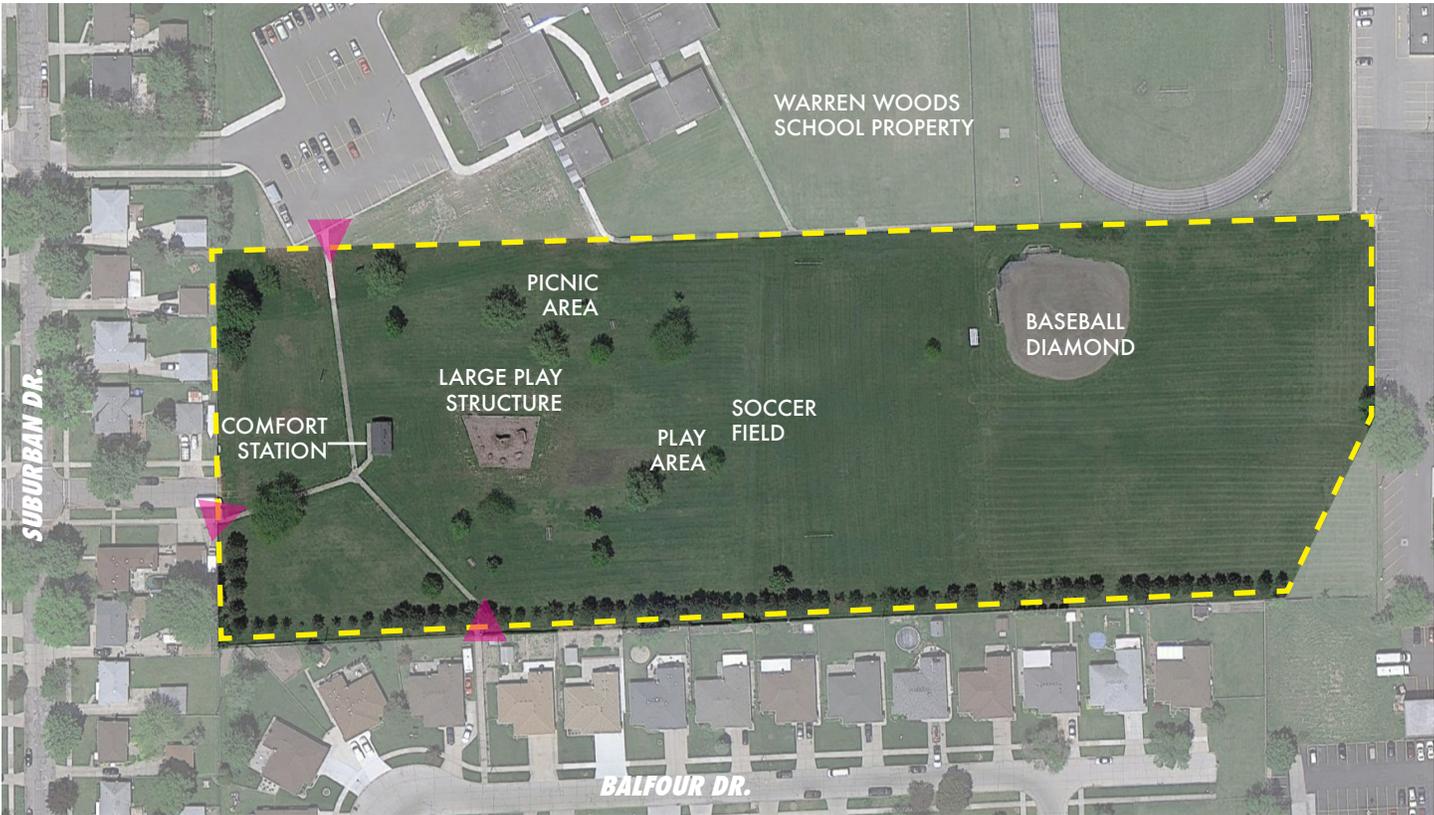
Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Owing to its location near the intersection of 12 Mile and Schoenherr roads, McGrath Park has a service radius that extends into four identifiable neighborhoods. This exceeds the service area population of most City parks by significant margins. Warren Woods Middle School and Enterprise Adult Education are located on the adjoining site to the north. Existing single family homes abut the park’s southern boundary. Access to the park is provided from Leisure Street, which dead-ends at the park’s boundary and through a pedestrian easement to the south.

McGrath Park largely functions as an open play area for the adjoining neighborhood. The future of the park is related, to some extent, to the continued use of the two adjoining schools in the Warren Woods School District. The function of the park may change, depending on the school usage.

Desirable park improvements include a walking path throughout the park, a new playground area, and conversion of the existing comfort station to a picnic shelter/comfort station. The approach to the park from Suburban Dr. is not ADA barrier free compliant. There are no designated handicapped parking spots for this park. The comfort station at McGrath Park is typical to one found in many Warren Parks.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 14  
 LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 SEC. 14 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 L1314276001 COMM. AT NE COR. SEC. 14;  
 TH. S 1317.03 FT;  
 TH. S 88x35' W 256.92 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
 TH. S 01x00' W 185.21 FT.;  
 TH. S 29x01' 1" W 967.83 FT.;  
 TH. N 0x37' 40" E 350.85 FT.;  
 TH. N 88x35' E 1060.45 FT TO P.O.B.  
 8.354 ACRES

 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY

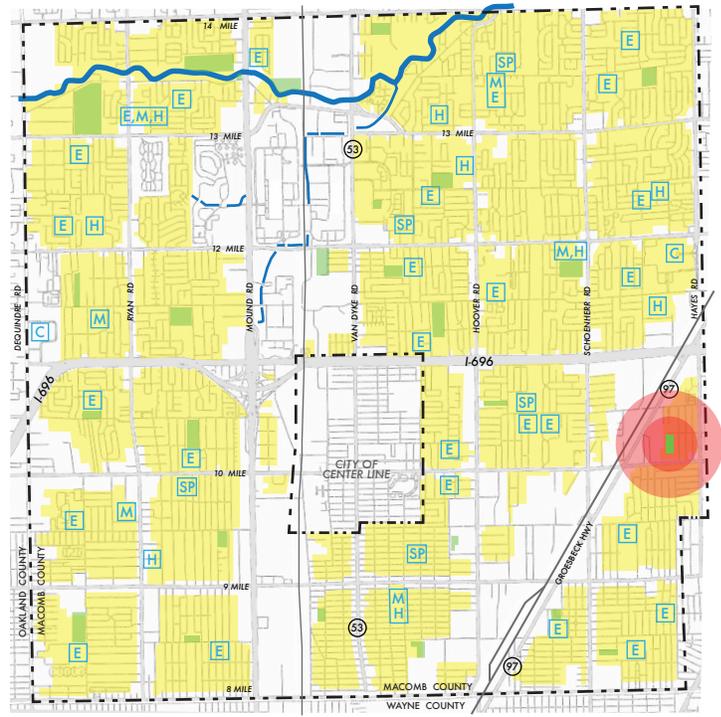
  
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# Trombly Park

Neighborhood Park | 14.5 acres  
14775 Alvin, Warren MI, 48089



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Trombly Park is located four blocks from the City’s eastern boundary. Access to the site within the park’s service area is restricted by the Groesbeck Highway and by 10 Mile Road. Portions of the park’s service area extend into the adjoining communities of East Detroit and Roseville.

The school site was sold to the City of Warren to increase the park by four acres. Since the park was expanded, future plans include expanding the south end of the park gaining access to 10 Mile Road and creating a more highly visible entrance to the park for the large neighborhood that is on the south side of 10 Mile Road. The comfort station at Trombly Park is typical to one found in many Warren Parks.

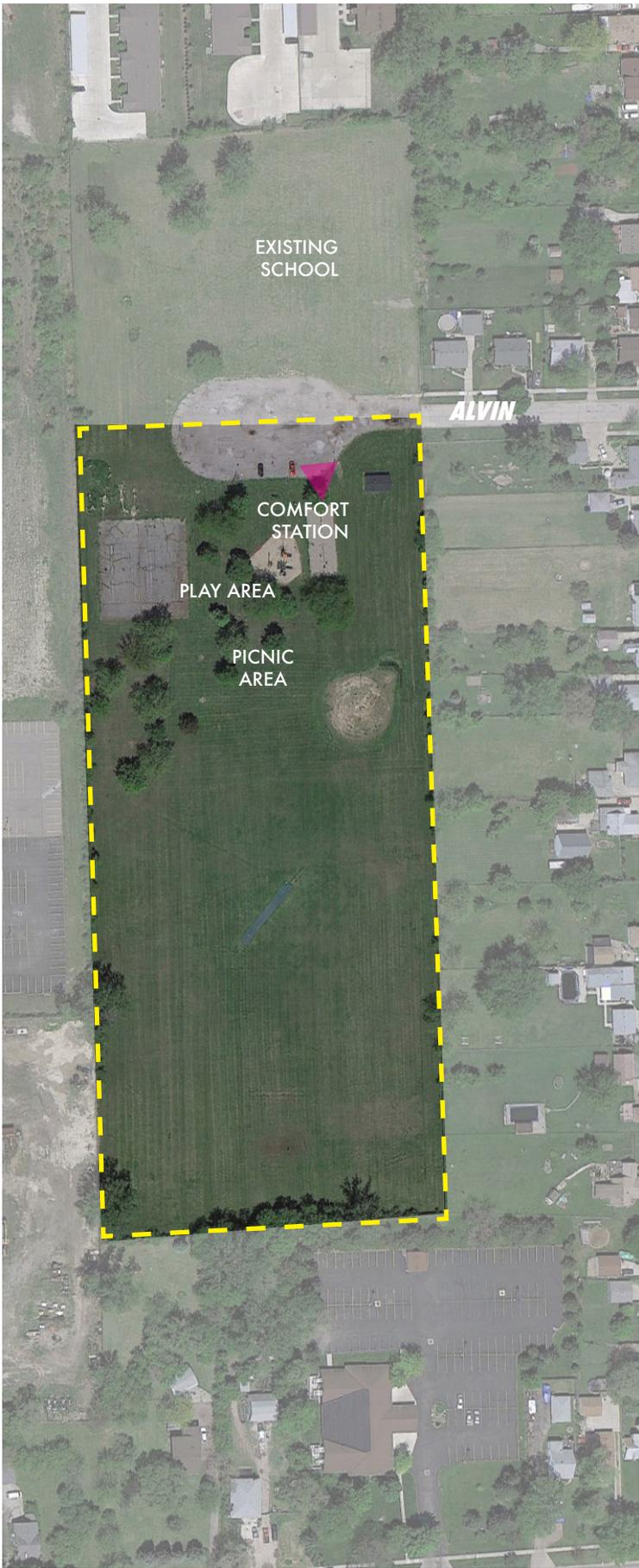
A plan has been developed to create a more attractive and useful park for the area, pending funding. Improvements include: walking path, nature center with deck, natural floral garden, bridge, pond, restroom/shelter, paved parking lot, landscaping/trees, picnic area, play equipment, and two soccer fields.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 24  
 COMM. AT SE COR. SEC. 24;  
 TH. S 86°48'30" W 1327.60 FT. ALONG S SEC. LINE;  
 TH. N 0°00'30" E 889.33 FT. TO P.O.B. TH. CONT. N 0°00'30" E  
 527.92 FT.;  
 TH. N 89°59'30" W 100.00 FT.;  
 TH. S 45°00'03" W 11.31 FT.;  
 TH. N 89°59'30" W 304.58 FT.  
 TH. S 0°04'30" W 101.12 FT.;  
 TH. S 0°03'15" W 443.0 FT.;  
 TH. N 86°39'40" E 413.75 FT. TO P.O.B.  
 5.060 ACRES

ALSO

COMM. AT S 1/4 POST SEC. 24;  
 TH. N 87°02'30" E 1334.31 FT.;  
 TH. N 0°00'30" E 466.33 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
 TH. S 86°32'25" W 413.55 FT.;  
 TH. N 0°08'10" E 423.06 FT.;  
 TH. N 86°32'25" E 412.62 FT.;  
 TH. S 0°00'30" W 423 FT. TO P.O.B.  
 4.01 ACRES



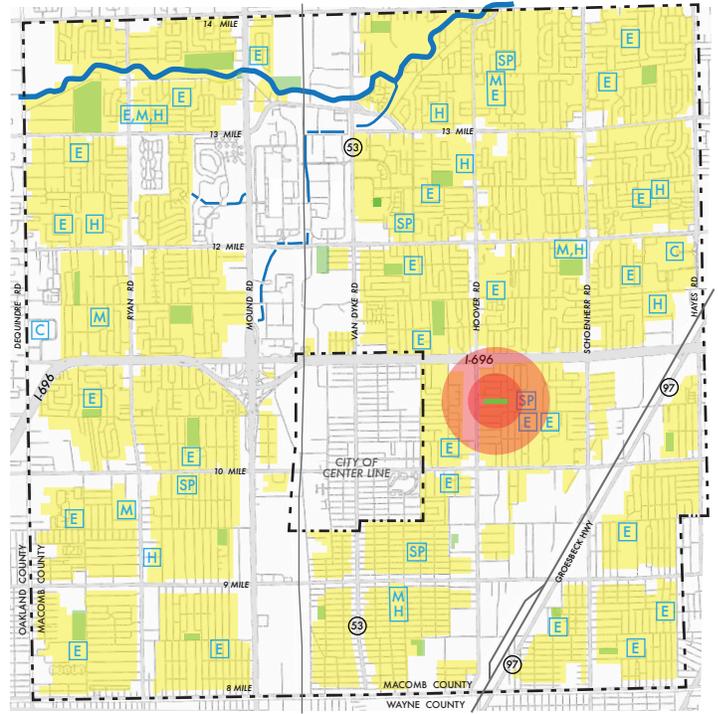
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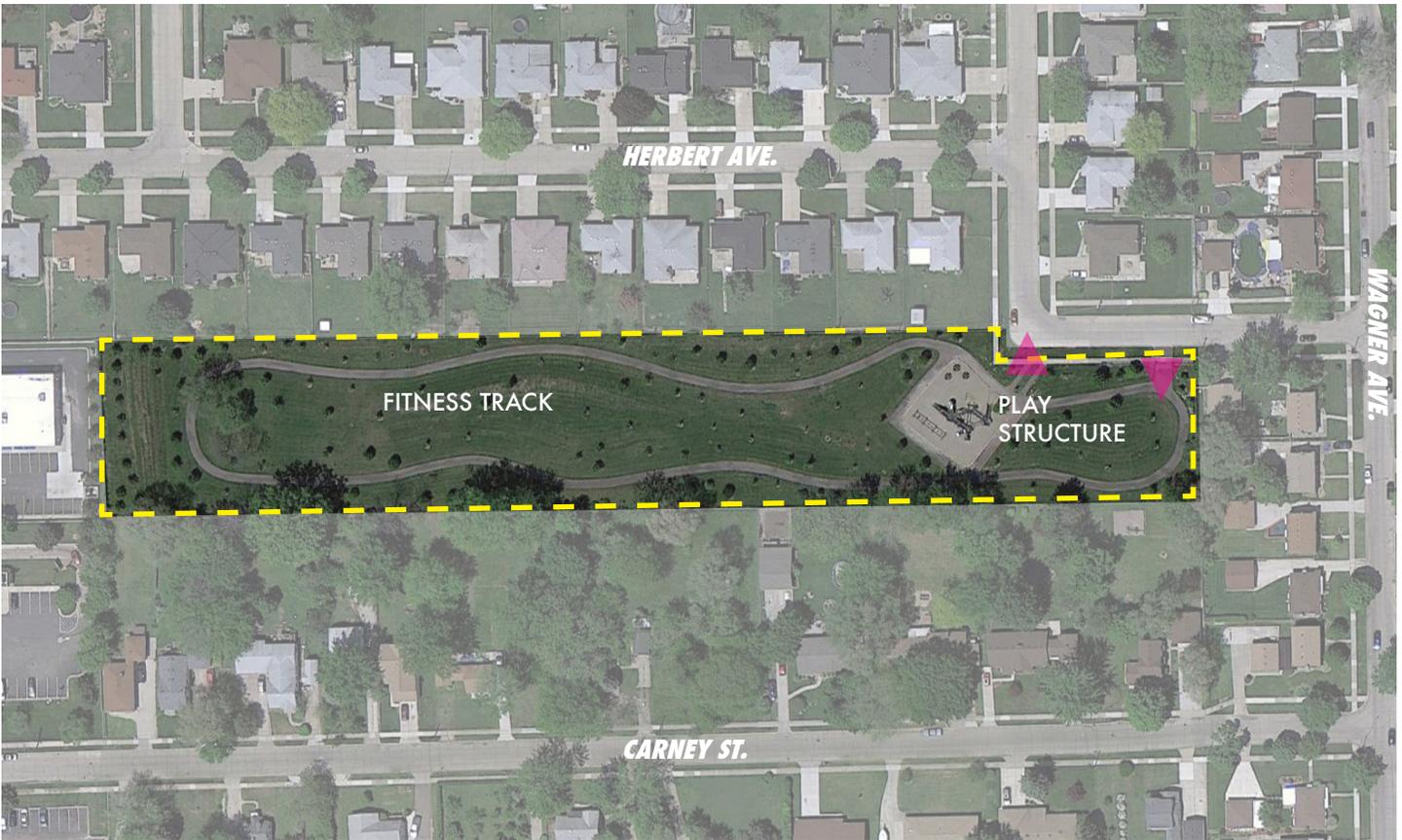
**Rentz Park**  
 Neighborhood Park | 4 acres  
 12000 Herbert Ave., Warren MI, 48089



Neighborhood service radius  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

**AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Rentz Park is a four (4) acre parcel of property was donated to the City in Section 23 in 1997. Located south of I-696, the park is just east of Hoover Road. A neighborhood park, Rentz can be accessed from Herberet Avenue. In 2002, site development and construction began for a walking path, underground drainage, play structure, landscaping with berms and trees and park benches. Funding for this project was provided in part from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The park could benefit from sidewalk improvements around the park as there is no barrier-free entry path to the park.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 23  
 COMM AT W 1/4 COR. 23; TH N. 00°30' W. 499.05 FT.;  
 TH S. 89°21'10" E. 240.01 FT. TO P.O.B.; TH N. 00°01'03" W.  
 163.77 FT.; TH S. 88°56'25" E. 1005.84 FT.; TH S. 00°14'38" W.  
 156.52 FT.; TH N. 89°21'10" W. 1005.05 FT. TO P.O.B. CONTAINING  
 3.696 AC. M/L  
 TH N

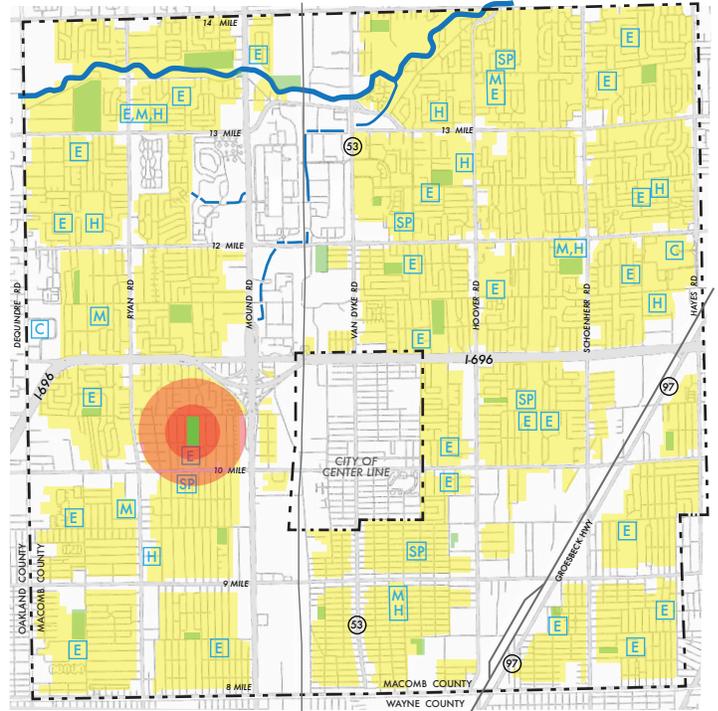
	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY



19

# Busse Park

Neighborhood Park | 10 acres  
5002 Frazho, Warren MI, 48091



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Busse Park occupies a narrow, ten-acre site on the south side of Frazho Road. Single-family homes back up along both sides of the park. Roose Elementary School is located near the south end of the park.

The park was developed in 1992. Park improvements included the following: a new parking lot with access to Frazho Road; soccer field next to the tennis courts; landscaping along the east and west property lines, which abut developed single-family lots; a comfort station; and a paved pedestrian path.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 20  
 THE N 1373.00 FT. OF THE FOLLOWING DESC. PARCEL:  
 BEG. AT CEN. POST SEC. 20;  
 TH. S 0°36'41" W 1968.01 FT.  
 TH. S 61°41'07" W 381.56 FT.;  
 TH. N 0°34'53" E 2153.30 FT.  
 TH. S 89°15'54" E 335.10 FT. TO P.O.B. EXC. THE N 43 FT.  
 ROAD R.O.W.



	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY

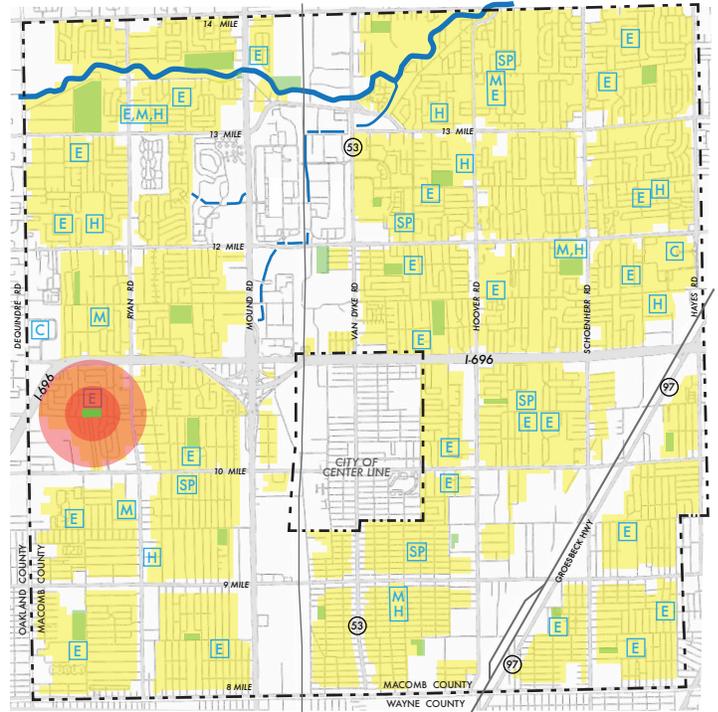
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# Steinhauser Park

Neighborhood Park | 8 acres  
3101 Frazho, Warren MI, 48091

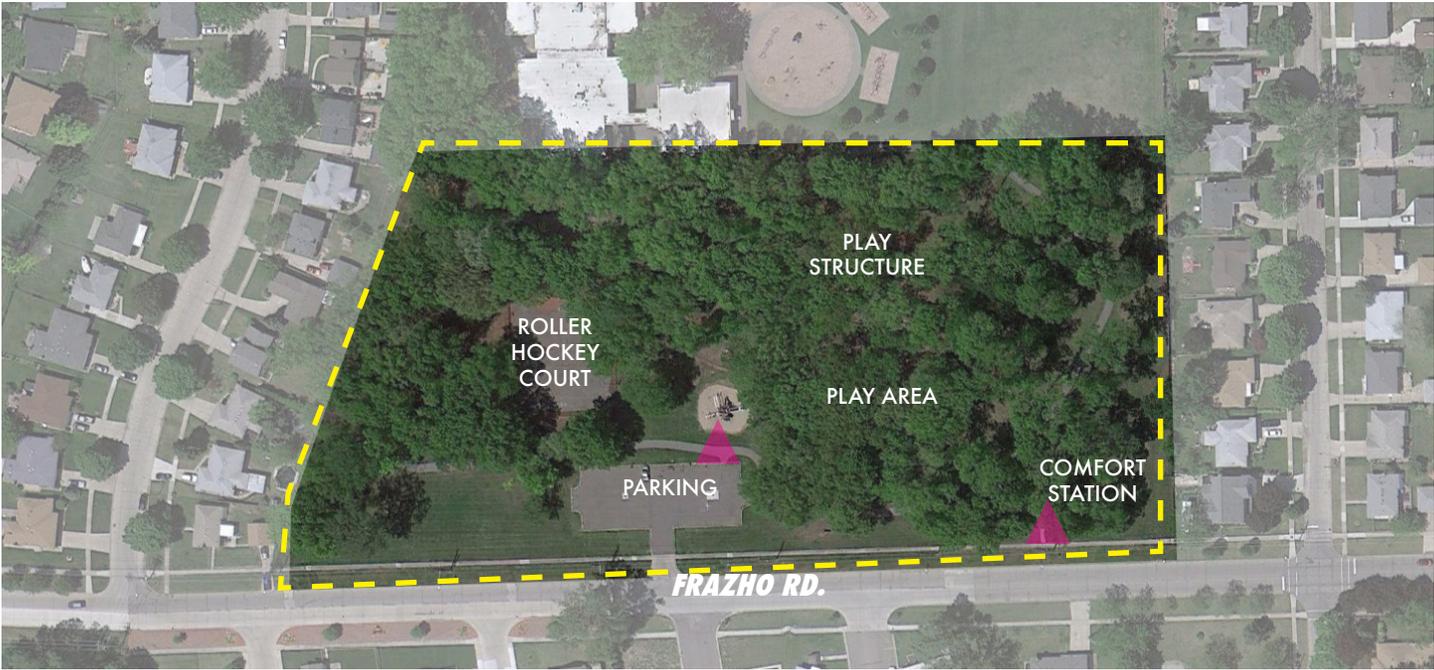


Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Steinhauser Park is located within a one-square mile neighborhood, near Warren’s western boundary, between Dequindre and Ryan roads, south of 1-696. Siersma Elementary School adjoins the park to the north. The school playground abuts the park, thereby expanding the amount of land available for recreation purposes at this site. The extensive mature trees located at this site enhance the overall visual character of the park. They also contribute to the poor turf conditions evident at portions of the park. A new playground structure was installed in 1992, and a paved path system for walking and jogging was completed in 1994.

The park could benefit from the construction of a picnic shelter. The roller hockey courts are in deteriorated condition and need to be converted to roller hockey and basketball courts. The comfort station at Steinhauser Park is typical to one found in many Warren Parks.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 19  
 COMM. AT CEN. POST SEC. 19; TH. N 89°50'04" E  
 158.17 FT. TO PT. OF BEG.; TH. N 0°09'56" W  
 43 FT.; TH. N 19°05'15" E 390.73 FT.;  
 TH. N 89°50'04" E 776.45 FT.; TH. S 0°15'06" W 411.89 FT.;  
 TH. S 89°50'04" W 902.29 FT. TO PT. OF BEG. 8.00 ACRES

 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY

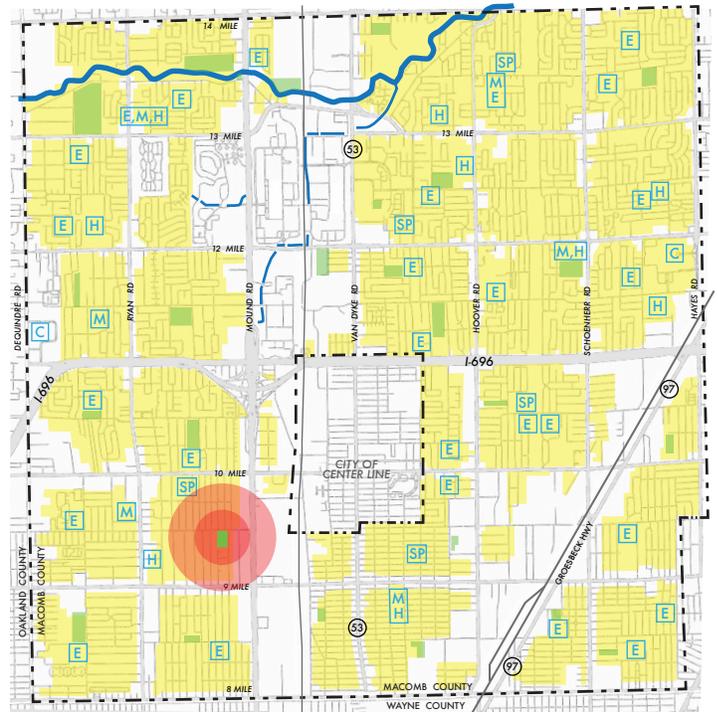
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21

# Austin-Dannis Park

Neighborhood Park | 10 acres  
5200 Stephens, Warren MI, 48091



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

This park is located within a well-defined one-square mile neighborhood. Neighborhood residents at both ends of the age spectrum increased since 1990. The park is easily accessible given its location along Stephens Road. The park contains a comfort station, a play area, picnic area and open space for a soccer field.

Recent park improvements include the conversion of tennis courts into two (1/2 court) basketball courts and one enclosed roller hockey court. In the year 2001, a new large play structure was completed. Future park improvements include entrance landscaping, a pedestrian path offering access to the play fields, picnic area and new permanent picnic tables.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 29  
LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 SEC. 29 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
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OF SE 1/4 SEC. 29

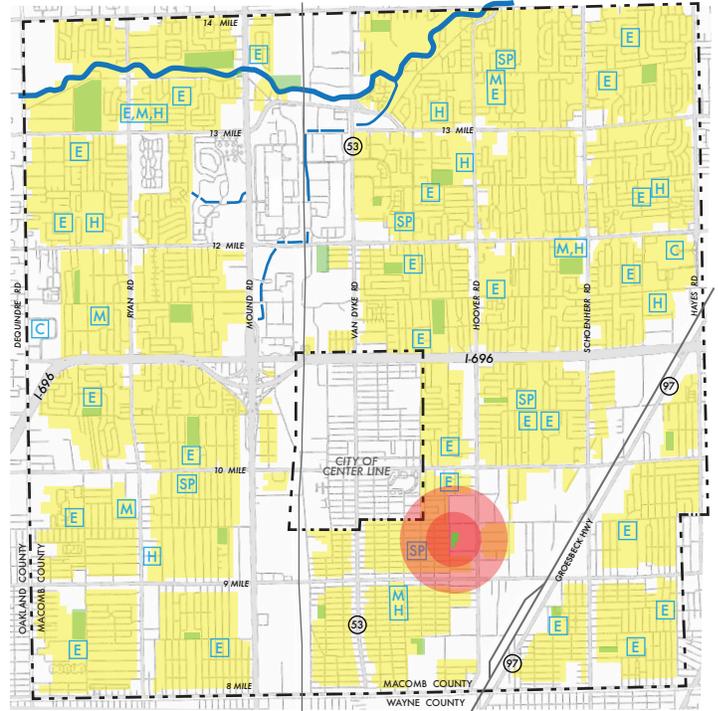
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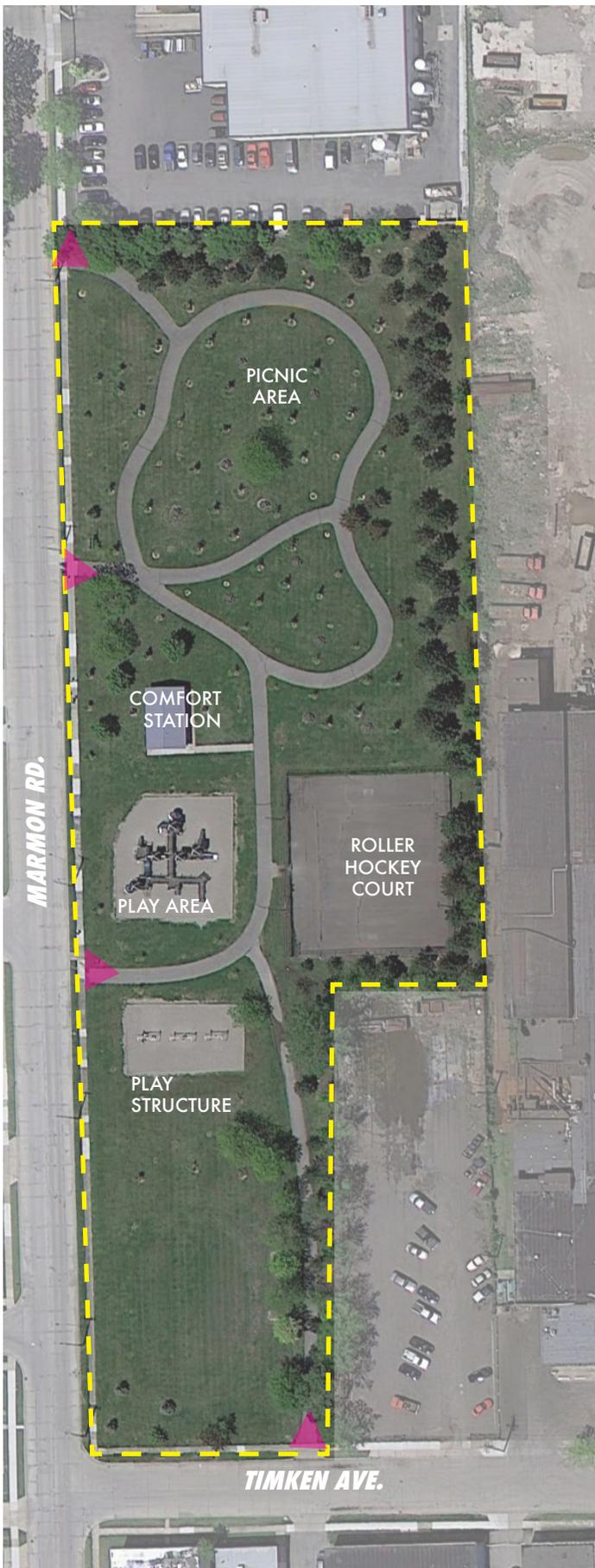
**Jaycee Park**  
 Neighborhood Park | 4.5 acres  
 11371 Timken, Warren MI, 48089



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

### AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

This park occupies a 4.5-acre site in the southern half of the City, approximately one-quarter mile east of Hoover road. Several park improvements have been completed at Jaycee Park utilizing Community Development Block Grant funding. These include construction of a picnic shelter/comfort station, paved walkway throughout the park, new permanent picnic tables, new large play structure, and new landscaping. The comfort station at Jaycee Park is typical to one found in many Warren Parks. Currently, the tennis courts need to be removed, repaved or re-purposed as the surface is in disrepair.

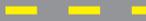


**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 27  
 COMM. AT E 1/4 POST SEC. 27;  
 TH. N 89°30' W 1269.40 FT.;  
 TH. S 0°58' W 475.0 FT. TO P.O.B.  
 TH. S 89°30' E 264.0 FT.;  
 TH. S 0°58' W 500.16 FT.;  
 TH. N 89°30' W 264.0 FT.;  
 TH. N 0°58' E 500.16 FT. TO P.O.B.  
 3.03 ACRES

ALSO

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 27  
 COMM. AT E 1/4 POST SEC. 27;  
 TH. N 89°30' W 1269.40 FT.;  
 TH. S 0°58' W 975.16 FT. TO P.O.B.  
 TH. S 89°30' E 164.0 FT.;  
 TH. S 0°58' W 298.73  
 FT.; TH. N 89°40'45" W 164.0 FT.;  
 TH. N 0°58' E 296.18 FT. TO P.O.B.  
 1.12 ACRES PT

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 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY

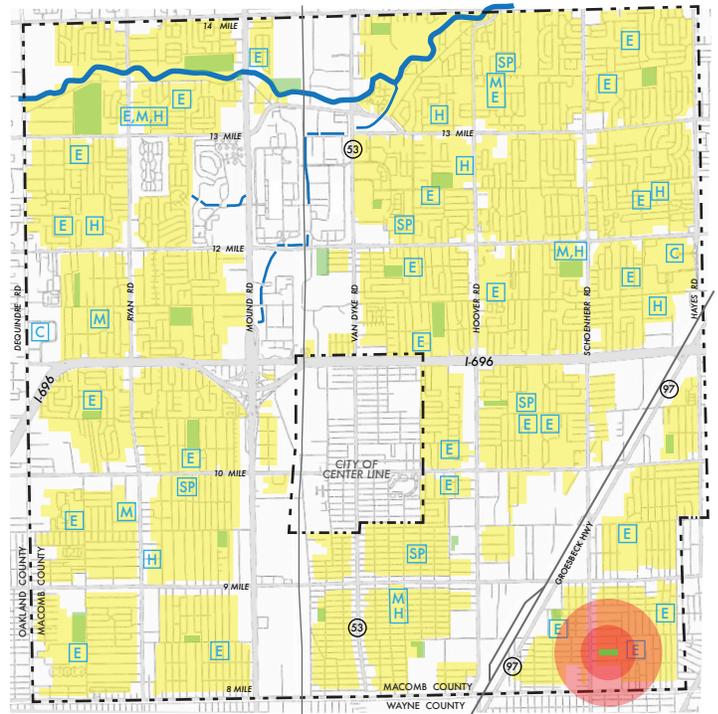
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23

# Underwood Park

Neighborhood Park | 8 acres  
13700 Sidonie, Warren MI, 48089



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Underwood Park is located in the southeast corner of the City, between Schonherr and Hayes roads. Underwood Park is used for outreach events to assist residents in the area. The park has completed a landscape and tree-planting program and has upgraded the existing turf conditions. A walkway was constructed providing pedestrian access to other portions of the park. The tennis courts were eliminated and the area was landscaped with trees and park benches were installed. The play equipment was recently replaced. The area was also illuminated for an overall positive effect on the park. The comfort station at Underwood Park is typical to one found in many Warren Parks.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

T. 1N, R. 12E SEC. 36  
 LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 SEC. 36 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 COMM. AT W 1/4 POST SEC. 36;  
 S 0°51'15" W 977.47 FT.ALG.W SEC.LINE;  
 TH.S 89°53'15"E 313.0 FT.ALG.N LINE EASTVIEW SUBDIVISION TO P.O.B.;  
 TH.N 0°51'15"E 331.69 FT.PARA.TO & 313.0 FT.E OF W SEC.LINE;  
 TH.S 89°56'30"E 1004.96 FT.ALG.S LINE NATIONAL GARDENS SUBDIVISION;  
 TH.S 0°53'30"W 332.64 FT.;  
 TH.N 89°53'15"W 1004.74 FT.ALG.N LINE EASTVIEW SUBDIVISION TO P.O.B.  
 7.662 ACRES

	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY

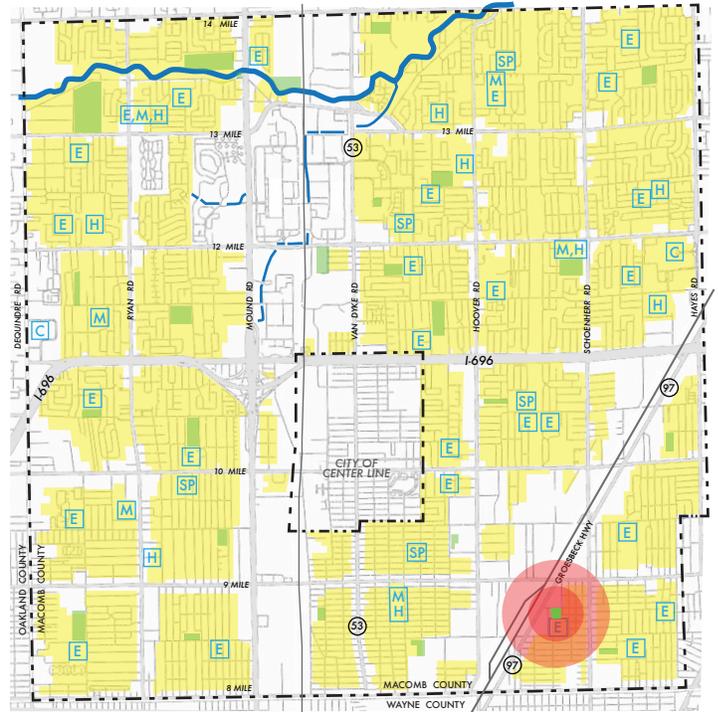
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# Winters Park

Neighborhood Park | 6.5 acres  
13000, St. Andrews, Warren MI, 48089



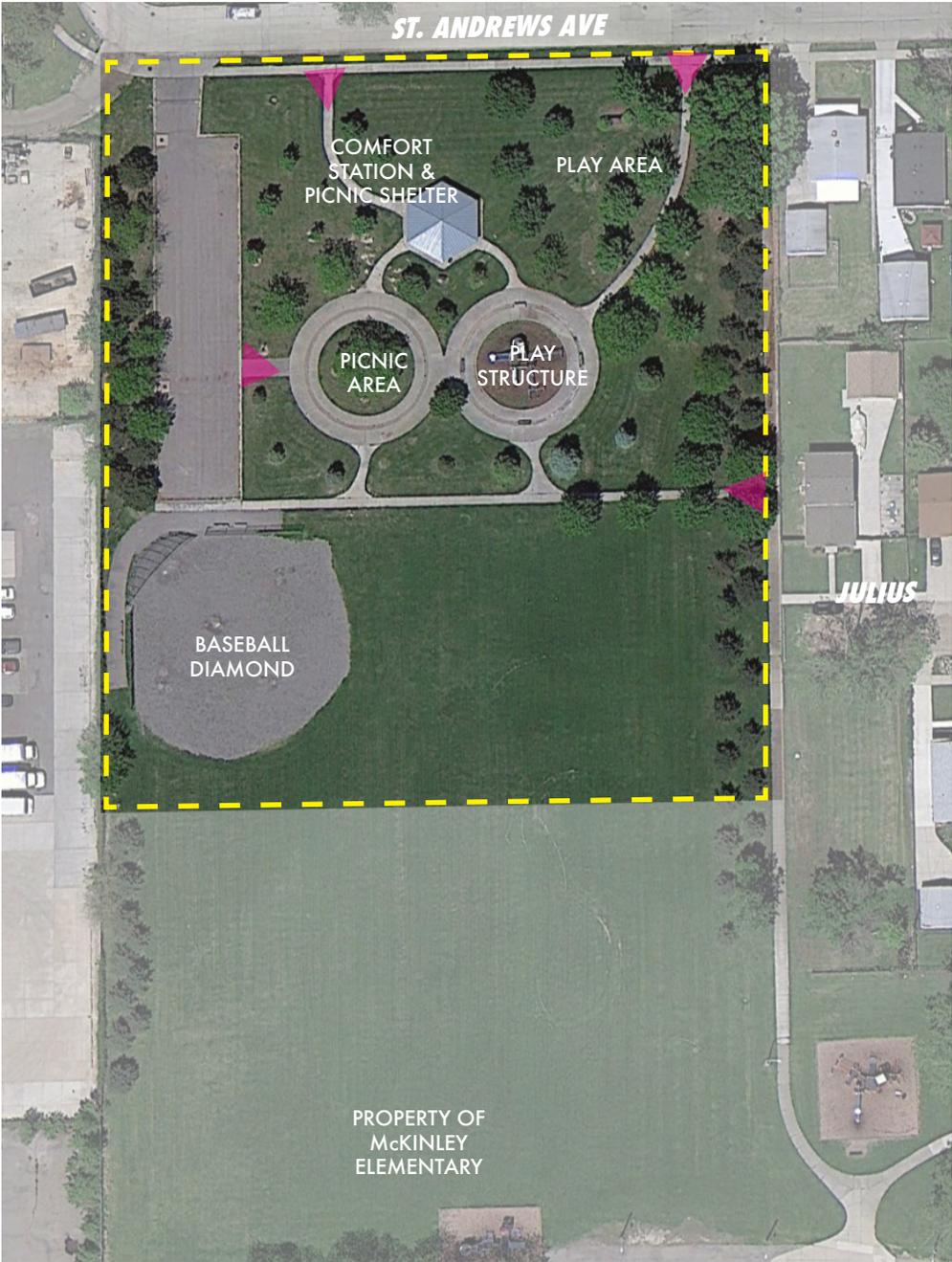
Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Winters Park is located approximately one-half mile west of Underwood Park and essentially shares the same service area as the former park. The service area of this park to the west is limited by the intervening Groesbeck Highway industrial corridor, which adjoins the park to the west.

Winters Park shares a common site with McKinley Elementary School in the Van Dyke School District. The park was totally developed utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funding. The following improvements were made: new play structure, comfort station/pavilion, ballfield, landscaping around the park, and a paved parking lot.

The parking lot at Winters Park does have two spaces with access lanes reserved for ADA parking but there is no posted signage. The comfort station at Winters Park is combined with the picnic shelter.

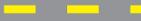


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 TH. S 89°18' W 165.95 FT. ;  
 TH. N 0°44' W 462 FT. ;  
 TH. N 89° 18' E 167.49 FT. ;  
 TH. S 0°32'40" E 462 FT. TO P.O.B. 1.889 ACRES

ALSO

COMM. AT E 1/4 POST SEC. 35; TH. S 89°18' W 1475.02 FT. ;  
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 TH. S 89°18' W 165 FT. ;  
 TH. N 0°44' W 462 FT. ;  
 TH. N 89°18' E 165 FT. ;  
 TH. S 0°44' E 462 FT. TO P.O.B. 1.867 ACRES

 PARK ENTRANCE  
 PARK BOUNDARY  
 AREA BOUNDARY



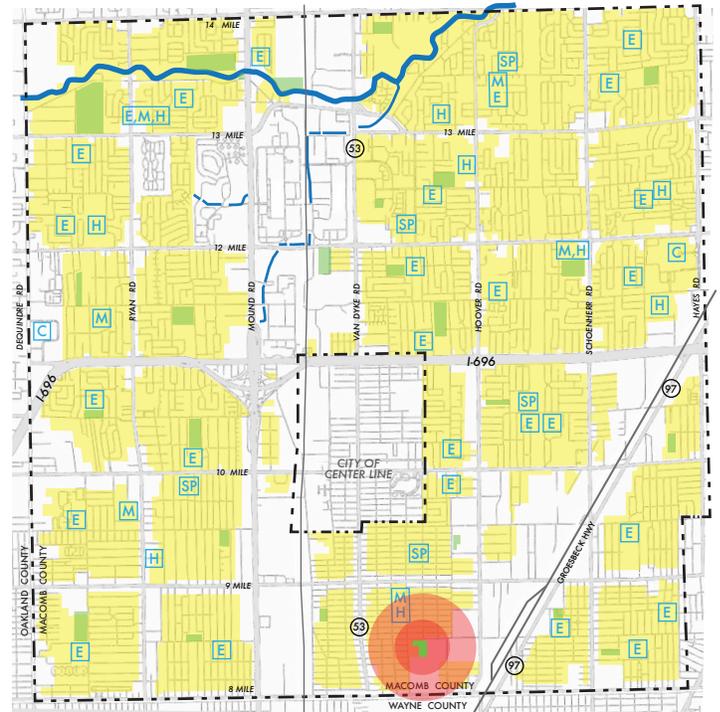
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# Wiegand Park

Neighborhood Park | 15 acres  
8700 Toepfer, Warren MI, 48089



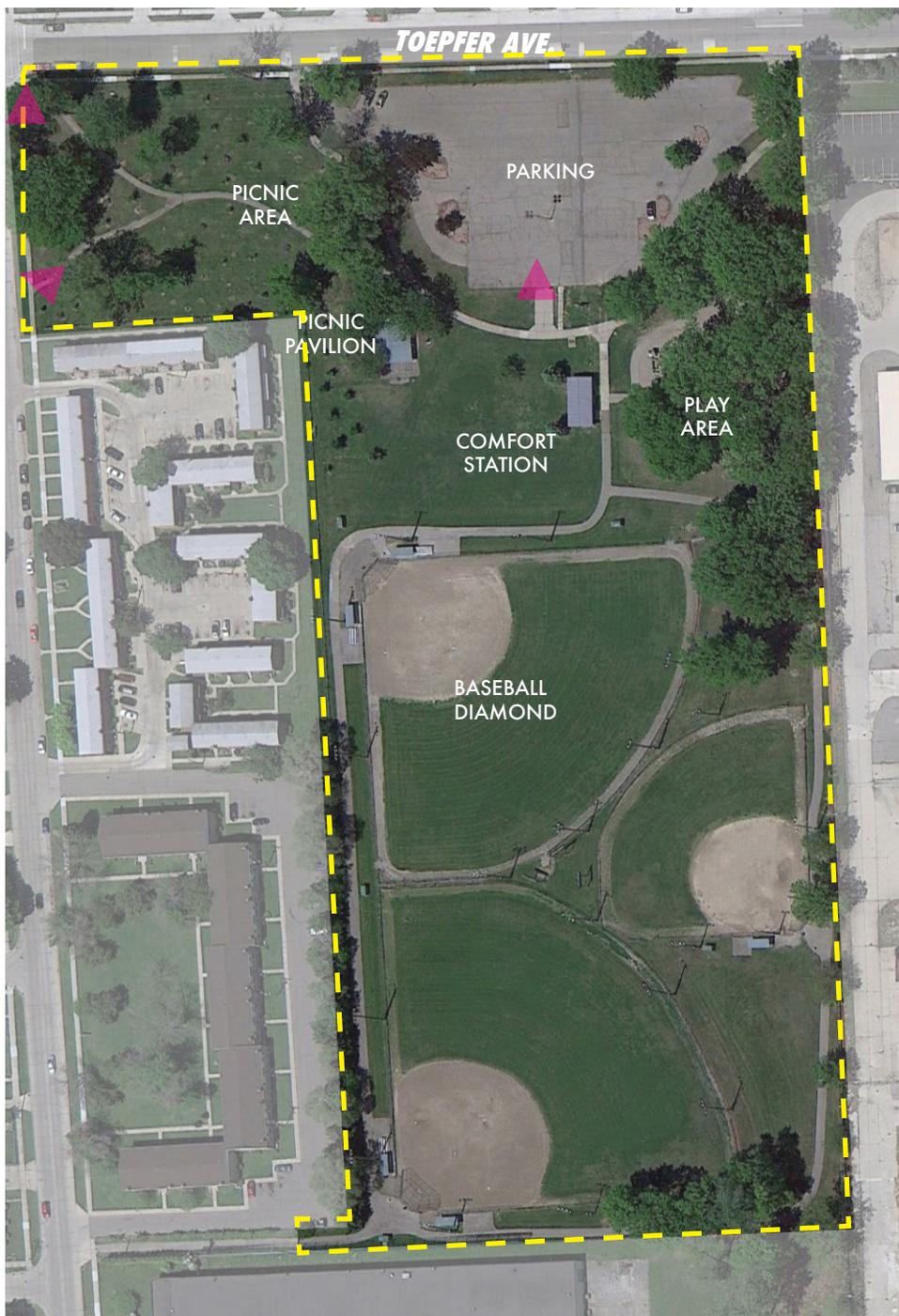
Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Wiegand Park is centrally located within its designated neighborhood service area. This park serves one of the largest populations in the city and is the City’s largest for a neighborhood park. Four existing schools are also located within Wiegand Park’s service area, none of which share a common boundary with this park, however. Wiegand Park occupies a 15-acre site and is one of the City’s largest neighborhood parks. The park’s three ball diamonds are heavily programmed.

This park features a good combination of mature vegetation and open play areas. It has a large lighted parking lot and a good variety of equipment and facilities. In the year 2000, several park improvements were completed, these include: construction of a pedestrian walking pathway, replacement of existing perimeter fencing, installation of a new large play structure, and installation of new permanent picnic tables. Community Development Block Grant monies provided funding for these improvements. The parking lot is in good shape and has ADA parking for 7 cars and 4 vans. The comfort station at Wiegand Park is typical to one found in many Warren Parks.

If there was additional vacant land around the park, this may be a suitable site for expansion into a larger community park. The absence of such additional acreage precludes this possibility from occurring. The handicapped signs in the parking lot can use posted signage displaying the International Symbol of Accessibility and specifically label van parking.



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 TH. S 01\*13'20" E 1140.88 FT;  
 TH. N 89\*54'10" W 250 FT;  
 TH. N 01\*13' W 1144.08 FT. ALG. E SIDE LINE  
 MAC ARTHUR BLVD;  
 TH. S 89\*10' E 250 FT. ALG. E & W 1/4 LINE  
 SEC. 34 TO P.O.B.;  
 EXC. N 43.04 FT; FOR TOEPFER RD.  
 1.31 ACRES

ALSO

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 FT; TH. N 89\*54'10" W 250 FT;  
 TH. N 01\*13' W 1144.08 FT. ALG. E SIDE LINE  
 MAC ARTHUR BLVD;  
 TH. S 89\*10' E 250 FT. ALG. E & W 1/4 LINE  
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 EXC. N 43.04 FT;  
 FOR TOEPFER RD. 0.11 ACRES

ALSO

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 P.O.B  
 1144.08 FT. ALG. E SIDE LINE MAC ARTHUR  
 BLVD;  
 TH. S 89\*10' E 250 FT. ALG. E & W 1/4 LINE  
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 PARK ENTRANCE  
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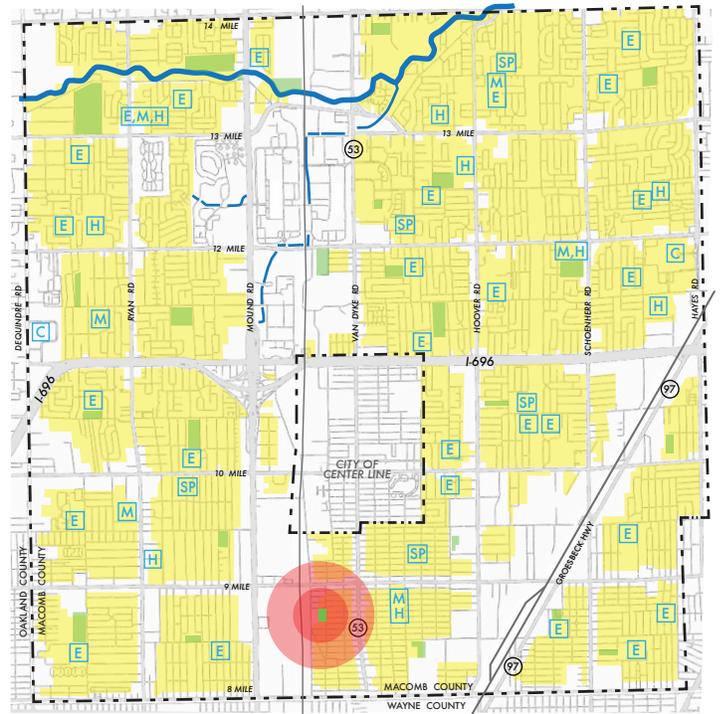
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# Groesbeck Park

Neighborhood Park | 6.9 acres  
22221 Memphis, Warren MI, 48091



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

This park serves a confined neighborhood sandwiched between the Mound Road industrial corridor to the west and Van Dyke to the east. This park is programmed and used by P.A.L., the Police Athletic League for the community. Several park improvements were completed in 1998: these included a new comfort station, a new parking lot, a paved pedestrian walking pathway, and a new large play structure. Community Development Block Grant monies provided funding for these improvements. Currently, the basketball courts need to be improved due to age and wear. The comfort station at Groesbeck Park is typical to one found in many Warren Parks.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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 LIBERTY PARK SUBDIVISION LOTS 176 TO 183;  
 LOT 184 EXC. W PART BEING 23.41 FT. ON  
 N SIDE & 24.08 FT. ON S SIDE; ALSO COMM. AT  
 N 1/4 POST SEC. 33; TH. S 0° 19' W 1233 FT.;  
 TH. S 89° 23' E 395.05 FT.; TH. S 89° 23' E 300 FT.;  
 TH. S 0° 03' E 579.12 FT.; TH. S 71° 33' 30" W 55.61 FT.;  
 TH. N 89° 33' 30" W 211.8 FT.; TH. N 0° 19' E 400.65 FT.;  
 TH. N 89° 23' W 38 FT.; TH. N 0° 19' E 197.30 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
 ALSO INCL. 1/2 OF VACATED HUDSON AVE. TO THE S.  
 4.50 ACRES

	PARK ENTRANCE
	PARK BOUNDARY
	AREA BOUNDARY

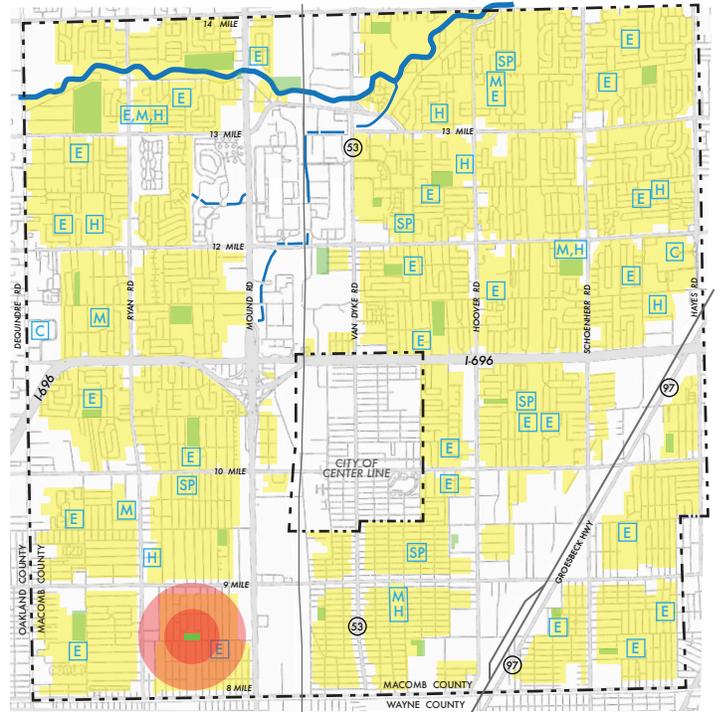
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# Altermatt Park

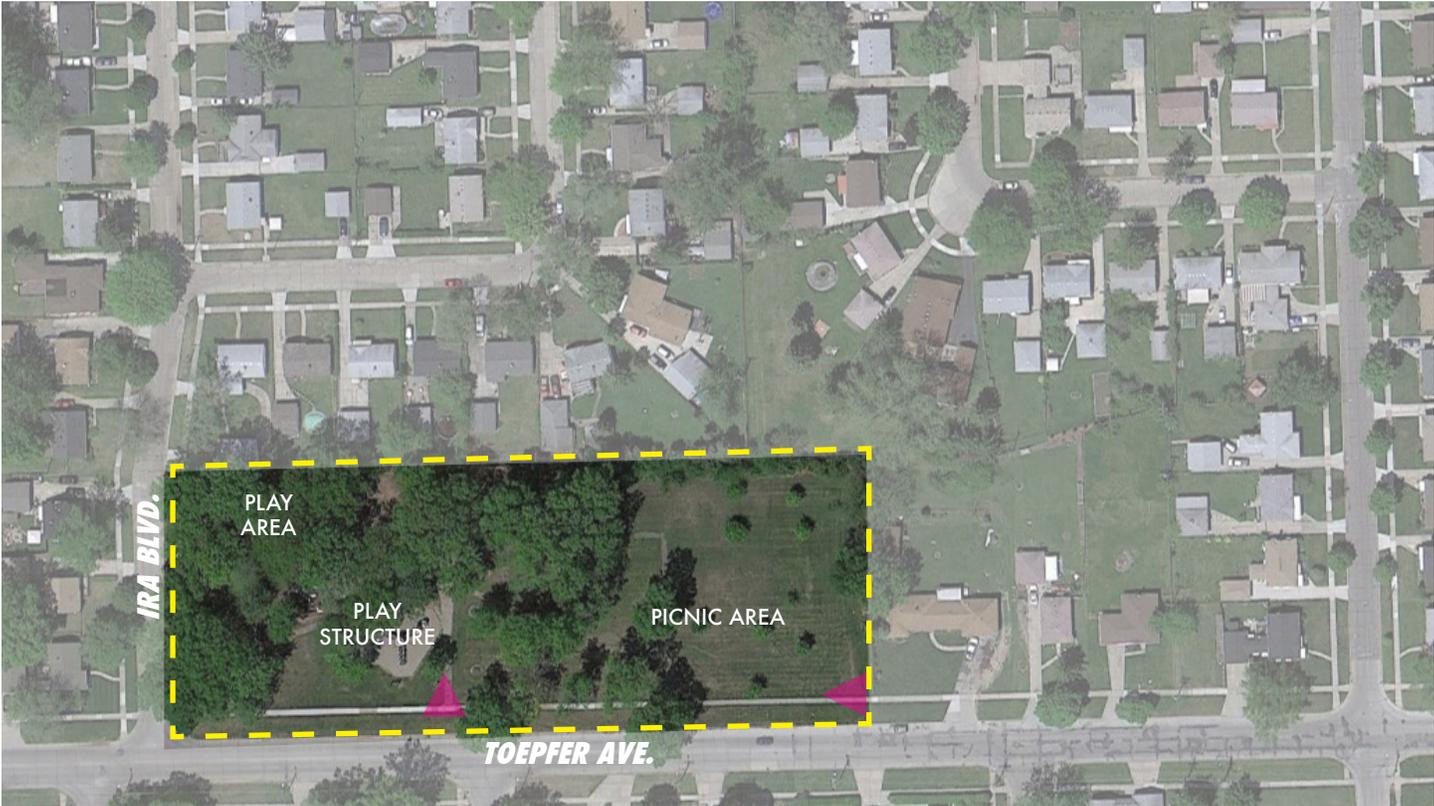
Neighborhood Park | 2.6 acres  
4811 Toepfer, Warren MI, 48091



Neighborhood service radius:  $r = 1/4$  mi.  $r = 1/2$  mi.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Altermatt Park is located on the north side of Toepfer Road and is centrally located within its designated service area. It contains play equipment and areas for picnics. This park does not contain a comfort station. The park offers a pleasant visual setting, with green space and a significant number of mature trees.



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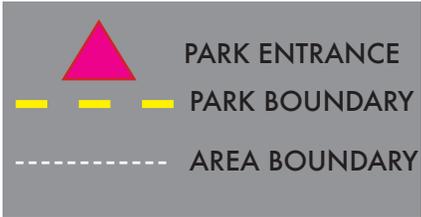
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 TH. N 200 FT.; TH. E 110 FT.; TH. S 200 FT.; TH. W 110 FT  
 ALG. N SIDE TOEPFER AVE. TO P.O.B.  
 0.51 ACRES

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 0.51 ACRES

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 WM. MASCH FARM SUB.; TH. N 89\*47' E 390 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
 TH. N 0\*39' W 243 FT.; TH. N 89\*47' E 60 FT.;  
 TH. S 0\*39' E 243 FT.; TH. S 89\*47' W 60 FT. TO  
 P.O.B., EXC. PART FOR HWY.  
 0.332 ACRES

L1332181044 COMM. AT W 14/ POST SEC. 32;  
 TH. E 2097.87 FT.; TH. N 43 FT. TO P.O.B.;  
 TH. N 200 FT.; TH. E 265 FT.; TH. S 200 FT.;  
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 1.22 ACRES

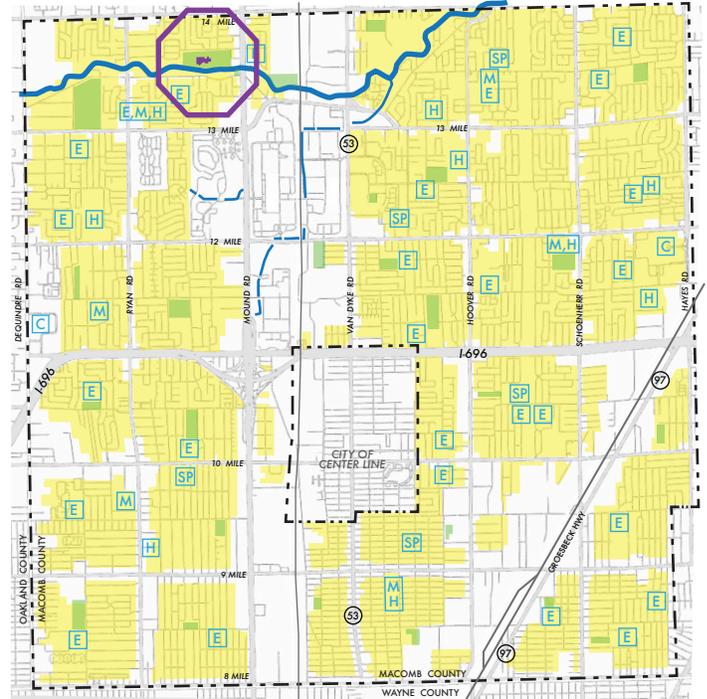
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 TH. N 89\*47' E 29.86 FT.; TH. S 0\*39' E 243 FT.; TH. S 89\*47'  
 W 29.86 FT. TO P.O.B., EXC. PART FOR HWY, SUBJECT TO  
 HARTSIG DRAIN EASEMENT OVER S 43 FT. OF W 29.86 FT.  
 0.332 ACRES





# Warren Community Center

Recreation Center  
5460 Arden, Warren MI, 48092



The Warren Community Center, located in the northwest quadrant, west of Mound Rd.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Warren Community Center is the City's indoor-outdoor recreation facility. It is located west of Mound Road between Chicago Road and 14 Mile Road on a 48.6-acre site. This facility was opened in January 2003 and was formally a high school in the Warren Consolidated School District. The Warren Community Center offers 140,000 square feet of floor area.

The main floor consists of two pools one family aquatic type with a large slide, lazy river, and a zero entry depth pool with a playground structure for children. The second pool is a more conventional type with room for open swim and lap swimming. There is also a speed slide for children ages 12-16 in a section of the second pool. The pool area also has a 24 person therapeutic whirlpool, sauna and steam room. Adjacent to the pool is a party room for children's birthday parties.

The first floor also includes one large gym, one small gym a multipurpose room which can be used as a gymnasium or banquet hall for catering weddings, showers, banquets, etc. A billiards room, craft room, and senior meeting rooms are also available. There is a fitness center, dance/exercise room and childcare center where people can leave their young children while utilizing the facility.

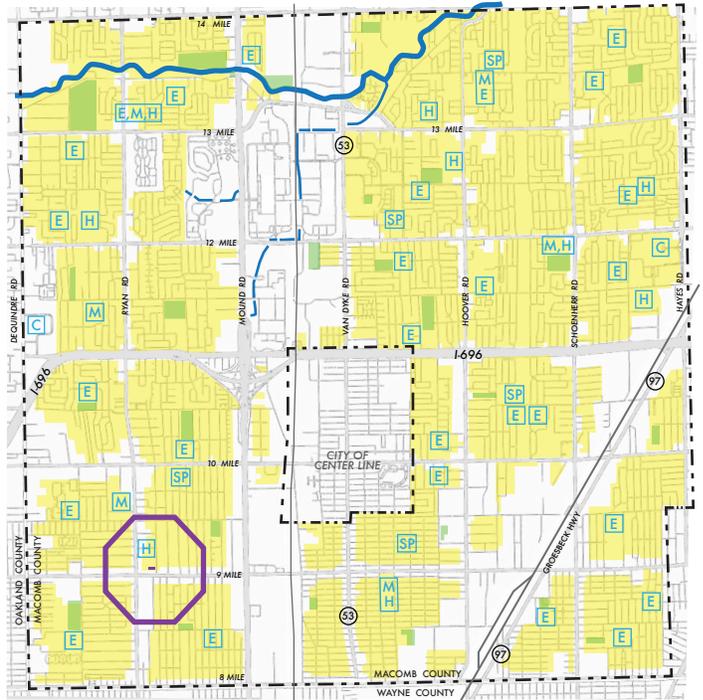
The City Library also has a branch within the Community Center. Next to the Library is a café that accommodates visitors with light snacks and refreshments. Adjacent to the café there are two courtyards totally enclosed, one with six bocce courts and the other is a passive area landscaped with park benches. The Parks and Recreation Administration Offices along with the city council offices are located on the second floor. The recreation department at this facility offers an extensive range of programs.





# Fitzgerald Recreation Center

Recreation Center  
4355 E 9 Mile Rd, Warren, MI 48091



Fitzgerald Recreation Center, located in the southwest quadrant, east of Ryan Rd.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

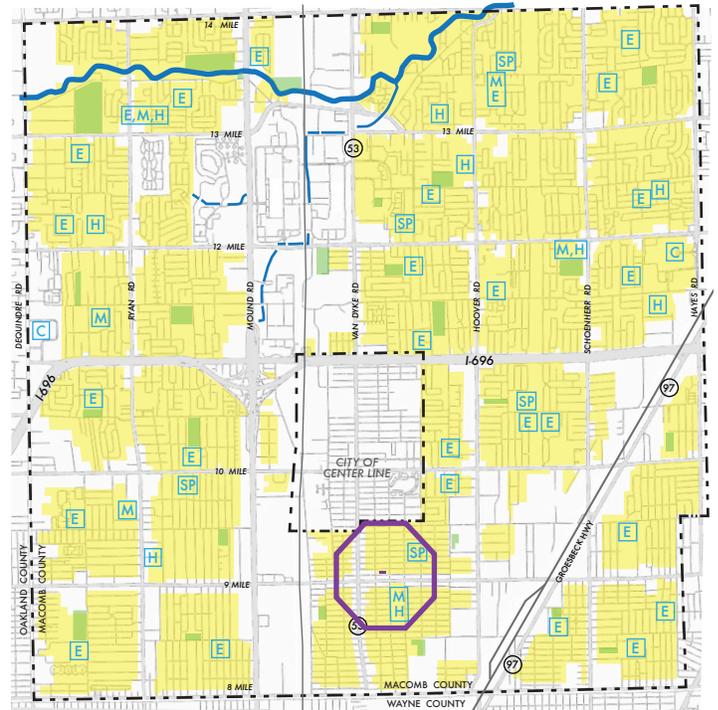
This building is owned by the Fitzgerald School District. The Recreation Department has a 25-year lease to use the property for recreation purposes. The Fitzgerald Recreation Center is a 50±-year-old structure, located at the intersection of Nine Mile Road and Ryan Road in the southwest quadrant of the City. It was renovated in 2008. Prior to this, extensive structural and mechanical improvements were made to the building including new windows, doors, plumbing and heating. The building includes a gym, stage, kitchen and meeting room.

The Fitzgerald Recreation Center is used for a combination of senior citizen and youth activities. There are a variety of weekly events that take place here, during the afternoon, geared toward senior citizens. The facility accommodates walking and other forms of exercise, cards and games. It also has a kitchen so meals can be prepared and shared. Additionally, special events like dances are geared toward senior citizens. There are also events geared toward younger children, like Wacky Wednesdays.

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# Owen Jax Recreation Center

Recreation Center | 18,418 sq. ft.  
8207 E. Nine Mile, Warren MI, 48089



Owen Jax Recreation Center, located in the southeast quadrant, east of Van Dyke rd.

## AMENITIES, PROGRAMMING & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Owen Jax Recreation Center is located on East Nine Mile Road, between Automobile and Federal Avenue, on a 3+ acre site. This facility was opened in 1991 and was formerly the site of a church. The two-story building offers 18,481 square feet of floor space. The main floor includes a large, multi-purpose meeting room, flanked on both sides by a series of smaller multi-purpose rooms. A kitchen is located at one end of the building. The second floor is occupied by a gymnasium, suitable for basketball, volleyball, and similar indoor athletic events. Activities offered at this site include arts and craft classes, athletic events for teenagers, a senior citizen drop-in center and teen center.

Since its opening this facility has been extensively programmed and used. These high activity levels demonstrate the need to expand the building to provide more space for recreation purposes. Phase two developments will enlarge the building to the east and provide for restrooms, showers, weight/fitness rooms and gymnastics.

# Analysis of Existing Facilities

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

From our observations, Warren Parks are well maintained despite aging facilities and park equipment. Many park amenities, like picnic tables, grills and benches were installed at the same time, and may lack some aspect of ADA accessibility that have since become standard. Many of the paved surfaces that serve as surfaced courts for basketball, tennis or roller hockey have significantly deteriorated and need to be removed, repaved or re-purposed.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The American with Disabilities Act requires that all citizens have access to all facilities provided by the City, regardless of physical ability. Many of the parks meet the ADA accessibility requirements. DNR Guidelines and checklists provided by the Institute for Human Centered Design and the ADA National Network were used to identify problem areas and develop strategies for park improvements. Our objective was to visit each park site and evaluate all existing site and building features that were not in compliance. From our evaluation, we provided recommendations to be implemented for each park. The Warren Parks and Recreation Department is committed to ensure safe, recreational facilities and are committed to address any existing and any accessibility issues that may arise in the future.

The Warren Parks have some areas where accessibility may be an issue: the parking lot, the path from the parking lot into the park, the comfort stations and the playground equipment. The comfort stations found in most Warren Parks are typically one of two designs. They do not display the International Symbol of Accessibility and were built prior to current ADA barrier free guidelines. However, comfort stations are normally not accessible to the public and remain locked to the public during park hours unless specifically opened by a park attendant for a rental or a special event. Typical play structures use mulch or pea stones to reduce impact from falls. To keep the pea stones confined to a certain area, raised wood barriers surround the play areas. These wooden boundaries need to be modified to allow ADA access. Many parks have tennis, basketball or roller hockey courts that are in deteriorated condition.

Many park amenities, like picnic tables, grills and benches were installed at the same time, and may lack some aspect of ADA accessibility. However, newer park facilities, such as City Square Park, the Warren Community Center and the renovated Fitzgerald Recreation Center are all compliant with ADA specifications.

# Regional Recreation Inventory

A wide variety of regional recreation opportunities are available within a short drive from the City of Warren. Recreational Facilities are provided and maintained by Macomb County, the surrounding Oakland, Wayne, Saint Clair and Lapeer Counties, the State of Michigan and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

## MACOMB COUNTY

Two parks are operated by the Macomb County Parks and Recreation Department: Freedom Hill and the Macomb Orchard Trail. Freedom Hill is located on the south side of Metropolitan Beach Parkway in Sterling Heights. This park is located on a 100+ acre site and is programmed for events like concerts and festivals. A 10,000-square foot indoor recreation center is located on site. This building is available for group picnics, receptions and other public purposes. Other recreation opportunities are at this site, including picnicking, new playscape, cross-country skiing, basketball and volleyball.

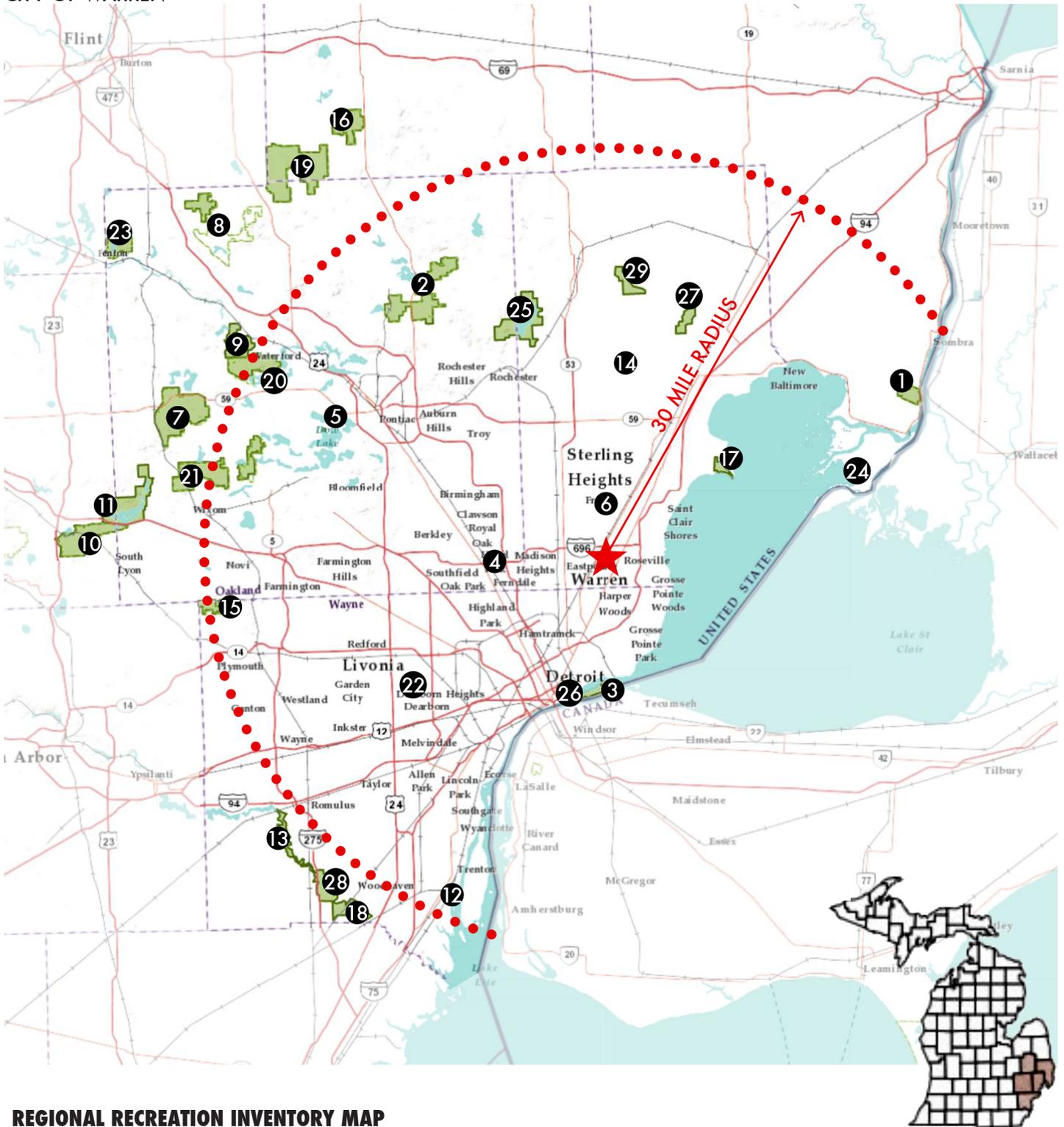
The Macomb Orchard Trail is a multi-use, non-motorized linear park spans 23.5 miles northeast across Macomb County, connecting to the Clinton River Trail. The Orchard Trail was constructed on land that was once a right-of-way for railroad tracks that is now owned by Canadian National Railway. The trail begins at 24 Mile and Dequindre Road in Shelby Township and ends at Division Rd. in Richmond Township. The Macomb County Trails Master Plan proposes a county-wide non-motorized trails system. This would connect residents of Warren to the Macomb Orchard Trail and other regional trails from their own community.

## HURON CLINTON METROPARKS

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks are a regional park system in Metro Detroit in the U.S. State of Michigan. It is operated by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA). The park system includes 13 parks totaling 24,000 acres (97 km<sup>2</sup>) arranged along the Huron River and Clinton River forming a partial ring around the metro area. Three HCMA parks are located in Macomb County: Stony Creek Metropark in Washington Township; Metro Beach Metropark in Harrison Township; and Wolcott Mill and Farm in Ray Township. Plans are in development to finish the ring by building hike/bike trails to connect all the parks as a green belt. The parks draw about 9.5 million visitors a year. These parks provide facilities for a wide range of recreational opportunities, which include picnicking, playgrounds, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, golf, court games, cross-country skiing, ice-skating, and sledding, among others.

## STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Sixteen State parks and recreation areas are located in Macomb and surrounding Wayne, Oakland, Lapeer and St. Clair counties. W.C. Wetzel State Recreation Area is the only state park or recreation area located in Macomb County. The coastal edge of Macomb, Wayne and Saint Clair Counties contain three state harbors. Additionally, seven State Game and Wildlife areas are located in these Southeast Michigan counties for additional recreational opportunities. These parks have a combined area of approximately provide a wide range of day use facilities. Common recreational opportunities available at these sites include hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, camping, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, among others.



**REGIONAL RECREATION INVENTORY MAP**

- |                                       |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 Algonac State Park                  | 11 Kensington Metropark                  | 21 Proud Lake State Recreation Area    |
| 2 Bald Mountain State Recreation Area | 12 Lake Erie Metropark                   | 22 River Rouge County Park System      |
| 3 Belle Isle                          | 13 Lower Huron Metropark                 | 23 Seven Lakes State Park              |
| 4 Detroit Zoological Park             | 14 Macomb Township Recreation Center     | 24 St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area |
| 5 Dodge Brother State Park #4         | 15 Maybury State Park                    | 25 Stony Creek Metropark               |
| 6 Freedom Hill County Park            | 16 Metamora-Hadley State Recreation Area | 26 Tricentennial State Park (Milliken) |
| 7 Highland State Recreation Area      | 17 Metro Beach Metropark                 | 27 Wetzel State Park                   |
| 8 Holly State Recreation Area         | 18 Oakwoods Metropark                    | 28 Willow Metropark                    |
| 9 Indian Springs Metropark            | 19 Ortonville State Recreation Area      | 29 Wolcott Mill Metropark              |
| 10 Island Lake State Recreation Area  | 20 Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area    |  |

**TABLE 3.3:  
REGIONAL RECREATION INVENTORY**

<b>STATE FACILITIES</b>	<b>Acrag</b>	<b>Hiking</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Fishing</b>	<b>Boating</b>	<b>Picnic</b>	<b>Golf</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Camping</b>	<b>Bike Trail</b>	<b>Snowmobiling</b>	<b>X-Country Skiing</b>	<b>Horseback Riding</b>	<b>Ice Skating</b>	<b>Playground</b>	<b>Sledding</b>	<b>Interpretive Program</b>
Algonac	1307	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X		
Bald Mountain	4637	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X		
Belle Isle		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X			X		
Dodge No.4	139		X	X	X	X					X				X		
Highland	5524	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		
Holly	7670	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X				X		
Island Lake	3466	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X				X		
Maybury	944	X		X		X				X	X	X			X		
Metamora	723	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X		
Ortonville	4875	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		
Pinckney	9994	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		
Pontiac Lake	3700	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X		X		
Proud Lake	3614	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		
Seven Lakes	1410		X	X	X	X					X	X			X		
St. Clair Flats	25463	X		X	X			X	X								
Tricentennial (Milliken)	1000			X		X											
Wetzel	900	X						X			X	X					
<b>METROPARKS</b>																	
Indian Springs	2224	X	X			X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Kensington	4337	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Erie	1590	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Lower Huron	1237	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Metro Beach	770	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X	X		X
Oakwoods	1719	X		X		X				X		X	X				X
Stony Creek	4461	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X	X	X	X
Willow	1531	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Wolcott Mill						X	X						X				X

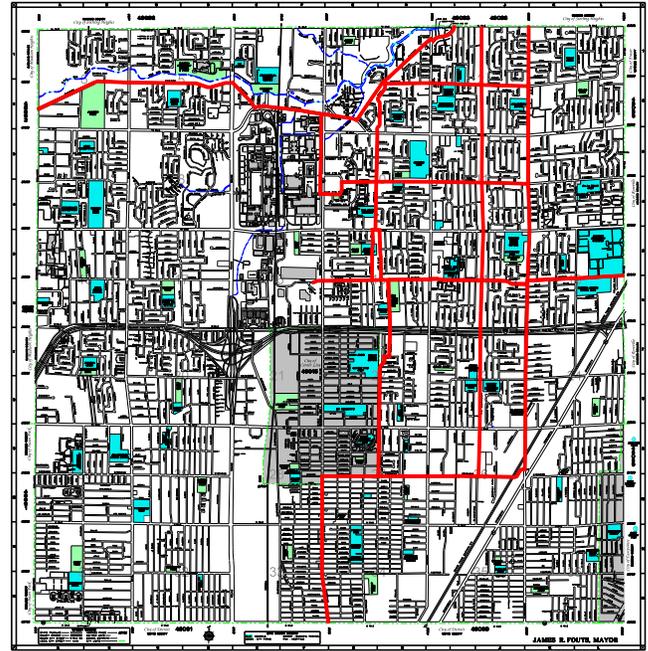
# Local and Regional Trail Inventory

## NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEM

The City of Warren and Macomb County have proposed a non-motorized trail system. Locally, bike lanes are integrated into the street-scape to create "complete streets" that safely link neighborhoods through neighborhood and community parks. Regionally, the trails will connect residents from their neighborhood in Warren to the Macomb Orchard Trail. The Macomb Orchard Trail is connected to the Oakland County Trail system for expanded connectivity.

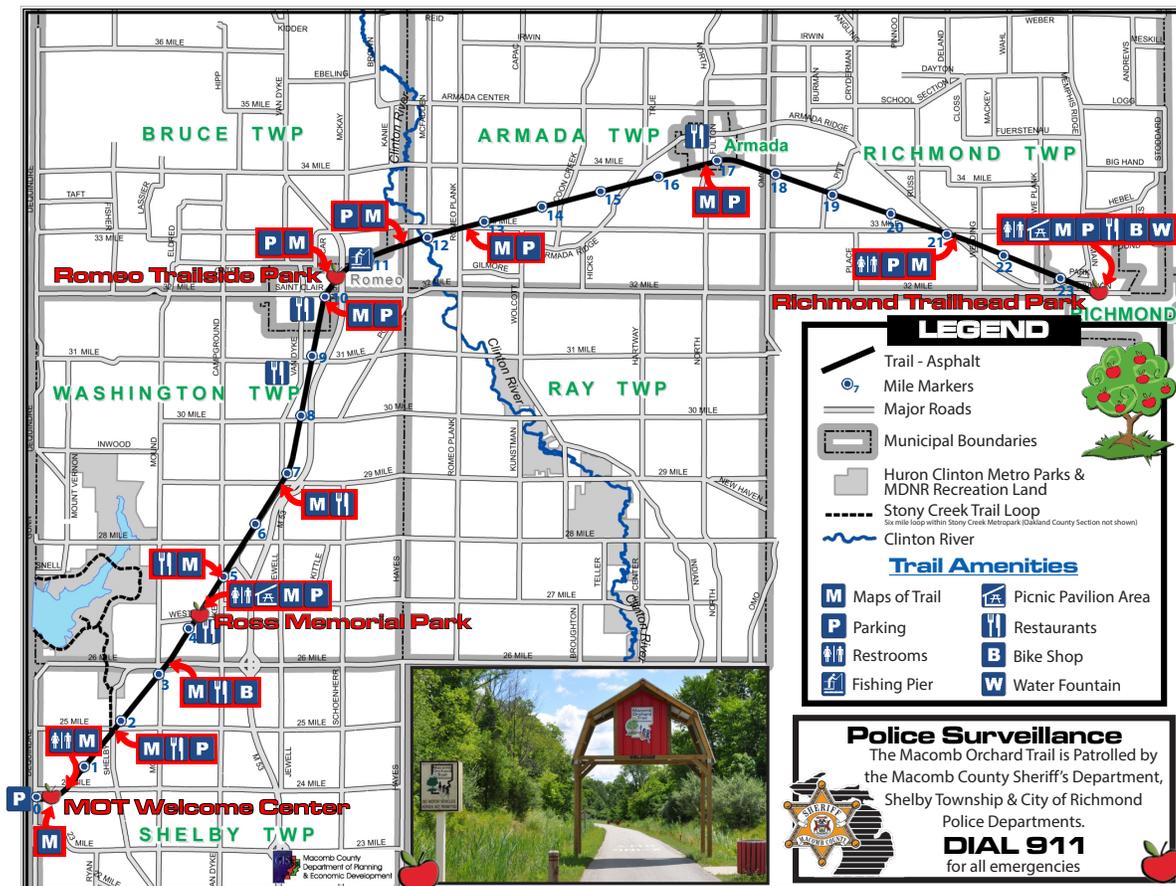
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**MAP OF PROPOSED REGIONAL TRAILS THROUGH WARREN**

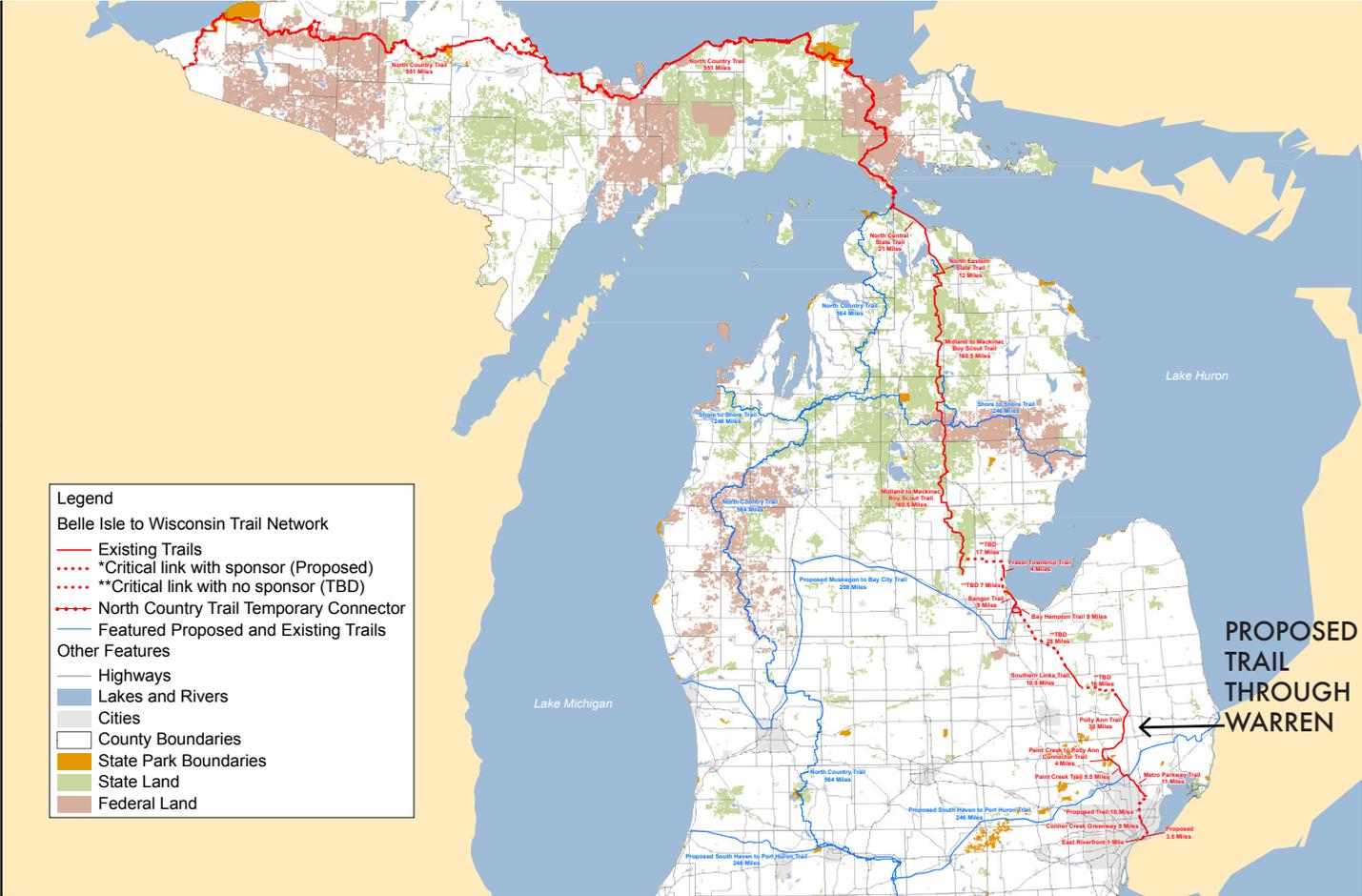


— POTENTIAL PATH

**MACOMB COUNTY ORCHARD TRAIL MAP**



**MAP OF PROPOSED REGIONAL TRAILS THROUGH MICHIGAN TO WISCONSIN**



The ultimate vision is to create a trail system that runs from Detroit’s Belle Isle park north through the upper peninsula to the state of Wisconsin. Currently, the proposed route through Warren is considered a critical piece in connecting the trail-way through Metro Detroit.

# **4** City of Warren: Public Input Process **PROGRAMS, PARKS & FACILITIES**

# Community Input

## METHODS

Preparation of the Warren Parks and Recreation Master Plan was a cooperative effort involving several sectors of the City's population, including recreation participants and those responsible for providing recreation facilities and services to City residents. The above mentioned process took place in 1991, 1997, 2003, 2007 and 2013. It is the Parks and Recreation Department's intention to primarily update all vital information to stay current for the Department of Natural Resources to meet their criteria for applying for grants. It is also the Parks and Recreation Department's intention to conduct a survey to clearly establish needs based upon grant funding availability.

## INPUT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF AND COMMUNITY OFFICIALS

The Director and Superintendent of the Warren Parks and Recreation Department coordinated the planning process.

## PUBLIC INPUT

To gain insight of the opinions and desires of the citizens and stakeholders of Warren, several opportunities were presented to the public to contribute. In order to accurately and comprehensively gauge public views on recreation issues, we sought to get public input using a variety of methods. First, a survey was created and administered on-line, at focus groups and at City municipalities. Second, focus groups were organized and set up in different locations with different interest groups. During these focus groups, interviews were conducted with representatives to provide a clearer understanding of programs and activities that can improve the Warren Parks and Recreation Program.

## FACILITIES ANALYSIS

Detailed field analysis were conducted of each City park site. The analysis included an inventory of all existing park equipment, including its condition and likely life span. Photographs of each park were also taken to visually record this information.

## REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Recreation Plan was presented at two public meetings held by the Recreation Advisory Commission and by City Council.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

In order for City of Warren Department officials to make quality decisions that improve the Warren Parks Facilities, surveys were designed to gather Warren resident's opinions and input. The goal of the Warren Parks and Recreation Department is to provide a great experience for all park users, regardless of age and ability. Hard copies of the survey were available at all Warren municipal buildings, focus groups and at the recreation centers. The surveys were distributed online via *Survey Monkey* and all Warren residents received a link to complete it through a link posted on their water bill.

The survey asks participants the frequency of their visits to the City Parks and Recreation Centers as well as their satisfaction with the performance of the Warren Parks and Recreation services. It also seeks to find out what activities and programs are being used or not and the factors that affect experience in participation or what limiting factors prevent one from participating in parks and recreation activities. Additionally, the survey asks for demographic information as to who the park users are, including age and information about physical impairments. Finally, space is provided to list any improvements that can enhance the Warren Parks experience.

# Focus Groups

## FOCUS GROUPS

The intention of the focus meeting was to get the input from as many community members as possible to help improve the experience in parks and recreation programs. The “Workshop in a Box” concept was designed to be easily implemented and replicated for future focus groups to ensure a smoothly running meeting that is consistent in process with other meetings. The documents used for the “Workshop in a Box” are provided in the appendix.

Warren Parks and Recreation Department and Team-4-Community members conducted the following focus group meetings at various locations throughout the city:

- 1/09/2014 - Parks and Recreation board members and workers at WCC.
- 1/16/2014 - Warren Kiwanis Club at DeCarlo’s Banquet Hall.
- 1/24/2014 - Senior Groups at the WCC Party Room.
- 1/27/2014 - Friends of the Warren Farmer’s Market at WCC.
- 1/28/2014 - Special Needs Groups at WCC Conference Room A.
- 1/31/2014 - Recreation Center Users at Owen Jax.
- 2/04/2014 - Warren’s Religious Leaders at WCC.
- 2/05/2014 - Principal, Steve Bigelow and student advisory group at Cousino High School.

At the first meeting, Team-4-Community presented and demonstrated the “Workshop in a Box” to the focus group participants who will help administer the “workshop” for future meetings. The “Workshop in the Box” included: signage for the meeting, a sign-in sheet to identify participants, instructions for future group leaders, a checklist for procedures and tools to conduct the meeting.

Before the meeting began, a large map was hung on the wall. After signing in, participants were asked to use Post-It notes to locate and identify their residence on the map. This helps with orientation to the parks and opens up the discussion to improve the parks and address community concerns. During the round table discussions, each member of the focus group was given two minutes to share ideas and solutions to help benefit Warren Parks. Additional input was given by other participants. The top ideas of each meeting were compiled onto a master list. During the meetings, photographs were taken to document the process.



Focus Group at DeCarlo’s Banquet Hall, 1/16/2014.



Focus Group, 1/29/2014.

SUMMARY OF FOCUS GROUPS

1/9/2014 Warren Parks and Rec Board Members and Workers- Warren Community Center

1. Expand Farmer's Market at City Square Park: more vendors, crafts and ethnic festivals
2. City Bike Paths: local connect to regional
3. Smart Parks: wifi in parks
4. Add a Skate Park
5. Expand Activities for seniors- popular currently: pickle ball, table tennis, bocce ball
6. Swimming lane expansion in the WCC pool

1/16/2014 Warren Kiwanis Club- De Carlo's

1. WCC: Re-stripe parking spaces in library parking lot
2. Bicycle Paths: Interconnected through parks
3. Updated comfort stations
4. More concerts and festivals
5. Recycling in all parks and Double amount of trash receptacles
6. Upgrade the field turf at WCC
7. WiFi throughout Parks (and entire city)
8. Farmer's Market: expand to increase traffic
9. Theatre in Park "Shakespeare @ the Square"
10. Expand Marketing to other communities

1/24/14 Senior Citizen Groups - WCC

1. Bike Path to tie city parks in with regional metro parks
2. Hand sanitizers in parks
3. Little League Baseball affiliations
4. Expand fitness center
5. More trash receptacles in parks
6. Kettle bells in fitness center
7. Outdoor Pickle Ball Courts
8. ADA Door at west entrance of WCC
9. Keep Warren Farmers Market open year round, create a structure that allows this and can provide other amenities like a coffee or sandwich shop.
10. Ethnic Festivals at City Square Park
11. More parking at WCC, wider parking spaces
12. Update lighting in multi-purpose room at WCC
13. Sprinkler/Splash parks
14. More walking paths

1/27/14 Farmer's Market - WCC

1. Improved ADA access to parks
2. Ethnic Festivals dedicated to minorities
3. Invite food trucks
4. Develop Kraft Park
5. More Winter Activities at City Square park, including fireplace or tent or warming hut
6. Gun Range and Firearms educational program
7. Fishing Ponds (Bates Park)
8. Landscaped walking and hiking paths
9. Improved way-finding from park to park
10. Healthy living/cooking programs and commercials to promote Warren Farmers Market
11. Friends of Warren Farmers Market Memberships

1/28/14 Special Needs Community - WCC Conference Room

1. Improve Security in parks using lights or cameras or patrols of volunteers, specifically, Halmich Park, by the soccer fields in summer evenings
2. Fitness center for kids: new activities like a bounce house
3. Expand social activities for special needs kids: dances, sports, fitness, special Olympics, karaoke
4. Busse Park: Transform or remove Tennis Courts
5. More accessible parks for dogs: promote/advertise for Burdi Dog park, regulate non-dog parks
6. Remove old signage at Halmich Park
7. Re-open outdoor pool at Veterans Park
8. Update Comfort Stations
9. Field Trips: provide transportation and tickets to Tigers Baseball Games
10. Integrate awareness to special needs into recreation facilities
11. Create a nature center with educational components
12. Use volunteers to help govern parks
13. One outdoor park dedicated to ADA facilities: Field of Dreams

1/31/14 Owen Jax Focus Group

1. Field Trips for Recreation Center users to places like the Detroit Institute of Arts or the Henry Ford Museum
2. Clear visibility from homes or roads into parks to increase security
3. Find ways to better spread information about activities
4. Reactivate the outdoor pool at Veteran's Park
5. Improve visibility of postings that promote programs and events at Owen Jax

2/4/14 Religious Community Focus Group

1. Underwood Park and Winters Park have a neighborhood watch group that would like to see more organized activities in these parks
2. Possibility to schedule church services in the parks
3. Churches can have picnics in parks to feed neighbors and to get acquainted
4. Get wi-fi in the parks
5. Add an amphitheater in one of the parks, possibly one that is more isolated from residential development
6. Open up restrooms in parks more often
7. Upgrade or renovate restrooms in the parks
8. Possibly sell some of the park land that does not get a lot of use and use the revenue to upgrade other parks
9. Get more people involved in fixing up parks through schools
10. Get the churches to organize activities or develop programs to help improve parks
11. Expand the hours of the farmers market
12. Have Parks and Recreation department go out to churches and promote programs
13. Send informational letter out to all home-owners asking them to keep an eye out for the parks
14. Look at more advertising to generate revenue from the parks (banners/signs)
15. Look into expanding the ice ring at city square
16. Look into the possibility of opening an indoor ice rink

2/5/14 Cousino High School Focus Group

1. Work with school sports programs to offer fitness programs during the offseason, use parks to host training camps
2. Add open volleyball to the WCC schedule for girls VB teams to practice
3. Offer a "teen night" at facilities with different themes
4. Run a "Powder Puff" Football league through Parks and Recreation Department
5. Offer a teen swim night at the WCC
6. Use student organizations like NHS, leadership or student council to distribute information about Parks and Recreation

7. Offer different types of teen parties: ie. Black Light
8. Run a haunted house through the Parks and Rec Department
9. Run teen dances involving all schools in Warren at the WCC
10. Have the Warren Birthday Bash dedicate days to different age groups: kids, teens and adults
11. Set up an advisory committee out of the high schools to meet periodically and discuss their interests with the Warren Parks and Recreation Department
12. Schedule staff in the parks in the parks in the evening to make a fun and safe environment for teens
13. Add a paint-ball facility run through the Parks and Recreation department
14. Sledding hills
15. Outdoor community pool
16. Indoor ice skating rink

# Survey Results

The Warren Parks and Recreation Department and the Department of Natural Resources required a survey as a means to collect input from as many Warren Residents as possible. The full extent of the data collected and copies of the surveys are available in the appendix.

## DISTRIBUTION

The survey was distributed both online and through physical copies at the Warren Recreation Center, Municipal Offices and Focus Groups. The Online survey was hosted by Survey Monkey and available through links sent out to all Warren Residents with their printed water bill and also through links posted on Facebook. Seventeen (17) respondents to the "Other" category noted that they took the survey online, through Facebook, or links from www.cityofwarren.org.

## WARREN PARK USE

Based on the survey results, some parks are frequented more by Warren Residents. Halmich Park and City Square Park are the most frequented parks. At Halmich Park, 87% of respondents indicated they visited at least once in the last year and 23% of respondents indicated that they visited the park more than a dozen times. This park is heavily programmed with recreation sports. At City Square Park, 80% of respondents visited the park at least once with nearly 22% of respondents reporting they visited the park more than a dozen times. City Square Park is home to many seasonal special events and the Warren Farmers Market.

### Most Frequently Used Parks:

- Halmich Park
- City Square Park
- Butcher Park
- Veteran's Memorial Park
- Licht Park

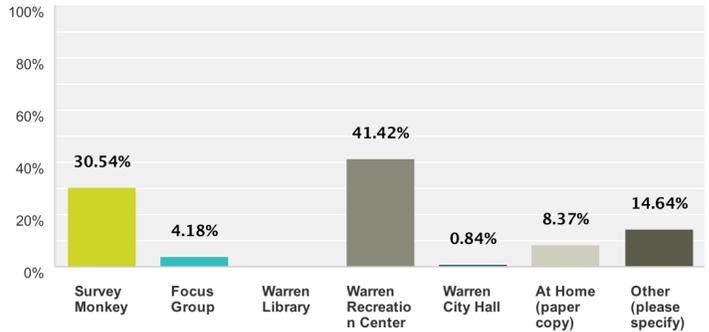
### Moderately Used Parks:

- Miller Park
- Eckstein Park
- Wiegand Park
- Rinke Park
- Burdi Park

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS IN PARKS

Results of the survey indicate that Warren Residents who responded to the survey report are satisfied with Programs and Events in the parks: 52% of respondents indicating "very good" and 46% reporting they are "satisfied." The results suggest that most residents are satisfied with the performance of Warren Parks and Recreation Services as they relate to: beauty, wildlife & nature, facilities, safety and cleanliness. However, more than 15% listed the safety and security of Warren Parks as poor, with 40% listing them as "very good." 91% respondents also indicated satisfaction with both the park facilities (including playground equipment and picnic tables), and cleanliness in parks, with about 40% listing them as "very good." About 10% listed these as "poor." Safety and security in the parks seems to be the largest concern with 15% indicating them as poor and only 30% listing them as very good. 55% of respondents were satisfied with safety and security in the parks.

**FIGURE 4.1:  
WHERE DID YOU COMPLETE THIS SURVEY**



**FIGURE 4.2:  
HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WARREN PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES?**



RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Warren Parks and Recreation Department offers many different programs for residents to engage in. Among the most popular are the Farmer’s Market at City Square Park, where nearly 60% of residents indicated that they attend. Also, the aquatic center at the Warren Community Center attracted 52% of respondents in the last year. Nearly 40% of respondents have participated in one of the many special events hosted by Warren Parks and Recreation. Nearly 30% of Warren households indicated someone is involved in youth sports programs or swim lessons. About 20% of Warren households reported they are involved in Senior Citizen Activities or classes, water exercise programs, fitness programs or the civic theatre. Several respondents wrote in that they participate in special needs programs.

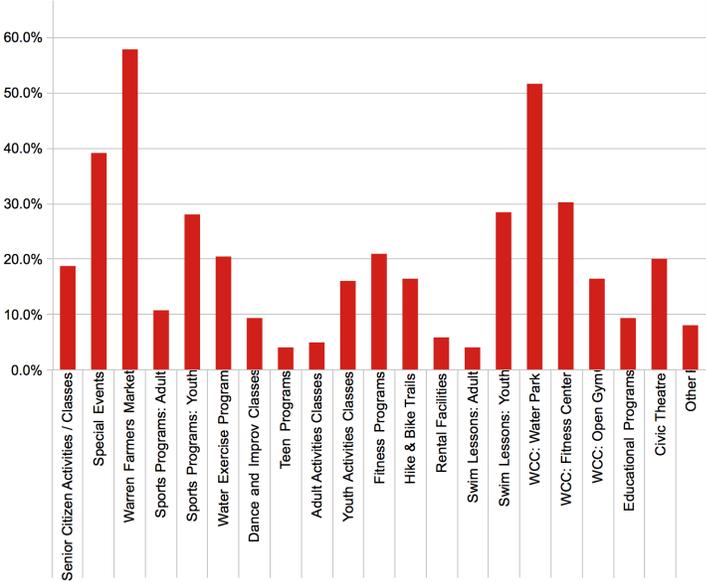
ACTIVITIES IN PARKS

The usage of parks is never static and it is important to know how Warren households are currently using their parks and recreation centers. Playgrounds, recreation centers and the aquatic centers all receiving more than 50% of responses indicating that they were used. Picnic Shelters were also among popular activities, with 40% of respondents indicating use. The other activities that were listed by 30% to 40% of residents as activities they use were the park pavilions and shelter, baseball diamonds, hiking and walking, and special events.

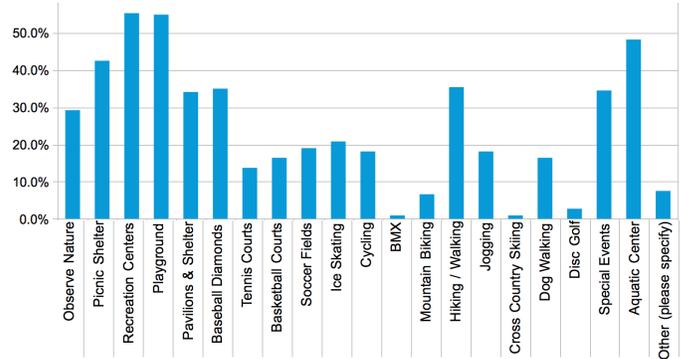
PARTICIPATION

The survey looked for indicating the factors that prevent Warren residents and their family members from participating in parks and recreation activities. While many respondents were not interested in participating, 45% responded that they were unaware or did not know about programs. Other prohibitive factors are inconvenient days and times for the programs and the cost of participating in activities. 22% indicated that the location of the park, the cost of activities or the activities do not meet their needs as “unimportant.”

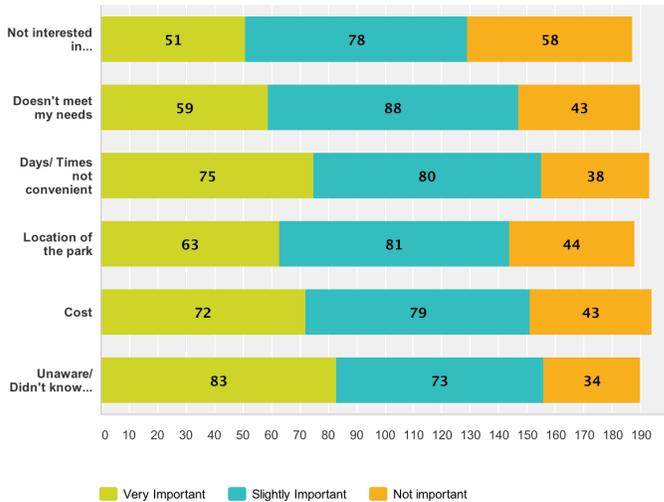
**FIGURE 4.3:  
PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**



**FIGURE 4.4:  
PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION**



**FIGURE 4.5:  
FACTORS PREVENTING PARTICIPATION IN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION**



FACTORS INFLUENCING PARK USE

When asked to rate the importance of factors that affect the overall experience of participating in Warren Parks and Recreation activities and programs, Safety and Security received the greatest response with 90% of respondents listing this issue as “very important.” Cleanliness was deemed by 88% of respondents as very important, as was Overall Maintenance with 82% response. Overall Beauty was listed Very Important by 72% of respondents. Distance from home and ease of access was Very Important to 66% of respondents and The Facilities were very important to 65%.

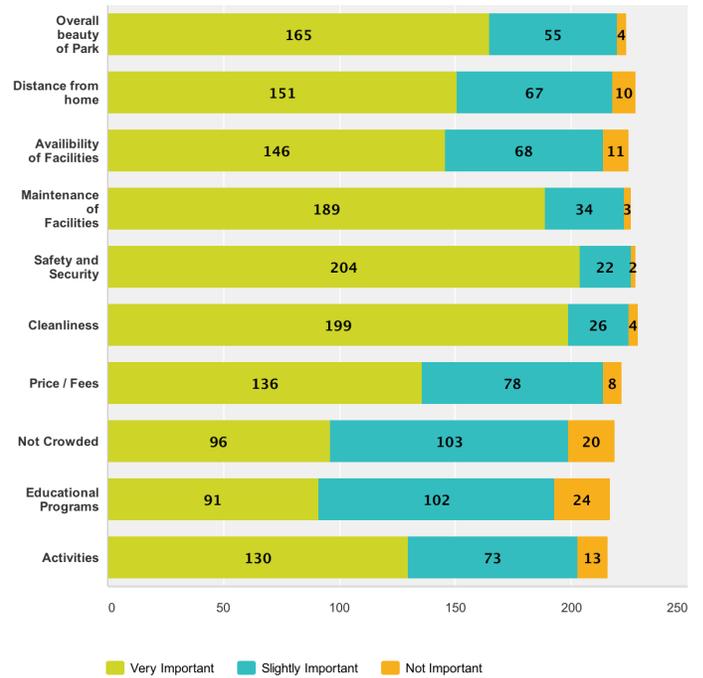
WARREN RECREATION CENTER USE

Of the recreation centers, The Warren Community Center is the busiest, with over 96% of respondents reporting that they visited at least once and over 60% visiting more than a dozen times, with only 8 respondents reporting that they never visited the WCC in the last year. 48% of respondents reported that they visited the Owen Jax Recreation Center at least once, while only about 16% of residents visited the Fitzgerald Recreation Center at least one time.

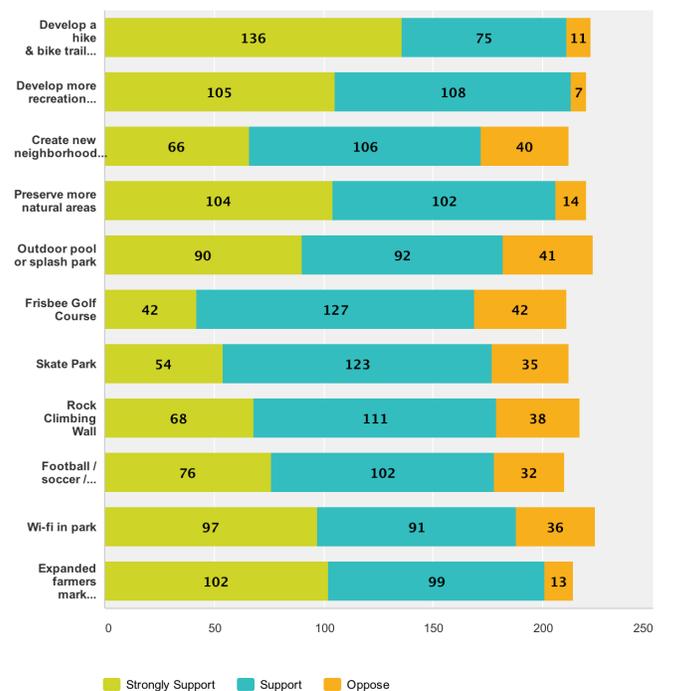
FACTORS INFLUENCING PARK USE

Most of the people who were surveyed expressed interest in a hike and bike trail system between parks and other communities. Developing more recreation opportunities and preserving more natural areas are also highly favorable among most respondents.

**FIGURE 4.6:**  
**FACTORS AFFECTING OVERALL EXPERIENCE WITH PARKS AND RECREATION WITH ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS**



**FIGURE 4.7:**  
**SUPPORT FOR FUTURE ENDEAVORS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



**PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

As public and private partnerships are increasingly used to support parks and other community amenities, the survey asked Warren residents if they would be more likely to visit or patronize any local business that support Warren Parks and Recreation facilities, programs and maintenance. 69% indicated yes, they would be more likely to patronize these businesses, 25% said maybe and 7% said they would not be any more likely.

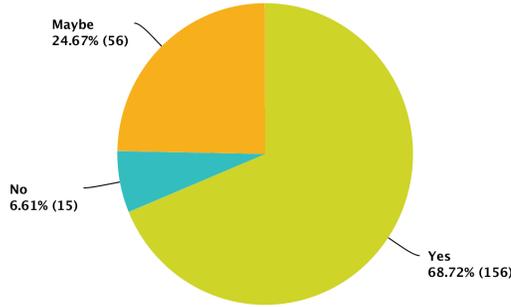
**SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS**

In attempts to reach out to residents that have physical impairments that limits their ability to participate in recreational activities, 35 responded. Of the 35 respondents, 77% noted a mobility impairment, 20% specified a hearing impairment, and 20% specified a low-vision impairment.

**MARKETING**

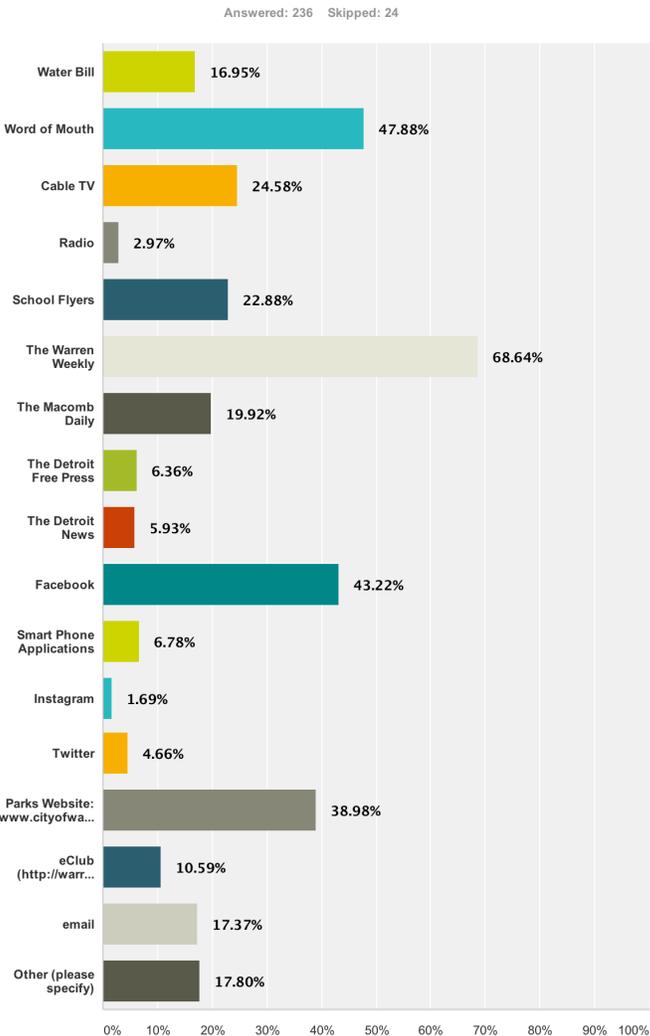
Finally, the survey aimed to find out the best way to help Warren residents stay informed about Warren parks and recreation events. Respondents were allowed to select methods as they needed. The Warren Weekly was selected by 69% of respondents, while "word of mouth" was selected by 48% of respondents. Facebook was selected by 43% and the Warren Parks website was selected by 39%. Many people wrote that the Warren Newsbeat was a good way to stay informed.

**FIGURE 4.8:  
SUPPORT FOR FUTURE ENDEAVORS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



**FIGURE 4.9:  
BEST WAYS FOR RESIDENTS TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT PARKS AND REC EVENTS**

Please check any of the following ways that the Warren Parks and Recreation Department helps you stay informed about upcoming programs, activities and events:



# **5 Goals & Objectives: RECREATION DEFICIENCIES AND NEEDS, ACTION PLAN & RECOMMENDATIONS**

## RECREATION DEFICIENCIES AND NEEDS

The main purpose of this chapter of the Warren Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to evaluate the City's existing and long-term recreation needs. Several techniques are commonly used for assessing recreation needs. Because of the scale of the City's recreation program and the large numbers of persons being served, there is a need to consider recreation needs from as many perspectives as possible.

Therefore, the following techniques are used:

- Community survey of recreation demand and existing use patterns
- Focus Groups with various members of the community including but not limited to: sports organizations, elementary, middle, and high school students, seniors, community leaders, persons with disabilities, advocacy organizations and the community at large
- Comparisons to accepted national park and recreation planning standards
- Detailed field surveys of each of the City's recreation facilities, including evaluations of the conditions at each site
- Interviews with school district officials to assess the relationship between recreational activities offered by the City and the school districts
- Discussions between City departments and community leaders using the community information and setting an action plan to best serve the City of Warren in the years to come

Collectively, this analysis provides a good understanding of both the short and long-term recreation needs facing the City. It also provides a practical basis for developing programs and strategies to comprehensively address these needs on a systematic basis.

The City of Warren Parks and Recreation Department commissioned Team 4 Community L3C to gather information from Warren Residents in order to evaluate their short-term and long-term recreational needs and use this information to update the City's Recreation Master Plan.

The objectives of this study include:

- Assessing the current participation in activities and compare these findings with previous surveys
- Evaluate current use of City's recreation facilities
- Determine resident's satisfaction with recreational facilities, parks and activities
- Identify unmet recreational needs and wants for the residents of Warren
- Determine existing sources for information and potential sources
- Look at what benefits are obtained through participation in Warren's Parks and Recreation Department.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In the broadest sense, a Recreation Plan should offer the community a series of guidelines or recommendations for making consistent and rational public decisions regarding the delivery of recreation programs and facilities. Goals and objectives, in the context of recreation planning, should be the guiding influence in determining the nature and extent of future park acquisition, development, administrative, and programming actions. They should be idealistic to the extent that they provide a desirable condition to strive towards. However, in order to be reasonably capable of being achieved, the goals must be tempered by the recognition of financial, social, physical, and political realities. Successful policy should further recognize the evaluation of the community's recreation system and their relationship of this system to relevant demographic characteristics.

Warren's recreation needs of today are far different than they were in the mid-1950s when the City was entering a period of explosive population and housing growth. The City's population peaked almost three decades ago. Today, the City is characterized by a declining population base, a higher percentage of senior citizens, closing school sites and a land area that is nearly fully developed. Still, the City of Warren has the third largest population in the state of Michigan. Therefore, creating a sustainable Parks and Recreation department must utilize a policy of consideration and maximization of existing resources with modest expansion where opportunities present themselves. The need for publicly provided recreation opportunities is no less today than it was in previous decades. The characteristics of this need have changed significantly, and therefore, must reflect in the following statements of recreation policy and is subsequently developed plans intended to implement these policies.

### OVERALL PLAN GOAL

1. Enhance and increase the quality of life for Warren residents by providing a full range of recreation facilities and programs to meet their needs.

### EXISTING FACILITIES

1. Maximize the use of all existing City park sites.
2. Expand and upgrade the range of recreation opportunities available at each park.
3. Adhere to high maintenance standards for all City parks.
4. Improve the visual quality of all parks by undertaking a continuous landscaping program.
5. Prepare a capital improvement program for each existing park site, identifying equipment that should be replaced or added, including a yearly improvement schedule.

### NEW FACILITIES

1. Acquire and develop one or more new community park sites serving the southern half of the City.
2. Expand existing park sites, where possible, by acquiring land from school districts when existing schools are closed and sold.
3. Develop a bicycle/ pedestrian path linking the City's recreation facilities to regional recreational sites.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Monitor and adjust program offerings to reflect changing preferences and the demographic characteristics of Warren's population.
2. Offer both passive and active recreation programs, instructional programs, sports leagues, special events, and programs designed for residents with special needs.
3. Increase exposure to Recreation Department Programs and facilities by regularly publishing program offerings and special events available from the City.
4. Establish a regular mechanism to solicit citizen input on Recreation Department programs.
5. Encourage continued cooperation between the Parks and Recreation Department and school districts serving the City regarding the use of school facilities.
6. Clarify the policy of the local school districts regarding the use of school facilities by the Warren Parks and Recreation Department, including wider use of school facilities by the city, as well as City control of all ball diamonds and play fields.

7. Encourage the reuse of vacant school buildings for recreation purposes.
8. Establish a long-term financing plan, including a projection of needed capital expenditures to be made over time.
9. Peruse all possible funding sources for capital improvements, operations and maintenance.
10. Charge reasonable customer fees, whenever possible or feasible, to support existing programs.

## RECREATION ACTION PLAN

The City of Warren operates a comprehensive and extensive parks and recreation program, which is one of the primary providers of recreation services to Warren residents. Warren's park sites were originally acquired and developed during the City's major growth periods which occurred in the 1950s and 1960's. During these two decades, Warren was one of Michigan's fastest growing communities.

Today, Warren faces significantly different challenges and needs than 40 or 50 years ago. Residential, commercial and industrial development has left little remaining suitable land for recreation purposes. Further, declines in the City's overall population, the changing demographic characteristics for City residents, and the closing of many school sites all combine to influence the availability and delivery of recreation services.

The primary purposes of the Recreation Plan is to assess how these changes impact the Recreation Department. Preceding chapters documented the changing characteristics of the City's population, the availability of existing recreation facilities and programs and future needs based on the community survey, an examination of each park site, and interviews with school officials. Based on this analysis, the following Action Plan is offered to address these needs on both a short and long-term basis.

The Action Plan considers each element of the City's recreation program, including neighborhood and community parks, indoor facilities, administration, programming, financing, and relationship to other recreation providers. Specific recommendations are offered for each of these subjects. Each recommendation is followed by a detailed description of the proposed action. Each of the following recommended improvements is based upon needs or deficiencies cited in previous Chapters.

**RECOMMENDATION 1: Prevent the loss of additional neighborhood-level recreation opportunities and acquire neighborhood park sites, where necessary, in those neighborhoods that are served by neither a park nor elementary school site.**

Warren's 27 parks occupy more than 200 acres of land and are distributed across the City's 34-1/2 square mile area. Between the existing neighborhood parks, the community parks, the recreation centers and the school sites, most of the City's residential areas are well served. As schools are closed or re-purposed, the inventory of open space and recreation sites will be diminished. Therefore, the City should maintain close relationships with the school districts that serve Warren. The City should always consider the acquisition of the school site or a portion of the site if it is financially feasible.

**RECOMMENDATION 2: Maximize the use of amenities at certain parks that are heavily programmed. Let some of smaller, neighborhood parks serve as open space with fewer amenities.**

When Warren's parks were developed, an effort was made to provide similar types of recreation facilities at each site. As a result, most parks include playground equipment, tennis courts or baseball diamonds, comfort stations, grills and picnic tables. Many of the activities were oriented toward younger children. Today, the characteristics of Warren's population no longer have the same needs and desires from a park. Therefore, some of these parks no longer adequately address the needs of park users. Many of the City's older parks contain equipment that is outdated, worn out and need to be removed or replaced.

In 1992, the Parks and Recreation Department replaced or purchased all of the playground structures that were in physical decline. It is no longer sustainable to replace and maintain all of the old equipment at all of the park sites. While the parks department does a good job maintaining aging equipment, some equipment needs to be removed and funding may not be available to replace it all. Some suggestions include resurfacing tennis courts or converting them into basketball or roller hockey courts. Many courts are rarely used for tennis, as Recreation Department Tennis programs are run through the schools.

In the parks that are less frequented, perhaps some aging equipment could be removed and not replaced. Some of these parks are an amenity to the neighborhood by simply providing open, green space. Further, health and fitness is emphasized at all ages so many sites may benefit from paved walkway systems. This can benefit a wide range of the City's population.

Many parks will benefit from a continuing landscape program. This is very important to designate park entrances and provide buffers areas at park boundary lines when sites abut single family homes.

**RECOMMENDATION 3: Maximize the use of the indoor recreation facilities available in the City.**

The Parks and Recreation Department operates four (4) indoor recreation facilities. The Fitzgerald Recreation center was renovated in 2008, completing extensive structural and mechanical improvements to the building. The Owen Jax Recreation Center has been extensively programmed and used since its opening. Future developments for this site would enlarge the building to the east and provide new restrooms, showers, weight/fitness rooms and gymnastics. The Warren Community Center is heavily programmed and used. It also contains a café and a library. Additional parking would be helpful to accommodate any future growth on the site.

**RECOMMENDATION 4: Increase the amount of money available for recreation programs and facilities, especially capital investments in park improvements.**

**Special Millages:** In 1992, the City of Warren approved one mill set as a millage specifically for parks and recreation. This has provided a stable budget for recreation. Special millage may also be used to finance specific recreation related activities. The amount of money raised through a millage is based on the assessed value in the community. For example, one mill, which is equal to 1/10 of a cent, would raise one dollar for each 1,000 dollars of assessed value per parcel of taxable land in the City.

**User Fees:** Municipalities often charge user fees to cover the cost of providing various recreation activities and programs. Fees are charges for instructional classes or athletic events. These fees help defray the cost of providing specific programs or events or for related administrative expenses. **Donations:** Donations of land, equipment, and services are used occasionally to supplement existing recreation programs. Donations are often useful for meeting a specific or short-term need, but should not be relied on for long-term needs. **Public/private partnerships or sponsorship programs:** Local corporations and businesses can be a source of funding for specific projects. This type of symbiotic relationship is mutually beneficial. The business gets noticed for giving back to the community and the parks are able to benefit from their support.

**RECOMMENDATION 5: Provide a series of pedestrian and bicycle paths linking Warren's major recreation facilities with those in other portions of the region.**

Bicycling, jogging and walking are among the most popular forms of recreation. Due to many factors, including rising gas prices, bicycling is an increasingly used method of transportation, exercise and recreation. Therefore, it is necessary to incorporate improvements and facilities designed for bicycles and pedestrians into local recreation planning activities. Bicycle and pedestrian circulation systems can make existing park and school sites more accessible. The use of these paths can also be an enjoyable as a recreation activity in itself. Aside from the obvious benefits, bicycles are an inexpensive and pollution-free form of transportation. The ultimate goal of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian path system is to bring local recreation activities to the doorstep of all Warren residents.

Currently, pedestrian circulation in Warren is accommodated through a series of sidewalks that exist along most roads in the City. While this system is adequate to provide intra-neighborhood travel, it is not sufficient to accommodate either bicycle or pedestrian traffic between Warren and other major recreation located to the north and east in Macomb County. A path system should provide branches to the City's major recreation and or civic complexes, including Halmich Park, Veterans Memorial and Warren Community Center Park. In relationship to City Square it would be advantageous to acquire land and develop a trail system in accordance with the Downtown Development Authority Master Plan and the Tax Increment Financing Authority.

The recommended development standard for these bicycle paths is a separate paved surface between a minimum of 8 and 10 feet wide. Recognizing that these routes will typically be used by bicyclists and pedestrians alike, careful attention is needed during design and engineering to minimize potential user conflicts once the path is built. This can be accomplished by following recognized standards, such as those offered by the Americans With Disabilities Act Outdoor

Recreation Plan and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. These standards consider factors such as curve radii, site distances, path slope, etc. Limiting bicycle speeds and identifying signage and pavement striping can also be effective in minimizing conflicts and making the paths usable by everyone.

A regional bicycle path network shown on page 86 begins two miles beyond Warren's northern boundary. An effort should be made to provide a physical connection from Warren to the portion of the regional system located at Freedom Hill Park in the City of Sterling Heights. Two options have been studied, including easements along the Red Run Drain, or the Detroit Edison Utility corridor. Both have their limitations and are being considered.

**RECOMMENDATION 6: Provide pedestrian and bicycle paths to link Warren's neighborhood parks to one another, the major community parks and City's Recreation Facilities.**

A path linking Warren's neighborhood parks would allow residents to visit and utilize other City Parks without the use of motorized vehicles. A path linking Warren's City Square with the Warren Community Center, and to Halmich Park, would be a great asset could be completed as phase 1 of this endeavor. The Warren Community Center has over 350,000 visits annually, Halmich Park is one of the most utilized parks in the city and City Square hosts many of the community's special events. The proposed pathway would link these three (3) heavily used facilities giving Warren residents access to these facilities without using motorized vehicles. The geographic location of the proposed trail would benefit the City of Warren, General Motors Employees, local schools and neighborhood communities. The construction of this pathway would require two bridges spanning Van Dyke and the Red Run Drain and an underpass to cross under Mound Road.

**RECOMMENDATION 7: Ensure ADA barrier-free accessibility in all parks: Update all comfort stations to ADA standards.**

Warren Parks and Recreation Department is continuously striving to provide recreational opportunities for residents of all abilities. These upgrades will include improvements to meet accessibility guidelines as detailed in the American With Disabilities Outdoor Recreation Plan. All new facilities will meet or exceed the standards set by the ADA. Many comfort stations in Warren Parks need to be updated or replaced to conform to current ADA standards. Additionally, developing recreational options for disabled people, specifically a "Field of Dreams" baseball field in Veteran's Memorial Park.

**RECOMMENDATION 8: Upgrade and modernize some neighborhood parks, allow others to take on a more passive use.**

Based on the survey results, some parks are more heavily utilized than others. In some parks, upgrades include replacing dilapidated hard court surface areas; replacing pavilion and comfort stations, as well as playground structures and other site amenities. However, other parks may do just as well if the aging surfaces and equipment are removed or reduced. Additionally, as technology changes, the way people read and work has changed with it. Installing free wi-fi in parks could increase park usership at a low cost.

**RECOMMENDATION 9: Provide for increased cooperation between the Warren Recreation Department and other public and private recreation providers serving the City of Warren.**

Several public and private organizations supplement the recreation programs and facilities offered by the Warren Parks and Recreation Department. The single most important recreation providers in Warren, next to the Recreation Department, are the school districts serving the city. They provide public open space including equipment or facilities that can be used for recreation purposes and the buildings can also be used for indoor recreation facilities, especially gymnasiums.

**RECOMMENDATION 10: Acquire additional City-wide recreational acreage.**

National Recreation and Park Association's national standards and guidelines recommend an open space system composed of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of developed open space per 1,000 people. With Warren's current population around 134,000 and the park system spanning about 350 acres, the city has approximately 2.6 acres of open space per 1,000 residents. Therefore, the park system has recently added Beebe's Corner and Kraft Park.

**RECOMMENDATION 11: Create a "Field of Dreams" baseball field for special needs citizens.**

Field of Dreams is a specially designed turf baseball field that will allow mentally or physically disabled children or adults the opportunity to play baseball, to wear a uniform and play as a member of a team.

# **6 Appendix: RECREATION SURVEY, ADA ASSESSMENT, WORKSHOP-IN-A-BOX & BY-LAWS**

## RECREATION PLANNING PROCESS

Preparation of the Warren Recreation Plan was a cooperative effort involving several sectors of the City's population, including recreation participants and those responsible for providing recreation facilities and services to City residents. The Director and Superintendent of the Warren Parks and Recreation Department coordinated the planning process.

In order to accurately and comprehensively gauge public views on recreation issues, a survey was created. Two-Hundred and Sixty (260) surveys were returned. Links to surveys were distributed to all Warren residents through their water bill, however, only Fifty-One (51) surveys were completed through this link. Links to the survey were also available through Facebook, where seventy-two (72) surveys were completed. Hard copy surveys were also distributed at recreation centers, municipal buildings and focus groups, this accounted for one-hundred and thirty-seven (137) surveys completed. It is the Parks and Recreation Department's intention to conduct a survey and gather information from the community to clearly establish needs based upon grant funding availability.

Nine (9) focus groups were conducted by Team-4-Community and members of the Warren Parks and Recreation Department to gather information for the Warren Parks and Recreation Master Plan. These meetings were held with the Park Board, Senior Citizens, students, local organizations, and the special needs community. These focus groups led to discussions of their current uses of parks and recreation facilities; whether or not the current inventory of facilities is adequate; what improvements could be made to existing facilities; and what new additions could be added to these parks and or facilities.

Field analysis of all City Park sites were conducted. This included an inventory of equipment and notes of its current condition. Photographs of all parks were taken to visually record this information. The recreation plan was presented at two public meetings by the Recreation Advisory Commission and by the City Council.

The above mentioned process took place in 1991, 1997, 2003 and 2007. It is the Parks and Recreation Department's intention to primarily update all vital information to stay current for the Department of Natural Resources to meet their criteria for applying for grants.

**WARREN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION BY-LAWS**

**ORDINANCE NO.32**

THE CITY OF WARREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. There shall be created a Parks and Recreation Commission consisting of nine (9) electors of the City of Warren having the qualifications required of City officers. The members of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor. The terms of the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall be for three (3) years, except for the first appointments, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term expiring July 1, 1963, three (3) members for a term expiring July 1, 1962 and three (3) members for a term expiring July 1, 1961. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall meet monthly with a minimum of ten (10) meetings a year.

SECTION 2. The members of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall not receive any compensation for their services on, or in connection with, the affairs of the Commission.

SECTION 3. One (1) member of the Council, to be selected by the Council annually in the month of April, shall serve as a non-voting member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term of one (1) year, beginning on the first day of May following his appointment.

SECTION 4. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall adopt at its first meeting, or as shortly thereafter as possible, such rules and regulations as necessary to carry out its purposes as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Parks and Recreation Commission to study and make recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council with regard to recreation policy, present and future requirements for park and recreation facilities and estimates as to the costs of acquisition and maintenance of said facilities.

SECTION 6. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall serve as Secretary of the Commission.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect on **Monday, April 10, 1961.**

**SECTION II**

**TERMS OF OFFICE FOR OFFICERS**

The terms of office for officers shall be for a period of one year or until the validation of a new board annually.

**SECTION III**

**OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED**

The officers of the Commission shall be a Chairman and a Vice Chairman.

**AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS**

Amendments shall be made on 2/3 vote after publication and placing on the agenda with the acceptance Article 1 of the By-Laws which may not be amended by the Commission.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

Suspension of the rules shall be governed by the majority vote of the members of the Commission.

**PETITIONS**

No petition shall be acted upon until time for due consideration has been given.

**DESIGNATION OF SPOKESMAN FOR COMMISSION**

Any spokesman for the Commission shall be specifically designated by the Commission of any particular subject.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

All recommendations to the Mayor and Municipal Council shall show the voting of the entire Commission by role call.

**CITY OF WARREN | PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY**

Dear Resident / Business Owner / City User:

The City of Warren is conducting a public survey as a means to improve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This survey is designed to gather your opinions regarding the parks and recreation facilities in Warren. Your input is valuable to this process and will contribute to the decisions made to improve the park system.

It is the goal of the Warren Parks and Recreation Department to provide a great experience for all park users, regardless of age and ability. Therefore, it is important to collect information about the park users through this survey. All responses will remain anonymous.

When completing the survey, remember that there are no right or wrong answers. Please answer the questions as thoroughly as possible. Thank you in advance for your input!

**CITY OF WARREN**

**A. Your Experiences with Warren Parks and Recreation:**

1. Have you or other members of your household visited any Warren Parks or Recreation Centers listed below in the past 12 months?  Yes  No

2. If yes, please check the frequency of your visitation to each park you or another member of your household visited within the past 12 months:

<b>Community Parks</b>	<b>More than 12 visits</b>	<b>6 – 11 visits</b>	<b>1 time</b>	<b>Never</b>
Hamlich Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veteran’s Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shaw Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Square	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>	<b>More than 12 visits</b>	<b>6 – 11 visits</b>	<b>1 time</b>	<b>Never</b>
Rentz Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miller Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bates Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eckstein Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licht Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McGrath Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rinke Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burdi Park (Dog Park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Butcher Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hartsig Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steinhauser Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Busse Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Austin-Dennis Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jaycee Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trombly Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Underwood Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winters Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wiegand Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groesbeck Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Altermatt Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kraft Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Recreation Centers</b>	<b>More than 12 visits</b>	<b>6 – 11 visits</b>	<b>1 time</b>	<b>Never</b>
Owen Jax Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warren Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fitzgerald Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. What improvements to the Warren facilities listed in question 2 would you like to see? (List improvements by park).

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4. How satisfied are you with the performance of the Warren Parks and Recreation services?

<b>Park Features</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Poor</b>
Programs & Events in Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beautification of Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife / Trees / Nature in Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities in Parks (Playground Equipment, Etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety & Security in Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price & Fees of Programs in Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness in Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B. Your Experiences with Warren Parks and Recreation Facilities and Services:**

5. Please review the list of **activities** below and **check all the boxes** that you or another member of your household participates in any city park. (If none, please skip to question 8).

- Observe Nature       Picnic Shelter       Rec. Centers       Playground       Pavilions & Shelter
- Baseball Diamonds       Tennis Courts       Basketball Courts       Soccer Fields       Ice Skating
- Cycling       BMX       Mountain Bike       Hike / Walk       Jogging
- Cross Country Ski       Dog Walking       Disc Golf       Special Events       Aquatic Center
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please review the list of **programs** below and **check all the boxes** that you or another member of your household participates.

- Senior Citizen Activities/ Classes       Special Events       Warren Farmers Market       Sports Programs: Adult       Sports Programs: Youth
- Water Exercise Program       Dance and Improv Classes       Teen Programs       Adult Activities Classes       Youth Activities Classes
- Fitness Programs       Hike & Bike Trails       Rental Facilities       Swim Lessons: Adult       Swim Lessons: Youth
- Community Center: Water Park       Community Center: Fitness Center       Educational Programs       Community Center: Open Gym       Civic Theatre
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please rate the importance of factors that affect your **overall experience** when participating in Warren Parks and Recreation activities and programs.

	Very Important	Slightly Important	Not Important
Overall beauty of park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distance from home/ ease of access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife/ Trees/ Nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities (shelters, equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Maintenance of Parks and Rec Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price/ Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Crowded	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. What are the factors that **prevent** you or members of your household from participating in parks and recreation activities in a city park?

	Very Important	Slightly Important	Not Important
Not interested in participating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doesn't meet my needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Days/ Times not convenient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location of park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Didn't know about it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**C. User information**

The following information will be used to help obtain a better understanding who our park users are.

9. Where did you complete this survey?

- Warren library     
  Warren Recreation Center     
  Warren City Hall     
  Other City Facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home     
  Focus Group     
  Survey Monkey

10. Please indicate the number of people in your household per age group:

<b>Age of children:</b>	0 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 14	14 - 18
Number in household:	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Age of adults:</b>	21 - 25	26 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 54
Number in household:	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Senior Citizens:</b>	55 +			
Number in household:	_____			

11. Does anyone in your household have a disability that limits his/ her ability to participate in recreational activities?

- Yes  No

If yes, please mark what best describes the nature of the disability:

Low-vision impairment     
  Hearing impairment     
  Mobility Impairment (wheelchair or walker)

12. Please tell us if you agree or disagree that the services and facilities provided by the Warren Parks and Recreation department provide the following **benefits for the community**.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree
Improves health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helps reduce crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increases property value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Makes Warren a more desirable place to live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increases community pride	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helps preserve open space and the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strengthens families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Among the options that the Warren Parks and Recreation Department is considering to improve the park system, which of these goals would you support?

	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose
Develop a hike & bike trail system between parks and other communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop more rec opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create new neighborhood parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserve more natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor pool (Aquatic Center)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frisbee Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rock Climbing Wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football, soccer/ lacrosse field & infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wi-fi in park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expanded farmers market operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Q1 Have you or other members of your household visited any of the following Warren Parks in the last 12 months?

Answered: 237 Skipped: 23

	More than 12 visits	6 - 11 visits	1 visit	Never	Total Respondents
Hamlich Park	23.21% 52	33.48% 75	29.46% 66	13.84% 31	224
Veteran's Memorial Park	2.87% 5	17.82% 31	25.29% 44	54.02% 94	174
Shaw Park	1.80% 3	7.78% 13	15.57% 26	74.85% 125	167
City Square Park	21.15% 44	34.13% 71	27.88% 58	18.75% 39	208
Rentz Park	1.28% 2	1.28% 2	7.05% 11	90.38% 141	156
Miller Park	7.83% 13	12.65% 21	9.64% 16	70.48% 117	166
Bates Park	1.94% 3	0.65% 1	5.81% 9	91.61% 142	155
Eckstein Park	5.42% 9	7.23% 12	12.05% 20	75.30% 125	166
Licht Park	8.33% 14	8.33% 14	13.69% 23	70.24% 118	168
McGrath Park	1.29% 2	7.74% 12	3.87% 6	87.10% 135	155
Rinke Park	3.13% 5	7.50% 12	11.25% 18	78.13% 125	160
Burdi Park (Dog Park)	3.09% 5	8.02% 13	8.64% 14	80.86% 131	162
Butcher Park	8.93% 15	15.48% 26	14.88% 25	61.31% 103	168
Hartsig Park	0.65% 1	3.23% 5	3.87% 6	92.26% 143	155
Steinhauser Park	0.00% 0	1.28% 2	6.41% 10	92.31% 144	156
Busse Park	1.88% 3	2.50% 4	6.88% 11	88.75% 142	160
Austin-Dannis Park	0.64% 1	1.91% 3	10.83% 17	87.90% 138	157
Jaycee Park	1.27% 2	3.18% 5	8.28% 13	87.26% 137	157
Trombly Park	1.28% 2	1.92% 3	4.49% 7	92.31% 144	156
Underwood Park	0.64% 1	3.18% 5	3.82% 6	92.36% 145	157

Wiegand Park	6.83% 11	4.97% 8	9.94% 16	78.88% 127	161
Groesbeck Park	0.63% 1	3.80% 6	6.33% 10	89.87% 142	158
Altermatt Park	0.00% 0	1.27% 2	5.73% 9	92.99% 146	157

### Q2 Have you or any members of your household visited any of the Warren Recreation Centers in the past 12 months?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 15

	More than 12 visits	6 - 11 visits	1 time	Never	Total Respondents
Warren Community Center	61.3% 146	26.1% 62	10.1% 24	3.4% 8	238
Owen Jax Recreation Center	8.9% 16	14.0% 25	27.4% 49	51.4% 92	179
Fitzgerald Recreation Center	4.8% 8	6.6% 11	7.2% 12	82.0% 137	167
Ridgewood Recreation Center	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0

### Q3 What improvements to the Warren parks and facilities listed in the previous questions would you like to see? (List improvements by park).

Answered: 105 Skipped: 155

#	Responses	Date
1	<b>Safety/ Security</b> Increase monitoring of park properties	3/24/2014 3:55 PM
2	<b>new facility equipment</b> More Benches in the hallway to get to Stroke Club	3/24/2014 3:40 PM
3	<b>facility maintenance</b> Tennis Courts rehab at Shaw Park	3/24/2014 3:37 PM
4	<b>Safety/ Security</b> I would visit the parks more if there more police patrolling south of 9 mile	3/24/2014 3:32 PM
5	<b>Safety/ Security</b> Winter park-more lighting, more frequent cleanup and patrol. Underwood- update safety equipment	3/24/2014 3:15 PM
6	<b>facility maintenance</b> The playground equipment at Hamlich park is old and worn out. Squeaks. Need maintaining more often.	3/24/2014 3:07 PM
7	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>new facility equipment</b> Halmich- Walking paths open and plowed during the winter months, all bathrooms open during the day. basketball courts repaired. more lighting at baseball diamonds.	3/19/2014 4:55 PM
8	<b>facility maintenance</b> ground and soccer field, baseball field improvements/maintenance	2/19/2014 9:45 AM
9	<b>new park programming</b> Skate board and BMX park for teenagers. the City of Midland has one and it seems to work great.	2/17/2014 11:58 AM
10	<b>facility maintenance</b> REPLACE BOILERS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER INSTEAD OF CONSTANTLY FIXING IT	2/14/2014 2:18 PM

11	<b>Safety/ Security</b> INCREASE MONITORING OF PARK PROPERTIES	2/14/2014 2:02 PM
12	<b>new facility equipment</b> I would like swings at Austin-Dannis park. Before it was remodeled it had a whole bunch of them. The remodel was great, but there were only two swings put in, and one of them was changed to an infant swing.	2/14/2014 1:12 PM
13	<b>Safety/ Security</b> BETTER SECURITY	2/14/2014 12:49 PM
14	<b>new park programming</b> more family activity some grown up activity and more special needs focused activities	2/14/2014 12:36 PM
15	<b>Nothing</b> they are all very nice	2/14/2014 12:27 PM
16	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>trash</b> parks should be cleaned more frequently. parks are dirty ex. condoms, trash, glass	2/14/2014 12:09 PM
17	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> We could use some time in the pool on the weekends where the entire pool isn't used by swim classes/aerobics or lap swimming. I work during the week and can never get in the pool when I do go.	2/12/2014 12:42 PM
18	<b>new park programming</b> Link the bike paths to other communities - <a href="http://redrundrain.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/macomb-county-trailways-master-plan.jpg">http://redrundrain.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/macomb-county-trailways-master-plan.jpg</a>	2/11/2014 5:18 PM
19	<b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> better playing fields	2/10/2014 4:41 PM
20	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>trash</b> All parks, working bathrooms and concessions, clean, sanded and painted picnic tables. Pavilions need more outlets with WiFi. Keep the lights on in the parks till 11 pm and Hamlich needs the lights on till 11pm and all the leagues have finished their games and have left the parking lots. So the teams are not cheated or rushed or the lights are cut off walking out to the parking lots because of one old crabby person that calls parks all the time. Get rid of all the speed bumps and fix the parking lots and paint the lines. Why the over kill of speed bumps at halmich?	2/7/2014 11:25 AM
21	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> <b>facility maintenance</b> Trombly Park: I would like to basketball court there... When I was a kid they used to flood a area and make a ice pond to skate on wish they did that still... I wish Trombly had a bike path that went around the park	2/6/2014 11:30 AM
22	<b>new facility equipment</b> Out door pool	2/5/2014 10:57 AM
23	<b>facility maintenance</b> Better and more consistent grass cutting/ especially in the soccer areas. Paint bathrooms. Better Play structure at McGrath park- 1 rock is not enough. Add more sand, mulch in walk ways and under play structures.	2/4/2014 9:29 AM
24	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> <b>facility maintenance</b> Owen Jax- Basketball court is to slippery for playing. Halmich Park- Closer bathroom at back of park for soccer games.	2/3/2014 1:11 PM
25	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> Senior programs in evenings. More events at local parks. Skating event should have. Adult supervision. Staff that is working not socializing. Dria should not work with public. Skates need fixing pool showers have mold..	2/2/2014 9:00 PM
26	<b>facility maintenance</b> I would like to see tennis courts added to trombly park. There is an area of asphalt that is crumbling and needs to be repurposed. There are also areas that are in disrepair. I would like to see some areas of the fence fixed at trombly park as well.	2/2/2014 8:04 PM
27	<b>Nothing</b> None	2/1/2014 10:24 AM
28	<b>new park programming</b> Walking paths Bike paths More flowers	2/1/2014 9:45 AM
29	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> Restrooms and increased restroom hours.	1/31/2014 5:25 PM
30	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> I would like to see the bathrooms open more.	1/31/2014 6:04 AM
31	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>new facility equipment</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Rinke park is in our backyard and every summer we have to call and complain because the weeds around the playground are not kept up. We were also told a few years ago by Henry Bowman that the tennis court was going to be taken down and it still hasn't happened. It is a real eyesore in the summer because the weeds don't get taken care of there either. The parks where baseball is played need to have better bleachers and benches.	1/30/2014 6:05 PM

32	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>Safety/ Security</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Better water drainage at some fields. Grass fields and ball fields. Better parking lot security at halmich.	1/30/2014 5:32 PM
33	<b>facility maintenance</b> Baseball fields better maintained. There are weeds in the infield and low areas around the position areas on the field and in the bench areas that water pools in these areas.	1/30/2014 2:22 PM
34	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>new facility equipment</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> I manage a WVAC baseball team and use the parks for practicing and playing baseball so improvements to the baseball deilds would be nice. Alot of the fencing and benches are in bade shape. Besides Hamlich park many of the infields have low spots that collect water and bad playing conditions.	1/30/2014 1:32 PM
35	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> <b>new facility equipment</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Hamlich Park: Better food concessions, Availiability of the fields Licht Park better maintenance, new bathrooms	1/30/2014 11:43 AM
36	<b>facility maintenance</b> basketball floors redone or waxed more etc whatever needs to help so kids aren't slipping on floors so easily!! its horrible no matter what brand of shoes we have on its slippery .... Better more help with sports assistants so its more coordinated and easy for parents .... incentive maybe for coaches of some kind its a lot of work and for our own kids but very time consuming with work schedules & games for dads to step up, even if just free entry coupons to W.C.C., lack of parents stepping up is a cont. problem in our past 4 yrs w/ warren b-ball boys	1/30/2014 11:15 AM
37	<b>facility maintenance</b> Baseball field maintenance. The city needs to work with the leagues to assure the pitcher mounds are at the appropriate distances for the games being played.	1/30/2014 11:08 AM
38	<b>ada</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> More heat at Fitzgerald. Be more handicap accessible at Licht. Better BBQ grills at Hamlich and picnic tables.	1/30/2014 10:29 AM
39	<b>facility maintenance</b> Gym floors need better maintenance. They are very slippery and should be refinished at least once a year and damp mopped a couple of times a week for safety.	1/30/2014 9:35 AM
40	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>new facility equipment</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Make sure all playground equipment is safe. Pick up litter. Keep baseball & soccer fields playable (holes filled with dirt, grass cut, lined, etc. Regular maintenance on playground equipment, remove graffiti, replace worn out parts, etc... Increase number of basketball facilities if possible.	1/29/2014 9:27 PM
41	<b>trash</b> More recycle bins through the park areas.	1/29/2014 4:51 PM
42	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> Upgrade some of the weight machines in fitness center of Warren Rec. Center.	1/29/2014 4:48 PM
43	<b>trash</b> More trash cans near play area at Butcher.	1/29/2014 4:41 PM
44	<b>ada</b> An auto door opener at the west door.	1/29/2014 4:27 PM
45	<b>ada</b> More handicap parking.	1/29/2014 4:14 PM
46	<b>Nothing</b> I only utilize the community center for playing pickle ball.	1/29/2014 4:10 PM
47	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> Locker room attendants at community center- clean grout in pool.	1/29/2014 4:03 PM
48	<b>facility maintenance</b> Ask People to change their shoes before entering the gym all year round. if they want to cary inside put it in plastic bag.	1/29/2014 3:58 PM
49	<b>facility maintenance</b> All the parks and the community centers I have used in Warren are very nice with the exception of Eckstein. That park needs work. It doesn't represent the quality of Warren	1/29/2014 3:57 PM
50	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Lights and bathrooms updated and fixed at the parks.	1/29/2014 3:51 PM
51	<b>facility maintenance</b> Gym could be cleaner	1/29/2014 3:51 PM
52	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> <b>new park programming</b> Halmich Park put in pickleball courts (6) to (8)	1/29/2014 3:47 PM
53	<b>new park programming</b> Water Build pickle ball courts at halmich and south side Tum light on in gyms without a debate.	1/29/2014 3:36 PM
54	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> If possible make the fitness room larger.	1/29/2014 3:29 PM
55	<b>Epan Existing Programs</b> W.C.C. have night people in weight rm. desk check that people are racking their weights, when we come in, in the morning there are weights all over, some of the seniors have a hard time taking the weights off machines and bars. Need medicine balls	1/29/2014 3:09 PM

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56	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs Warren Community Center- needs to keep cloth in each shower.	1/29/2014 2:58 PM
57	<b>new park programming</b> Id like to see more nature planted. Butterfly Gardens.	1/29/2014 2:52 PM
58	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs <b>facility maintenance</b> More tennis courts	1/29/2014 2:48 PM
59	<b>Safety/ Security</b> <b>trash</b> People are pretty messy. Security-I live near Altermatt. Sometimes people "hanging out" with questionable behavior.	1/29/2014 2:40 PM
60	<b>Safety/ Security</b> More police presence at parks, bike patrols, foot patrols	1/29/2014 2:30 PM
61	<b>facility maintenance</b> Graffiti updating Bathrooms open more tree limbs	1/29/2014 2:26 PM
62	<b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Miller Park needs to be updated, Rocks on playground are really dangerous.	1/29/2014 2:19 PM
63	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs More parks with outside pools in the summer.	1/29/2014 2:15 PM
64	<b>facility maintenance</b> 1)Removal of old trees amd re-planting of new trees2)clean bathrooms	1/29/2014 1:50 PM
65	<b>ada</b> Our parks are only basic handicap acessable. need improvment	1/29/2014 1:39 PM
66	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>trash</b> Continues cleaning of rest areas and water faucets/fountains	1/29/2014 1:34 PM
67	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs More activities for teens.	1/28/2014 12:39 PM
68	<b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> New carpeting in theatre	1/27/2014 6:13 PM
69	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs Devote a room to storage lockers for groups that meet here regularly.	1/27/2014 6:08 PM
70	<b>Nothing</b> None that I can think of.	1/27/2014 5:52 PM
71	<b>Nothing</b> I am not from Warren and don't go to the parks often.	1/27/2014 5:48 PM
72	<b>Nothing</b> Keep up the good work.	1/27/2014 5:13 PM
73	<b>facility maintenance</b> More parking at Warren Community Center. Fix the tennis courts at Rinke Park, also basket ball courts.	1/27/2014 4:56 PM
74	<b>Nothing</b> none	1/24/2014 12:25 PM
75	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs <b>facility maintenance</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Fix some of the things on the park playground like some slides need updated some monkey bars are falling apart and weigand park needs more lights on for softball playing	1/23/2014 1:51 PM
76	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs I would love to have a walking path at Butcher Park :-)	1/23/2014 1:38 PM
77	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs More tennis courts. It's very difficult to get on at Halmich on summer evenings.	1/23/2014 12:58 PM
78	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs More competitive sports for children and family sports events (a family baseball or dodgeball?)	1/23/2014 12:54 PM
79	<b>new facility equipment</b> Jaycee Park would like to see a basketball area put in	1/23/2014 12:35 PM
80	<b>Epan</b> Existing Programs More open swim time.	1/23/2014 12:31 PM
81	<b>Safety/ Security</b> <b>trash</b> Safety, lighting, cleanliness.	1/23/2014 12:23 PM
82	<b>dog park</b> Pets allowed!! I will cross over into Sterling Heights, Madison hts, and Troy because they allow dogs to be in their parks on a leash. Why go to a park for a walk or picnic lunch if I have to leave my dog at home?	1/23/2014 12:20 PM
83	Please hire people who known what going on. I should be able to go to the front desk and have the clerk be able to answer my questions. Also say hello and don't stuff your mouth with food when you are talking to me.	1/23/2014 12:18 PM
84	<b>trash</b> <b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Maybe a few more garbage cans. We prefer wood chips over rocks.	1/22/2014 10:15 PM
85	<b>dog park</b> Dogs should be allowed in ALL parks. Owners must pick-up after dogs in those parks. Dogs must be on 6 foot leash in those parks.	1/21/2014 9:25 PM
86	<b>Upgrade Existing Facility</b> Salt water filtration system instead of chlorine. Cleaner locker room.	1/21/2014 5:11 PM

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87	<b>new park programming</b> Warren Community Center - Participate in the Silver Sneakers program for seniors.	1/20/2014 4:23 PM
88	<b>Expand Existing Programs</b> more soccer goals & marked fields for those that do have goals.	1/18/2014 4:27 PM
89	<b>Safety/ Security</b> The outdoor parks especially veterans is extremely dark needs lighting	1/18/2014 4:14 PM
90	<b>facility maintenance</b> Rinke Park "tennis court" shouldn't be called a tennis court - no nets and the fence is falling down. It would be nice if it were an actual tennis court - it's hard to get an available court at Hamlich park.	1/18/2014 3:56 PM
91	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>Safety/ Security</b> Busse park needs better play equipment and to be cleaner. It is run down and has become a teenager hang out. Theres graffitti and glass on the walking path all the time	1/18/2014 3:22 PM
92	<b>Expand Existing Programs</b> More swings at Butcher park	1/18/2014 10:53 AM
93	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>trash</b> Often after groups have played or practice soccer there is a great amount of trash left on the ground (water bottles, snack bags, ect.) I think there are trash bins close enough but the groups do not take the trash there. I understand that may be hard to monitor. People are pick up their dog poop and carry it to the trash, can the soccer players be considerate as well.	1/18/2014 10:45 AM
94	<b>facility maintenance</b> Improve the baseball diamonds at all parks. Some are quite nice and others could use some work. The trees around the ball fields at Halmich need a good trimming.	1/18/2014 9:26 AM
95	<b>Expand Existing Programs</b> More baseball fields	1/17/2014 9:14 PM
96	<b>Safety/ Security</b> more police patrols	1/17/2014 9:12 PM
97	<b>Expand Existing Programs</b> City Square Park is very nice. Need to have easier access to bathrooms during functions.	1/17/2014 5:01 PM
98	<b>Expand Existing Programs</b> Keep the ice rink open for any temp. under 40.	1/17/2014 3:21 PM
99	<b>facility maintenance</b> Miller cleaner bathrooms	1/17/2014 2:33 PM
100	<b>Expand Existing Programs</b> <b>facility maintenance</b> Burdi Park (dog park) Agility equipment and better drainage. Warren Community Center More lockers	1/17/2014 2:16 PM
101	<b>facility maintenance</b> Better upkeep of playground equipment	1/17/2014 12:22 PM
102	<b>Nothing</b> none	1/17/2014 10:09 AM
103	<b>facility maintenance</b> <b>Safety/ Security</b> <b>trash</b> I would like to see a mommy and me yoga during the famers market this year, I love the outdoor yoga opportunity and my daughter would be so thrilled to be able to do it. Burdi Park and Butcher ark have both had cases of broken glass near the equipment over the past year and it was very difficult to keep my toddler away from because it was scattered around. We ended up having to leave on 2 different occasions at each one.	1/17/2014 9:05 AM
104	<b>Expand Existing Programs</b> <b>facility maintenance</b> Equipment update at Bates. The equipment is dangerous and wom. It also floods there frequently. The park would likely generate more traffic if there were a footbridge across the creek connecting Lindeman to Lindeman. Since that park is pretty isolated, it requires kids to hop accross the stones at the creek or use the Van Dyke pedestrian bridge, which is dangerous. However, I realize another access point, including a footbridge, would face budget an safety issues. The lawn always seems overgrown and it is not properly maintained. Licht park is very busy. We love the equipment and walking path. It could use an update to the restrooms. We liked how there was an attendant staffed at that park this summer. He was always picking up trash to ensure the park was clean.	1/17/2014 8:10 AM
105	<b>facility maintenance</b> Litch Park needs far more frequent cleaning and repairs. It needs reprinting to cover writing on the play equipment.	1/17/2014 8:08 AM

## Q4 How satisfied are you with the performance of the Warren Parks and Recreation Services?

Answered: 244 Skipped: 16

	Very Good	Satisfactory	Poor	Total Respondents
Programs & Events in Parks	52.34% 123	45.53% 107	3.40% 8	235
Beautification of Parks	41.56% 96	50.65% 117	7.79% 18	231
Wildlife / Trees / Nature in Parks	42.17% 97	52.61% 121	5.65% 13	230
Facilities in Parks (Playground Equipment, Etc.)	39.74% 93	50.85% 119	9.83% 23	234
Safety & Security in Parks	31.03% 72	54.74% 127	14.66% 34	232
Cleanliness in Parks	40.85% 96	49.36% 116	9.79% 23	235

## Q5 Please review this list of activities below and check all the boxes that you or another member of your household participates in any city park.

Answered: 226 Skipped: 34

Answer Choices	Responses
Observe Nature	29.20% 66
Picnic Shelter	42.48% 96
Recreation Centers	55.31% 125
Playground	54.87% 124
Pavilions & Shelter	34.07% 77
Baseball Diamonds	34.96% 79
Tennis Courts	13.72% 31
Basketball Courts	16.37% 37
Soccer Fields	19.03% 43
Ice Skating	20.80% 47
Cycling	18.14% 41
BMX	0.88% 2
Mountain Biking	6.64% 15
Hiking / Walking	35.40% 80

Jogging	18.14%	41
Cross Country Skiing	0.88%	2
Dog Walking	16.37%	37
Disc Golf	2.65%	6
Special Events	34.51%	78
Aquatic Center	48.23%	109
Other (please specify)	7.52%	17
<b>Total Respondents: 226</b>		

**Q6 Please review the list of programs below and check all the boxes that you or another member of your household participates:**

Answered: 225 Skipped: 35

Answer Choices	Responses	
Senior Citizen Activities / Classes	18.67%	42
Special Events	39.11%	88
Warren Farmers Market	57.78%	130
Sports Programs: Adult	10.67%	24
Sports Programs: Youth	28.00%	63
Water Exercise Program	20.44%	46
Dance and Improv Classes	9.33%	21
Teen Programs	4.00%	9
Adult Activities Classes	4.89%	11
Youth Activities Classes	16.00%	36
Fitness Programs	20.89%	47
Hike & Bike Trails	16.44%	37
Rental Facilities	5.78%	13
Swim Lessons: Adult	4.00%	9
Swim Lessons: Youth	28.44%	64
Community Center: Water Park	51.56%	116
Community Center: Fitness Center	30.22%	68
Community Center: Open Gym	16.44%	37
Educational Programs	9.33%	21
Civic Theatre	20.00%	45

**Q7 Please rate the importance of factors that affect your overall experience when participating in Warren Parks and Recreation activities and Programs.**

Answered: 234 Skipped: 26

	Very Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Total Respondents
Overall beauty of Park	73.66% 165	24.55% 55	1.79% 4	224
Distance from home/ ease of access	66.52% 151	29.52% 67	4.41% 10	227
Facilities (Shelters, play equipment, etc.)	65.77% 146	30.63% 68	4.95% 11	222
Overall Maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities	83.63% 189	15.04% 34	1.33% 3	226
Safety and Security	89.47% 204	9.65% 22	0.88% 2	228
Cleanliness	87.28% 199	11.40% 26	1.75% 4	228
Price / Fees	61.54% 136	35.29% 78	3.62% 8	221
Not Crowded	43.84% 96	47.03% 103	9.13% 20	219
Educational Programs	41.94% 91	47.00% 102	11.06% 24	217
Activities	60.19% 130	33.80% 73	6.02% 13	216

**Q8 What are the factors that prevent you or members of your household from participating in parks and recreation activities in a City park?**

Answered: 212 Skipped: 48

	Very Important	Slightly Important	Not important	Total Respondents
Not interested in participating	27.42% 51	41.94% 78	31.18% 58	186
Doesn't meet my needs	31.22% 59	46.56% 88	22.75% 43	189
Days/ Times not convenient	39.06% 75	41.67% 80	19.79% 38	192
Location of the park	33.69% 63	43.32% 81	23.53% 44	187
Cost	37.31% 72	40.93% 79	22.28% 43	193
Unaware/ Didn't know about it	44.39% 83	39.04% 73	18.18% 34	187

### Q9 Where did you complete this survey?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 21

Answer Choices	Responses
Survey Monkey	30.54% 73
Focus Group	4.18% 10
Warren Library	0.00% 0
Warren Recreation Center	41.42% 99
Warren City Hall	0.84% 2
At Home (paper copy)	8.37% 20
Other (please specify)	14.64% 35
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>

### Q10 Please indicate the number of people in your household per age group:

Answered: 235 Skipped: 25

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
0 - 5	1	81	62
6 - 10	1	98	80
11 - 14	1	48	45
14 - 18	1	40	42
21 - 25	1	52	45
26 - 34	1	70	59
35 - 49	2	176	113
50 - 54	1	50	46
55 +	1	138	102
<b>Total Respondents: 235</b>			

**Q11 Does anyone in your household have a disability that limits his/ her ability to participate in recreational activities? If so, please mark what best describes the nature of the disability:**

Answered: 41 Skipped: 219

Answer Choices	Responses
Low-vision impairment	19.51% 8
Hearing impairment	17.07% 7
Mobility impairment (including wheelchair or walker)	78.05% 32
<b>Total Respondents: 41</b>	

**Q12 Please tell us if you agree or disagree that the services and facilities provided by the Warren Parks and Recreation Department provides the following benefits for the community:**

Answered: 230 Skipped: 30

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Total Respondents
Improves health	82.89% 189	15.79% 36	1.32% 3	228
Helps reduce crime	53.78% 121	38.67% 87	7.56% 17	225
Increases property value	60.18% 136	34.51% 78	5.75% 13	226
Makes Warren more desirable	72.37% 165	23.68% 54	3.95% 9	228
Increases community pride	70.35% 159	26.99% 61	2.65% 6	226
Helps preserve open space and the environment	66.37% 148	30.04% 67	4.04% 9	223
Strengthens Families	72.32% 162	25.00% 56	2.68% 6	224
Increases Opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	53.13% 119	40.18% 90	7.14% 16	224

**Q13 Among the following options that the Warren Parks and Recreation Department is considering to improve the park system, which of these goals would you support?**

Answered: 236 Skipped: 24

	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Total Respondents
Develop a hike & bike trail system between parks and other communities	61.26% 136	33.78% 75	4.95% 11	222
Develop more recreation opportunities	47.95% 105	49.32% 108	3.20% 7	219
Create new neighborhood parks	31.13% 66	50.00% 106	18.87% 40	212
Preserve more natural areas	47.27% 104	46.36% 102	6.36% 14	220
Outdoor pool or splash park	40.54% 90	41.44% 92	18.47% 41	222
Frisbee Golf Course	19.91% 42	60.19% 127	19.91% 42	211
Skate Park	25.47% 54	58.02% 123	16.51% 35	212
Rock Climbing Wall	31.34% 68	51.15% 111	17.51% 38	217
Football / soccer / lacrosse field & infrastructure	36.36% 76	48.80% 102	15.31% 32	209
Wi-fi in park	43.69% 97	40.99% 91	16.22% 36	222
Expanded farmers market operations	47.66% 102	46.26% 99	6.07% 13	214

**Q14 Please check any of the following ways that the Warren Parks and Recreation Department helps you stay informed about upcoming programs, activities and events:**

Answered: 236 Skipped: 24

Answer Choices	Responses
Water Bill	16.95% 40
Word of Mouth	47.88% 113
Cable TV	24.58% 58
Radio	2.97% 7
School Flyers	22.88% 54

The Warren Weekly	68.64%	162
The Macomb Daily	19.92%	47
The Detroit Free Press	6.36%	15
The Detroit News	5.93%	14
Facebook	43.22%	102
Smart Phone Applications	6.78%	16
Instagram	1.69%	4
Twitter	4.66%	11
Parks Website: www.cityofwarren.org	38.98%	92
eClub (http://warrenparks.vip.eclub.com)	10.59%	25
email	17.37%	41
Other (please specify)	17.80%	42
<b>Total Respondents: 236</b>		

**Q15 Would you be more likely to visit or patronize any local business that support Warren Parks and Recreation facilities, programs and maintenance?**

Answered: 227 Skipped: 33

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	68.72%	156
No	6.61%	15
Maybe	24.67%	56
<b>Total</b>		<b>227</b>



# Recreation Master Plan Update

We're creating a family community with People, Parks and Programs!

# Community Input

**Workshop:** Location  
Date





## Leader's INSTRUCTION SHEET:

- Setup** – Arrive ½ hour early to review to room and set things up for the general presentation.
- Room Setup** – Post workshop sign(s) at the room entrance and in the room. Set the room so as the attendees can see the City Recreation Map for the introduction. Depending on the turnout, try to divide the room into areas for each workshop group. Arrange tables and chairs for 8 to 10 individuals per group. Separate the groups as far as possible because of the noise and minimize distractions.
- Welcome & Sign in** – Welcome attendees and ask them to sign in.
- Introduction** – The leader should introduce themselves and the team and then explain the Purpose.
- Purpose** – The City is currently revising the Park & Recreation Master Plan. The plan must meet all Michigan Department of Natural Resource State and Federal Grant Program requirements as well as establishing a plan that will address the needs of the community and serve as a guide for future park and recreation development. It is of major importance to have residents participating in these workshops and surveys. This input will assist in developing the plans for the future to improve the parks and recreational opportunities within the City of Warren.
- Study Area** – City Recreation Map – Highlight North, City Limits, the legend and key, as well as the current location of the workshop. Depending on the size of the group, have the attendees locate their home or business on the map using a **red** fine point marker.
- Ground Rules** – We are looking for positive ways to improve the parks and recreation in the city. We must respect everyone's opinions. We want to hear from everyone. But we have a limited time so we need to keep the discussion brief. If someone has mentioned an idea that you agree with you can cast your vote for it. If there are any negative items discussed you must have a solution to resolve it or can ask for help from the team. We will be using a **two-minute timer** and the Leader has the right to shorten the time if the discussion is stalled. Any additional items you would like to share can be written down on the index cards and handed in to the Leader at any time. **Photographs will** be taken to document the proceedings.



Workshop In a BOX  
Community Engagement

**TOOL BOX:** The following is a list of items, which will assist the leader in facilitating the Workshop in a Box Community Engagement exercise.

It would be advantageous to have an estimate of attendees. This will provide you with the number of copies, pencils, and other tools needed. Seeing the workshop room(s) prior to the exercise will also provide the opportunity of establishing a preliminary setup and room layout.

IN THE BOX?      COMPLETED

1.      Instruction Sheet Outline & Check List
2.      Workshop Sign(s)
3.      Note Pad – for recording responses of the participants.
4.      Workshop Sign In Sheet & Photo Permission Release blank copies.
5.      “Getting the ball rolling” - participant introductions
6.      Project Introduction
7.      City Recreation Map - large format for display and introduction of project.
8.      Reduced Scale City Recreation Map – copies for handouts
9.      Key questions for feedback
10.   Survey forms for each participant.
11.   Timer 2-Minute
12.   Pencils
13.   Blank 3 x 5 cards – ideas and comments.
14.   Color Markers - wide tip & fine point – to record on the easel pad and for marking locations on the map.
15.   Post it <sup>™</sup> Easel Pad - to be used to highlight the key findings from each of the groups.
16.   Camera or smart Phone - to be used for a visually record the proceedings.

# ADA Checklist

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Park \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIORITY 1: APPROACH & ENTRANCE

1.1 Is there at least one route from site arrival points that does not require stairs?  Yes  No

1.2 If parking is provided, are an adequate number of accessible spaces provided?  Yes  No

Total # \_\_\_\_\_ Accessible # \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 Are the spaces at least 8' wide with an access aisle at least 5' wide?  Yes  No

1.3 Is one space of every six ADA spaces van accessible?  Yes  No

1.5 Are the spaces at least 11' with a 5' wide isle or 8' with an 8' isle?  Yes  No

1.6 Is there 98" of vertical clearance provided for the van accessible space?  Yes  No

1.7 Are access aisles marked so to discourage parking in them?  Yes  No

1.8 Is the slope of the ADA parking spaces and access aisles no steeper than 1:48?  Yes  No

1.9 Do access aisles adjoin an accessible route?  Yes  No

1.10 Are ADA spaces identified with a sign that includes the international symbol of accessibility?  Yes  No  
Is it above 60" from the ground?  Yes  No

1.11 Are there signs reading "van accessible" at the van spaces?  Yes  No

1.12 Of the total parking spaces, are the accessible spaces located on the closest accessible route to the accessible entrances?  Yes  No

## EXTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

1.13 Is the route stable, firm and slip-resistant?  Yes  No

1.14 Is the route at least 36" wide w/ no portions narrower than 32" for more than 24"?  Yes  No

1.15 If the route is greater than 200' in length, is there a passing space of 60"x60"?  Yes  No

1.16 If there are grates or openings on the route, are the openings no larger than 1/2" to the dominant direction of travel?  Yes  No

1.17 Is the running slope no steeper than 1:20?  Yes  No

1.18 Is the cross slope no steeper than 1:48?  Yes  No

## CURB RAMPS

1.19 If the accessible route crosses a curb, is there a curb ramp?  Yes  No

1.20 Is the running slope of the curb no steeper than 1:12?  Yes  No

1.21 Is the cross slope of the curb ramp no steeper than 1:48?  Yes  No

1.22 Is the curb ramp at least 36" wide?  Yes  No

1.23 At the top of the curb ramp is there a level landing that is at least 36"x36"?  Yes  No

1.24 If the landing at the top is less than 36", are there curb ramp flares no greater than 1:12?  Yes  No

**ENTRANCE**

**1.37** Is the main entrance accessible? Yes No

**1.38** If not, is there an alternative entrance? Yes No

Can the alternative accessible entrance be used independently and during the same hours as the main entrance? Yes No

**1.39** Do all inaccessible entrances have signs indicating the location of the nearest accessible entrance? Yes No

**1.40** If not all entrances are accessible, is there a sign at the accessible entrance with the International Symbol of Accessibility? Yes No

**1.41** is the clear opening width of the accessible entrance door at least 32"? Yes No

**1.42** If there is a front approach to the pull side of the door, is there 18" of maneuvering clearance beyond the latch side plus at least 60" of clear depth? Yes No

On both sides of the door, is the ground or floor surface of the maneuvering clearance level no steeper than 1:48? Yes No

**1.43** Is the door threshold edge no more than 1/4" high? Yes No **Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**Or** No more than 3/4" high if slope is beveled no steeper than 1:2? Yes No N/A

**1.44** Is the door equipped with hardware, including locks, that is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist? Yes No N/A

**1.45** Are the operable parts of the door hardware no less than 34" and no greater than 48" above the floor or ground surface? Yes No **Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**1.46** If the door has a closer, does it take 5 seconds to close from an open position of 90deg. to 12 deg from the latch? Yes No N/A **Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**1.47** If there are two doors in a series, is the distance between the doors at least 48" plus the width of the doors when swinging into the space? Yes No N/A **Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**1.48** If provided at the building entrance, are carpets or mats no higher than 1/2" thick?

Yes No N/A **Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**1.49** Are edges of carpets or mats securely attached to minimize tripping hazards? Yes No N/A

**PRIORITY 3- TOILET ROOMS**

**3.1** If toilet rooms are available to the public, is at least one toilet room accessible?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A**

**3.2** Are there signs at inaccessible toilet rooms that give directions to accessible toilet rooms?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A**

**3.3** If not all toilet rooms are accessible, is there a sign at the accessible toilet room with the International Symbol of Accessibility?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A**

**ACCESSIBLE ROUTE TO TOILET ROOMS**

**3.4** Is there a route to the accessible toilet rooms that does not include the use of stairs?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A**

Is the route accessible?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A**

**SIGNS AT TOILET ROOMS**

**3.5** Do text characters contrast with their backgrounds?  **Yes**  **No**

Are text Characters raised?  **Yes**  **No**

Is there Braille?  **Yes**  **No**

Is the sign mounted on the latch side of the door?  **Yes**  **No**

Is the baseline of the lowest character at least 48" and no more than 60"?  **Yes**  **No**

**ENTRANCE TO TOILET ROOMS**

**3.6** Is the clear opening width of the accessible entrance door at least 32" when the door is open?  **Yes**  **No**

**3.7** If there is a front approach to the pull side of the door is there at least 18" of maneuvering clearance beyond the latch side plus 60"?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.8** Is the door threshold edge no more than 1/4" high?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

OR No more than 3/4" high if slope is beveled no steeper than 1:2?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.9** Is the door equipped with hardware that is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.10** Are the operable parts of the door hardware mounted no less than 34" and no greater than 48" above the floor?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.11** Can the door be opened easily (5lbs. max)?  **Yes**  **No Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.12** If the door has a closer, does it take at least 5 seconds to close from an open position of 90 degrees to a position of 12 degrees from the latch?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.13** If there are two doors in a series, On both sides of the door, is the distance between the doors at least 48" plus the width of the doors when swinging into the space?  **Yes**  **No**

**3.14** If there is a privacy wall and the door swings out, is there at least 24" of maneuvering clearance beyond the door latch side and 42" to the privacy wall?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.15** If there is a privacy wall and the door swings in, is there at least 24" of maneuvering clearance beyond the door latch side and at least 48" to the privacy wall if there is no door closer or at least 54" if there is no door closer?  **Yes**  **No**  **N/A Measurement**\_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE TOILET ROOM**

**3.16** Is there a clear path to at least one of each type of fixture, e.g. lavatory, hand dryer, etc., that is at least 36" wide? Yes No

**3.17** Is there clear floor space available for a person in a wheelchair to turn around (60"dia.)? Yes No

**3.18** In a single user toilet room, if a door swings in and over a clear floor space at an accessible fixture, is there a clear floor space at least 30"x48" beyond the swing of the door? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.19** If the mirror is over a lavatory or countertop, is the bottom edge of the reflecting surface no higher than 40" off the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Or** if the mirror is not over the lavatory or countertop, is the bottom edge at least 35" off the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.20** If there is a coat hook, is it no less than 15" and no greater than 48" above the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAVATORIES**

**3.21** Does at least one lavatory have a clear floor space for a forward approach at least 30" x48"? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.22** Do no less than 17" and no greater than 25" of the clear floor space extend under the lavatory so that a person using a wheelchair can get close enough to reach the faucet? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.23** Is the front of the lavatory or counter surface, whichever is higher, no more than 34" above the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.24** Is there at least 27" clearance from the floor to the bottom of the lavatory that extends at least 8" under the lav for knee clearance? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.25** Is there toe clearance at least 9" high? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.26** Are pipes below the lavatory insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact? Yes No

**3.27** Can the faucet be operated without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist? Yes No

Is the force required to activate the faucet no greater than 5 lbs.? Yes No

**SOAP DISPENSERS AND HAIR DRYERS**

**3.28** Are the operable parts of the soap dispenser within one of the following ranges?

Above the lavatories or counters no less than 20" and no greater than 25" deep: no higher than 44" off of the floor? Yes No

Above the lavatories less than 20" deep: no higher than 48" above the floor? Yes No

Not over an obstruction: no higher than 48" above the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.29** Are the operable parts of the hand dryer or towel dispenser within one of the following ranges:

Above the lavatories or counters no less than 20" and no greater than 25" deep: no higher than 44" above the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

Above lavatories less than 20" deep: No higher than 48" above the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

Not over an obstruction: no higher than 48" above the floor? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

Can the operable parts of the hand dryer or towel dispenser be operated without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist? Yes No

Is the force required to activate the hand dryer or towel dispenser no greater than 5 lbs? Yes No **Measurement:** \_\_\_\_\_

## WATER CLOSETS IN SINGLE-USER TOILET ROOMS AND STALLS

**3.30** Is the centerline of the water closet no less than 16" and no greater than 18" from the side wall or partition? Yes No  
**Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.31** Is clearance provided around the water closet measuring at least 60" from the side wall and at least 56" from the rear wall? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.32** Is the height of the water closet no less than 17" and no greater than 19" above the floor measured to the top of the seat? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.33** Is there a grab bar at least 42" long on the side wall? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Is it located no more than 12" from the wall? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Does it extend at least 54" from the rear wall? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Is it mounted no less than 33" and no greater than 36" above the floor to the top of the gripping surface? Yes No  
**Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Are there at least 12" clearance between the grab bar and protruding objects above? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Is there at least 1-1/2" clearance between the grab bar and protruding objects above? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Is the space between the wall and the grab bar 1-1/2" ? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.34** Is there a grab bar at least 36" long on the rear wall? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Does it extend at least 12" from the centerline of the water closet on one side? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Does it extend at least 24" on the other open side? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Is it mounted no less than 33" and no greater than 36" above the floor to the top of the gripping surface? Yes No  
**Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Are there at least 12" clearance between the grab bar and protruding objects above? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Are there at least 1-1/2 inches clearance between the grab bar and the projecting objects below? Yes No  
**Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Is the space between the wall and the grab bar 1-1/2"? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.35** If the flush control is hand operated, is the operable part located no higher than 48" above the floor? Yes No  
**Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.36** If the flush control is hand operated, can it be operated with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Is the force required to activate the flush control no greater than 5 lbs? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.37** Is the flush control on the open side of the water closet? Yes No

**3.38** Is the toilet paper dispenser located no less than 7" and no greater than 9" from the front of the water closet to the centerline of the dispenser? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.39** Is the outlet of the dispenser: Located no less than 15" and no greater than 48" above the floor? Yes No  
**Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

Not located behind grab bars? Yes No

**3.40** Does the dispenser allow continuous paper flow? Yes No

## TOILET COMPARTMENTS (STALLS)

**3.41** Is the door opening width at least 32" clear, between the face of the door and the stop, when the door is open 90 deg.? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.42** Is there is a front approach to the pull side of the door, is there at least 18" of manubering clearance beyond the latch side plus 60" clearance depth? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.43** Is the door self closing? Yes No

**3.44** Are there door pulls on both sides of the door that are operable with one hand and do no require tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist? Yes No

**3.45** Is the lock operable with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist? Yes No

**3.46** Are the operable parts of the door hardware mounted no less than 34" and no greater than 48" above the floor?

Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.47** Is the compartment at least 60" wide? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.48** If the water closet is wall hung, is the compartment at least 56" deep? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.49** If the water closet is floor mounted, is the compartment at least 59" deep? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

**3.50** If the door swings in, is the minimum required compartment area provided beyond the swing of the door (60"x56" wall hung or 59" floor mounted)? Yes No **Measurement:**\_\_\_\_\_

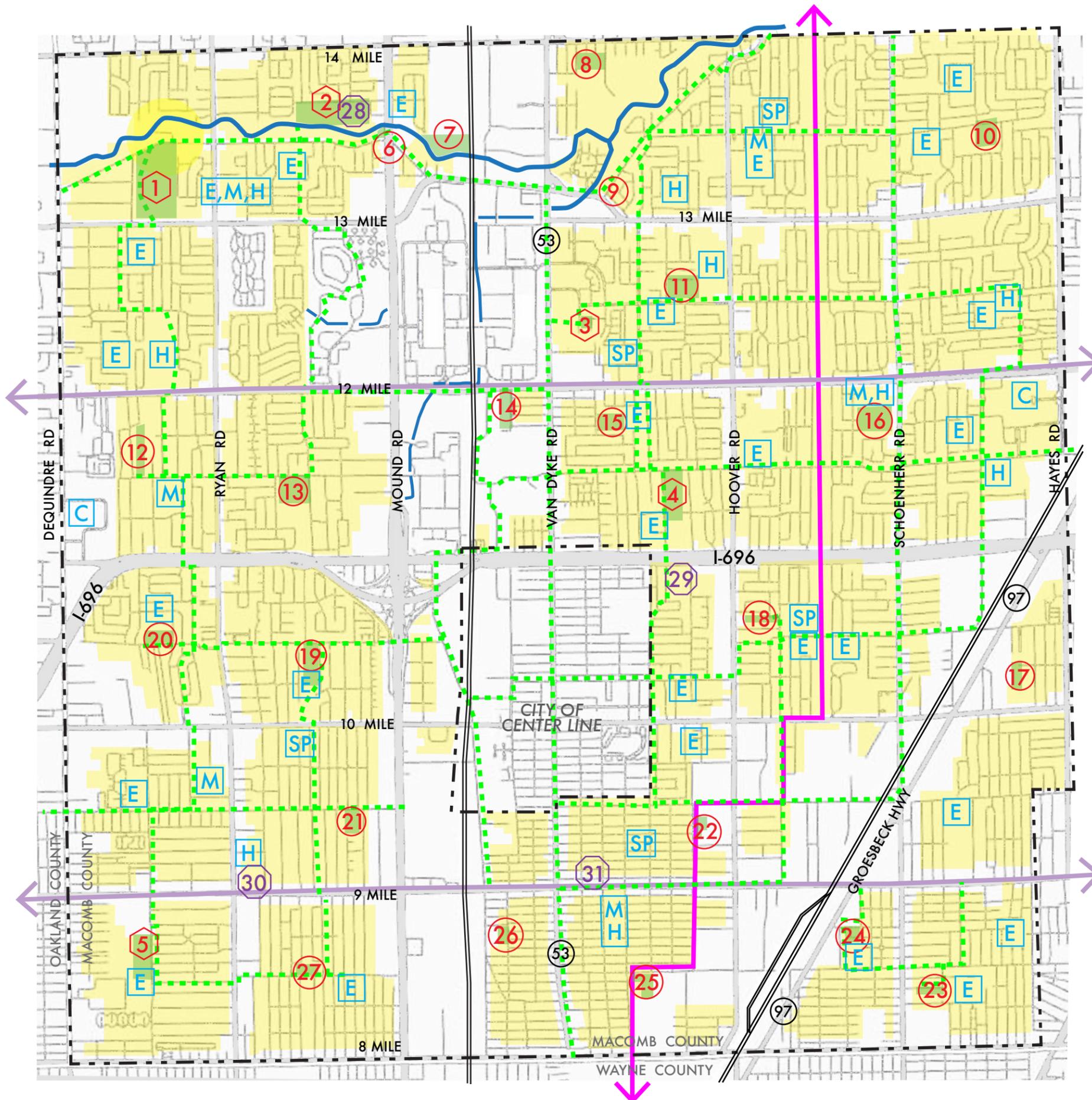








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