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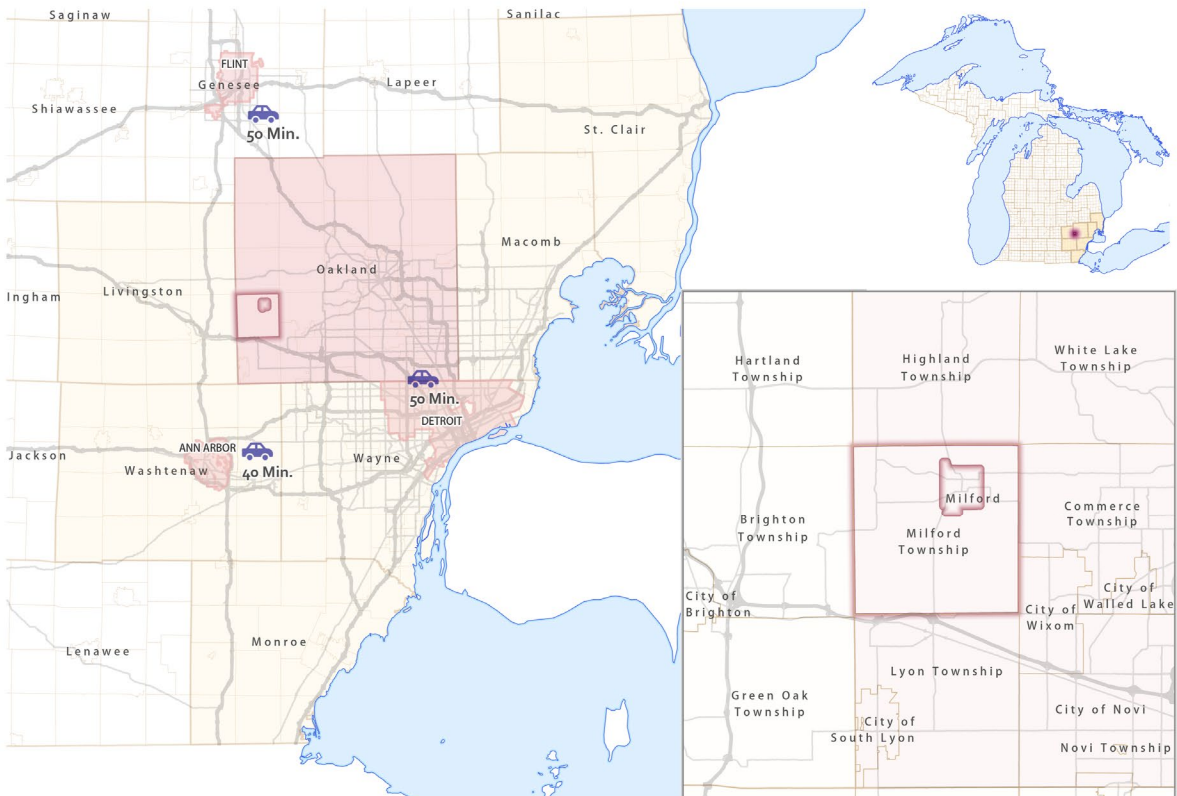
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Community Description

Milford Township is located in the southwest part of Oakland County. It is bordered by Lyon Township, the City of Wixom, Commerce Township, and Highland Township, all of which are in Oakland County. Bordering on the west, in Livingston County, is Brighton Township. The Village of Milford, an established, urban village 2.5 square miles in area, is located within the Township. Milford Township is approximately 30.6 square miles in area, and has a population of 10,570, or 345.5 people per square mile according to the 2020 Census.

As a mostly residential community, Milford Township relies on the Village of Milford for small town amenities such as local shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. The Township hosts Kensington Metropark, the largest recreation area owned and managed by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. Camp Dearborn and portions of Proud Lake and Highland State Recreation Areas are also located in the Township. Much of the General Motors Proving Grounds is located in the Township as well.

Map 1. Location Map



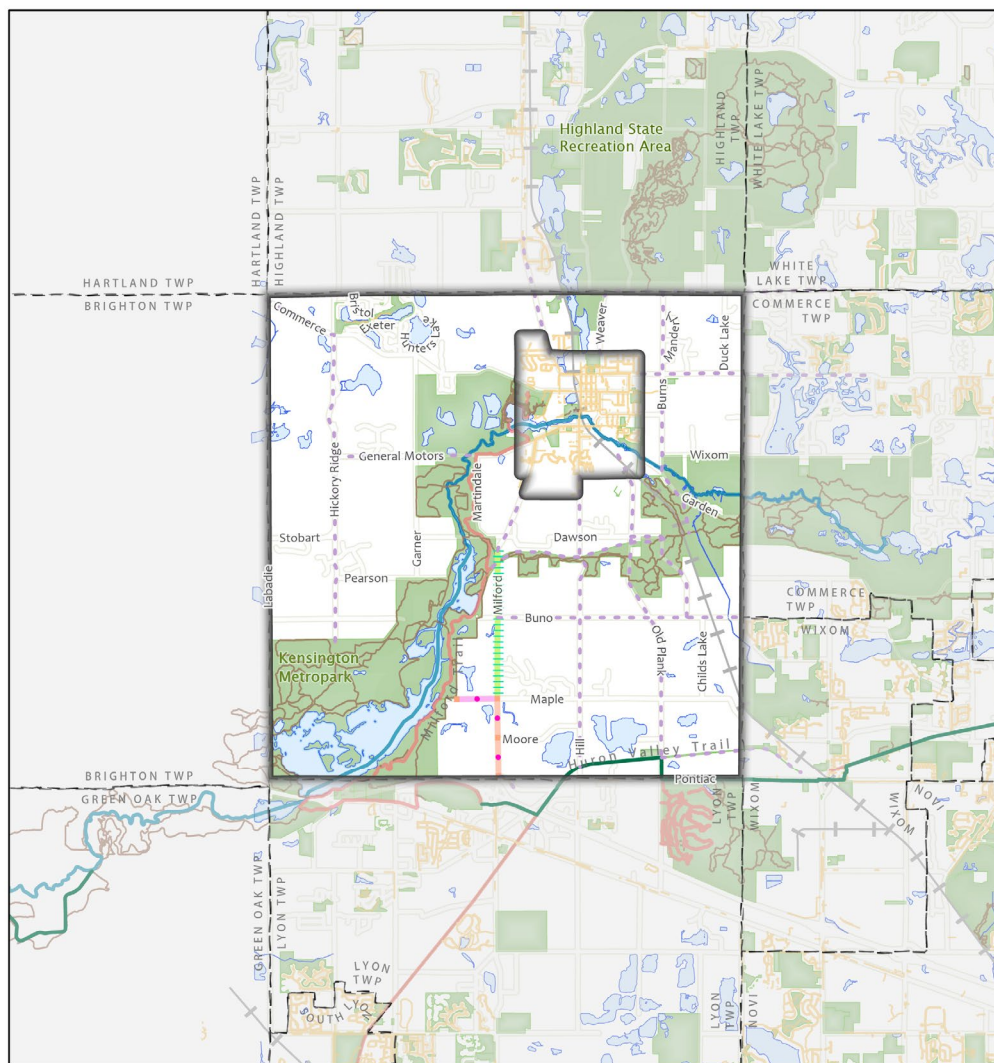
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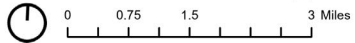
Access to the Township is fairly easy due to its close proximity to Interstate 96 along its southern border, M-59 to the north, and its network of County and local roads. It's location at the western edge of the Detroit Metropolitan Area and relative proximity to Detroit (40 miles), Ann Arbor

(25 miles), Flint (30 miles), and the nearby airports (30 to 35 miles to the Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport and the Flint Bishop International Airport) make this an attractive area in the region.

Map 2. Regional Setting



Data sources: Recreation Land and Trails: Oakland County Open Data Portal; Parcels: Milford Township; Roads: Michigan Geographic Framework v17a. ©2021 Giffels Webster.



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| Pathway Status | Pathway Placement | Existing Pathways |
| Proposed Path | East Side | Park Path |
| Planned Path | South Side | Sidewalk |
| Future NMT Opportunities | West Side | Regional Trails |
| | | Water Trail |
| | | Great Lake To Lake Trail |



Previous Plans

This plan is an update to the 2019-2023 Charter Township of Milford Parks and Recreation Master Plan. That plan was prepared by the Township Parks and Recreation Commission and adopted by the Milford Township Board to serve as a guide and decision making for future recreation facilities and programs. This plan, like the previous, presents an inventory of existing recreation facilities and programs, as well as environmentally-significant open spaces within the Township. An evaluation of needs and opportunities is included, taking into consideration the existing facilities in and around the Township and anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities and programs. Following this assessment are goals and a five-year action plan. The scope of this plan only includes Milford Township.

This plan is also intended to enable the Township to apply for grants and funds from various agencies that will allow the Township to take actions outlined in the action plan and work towards the goals outlined here. This plan provides another five years of grant eligibility with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Planning & Public Input Process

As part of the planning process, the Township conducted a community survey and hosted a public open house. These opportunities offered community members the chance to provide input on what they would like to see in the Township in the future.

Plan Development Process

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the previous Recreation Master Plan during a series of Commission meetings in 2022 discussing updates and noting desired modifications. A consulting firm was hired in the fall of 2022 to assist Milford Township and the Commission in updating and developing the 5-year plan for 2023-2027.

Administrative Structure

The Charter Township of Milford is a traditional Township organizational structure with a Township Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and a Township Board consisting of four trustees. Township staff is relative small with seven full-time employees. Police service is contracted to the Township from the Village of Milford. The Milford Fire Department is also a jointly-operated service, contracted to the Village from the Township, and includes a paid on-call fire department with a full time chief.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

On September 19, 2001, the Milford Township Board of Trustees appointed a five member Parks and Recreation Commission for the first time to serve in an advisory role to the Township Board and Supervisor in regards to recreation within the Township. Since that time, the Commission has developed and adopted bylaws to provide procedural guidelines for the Parks and Recreation Commission. The bylaws dictate that the Commission shall not exceed 9 voting members. A Commission member's term is for three years and they serve at the pleasure of the Township Board. A Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary are elected at the first meeting of each year. The Parks and Recreation Commission holds regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall.

In September 2006, the Parks and Recreation Commission adopted a Mission Statement to guide their progress and direction as follows:

The mission of the Milford Township Parks and Recreation Commission is to work with public and private partners to provide recreational facilities and activities to its residents and visitors. The Township relies on its volunteers to organize and run activities and events.

VILLAGE OF MILFORD

The Village and Township work closely together on many governmental and civic issues. Major cooperative efforts include the shared administrative offices, as well as police and fire services. In terms of the provision of recreation, the Village and Township interact on a project-by-project basis to provide support, share resources, plan events, etc.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP FISCAL ANALYSIS

The annual budget is prepared by the Township Supervisor and adopted by the Township Board with subsequent amendments approved by the Township Board. The majority of the Township's expenditures consist of fire, police, and general governance with the largest revenues coming from the police and fire millages as well as property taxes.

The budget below reviews expenses associated with operations of the Parks & Recreation Commission and event expenses related to hosting special events like the summer concert series. In addition to the parks allocation from the general fund, there is a millage to support maintenance of the Kensington-Milford Trail that is set to expire in 2023.

Dept 751 - Parks and Recreation Expenditure	2021 Amended Budget	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Recommended Budget
101-751-702-001 Recording Secretary	\$1,212	\$2,555	\$1,780
101-751-702-002 PR Commissioners Salaries	\$8,460	\$8,460	\$12,000
101-751-715-000 Employer's Social Security	\$877	\$936	\$1,171
101-751-980-000 Parks & Rec Projects	\$9,000	\$10,800	\$10,800
101-751-980-003 Summer Concert Expenditures	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
101-751-980-016 Parks & Rec Repair & Maintenance	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
101-751-980-017 Screen Repairs & Equip Updates	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
101-751-980-018 Contribute Village P&R	\$24,350	\$50,000	
Total Expenditure	\$69,899	\$104,751	\$41,751
Totals for dept 751 - Parks and Recreation	\$69,899	\$104,751	\$41,751
Appropriations - Fund 101	\$69,899	\$104,751	\$41,751

State, Regional, and Other Parks and Recreation Inventory

An inventory of recreation facilities, programs and events is an essential component of a Recreation Master Plan. The inventory provides a base of information to use in developing the goals, guidelines and capital priorities as well as assists in the future decision-making process. This section of the plan includes several components, including a recreation inventory map and park descriptions, which provide a general overview of all facilities found within the Township including those operated by the schools, Village, County, State, HCMA, and various regional entities. Another component of this chapter is a description of the recreation programs and events available to Township residents, offered by a variety of entities.

Milford Township is home to an exceptional network of state and regional parks and recreation facilities. In and around Milford Township there are thousands of acres of developed and undeveloped recreation space under the administration of Oakland County, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the Village of Milford, two school districts, the City of Dearborn and the State of Michigan. Currently, Milford Township itself only owns the Milford-Kensington Trail Connector that opened in 2009.

The primary recreation facilities in Milford Township serves to not only provide recreation opportunities, but also to conserve and protect one of the most integral natural features of the Township, the Huron River. The Huron flows east to west through Milford Township, meets and crosses the Village of Milford, and then turns southwest as it flows into Green Oak in Livingston County. With the exception of a few hundred feet of river frontage, the entire length of the Huron River within the Township resides in public land. This rare amenity sets Milford Township “ahead of the curve” with regard to recreation facilities.

In addition to those amenities associated with the Huron River, the Township benefits from a series of other significant local and regional facilities. These, in combination with the Huron River and its amenities, provide an established base upon which the Township will be able to focus future recreation facility development. The following section describes the existing facilities serving the residents of and visitors to Milford Township.

STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Milford Township contains portions of two significant State Recreation Areas within its boundaries: Proud Lake and Highland Recreation Areas. In addition, Island Lake State Recreation Area is located just south of the Township. These facilities are owned, operated, and maintained by The Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit is required at all State Parks.

Highland Recreation Area

The Highland Recreation Area is an approximately 5,900 acre State Park which lies almost entirely within Highland and White Lake Townships, with the exception of a small portion of the park containing the southern half of Moore Lake, which lies in Milford Township. The Highland Recreation Area is a primarily unimproved natural area in which seasonal hunting, fishing, boating, mountain biking, cross country skiing, swimming, boating, snowmobiling, rustic camping, equestrian activities and field dog trial areas are supported.

Island Lake Recreation Area

Located at the southwest corner of Milford Township and extending into Brighton and Green Oak Townships is the Island Lake State Recreation Area. Abutting Kensington Metropark, this State Recreation Area contains over 4,000 acres of space, primarily in Livingston County. The park serves to continue the substantial natural area surrounding the Huron River begun upstream by Proud Lake State Recreation Area and Kensington Metropark, and its programming and attractions are primarily structured around its natural resources, including the Huron River. Paddling, swimming, mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and trapping are the most popular draws of the park. This area completes a chain of parks that essentially provide public access and conservation and recreation areas on the banks of the Huron River for the entirety of its flow through Milford Township. Its strategic location allows it to cater to the residents of Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties, all within a short drive.

HURON CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY RESOURCES

The Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is an organization serving the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston.

Kensington Metropark

Consisting of 4,481 acres, Kensington Metropark serves as the HCMA Headquarters and is second in size only to Stony Creek Metropark of all 13 of the system's parks. Due to the large area, extensive programming and long list of amenities, Kensington Metropark, located almost entirely within Milford Township, is a major recreation destination for the entire southeast Michigan region and serves over 2.5 million visitors a year.

The HCMA owns property between Milford Road and the Proud Lake Recreation Area. Kensington Metropark and Proud Lake are connected via the HCMA property, developed with Chief Pontiac Trail. This rustic trail is open to hikers, mountain bikers, and for equestrian use.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

By virtue of Milford Township's location within Oakland County, the residents of the Township have access to the Oakland County Parks System.

Lyon Oaks Park

Lyon Oaks County Park, the closest county park to Milford in the Oakland system, is owned and operated by the Oakland County Parks Department and is located along Pontiac Trail, adjacent to Milford Township on its southern border immediately east of Old Plank Road. Located within Lyon Township, Lyon Oaks Park is 1,041 acres in area, and contains a 800-acre wetland preserve and an 18-hole Arthur Hills-designated golf course.

Camp Dearborn and Mystic Creek Golf Club

Camp Dearborn is a 626 acre park located immediately west of the Village of Milford between Commerce Road and General Motors Road. Camp Dearborn was originally founded in the 1940's as a rustic vacation space for the residents of Dearborn, Michigan, located approximately 30 miles southeast of Milford Township. While the Township has seen a great deal of development since that time, Camp Dearborn has remained relatively intact and continues to be owned and operated by the City of Dearborn. The City also leases approximately 260 acres of the property to the Mystic Creek Golf Club. The course has 27 championship holes, driving range, putting green, adventure golf, and clubhouse/banquet center.

Camp Dearborn is open to the general public, although rates are reduced for use of the park, camping facilities, and golf for residents of Dearborn, Milford Township, and the Village of Milford. A variety of sports fields and courts, fishing ponds and picnic facilities are popular in the camp. RV camp sites are available along with restroom/shower facilities and a selection of sites are pet friendly. In recent years Resort Cabins have been constructed and are available to rent.

Atchinson Memorial Park

The James F. Atchinson Memorial Park (formerly Lyon Township Community Park) is located in Lyon Township along Grand River Avenue, just south of Milford and I-96. The park includes several soccer fields, tennis courts, baseball fields, playground, basketball court, open space, and a paved trail.

NON-MOTORIZED SYSTEMS

A widespread effort has been emerging in the State of Michigan to identify opportunities and develop non-motorized trails and trail networks throughout and between communities and various destinations. Partnerships between individual cities, village and townships, county governments, regional entities, and non-profit regional trail development organizations have produced comprehensive trail networks in many areas throughout Michigan including the Milford community. Oakland County has led the way for this growing movement by providing planning services, funding and County resources toward the construction of a trail network within its boundaries, taking advantage of the lakes and rivers of the county and connecting to those networks present or under consideration in adjacent counties.

Huron Valley Trail

In 2011, the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance identified five Great Lake to Lake Trail (GLTLT) routes that will eventually traverse the State of Michigan. The GLTLT #1 traverses from Port Huron to South Haven. It utilizes several segments that had already been completed including the Huron Valley Trail (2002) that connects Lyon Oaks County Park with South Lyon. This route traverses the former Michigan Air Line Railroad route. The current trail begins at Lyon Oaks County Park following widened sidewalks along Pontiac Trail and Old Plank Road. From the Old Plank Road intersection with the former railbed, the trail follows the railbed alignment southwesterly into South Lyon.

The Huron Valley Trail turns into the Michigan Airline Trail in Milford Township. The trail segment to the east of Milford Township was completed by the Commerce, Walled Lake, and Wixom Trailway Management Council. The council received funding to purchase the trail in 2017 and a non-motorized bridge was constructed over M-5 Expressway in 2018. The trail eastward to Haggerty Road connects into the West Bloomfield Trail. Besides a missing link near Downtown Pontiac, this work will complete the GLTLT #1 trail all the way into Richmond in northeastern Macomb County.



Oakland County Trails, Water, and Land Alliance

Oakland County Trails, Water, and Land Alliance formed out of the merger of the Oakland Trails Advisory Council and Oakland County’s Natural Area Advisory Group. OCTWLA works to develop trails and protect natural areas within Oakland County. The initiative has evolved from local visions and been applied countywide. OTAC originally envisioned an interconnected trail system throughout the region. As of 2020, approximately 80 miles of trails in Oakland County have been completed.

Milford-Kensington Non-motorized Connector

Milford Township adopted its first Recreation Plan in 2002, identifying the design and construction of a non-motorized trail from the Milford dam to Kensington Metropark as a top priority. Following the adoption of the Recreation Master Plan, the Township secured over \$2.6 million in funding and passed a millage to fund a significant portion of the construction costs of the project. The Township was successful in obtaining funding assistance from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, MDOT, and MDNR.

The trail was completed in 2009. The 10-foot wide trail traverses HCMA property and connects Kensington Metropark to the Milford Dam. To minimize wetland impact, the trail features five timber boardwalks over three separate wetland areas.

Village of Milford Trail

The Milford Trail was finished in 2009 with the completion of the Milford-Kensington Connector to downtown Milford. The Village section of the trail connects the Milford Dam north around Hubbell Pond Park through a densely wooded area to the YMCA, Commerce Road, and the Milford Library.

Huron River Water Trail/Milford Water Trail

The Huron River Water Trail is a 104 mile long inland paddling trail starting at the headwaters in Proud Lake that runs through Southeast Michigan to Lake Erie. There are several river access campgrounds along the trail. Part of the trail flows through Milford (hence the Milford Water Trail), offering a paddling and fishing opportunities to residents and visitors. The Huron River National Water Trail consists of interested groups and communities that grew out of the Huron River Watershed Council.

YMCA

The Carls Family YMCA was constructed in 2002 as part of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Located in the Village of Milford the “Y” attracts a high membership base and provides exercise, pool, instructional, and other health facilities for the residents of the community.

The building contains a series of pools including a shallow, warm water children’s pool, a lap and diving pool, and another general activity area. A large gymnasium, with dividers and striping for volleyball, basketball, and other indoor sports as well as an activity room with wood floors and wall-to-wall mirrors for dance and aerobic instruction. The YMCA also brings to the Township an array of summer, recreational, and educational programs for member families. Day camps, sports leagues, classes on many different activities and exercise and sports clinics are available for members.

HURON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

The Huron Valley School District encompasses eight elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools, and one alternative high school and services Highland, Milford, White Lake, and Commerce. The majority of Milford Township lies within the Huron Valley School District boundaries. There are 3 schools within Milford with Milford High School located just north of the Township on Milford Road.

Huron Valley Recreation and Community Education

The Recreation and Community Education department strives to offer life long learning opportunities to meet the needs of Huron Valley Schools’ residents and neighbors.

Johnson Elementary School

Johnson Elementary School (14.7 acres) is located on General Motors Road and has a baseball field, basketball and soccer fields or courts, as well as a general outdoor play area and various play equipment. This school also has a gymnasium for indoor activities.

Kurtz Elementary School

Kurtz Elementary School (12.6 acres) is located on Kurtz Drive and includesn area for basketball, baseball, and soccer. Kurtz also has a gymnasium and a general outdoor play area with playground equipment.

Muir Middle School

Muir Middle School (16.3 acres) is located on George Street in the Village of Milford. It has a general play area supported by two ball fields, a soccer field, and gymnasium.

Milford High School

Located on S. Milford Road in Highland Township, Milford High School has 9 acres of outdoor active creation area which contain sports fields for baseball, softball, tennis, football, track, and soccer. In addition, the high school has a full gymnasium and associated parking. These facilities are used by high school league play for students and for general community use. Milford High School also contains a state-of-the-art theater. The theater, known as the Milford High School Center for the Performing Arts, holds approximately 650 people.

SOUTH LYON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Located in the extreme southwest corner of Oakland County, and partially in Livingston and Washtenaw Counties, the South Lyon School District covers about 83 square miles. The South Lyon School District has two high schools, two middle schools, eight elementary schools, and an early childhood center. Located in the City of South Lyon, the administrative offices for the School District share a facility with the City of South Lyon Municipal Offices, the first such partnership in the State of Michigan.

VILLAGE OF MILFORD FACILITIES

The Village of Milford operates and maintains six parks within the municipal boundaries, including the following:

Arthur's Park

This small park (0.15 acre) is located along Main Street, on the north side of the Huron River, across from Central Park. The park features a butterfly garden and offers a walkway, benches, and picnic table for visitors to enjoy the views of the river.

Center Street Park

This small (0.1 acre) urban park is located on the east side of Main Street in the downtown area. This "pocket park" features benches, a gazebo, and water fountain.

Central Park

Central Park (12 acres) is located on the north side of the Mill Pond/Huron River in the center of the Village, within walking distance of the downtown district. The park includes a community built playscape, a tennis court, two basketball courts, canoe launch area, sand volleyball court, and special event pavilion, picnic areas and restrooms. The LaFontaine Family Amphitheater, built in 2015, is used for the Township's summer concert series and a Veterans' Memorial is also located in the park. In 2015 the Village Council adopted the Central Park Plan which aims to guide development over the next 10-20 years.

Fairgrounds Park

Fairgrounds Park (3 acres) is located adjacent to the Milford Senior Center and municipal complex, south of Atlantic Street. The park is mainly an undeveloped natural area but does feature shuffleboard courts and a picnic area. The eastern portion of the park was developed with the Milford Skatepark in 2019.

Hubbell Pond Park

This park was leased for 99 years from the HCMA and overlaps to the west in Milford Township. The Hubbell Pond Park site (150 acres), located on the north side of the Mill Pond in the western portion of the Village, is largely undeveloped, but does feature walking trails, mountain bike trails, 4 ballfields, and a picnic shelter. The site is also home to the Milford Public Library and Carls Family YMCA.

Village of Milford Parks and Recreation Plan

The Village of Milford completed their Parks and Recreation Plan in 2020. The plan focuses on park fixtures such as benches, lighting, fencing, water fountains, and trash/recycling receptacles, and specific updates to many of their parks. The Village is also planning to continue the work started to create a Trailways connector between Proud Lake State Parkland and the eastern edge of Milford Village as well as enhance the trails that provide access from the center of town to Proud Lake. The need to maintain the Milford Trail that runs from the Village to a regional trail system was also noted in the plan.

Milford-Kensington Trail Connector

Description	Amenities
<p>This 10-foot wide paved non-motorized trail runs from the Milford dam to Kensington Metropark. The project was funded by a millage as well as funds from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, MDOT, and MDNR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Drinking Fountains • Paved Parking • Timber boardwalks (5)



Barrier Free Analysis

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access to accommodate the needs of visitors with physical and/or mental disabilities. Barrier-free access includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that adequate barrier-free parking spaces, sidewalks, trails, picnic tables, and playground equipment are provided for renovated or new recreational facilities. Standards from The Accessibility Checklist, a guidebook founded upon the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) and the codes and standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), were used to verify barrier-free compliance.

The MDNR Guidelines require that a barrier-free ranking be given to each facility for assessing its accessibility to people with disabilities. The assessment considers the accessibility of both the facilities themselves as well as the access routes to them. The following system, provided by the MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (01/27/06), was used to assess each park:

- Rank 1: None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Rank 2: Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Rank 3: Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Rank 4: The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- Rank 5: The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

Accessibility

The U.S. Access Board is designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as the agency responsible for developing minimum accessibility guidelines to ensure that new construction and alteration of facilities covered by ADA are accessible and usable by people with disabilities. The Access Board has published the following guidelines that should be used by Access to Recreation applicants to determine the criteria they must exceed to achieve universal accessibility:

- 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design: <https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAStandards.pdf>
- 2012 Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Accessibility-Guide-Book.pdf>
- The National Center on Accessibility is a collaborative program of Indiana University and the National Park Service and also provides information on access for people with disabilities in recreation: <http://ncaonline.org/>

The only park that underwent this analysis for this plan is the trailhead to the Milford-Kensington Connector Trail since it is the only park and recreation area owned by the Township. This site has been assessed as a barrier-free facility with a rank of 2. Details of the analysis are on the following page.

Milford-Kensington Connector Trail		Overall Park Rating: 2
Parking		
N	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
N	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
N	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16	
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide.	
Y	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
N	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N/A	Ramps are non-slip	
N	If public restroom facilities are present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt) and have curb cuts	
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair treads that are painted to distinguish each step	
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
N	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	

The Milford Trail connector was completed in 2009 and connects the Milford Dam and Kensington Metropark to Hubbell Pond Park, the YMCA, the library, and downtown Milford.

Southside Park

Southside Park (5 acres) is located between Huron Street and Washington Street, east of Main Street, south of the downtown area. The park features play equipment, horse shoe pits, a remote control race car track, picnic tables, and an authentic log cabin.

Programs and Clubs

There are a variety of programs and clubs available to Milford area residents including:

- The Huron Valley Soccer Club offers organized soccer for girls, boys, and adults. The club utilizes fields at the Highland Township Community Park and also practices at Kensington Metropark.
- The Huron Valley Youth Baseball and Softball League is active within the community and offers instructional/recreational baseball and softball to Milford area youth. It is a volunteer-run organization and utilizes Janowski and Jay Cee Park Ballfields in the Village of Milford.
- The Milford Athletic Club is a swim club in Milford that runs programming for adults from Huron Valley Pools and Milford High School.
- The Huron Valley Schools Community Education Department organizes and offers a number of recreation-related programs throughout the year such as Counselor in Training, Outdoor Adventure Camp, Safety Camps, Tennis, Horseback Riding, gymnastics, cheerleading, flag football, swim classes, water aerobics, yoga, pilates, gardening, etc.
- Huron Valley Community Chorus
- Huron Valley Council for the Arts
- Friends of the Milford Library
- Huron Valley Moms' Club
- Village Fine Arts Association
- Girl/Boy Scouts
- Milford Garden Club
- Milford Historical Society
- Proud Lake Trails Riders Association (Equestrian)
- Highland Trail Riders Association (Equestrian)
- Kensington Trail Riders Association (Equestrian)
- Huron Valley Equestrian Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Milford Amateur Radio Club
- Milford Masonic Lodge
- Rotary Club of Milford
- Zonta Club of Milford
- Huron Valley Running Club
- Huron Valley Mountain Bike Club
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Wolverine Sports Club
- Friends of Proud Lake
- Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental
- Village Canoe Rental

Additional opportunities include:

Milford Senior Center

The Milford Township Senior Center is located on the Civic Center grounds, adjacent to the Village/Township offices. Its location makes it easy and accessible for area Senior Citizens. The Center has a Director and Activity Director who plan many outings and activities for older (50+) adults. Lunch is served daily, and a schedule of events can be mailed or picked up at the Center. The People's Express takes local Seniors to doctors appointments as well as shopping trips.

Programs and Events

There are several programs and events sponsored and organized by various agencies and held in the community throughout the year.

Milford Winter Fest

The Milford Township Parks and Recreation Commission hosts Winterfest every year at Downtown Milford's Central Park. The winter festival features a variety of events for all ages, including winter crafts, ice skating, winter games, and snacks and hot cocoa.

Milford Memories Summer Festival

The Milford Memories Summer Festival is a three day event held in August in downtown Milford. It includes an art fair with over 300 artists from around the country. The festival also includes music, events for all ages, a 5K & 10K race, pancake breakfast, food and beverages.

Milford Summer Concerts in the Park

A summer concert series is held Thursday evenings in Central Park's La Fontaine Family Amphitheater in downtown Milford. From June through August, community members can enjoy a variety of musical genres, from blues and swing music to bluegrass, big band, jazz, and rock and roll.

Milford Community Picnic

The Milford Township Parks and Recreation Commission jointly holds a Community Picnic with the Village of Milford in the Spring of each year at Central Park. Food is available as well as various games, crafts, face painting, moon bounce and a movie in the park.

Labor Day 30K

The Labor Day 30K takes place every Labor Day Weekend, starting from Bakers of Milford Restaurant. Run by a nonprofit organization, the races offers a 30K bike, 30K run, 10K run, 6K run/walk, and a 1/2 mile kids run.

Grant History

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisition or development of recreation facilities. In the past, Milford Township has received one grant for recreation facility development.

In 2006, Milford Township was granted \$400,000 from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, TF06-074, for the Milford to Kensington Metropark Trail. The project developed an approximately 2.9-mile non-motorized trail through Kensington Metropark to Milford Dam. In addition to the trail, the grant also supported construction of all elevated boardwalks over wetlands and supported site restoration. The trail is in good condition and well-maintained. The trail is heavily used and is an asset to the community.



Related Planning Efforts

Understanding planning efforts that have occurred or are occurring in the area is essential when planning for recreation improvements within the Township. This is especially true in Milford where multiple entities are in control of recreation land and facilities. Below are the planning practices that Milford Township should be aware of when making recreation plans and improvements:

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Camp Dearborn
- Village of Milford
- Shiawassee and Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project
- Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority
- Oakland County Parks

Complete Streets Policy

Non-motorized transportation is a key component of a community's recreational infrastructure. A robust non-motorized network allows for easy use of walking, biking, and other non-motorized transportation, improves non-motorized transit safety, encourages more non-motorized trips, and enables residents to connect with each other along these routes. The recognized role that a non-motorized transportation network can play in supporting recreational activities in a community is increasing, and non-motorized transportation goals should be included in today's recreation plans.

A major component of a non-motorized plan is ensuring that all streets within a community are "complete" whereby they are safe, accessible, and convenient for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, truckers, and public transportation riders) regardless of their age or physical ability.

In 2010, the State of Michigan became the 14th state to adopt Complete Streets legislation by amending PA 51 of 1951 (the State law that governs the distribution of money to local jurisdictions within Michigan). The Milford Township Board of Trustees followed up this action in July 2013 when it adopted a Complete Streets resolution, which requires the Oakland County Road Commission to consult with the Township whenever it is making changes to the road network within Milford Township.

Needs Analysis





**MILFORD-KE
TRAIL R**

Speed limit 10 MPH.
 Keep right except to pass.
 Warn others before passing.
 Yield to pedestrians.
 Do not block trail or cause co
 Reckless conduct prohibited.
 No skateboards
 Helmet use is required for p
 apparatus on the Hike-Bike Tra

Failure to comply could result in
 Report injuries to pa

Needs Analysis

To analyze the recreational needs of Township residents and determine deficiencies within recreation programs, it is helpful to consider standards for recreation service areas, land needs based on future population, and the ultimate size and extent of recreation facilities and their location.

These recreation planning standards are a useful tool in making an assessment of future recreation needs. Standards may be used effectively only as a means for comparing present conditions to what is thought to be suitable or desirable, and as a general guide toward estimating future needs and demands.

The following organizations have developed guidelines for recreation which are referenced in the analysis of Milford Township's recreation facilities:

1. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
2. State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Recommended Community Recreation Facilities

The major types of community recreation facilities recommended by the above organizations include:

1. **Playgrounds/Mini-Parks**
Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population, or specific groups such as small children or senior citizens. For example, suggested recreational amenities for an individual mini-park are a tot lot, two picnic tables and a 1/2 acre open space.
2. **Playfield or Athletic Fields/Neighborhood Park**
Neighborhood parks should offer a variety of activities to accommodate a range of ages, physical abilities, and recreational interests. Therefore, it is recommended that neighborhood parks should be comprised of approximately 50% active uses (fields, courts, playgrounds, skating, etc.) and 50% passive uses (trails, picnic areas, etc.). It is recommended that a minimum of 7-10 parking spaces should be provided.
3. **Community Parks**
Community-wide parks include larger parks with diverse environmental quality. A variety of passive and active uses are provided, including athletic fields, sledding hills, trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds. Typically, uses are separated by activity and age group to limit potential conflicts between different types of users. Other potential activities include outdoor swimming, lighted spectator-type athletic fields, ice skating, and ample off-street parking.



4. Connector Trails

Connector trails would include a multi-use trail to give non-motorized access to parks and other uses throughout Milford Township. Modes of travel include walking, biking, and in-line skating. These trails could be located in an independent right-of-way, such as along the utility corridors, or within the road rights-of-way. There are no current standards for trails within/around a community.

5. NRPA Annual Agency Review

Each year, the NRPA surveys parks and recreation agencies across the US and shares this data to help communities benchmark their programs and facilities against similar-sized peers. The NRPA recognizes that applying standards and guidelines often prove challenging due to the variety of populations served and funding sources available. Table 3 on the following page shows current benchmarks for certain park facilities based on populations less than 20,000. The list illustrates the number of facilities that might be expected within Milford Township, based on its current and future population.

Parks for an Aging Population

While there are no general standards for parks aimed at the aging population, many communities and other organizations are recognizing the importance of keeping older adults active as well as socially engaged.

In addition to ensuring parks are accessible for those of all ages and abilities, equipment and facilities aimed at older adults are recommended for inclusion at parks and recreational facilities.



Examples of playground equipment designed for those over age 60.

Sources: The Telegraph (UK) (top photo) and Braceworks.ca (bottom photo)

Table 1. National Comparison of Parks Facilities to Population

2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review Comparison of Communities with Populations Less Than 20,000						
	Median Number of Residents per Facility*: Population less than 20,000	Benchmark Number of Facilities for 2020		Benchmark Number of Facilities for 2045 Projected Population		Current Number of Facilities
		Milford Twp only (10,560)	Milford Twp and Village (17,080)	Milford Twp only (11,034)	Milford Twp and Village (18,038)	
						Milford Twp and Village**
Playgrounds	1,986	5	6	6	9	5
Basketball courts	3,750	3	3	3	5	12
Tennis courts (outdoor only)	2,723	4	4	4	7	1
Diamond fields: baseball - youth	3,107	3	4	4	6	5
Diamond fields: softball - youth	11,339	1	1	1	2	
Diamond fields: baseball - adult	7,954	1	1	1	2	
Diamond fields: softball - adult	5,667	2	2	2	3	3
Rectangular fields: soccer - youth	3,504	3	3	3	5	
Rectangular fields: soccer - adult	8,017	1	1	1	2	0
Rectangular fields: football	8,004	1	1	1	2	
Rectangular fields: lacrosse***	14,605	1	1	3	3	0
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	4,362	2	3	4	4	0
Multi-purpose synthetic fields	12,962	1	1	1	1	0
Overlay fields***	8,468	1	1		5	0
Dog parks	11,100	1	1	1	2	1
Swimming pools	8,637	1	1	1	2	2 (pool or lake)
Tot lots	6,642	2	2	2	3	0
Community gardens	8,773	1	1	1	2	0
Multiuse courts - basketball, volleyball	5,400	2	2	3	3	6
Pickleball	3,446	3	3	5	5	0
Skate parks	11,100	1	1	2	2	1
Ice rinks (outdoor only)	7,997	1	1	2	2	0
Regulation 18-hole courses	9,183	1	1	2	2	0 (2 27-hole courses are in the Township)
Driving range stations	5,055	1	1	3	4	0

*Findings from the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review uses data from Park Metrics, NRPA's park and recreation agency performance benchmarking tool, from years 2019-2021

**This includes facilities in both Milford Township and Milford Village. Schools and facilities outside of the Township may fill some of these missing facilities.

***These benchmark numbers are from the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review from years 2017-2019



Table 2. Michigan DNR Recreation and Open Space Types

Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Open Space and Trails (MDNR)					
Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population (Min.)	Acres / 1,000 Population (Max.)
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2,500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25	0.5
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	1/4 to 1/2-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1	2
School Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable - depends on the function.		Variable.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and is 1/2 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5	8
Large Urban Park	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal.		Variable.
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable.
Regional / Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.	5	10
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable.
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.		Variable.

Table 3. Milford Township Facilities per Population

Milford Township Comparison to Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails (MDNR)							
Classification	Milford Township 2020 Population		Milford Township Projected 2045 Population		Existing (acres)*	Recommended (acres)	Comments
	10,570		11,034				
	Min. (acres)	Max. (acres)	Min. (acres)	Max. (acres)			
Mini-Park	3	5	3	6	0	3-6	Explore opportunities throughout the community to add mini-parks
Neighborhood Park	11	21	11	22	0	11-22	Explore opportunities to require new developments to incorporate recreational open space into new neighborhood plans
School Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	The Township currently utilizes several school facilities (all located either in the Village or outside of the Township) to meet the recreational needs of residents; additional opportunities should be explored
Community Park	53	84	55	88	0	53-88	Explore opportunities to develop township-owned land as development increases
Large Urban Park	-	-	-	-	626	-	Camp Dearborn provides recreation opportunities nearby for township residents
Natural resource Areas							Opportunities to add natural resource areas could be explored
Regional / Metropolitan Park					0	-	Proud Lake State Recreation Area and Kensington Metropark provide recreation opportunities nearby for Township residents, however, both require a fee for entrance
Greenways					-	1+	Outside of the parks, there are no existing trails and pathways. Connecting neighborhoods and destinations in the Township to these existing trails should be explored.
Sports Complex					-	-	The Carls Family YMCA provides indoor sports and fitness opportunities and programming for those
<p>*This is based off of parks that are wholly or partially in the Township (but not the Village of Milford) and those do not require a fee for entrance. Township residents likely use the recreation spaces and amenities at Village parks and schools in addition to those included in this table.</p>							



Public Input

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Township Board is responsible for implementing the Recreation Plan, but the Recreation Commission provides input, analysis, and recommendations. The planning process began with an inventory of all Township parks facilities. A survey was then developed and posted online to gather public input on recreational needs and wishes. The recreation planning process is intended to involve individuals who represent a broad cross-section of the community's population. Unfortunately, these survey results indicate that the youngest cohort of the population likely did not complete the survey, as the Skate Park is often full of youth regardless of the time of day or season but few respondents were below the age of 35. Regardless, we will still present the results here.

Satisfaction with Current Activities and Facilities

One-third of respondents did not have opinions about park, recreational, and cultural activities for children. Of the remaining respondents, over 80% were somewhat or very satisfied with activities from 0-5 years old and from 6-12 years old. Most respondents were somewhat or very satisfied with the activities for adults (83.6%) and seniors (77.1%). Only 69% of respondents were satisfied to some degree with programming for teens 13 - 18 years old.

Uses

The survey asked about park and trail use. Park visitorship varied greatly among the parks with some parks never being visited (Skate Park, 79% and Highland Recreation Area, 30.0%) to more than 20 times a year (Central Park, 53% and Kensington Metropark, 44.1%).

When asked how often various trails are used, the Michigan Airline (62%) and the trails in Highland Recreation Area (38.5%) were the most commonly reported to never be used. The Milford-Kensington Trail (59.4%) and the trails in Kensington Metropark (56.3%) were most commonly reported to be used at least 11 times each year. Pathways are most commonly used for leisure (77.1%), biking (65.24%), and hiking (53.8%), but some do use them to walk to school (9.1%).

Amenities

When asked how important different amenities were to survey respondents' households, trails, greenspace that preserves natural areas and open areas, pickleball courts, and playgrounds were identified as most important, and baseball diamonds, basketball courts, and soccer fields as least important.

Future Improvements

Most respondents (90.3%) agreed that Parks and Recreation facilities and grounds should be a high priority for the Township Board, and 78.3% agreed that related programming should be a high priority for the Township Board.

Respondents were asked where they would like to see improved walkability. Of the choices provided, 61.1% said that connectivity to other regional trails like the Huron Valley Trail, Lakelands Trail, and Michigan Airline Trail would be desired, as well as connectivity between local and regional parks (55.3%).

The most desired amenities at trailheads included maps of the trails and surrounding areas (79.4% of respondents selected this as desired) and restrooms (74.4% of respondents). EV charging stations are not high priority amenities among respondents, with only 4.5% of respondents selecting this option.

Regarding spending, respondents were already in support of funding for things such as paved trails for cycling and walking (49.5% of respondents), pickleball courts (42.7%), and parks and open space (41.9%). Items that respondents were opposed to having Township funds go towards include dog parks (28.4%), tennis courts (26.7%), and fitness centers (25.0%).

OPEN HOUSE

An open house was held at the senior center on September 19, 2022. Participants answered questions and completed activities at various stations to share their ideas about parks and recreation facilities and programs with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Satisfaction with Current Activities and Facilities

Half (50.0%) of participants indicated that they felt the number and quality of parks provided by the Township is appropriate, based on the per capita spending on on parks. Almost all respondents (78.6%) indicated that they would be willing to pay a little more for some of the additional amenities and programs they want to see in the Township's parks and recreation facilities.

Uses

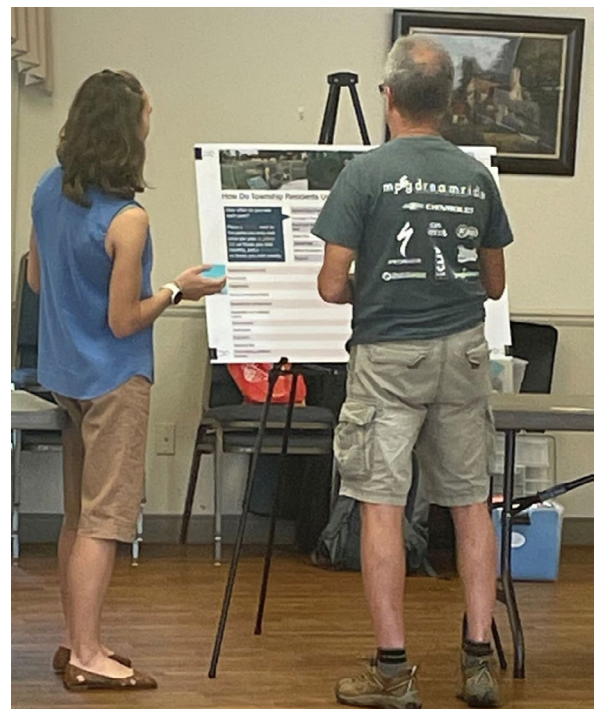
Results from the open house mirrored those of the survey, with no visitors indicating that they use the skate park and Proud Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, and Central Park all having the highest visitorship. Paved and natural/unimproved trails were the amenities used the most at parks, followed by mountain biking trails and dog parks. Hiking, biking, and pedestrian trails were the most commonly used trail type, followed by mountain bike, park path, and bike land trails.

Amenities

When asked which amenities would be most desirable, restrooms, maps of the park/trail, and pickleball courts were identified. EV charging stations, drinking fountains, and splash pads were identified as amenities with less support.

Programming

Sports activities for youth and family activities were identified as the types of programming likely to be most supported by participants. Fitness classes for youth, adults, and seniors were identified as programming activities that would not likely be supported by the open house participants.



Future Improvements

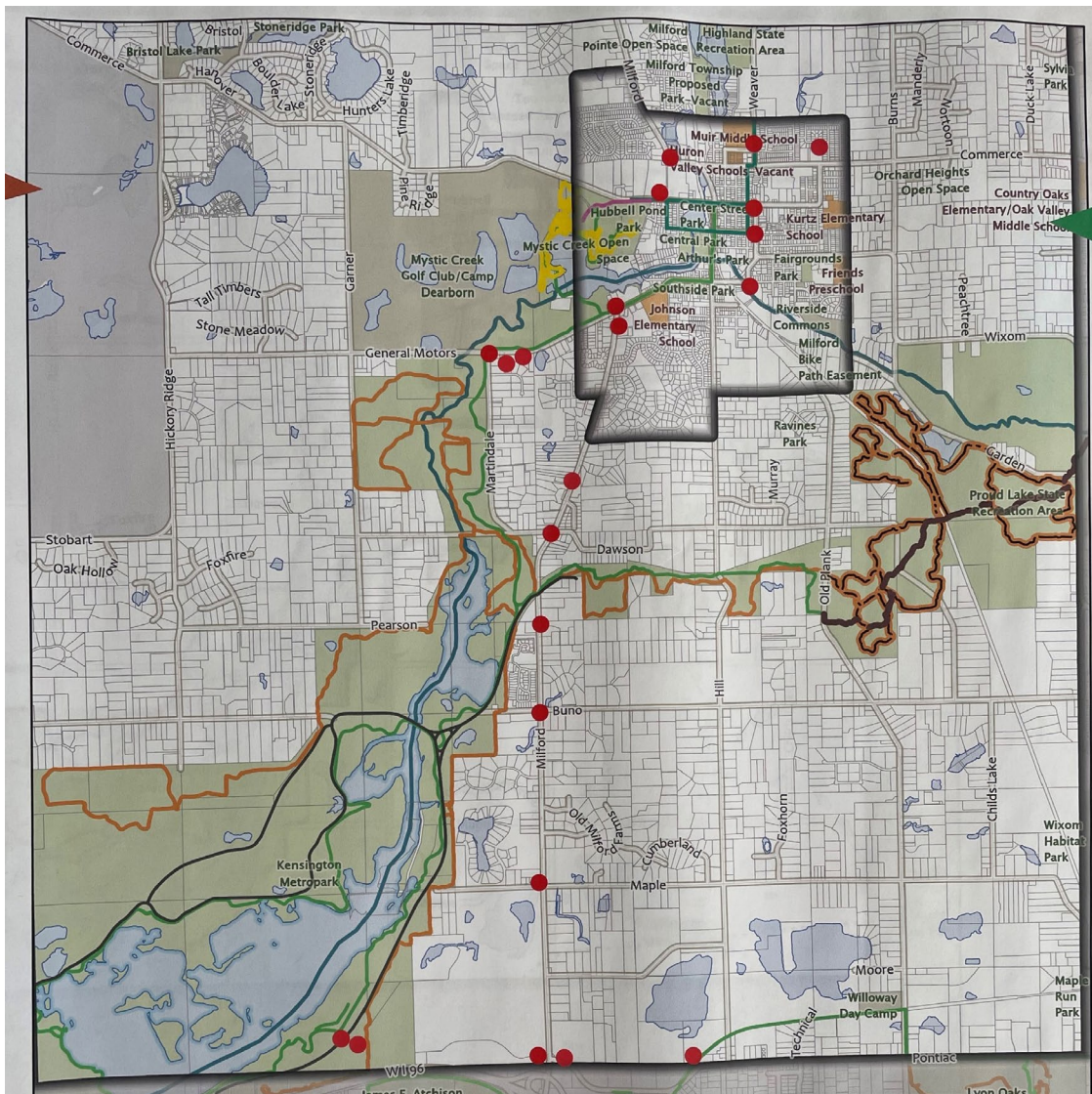
One participant suggested a park near the waterfall by the railroad tracks, and another suggested leaving Central Park natural and undeveloped, with maybe some tables and benches.

Participants also identified areas that are barriers for pedestrians and bicyclists (see red dots on the picture below) and noted ideas for new connections. Ideas for new connections include:

- Airline Trail at South Hill (Trail should continue to Milford Road at Pontiac Trail, into the new development and Kensington Park)

- Milford Road and East Side Road from River Oaks to Ridge Valley
- South from River Oaks neighborhood to downtown (connect all sidewalks together)

Participants were each given \$40 in play money and asked to budget improvements based on their priorities. Collectively, 40.4% of funds budgeted were for non-motorized transportation enhancements. Almost a quarter of funds (21.6%) were budgeted for park improvements, and another 16.0% for maintenance. Indoor facilities received very little financial support, earning less than 1% of the funding available.



Goals, Objectives, & Action Strategies





Goals and Action Strategies

The Action Program is intended to detail the direction that the Township wishes to take over the next five years in order to improve recreation opportunities within the community. This includes the establishment of goals and guidelines to direct recreation operation and policies as well as capital improvements to implement the Master Plan. As discussed previously, Milford is basing recreation improvement and service decisions on recreational trends, national standards, existing facilities, community opinion, and needs identified and observed by the Commission and Board. Demographic trends and the bounds of Township resources and its capacity available for long-term maintenance and operation are also considerations in decision making.

As was previous noted, the Parks and Recreation Commission adopted a Mission Statement to guide their overall progress and direction as follows:

The mission of the Milford Township Parks and Recreation Commission is to work with public and private partners to provide recreational facilities and activities to its residents and visitors.

Goals

Goals are statements that describe how the Township views its own future. They are the long-term ideal or end product that is desired. Goals should meet the following guidelines:

- Provide guidance, but not be too detailed;
- Be realistic and achievable; and,
- Inspire people to action

Action Strategies

Statements of specific actions are intended to guide the formulation and implementation of the Recreation Master Plan. The following goals and action strategies have been established to assist in implementing the Master Plan. The goals and action strategies are intended to be as significant as the capital improvements schedule and serve to provide further guidance and direction to the Township over the next five years. It is envisioned that these action strategies will be reviewed on a regular basis and be utilized during the regular decision making process. The action strategies have been placed into one of seven categories relating to communication and awareness, land acquisition, habitat protection, partnerships, connectivity, facility development and operations, and programming.

Possible Funding Sources

The following pages describe possible funding sources that may be available for various recreation-related projects. Funding sources change on a continual basis and therefore consistent time and resources are needed to ensure complete awareness of opportunities.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (MDOT)

Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities are federally funded, community-based projects that expand the intermodal transportation system and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the 12 TE activities and relate to surface transportation. Activities that relate to the implementation of this Master Plan include:

Facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists

Includes new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, bus racks, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses.

- Paved shoulders four or more feet wide
- Curb lane width greater than 12 feet
- Bike lanes
- Pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks
- Shared use paths 10 feet wide or greater
- Path/trail user amenities
- Grade separations
- Bicycle parking facilities
- Bicycle accommodations on public transportation
- Streetscape improvements

Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas

Projects that provide views of the Great Lakes or highly unique scenic areas.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Projects that enhance National Register listed historic districts, locally designated districts, or National Heritage Areas. Preservation of original properties and promotion of cultural tourism.

ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

Water quality projects that have positive effects on watersheds and water bodies and drafting of watershed management plans.

A minimum 20% local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

The MNRTF provides funding for both the purchase of land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty and the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation use. Goals of the program are to: 1) protect Michigan's natural resources and provide for their access, public use, and enjoyment; 2) provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes, and facilitate their recreation use; 3) meet regional, county, and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities; 4) improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in Michigan's urban areas; and, 5) stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation-related tourism and community revitalization.

Any individual, group, organization, or unit of government may submit a land acquisition proposal. However, only state and local units of government can submit development proposals. All proposals for grants must include a local match of at least 25% of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$500,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of outdoor recreation facilities. Minimum grant requests were \$30,000 and maximum grant requests were \$300,000. The match percentage must be 50% of the total project cost. Applications are due April 1st.

RECREATION PASSPORT GRANTS

The Recreation Passport program is to provide funding to local units of government for the development of public recreation facilities. These funds may be for new facilities or rehabilitation of older facilities. A 25 percent local match is required, and grants range from \$7,500 to \$150,000. Applications are due April 1st.

PEOPLE FOR BIKES

The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories:

- Facility
- Education
- Capacity Building

Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and transit, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. More information can be found at <https://peopleforbikes.org>.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM/ RECREATION IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund is administered by the MDNR for trails on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. The DNR division must always be the applicant but can be developed as a joint application with a local unit of government. Applications are typically due in June of each year. Additional information can be found on the MDNR-Grants website. List of Acronyms



Table 4. Goals and Action Strategies

Action Strategy	Priority	Funding Opportunities
Communication and Awareness		
GOAL: Continue to raise the level of awareness of the availability, importance, and benefits of parks and recreation within the community.		
Incorporate recreation goals, guidelines, plans, maps, etc. onto the Township website		General Fund
Prepare informational brochures, flyers, announcements, social media messaging, etc. regarding existing and proposed recreation opportunities for distribution to the general public.		General Fund
Actively seek public input on proposed projects and project details.		General Fund
Maintain a high level of communication and awareness with Village and Township staff, boards and commissions.		General Fund
Continue to build electronic distribution list of parks and recreation stakeholders and utilize to increase communication, awareness, and participation.		General Fund
Land Acquisition		
GOAL: Pursue the acquisition of property(ies) that will provide for active recreation opportunities and/or the preservation of open space in the community.		
Explore opportunities for land acquisition. These will be assessed on parcel location and the development potential and/or natural resource protection.		Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Environmental Mitigation Activities, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Passport Grants
Acquire property that will assist in providing connections between existing and planned recreation areas.		
Acquire property(ies) that may become available from other recreation providers within the community.		
Habitat Protection and Restoration		
GOAL: Seek to preserve and protect natural resources, environmentally sensitive lands, and wildlife corridors.		
Work closely with the Planning Commission in the implementation of the Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the preservation of environmental quality and open space preservation.		Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Environmental Mitigation Activities, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Passport Grants
Assist in and encourage the maintenance of habitat along stream corridors.		
Support and when possible design, fund and implement streambank restoration and erosion control measures utilizing soft shoreline techniques.		
Coordinate with Planning Commission to protect Natural Beauty Roads and Scenic Vistas as identified in the Milford Community Master Plan.		Transportation Alternatives Program
Assist the Planning Commission in protecting Quality Natural Areas and habitat linkages as identified in the Milford Community Master Plan.		Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Environmental Mitigation Activities, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Passport Grants

Action Strategy	Priority	Funding Opportunities
Partnerships		
GOAL: Coordinate and communicate with other agencies and entities in order to provide comprehensive, high quality parks and recreation opportunities for the Milford community.		
<p>Continue to work closely with various public and private entities to ensure effective, efficient and diverse recreation opportunities are available in the Milford area. These include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village of Milford and DDA • Oakland County School Districts • HCMA • MDNR • City of Dearborn • Neighboring communities • Road Commission for Oakland County • YMCA • Milford Library • General Motors • Athletic Organizations/Associations • Huron Valley Lacrosse • Huron Valley Soccer Club • Hyron Valley Youth Baseball and Softball • Huron Valley Running & Athletic Club • Milford Trail Committee • Kensington Trail Riders Association • Proud Lake Trail Riders Association • Highland Trail Riders Association Highland Equestrian Conservancy • Oakland Equestrian Coalition The Equestrian Land Conservation Coalition • Rose Center Trail Riders Association • Pontiac Lake Trail Riders Association • Mayberry Trail Riders Association • Walled Lake Equestrian Teams • Milford-Highland 4H Trailblazers • Huron Valley Equestrian Teams (Highland, Milford & Juniors) • Michigan Mountain Bike Association • Milford Historic Society • Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance • League of Michigan Bicyclists • Hiking Michigan • Other groups/organizations 		<p>General Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Environmental Mitigation Activities, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, People for Bikes, Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund</p>
<p>Engage the youth of the community in the development of recreation facilities and programs.</p>		<p>General Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Environmental Mitigation Activities, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Passport Grants,</p>
<p>Collaborate and coordinate efforts with the various departments, staff, boards and commissions within the Township to ensure awareness of recreation issues and effective and efficient solutions to Township needs.</p>		<p>General Fund</p>
<p>Encourage the involvement of private agencies and corporations in the provision of recreation within the community</p>		<p>General Fund</p>



Action Strategy	Priority	Funding Opportunities
Connectivity		
GOAL: Continue to support and encourage the development and maintenance of the local and regional non-motorized systems.		
Continue to focus on the implementation and maintenance of non-motorized trail systems, including water systems, that will contribute to the developing Oakland County regional and local trail system (hike, bike, equestrian, pedestrian, kayak/waterways).		Transportation Alternatives Program, Environmental Mitigation Activities, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, People for Bikes, Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund
Work with Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA), the MDNR, Oakland County, and other applicable partners to support the development of multi-use hike, bike, pedestrian, and equestrian trails between Kensington Metropark and Proud Lake and Highland State Recreation Areas.		
Support community efforts to establish Milford as an equestrian-friendly and bicycle-friendly community, as well as a place to enjoy passive water recreation and waterways.		
Continue to encourage the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), HCMA, and the Village of Milford to provide safe crossings that are pedestrian-, bicycle-, and equestrian-friendly where trails cross roads within the community.		Transportation Alternatives Program
Where possible, and to ensure safety, provide separate trails for equestrians, mountain bikes, and pedestrians and include signage that raises awareness of different trail users needs.		Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund
Support the RCOC to implement the Township's Complete Streets Policy Plan and compliance with the Township's Complete Streets resolution.		Transportation Alternatives Program
Facility Development and Operations		
GOAL: Provide the community with high quality, diverse recreation opportunities by expanding parks and recreation offerings.		
When the Township is able to acquire property and/or easements for the development of recreation facilities, the Township will strive towards the property being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> well-designed and of a high quality designed with maintenance costs at the forefront built to comply with existing barrier-free standards (minimum) built to be universally accessible 		Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, People for Bikes, Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund
Seek opportunities to construct multi-use fields (i.e. soccer and baseball), picnic pavilion(s), and courts (i.e. volleyball and basketball)		Recreation Passport Grant
Aggressively seek and pursue alternative funding opportunities to assist in the implementation of the Recreation Master Plan.		General Fund
Evaluate the need to increase Township staffing for maintenance, operations, etc.		General Fund
Continue to seek inter-agency opportunities to share financial, personnel, and equipment needs with various public and private entities.		General Fund
Continue the planning process through periodic review of the Recreation Master Plan and necessary updates.		General Fund
Engage various community groups such as garden clubs, scouts, etc. to assist in maintenance and beautification projects.		General Fund
Evaluate the establishment of a youth and/or community center.		General Fund

Action Strategy	Priority	Funding Opportunities
Programming		
GOAL: In conjunction with other parks and recreation providers, make available high quality, comprehensive, and diverse recreation programs that meet the needs of the community.		
Work closely with other providers (see Partnerships) to offer a variety of recreation programs.		General Fund
Continue to offer, sponsor, support, and/or coordinate community events such as the Community Picnic, Concerts-in-the Park, Milford Memories, etc.		General Fund
Seek opportunities and gauge interest in additional events/activities such as charity bike rides, runs, equestrian days, adventure races, etc.		General Fund
Park Facilities Improvements		
Trailhead amenities such as restrooms, paved parking areas, and bike repair kiosks. Adding these to Kensington Milford Trailhead is a particularly high priority	High	Passport Grants, People for Bikes, Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund
Trail equipment, for all ages	Medium	
Art along trails	Medium	



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Appendix





Appendices

Appendix A: List of acronyms

Appendix B: Published hearing notice
and meeting minutes from hearing and
adoption

Appendix C: Survey Results

Appendix A

List of Acronyms

ACS

American Community Survey

GLWA

Great Lakes Water Authority

HCMA

Huron Clinton Metropark Authority

RCOC

Road Commission for Oakland County

SEMCOG

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments



Appendix B

Published Hearing Notice and Meeting Minutes from Hearing and Adoption

Forthcoming, after adoption

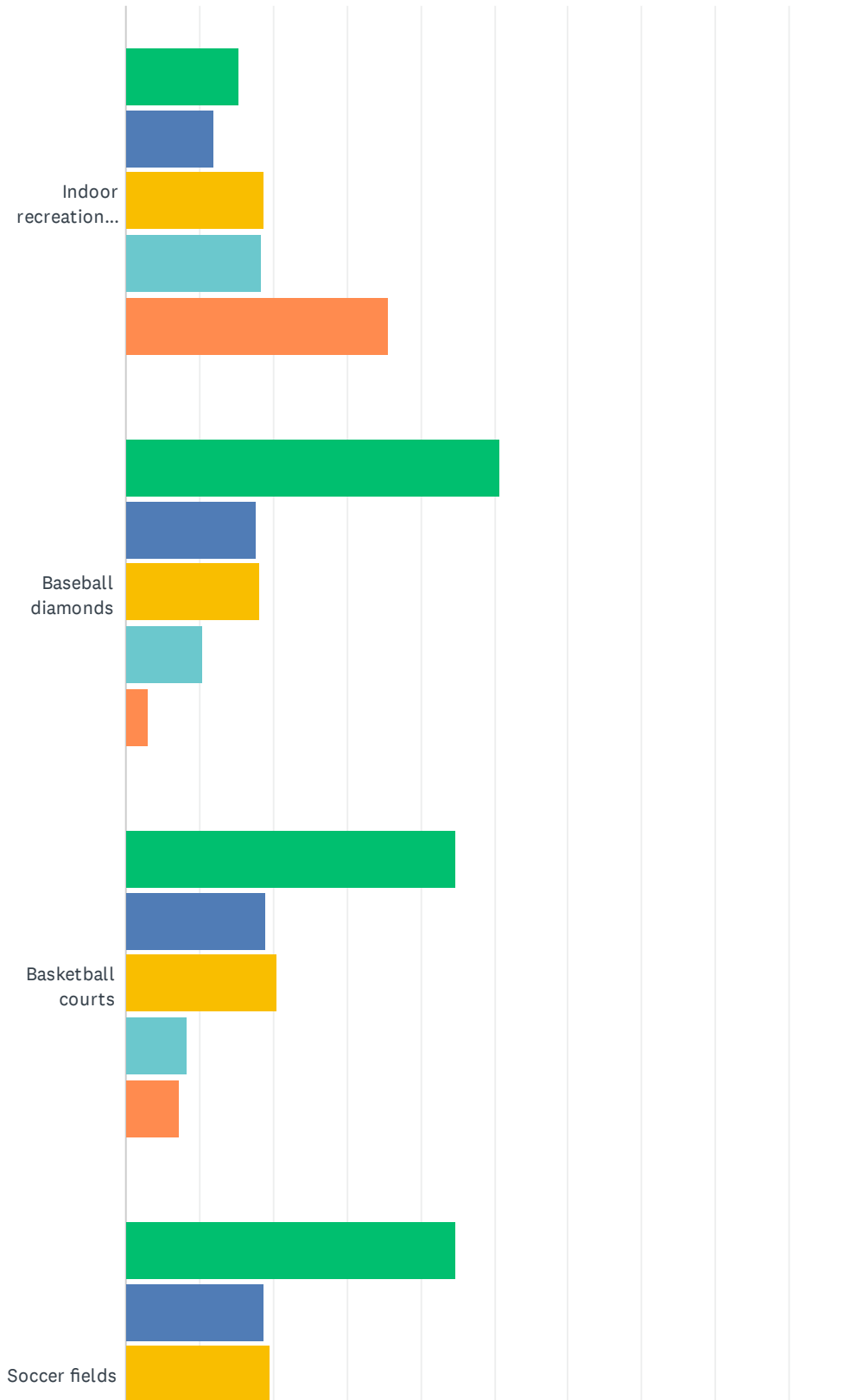
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Survey Results

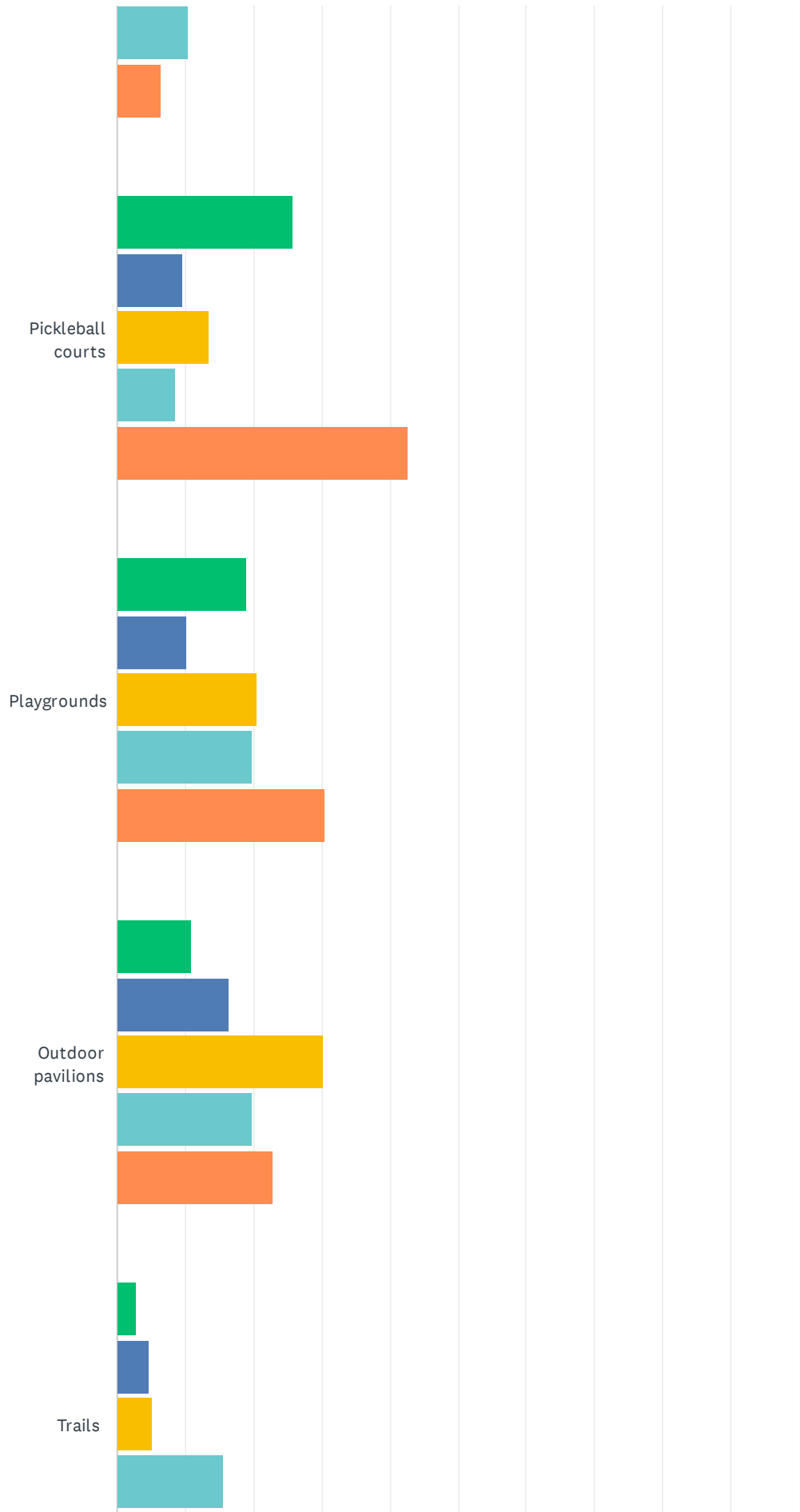


Q1 On a scale of 1 - 5, with five being the most important, in general how important are the following to your household?

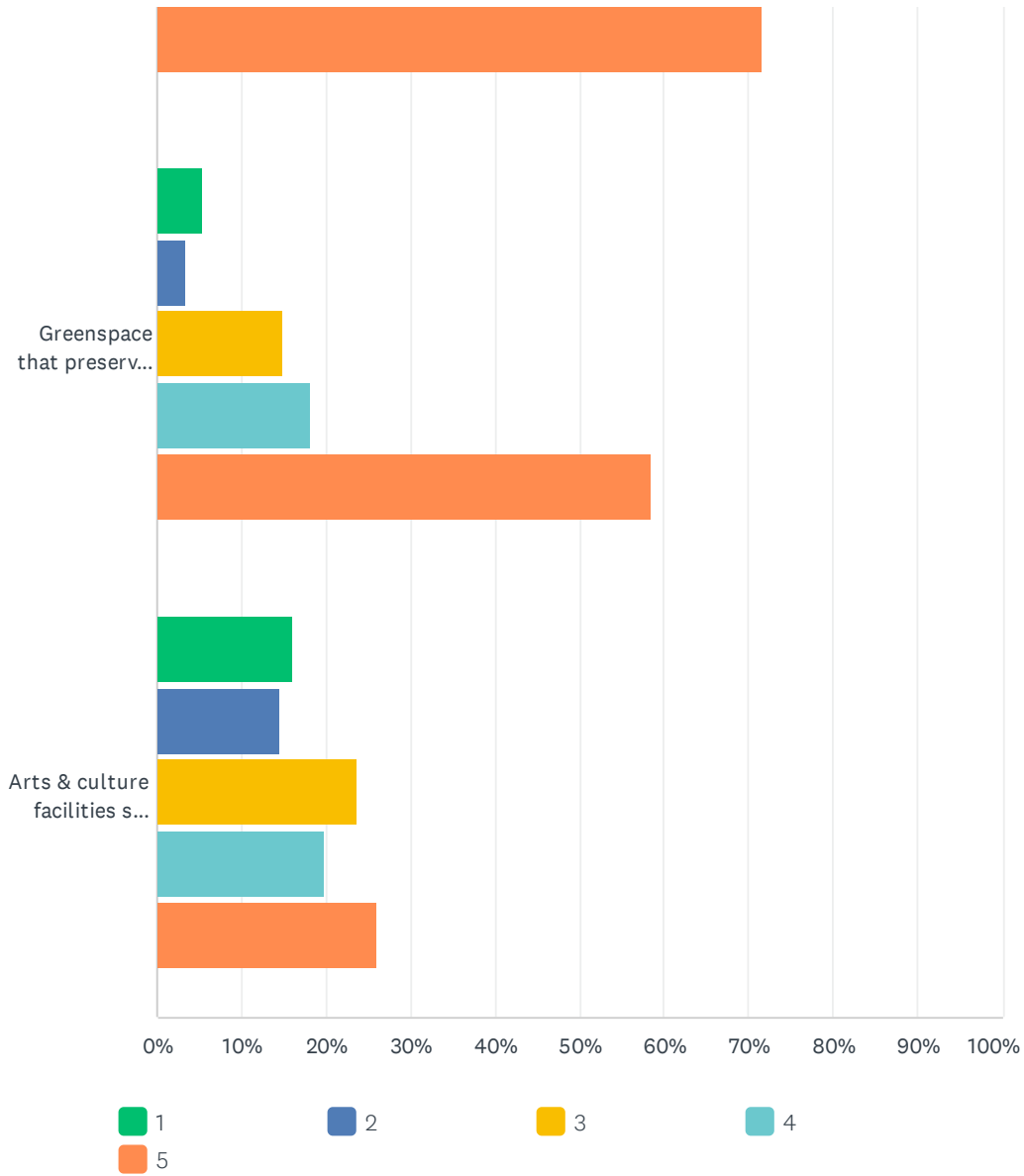
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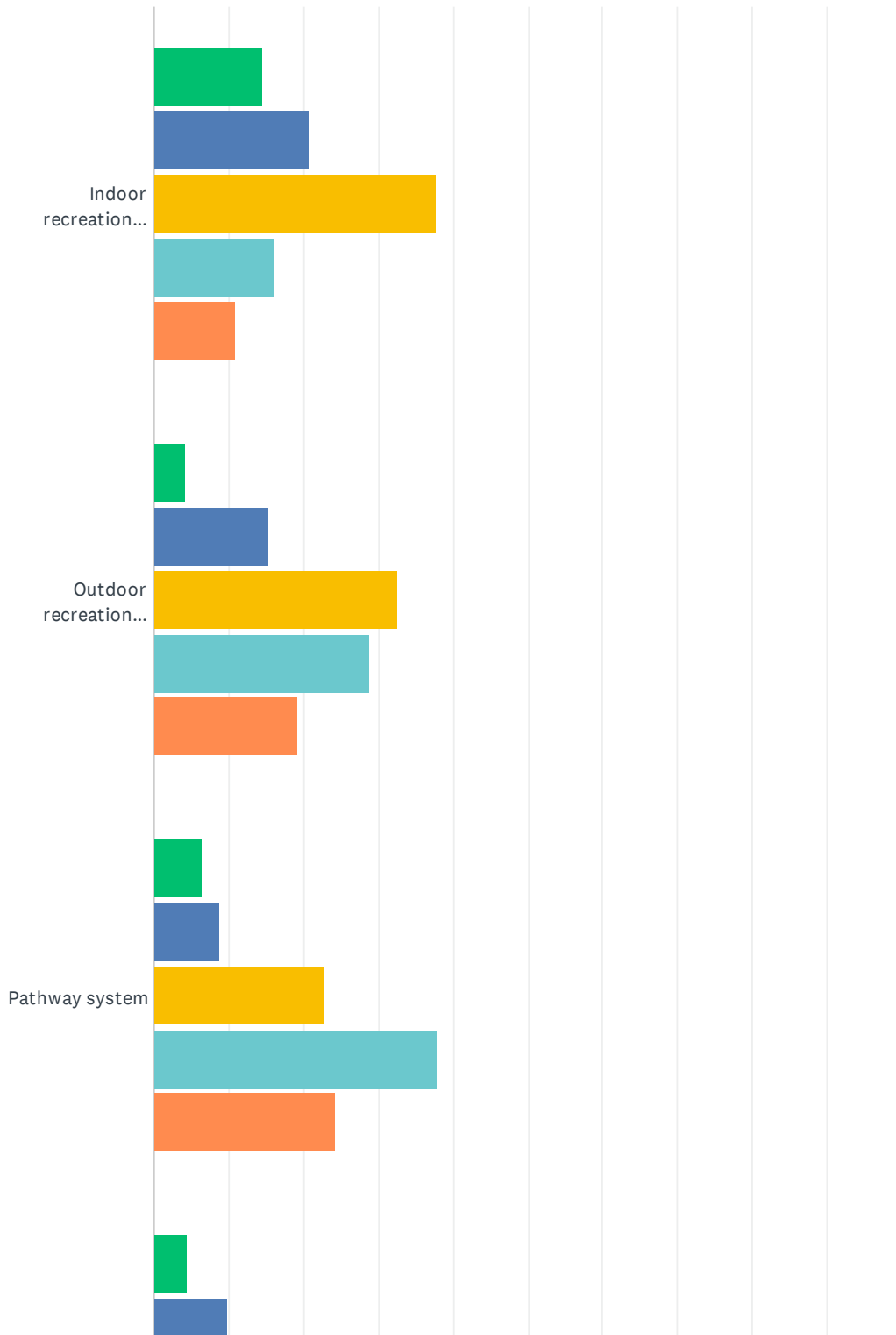


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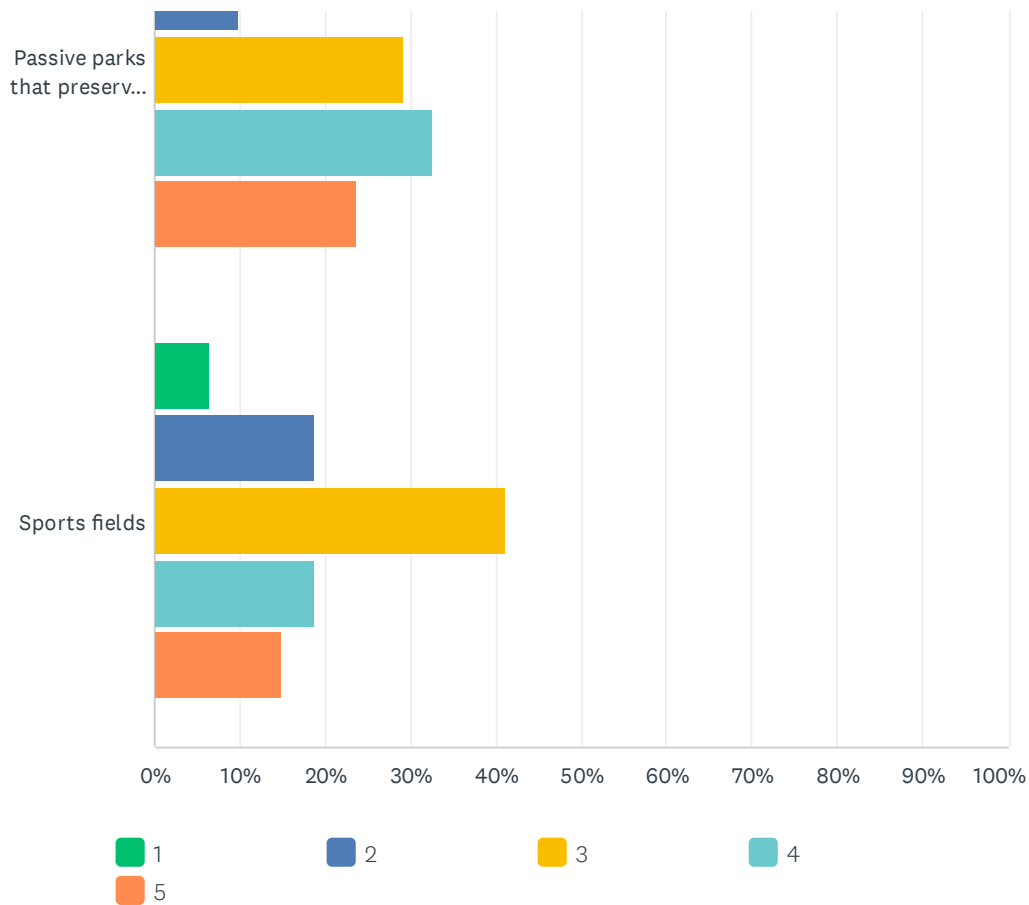
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Indoor recreation areas (courts, stage, walking path, party rooms, fitness center)	15.38% 32	12.02% 25	18.75% 39	18.27% 38	35.58% 74	208	3.47
Baseball diamonds	50.74% 103	17.73% 36	18.23% 37	10.34% 21	2.96% 6	203	1.97
Basketball courts	44.88% 92	19.02% 39	20.49% 42	8.29% 17	7.32% 15	205	2.14
Soccer fields	44.83% 91	18.72% 38	19.70% 40	10.34% 21	6.40% 13	203	2.15
Pickleball courts	25.84% 54	9.57% 20	13.40% 28	8.61% 18	42.58% 89	209	3.33
Playgrounds	18.93% 39	10.19% 21	20.39% 42	19.90% 41	30.58% 63	206	3.33
Outdoor pavilions	10.89% 22	16.34% 33	30.20% 61	19.80% 40	22.77% 46	202	3.27
Trails	2.83% 6	4.72% 10	5.19% 11	15.57% 33	71.70% 152	212	4.49
Greenspace that preserves natural areas and open areas	5.26% 11	3.35% 7	14.83% 31	18.18% 38	58.37% 122	209	4.21
Arts & culture facilities such as theaters, historic sites, visual and performing arts	15.94% 33	14.49% 30	23.67% 49	19.81% 41	26.09% 54	207	3.26

Q2 On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest, what is your level of satisfaction with the facilities that currently exist within the township? These may include local, regional and state parks. Feel free to provide comments to support your rating.

Answered: 210 Skipped: 4



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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Indoor recreation facilities	14.43% 29	20.90% 42	37.81% 76	15.92% 32	10.95% 22	201	2.88
Outdoor recreation facilities	4.31% 9	15.31% 32	32.54% 68	28.71% 60	19.14% 40	209	3.43
Pathway system	6.31% 13	8.74% 18	22.82% 47	37.86% 78	24.27% 50	206	3.65
Passive parks that preserve natural areas	4.46% 9	9.90% 20	29.21% 59	32.67% 66	23.76% 48	202	3.61
Sports fields	6.42% 12	18.72% 35	41.18% 77	18.72% 35	14.97% 28	187	3.17

#	COMMENTS FOR "INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES"	DATE
1	I am unaware of any such facilities open to the community.	9/25/2022 11:00 PM
2	We have YMCA and Planet Fitness	9/20/2022 6:42 PM
3	YMCA is too expensive	9/19/2022 12:46 PM
4	Need more Art in Milford ... the HVAC is tucked away in a garage can't really get to at its current location. At one time Milford posted replicas of artwork throughout the Village and put on an art walk to find the pieces posted around the Village. That was awesome and invited my friends to walk and look at the artwork spread out in the Village. It has been years since that has been done. Would be nice to do!	9/18/2022 4:36 PM
5	I'd love to have one community recreation building in Milford that offers all activities for the entire family. My family is interested in a community center that offers: an indoor track, fitness	9/18/2022 11:43 AM

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classes (kickboxing, yoga, aerial yoga, cycling, bungee fitness classes, Pilates, etc.), indoor water park (lazy river, water slide, lap pool, swim lessons, etc.), fitness equipment (treadmill, cycling, weight training, stairmill, etc.), game room, indoor and outdoor play area, kid's classes, a space for special events, gymnasiums and an ice rink. We have tried Huron Valley Rec and the YMCA, but we aren't completely satisfied with either.

6	Need more	9/16/2022 4:44 PM
7	I miss the pools! loved Milford HS pool	9/15/2022 7:51 PM
8	We've only used the high school and don't know much else about indoor facilities	9/15/2022 8:36 AM
9	Would like to see better bike trails starting in Milford	9/14/2022 4:12 PM
10	There is a definite need for more indoor facilities like pickleball. . If you're also including facilities like HVS the use and access to their pools and other facilities has severely declined. It's a shame to see the pools sit empty and unused for most of the day.	9/14/2022 3:16 PM
11	Huron Valley Athletic Complex has great indoor facilities although the price to utilize these are extremely high. The high schools are nice but access is limited to public. YMCA is also very costly. Would love to see more affordable, accessible indoor recreation facilities in our community.	9/14/2022 11:40 AM
12	Kensington is very nice, but would like pickleball courts and more movies in the park type events.	9/14/2022 10:36 AM
13	There are only a few	9/14/2022 8:59 AM
14	I'm not aware of indoor recreation facilities.	9/14/2022 8:45 AM
15	The only indoor facility I know of is high school and it's offerings are much less than they used to be. (Unless your definition of township includes the village facilities)	9/14/2022 8:16 AM
16	All sports	9/13/2022 3:27 PM
17	We do not have any local facilities	9/12/2022 3:00 PM
18	We come to our parks to be outside.	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
19	The state park and Kensington are great. But the township has nothing	9/10/2022 6:59 PM
20	Do not use	9/10/2022 8:20 AM
21	Government doesn't need to provide these activities.	9/9/2022 11:14 AM
22	Not crazy about Y, wish indoor tracks at Milford and Lakeland were available during school hours, I do like HVAC and see potential there	9/7/2022 11:26 PM
23	Indoor recreational areas need updating and improvements, specifically Milford Highschool's (if you included in Milford Twp.)	9/7/2022 10:15 AM
24	Need a better pool option, indoor walking track	9/7/2022 6:13 AM
25	Don't care	9/6/2022 10:23 PM
26	Pickleball and volleyball	9/6/2022 10:18 PM
27	There are a lot of great gyms in the area	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
28	YMCA is good but costs money and the pool is never fully open.	9/6/2022 9:31 PM
29	fix and fund the pool (don't lie)	9/6/2022 9:21 PM
30	Not many indoor rec. with pandemic everything went outside which is nicer	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
31	Ymca	9/6/2022 8:07 PM
32	Need more than just HVAC	9/6/2022 7:10 PM
33	I don't currently use any	9/6/2022 6:36 PM
34	The YMCA has a walking space throuh the center, but limid chaneto pause.	9/6/2022 5:41 PM
35	Need more!!!	9/6/2022 5:39 PM

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36	We don't use	9/6/2022 5:06 PM
37	The township owns no indoor rec facilities and the "Y" and the school both charge membership fee or use fee	9/6/2022 2:11 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES"	DATE
1	Need more pickleball venues	9/29/2022 2:35 PM
2	Bball courts are way too small	9/23/2022 7:51 PM
3	No pickleball courts	9/22/2022 9:50 PM
4	Need pickle ball courts	9/22/2022 7:56 AM
5	Want dedicated Pickleball courts	9/21/2022 8:40 AM
6	Love Central Park	9/19/2022 1:02 PM
7	People that use specialty parks like skateboard or dog park should pay for them. Residents who don't use should not have to pay for these facilities	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
8	Need more Art in Milford ... the HVAC is tucked away in a garage can't really get to at its current location. At one time Milford posted replicas of artwork throughout the Village and put on an art walk to find the pieces posted around the Village. That was awesome and invited my friends to walk and look at the artwork spread out in the Village. It has been years since that has been done. Would be nice to do!	9/18/2022 4:36 PM
9	We'd love to have a community outdoor pool and splash pad!	9/18/2022 11:43 AM
10	Would be a 5 but Village of Milford needs to take a stronger stance on water protection and current pollution of Huron River	9/18/2022 1:03 AM
11	We love the walking trail.	9/15/2022 3:19 PM
12	There should be more basketball courts in Milford besides the ones in Central Park, or just get new hoops for the ones in Central Park. Also there should be an outdoor hockey rink in the Milford area. Also an R/C car track is something the Milford area is missing which I think would get a lot of use within the community	9/15/2022 9:31 AM
13	Drainage needs to be installed at central park to make grassy area more usable	9/15/2022 9:00 AM
14	There should be an outdoor hockey rink in the Milford area	9/15/2022 8:41 AM
15	Again, we've primarily used resources at the high school for this	9/15/2022 8:36 AM
16	Milford trail lacks winter maintenance which may have been fine before but now it is receiving heavy usage year round.	9/15/2022 5:07 AM
17	More outdoor courts (pickleball).	9/14/2022 3:16 PM
18	Some of these are well maintained and others need updating	9/14/2022 8:59 AM
19	Need to change Central Park courts to pickleball. High demand with many people!	9/13/2022 6:07 PM
20	All sports	9/13/2022 3:27 PM
21	I like what we have could use more	9/12/2022 3:00 PM
22	We need dedicated Pickleball courts.	9/12/2022 8:51 AM
23	Build more Pickleball COURTS!	9/11/2022 9:37 PM
24	Do not use, except for mountain bike trails	9/10/2022 8:20 AM
25	Designated pickleball courts	9/9/2022 11:37 AM
26	Bike and walking pathways are very prevalent, with the connection to Kensington.	9/9/2022 11:14 AM
27	Permanent pickleball courts would be awesome. Pickleball is a huge sport in the US. Milford needs to catch up.	9/9/2022 10:21 AM
28	We be nice to develop more canoe friendly sites.	9/9/2022 8:20 AM

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29	Could use improvement	9/8/2022 2:19 PM
30	Love the Y trail, except it needs to be plowed and salted in winter months, love Kensington, wish there were dedicated pickleball courts in Central Park, or somewhere else in Milford	9/7/2022 11:26 PM
31	My family would love to have permanent Pickleball nets and paddle boxes at Milford Central Park outdoor court	9/7/2022 8:34 PM
32	Need better pickleball courts	9/7/2022 4:38 PM
33	Pickleball support is weak	9/7/2022 12:57 PM
34	soccer fields	9/7/2022 12:19 PM
35	Our parks are nice but some also need updating. landscaping, benches, bathrooms, etc.	9/7/2022 10:15 AM
36	Tennis courts at Milford high are great! Would love more of the same for the city	9/7/2022 9:19 AM
37	Poor trail access, no pools, few playgrounds, little public river access	9/6/2022 10:23 PM
38	Great, but still lots of great opportunities	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
39	Central park playground is in need of repairs and updates.	9/6/2022 9:32 PM
40	need a fishing dock that goes out to deep water (mill pond, other)	9/6/2022 9:21 PM
41	the baseball / softball areas are hardly ever used. Turn that into more outdoor space which can be used by more people.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
42	Great park system. Like the way they are tied together with surrounding areas!! A real treasure!	9/6/2022 8:40 PM
43	Pickleball courts please	9/6/2022 8:10 PM
44	Cp	9/6/2022 8:07 PM
45	Would love to see designated Pickleball courts.	9/6/2022 7:56 PM
46	Tennis courts at Central Park are not used. Get rid of them and revamp the Pickleball courts. Face them the right direction.	9/6/2022 7:10 PM
47	Love living here	9/6/2022 6:36 PM
48	Kayaking and canoe landing	9/6/2022 5:52 PM
49	Island Lake has a paved walk to the beach, but no chance to pause until tables are reached.	9/6/2022 5:41 PM
50	Waiting for kayak launch area in Central Park	9/6/2022 5:09 PM
51	Playgrounds could be updated, trails are good	9/6/2022 5:06 PM
52	The township does not own any outdoor rec but the state park and Kensington are great	9/6/2022 2:11 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "PATHWAY SYSTEM"	DATE
1	Should be a sidewalk from the high school to town	9/30/2022 6:02 AM
2	To connect to trails from east side of the township cannot be done without using busy roads. It would be nice to have paths that connect east township residents with Kensington.	9/29/2022 9:06 PM
3	we love the pathway systems that connect communities and make it safer to travel by foot, bike or other modality. It also allows for others to discover our lively community of Milford, generating revenue for our businesses.	9/29/2022 5:30 PM
4	Walking from the Township to the Village often scary (having to walk along roads with no sidewalks)	9/29/2022 2:35 PM
5	A few areas could use crosswalk paths	9/23/2022 7:51 PM
6	Should be a trail that connects milford high school to downtown milford	9/19/2022 6:36 PM
7	I would love to see the paved path extended to the entrance of the GM Proving Ground.	9/19/2022 1:02 PM
8	The Y trail is great!	9/19/2022 12:38 PM

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9	We love the trails in Milford! The more that connect, the better!	9/18/2022 11:43 AM
10	Bike path is hazardous in winter and needs to be plowed for increased accessibility year round. Wildflowers and native plants have been wonderful for the visual appeal and positive environmental impact	9/18/2022 1:03 AM
11	It's is dangerous to walk from township to the village. Please create sidewalks.	9/16/2022 12:44 PM
12	I wish there was a safer way, and better path, to walk from the Milford Library to Central Park	9/16/2022 11:31 AM
13	Be nice to connect highland rec to milford trail	9/15/2022 9:00 AM
14	Love the paths and use them often but want some new ones for something different and new!	9/15/2022 8:36 AM
15	Milford trail is great, other than the lack of winter maintainance, but I'm stuck using either sidewalks or the road to get to the downtown area.	9/15/2022 5:07 AM
16	See above comment	9/14/2022 4:12 PM
17	With the Metro Parks and State Parks in the area there are adequate pathways. However it would be nice to connect all of the Township with sidewalks or bike paths. Specifically Milford Road from Rowe Road South.	9/14/2022 3:16 PM
18	The path system is great, the crossing on GM road needs better lights.	9/14/2022 8:59 AM
19	This area needs more sidewalks and safer road crossings.	9/14/2022 8:45 AM
20	Keep working to connect various trail systems in the area.	9/12/2022 7:51 AM
21	Would be nice if you replaced the worn out bike markers on the road.	9/10/2022 11:17 AM
22	Love the walking path and use this all the time.	9/10/2022 8:20 AM
23	Last time I was by there, the entrance on the trail to Camp Dearborn was locked. Would like to see that reopened, if it is not done already.	9/9/2022 11:14 AM
24	People, including kids, are becoming chronically overweight. We need walking paths!	9/9/2022 10:21 AM
25	I would love to see a safe way to walk connecting different points of interest—particularly north on Milford Rd toward the high school. People walk on the shoulder there and they should have a protected place to walk.	9/9/2022 10:14 AM
26	Would be good to improve the access through the village.	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
27	would like to have sidewalks from Milford TWP edge to edge for safe travels.	9/7/2022 3:57 PM
28	Based on where we live, we cannot take a pathway to downtown Milford, which also prevents us from making it to the excellent pathways leading into Kensington	9/7/2022 10:15 AM
29	Kensington Metro!	9/7/2022 9:19 AM
30	Great Milford Trail, but poor access from town, no trails along Wixom, Milford, GM and other roads	9/6/2022 10:23 PM
31	Loved the paved paths from downtown to kensington	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
32	Sidewalks are needed on commerce heading west into village	9/6/2022 10:02 PM
33	Village sidewalks are very bumpy.	9/6/2022 9:31 PM
34	love it!	9/6/2022 9:21 PM
35	The path from library to island lake is awesome! Need a path that goes to downtown Milford. Also need path that goes from library to highland via the gas pipeline. If the state can put in a pipe to transport gas then a walkway can go on top of it. Otherwise the space is wasted for the community.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
36	Need more bike paths.	9/6/2022 8:22 PM
37	Sidewalks/paths to down town from milford road subs need to created	9/6/2022 5:09 PM
38	the Milford trail and the huron valley trail are very nice and regional connections. But access to the trail by bike or walking is not possible you have to drive a vehicle to the trail head at gm	9/6/2022 2:11 PM

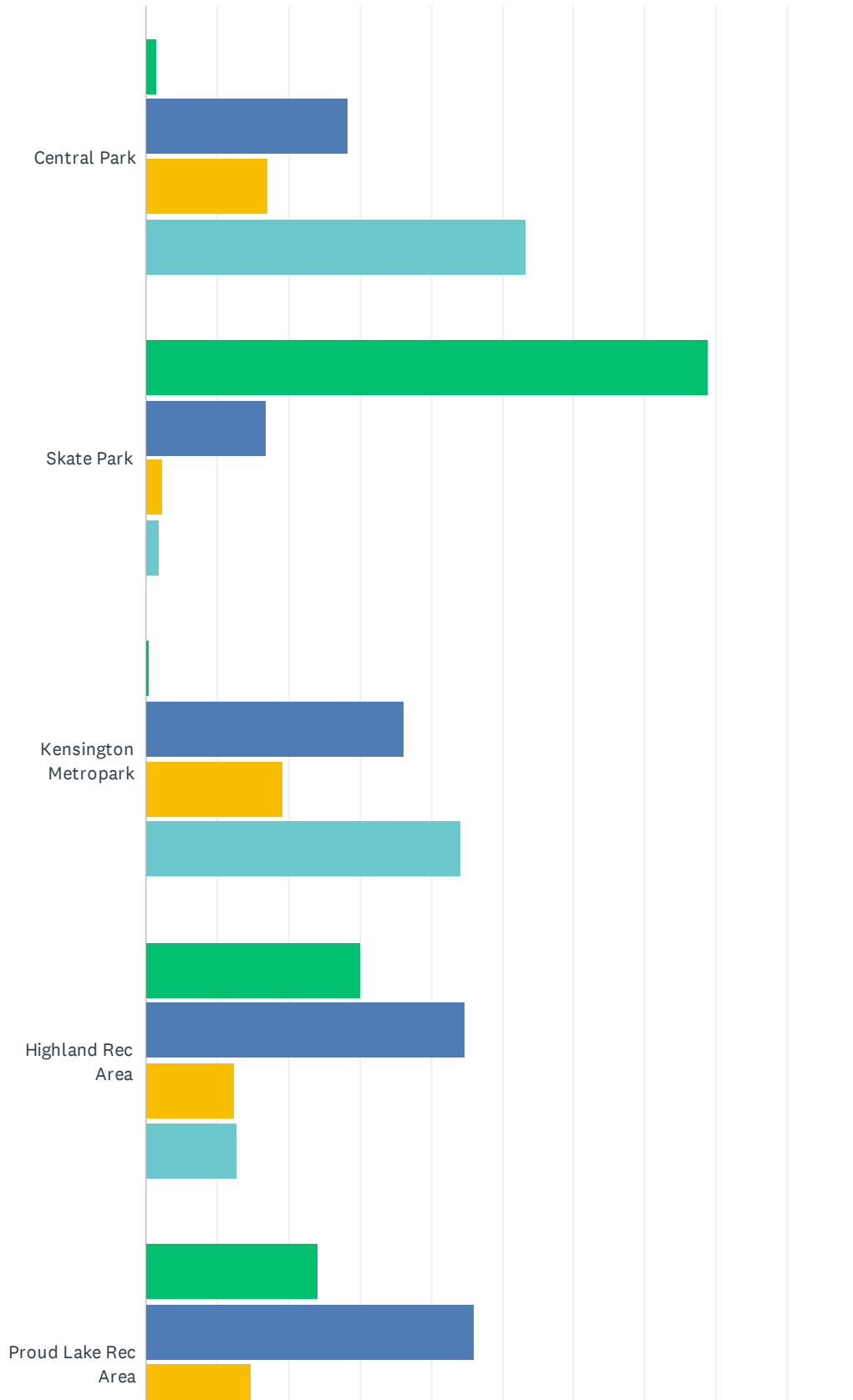
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road or park along old plank or south hill not safe

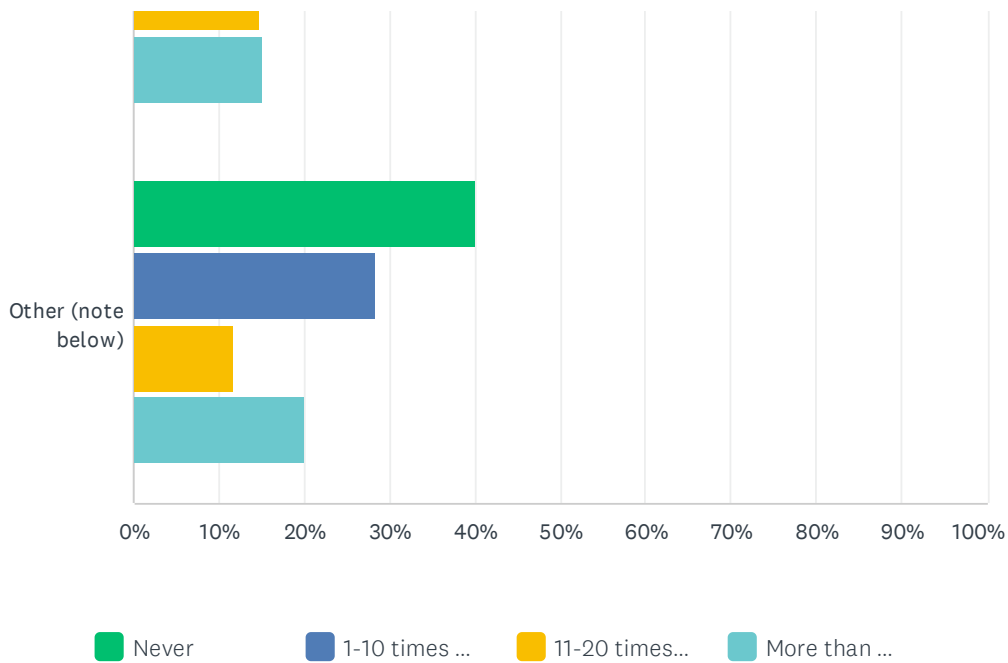
39	Great system, would like more.	9/6/2022 2:11 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "PASSIVE PARKS THAT PRESERVE NATURAL AREAS"	DATE
1	Thank you for NOT putting the skateboard park front and center of our Civic Center & Police Dept. We almost lost that and appreciate that the skateboard park is currently where it is. Front of our Civic Center keeps that natural terrain.	9/18/2022 4:36 PM
2	This has been a noticeable improvement and should continue	9/18/2022 1:03 AM
3	Sad to see so many neighborhoods go up and not as much open space preserved	9/15/2022 8:36 AM
4	Yes! We need more protection of our wetlands and green spaces.	9/14/2022 1:58 PM
5	Stop building huge housing communities	9/14/2022 8:59 AM
6	Keep this a priority we are not the only ones using the park.	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
7	Always would be nice to add more.	9/9/2022 11:14 AM
8	We are lucky to have them. Would like to retain what we have.	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
9	Save room for natural areas in our twp.	9/8/2022 8:38 PM
10	Kensington Metro	9/7/2022 9:19 AM
11	Few and far between	9/6/2022 10:23 PM
12	Every developer wants to cash in on Milford. Need to preserve space to make for more trails to connect the community.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
13	Feels like the twp is being eaten up by developers who want to cram in as many houses and businesses as possible	9/6/2022 5:14 PM
14	Do we have any?	9/6/2022 5:06 PM
15	Kensington and the state parks meet this need already	9/6/2022 2:11 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "SPORTS FIELDS"	DATE
1	We do not use sports fields	9/28/2022 4:56 PM
2	The field at central park isn't great	9/19/2022 12:38 PM
3	t00 many	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
4	N/a	9/12/2022 8:28 PM
5	There are plenty and they are well-maintained.	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
6	Do not use	9/10/2022 8:20 AM
7	Could use improvement	9/8/2022 2:19 PM
8	Soccer fields	9/7/2022 12:19 PM
9	Need improvements	9/7/2022 10:15 AM
10	Would love more soccer fields and tennis courts, disc golf	9/7/2022 9:19 AM
11	Baseball fields get used so infrequently over the calendar year. Make them more universal for multi activity.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
12	They're good. I just don't use them.	9/6/2022 8:40 PM
13	Need Pickle Ball Courts	9/6/2022 8:20 PM
14	Need more indoor venues for sports!	9/6/2022 5:39 PM
15	Don't use	9/6/2022 5:06 PM
16	NA	9/6/2022 3:22 PM

Q3 How often do you visit the following parks?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 1



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	NEVER	1-10 TIMES A YEAR	11-20 TIMES A YEAR	MORE THAN 20 TIMES A YEAR	TOTAL
Central Park	1.42% 3	28.30% 60	16.98% 36	53.30% 113	212
Skate Park	78.95% 165	16.75% 35	2.39% 5	1.91% 4	209
Kensington Metropark	0.47% 1	36.15% 77	19.25% 41	44.13% 94	213
Highland Rec Area	30.00% 63	44.76% 94	12.38% 26	12.86% 27	210
Proud Lake Rec Area	24.17% 51	45.97% 97	14.69% 31	15.17% 32	211
Other (note below)	40.00% 24	28.33% 17	11.67% 7	20.00% 12	60

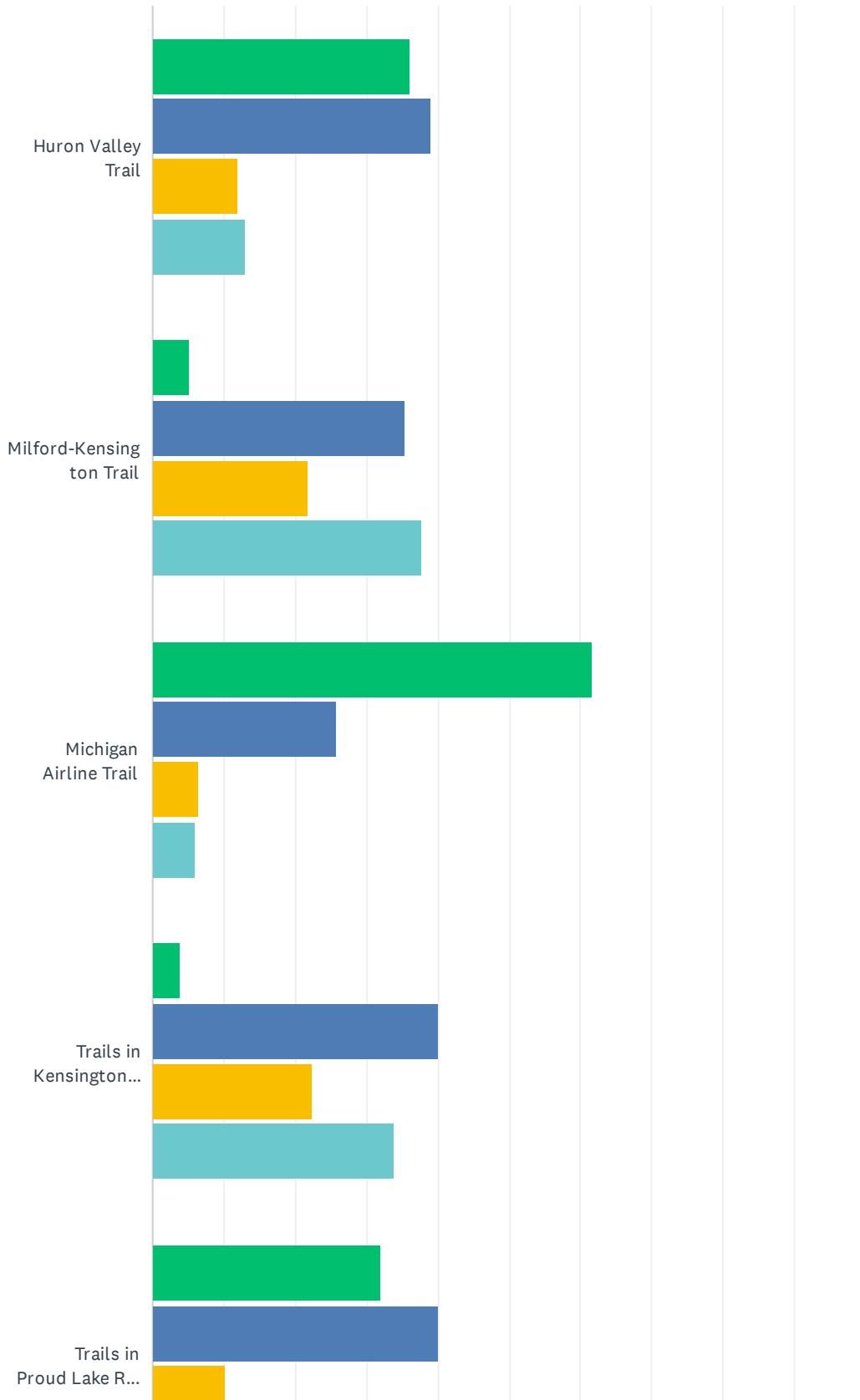
#	ADDITIONAL PARK(S) VISITED	DATE
1	Island Lake, Hickory Glen - locally, but we often plan our camping and other trips around availability of parks, trails and outdoor recreation options.	9/29/2022 5:30 PM
2	Milford Mountain bike trail	9/28/2022 4:56 PM
3	Central Park	9/21/2022 8:40 AM
4	Proud lake	9/19/2022 12:31 PM
5	Fairground Park near the skateboard area	9/18/2022 4:36 PM
6	Indian Springs Metro Park (but it's a drive, we'd love to have something similar in our own community)	9/18/2022 11:43 AM
7	Would love to see additional park spaces or natural play areas	9/18/2022 1:03 AM
8	Indian Springs Metropark	9/16/2022 11:31 AM
9	Dodge park	9/15/2022 11:08 AM
10	Downtown	9/15/2022 9:00 AM

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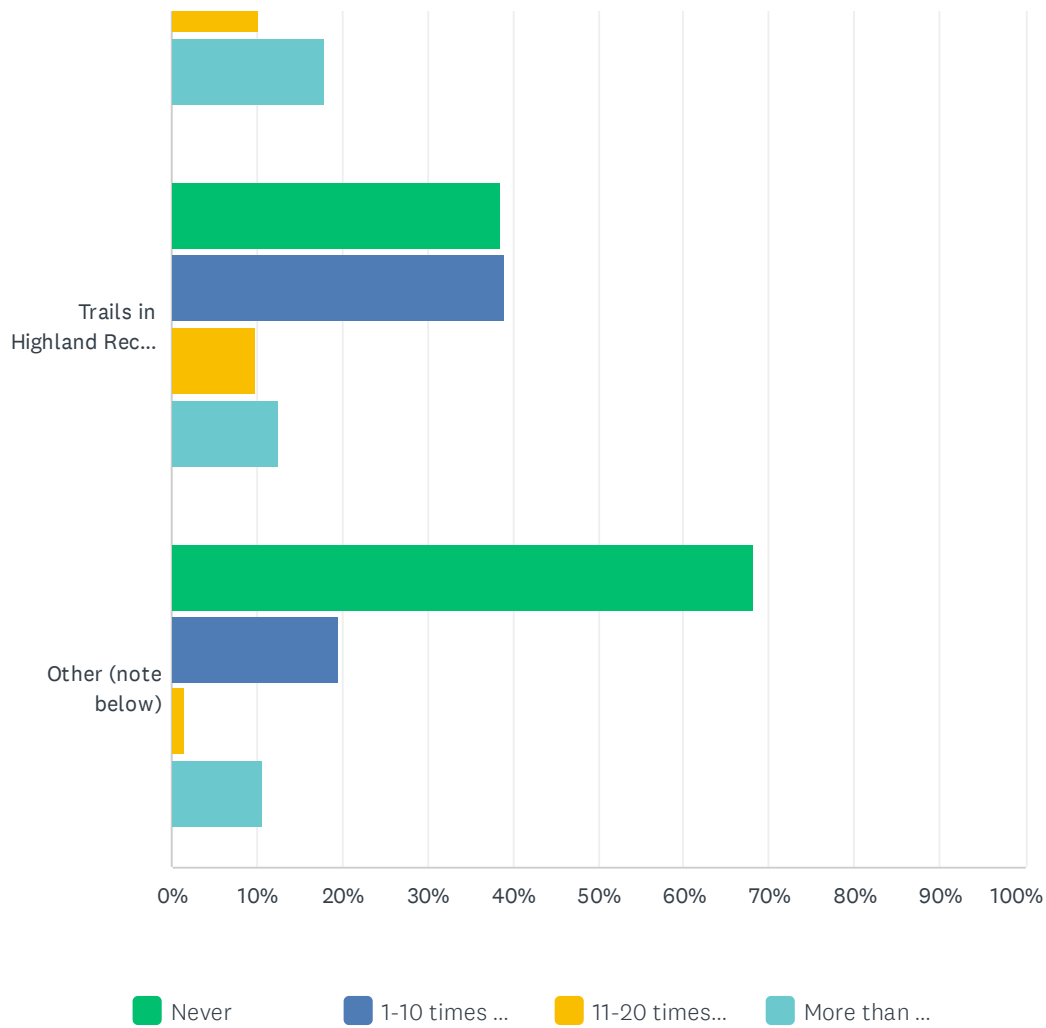
11	Huron Valley Athletic Complex	9/14/2022 11:40 AM
12	Whichever parks have pickleball courts or sand volleyball or a dog park area	9/14/2022 10:36 AM
13	Duck lake and commerce and Wixom and Wolverine lake	9/13/2022 3:27 PM
14	M/a	9/12/2022 8:28 PM
15	County and local parks on trips throughout MI.	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
16	Center Street Park, Arthur's Park, Fairgrounds Park, Southside Park, Janowski Field, the Milford Dog Park, and Huron Valley Trail	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
17	Gilbert Willis in Wixom, Island Lake	9/7/2022 11:26 PM
18	Center Street Park	9/7/2022 3:57 PM
19	Island lake	9/7/2022 9:09 AM
20	Dog park	9/6/2022 10:38 PM
21	Milford mountain bike trail. Connect the Milford mountain bike trail to highland and to proud lake either with paved or dirt. Tie in the areas trail systems.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
22	Island lake	9/6/2022 8:40 PM
23	Various State Parks	9/6/2022 7:56 PM
24	Island Lake	9/6/2022 5:41 PM

Q4 How often do you use the following trails?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 1



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	NEVER	1-10 TIMES A YEAR	11-20 TIMES A YEAR	MORE THAN 20 TIMES A YEAR	TOTAL
Huron Valley Trail	36.06% 75	38.94% 81	12.02% 25	12.98% 27	208
Milford-Kensington Trail	5.19% 11	35.38% 75	21.70% 46	37.74% 80	212
Michigan Airline Trail	61.69% 124	25.87% 52	6.47% 13	5.97% 12	201
Trails in Kensington Metropark	3.81% 8	40.00% 84	22.38% 47	33.81% 71	210
Trails in Proud Lake Rec Area	31.88% 66	40.10% 83	10.14% 21	17.87% 37	207
Trails in Highland Rec Area	38.54% 79	39.02% 80	9.76% 20	12.68% 26	205
Other (note below)	68.18% 45	19.70% 13	1.52% 1	10.61% 7	66

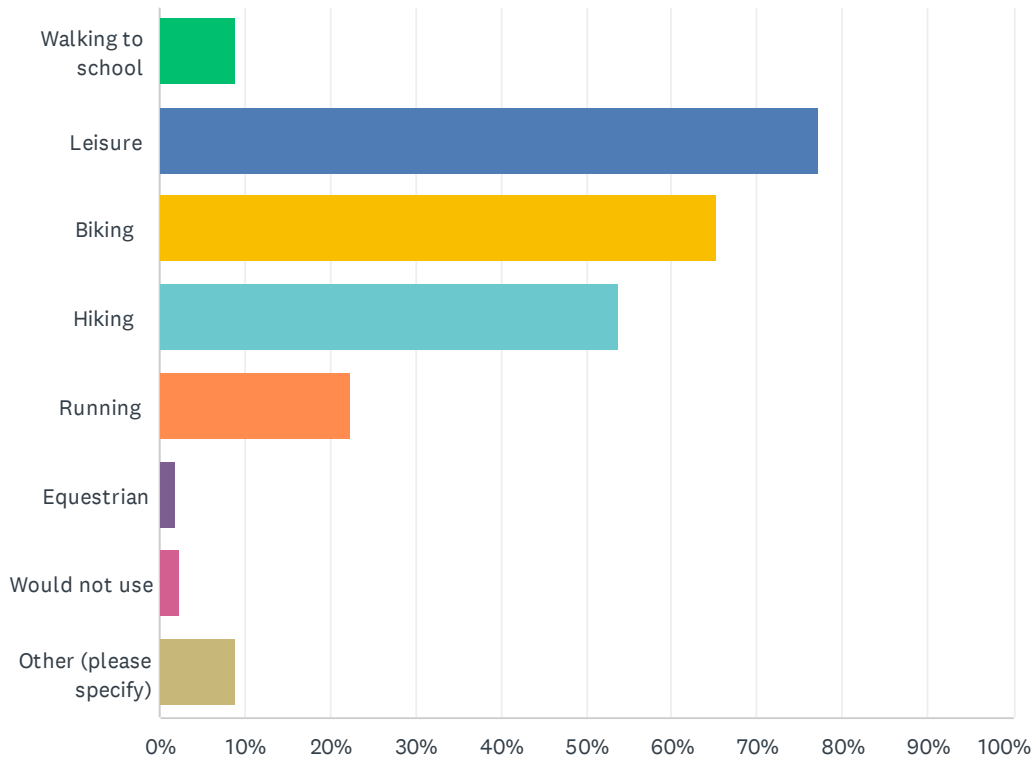
#	ADDITIONAL PARK(S) VISITED	DATE
1	Milford Mt. bike Trail, Kensington Connector, Hickory Glen, Island Lake RA	9/29/2022 5:30 PM
2	I don't know the names of trails. I often walk the trail from the YMCA .	9/25/2022 11:00 PM

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3	Milford mountain bike trail. 20+ times a year.	9/19/2022 1:02 PM
4	Fairground Park	9/18/2022 4:36 PM
5	Indian Springs Metropark	9/16/2022 11:31 AM
6	We love Kensington Group Camp	9/14/2022 1:58 PM
7	Parks throughout Michigan that we visit on our travels. It's always a welcoming site to see a park sign!	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
8	Milford MB trail	9/10/2022 11:17 AM
9	Kensinton Connector Trail	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
10	Island Lake Rec Area	9/8/2022 11:31 AM
11	Would love more info on Michigan Airline Trail	9/7/2022 6:13 AM
12	Spend a lot of time biking between all the parks. Any free time is usually spent at the parks.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
13	Island lake	9/6/2022 8:40 PM
14	Dont know about either Huron Valley Trail or Airline Trail	9/6/2022 5:09 PM

Q5 Milford Township is looking to improve our pathway system to create a more connected community. How do you and/or your family most use the local trails and pathways?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking to school	9.05% 19
Leisure	77.14% 162
Biking	65.24% 137
Hiking	53.81% 113
Running	22.38% 47
Equestrian	1.90% 4
Would not use	2.38% 5
Other (please specify)	9.05% 19
Total Respondents: 210	

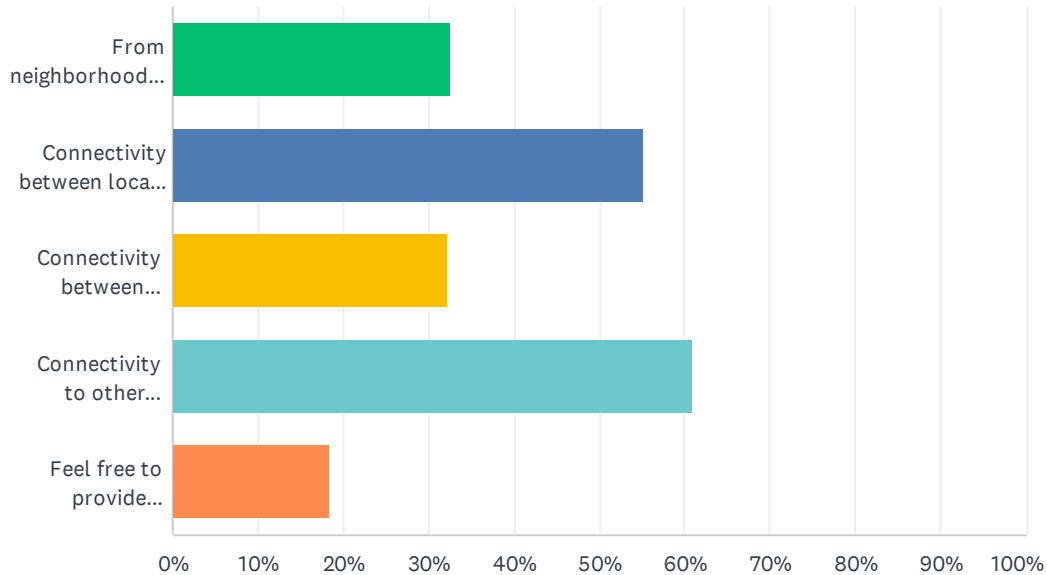
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Walking into town but the sidewalk needs to come out further so our kids are safe	9/30/2022 6:02 AM
2	Path to highland	9/21/2022 8:40 AM

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3	walking	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
4	Walking for exercise (not slow)	9/18/2022 7:57 PM
5	Would love to see a safe walking path all along Milford rd. From downtown to M-59. I have seen people biking or walking down parts of Milford Rd that are very narrow and it is extremely dangerous for pedestrians as well as motorists.	9/14/2022 11:40 AM
6	Walking dog	9/14/2022 10:36 AM
7	Walk dog	9/13/2022 3:27 PM
8	Kayaking/Canoeing	9/12/2022 8:28 PM
9	Dog walking	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
10	This is great! I'd especially love for kids to have safe ways to walk or bike to Milford HS	9/9/2022 10:14 AM
11	Dog walking	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
12	Would love to walk to downtown. I live off of ROWE, no sidewalk on Milford road makes it dangerous for us to walk / bike downtown.	9/7/2022 3:57 PM
13	Birding	9/7/2022 12:57 PM
14	Walking	9/7/2022 12:29 PM
15	very important for the trails to be maintained in the winter	9/7/2022 9:14 AM
16	O	9/6/2022 10:27 PM
17	Snow shoe, x country ski	9/6/2022 8:40 PM
18	Electric bike	9/6/2022 8:22 PM
19	Walking to rehabilitate leg.	9/6/2022 5:41 PM

Q6 Where in the community would you like to see an increase in walkability?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
From neighborhoods to schools	32.63%	62
Connectivity between local and regional parks	55.26%	105
Connectivity between adjacent municipalities	32.11%	61
Connectivity to other regional trails like the Huron Valley Trail, Lakelands Trail and Michigan Airline Trail	61.05%	116
Feel free to provide specific locations as applicable:	18.42%	35
Total Respondents: 190		

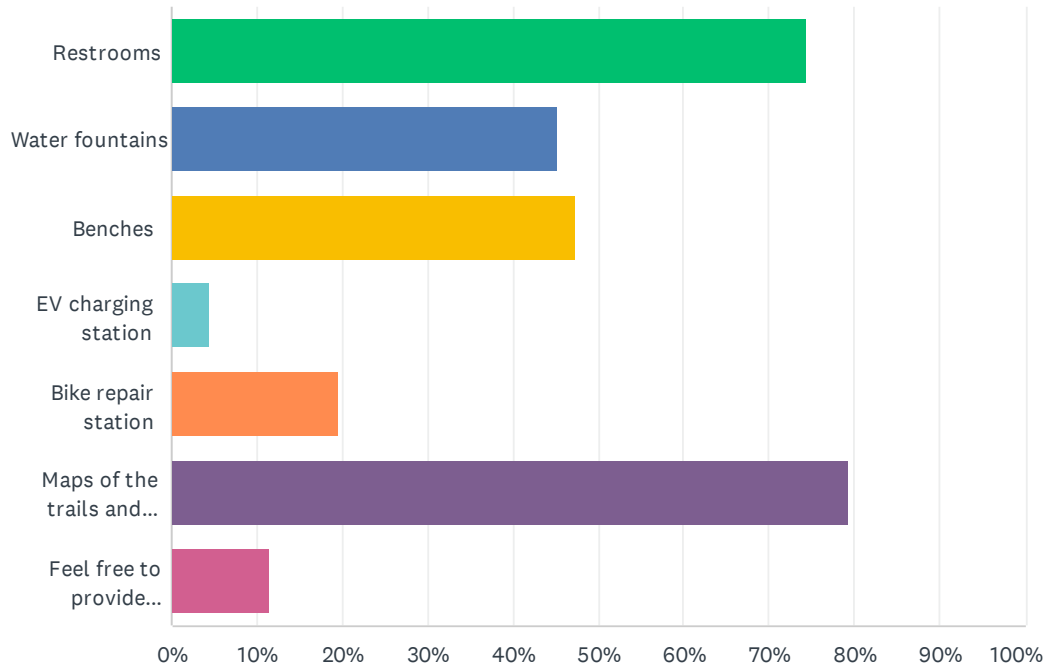
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1	River oaks neighborhood to downtown Milford, if possible from the high school to downtown	9/30/2022 6:02 AM
2	Path from Village to Proud Lake Rec	9/29/2022 2:35 PM
3	Highland to Milford	9/21/2022 8:40 AM
4	None if it raises our taxes	9/20/2022 6:42 PM
5	Extend the paved Kensington-Milford path to the GM Proving Ground	9/19/2022 1:02 PM
6	Muir Middle school to River Oaks Sub -Milford Rd, the sidewalk does not go all the way to our sub. This would alleviate kids walking along the railroad tracks.	9/19/2022 12:38 PM
7	none	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
8	River Oaks Sub to connect to the Village safely	9/18/2022 7:57 PM
9	Would love a path connecting the high school to downtown	9/18/2022 11:50 AM

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10	Providing a sidewalk on from neighborhoods off of Milford Road, south of Milford Highschool would be great! It would be eaier to walk downtown and make it safer for children.	9/18/2022 11:43 AM
11	Milford Road from high school to village. Please.	9/16/2022 12:44 PM
12	Wixom rd. At trailer parks to join with bike/walk trail on Glengary to Benstein	9/15/2022 8:08 PM
13	Milford Trail to downtown area	9/15/2022 5:07 AM
14	Downtown Milford to trail system	9/14/2022 4:12 PM
15	Trail or sidewalk along Milford road from Milford north.	9/14/2022 3:16 PM
16	I would like to see more bike/walking paths connecting areas back to to the main Milford village and Kensington trails. GM and Hickory Ridge Trail are very busy roads with a lot of of bicyclists but no shoulder on which to ride. I would love to see a bike path extended from the flashing crosswalk on GM Rd down to Camp Dearborn and all the way West to the Proving Grounds entrance.	9/14/2022 12:57 PM
17	Would love to see a safe walking path all along Milford rd. From downtown to M-59. I have seen people biking or walking down parts of Milford Rd that are very narrow and it is extremely dangerous for pedestrians as well as motorists.	9/14/2022 11:40 AM
18	On the outskirts of town more sidewalks are needed and/or more policing. We live in the village at Old Plank and Garden and walking to the parks or town is dangerous because of the speeders.	9/14/2022 8:59 AM
19	An added sidewalk down Oakland/Garden is the most important thing to me by far. Thats a very dangerous section of road to walk on...and a lot of people walk on it.	9/14/2022 8:45 AM
20	Sidewalks along Milford road to Pontiac trail	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
21	From neighborhoods to parks	9/13/2022 4:48 PM
22	Area where dogs can run free in woods.	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
23	none	9/7/2022 10:07 PM
24	North of town, past hector and jimmys. I've seen mothers and babies on the shoulder...not too safe	9/7/2022 12:57 PM
25	North Milford Rd at Rowe Rd. to the sidewalks further south on Milford Rd.	9/7/2022 10:15 AM
26	alongside milford road and commerce road outside of the village	9/7/2022 9:14 AM
27	We live on Burns north of Commerce road; would love a sidewalk or path so that we could get to the village (sooooo close, but no safe way!)	9/7/2022 6:13 AM
28	West commerce into village. Bike safety and walking is dangerous on commerce to hickory ridge	9/6/2022 10:02 PM
29	do not do bike lanes on road!	9/6/2022 9:21 PM
30	Connections to Kensington	9/6/2022 8:22 PM
31	From Hickory Ridge Trail to downtown Milford	9/6/2022 7:11 PM
32	Connectivity from the north side of twp to Kroger area. Need sidewalks! Too many people walking and riding on Milford Rd where the traffic is dangerous	9/6/2022 5:14 PM
33	River Oaks sub to downtown	9/6/2022 5:09 PM
34	More Crosswalks. Example: Walgreens to Tim Hortons on Milford Road.	9/6/2022 3:22 PM
35	Along Milford road #1 then along commerce and duck lake	9/6/2022 2:11 PM

Q7 What amenities, if any, would you like to see at the trail heads you use?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Restrooms	74.37%	148
Water fountains	45.23%	90
Benches	47.24%	94
EV charging station	4.52%	9
Bike repair station	19.60%	39
Maps of the trails and surrounding areas	79.40%	158
Feel free to provide additional items and/or specific locations as applicable:	11.56%	23
Total Respondents: 199		

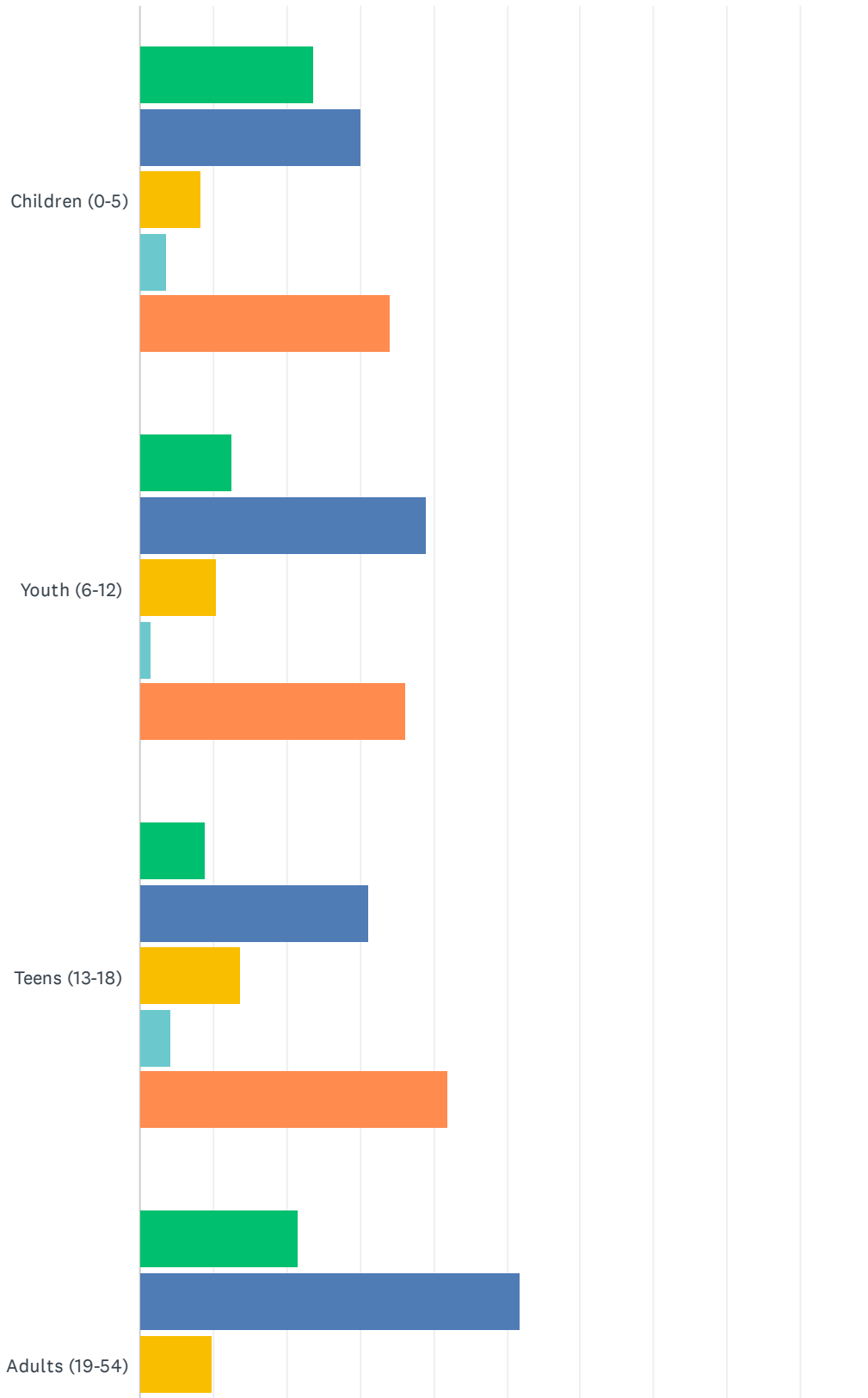
#	FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND/OR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AS APPLICABLE:	DATE
1	Shelters for rain	9/29/2022 9:06 PM
2	Although some of these are costly and could be done in a phased approach	9/29/2022 5:30 PM
3	Pump track for bikes	9/28/2022 4:56 PM
4	None if it raises our taxes	9/20/2022 6:42 PM
5	Community events bulletin board	9/19/2022 6:36 PM

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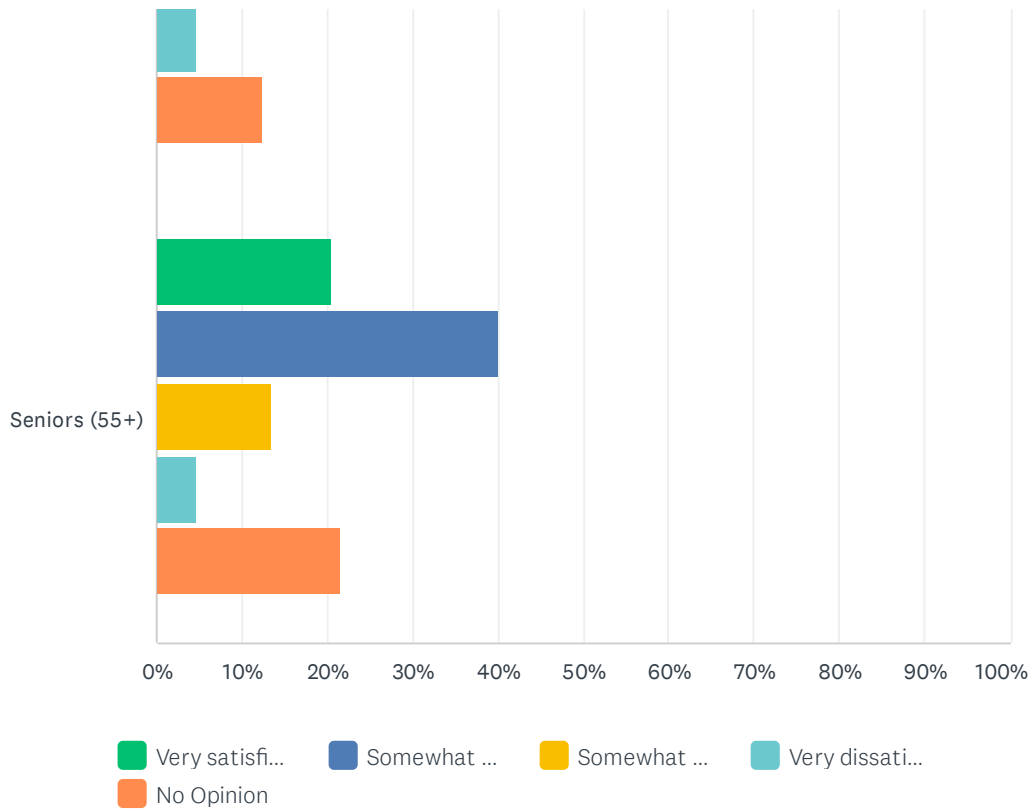
6	nothing else is needed	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
7	Doggy bag stations and additional trash stations	9/18/2022 4:36 PM
8	It would be charming to make a small grassy park with a bench on the Peters Road and West Commerce Street corner behind the library. It has a beautiful grove of trees and many people walk and bike there.	9/15/2022 7:51 PM
9	It would be nice to have water dispensers in more areas so people could bring their own bottles.	9/14/2022 1:58 PM
10	Parking lot or trail head for the airline trail/ Huron valley trail on old plank Rd.	9/13/2022 8:32 PM
11	Water filtration stations	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
12	Filter water bottle filler	9/10/2022 11:17 AM
13	Trash barrels	9/9/2022 4:16 PM
14	Trash and recycling cans; and dog bags.	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
15	none	9/7/2022 10:07 PM
16	Dog bags, garbage containers	9/7/2022 12:57 PM
17	Phone charging stations	9/7/2022 12:19 PM
18	Maintained restrooms not porta potties, picnic areas so benches and tables, phone charging stations	9/7/2022 9:19 AM
19	Parking	9/6/2022 10:38 PM
20	Would love to be able to refill water bottles on my bike	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
21	Connections to Kensington.	9/6/2022 8:22 PM
22	Changing areas	9/6/2022 6:07 PM
23	Rail road street station trail head in Muir Mi is a great example of what a smaller town can provide	9/6/2022 2:11 PM

Q8 What is your level of satisfaction with the parks, recreation and cultural activities in Milford Township for the following age groups?

Answered: 206 Skipped: 8



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	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Children (0-5)	23.68% 45	30.00% 57	8.42% 16	3.68% 7	34.21% 65	190
Youth (6-12)	12.63% 24	38.95% 74	10.53% 20	1.58% 3	36.32% 69	190
Teens (13-18)	8.95% 17	31.05% 59	13.68% 26	4.21% 8	42.11% 80	190
Adults (19-54)	21.54% 42	51.79% 101	9.74% 19	4.62% 9	12.31% 24	195
Seniors (55+)	20.51% 40	40.00% 78	13.33% 26	4.62% 9	21.54% 42	195

#	WHAT IS MISSING OR COULD BE IMPROVED?	DATE
1	More festivals in downtown in the summer, weekend Central Park music concerts, outside dining in summer could be improved	9/30/2022 6:02 AM
2	Walking paths, frequent benches, Pickleball courts, playgrounds with equipment for the under five age group, benches on sidewalks throughout the village (and township if possible).	9/29/2022 9:06 PM
3	Pickleball courts	9/29/2022 2:35 PM
4	Community fitness center, community outdoor pool, community children's sports leagues and activities (like arts and crafts, dance, music, theater classes), adult fitness classes and sport leagues	9/22/2022 2:45 PM
5	Pickleball, CP rest rooms open all day.	9/21/2022 8:40 AM
6	None if it raises our taxes	9/20/2022 6:42 PM
7	Better safer trails for getting to and from key areas in community on bikes	9/19/2022 6:36 PM

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8	I would like to see kayak ramps to make the river easier to access. When I was younger it was a lot easier but now at 78 I need a very stable entry.	9/19/2022 5:01 PM
9	More pickleball courts that have nets provided.	9/19/2022 12:46 PM
10	Milford does a great job planning activities for families with young children but there is nothing available for middle school and high school kids who actually still do like to participate in holiday and seasonal activities and events. A great area of concern are the addicts and clients from Milford Counseling loitering around the parks all day and causing problems for Milford residents. They are temporary transients in the community without a real vested interest in this community. The community does not feel safe letting teenagers utilize Central Park without supervision and many of the incidents occurring because of Milford Counseling clients are hidden from the public. Thank you for your hard work and consideration.	9/19/2022 11:13 AM
11	nothing	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
12	Trash bins along paths and Doggy bag stations	9/18/2022 4:36 PM
13	My family is interested in: comedy shows, dancing, art classes (more than what the SHAC offers), a fun space for children 1st-8th grade. We enjoy the movies in the park, community picnics, and concerts in the park!	9/18/2022 11:43 AM
14	Milford Bike Trail is hazardous, icy, and nearly inaccessible for large periods of time in the winter. Plowing this would increase year-round accessibility, and allow increased use of mountain bike trails for winter hiking and biking.	9/18/2022 1:03 AM
15	Central Park needs a SPLASH PAD! The smallest downtowns up north have put in splash pads. It's a nice amenity that brings people of all ages and even special needs/disabilities together to a clean and in a fun water environment! Please consider putting in a splash pad in the open area by the old swings.	9/17/2022 10:31 PM
16	Pickle ball	9/16/2022 4:44 PM
17	Safe way for us and our kids to walk/bike to village, school and other neighborhoods	9/16/2022 12:44 PM
18	Outdoor classes for seniors. I.e. Yoga, Pilates, stretching, painting, dance lessons, pickle ball lessons,	9/15/2022 8:08 PM
19	It would be nice to have a separated playground for younger kids in Central Park. I've seen too many older kids run through younger kids pushing them and the older kids don't have attentive parents to stop their behavior.	9/15/2022 5:07 AM
20	Voting for pickleball :)	9/14/2022 3:33 PM
21	The amphitheater needs more security/volunteers to maintain pathways and keep aisles clear. At one of the concerts, it was so crowded I couldn't get from my seat to the restrooms, it was completely jam packed with people. Very unsafe!	9/14/2022 1:58 PM
22	Pickleball courts and dog parks	9/14/2022 10:36 AM
23	More pickleball courts, please.	9/14/2022 6:29 AM
24	Dedicated pickle ball courts inside and/or outside	9/13/2022 9:44 PM
25	Dedicated Pickle ball courts.	9/13/2022 5:07 PM
26	Specified pickleball courts	9/13/2022 4:10 PM
27	Slow down the bikes	9/13/2022 3:27 PM
28	More music events at Maple Beach that aren't necessarily rock 'n' roll. In addition to the Michigan Philharmonic, maybe have some Jazz acts, or other music. I love listening to beautiful music outside. Shakespeare plays. More movies in the park.	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
29	Indoor rec facility for pay for kids/adults. More in shopping area to attract people. Fire pits. Gathering areas that invite people.	9/12/2022 6:17 AM
30	Permanent pickellball courts	9/11/2022 9:14 PM
31	Additional pickleball courts that aren't part of the tennis courts	9/11/2022 9:04 PM
32	The township needs to have a park to offer active rec activities	9/10/2022 6:59 PM

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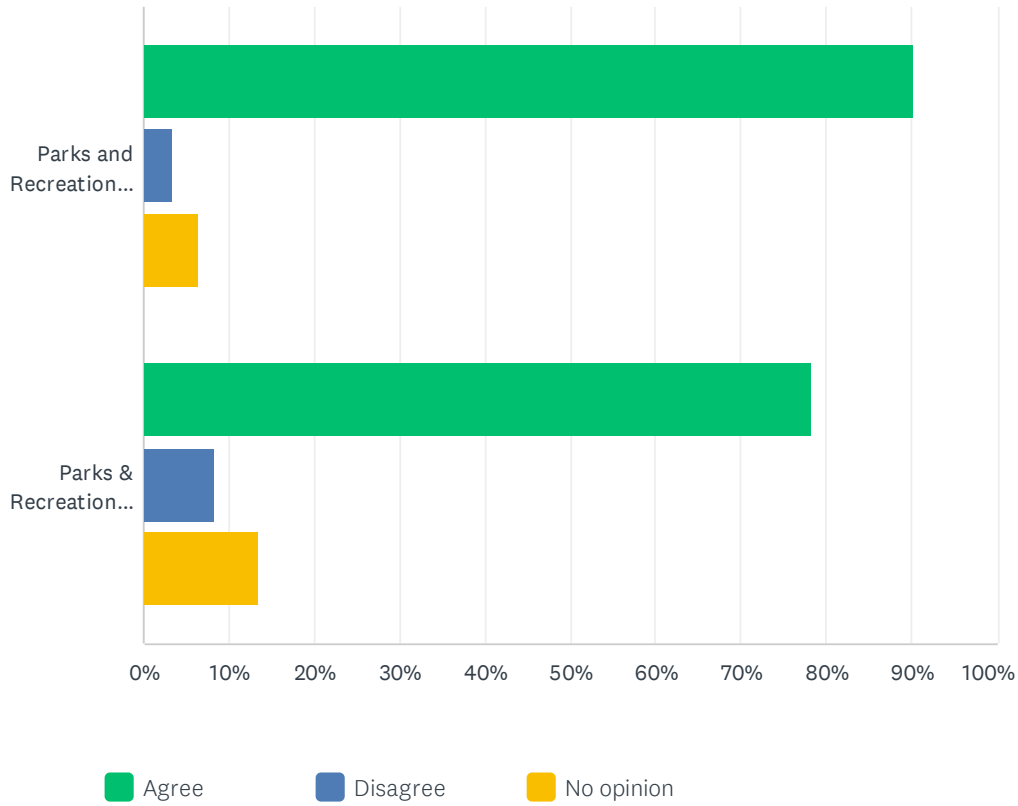
33	On road biking call outs and lanes are lacking in a town that is a biking destination.	9/10/2022 11:17 AM
34	Would love to see a spray pad at central park. McClumpha park in Plymouth has a free one that brings in tons of people every day during the summer. It would be nice to have one downtown that people could then enjoy all our restaurants within walking distance. A spray park in Central Park would be a great enhancement for the younger population in our area.	9/10/2022 8:20 AM
35	Designated pickleball since its a growing sport. More pediatric biking downtown milford.	9/9/2022 11:37 AM
36	Increase in amenities at existing trails. Better connection to the library.	9/9/2022 11:14 AM
37	Pickleball!	9/9/2022 10:21 AM
38	More activities for older kids would be great. The existing activities for preschool age are great.	9/9/2022 10:14 AM
39	Trail system off Old Plank and South Hill roads south of Dawson road should be improved with trail head parking and improved trails to facilitate running and cross country skiing	9/9/2022 9:19 AM
40	Better canoe facilities esp in Central Park, open area in woods where dogs can be off-leash, continue the connections of trails between sites and trail systems	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
41	Dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts, better canoe/kayak entry and exit areas, more covered outdoor pavilions	9/7/2022 11:26 PM
42	More inside areas. Highland just built a community center. I would like to see that somewhere around downtown in lue of more high rise housing developments.	9/7/2022 3:57 PM
43	Increased support for township run sports teams to compliment the paid teams. Examples are Novi's lightning soccer league to complement Jaguars.	9/7/2022 10:15 AM
44	A fall festival for all ages would be nice	9/7/2022 8:56 AM
45	Would love a pool, outdoor ice rink (Better one), indoor walking option. Incredibly disappointed HVS not able to reopen the kids pools	9/7/2022 6:13 AM
46	Permanent Pickelball courts	9/6/2022 10:27 PM
47	"Walkable" is an adjective often used to describe Milford. The lack of continuous sidewalks on both sides of street and lack of trails as described above renders the adjective one for sales and not in reality.	9/6/2022 10:23 PM
48	Senior activity area with senior appropriate playground equipment. Popular in Europe for senior citizens	9/6/2022 10:02 PM
49	fix and fund the pool (don't lie)	9/6/2022 9:21 PM
50	Remove Bill Herman from the Milford mountain bike trail. Create Huron Valley Trail alliance. Model the trail system which Marquette Michigan has - Noquemenon Trail Network (NTN), Iron Ore Heritage Traile (rail to trail)	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
51	Need more Pickleball courts	9/6/2022 8:51 PM
52	Add pickle ball courts or, if we have them, promote them.	9/6/2022 8:40 PM
53	Pickell ball, ebike trails.	9/6/2022 8:22 PM
54	Repurpose tennis courts in Central Park to 4 Pickleball Courts	9/6/2022 8:20 PM
55	Would like to see the one tennis court that is never used repurposed into four Pickleball courts.	9/6/2022 7:56 PM
56	Volley ball, Pickleball, basketball tournaments.	9/6/2022 7:10 PM
57	Racquet ball court Fishing Pier	9/6/2022 6:07 PM
58	Permanent pickleball courts	9/6/2022 5:58 PM
59	An ability to pause along a smooth path.	9/6/2022 5:41 PM
60	No indoor sports... ie: tennis, racquetball, swimming, etc.	9/6/2022 5:39 PM
61	Designated Pickelball courts	9/6/2022 5:18 PM
62	Organized walks and hikes for seniors	9/6/2022 5:09 PM

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63	Extend the bike path! Add bike lanes to roads.	9/6/2022 5:04 PM
64	The township provides no parks, recreation or cultural activities other the movies and two picnick	9/6/2022 2:11 PM

Q9 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

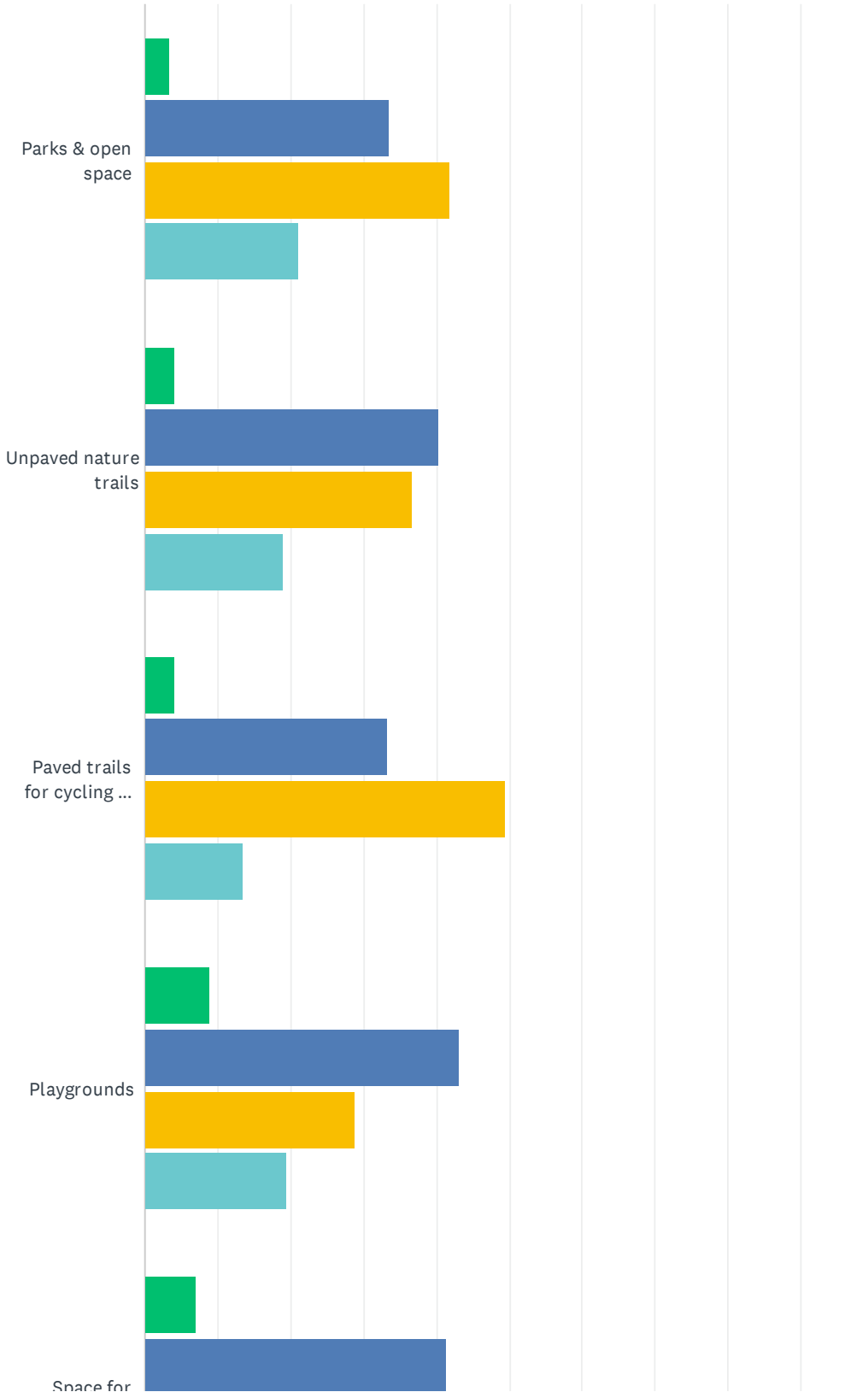
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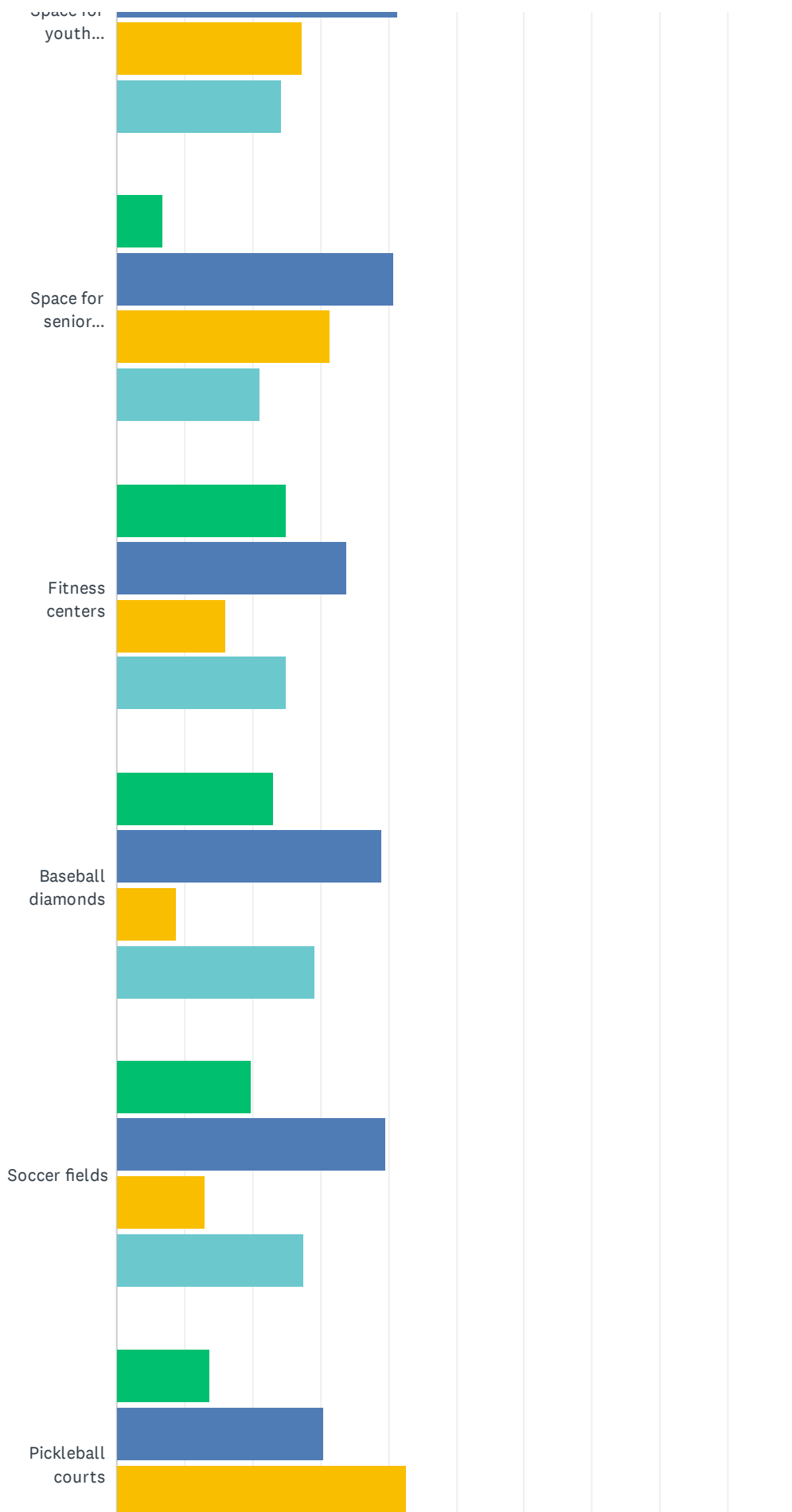
	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Parks and Recreation facilities and grounds should be a high priority for the Township Board.	90.29% 186	3.40% 7	6.31% 13	206
Parks & Recreation programming should be a high priority for the Township Board.	78.26% 162	8.21% 17	13.53% 28	207

Q10 Please select how you would like to see Township funds spent in the following areas:

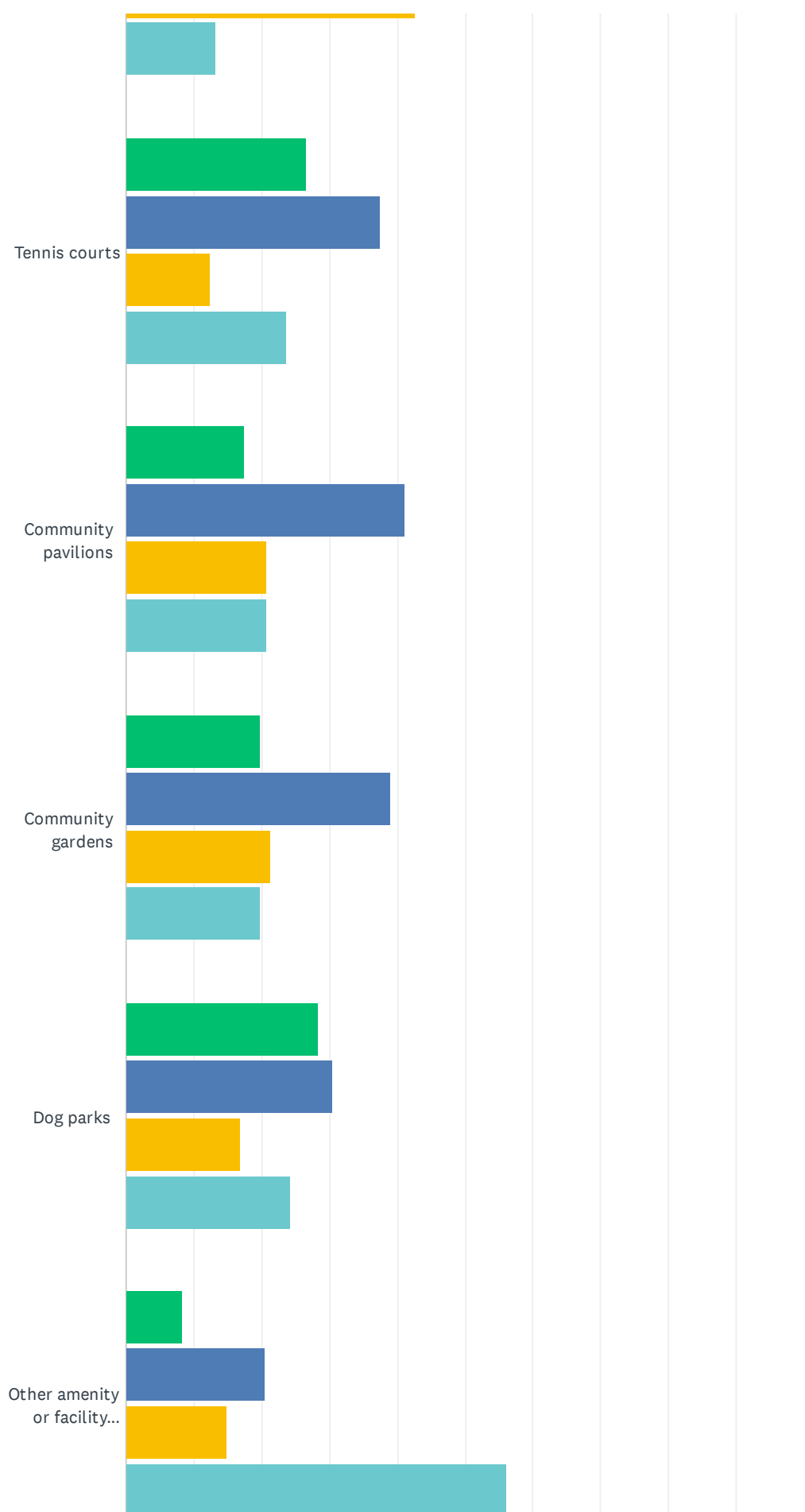
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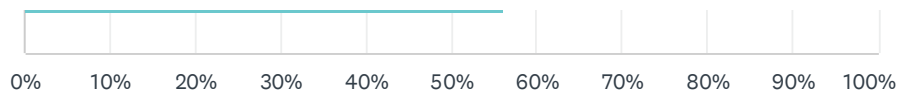
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	I OPPOSE SPENDING ANY TOWNSHIP FUNDS	I AM LIKELY TO SUPPORT TOWNSHIP FUNDS	I SUPPORT ADDITIONAL TOWNSHIP FUNDS	UNSURE/NEED MORE INFORMATION	TOTAL
Parks & open space	3.45% 7	33.50% 68	41.87% 85	21.18% 43	203
Unpaved nature trails	4.08% 8	40.31% 79	36.73% 72	18.88% 37	196
Paved trails for cycling and walking	3.96% 8	33.17% 67	49.50% 100	13.37% 27	202
Playgrounds	8.91% 18	43.07% 87	28.71% 58	19.31% 39	202
Space for youth activities	6.97% 14	41.29% 83	27.36% 55	24.38% 49	201
Space for senior activities	6.86% 14	40.69% 83	31.37% 64	21.08% 43	204
Fitness centers	25.00% 50	34.00% 68	16.00% 32	25.00% 50	200
Baseball diamonds	23.08% 45	38.97% 76	8.72% 17	29.23% 57	195
Soccer fields	19.79% 38	39.58% 76	13.02% 25	27.60% 53	192
Pickleball courts	13.73% 28	30.39% 62	42.65% 87	13.24% 27	204
Tennis courts	26.67% 52	37.44% 73	12.31% 24	23.59% 46	195
Community pavilions	17.53% 34	41.24% 80	20.62% 40	20.62% 40	194
Community gardens	19.80% 39	39.09% 77	21.32% 42	19.80% 39	197
Dog parks	28.43% 56	30.46% 60	16.75% 33	24.37% 48	197
Other amenity or facility (note below)	8.41% 9	20.56% 22	14.95% 16	56.07% 60	107

#	ADDITIONAL AMENITIY/FACILITY	DATE
1	Adding more sidewalks	9/30/2022 6:02 AM
2	Community pool	9/22/2022 2:45 PM
3	None if it raises our taxes, we are in the middle of inflation and people can't afford gas and groceries. Now is not the time to propose spending more of our \$	9/20/2022 6:42 PM

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4	No additional millages	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
5	Indoor Ice Rink that's open year round. Community Center that offers fitness, indoor track, etc. (See comment from question 2)	9/18/2022 11:43 AM
6	Put in a splash pad at Central Park!	9/17/2022 10:31 PM
7	See #13	9/16/2022 11:31 AM
8	New Basketball hoops in Central Park, an outdoor hockey rink and an R/C car track	9/15/2022 9:31 AM
9	Central park is very busy and should be improved	9/15/2022 9:00 AM
10	Outdoor hockey rink in the Milford area	9/15/2022 8:41 AM
11	N/a	9/12/2022 8:28 PM
12	Splash pad central park	9/10/2022 11:12 AM
13	Spray Pad at Central Park	9/10/2022 8:20 AM
14	Canoe facilities along the Huron River	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
15	Pool, water park	9/8/2022 1:04 PM
16	Can you plow the Milford Trail in the winter like Kensington does?	9/8/2022 11:31 AM
17	Soccer Fields	9/7/2022 12:19 PM
18	Pool	9/7/2022 6:13 AM
19	Downtown development	9/6/2022 10:38 PM
20	Pool for the kids!	9/6/2022 10:23 PM
21	fix and fund the pool (don't lie)	9/6/2022 9:21 PM
22	Create nice trailhead pavilions which could be used for multiple activities.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
23	Pickleball Courts	9/6/2022 8:20 PM
24	Indoor tennis/racquetball courts!!!	9/6/2022 5:39 PM
25	Pickleball	9/6/2022 5:18 PM

Q13 Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding recreation facilities in Milford Township:

Answered: 43 Skipped: 171

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Milford has a unique opportunity to be the mecca of outdoor enthusiasts with the proximity of local parks and trails. It also has an opportunity to connect adjacent communities drawing more people to our vibrant downtown. We use the airline trail to go to Oxford to stay the night and discover new places, that's how we found Sylvan Table, it would be great to continue the connections, we don't mind riding on gravel roads but families with kids do so if they had better connectors they could come all the way here.	9/29/2022 5:30 PM
2	Pls act on survey	9/21/2022 8:40 AM
3	None if it raises our taxes, we are in the middle of inflation and people can't afford gas and groceries. Now is not the time to propose spending more of our \$	9/20/2022 6:42 PM
4	With the uptick in mountain biking, plus the local MISCA teams, I'd love to see a skills area added to the Milford mountain bike trail. The pipeline project tore out quite a bit of trees and greenery, but has left some open space next to the paved path that could be used to add a pump track and other skills features.	9/19/2022 1:02 PM
5	There are too many baseball fields not being used. the skateboard park is a waste only a few people use. these specialty facilities should not be funded by all residents but rather by those who use	9/19/2022 9:03 AM
6	Last time I looked the playground signs at Central Park need sprucing up	9/18/2022 7:57 PM
7	Fun places that we travel to, but would like to see in Milford include: Comedy, ice rink, water park, outdoor pool, splash pads, STEM/Coding classes, kickboxing, art classes, aerial yoga, nerf battles, whirly ball, bowling and dancing.	9/18/2022 11:43 AM
8	The outdoor recreation opportunities this community provides are what sets it apart and draws residents and visitors in. We need to protect our waterways, increase green spaces, and improve year-round accessibility for the beauty we have here. COVID reiterated to us the importance of access to nature and outdoor spaces. This should continue to grow as a strong focus for this community going forward.	9/18/2022 1:03 AM
9	Please look into a splash pad in Central Park!	9/17/2022 10:31 PM
10	Please google the splash pad in Venice, Florida. It is a simple 15-20ft (guestimate) concrete circle, with fountains spraying up from the ground. Nothing fancy, but wonderful to have. It would be amazing to have something like this in central park that runs Memorial through Labor Day. There are so many families in Milford with children, and so many families utilize central park. I believe its creation would bring even more people to concerts in the park, our farmers market, and to frequent downtown, and would be such a treat for local kids on hot summer days. Additionally, although my children are no longer toddlers, I had always felt that there needed to be a 1-5 year old play structure in Central Park. Our current structure has such high drop offs throughout that seem so dangerous for the little ones. It would be nice to have a simple structure just for that young age group. Lastly, I wish there were a safe path for families to walk from the Milford Library to Central Park, that could possibly cross Peters Rd to West Liberty Street, which goes straight to the amphitheater/Central Park. Thank you for your time!	9/16/2022 11:31 AM
11	The outdoor court facilities in Milford are inadequate. I'm embarrassed when I have to tell my friends from other cities that I have to bring my own pickle ball net to Play in Milford. So we play in Novi, Canton, & Brighton; Consequently generating revenue for small businesses in other cities for lunch/dinners outside of Milford because I can't invite them to play in Milford.	9/15/2022 8:08 PM
12	These are the things that make Milford a wonderful place to live.	9/15/2022 7:51 PM
13	Move, close, or reduce the time duration of day that the absurdly noisy Skate Park is open!	9/15/2022 6:05 PM

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14	Before you spend a nickel on adding "new" features, maintain the existing better. Central Park continues to erode into the river. The bridge crossing the westernmost branch of Pettibone Creek is in very poor condition. Replacing lost mature oak and maple with decorative small trees is poor management of this space. And if Heavner's wants a canoe/kayak facility in the village lease them a space behind the CVS and let them pay for it!!!	9/15/2022 2:47 PM
15	Central park could use drainage, more parking and the mulch should be replaced with something similar to surface at scarlets playground in Commerce which is a beautiful park	9/15/2022 9:00 AM
16	With the amount of use the Milford-Kensington Trail gets it should have winter maintainance. The hill from the dog park to the dam becomes an ice sheet anytime it snow due to the amount of foot traffic it receives in combination with the lack of sunlight it has in the winter. Also, I saw a recent Facebook post complaining about the new trail crossing lights on GM Road. There needs to be better information put out, or signage, explaining everyone's responsibility. In Ann Arbor the lights mean drivers stop, on GM Road that is not how drivers have been treating them. Another complaint in that post was about the speed limit there. Is it appropriate to have a busy trail crossing like that one in a 50mph speed zone? Maybe the 30mph zone should be extended to the Huron River.	9/15/2022 5:07 AM
17	thanks for the survey :)	9/14/2022 3:33 PM
18	Overall I am satisfied but with the area becoming developed (near Summit street, South Milford Rd near 96) I think a priority should be put in preserving green/treed spaces either through restoring Township land, buying land, or offering tax abatements to not develop x% of larger parcels.	9/14/2022 12:57 PM
19	This may not be the proper forum, but I want someone, anyone to hear my concerns. There is a serious problem in this area with vehicles and pedestrian safety. Whether it's people speeding, ignoring cross walks, or just not paying attention to a warm body in the right two feet of the roadway something needs to change. I've lost count of the close calls I've had and see others have on the roads and crosswalks around town. I myself have even been clipped by a car that rolled past a stop sign as I was crossing. We have a great town with great people and tons of opportunities to enjoy the area, but this is something that needs some serious thought and effort put into it. Please help, and if this is not the right avenue please pass my information along to someone who can help.	9/14/2022 8:45 AM
20	More dedicated Pickleball courts please. It is the faster growing sport in country. Would like to learn more about other trails mentioned in survey. It would be good to communicate what we already have.	9/14/2022 8:16 AM
21	Would love a bee and butterfly garden	9/13/2022 4:48 PM
22	Please Provide Pickleball courts for the seniors enough is spent on children and families it's time for the seniors to have fun Tennis courts are at the high school family time is at the Y and Central Park commerce Township is providing Pickleball on their new courts time for Milford to do the same	9/13/2022 3:27 PM
23	We love that there is so much to do outside here. Thank you so much for preserving open spaces and keeping the trails cleared and beautiful.	9/12/2022 7:42 AM
24	Would love permanent Pickleball courts	9/11/2022 9:36 PM
25	We need permanent pickleball courts in our community, as demand has outgrown out 4 courts in Central Park.	9/11/2022 9:04 PM
26	The township has done nothing to advance no motorized trails,sidewalks or active recreation	9/10/2022 6:59 PM
27	The township needs more paved trails and pickle ball courts	9/9/2022 9:19 AM
28	We are lucky to live in an area with so many different parks. Improve coordination with all of the governments and park systems. Perhaps even an overall map and marketing campaign of all of our trails and park resources, including the Huron River.	9/9/2022 8:20 AM
29	We need to preserve as much green space as possible.	9/9/2022 5:50 AM
30	bike lanes on roads and pathways are our #1 concern. Without these it makes it difficult to use the pathways without driving to a safe location. This does not prevent us from using the pathways but makes it more difficult.	9/7/2022 10:15 AM
31	More arts & culture	9/7/2022 9:35 AM

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32	need a sidewalk plan for milford township so that you can bike, run, walk in the township safely like in the village would like to link the proud lake trails to the township / village must maintain kensington connector and "YMCA" trail in the winter by removing snow and ice and providing restrooms. would really like some ability to walk along the shore of the huron river. currently the shore is very inaccessible except for a small number of access points.	9/7/2022 9:14 AM
33	Thanks for the survey	9/7/2022 7:37 AM
34	I trust the current budget appropriations.	9/6/2022 10:38 PM
35	I live in the Village and many of my comments may not apply to the Twp. (Sorry - didn't notice) So use my comments as appropriate to the Twp.	9/6/2022 10:23 PM
36	This is a great town for an active outdoor lifestyle. There are a lot of great opportunities as well. A couple ideas for consideration, when updating central park, build another more modern park for kids. Maybe keep the old one as well. More access to walk along and access the rivers would be great, not just Huron but the smaller ones too. Cut down the weeds/shrubs along river in central park. Add mtb trails that connect from Kennsington connector to milford trail, so it can all be mtn biked. This trail could ride snake around the paves path. Add more direction to the flashing lights to cross the streets, like vehicles should stop or not. Add speed readers on commerce road and GM road where people are commonly crossing, I have been almost hit by speeders a few times. Cannot make senior center event, but would be there if I could. Please keep us in the loop.	9/6/2022 10:08 PM
37	fix and fund the pool (don't lie)	9/6/2022 9:21 PM
38	The is a person on board at highland suggested a trail on gas pipeline to connect Milford to highland. This needs to happen. DTE is not oppose, just need the leaders of highland and Milford to take action. Don green doesn't seem to have the interests of outdoor recreation on the forefront of his agenda. What is underestimated is the value of the trail systems and how that improves community value. You can get data from Strava which will show you people in Milford do more walking, biking than any other activity. Sport fields are great but that all can be done on school properties.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
39	The Kensington Ridge dev. Should include rails connected to existing ones	9/6/2022 8:51 PM
40	Spots for cleaning kayaks at loading spots along the Huron River to limit potential of transfer of invasive creatures.	9/6/2022 8:40 PM
41	Please ride the current wave of supporting the fastest growing sport-Pickleball!	9/6/2022 7:56 PM
42	We have so many great assets- we need to make sure they are maintained!	9/6/2022 5:14 PM
43	The township has none. Where other communities of similar size and property tax rate across the state and the country have them. It is a shame	9/6/2022 2:11 PM



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