



# mount clemens, michigan

parks & recreation sub-area plan

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*Mount Clemens' parks will be well-designed, programmed and maintained to provide a high-quality of life for current and future residents and families.*

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PARKS AND RECREATION SUB-AREA PLAN

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Well-designed, programmed, and maintained amenities provide higher quality-of-life for current residents and can, in turn, attract new residents and families to the area. Mount Clemens has many unique assets in its parks, open space, museums and cultural resources, and natural areas along the Clinton River. Physical and programmatic linkages can enhance these assets and provide a greater sense of place within the community, create greater visibility, and promote use. Recreational and cultural amenities greatly enhance a vibrant urban experience and stimulate development; they should be promoted and encouraged throughout Mount Clemens.



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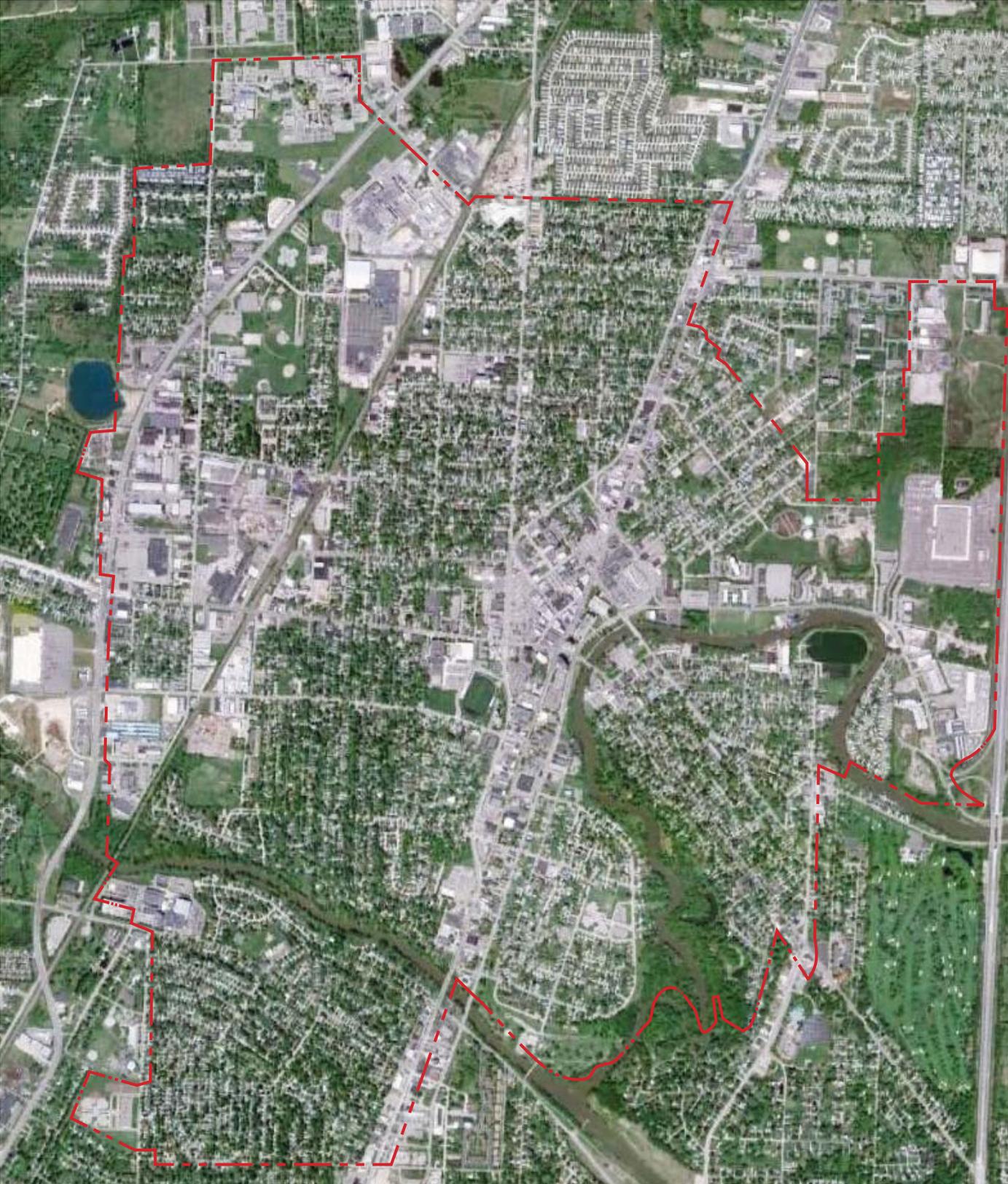
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Aerial photograph of the Mount Clemens area (source: bing.com/maps)

## INTRODUCTION

The Parks Division of the Mount Clemens Department of Public Services maintains twelve parks totaling approximately 127 acres. Among the largest are Memorial Park (42.8 acres) and Shadyside Park (43.2 acres). In the Mount Clemens Master Plan, parks and open space account for 5% of the total land area of the city.

Mount Clemens parks offer many amenities including: playgrounds, tot lots, ball diamonds, a multi-purpose gymnasium, recreational boats slips, a wildlife sanctuary, an arboretum, ice-skating rinks, and sledding hills. Memorial Park is one of the city's most well attended parks; it features eight ball diamonds, a picnic pavilion, in-line skating court, playground equipment, and a sledding hill. Memorial Park has also recently completed the one-acre Behnke Dog Park.

The city dissolved its Parks and Recreation Department due to recent economic restructuring, relying on the Department of Public Services to maintain the parks and the Macomb Family YMCA to sponsor recreational activities and events.

A publicly-owned, privately-operated Ice Arena and Fitness Center is open to the public for a fee. The Center offers ice skating to the community as well as youth hockey and figure skating programs taught by a professional coaching staff and members of the Mount Clemens Figure Skating Club. The YMCA offers programs from swimming to organized sports clinics. Participation in all programs requires a membership. Program fees range from \$25 to \$110, in addition to membership fees.





## EXISTING PARK INVENTORY & EVALUATION

The twelve parks maintained by the city of Mount Clemens were observed and evaluated during site visits in 2009.

The parks have been categorized according to size, and addressed individually. Each park evaluation contains a site analysis of existing conditions, as well as a discussion of access, amenities, and recommendations for the future.

Figure 1 identifies the city's parks, along with other points of interest and regional non-motorized trail networks.

FIGURE 1. MOUNT CLEMENS PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM



CATEGORIES			SEASONS				PROGRAMMING AND CONDITION RATING*																				Comments										
Park	Size (acres)	Classification	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Basketball	BBQs	Benches	Boardwalk	Boat Launch	Boat slips	Dog Park	Dog Station	Fishing Pier	Gazebo	Horseshoe Pit	Ice skating rink	Kid Play equipment	Kid Swings	Open lawn	Picnic Tables	Restrooms	Shelter	Skate Park	Sledding Hill		Soccer	Softball/Baseball	Tennis	Tot Play equipment	Tot Swings	Trail	Trash receptacles	Water Fountain	Pedestrian access	Vehicle access
Shadyside Park	43.2	Regional	X	X	X		3	4		5	4			5	5		4		2	1	4	4	0	4	3			2		2	3	3	5	1	5	4	Maintenance building deteriorating; Swing sets distant from other play equipment; Broken glass at play equipment, shelter
Sleepy Hollow Nature Area	19.3	Natural Amenity Area	X	X	X	X																													0	0	No parking area, no on-street parking allowed in area; difficult to discern marked trails due to lack of maintenance.
Memorial Park	42.8	Sports Park	X	X	X	X							4						2		5	4	5	4	3	2	3	5					5		3		Difficult access to ball diamonds; Ice Rink / Other building
Cairns Field	5.7	Neighborhood	X	X	X		4	4											2	2	0		5								1		1		2	4	Open lawn in poor condition at the time of evaluation; Groups of teenagers make park unattractive to visitors; Full trash bins throughout, trash in field near equipment.
Clinton River Park	2.9	Neighborhood	X	X	X					5		5				5							0										5		2	4	No vehicle access to north side, poor pedestrian access, no ADA access; Metered parking at city hall to access south.
Lawndale Park	2.1	Neighborhood	X	X	X	X		4	4					5				**	4	4	5	4					1				4		5		5	4	
MacArthur Park	2.3	Neighborhood	X	X	X				4	4		3									3	4											5		3	4	MANY electrical safety issues; Garbage along river bank; Unattractive view from river (mechanical equipment of YMCA and other buildings)
Olsen Park	4.6	Neighborhood	X	X	X				4										4		5	4					1	5				5		3	2	Only 2-3 parking spaces available.	
Wilson Park	2.2	Neighborhood	X	X	X				4					5					5	5	4	4							5	5		5		5	5		
Clemens Park	0.7	Pocket	X	X	X																4													3	0		
Dorothea Leonore Park	0.9	Pocket	X	X	X	X			4					5				**	4		5	4					1		4			5		5	4		
Rotary Park	0.2	Plaza (pocket)																																5	2		

<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>126.9</b>	<p><b>CONDITION RATING SCALE</b></p> <p>0 - Unusable / Broken</p> <p>1 - Very Poor</p> <p>2 - Poor</p> <p>3 - Fair</p> <p>4 - Good</p> <p>5 - Very Good / Excellent</p>																				<p>* Parks were observed in September 2009</p> <p>** Ice skating is a temporary use in winter when the park is purposely flooded and frozen.</p>
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TABLE 2. PROPOSED PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION AND COMMON USES/ROLE	SUGGESTED SERVICE CRITERIA	DESIRABLE SIZE
<b>Pocket Park</b>	Pocket parks are small and frequent, often with passive recreation activities. Having many small parks ensures that all residents have access to some level of outdoor recreation. These spaces may often contain specialized programming that serve a specific group such as small children or seniors.	¼-mile radius	Between ½ and one acre
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	Programming for neighborhood parks is often informal, but the size of these spaces allows for more development of recreational activities.	¼ to ½-mile radius	Three to five acres is optimal
<b>Community Park</b>	Community Parks play a broader role than neighborhood parks, with a focus on meeting community-based recreation needs and/or preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks can be natural area for outdoor recreation, such as bird watching, walking, viewing, sitting, and picnicking.	One mile radius	As needed to accommodate desired uses; usually between 10-20 acres.
<b>Regional Park</b>	These parks typically have a combination and variety of programming elements from passive to active recreation, and connect to regional and local non-motorized trail networks.	Two mile radius	Usually a minimum of 20 acres; Variable as needed to accommodate desired uses.
<b>Sports Complex</b>	Sports complexes have heavily-programmed athletic fields and associated facilities strategically located in the community.	Serves the entire community	Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal, depending on specific programming requirements
<b>Special Use Parks</b>	Special Use areas encompass a broad spectrum of facilities oriented toward a specific, single-purpose use. Examples include golf courses, nature centers, marinas, display gardens, or outdoor theaters. Areas that are designated specifically to preserve, maintain and interpret buildings, sites, and areas of historical significance are also considered Special Use.	Variable, dependent on specific use	Variable

FIGURE 2. EXISTING REGIONAL, SPORTS, AND NATURE PARKS



## EXISTING REGIONAL, SPORTS, AND NATURE PARKS

Shadyside Park, Memorial Park, and Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve are the three largest parks and recreation spaces within Mount Clemens. Each serves a completely separate purpose within the city. Memorial Park is a large sports park serving the entire area. Shadyside Park’s location on the river and the inclusion of a boat ramp also creates a draw beyond the immediate neighborhood and Mount Clemens community. Both these active-recreation areas are balanced with the large Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve that provides residents with an opportunity to experience a natural riparian landscape within walking distance of the town center.

Regional, Sports, and Nature Parks	Size (acres)
Shadyside Park	43.2
❄ Memorial Park	42.8
❄ Sleepy Hollow Nature Area	19.3
<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>105.3</b>

❄ *Winter programming*

FIGURE 3. EXISTING CONDITIONS: SHADYSIDE PARK & SLEEPY HOLLOW NATURE PRESERVE



- LEGEND**
- Park
  - Building
  - Park Access



## SHADYSIDE PARK

Shadyside is a large, irregularly-shaped park on the south border of Mount Clemens on the banks of the Clinton River. It follows the northern bank of the river from northbound Gratiot Avenue to Inches Street, south of Shadyside Drive and Clinton River Drive.



*Shadyside Park Location*

### ACCESS

The parking lot at Shadyside offers parking for boat trailers only. Shadyside Drive offers on-street parking for park access. Pedestrian access is available along Shadyside Drive and Barbara Street. A pedestrian bridge across the Clinton River allows pedestrians to cross into the park from Clinton Township.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

The park contains a large lawn area, boardwalk and boat launch, ball diamond, skate park, basketball court, sandbox, picnic shelter, and play equipment for toddlers and older children. Play equipment is installed in a large sand area within the main play space. The wood edging is rotting and many pieces of broken glass were mixed in the sand. Both tot and child equipment is worn and some of the child play equipment is rusting.

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*Informal Parking*



*Damaged tot swing*



*Open Lawn*



*Basketball Court*



*Baseball Diamond*



*Horseshoe Pits*



*Swingsets*



*Picnic Area*



*Boardwalk*



*Sand Tot-lot*



*Playscape*



*Maintenance Building*

The fenced skate park has ramps of varying difficulty. Two basketball hoops are installed in the middle of a concrete pad. The ball diamond has a backstop and home plate, but the field itself is in poor condition. Three swing sets (two for tots, one for older children) are located distant from other play equipment within the park. One tot swing appears to have been a recent addition to the park and is installed with wood mulch surfacing. The second tot swing and child swing are in poor condition and sit directly on uneven, eroded ground without a protective surfacing. Many swing seats are deteriorated and have been vandalized, some with profanities.

A maintenance building is secured by heavily-rusted doors that are and may pose a safety hazard for children and other park visitors. The picnic shelter itself appears to be in good condition, though some tables were overturned and broken glass littered the ground. The large lawn area appears to be well maintained and in good condition, and shade trees dot the landscape.

The riverside trail transitions to a well-maintained boardwalk and continues beyond the picnic shelter. It terminates at the northeastern edge of Shadyside where the park meets the dense woodland area.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Shadyside Park is the next park that will receive improvement per the Mount Clemens Foundation.

Other recommendations include:

- Remove and replace vandalized play equipment.
- Repair rusting play equipment components.
- Improve conditions of eroded soil around play equipment with safety surfacing.
- Replace rotting wood edging material
- Ensure dangerous litter and glass is removed, especially in play areas.

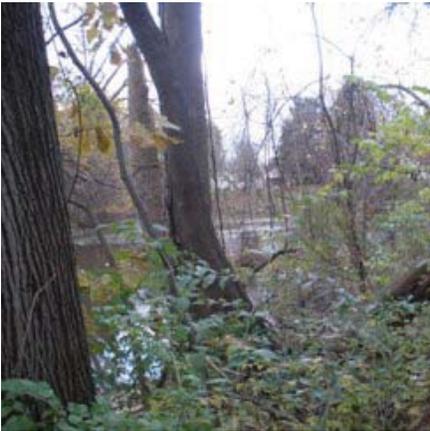
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*Trail at Sleepy Hollow Nature Area*



*Riparian edge conditions along Clinton River*





## SLEEPY HOLLOW NATURE PRESERVE

The Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve is a heavily-wooded area along the eastern bank of the Clinton River in southeast Mount Clemens.

### ACCESS

On-street parking is forbidden on Riverside Drive near the entrance to the nature area. The nature area is only reasonably accessible by pedestrians living within a short distance of the entrance.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

Trails are reasonably maintained but unmarked. In a few cases, fallen trees block the trail. A heavily-vandalized welcome sign is located along the trail well within the nature area. Trails continue northward and end abruptly at the point where private property extends to the river bank. Trails are accessible in the winter for snowshoeing and hiking.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase trail maintenance.
- Remove and repair vandalized signage.
- Provide interpretive signage and/or trail signage.



*Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve Location*





## MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park is located at the northwest edge of Mount Clemens, along Groesbeck Highway.

### ACCESS

A large parking area at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena serves Memorial Park. A smaller area at the Community Center is used by visitors to the dog park. Pedestrian access is available, though Memorial Park is located in a predominantly industrial area.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

The park features eight ball diamonds, a soccer field, skate park, picnic shelter, play equipment, and a sledding hill for winter programming. Memorial Park also contains the Behnke Dog Park.

Memorial Park visitors that park in the Ice Arena area are faced with a deteriorating, rusty scoreboard that appears to be an attractive hazard to visiting children. It is unclear whether or not the scoreboard is actively used during games. If it is intended to remain, it should be secured for safety. The eight ball diamonds at Memorial Park are in varying conditions, but are all playable and maintained. The largest



Memorial Park Location

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Sledding Hill, showing erosion



Sledding Hill, opposite side, showing adjacency to parking lot



Baseball Field



Play Equipment



Slide



Skate Park



Slide



Picnic Shelter



Scoreboard



Behnke Dog Park Water Station

field is in the best condition and features an outfield wall, concession stand, and a scoreboard. The diamonds are generally well-fenced but are difficult to access. A skate park appears to be in very good condition but lacks the ramps, pipes, and other obstacles normally associated with a skate park.

The soccer field is uneven and, at the time of the site visit, appeared in need of weeding and mowing. Play equipment is in deteriorating condition and sits directly on the grass without an appropriate play surface for safety. The picnic shelter is well-maintained and the large open multi-purpose lawn is in good condition. The sledding hill located to the south of the parking lot is eroded and unattractive during warmer months.



Behnke Dog Park Entry Gates

The Behnke Memorial Dog Park is accessed through the Community Center parking. It is well kept and contains picnic benches, obstacles, and retired fire hydrants. A water fountain serves both dogs and their owners. As a no-fee dog park, Behnke is unique in the metro-Detroit area.

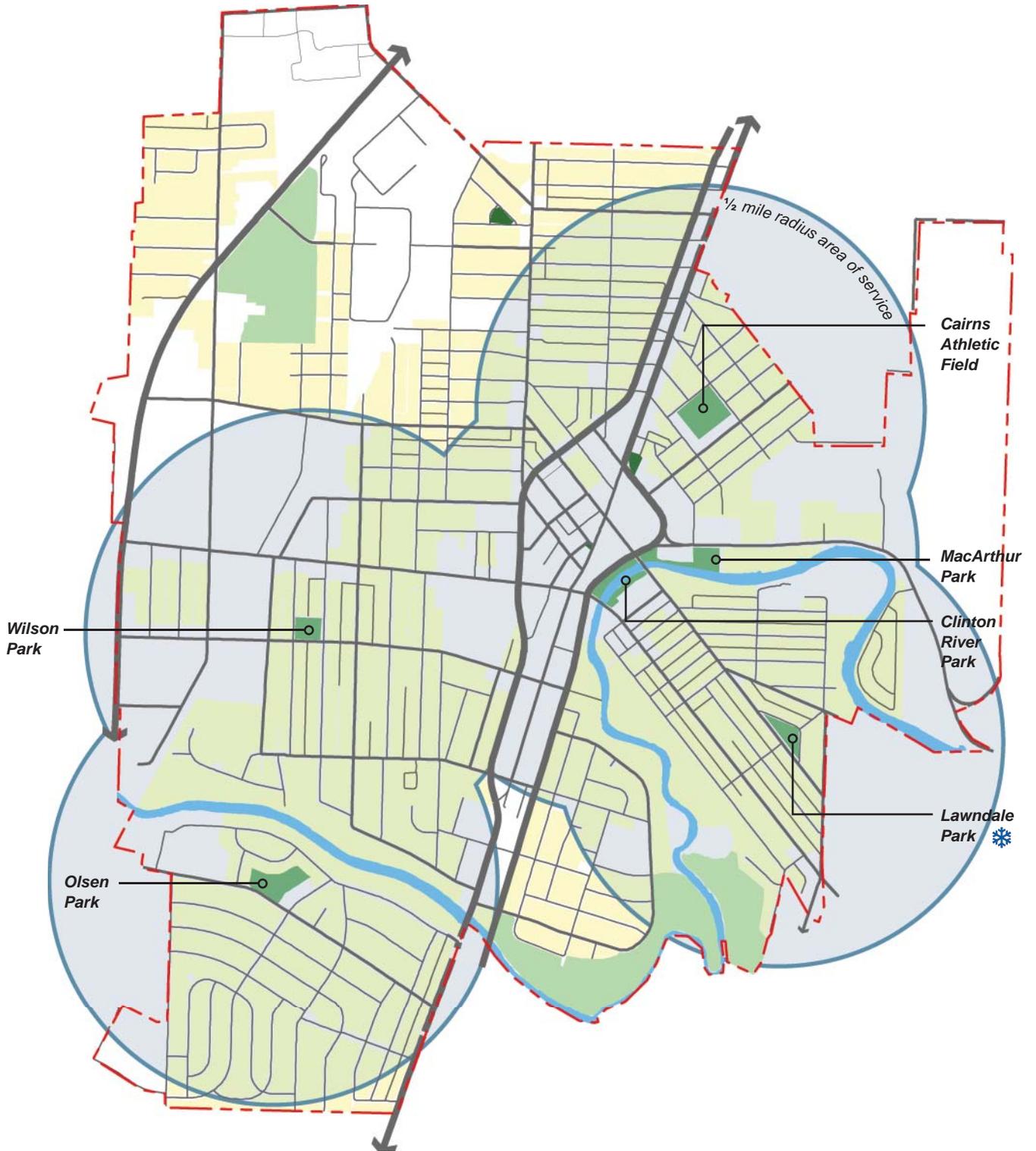
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Stabilize erosion on the sledding hill.
- Add safety surfacing around play equipment.
- Replace deteriorating play equipment.
- Evaluate the safety of the existing scoreboard.
- Plan for future additions of obstacles in the skatepark to add variety and diversity.



Behnke Dog Park Off-leash Area

FIGURE 5. EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS WITH 1/2 MILE AREA OF SERVICE



## EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

There are currently six neighborhood parks in Mount Clemens, totalling 19.8 acres. The parks are distributed evenly throughout the city and serve most residential areas within a ½-mile, or 10 minute, walk from one’s home.

Neighborhood Parks	Size (acres)
Cairns Field	5.7
Clinton River Park	2.9
❄️ Lawndale Park	2.1
MacArthur Park	2.3
Olsen Park	4.6
Wilson Park	2.2
<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>19.8</b>

❄️ *Winter programming*

FIGURE 6. EXISTING CONDITIONS: CAIRNS FIELD



**LEGEND**

- Park
- Building
- Park Access
- Fence



*Cairns Community Center (adjacent to Cairns Field)*

## CAIRNS FIELD

Cairns Field is located in northeastern Mount Clemens, just east of Northbound Gratiot Avenue.

### ACCESS

Vehicular access is on the east side of Cairns Field at the Community Center. Parking is plentiful and includes a number of accessible parking spaces. Fencing blocks pedestrian access on the southern and western borders of the park. A single pedestrian walkway along Orchard Street cuts through the fencing near the basketball court. The field's current condition does not allow safe pedestrian access along the remainder of Orchard or Clemens Streets.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

The field at Cairns Community Center is divided into three separate areas. The largest area is an unimproved multi-purpose turf field along Orchard Street. At the time of site evaluation, the sod had been removed and the remaining soil was uneven with standing water. Four basketball hoops on a concrete slab are located in the western corner of the park. A tot-lot and children's play area is



*Cairns Athletic Field and Community Center Location*

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*Multi-purpose playfield at Cairns Field, exhibits uneven surface and drainage issues following construction of the Cairns Community Center*



*Basketball Courts*



*Old Slide with Step Damage*



*Old Slide with Step Damage*



*Damaged Tot Swing*



*Play Equipment*

located in the southern corner of the park. The Community Center interior was not included in the evaluation.

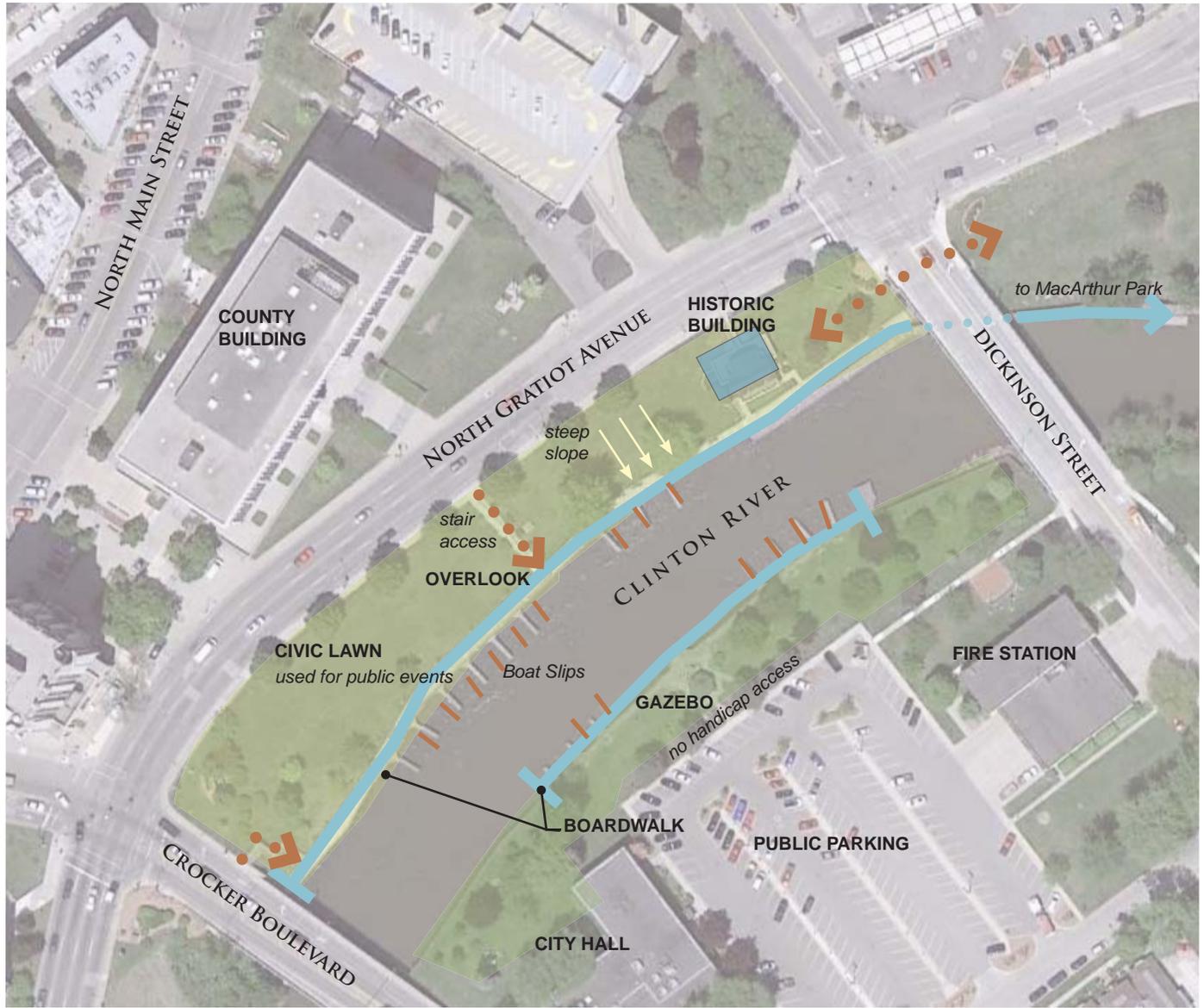
The multi-purpose playfield is in very poor condition. There is evidence of flooding, and there are areas of uneven soil where the sod has been removed. The basketball court concrete appeared in good condition, and though the painted lines show signs of wear they are still visible. At the time of evaluation, the park's trash receptacles were full and there was a notable amount of trash strewn about the playfield. Barbecue grills are in good condition, though no picnic tables exist to complement their use.

The tot lot and children's play equipment shows significant signs of wear and aging. The rubber on one tot swing in this park is heavily deteriorated. The ladder on the tall slide is warped and poses a potential safety hazard. All the play equipment sits on uneven grass and lacks an appropriate playground surfacing for safety and accessibility considerations.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

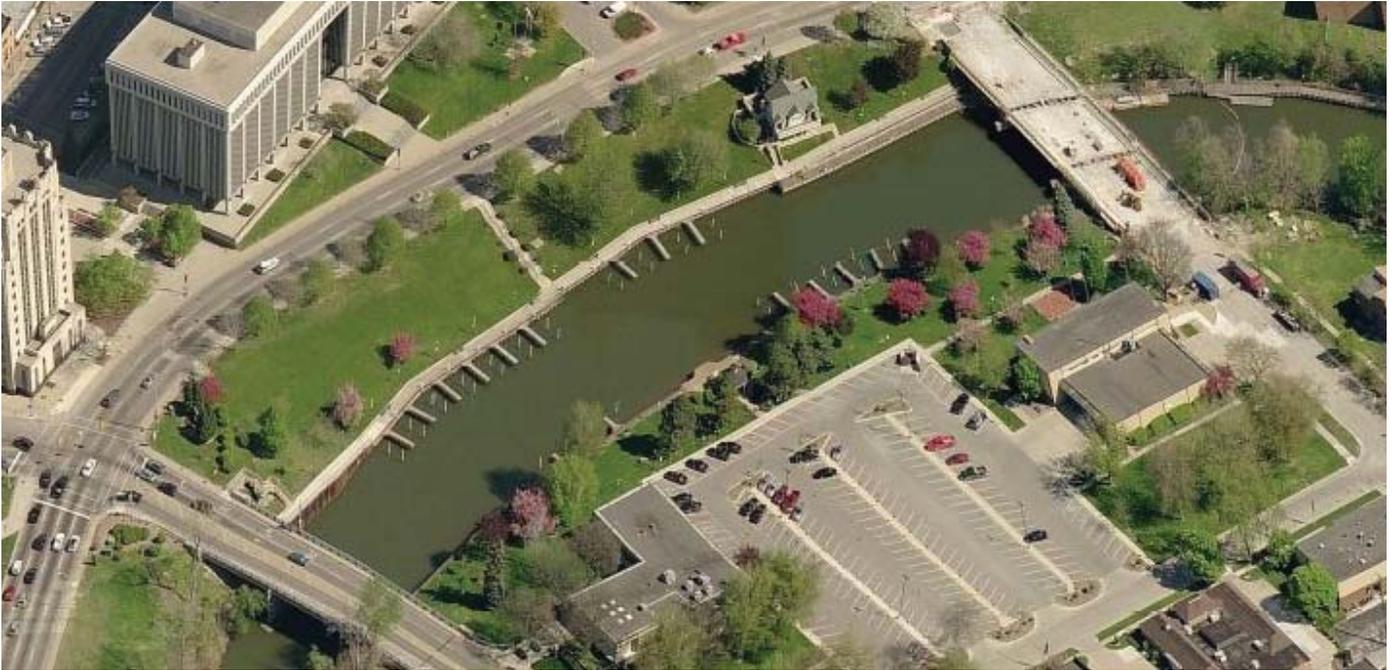
- Re-grade and re-seed of the open lawn/multi-purpose play area.
- Ensure stormwater runoff does not unintentionally flood areas of the park.
- Consider adding picnic tables to complement the barbecue grills.
- Provide safety surfacing under and around play equipment.
- Ensure regular garbage pickup.
- Replace deteriorating play equipment, and repair broken or damaged equipment.

FIGURE 7. EXISTING CONDITIONS: CLINTON RIVER PARK



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Building
-  Park Access
-  Boardwalk



## CLINTON RIVER PARK

Clinton River Park is an urban park encompassing both banks of the Clinton River from the Crocker Boulevard Bridge to the Dickinson Street Bridge.

### ACCESS

A large municipal, metered parking area on the river's south bank accommodates vehicles. Pedestrian access is available on both banks of the river at street level. At water level, a boardwalk under the Market Street Bridge connects Clinton River Park to MacArthur Park. A number of boat slips provide access to the park for waterborne vehicles.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

The park is often used for large community events, concerts, parties and parades. The gazebo is located on the southern bank of the Clinton River and bench placement provides a picturesque view of the river. The large sloping lawn also provides space for passive activities.



Clinton River Park Location

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*Boat Slips*



*Boat Slips and Boardwalk with the Mount Clemens skyline*



*Boat Slips and Boardwalk*



*Clinton River Park gazebo*

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue to promote and hold events highlighting the Clinton River as a valued asset in the community.

FIGURE 8. EXISTING CONDITIONS: LAWNDALE PARK



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Entrance sign
-  Picnic table
-  Park Access



## LAWNDALE PARK

Lawndale is a tree-lined, triangular-shaped park in a residential neighborhood in eastern Mount Clemens.

### ACCESS

On-street parking is ample and available on all three sides of the park. There are no barriers to pedestrian access at any point along the park's perimeter.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

Open lawns are located at the northern and southern ends of the park and play equipment is centrally located in the space.

Playscapes for toddlers and older children are in good condition. Equipment for older children sits on new woodchip surfacing, and the toddler playscape is in a sandbox. Barbecues, picnic tables and benches are in good condition. A dog station, stocked with plastic bags, is available. The large open lawn is in good condition, providing space for a variety of informal play activities. Trash receptacles are



Lawndale Park Location



*Playscape*



*Playscape*



*Picnic Table and Swings*



*Tot Playscape*

placed throughout the park. During winter months, the lawn area is purposely flooded and frozen to be used for ice skating.

In June 2010, a playscape was installed in Lawndale Park, supported by the Mount Clemens Foundation.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Replenish shredded bark safety surfacing as needed.

FIGURE 9. EXISTING CONDITIONS: MACARTHUR PARK



**LEGEND**

-  Park
-  Park Access



## MACARTHUR PARK

MacArthur Park is located on the north bank of the Clinton River east of the Dickinson Street Bridge. A tree-covered open lawn is bordered by the Macomb Family YMCA parking lot, the Clinton River, North River Road and Jones Street.



*MacArthur Park Location*

### ACCESS

Parking for MacArthur Park is at the Macomb Family YMCA on North River Road. Pedestrian access is limited and available only through the parking lot, or via a boardwalk under the Dickinson Street Bridge connecting MacArthur Park to Clinton River Park. The park can also be accessed by water.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

MacArthur Park is used primarily for passive recreation. The boardwalk connecting to Clinton River Park under the Dickinson Street Bridge is its primary feature. Boat ties are provided along the boardwalk, each with an electrical outlet and water receptacle. Unfortunately, many of the covers are missing from the electrical receptacles and



*Drain Outlet and Riverbank Channelization*



*Concrete Riverbank Channelization*



*Unsecured Power Equipment*

may not be functioning. The concrete retaining wall channelizing the north bank of the Clinton River appears to be in poor condition and may pose safety concerns. The area between the boardwalk and the river bank is littered with trash; the water appears stagnant, murky, and it contains a lot of sediment.

There is an outdoor classroom area at the eastern edge of the park. Benches and picnic tables are in good condition and are randomly spaced throughout the grassy area.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Ensure electrical equipment is functioning and secured.
- Ensure structural integrity of the river wall.
- Maintain water quality and aesthetic appearance by removing trash and other objects that may be lodged along the river bank.

FIGURE 10. EXISTING CONDITIONS: OLSEN PARK



**LEGEND**

- Park
- Building
- County regional trail
- Fence



## OLSEN PARK

Olsen Park is an irregularly-shaped park in southwestern Mount Clemens, adjacent to the Mount Clemens Montessori School.

### ACCESS

Parking is extremely limited at Olsen Park. The small paved lot holds only two vehicles, no spaces are reserved for those with disabilities, and parking is forbidden on Harrington Street. There is one small lot attached to the Montessori School, though it is unclear if that lot is available for park patrons outside of school hours. Pedestrians can access Olsen Park only from the south, as the park abuts fenced rear residential yards on the north, east, and west.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

The park features a large open lawn, two full-court tennis courts, and a collection of play equipment. The tennis courts at the western edge of Olsen Park are in very good condition. A broken water spout set in a PVC pipe and a portable toilet are adjacent to the tennis courts. The southeast corner of the park has a baseball backstop, though it sits on extremely uneven ground and there are



*Olsen Park Location*

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*Playscape*



*Playscape*



*Drinking Fountain*



*Playscape*



*Playscape*



*Tennis Courts*



*Baseball Backstop*

no other clues that this is intended as a usable ball diamond. This area also has two soccer goals for informal play. The play equipment is in good condition, though it is unclear if the play equipment in the northeast corner of the park is part of Olsen Park or property of the Montessori School.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

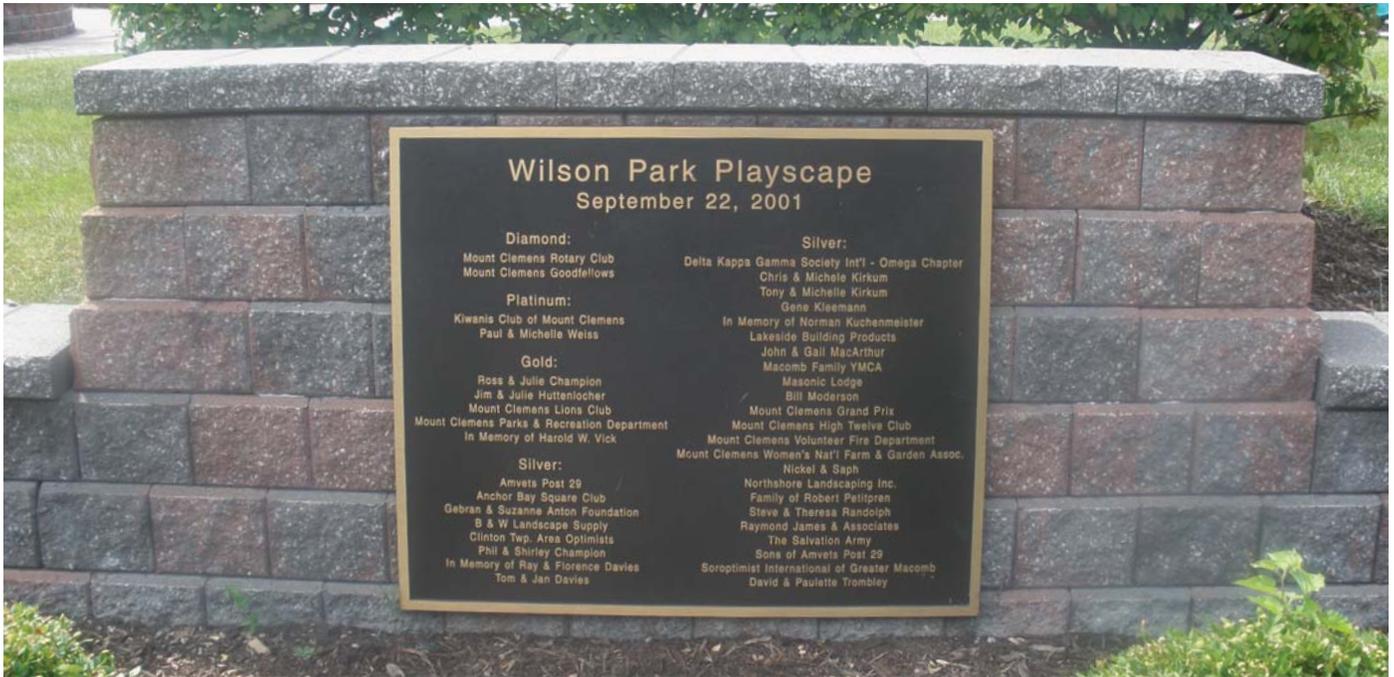
- Refresh the shredded bark play surfacing.
- Improve the water source (“drinking fountain”) in the park. Consider providing a dual fountain that is both universally accessible, and offers a water source for dogs.

FIGURE 11. EXISTING CONDITIONS: WILSON PARK



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Building
-  Entrance sign
-  Park Access



## WILSON PARK

Wilson Park is located in west-central Mount Clemens at the northwest corner of Wilson Boulevard and Church Street. The site is a former school, with only the gymnasium remaining. The gym was not included in this evaluation.



Wilson Park Location

### ACCESS

A small parking area serves the park; pedestrians from the surrounding residential neighborhood have several access points into the park.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

Two playscapes are located adjacent to the parking area. One tot-lot is designated for children aged 2-5 years and a second for children aged 5-12 years. Both appear to be well used and in immaculate condition. The equipment is on a natural mulch play surface and the entire area is developed nicely. In contrast to the new play structures, two older pieces of equipment are located within the turf area. The ground under the slide and swingset is eroded. Picnic tables and benches are also in good condition. An informal ball field with a backstop is located in the southwestern corner of the park.

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Recently-installed Playscape



Trash Receptacle



Older Swing Set

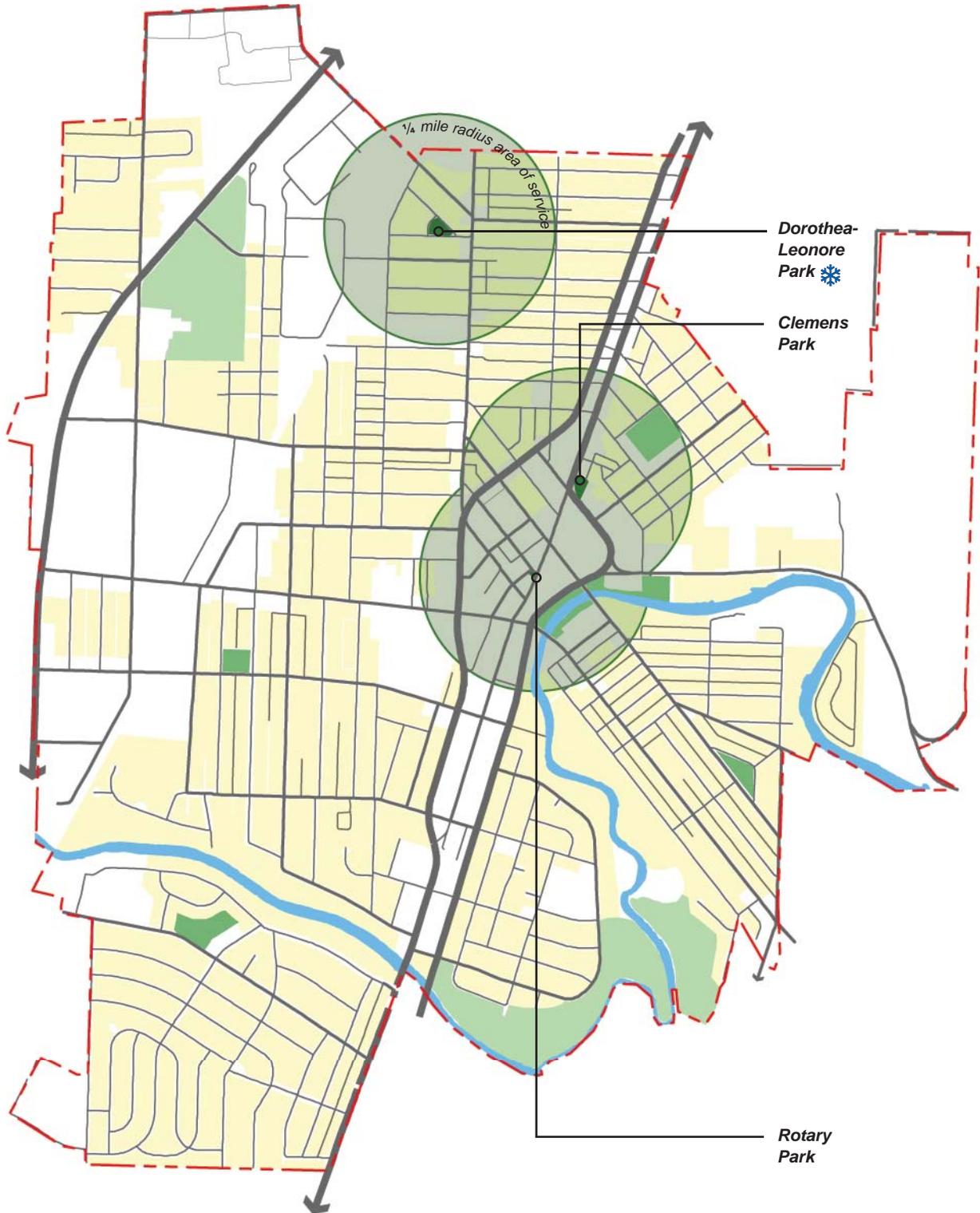


Older Metal Slide

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Provide safety surfacing around older play equipment.

FIGURE 12. EXISTING POCKET PARKS AND ¼ MILE AREA OF SERVICE



## EXISTING POCKET PARKS

Mount Clemens has two traditional pocket parks, with an additional plaza space in the downtown area. Pocket parks typically have a ¼-mile area of service, and are accessible within a five minute walk from one’s home. A majority of Mount Clemens residents are without this type of space in their neighborhoods.

Pocket Parks	Size (acres)
Clemens Park	0.7
❄️ Dorothea Leonore Park	0.9
Rotary Park	0.1
<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>1.7</b>

❄️ *Winter programming*

FIGURE 13. EXISTING CONDITIONS: CLEMENS PARK



LEGEND

-  Park
-  Historic Landmark
-  Park Access



## CLEMENS PARK

Clemens Park is located at the intersection of Welts Street, Main Street, and Northbound Gratiot Avenue. Christian Clemens, the founder of Mount Clemens, provided the land for use as a town cemetery. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are buried within the park.



*Clemens Park Location*

### ACCESS

Clemens Park does not provide parking for visitors, and no parking is permitted on northbound Gratiot Avenue that forms the entire western boundary of the park. The high volume of vacancies, both commercial and residential, in the vicinity of Clemens Park make it difficult for pedestrians to access.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

The park is small (0.7 acres, or approximately 200-by-350 feet) consisting of an open lawn shaded by a number of deciduous trees. Four vacant, boarded-up homes line the eastern edge of the park. A single bench is located at the southwest corner of the park and faces northbound Gratiot Avenue. A large monument commemorates Christian Clemens.

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*Vacant Homes on the Park's East Side*



*Bench Alongside Northbound Gratiot Avenue*



*Monument to Christian Clemens*

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Establish a strategy for improving the edge condition (vacant homes).
- Improve pedestrian access.

FIGURE 14. EXISTING CONDITIONS: DOROTHEA LEONORE PARK



LEGEND

 Park

 Entrance sign



## DOROTHEA LEONORE PARK

Dorothea Leonore Park is a wedge-shaped pocket park in a residential area in the northern neighborhoods of Mount Clemens, at the intersection of Dorothea and Leonore Streets.

### ACCESS

On-street parking is ample and available on all three sides of the park. As a pocket park, it is accessible to residents in the adjacent neighborhood within a quarter-mile walking distance. There are no barriers to pedestrian access at any point along the park's perimeter.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

A majority of the park is a large open lawn area with play equipment located in the eastern corner of the park. Trees line the perimeter and shade the play structures.

The Mount Clemens Foundation supported the installation of a new playscape in 2007. The playscapes for toddlers and older children are in very good condition. The newest equipment is installed in



*Dorothea Leonore Park Location*

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*Playscape*



*Swing Set in Shredded Bark Safety Surfacing*



*New Play Structures in Shredded Bark Safety Surfacing*

wood chip surfacing, while older equipment is installed directly in turf. Benches and picnic tables are in good condition, though there are no permanent barbecue pits installed. A dog station is available and stocked with plastic waste bags. The northern corner of the park offers a softball backstop. The multi-purpose open lawn area is in good condition. Trash receptacles are placed throughout the park. During winter months, the turf area is flooded and frozen for ice skating.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Improve playfield conditions.
- Provide safety surfacing around older play equipment.

FIGURE 15. EXISTING CONDITIONS: ROTARY PARK



LEGEND

 Plaza Area



## ROTARY PARK

More accurately defined as a plaza, Rotary Park is a pocket-sized urban park located across Main Street from the Macomb County Courthouse.

### ACCESS

On-street, metered parking is available on both sides of Main Street and the park is fully accessible to pedestrians.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

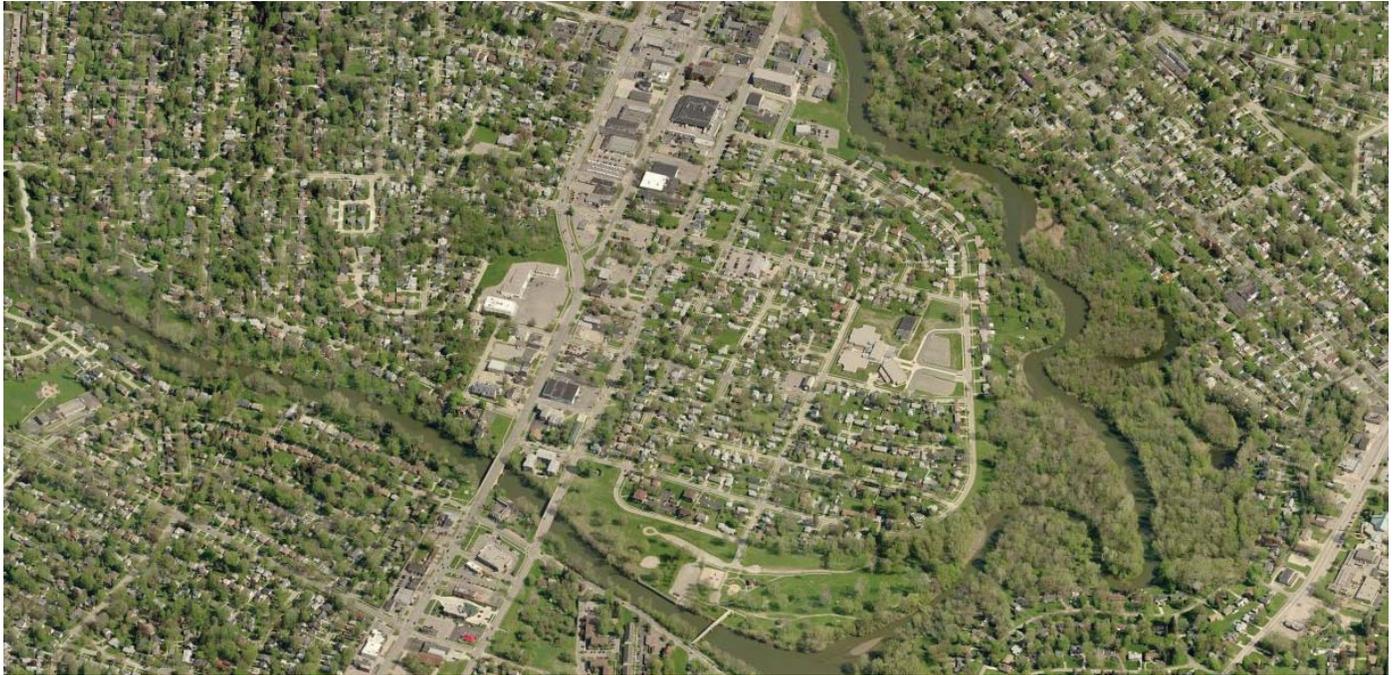
Though classified by size as a pocket park, its function is as a small plaza area for the retail/commercial areas along Main Street. It also provides space for downtown visitors as well as those working at the County Courthouse or at other downtown offices and retail establishments. Landscaped planting beds, sculptures, a clock tower, and a fountain add character to the Mount Clemens streetscape and the downtown.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Program the space during weekday lunch hours for local employees.
- Maintain the plaza at the highest level.



*Rotary Park Location*



## REGIONAL & COUNTY TRAIL CONNECTORS

Mount Clemens is a destination within Macomb County, and an important node within the area's non-motorized trail program. Harrington Street in southwest Mount Clemens is the County Trail Connector. The connector runs the length of Harrington Street through Mount Clemens; from Hilldale Street to Southbound Gratiot Avenue. Harrington is posted at 35 miles per hour and there are sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Future trails are planned along the Clinton River and Gratiot Avenue. Two bike paths were created as part of the recent repaving of Gratiot Avenue. Two six-foot wide paths are aligned along northbound Gratiot from Shadyside Park to Cass/Crocker, and a ten-foot wide path is aligned along southbound Gratiot from the Clinton River to Robertson.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support non-motorized trails at a variety of scales to connect neighborhoods to the park system and to the region beyond.
- Participate and partner with adjacent communities and the region to fully develop a robust non-motorized trail system.



*Regional and County Trail Connector Alignments*



## MICHIGAN TRANSIT MUSEUM

The Historic Rail Station is located on Grand Avenue north of Cass Avenue in western Mount Clemens.

### ACCESS

A parking lot is adjacent to the historic rail station. The station is also accessible to pedestrians.

### AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

A Michigan Historic Site sign welcomes visitors to the historic rail station. The interior of the station was inaccessible and was not included in this evaluation.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide for more prominent inclusion in the city's parks and open space system.



*Michigan Transit Museum Location*



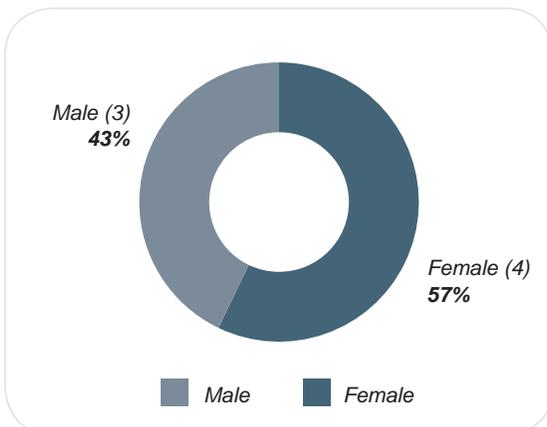


Public Open House from the 2009 Master Planning process

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### CHART 1. 2009 SURVEY RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Number of Respondents 7
- Average Age of Respondent 58
- Average Years in Mount Clemens 37
- Average Number of Children (under 18) Per Household 1
- Average Number of Adults per Household 1.7
- Average Persons per Household 2.71



An extensive public participation process occurred as part of the process for the 2009 Land Use Master Plan. One of the key outcomes of the previous public process was to continue to investigate the parks and open space system for Mount Clemens.

A new survey was distributed to Mount Clemens residents to inquire specifically about resident experiences and thoughts regarding the city’s parks and open space system. Unfortunately only seven of surveys were returned. The responses that follow should therefore only be viewed as an *extremely* limited snapshot of the feelings and ideas of the city’s residents. The full survey responses are located in Appendix A of this document for reference. To receive a more robust pool of responses and a more accurate representation of the Mount Clemens community, a new survey may need to be conducted.

The survey contained several open-ended questions. Residents indicated they may not have visited the parks due to safety concerns, the appearance of the parks, and lack of programming. Respondents’ priorities were to address maintenance issues and ensure a safe environment for those visiting the parks.

CHART 2. *Have you or others in your household visited any Mount Clemens park in the past 12 months?*

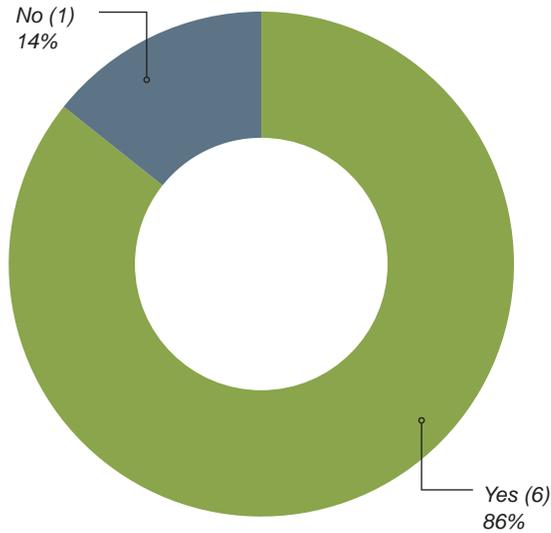
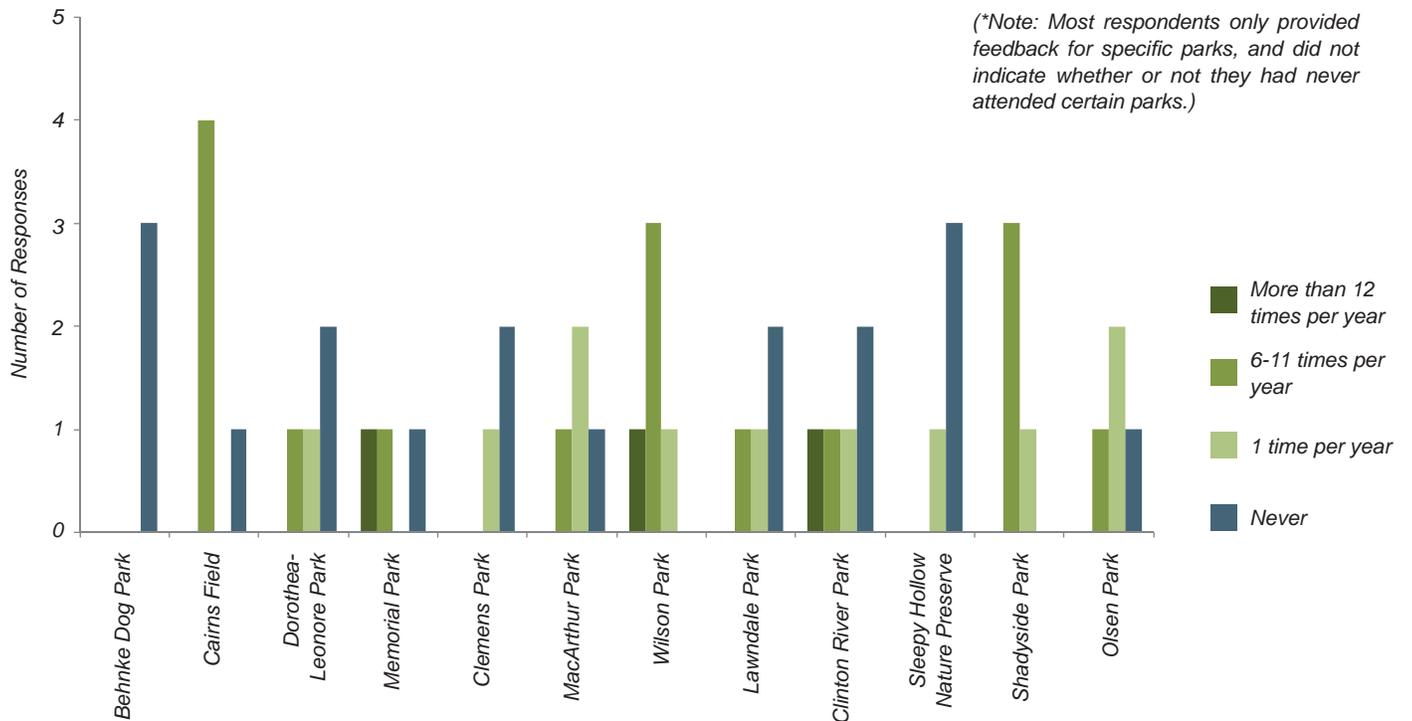
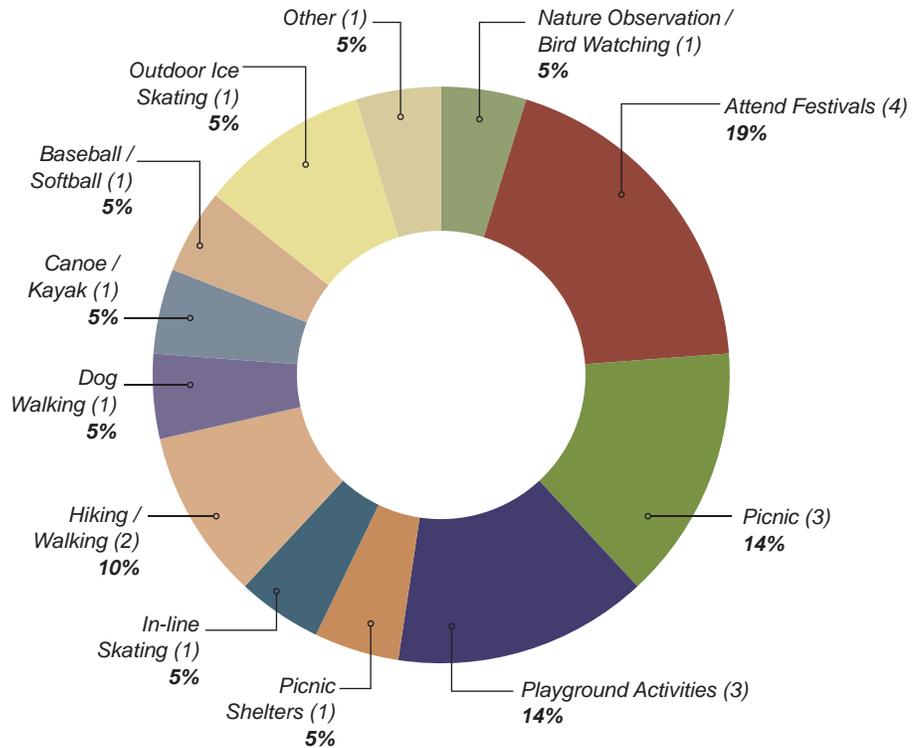


CHART 3. *What is the frequency of your visitation to each park that you, or another member of your household, visited within the past 12 months?\**

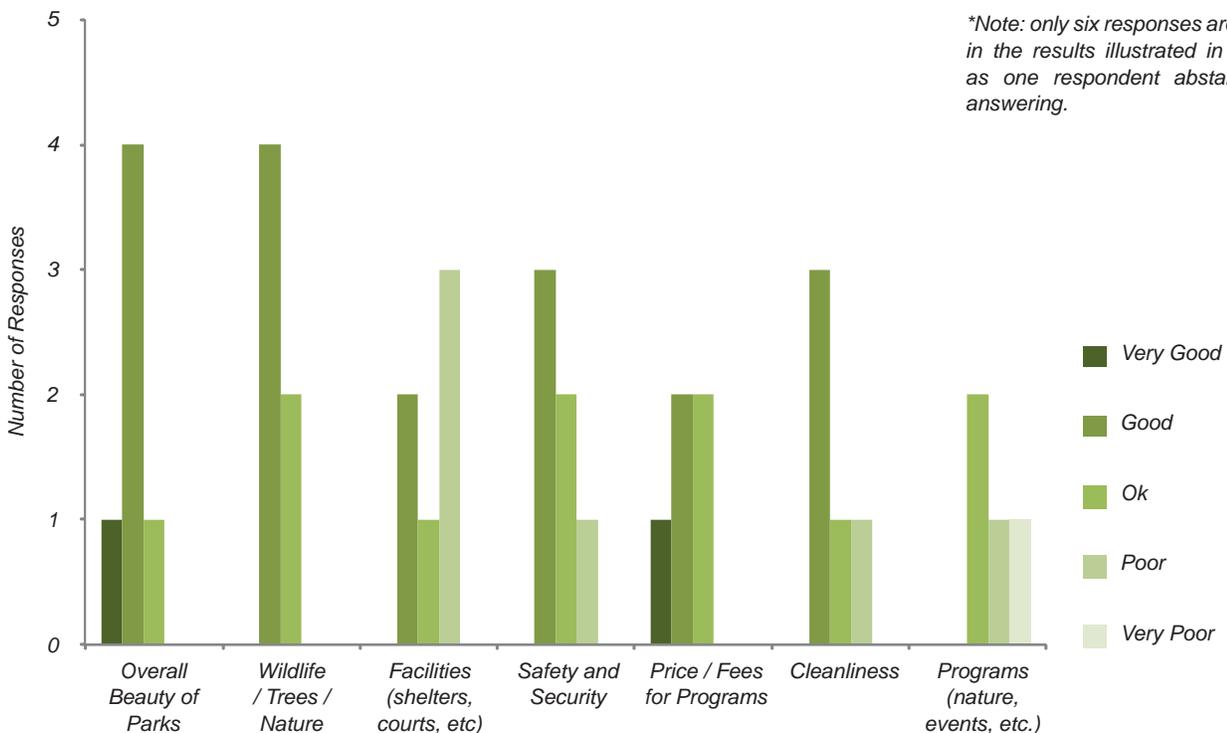


**CHART 4. Please review this list of opportunities and facilities and mark those in which you or another member of your household participates.\***



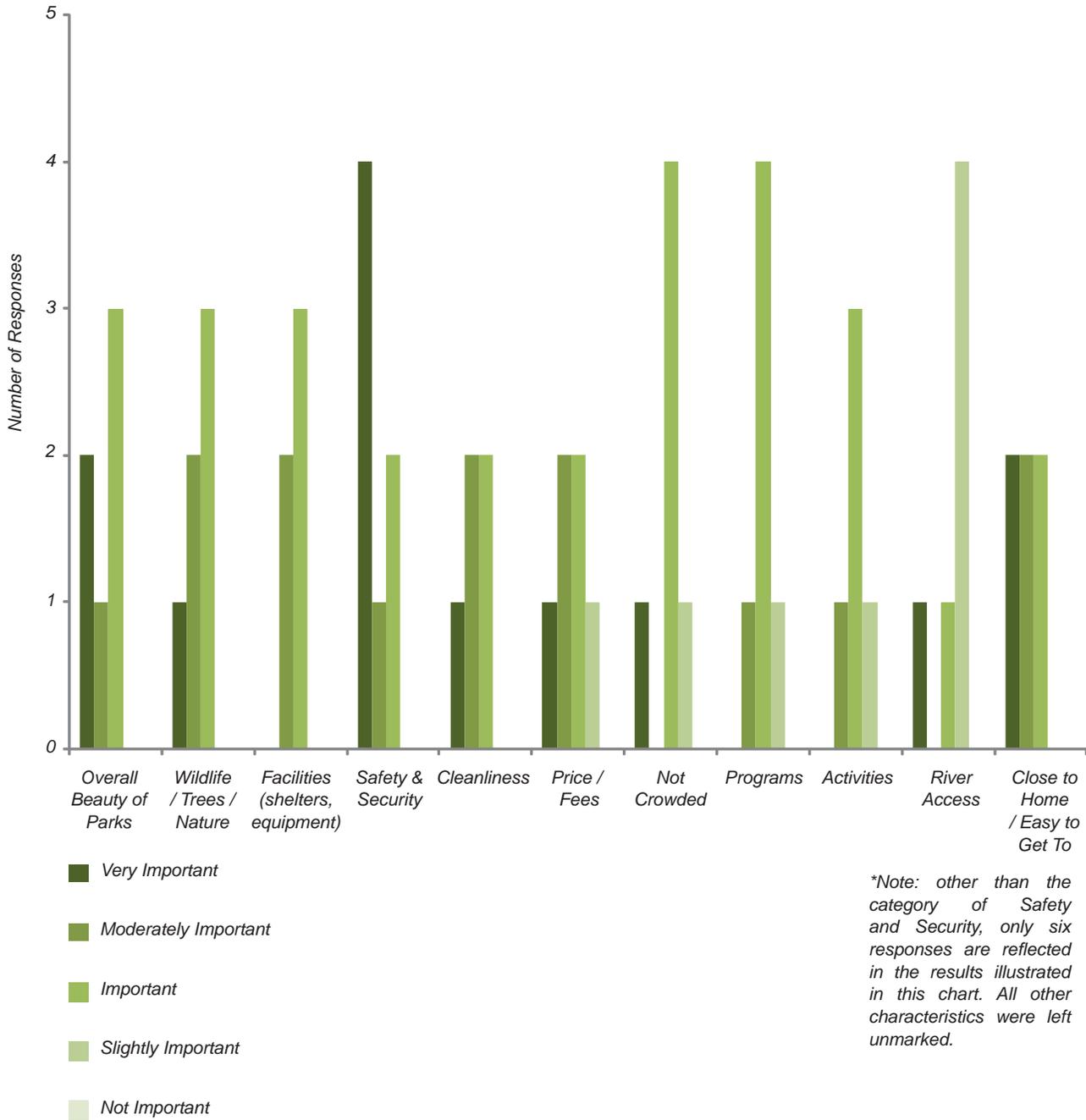
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**CHART 5. How satisfied are you with the performance of Mount Clemens parks in each of the following characteristics?\***

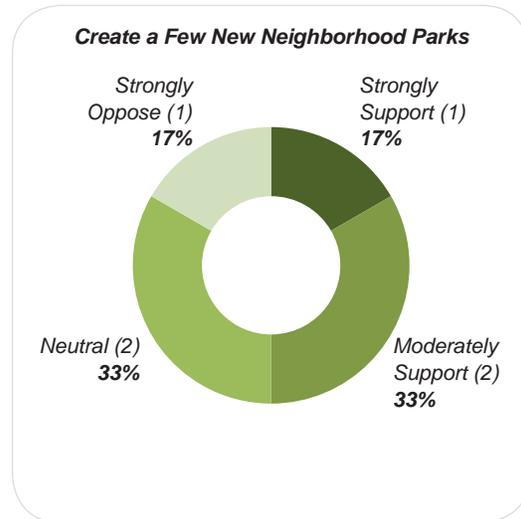
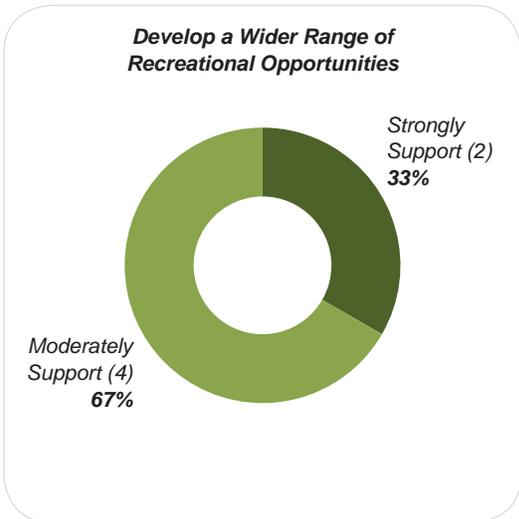
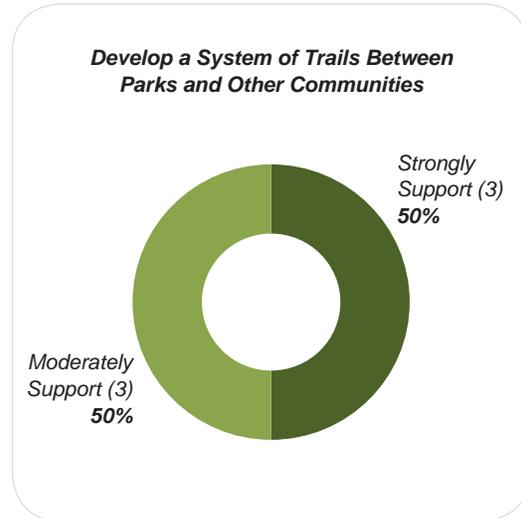
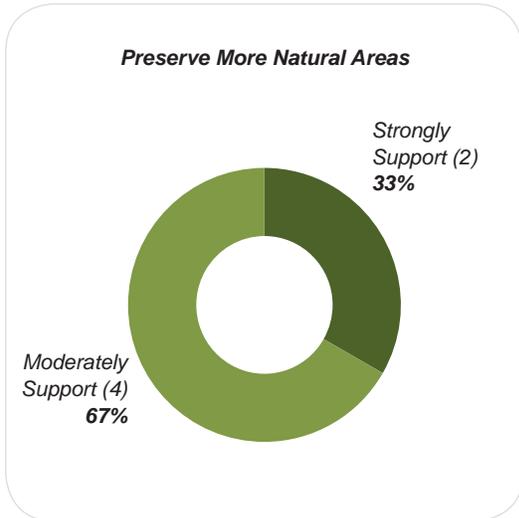


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**CHART 6. When you are choosing any park or recreation site for your household, please rate the importance of each of the following characteristics.\***



**CHART 7. The City of Mount Clemens is considering options to improve the park system. Which of these goals would you support?\***



\*Note: only six responses are reflected in the results illustrated in this chart as one respondent abstained from answering.

- Strongly Support
- Moderately Support
- Neutral
- Moderately Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

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## GOALS AND POLICIES

Prior to the Mount Clemens Master Planning Process, the most recent planning initiative addressing parks and recreation in Mount Clemens was the 2002 Macomb County Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. That document did not explore strategic planning for individual parks within the cities and townships in Macomb County, instead addressing the cumulative park and open spaces offered to county residents as a whole.

As part of the Mount Clemens Master Planning Process, a steering committee offered ideas and crafted principles by which the Parks and Open Space system should be valued. These principles are as follows:

- Well-maintained parks and thoughtful programming of recreation activities will attract families.
- Parks and greenways provide economic benefits.

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- Highest valued homes are located near the River.
- Businesses that serve users such as food and convenience stores, restaurants and bicycle repair and rental shops can capture customers.
- Green areas adjacent to the Clinton River are positive assets of the city.
- Different city parks receive different level of maintenance and programming.

### **Goals and Objectives**

From the Mount Clemens Master Plan, several goals, objectives, and actions were focused on the preservation and enhancement of the quality of the parks and open space system for the city.

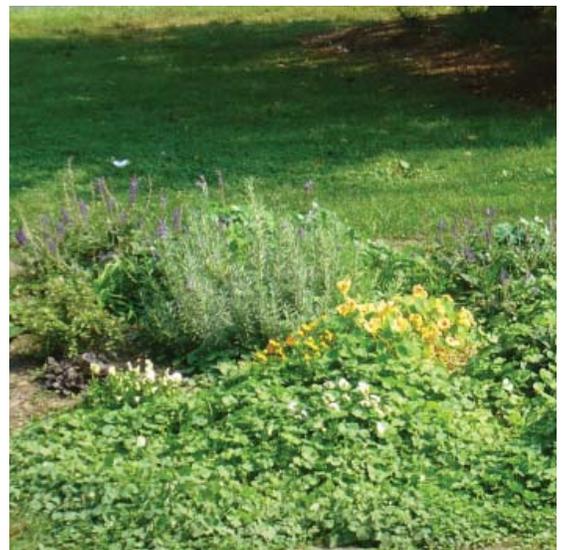
*Goal: Preserve and enhance the quality of existing parks and open space*

#### *Objectives:*

- City-run parks and recreation programs.
- Expanded recreation opportunities on the Clinton River.
- City's natural resources maintained in pristine condition.

#### *Actions*

- Commission a Parks and Recreation Master Plan\*.
- Incorporate park improvements into the Capital Improvements Plan.
- Conduct park study to determine under served neighborhoods, potential locations of new neighborhood parks and the prevalence of walkable connections\*.
- Reinstate the recreation department and reuse the community center to improve the level of and reduce costs of recreation programs to its users.
- Programming to include recreation, cultural and social activities in the public parks.
- Construct a non-motorized greenway as described in the Roads and Transit goals.
- Increase the number of public access points to the Clinton River.
- Improve the marina as a destination through needed capital improvements
- Develop the riverfront with moderate-density residential uses that retain a public riverfront park and a non-motorized greenway connection.





- Optimize public use of the riverfront through continuous promotion of public events.
- Use education and clean-up events to maintain the river as a healthy environment.
- Partner with the schools, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and other environmental groups to conduct environmental education programs regarding the River's health.

*Alternative Objective*

- Maintain current recreational status but with improved service.

*Alternative Actions*

- Develop stronger relationship and communications between the Department of Public Services, YMCA, and County to improve services and programming.
- Contribute funds to YMCA to sponsor free events for community.
- Incorporate recreation focused people into the Department of Public Services that will focus on recreational issues.

\* *Note: Some of the planned actions are already underway and/or have been completed.*







## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

An integrated parks and open space system is a key component to a livable community – one that retains and attracts new residents, and brings business to a city. The parks and open system in Mount Clemens would ideally link the downtown, neighborhoods and public institutions in the community, as well as to the Clinton River and beyond. Together they create opportunities for people to interact with nature and each other.

Several sizes of parks are used to serve cities and neighborhoods. Each serves a different purpose within the community, and contains a range of programming elements. These programming elements should serve the community year-round, and not just concentrated during the warmer months. In the Existing Park Inventory & Evaluation Section, Table 2 contains an overview of the varying scales of parks and open spaces, their areas of service, and typical programming elements.

Standards developed at a national level help guide the ways in which our communities should be served when planning for parks and open space development. The National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA) is a common source for these standards,

TABLE 3. SUGGESTED FUTURE PARK COUNT AND ACREAGE

Mount Clemens, Michigan		Existing Acreage	Existing # of Units	Level Of Service Standards (Acres/Population)	Service Area	Area Requirements	Suggested Acreage	Suggested # of Units	
Acreage:	2,688			Recommended for Mount Clemens parks					
Est. Population (2010 Census):	16,314								
Pocket Park	1.7	2	0.5 / 1000	1/4 mile	<1ac	8.2	16		
Neighborhood Park	19.8	6	1.75 / 1000	1/2 mile	3-5 acres	24.5	6		
Community Park	0	0	2 / 1000	1 mile	up to 20 acres	32.6	2		
Community Rec Center	-	2	1/50,000	City	25,000sf	-	*		
Sports Park	42.8	1	Variable	City	> 50 acres		*		
Plaza	0.2	1	Variable	1/2 mile	< 2acres	Variable			
Regional Park	43.2	1	5 to 10 / 1000	City	40	80.0	2		
Natural Amenity Area	19.3	1	Variable						
Greenways (trails may include separated trails and/or sidewalk connections)			Variable (recommended access to trail within 1/2 mile)						

**REGIONAL PARK  
DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

- *Sports fields should be lighted with respect to adjacent land uses, as well as any applicable night sky ordinances.*
- *Whenever possible, shared parking with other uses, such as schools, should be encouraged.*
- *Overflow parking for tournaments and other events should minimize paving and consider pervious paving materials.*

understanding areas of service, and other service and programming needs. Additionally, forward-looking communities are working to integrate a variety of programming and multi-functional areas into their parks and open spaces as they attract families with children. The standards can be useful tools to understand the role park spaces play for the community, but the city’s park system should primarily be tailored to meet Mount Clemens’ needs now and in the future.

The NRPA recommends a community average between 6.25 acres and 10.5 acres of parks and open space per 1000 residents comprised of parks that are considered “close-to-home”. The current measure for Mount Clemens is 7.8 acres per 1000 residents, well within the reasonable amount of parkland acreage for the community. Parkland can further be evaluated at various scales and levels of programming. The following discussion evaluates the amount of parkland at each of the typical classification levels. Though the city is well-served at the macro-level, once the individual layers are evaluated, it is clear that there are some ways to provide a better parks and open space system to the citizens of Mount Clemens.

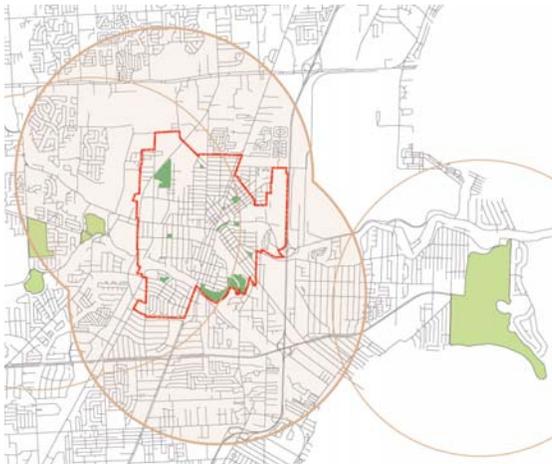
**REGIONAL PARKS**

Regional parks are destinations for an area often larger than the city itself. They are vital elements of the open space system that serve a large area (two-mile+ radius) and provide for the area’s broad spectrum of recreational needs. The majority of programming activities that have large spatial requirements are best suited to Regional Parks. Such activities typically include multiple sports fields, indoor recreation centers and swimming facilities as well as areas within the park dedicated to passive recreation. Sports fields should respond to adjacent land uses with buffers or lighting guidelines as needed to minimize noise and other potential conflicts. Parking requirements should be filled by sharing uses with civic or religious facilities where possible, with attention to best practices for stormwater management. Regional parks are great locations for hosting large events and larger city-wide events and festivals.

Mount Clemens currently has three parks that could fit into this typology, though each serves a different purpose for the city.

**COMMUNITY PARKS**

Community parks are destination spaces serving community-wide needs. Their larger scale allows for the incorporation of a broader



*Mount clemens regional park areas of service, with adjacent accessible park locations*

variety of programmatic elements for both active and passive recreation than is offered by a pocket park or neighborhood park. They are ideally dispersed throughout the community to provide all residents access within a one-mile walk of their homes. Community Parks are typically 10 or more acres in size.

**Program**

The design of community parks should be based on its context and the needs of the adjacent neighborhoods. Community parks can be good locations for events like music, movies in the park, or local festivals. Where possible, community recreation parks can be associated with schools so that sports facilities can be shared and maintenance costs are diffused between multiple parties.

Since these parks are community-wide destinations, they should include amenities that serve large numbers of people, and amenities that smaller neighborhood parks do not have. Parking, restrooms, night lighting, and recreational fields are just a few of the amenities these parks these parks can provide for the community.

**Future Needs**

Currently, there are no parks within the Mount Clemens park system that are classified as a Community Park. Many of the neighborhood parks, along with Shadyside Park, may serve the same function for the city in terms of programming. Based on common standards, a community the size of Mount Clemens would have at minimum two community parks with a service area of one mile each.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

Neighborhood parks serve as a basic unit of a city’s park system and provide recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. They are ideally dispersed throughout the community to provide all residents access within a ½-mile walk, or 10 minutes, of their homes.

These parks should be designed to accommodate tot-lots, playgrounds, sitting areas, and turf areas intended for informal games and activities. Programming elements range from playgrounds to barbecues, with residents and visitors able to congregate to enjoy group festivities.

COMMUNITY PARK  
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- *Community parks should be sized to provide both active and passive recreational programming.*
- *Where possible, community parks should be associated with schools to share facilities and maintenance costs.*

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARK DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

- *Neighborhood parks should be located within a half-mile radius of surrounding neighborhood districts.*
- *Neighborhood parks should be linked to trails for pedestrian and cyclist connectivity.*
- *Play areas should cater to the aesthetics of the neighborhood as well as accommodating the community needs.*

These smaller-scale parks form an integral part of the neighborhood fabric, and connect to the larger context of open space bringing green space within easy reach of every home. Roads adjacent to parks should be designed for slower speeds allowing people to cross safely. Homes that face neighborhood parks help define the space and provide “eyes” on the street to increase vitality and safety.

**Program**

Programming elements for neighborhood parks can potentially include, but are not limited to, the following:

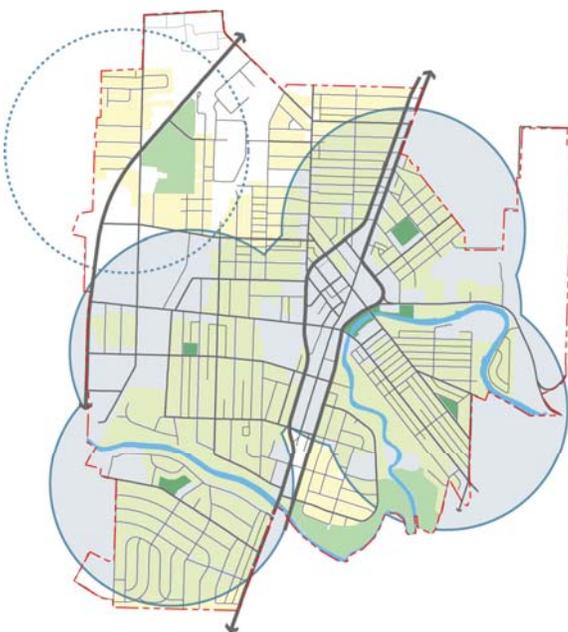
- Play structures
- Court games
- Multi-use play field
- Open space
- Internal trails
- Picnic sitting areas
- Seating and ‘people watching’ areas
- Off-street parking
- Individual and group shelters
- Horseshoes\*
- Bocce ball\*
- Volleyball courts\*
- Basketball courts\*
- Water element features
- Garden areas

*\* Programming elements should be distributed among the neighborhood parks based on demographics of the adjacent neighborhood.*

**Future Needs**

Based on current population, Mount Clemens is quite well-served with the acreage of neighborhood parks; however, the far northwest area of the city to the west of Groesbeck does not have any current dedicated open space. These neighborhoods are isolated from central Mount Clemens with Groesbeck as a formidable barrier to pedestrian movement. Memorial Park is within a half-mile walking distance, but families and small children would need to cross that busy thoroughfare.

A recommendation for future park space would be to provide for a neighborhood park on the west side of Groesbeck.



*Suggested future neighborhood park generalized location (dashed circle) to serve the far northwest neighborhoods of Mount Clemens.*

## POCKET PARKS

These are small parks serving the informal needs of the neighborhood residents and providing gathering places that can be accessed within a ¼-mile walk, or five minutes, from one's home. Pocket parks can include tot-lots, benches or seating areas, or simply an informal gathering place for children to play. Pocket parks should fit the unique characteristics of each neighborhood in terms of scale, materials, and planting palette.

Because of their small size, pocket parks typically have minimal programming with passive uses that could include:

- Grass area for children's play
- Shady seating area provided by a shade structure or grove of trees
- Parking on adjacent street
- Additional uses, such as tot-lots, should fit the needs of the surrounding neighborhood

### **Future Needs**

Using national parks and recreation standards, Mount Clemens should have sixteen pocket parks. Based on current population Mount Clemens population, it is clear that the community is well under served with regard to pocket parks.

The current pocket parks are Dorothea-Leonore Park, Clemens Park, and Rotary Park. Rotary Park is more accurately described as a plaza and does not serve the same purpose within the community that a traditional pocket park does. The diagram at left illustrates generic locations for future pocket parks as resources and land become available.

### POCKET PARK DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- They are to be integrated into the design of the street and residential lot pattern.
- Pocket parks should not exceed one acre each. However they can be any configuration that adds amenity and identity to the neighborhood.
- Pocket parks should provide the greatest accessibility by pedestrians.



*Suggested future generalized pocket park locations (dashed circles) to serve the many neighborhoods throughout Mount Clemens.*

**TABLE 4. PROPOSED PARK PROGRAMMING & FACILITIES**

Potential Programming Elements		Existing Programming	Recommended Units / Population	Recommended Number
Active Sport Facilities	Basketball Courts	2	1/5,000	3
	Tennis Courts	2	1/2,000	8
	Soccer Fields	0	1/10,000	2
	Football Fields	0	1/20,000	0
	Baseball/Softball Adult	12*	1/5,000	3
Specialized Recreation	Skateboard/ Rollerblade Park	2	1/50,000	+
	Dog Park	1	1/10,000	2
	Elderly/Handicapped Facilities	0	1/50,000	0
	BMX Dirt Course	0	1 for entire city	0
	Community Gardens	0	1/1200 households	6
	Water Recreation	1	1	#

\* Mount Clemens has 12 total ball fields, with eight located in Memorial Park. The remaining four are more informal in nature, and are located in Shadyside Park, Olsen Park, Wilson Park, and Dorothea Leonore Park.

# In the context of Mount Clemens' parks and open space system, water recreation opportunities are accessible at Shadyside Park (boat launch).

+ It is mostly typical to have skate parks in cities with a greater population. Mount Clemens is fortunate to offer the community two skate parks.

**TABLE 5. SUGGESTED PARKING RATIOS FOR COMMON OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

SPORT	SUGGESTED MINIMUM PARKING
Baseball/Softball	15+ per diamond (player) 20 per diamond (spectator)
Basketball	8 per court
Touch Football	10 per field
Horseshoes	1 per court
Soccer	20 per field
Tennis	2 per court
Playground	4 per playground
Tot lot	2 per tot lot
Volleyball	6 per court

**UNIQUE PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES**

Mount Clemens has many other assets that could be incorporated within its parks and open space system, setting it apart from other communities. These destinations can be an integral component of the overall trails and park system.

***Historic and Cultural Resources - Mineral Wells***

The city’s mineral water wells, discovered in 1870, played an important part of Mount Clemens’ history. For more than a century, bathers from all over the world would visit the area to enjoy the mineral waters of the Michigan Basin. Historical advertisements told people they could be cured of rheumatism, syphilis, jaundice, obesity, polio, and liver woes by soaking in the city’s tubs. At the turn of the century, the city boasted 11 bathhouses, along with numerous hotels and boardinghouses.

Although the glory days of the “Bath City of America” have passed, current researchers have taken a another look at the mineral complex of Mount Clemens water. According to scientific analysis, the mineral waters still exist in abundance under the city. Of the original 11 well locations, nine have been abandoned and developed upon. Only two wells are considered “active”. One well is currently tapped for the production of “Ache Away” products, which are marketed as natural, non-prescription treatment for pains associated with arthritis, psoriasis, tired joints and sore muscles.

***Historic and Cultural Resources - Museums***

*Anton Art Center.* The role of public art in the landscape can be very important, and can reinforce the character and values of the community. Expansion and renovation to the historic Carnegie Library occurred in 2005 with tremendous support from the Anton family. The Anton Art Center, which housed the Art Center for thirty-six years, is primarily educationally focused and strives to host and develop interest in the arts among people of all ages and backgrounds. It also presents two annual events: the Stars and Stripes Festival and the Christmas Market.

*Crocker House.* The 1869 house was home to the first two mayors



*The Medea Bath House*



*The Anton Art Center*



*The Historic Train Depot (Michigan Transit Museum) is an educational component to the park system*

of Mount Clemens. The rooms in the museum now offer a glimpse into the industrial history of Mount Clemens, including the Bath Era. The museum also hosts many educational and special programs ten months out of the year.

*Michigan Transit Museum.* The original 1859 Grand Trunk Railway Station is where Thomas Edison learned telegraphy. The museum now features exhibits of rail and electric trolley history as well as trail rides in the summer and early fall.

***Community Gardens and Productive Landscapes***

Michigan has a long agricultural history. Including gardens in parks and even school grounds can be a positive programming element of an overall parks and open space system. Productive gardens can build relationships between children, nature, plants, and the outdoors. Although the school year does not correspond perfectly to the growing season, there is still much that children could do to participate in school gardens. Day camps and summer classes could tend the gardens throughout the summer break until the students return to regular classes in time to harvesting fall-ripening produce.

***Water and Sustainability***

Using plants native and/or adapted to the southeast Michigan climate can support the efficient use of water resources. Native plant use in parks and open spaces creates habitat for butterflies, birds and small mammals, and can be used in an educational and interpretive landscape.

The construction of rainwater gardens in parks can also contribute to the overall habitat health, in addition to improving the stormwater management by using green infrastructure techniques.

***Wayfinding and Signage System***



*Farmer's Markets and community gardens can be unique additions to a parks and open space system*

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Per the Mount Clemens Land Use Master Plan, a signage and wayfinding system was identified for implementation in 2011-2012. Well-designed signage and wayfinding systems serve to unify the neighborhoods within the city and enhance the area's identity and history. Material choices can be an effective way to reflect the local character, while color choices can aid in navigation and connections within the overall system. Signage needs and requirements are variable by sign type and location, but a typical selection of signs in a community would include:

- destination signage
- vehicular signage
- pedestrian signage
- trail/trailhead signage
- interpretive and/or historical signage

A full study and design plan for a wayfinding system is recommended should the city be interested in implementing wayfinding strategies.



## IMPLEMENTATION

### **MOUNT CLEMENS MASTER PLAN**

During the recent master land use planning process, the city established a schedule for the various programs and tasks associated with its implementation.

On the following pages is the overall implementation schedule as approved with the master land use plan in 2009.

The components of the master land use plan most pertinent to the Parks and Recreation Sub-Area Plan are primarily within the Physical Planning components of the work.

TABLE 6. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE MOUNT CLEMENS MASTER PLAN, JULY 2009

TASK		MASTER PLAN DISTRICT	Year				
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT</b>							
ZT1	Assemble community committee charged with the creation and transmission of historic design criteria	Traditional Neighborhood					
ZT2	Evaluate off-street parking landscape requirements for industrial districts	General					
ZT3	Refine design standards for residential buildings and neighborhood development	General					
ZT4	Adopt conditional rezoning section	General					
ZT5	Amend multi-use zoning district to incorporate design standards for the South Gratiot and Railroad Redevelopment land use areas						
ZT6	Consider adopting form-sensitive ordinances for the Downtown, South Gratiot and Riverfront Community future land use areas	Downtown, South Gratiot, Riverfront Community					
ZT7	Prepare form-sensitive ordinance based on direction from action (ZT?)	Downtown, South Gratiot, Riverfront Community					
ZT8	Modify design standards to reflect LEED and Smart Growth principles	General					
ZT9	Prepare access management standards	General					
ZT10	Prepare criteria for allowing expansion of non-residential zoning districts into residential zoning districts	General					
ZT11	Evaluate wireless communications ordinance	General					
ZT12	Evaluate school and church reuse criteria	General					
<b>ZONING MAP</b>							
ZM1	Rezone South Gratiot land use area to multi-use district subsequent to action (ZT?)	South Gratiot					
ZM2	Amend zoning map to reflect the future land use plan as appropriate development opportunities present themselves.	North of Masonic					
ZM3	Rezone Railroad Redevelopment land use area to multi-use district subsequent to action (ZT?)	Railroad Redevelopment					
<b>PHYSICAL PLANNING</b>							
P1	Adopt the Parks and Recreation master plan as part of the Mount Clemens master land use plan	General					
P2	Engage MDOT in the redesign of the Gratiot Avenue one-way pair	General					
P3	Participate in MDOT and RCMC street construction planning	General					
P4	Implement a greenway system	General					
P5	Adopt physical components of the Downtown Development Authority plan as part of the Mount Clemens master land use plan	General					
P6	Prepare five-year capital improvements plan	General					

TABLE 6, CONTINUED. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE MOUNT CLEMENS MASTER PLAN, JULY 2009

TASK		MASTER PLAN DISTRICT	Year				
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>PHYSICAL PLANNING, cont.</b>							
P7	Annually update capital improvements plan	General					
P8	Annually review master plan	General					
P9	Implement a wayfinding system	General					
P10	Prepare traffic circulation plan for the Downtown and South Gratiot	Downtown, South Gratiot					
P11	Prepare concept design plan for neighborhood development	Traditional Neighborhood					
P12	Prepare concept design plan for off-street parking and sidewalk treatment in the Downtown and South Gratiot land use areas	Downtown, South Gratiot					
P13	Prepare subarea plan for Railroad Redevelopment land use area - Incorporate applicable goals of the master plan	Railroad Redevelopment					
P14	Prepare subarea plan for Riverfront Community land use area - Incorporate applicable goals of the master plan	Clinton Riverfront					
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>							
L1	City discuss Corridor Improvement Authority with Clinton Township officials	South Gratiot					
L2	Maintain strict code enforcement practice	General					
L3	Community development department coordinates long-range capital improvement projects	General					
L4	Strengthen knowledge of development, planning and zoning through training for elected and appointed officials	General					
L5	Create committee to stimulate cultural and entrepreneurial opportunities	General					
L6	City staff actively coordinate implementation activities with development authorities and business associations.	General					
L7	City officials and staff regularly communicate with residents and businesses through newsletters, website and town hall meetings						
L8	Adopt relevant policies recommended in the city's strategic plan						
L9	CC convenes annual planning and development meeting with PC, ZBA and development authorities	General					
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>							
ED1	Prepare community profile/brochure to share with local and national businesses	General					
ED2	Prepare an economic development opportunities strategy	General					
ED3	Partner with Macomb County economic development and MEDC staff to pursue grants.	General					
ED4	Network with local realtors to prepare inventory of available commercial/ industrial buildings and property	Nonresidential land use areas					

TABLE 7. SAMPLE ACQUISITION TECHNIQUES FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

TECHNIQUE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Fee-simple Purchase of Real Estate</b>	Communities may use general funds to purchase lands for parks and open space outright, without any easements or additional encumbrances. Local governments have traditionally purchased park lands in this manner.
<b>Land Donation and / or Gift</b>	With this technique, a public agency agrees to receive the full title or a conservation easement to a parcel of land at no cost or at a reduced rate. Throughout the history of the country, benefactors have helped their local communities create new parks through the donations of land or other property as gifts to the community.
<b>Option / First Right of Refusal</b>	A local government agency or private organization establishes an agreement with a landowner to provide the right of first refusal on a parcel of land that is scheduled to be sold. An option on land provides local governments with additional time to raise money to purchase a given property or negotiate another mechanism to conserve a property as a park or open space resource.
<b>Lease (Easements and Partnerships)</b>	<p>Communities may occasionally lease additional park land from other landowners. This technique involves less expenditure of cash as opposed to a fee-simple arrangement, but does not provide complete control over the land. It is important to recognize that leases may contain restrictions regarding the development and use of the property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easements: This type of acquisition involves the fee simple purchase of an easement, but does not purchase the land with full title. The purchase price for easements is less than the full-title value because the only rights transferred within the easement agreement. Cities can negotiate easements for trails and greenways on the edges of local streams, floodplains, or agricultural areas from individual landowners, which helps to provide connectivity between different parts of communities. This may be of specific interest to Mount Clemens given the role of the Clinton River throughout the community.</li> <li>• Partnerships: Cities can partner with advocacy groups, such as the Trust for Public Land or local land trust organizations, to raise funds for park acquisition or assist in the negotiating of legal transactions. Communities can also partner with various private land managers, such as utility companies, to create trails, greenways and other facilities on rights-of-ways. Many towns around the country establish trail or bikeways on transmission line rights-of-way or other utility easements.</li> </ul>
<b>Tax Foreclosures</b>	Communities occasionally gain additional property for use as parks or open space through tax foreclosure proceedings from individual landowners.
<b>Land Exchange</b>	On occasion, communities are able to swap or exchange properties with other landowners to obtain parcels that are more favorable to the development of a park and open space system. For example, a local community may exchange more favorable land near a major highway for the acreage of a local farmer located in a floodplain zone in order to preserve local watersheds, prevent flooding, and create a stream-related park and open space amenity. Land exchanges may involve significant negotiation, but they often represent a more seamless way to obtain property for parks and open spaces versus acquiring properties on the open market.

### **ACQUISITION TECHNIQUES**

There are a variety of strategies to acquire, develop, and maintain parks and open space assets. The following pages contain a menu from which Mount Clemens could use to acquire land for future parks and open space.

### **FINANCING TECHNIQUES FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

Local public financing of parks and open space often takes the form of “pay-as-you-go” provisions, relying on current tax revenues or expenditures by local governments, long-term borrowing, or a mixture of these two approaches. Pay-as-you-go approaches use dedicated current funding sources, including property assessments, sales tax set-asides, real estate transfer taxes, and other fees and short term taxes. These approaches do not burden local governments with debt, but they provide relatively small annual revenues.

A challenge for funding for pay-as-you-go arrangements may be challenging to maintain as politics and government officials change with time. In contrast, borrowing provides a much larger infusion of cash up-front for communities to spend on open space initiatives. The challenge to longer-term financing, including bonds, is that they usually require obtaining voter approval. General obligation bonds usually require voter approval, sometimes by two-thirds of the electorate. Many communities combine these two approaches by bonding pay-as-you-go funds in order to raise more up-front cash. These instruments are usually referred to as “revenue bonds”. Table 8 represents common local finance tools for parks and open space.

### **IMPACT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ON REAL ESTATE VALUES**

Generally, parks potentially have an overall positive impact on real estate values. An exception to that principle is when a park space is poorly maintained or is not visible from the street. Parks that generate a lot of traffic and/or noise can also have a negative impact. Considerations should also be given to any negative impacts related to light pollution and potential vandalism of spaces.

TABLE 8. SAMPLE FINANCING TECHNIQUES FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

TECHNIQUE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Property Tax</b>	Taxes from commercial and residential property owners can fund park, open space, and recreation maintenance, as well as operations and capital improvements. Property taxes are among the least popular taxes among the general public; however, local governments may easily administer property taxes and are usually able to accurately predict property tax revenues.
<b>Sales and Use Tax</b>	Taxes from the sales of goods or services can be used to fund “pay-as-you-go” park initiatives. The revenues from these taxes are somewhat more variable as compared to property taxes, depending on economic conditions.
<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>	Cities and counties typically pursue the passage of bond issues with the electorate in order to pay for a variety of park improvements and acquisitions. Many municipalities often combine park maintenance and improvements to existing parks with provisions for the acquisition of new lands for future parks.
<b>Use Fee Financing</b>	Fees charged to the users of the local parks can be used to fund parks and open space. Though State park systems primarily use this strategy, it is possible to charge fees to major events or sports field user fees to leagues and groups.
<b>Grants</b>	<p>State and federal grant sources may provide funding for parks and open space. Professional grant writers may be hired in the event that no city staff have experience with grant writing.</p> <p>Specifically, there are two grant programs in the State of Michigan that are available to local governments on an annual funding cycle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund: Provides funds for acquiring public land for recreation, or of preserving land that has “environmental importance or scenic beauty”, or for developing outdoor facilities.</li> <li>• The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal fund for community recreation and trail improvement projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Donations</b>	Securing donations requires a significant fund-raising effort. An advantage to this method is that by involving the public, it can enhance the community’s sense of ownership. Service groups, community groups, and foundations may also donate time and money. Receiving private donations usually requires citizens and groups to get excited and motivated about projects.
<b>Other</b>	Other techniques include: revenue bonds, exchanges of property, public/private partnerships, lifetime estates utility easement fees, levies for acquisition and development or for maintenance and operations, certificates of participation, land trusts, private grants/foundations and shared facilities, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), state and federal highway funds for pedestrian/bicycle/trail systems.

In addition to any direct fiscal impact on a community's real estate values, a vibrant parks and open space network provides other competitive advantages. They are critical elements in attracting new residents as well as future business.

***Pocket Parks and Neighborhood Parks***

Studies completed within the past decade indicate the impact from smaller parks such as pocket parks and neighborhood parks can result in an increase in housing value up to 20 percent. This impact is limited to those homes closest to the park space, generally up to 1/8 of a mile. Small parks that are actively used can generate the highest impacts on surrounding homes, particularly those facing the park.

***Community Parks***

For larger parks, such as those considered “community parks”, the property value increase is not as great as for those homes surrounding smaller parks; however, the benefit of the impact can be extended over a greater area up to 2,000 feet from the park.

***Greenways and Trails***

Property values for homes adjacent to greenways and trail systems also experience increased value. It is important to consider the quality of the landscape through which the greenway trail is aligned. Heavily-used trails on undulating topography with open views and mature trees often result in the greatest property value increase. Conversely, areas with steep topography and dense understory vegetation can potentially decrease adjacent home values.

***Golf Courses***

Golf courses are a common component in communities and can have result in real estate premiums for homes adjacent to the course. The value increase is primarily related to the visual quality of the open space rather than the access to the course itself.



## APPENDIX: SURVEYS

### City of Mount Clemens - Parks Survey

Dear Resident / Business Owner / City User:

In 2007, the City of Mount Clemens conducted a public survey as part of the process to craft a new Master Plan. Parks were singled out as an area of concern as a result of that planning process. Therefore the city is conducting this survey specific to the park system. Since the Plan will drive the decisions made by elected and appointed officials, it is essential that the resident voices be incorporated into the vision.

This survey is designed to gather your opinions regarding the parks in your city.

We do not require your name; all responses will be anonymous. There are no right or wrong answers. Please answer the questions as thoroughly as possible. Thank you for taking the time to contribute to the Parks Plan.

#### A. Your Experiences with Mount Clemens Parks

1. Have you or others in your household visited any Mount Clemens Park listed below and shown on the attached map in the past 12 months?  Yes  No (if no, continue to question 3.)

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

How often do you or your children use the following parks?

	More than 12 times per year	6 - 11 times per year	1 time per year	Never
Behnke Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cairns Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorothea-Lenore Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clemens Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacArthur Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wilson Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lawndale Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clinton River Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleepy Hollow Nature Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shadyside Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Olsen Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Please list **two** reasons you or others in your household either have not visited, or have not increased the frequency of your visits to Mount Clemens parks in the past year?

Most Important Time 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Important Time

4. What **ONE** change could the parks make to increase your visitation?

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5. How satisfied are you with the performance of Mount Clemens parks in each of the following characteristics? (Please check one box only to rate each characteristic, or skip this question if you've never visited a Mount Clemens park.)

Characteristics	Very Good	Good	OK	Poor	Very Poor
Overall beauty of parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife / trees / nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities (shelters, courts, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Price/fees of programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs (nature, events, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**B. Park Facilities and Programs**

Please review this list of opportunities and facilities and mark those in which you or another member of your household participates.

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend park festivals     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hike/walk     | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer                         |
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7. The City of Mount Clemens is considering options to improve the park system. Which of these goals would you support? Please rank your level of support for these goals.

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Develop a system of trails between parks and other communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a wider range of recreational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Most Important Crime in areas 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Important Crime in areas

4. What **ONE** change could the parks make to increase your visitation?

First, fix the neighborhoods the parks are in. Except for Wilson, and even there are some hoodlums - no place to go.

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Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Price/fees of programs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Programs (nature, events, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**B. Park Facilities and Programs**

*Nothing within the City or at the North Edge - Jay Blue area*

Please review this list of opportunities and facilities and mark those in which you or another member of your household participates.

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|--|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground activities       | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking dog / other pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing |
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Not crowded	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Develop a system of trails between parks and other communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a wider range of recreational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create a few new neighborhood parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: <i>Fix neighborhood - "cuts"</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: <i>the Parks - the "icing"</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C. Demographics**

Please tell us a little about yourself to help us as we review the results of this survey. Remember, all your answers to this survey are kept confidential.

What is your gender?  Female  Male

What is your age? 69

How many years have you lived in Mount Clemens? 69  I do not live in Mount Clemens.

How many children (18 or younger) are in your household? 0

How many adults (19 or older, including yourself) are in your household? 0 *4 wifes visit but we go to*

Does anyone in your household have a disability that significantly limits his/her ability to participate in major life functions, including work or recreation?  Yes  No

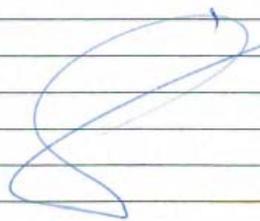
**Thank you for your valuable time and input!**

Feel free to add additional comments or suggestions below or on additional pages.

*This is Broomfield First, the neighborhoods, then the parks.*

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Most Important DIRT PARKING AT SHADYSIDE 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Important BRACKEN BOTTLES, ETC

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3. Please list **two** reasons you or others in your household either have not visited, or have not increased the frequency of your visits to Mount Clemens parks in the past year?

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4. What **ONE** change could the parks make to increase your visitation?

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5. How satisfied are you with the performance of Mount Clemens parks in each of the following characteristics? (Please check one box only to rate each characteristic, or skip this question if you've never visited a Mount Clemens park.)

Characteristics	Very Good	Good	OK	Poor	Very Poor
Overall beauty of parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife / trees / nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities (shelters, courts, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price/fees of programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs (nature, events, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B. Park Facilities and Programs**

Please review this list of opportunities and facilities and mark those in which you or another member of your household participates.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature observe/bird watch        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-line skating          | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golfing                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend park festivals | <input type="checkbox"/> Hike/walk                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball / softball            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Playground activities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking dog / other pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using shelter                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe / kayak                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outdoor ice skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike on hard-surfaced trail      | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunbathing                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMX bike                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                             |   |

6. When you are choosing any park or recreation site for your household, please rate the importance of each of the following characteristics. Please mark only one box for each characteristic.

Characteristics	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important
Overall beauty of site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife / trees / nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities (shelters, equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price / Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not crowded	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
River access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to home / easy to get to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. The City of Mount Clemens is considering options to improve the park system. Which of these goals would you support? Please rank your level of support for these goals.

Options	Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Neutral	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Preserve more natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a system of trails between parks and other communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a wider range of recreational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create a few new neighborhood parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### City of Mount Clemens - Parks Survey

Dear Resident / Business Owner / City User:

In 2007, the City of Mount Clemens conducted a public survey as part of the process to craft a new Master Plan. Parks were singled out as an area of concern as a result of that planning process. Therefore the city is conducting this survey specific to the park system. Since the Plan will drive the decisions made by elected and appointed officials, it is essential that the resident voices be incorporated into the vision.

This survey is designed to gather your opinions regarding the parks in your city.

We do not require your name; all responses will be anonymous. There are no right or wrong answers. Please answer the questions as thoroughly as possible. Thank you for taking the time to contribute to the Parks Plan.

#### A. Your Experiences with Mount Clemens Parks

1. Have you or others in your household visited any Mount Clemens Park listed below and shown on the attached map in the past 12 months?  Yes  No (if no, continue to question 3.)

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

How often do you or your children use the following parks?

	More than 12 times per year	6 - 11 times per year	1 time per year	Never
Behnke Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cairns Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorothea-Lenore Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clemens Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacArthur Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wilson Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lawndale Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clinton River Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleepy Hollow Nature Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shadyside Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4. What **ONE** change could the parks make to increase your visitation?

*Activities in the Parks.*

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Price/fees of programs <i>N/A</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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