

CITY OF UTICA



PARKS & RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

2019-2023





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City of Utica
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
Resolution of Adoption
City of Utica City Council

WHEREAS, the City of Utica has undertaken a Five Year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2019 and 2023, and

WHEREAS, public input was soliciting by a community survey published online and available at City Hall and a public workshop held on August 28, 2018 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Utica has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, held on January 8, 2019 City of Utica City Council voted to adopt said Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Utica City Council hereby adopts the City of Utica Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the city of Utica

(Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1)

I, Beth Ricketts, City of Utica Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by City of Utica City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8th day of January, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Ricketts".

Beth Ricketts
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Resolution of Adoption City of Utica Parks and Recreation Commission

WHEREAS, the City of Utica City Council established the Utica Parks and Recreation Commission by resolution on January 12, 1988 as an advisory commission, and

WHEREAS, the City of Utica Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility for preparation of a five -year Recreation Plan for the City of Utica, and

WHEREAS, said Parks and Recreation Commission has made investigations and surveys of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation facilities and services, and

WHEREAS, a Recreation Master Plan has been completed and a public hearing was held before the City of Utica City Council after public notification through official postings, public television announcements and advertisement in the local newspaper, with the hearing held on January 8, 2019 to enable comments from the public,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Utica Parks and Recreation Commission does hereby adopt the City of Utica Recreation Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as adopted, the Recreation Plan serves as a guide to future recreation development in the City of Utica.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathryn Adams", is written over a horizontal line.

Kathryn Adams
Utica Parks and Recreation Commission

I, Beth Ricketts, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Park & Rec Commission of the City of Utica, Macomb County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held January 17, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beth Ricketts", is written over a horizontal line.

Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

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COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan:		
City of Utica Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2019-2023		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Utica	Macomb	January 2019
PLAN CONTENT		
INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations		
Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory		
<input type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Waterways Inventory (if applicable)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS		

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice November 14, 2018

Type of Notice Announcement @ City Hall & Web

Plan Location City Hall, Library, Website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 11/14/18 - 1/7/19

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice December 19, 2018

Name of Newspaper C&G Newspapers

Date of Meeting January 8, 2019

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 8, 2019

2. Official resolution of the Januaru 17, 2019 Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 10, 2019

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 10, 2019

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for
CITY OF UTICA includes the required content, as indicated
(Local Unit of Government)
above and as set forth by the DNR.

Bob Ricchetti 1-25-19
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.



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INTRODUCTION

The City of Utica is committed to promoting and providing quality parks and recreational facilities, programs, and leisure opportunities for all of its residents. The City recognizes the public health benefits and economic development opportunities that can be realized through a well-planned and executed network of parks, trails, open space, waterway access and recreation programming.

The 2019 City of Utica Parks and Recreation Plan is an update of the City's previous Parks and Recreation Plan and an extension of its 2017 Master Plan. This Parks and Recreation Plan carries an overarching community health and open space strategy that will guide the specifics of parks and recreation planning, programming, development and the sustainability of the community's land and facilities. While Utica has maintained parkland within the City's neighborhoods and municipal center, community trends and input have prompted the City to think about parks and recreation in a more creative and responsive way. The planning process began in the summer of 2018 and lasted nearly a year with the specific goal of reaching out to, and incorporating, the input of many residents and stakeholders alike in developing the vision and goals for this plan for the next five to 10 years. Public input, combined with comprehensive analyses of current, historic, and anticipated conditions locally and nationally, formed the vision for the City's parks and recreation future and the basis for the recommendations found in this plan.

Purpose of the Plan

The 2019 City of Utica Parks and Recreation Plan was prepared by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development and approved by City Council. It serves multiple purposes including acting as a guide for decision-making, as a source for public transparency and



awareness of the City's current conditions and needs, as a funding resource tool, and lastly as an aspiring vision for the future. This plan is the document that sets the vision and action plans for realizing the full potential of Utica's parks and recreation services and facilities, both now and into the years ahead.

How will the Plan be Used?

With the purpose of providing a vision and policies that guide Utica's parks and recreation, this plan is intended to be used by city leaders, stakeholders, community groups, and citizens alike to help realize that vision.

INTENDED USE OF THIS MASTER PLAN

By the public:

- To understand the goals and objectives of the Parks and Recreation Department and the community's common vision
- To understand the maintenance, operation and programming obligations
- To learn about the parks and recreation decision-making process

By City Staff:

- To measure success and planned accomplishments
- To plan for staff and funding allocations
- To understand next steps and to make decisions beyond existing pressures and needs
- To utilize the existing park facility inventory
- To utilize the existing park programming inventory

By City Council:

- To guide future planning decisions around the vision for each park as an asset to the community and its residents
- As a reference to the Master Plan, guiding land use

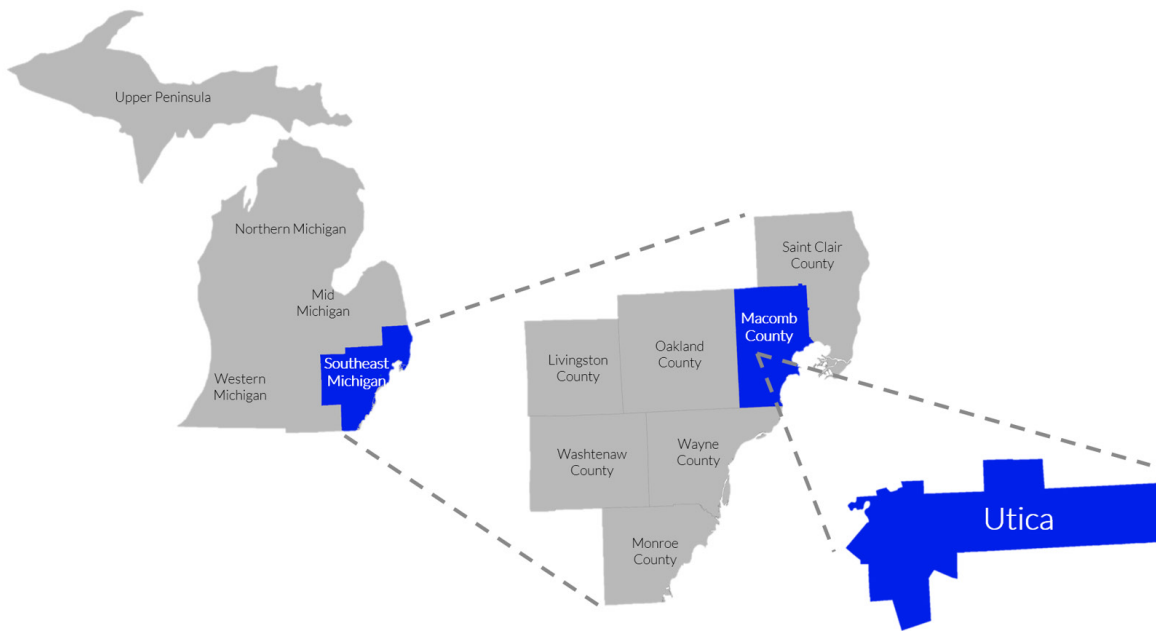
By the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission:

- To utilize as a guiding document for activities
- To plan future park improvements
- As policy framework or committee priorities

By partners and advocates:

- To understand the goals and objectives of the Parks and Recreation Department and the community's common vision
- For projects, community design, and development standards
- To meet and fill gaps in parks and recreation services
- To serve as a framework for creating partnerships

Figure 1.



Physical and Historical Setting

The City of Utica is a small town that has more than 200 years of rich and proud history all emanating from the crossroads of Cass Avenue and Auburn Road. This 1.8 mile community is home to almost 5,000 residents and is conveniently located within, and accessible to, the metropolitan Detroit region’s numerous attractions.

Located in the west-central portion of Macomb County in Southeastern Michigan, the City of Utica is 12 miles north of the City of Detroit and five miles northeast of the City of Mount Clemens, the Macomb County seat. The City of Utica is located at the crossroads of two major regional state highways M-59 and M-53. The topography of the City of Utica is predominantly flat with the exception of the Clinton River floodplain which traverses the western portion. The Clinton River drops more than 200 feet in elevation from the City of Rochester, located in Oakland County to Heritage Park on the City’s southern border. This change in elevation has made this portion of the river a regional destination for kayakers and canoeists.

Demographic and Economic Characteristics

In order to develop a parks and recreation plan that is in tune to the current and future needs of the City, a comprehensive demographic and

economic analysis of the community is needed. The following subsections will highlight a number of significant population and household trends that have shaped the City of Utica. These trends will undoubtedly have an impact on parks and recreation planning. Beyond how many people live in your community, more refined demographic and economic data will paint a more polished picture of the City’s residents.

Population

Population and population density characteristics have significant influence on recreation planning given that it shapes both the supply and demand for facilities as well as the types of programming and amenities desired by the City’s residents.

Like many urbanized small communities in southeast Michigan, Utica lost population between the decades of 1980 and 2010. This was partly due to the built out and aging nature of the community, but also because of different residential market



Figure 2.

Figure 3.



preferences that were being better served by builders in the surrounding suburban communities. However, more recent trends show a stabilizing of the community’s population and the maintenance of its urbanized population density, even projecting a 5.7 percent increase in population by 2040 – not factoring in any other potential community developments, initiatives or interventions (see Figure 3).

Households

Household types and household size can be important indicators for making recreation facility and program decisions. These data figures can provide a picture of who lives in the community and how it is trending, which influences what Utica’s population needs and are interested in.

According to 2010 estimates via SEMCOG’s Community Profiles, the City of Utica had approximately 1,984 households within the city limits. This household total represents a 1.6 percent increase in total households from the year 2000. Looking to present day statistics, the trend has become even more positive, estimating an increase of nearly 14 percent in total households.

At its surface, these trends seem very promising given the increase in the total number of households, but then again, once the statistics are unpacked we find that while the number of

households are increasing, the average household size is actually decreasing – ultimately decreasing density which puts additional stress on service providers.

Within these households we dissect the typology and composition of them to better understand the dynamics and potential needs existing within the community. The charts below identify several important realities:

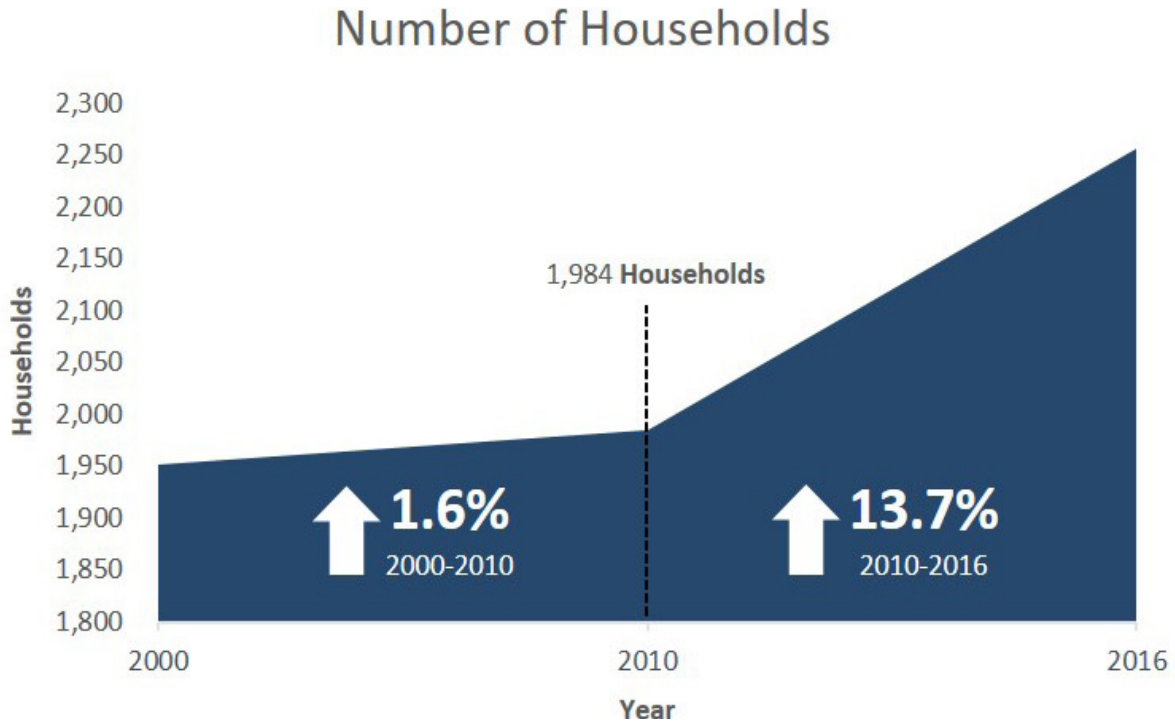
1. Utica is predominantly comprised of family households versus non-family households
2. There is a significant increase in the number of seniors living alone and the number of households containing seniors
3. There is a double digit decrease in the number of households that contain children

These trends could be indications that there may be a different recreational programming need than what was once in place under traditional park and recreation offerings. Potentially more group activities for seniors or adult centered recreational programming could be options, or social events that bring those who live alone together with their neighbors.

Figure 4.



Figure 5.



Age and Gender

The age and gender composition of a community is extremely important when planning for parks and recreation programming and improvements. Older residents have vastly different needs than childless 20-somethings or those who have families with children. Specifically, the age structure (analyzing which proportions of a municipality's populations are at which stages of life) gives a nuanced view of the true makeup of a community. To compare age structure, the population is divided into the following groupings:

1. Under 5 Years (Pre School)
2. 5 to 19 (School Aged)
3. 20 to 44 (Family Forming)
4. 45 to 64 (Mature Families)
5. Over 65 (Retirement)

Figure 8 on the next page compares the age structure of Utica from the years 2000 to 2010, as well as the distribution of genders as of 2016.

Utica has an increasing proportion of retirement age individuals than in the past, but also has a growing sector of the population who fit into the family forming age group. This trend would shift

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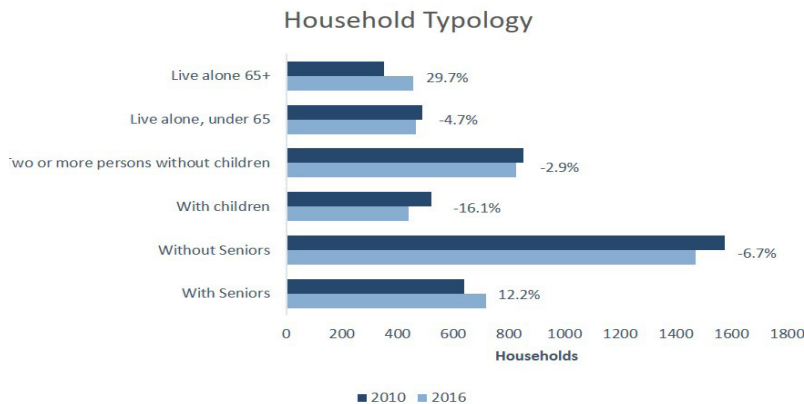


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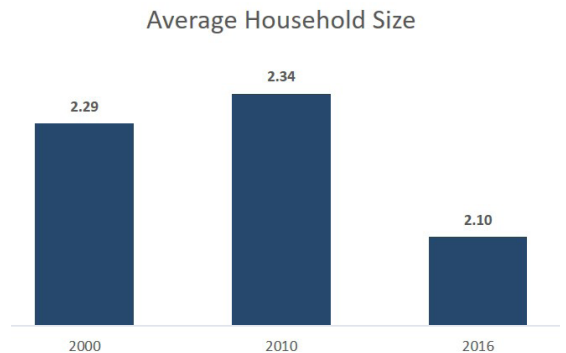
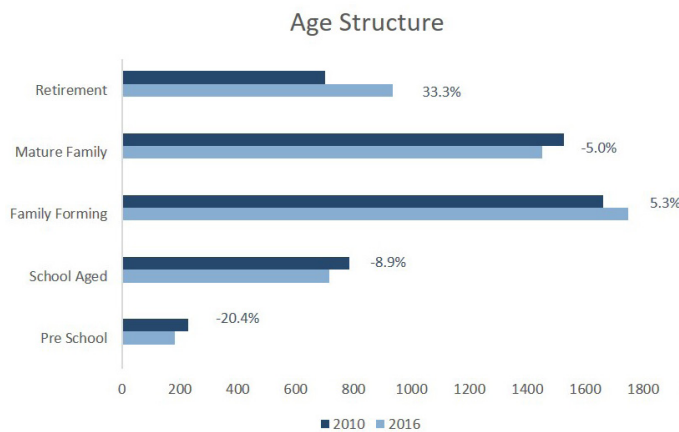


Figure 8.



demographics to where the city is both getting older and also possibly becoming younger at the same time because of the potential production of children via the family forming group. These trends should be taken into account when thinking of programming, services, and facilities that the community's population will need.

Income and Disability

Understanding the income distribution and number of disabled residents in Utica is vital to parks and recreation planning because of the need to consider how residents will interact with provided amenities, their particular affordability, and what will need to be provided in order for these amenities to be both accessible and equitably provided.

Figure 9 above details the income distribution within the City of Utica, where half the residents live above the \$50,000 threshold and the other half live below.

Figure 9.



The number of residents impacted by disability will shape the design, level of accommodation, and types of programming developed to serve a population with specialized needs. The community's residents experience a variety of disabilities from hearing loss to blindness, and in some cases mobility impairment. The following table and chart identify the distribution of residents disabled by age group.

2016 Disabled Population by Age Group	
Under 5	0
5 to 17 Years	42
18 to 34 Years	83
35 to 64 Years	315
65 to 74 Years	120
75 Years & Over	316

Figure 10.



Figure 11.



Disability Distribution by Age

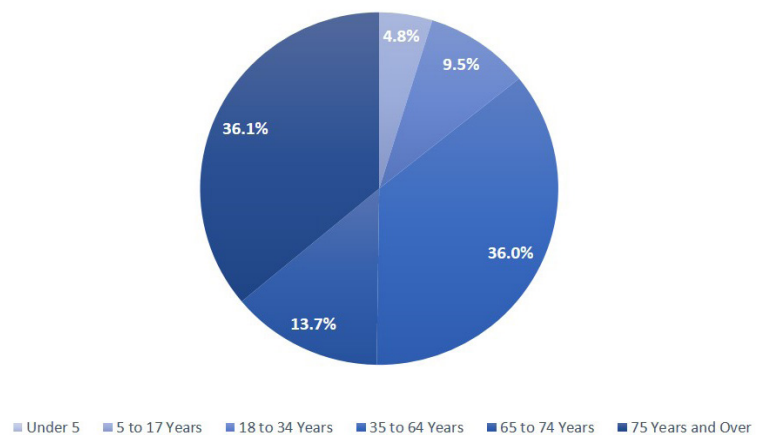


Figure 12.

Conclusion

Utica is a city that has more of a shifting population rather than a growing population. This means that the existing population is aging in place and maturing within the community, moving on from mature families to empty nesters and seniors. This means that while there may still be children in the community, they will slowly shift towards young adulthood and the family forming age structure, leaving their more mature and retired families to become the predominant group in the City. Utica can expect stability across their demographics, and focus on the management of its Parks and Recreation services for the needs of the population at hand. This means providing an array of services and programming that is both equitable and targeted for the aging and less economically advantaged residents of the community who may look for opportunities to be active and social as their own household dynamics change.

Community Land Use and Natural Features

One of the most essential functions when planning for parks and recreation is analyzing land. The distribution of land uses, natural features and development patterns will impact where a community can and should invest in parks and recreation resources. For example, new residential developments provide opportunities to link parks with growing population clusters, pristine natural areas allow for a community to highlight environmental stewardship, and exclusive recreational zoning districts protect and preserve land for parks and other recreation infrastructure. By analyzing land uses and natural features the City of Utica can better integrate parks and recreation into the existing community fabric.

Land Use

The City of Utica covers an area of just under 1.8 square miles or 1,152 acres. The Southeastern Michigan Council of Government's 2008 Land Use study provides the following breakdown of land uses. Figures have been adjusted to re-categorize recreation and open space land holdings based upon 2013 Macomb County Planning & Economic Development GIS data.

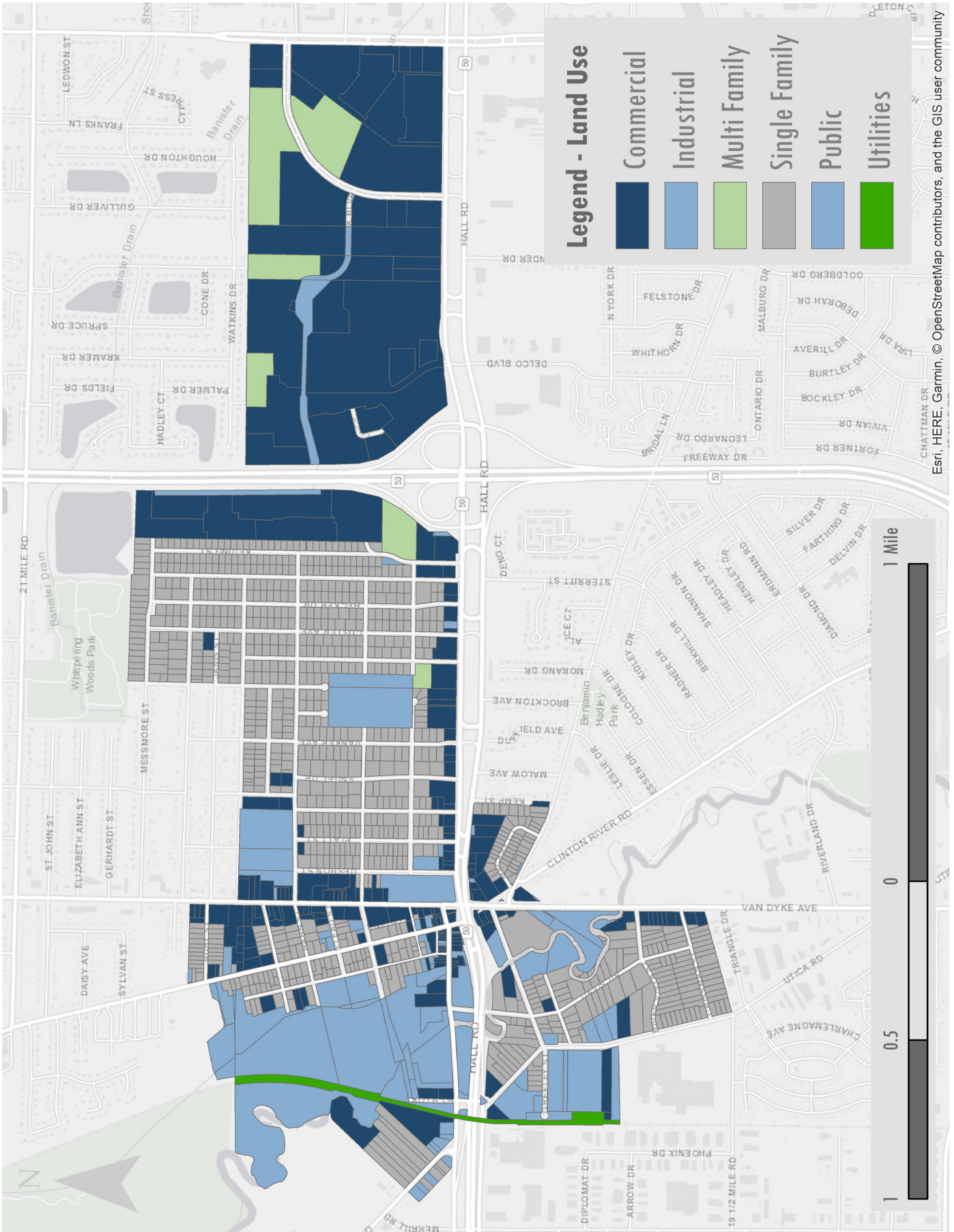
The City of Utica has 43.4 acres of land dedicated to park, recreation and open space uses. Since 2012, the only new park facility to open was the .5 acre Memorial Park located adjacent to the Clinton River between Auburn Road and M-59.

Natural Features

The City of Utica is located entirely within the Clinton River Watershed. The Clinton River and its floodplain, which traverses the western edge of the City, have provided unique opportunities for the development of a linear greenway park and trail system, as well as recreational access to the river for paddling. The City is also working with Green Macomb to increase its tree canopy, which is currently only at 14 percent.

City of Utica Existing Land Use Category	Acres	Percentage
Single-Family Residential	297.5	32.59%
Multiple-Family Residential	45.1	4.94%
Commercial + Office	352.2	38.58%
Industrial	26.9	2.95%
Institutional (Parks, Open Space and City Facilities)	182.5	19.99%
Trans/Utilities	8.6	.94%
TOTAL	912.8	100%

Table 2.



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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The planning, development and maintenance of a comprehensive parks and recreation system cannot be accomplished without a unified administrative structure. A web of elected officials, boards, commissions, administrators, staffers and volunteers is needed to ensure that investments are made soundly and services are delivered efficiently. From developing annual budgets to staffing fitness classes, the administrative structure surrounding parks and recreation is vital to current operations and future accomplishments

Administrative Structure

The administrative structure that delivers parks and recreation services within the City of Utica begins with the City Charter which prescribes that residents of the City elect six at-large City Council persons and a Mayor to guide the affairs of the community. Duties of the Mayor and City Council are specified within the Charter, and as described, they are responsible for the adoption of a Parks and Recreation Plan and General Fund Budget.(See Figure 10).

Parks & Recreation Commission

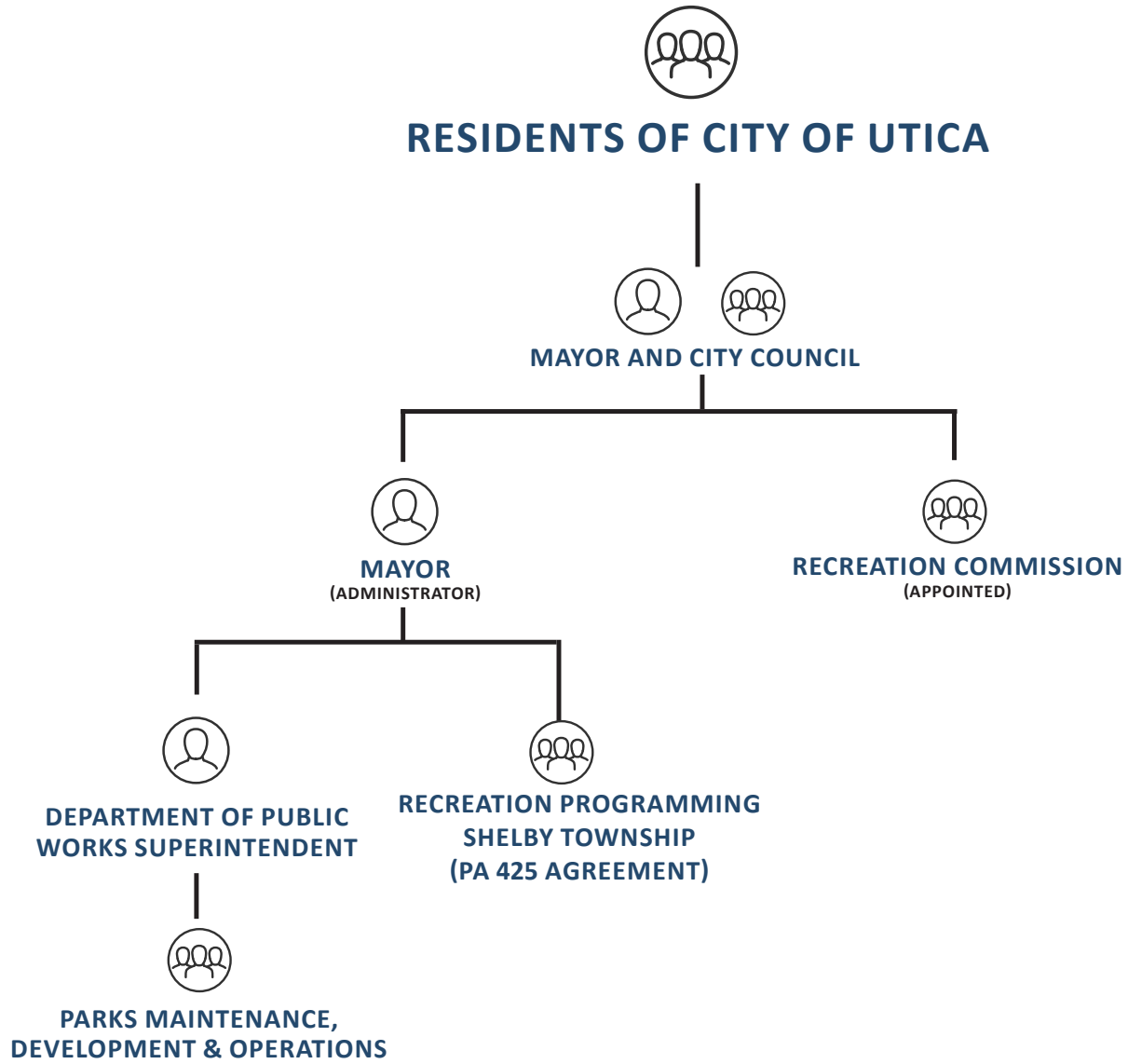
The Parks and Recreation Commission, established by City ordinance (Ord. No. 10-C, § 2, 10-14-1997), is a body of volunteers appointed by the Mayor and City Council whose charge is to supervise programs, development of park equipment needs, development of a five-year Parks and Recreation Plan and a variety of other tasks as assigned by the mayor. In the case of fees and written permission the City Clerk may be considered a designee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission also assist with community festivals and events. Revenues generated from these events are administered by City Council. These funds are held separately from general fund revenues in a segregated assigned budget category. These funds have been utilized in the past to purchase playground equipment, provide for park amenities and used for grant match dollars.



Administration

The daily operations of the City are managed by eight departments consisting of the Mayor’s Office, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Building Department, Assessor, Treasurer, and City Clerk. The Mayor, who is the chief elected official, also serves as the chief administrator for the City. In addition to these departments the Utica Public Library, a member of the Suburban Library Cooperative of Macomb County, has partnered with the City to support parks and recreation initiatives and programming. The library has provided support through the dissemination of information to the public, the hosting of public meetings and events and promotion of community events.

CITY OF UTICA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FLOWCHART



Programming

Recreation programming for Utica residents is provided through a PA 425 Agreement with Shelby Township and its Parks and Recreation Program. Under a thirty-year agreement, enacted in June of 1996, the City and Shelby Township agreed to share tax revenues, community services and water and sewer services. The agreement runs for two consecutive 15-year periods. In the first period, Utica pays to Shelby Township the equivalent of three mills of property taxes from the 425 District. In the second period, Utica pays \$100 per year to Shelby Township. In exchange, Shelby Township provides Parks and Recreation Services, Senior Center Services, and Cable TV services to the City of Utica. The current PA 425 Agreement ends in 2026, but an option exists to extend the agreement for another 50 years.

Park Development, Maintenance & Operations

The Department of Public Works, which reports to the Mayor's Office, coordinates park maintenance and is involved in various aspects of park development. Maintenance functions include grass mowing, rubbish pickup, equipment repair and maintenance, and assistance with community festivals and events.

Annual Budget and Funding Sources

The City of Utica continues to commit between 4 to 4.5 percent of its annual general fund budget to recreation and cultural activities. The Parks and Recreation budget for fiscal year 2018-19 is \$283,381. While the majority of these funds are derived from property taxes, a portion of the City's revenues come from fees collected for community events and funds generated from the rental of park facilities. Budgeted revenues for 2018-19 including rentals, fees and sponsorships total \$33,350. The largest portion of the Parks and Recreation budget is allocated to personnel. Other budgeted expenditures include vehicle operations, printing, publishing, employee development, custodial supplies and engineering services.

Items listed in the Action Items of this plan will require future budget allocations for Parks and Recreation depending upon the scope and phasing of the projects, the availability of grant dollars, and partnerships. Future funding for projects located within the City's Downtown

Development Authority (DDA) district could be sought from the DDA.

Role of Volunteers

The City co-sponsors a variety of year-round annual festivals and events. These events are successful thanks to the time and services provided by citizen volunteers, organizations and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Planning, marketing and execution of each of these events are carried out by these active individuals and groups.

Relationship with Other Public Agencies

The City of Utica has a PA 425 Agreement with Shelby Township. One element of this agreement is that Utica residents can access recreation programming provided by the Township at the same rate as Township residents. This service arrangement allows Utica residents to participate in workshops and seminars, youth and adult organized sport leagues, golf and nature center activities. Under this reciprocal agreement Shelby Township residents are encouraged to utilize the park and recreation amenities provided by the City. Additionally, Shelby Township residents are charged the lower city-resident rates for permits and rentals of park facilities. Since 1988, the City of Utica has been working with Shelby Township, the City of Sterling Heights, Macomb County Department of Roads, the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development and the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission on efforts to complete the final links in the Stony Creek to Lake St. Clair Metropark Trail. This project was recently completed. The portion of the trail in Utica is now connected to Dodge Park via Heritage Park, Jacqueline K. Noonan Riverwalk Park, and the Utica Recreation Area, which connects to Shelby Township's River Bends Park Trail, the Macomb Orchard Trail and Stony Creek Metropark.

The southern extent of the trail connects to the City of Sterling Heights' trail network in Clinton River Park, The Freedom Trail, Freedom Hill County Park and Lake St. Clair Metropark. Additionally, the Utica connection now provides central Macomb County trail users a link to the Oakland County Clinton River Trail.



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RECREATIONAL INVENTORY

State and Regional Recreational Facilities

The City of Utica understands that parks and recreation cannot be provided in a silo. A myopic approach to parks and recreation planning will restrain the dynamic and engaging characteristics of parks and recreation. The City of Utica is nestled in a region that has a wealth of parks and recreation destinations. As a region, Southeast Michigan has illustrated a longstanding commitment to parks and recreation. From major park systems to wildlife preservation areas, the State of Michigan and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) have established a network of services and facilities that provide users of all abilities and interests with plentiful parks and recreation destinations.

Fifteen State parks and recreation areas are located in the five-county region surrounding the City of Utica. In total, these state recreation facilities encompass over 50,000 acres of land. These State facilities offer a wide range of parks and recreation services including trails, swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, camping, nature preserves, cross-country skiing, and many others. The only State park located in Macomb County is the undeveloped Wetzel State Recreation Area. This 900+ acre site is an undeveloped park providing areas for hiking, hunting, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

HCMA is a regional parks system created by the citizens of Southeast Michigan in the 1940s. This regional parks authority provides recreation and educational opportunities while serving as stewards of the natural environment. HCMA believes that the use of parks and exposure to the natural environments enhance society's health and quality of life.



Macomb County is home to three HCMA parks: Stony Creek Metropark located in Washington Township; Wolcott Mill Metropark located in Ray Township; and Lake St. Clair Metropark located in Harrison Township. From the public beach at Lake St. Clair Metropark, to the Farm Center at Wolcott Mill, to the golf course at Stony Creek, each park attracts large amounts of visitors from around the region. Each of the noted facilities has a profound impact on recreation in Utica. Residents of the City are users of these facilities and it is important for Utica to understand how it can leverage and learn from the success of these parks and recreation destinations.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks Regional Park Map



Macomb County Facilities

Macomb County operates a system of parks and recreation opportunities through a network of elected officials, administrators, and commissions. County Executive Mark A. Hackel works in chorus with the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, the Macomb County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission, and a network of County Departments in developing strategies and programs for parks and recreation. Currently, Macomb County oversees three active parks and recreation amenities: the Macomb Orchard Trail, Freedom Hill County park, and the Nicholson Nature Center. The 27-mile, 200-acre paved linear Macomb Orchard Trail is the anchor of Macomb County's regional non-motorized trail network, and is managed by the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission. The trail provides a number of amenities such as trailhead parks and comfort facilities. The County is also an active partner in the operations surrounding the Freedom Trail, which is a non-motorized trail traversing Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, Harrison Township, and ending at Lake St. Clair Metropark. Macomb County also owns Freedom Hill County Park, a 100+ acre park facility located in Sterling Heights. The facility includes the festival grounds, concert pavilion, Ralph Liberatto Memorial Hall, monument garden, playground and picnic areas. Presently the County is offering passive recreation opportunities on the site; however future plans and operations surrounding Freedom Hill continue to be discussed.

The County acts as an active participant in the planning and development of regional and local parks and recreation programs. At the local level, Macomb County has had a longstanding commitment to providing local units of government with assistance in developing local parks and recreation plans and grant administration/assistance. Macomb County has leveraged partnerships and administrative resources to fortify local parks and recreation programs. At the regional level, Macomb County has taken a more active approach to promoting the potential surrounding Lake St. Clair. Focusing on

public access, recreational opportunities, and environmental stewardship, Macomb County is a leading force behind the revitalization of Lake St. Clair and will ensure that parks and recreation facilities and services will continue to be an important public priority

City of Utica Recreational Facilities

The City of Utica has five park properties comprising 45+ acres of park and open space. In addition to the five City owned parks, the Utica Public Schools also provides the community with a variety of amenities.

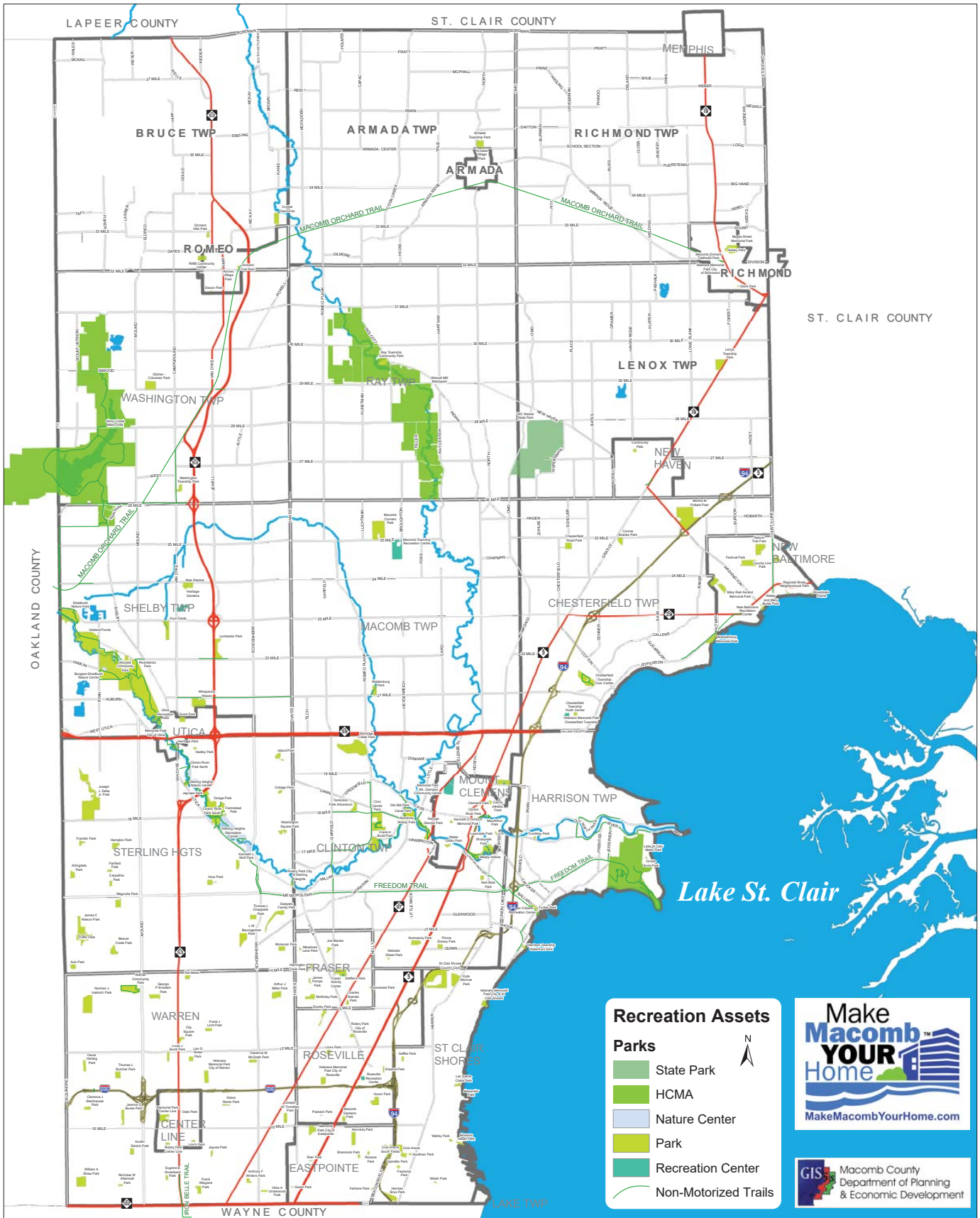
Inventory Methodology

A survey of each park was conducted during the month of October. Major amenities were documented and recorded on a series of maps which depicted each park via an aerial view. These maps were used extensively during planning sessions. Each of the maps focused on the parks amenities, natural features, context and connectivity elements. Each of the parks will also provide a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Accessibility Rating. The MDNR states in its "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans" publication that an assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities must be conducted. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities themselves, as well as the access routes to them. MDNR provides the following rating system for assessing accessibility:

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



Macomb County Recreation Assets

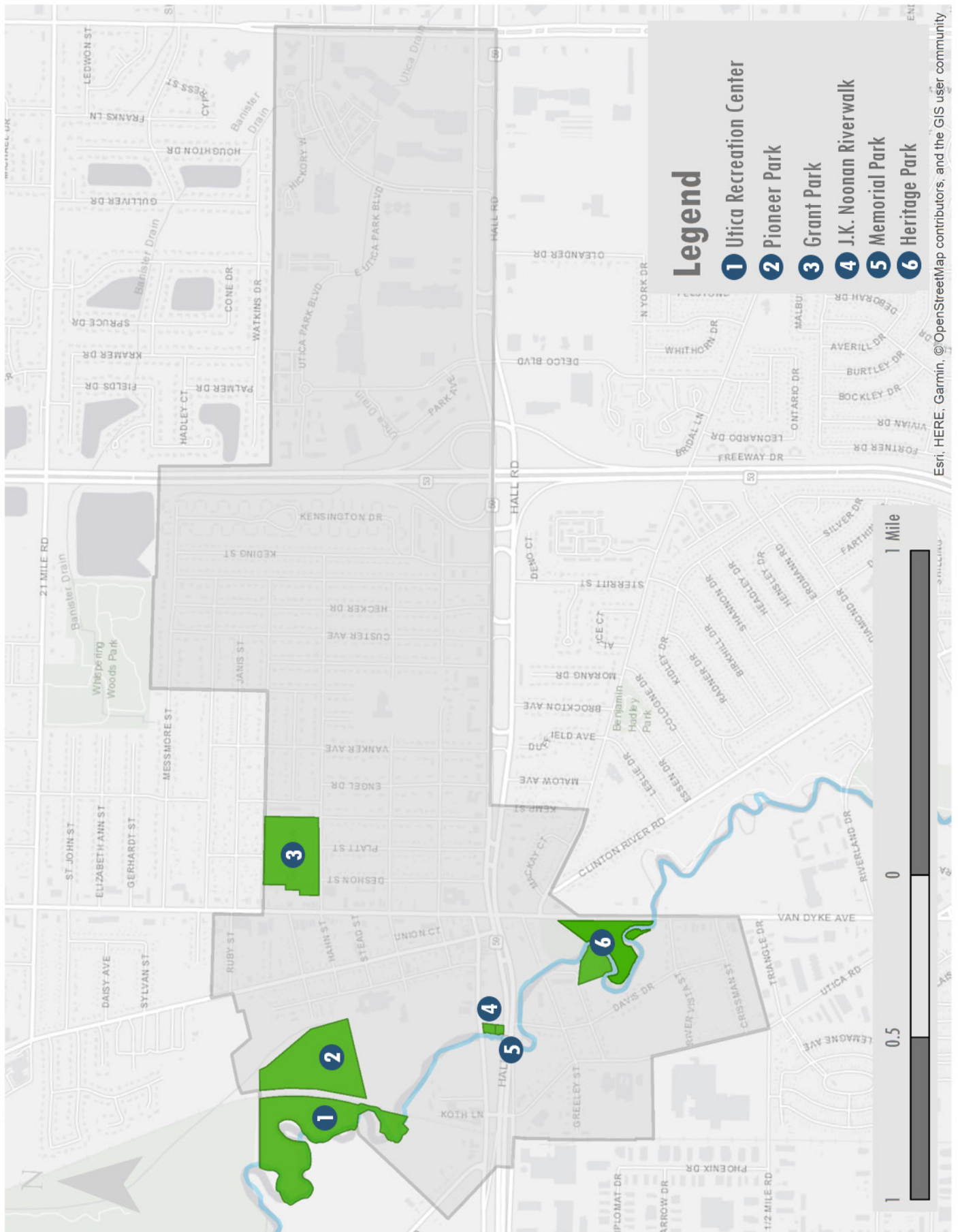


CITY OF UTICA RECREATION INVENTORY

	Playscape	Tennis Court	Trails	Picnic Facilities	Comfort Station	Basketball Courts	Baseball/Softball Field	Volleyball Court	Boat-Launch
Grant Park	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	
Jacqueline K. Noonan Riverwalk Park			●	●					●
Memorial Park			●	●					
Heritage Park	●			●	●				●
Utica Recreation Area			●						
Pioneer Park			●	●	●				

Table 3.





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Grant Park, the City’s magnet park, is located between Van Dyke Road and M-53. It is situated geographically to serve the largest portion of the Utica community. This park includes active and passive recreation facilities, such as tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts; playgrounds; picnic pavilions; and an internal walking pathway network. The park is served by two off-street parking lots located off Hahn Street and Nancy Street, which is the joint municipal line with Shelby Township, is unpaved.



HERITAGE PARK - 9.7 ACRES

MDNR ACCESSIBILITY **RATING 2**



Heritage Park, located at the intersection of Van Dyke Avenue and the Clinton River, provides access to the Clinton River and functions as a key connecting segment in the Iron Belle Trail. Heritage Park provides a number of amenities designed to allow visitors to enjoy the river. These amenities include a universal design kayak/canoe landing, fishing pier, observation pier and a pedestrian/bike bridge over the river. Users of the kayak/canoe landing can contact the Utica Department of Public Works to schedule use of a barrier-free lift designed to aid handicapped persons getting in and out of their watercraft. Additional improvements include new tables, benches, seating area and a handicap parking area. The City plans to add an additional universal design comfort station in the western portion of the park.



JACQUELINE K. NOONAN RIVERWALK PARK - 0.32 ACRES

MEMORIAL PARK - 0.28 ACRES

MDNR ACCESSIBILITY (BOTH PARKS) **RATING 2**



This site contains two separate parks, Jacqueline K. Noonan (JKN) Riverwalk Park to the north and Memorial Park to the south. Both are adjacent to the Utica Public Library. These parks total .6 acres and have been recently developed as the centerpiece of the City’s River Walk and as another connecting segment in the Iron Belle Trail. The parks implements many “green” design elements from LED lighting to storm water retention rain gardens. JKN park offers anglers a fishing pier and fish lunker (crib). All visitors can enjoy tables, benches and seating areas, natural and ornamental planting, bike racks and trash receptacles. Memorial Park also provides parking and ADA compliant access to the hike/bike trail. Across the river, there is a canoe/kayak launch and storage rack for residents and visitors to access the Clinton River. This portion was sponsored by ITC Holdings.



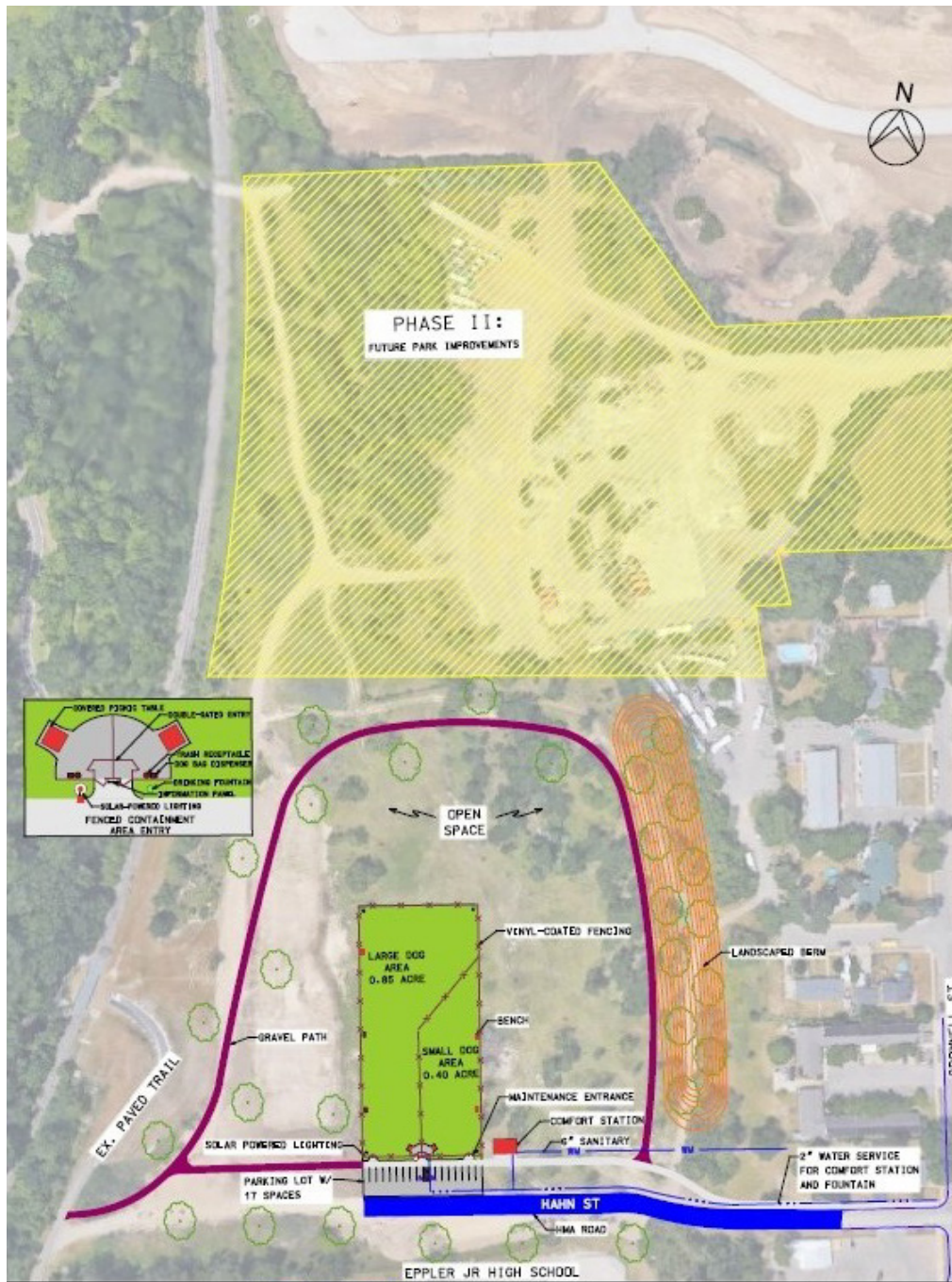
UTICA RECREATION AREA - 25 ACRES

MDNR ACCESSIBILITY

RATING 1



Utica Recreation Area is an undeveloped 25 acre tract of land that straddles the Clinton River in the northwest corner of the City. The site is bounded on the east by the Conrail rail line and by the Clinton River to the west. A portion of the site lies to the west across the river. During 2017, Utica’s final connecting segment in the Lake St. Clair to Stony Creek trail was completed with the construction of a hike/bike trail segment through the Utica Recreation Area. The segment now connects Memorial Park to the trail system in Shelby Township’s River Bends Park and include a crossing at the existing rail line. This work was funded by a \$1.9 million federal transportation enhancement grant.



Pioneer Park is a planned one acre park located in the northern portion of the City of Utica. The City was recently awarded a \$500,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant to remediate the site (which was previously a landfill) and construct a dog park. Other improvements to the site include a comfort station, walking path and open green space. The park will connect to Utica’s portion of the Statewide Iron Belle Trail.

Status Report for all Grant Assisted Parks & Recreation Facilities

The City of Utica has received two significant development grants that have contributed to the development of Heritage Park. In 1970 the City was awarded \$15,000 from the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund Development Grant. An additional \$350,000 in development funds were received in 2007 through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

In addition to these recreation specific grants, the City of Utica has also received a FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program Grant in 2010 of \$300,000 for the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge in Heritage Park. In most cases grant dollars have been matched by leveraging DDA funds and revenues generated from community special events.

Funding Source	Project Name	Grant Amount	Project Results	Current Inventory
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Clinton River Park Project Grant ID: 26-220 5/25/1970	\$15,000.00 Development Grant	Development of Clinton River Park (Heritage Park)	9.7 acres with hike & bike trail, comfort station, fishing pier, canoe & kayak launch
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Grant Park Tennis Courts Project Grant ID: 26-758 1976	\$18,137.75 Development Grant	3 tennis courts and LWCF sign	11.17 acres with Tennis, Volleyball, and Basketball Courts; Playgrounds; Picnic Pavilions; and walking path
State of Michigan Recreation Bond Fund	Grant Park Improvement Project Grant ID: BF89-400 1989	\$86,000.00	Basketball courts, jogging path, fitness pod, sand volleyball, picnic tables and grills, and restrooms and site renovation.	11.17 acres with tennis, volleyball and basketball courts; playgrounds; picnic pavilions; and walking path
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (NMRTF)	Heritage Park Bike/Hike TF07-054 2007	\$350,000 Development Grant	Development of a 12 ft wide shared use trail within Heritage Park with boardwalks, boat launch, pedestrian bridge and other site improvements	9.7 acres with hike & bike trail, comfort station, fishing pier, canoe & kayak launch



4.0

PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

The City of Utica employed a number of planning and public input techniques to develop this Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In order to adequately engage a comprehensive network of stakeholders the City of Utica utilized the Parks and Recreation Commission, Parks and Recreation staff and volunteers, City Council, City Administrators, the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development (MCPED) and comments/interactions from the general public to craft the strategies set forth in this document.

The following section will highlight the planning and public input procedures taken by these vested groups of stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan refining parks and recreation facilities, programs and services. This process allowed the community to analyze existing conditions and resources, strategize for future investments, and cultivate a forward thinking approach to the next era of parks and recreation within the City of Utica.

Planning Methods

To facilitate a professional and impactful planning experience, the City of Utica invited MCPED to assist in the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Planning staff from the County were brought in to tabulate data, assess existing resources and facilitate workshops and informational sessions. When the City and MCPED began to compile the data and resources for the foundation of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan it became evident that the most appropriate means of planning would be a systems based approach.

The systems approach to planning was developed by James D. Mertes and James R. Hall for the National Recreation and Park Association in 1995. This planning approach is a process of assessing the park, recreation and open space



needs of a community and translating that information into a framework for meeting the physical, spatial and facility requirements to satisfy those needs. The City and its planning stakeholders decided to apply this planning method because it considered all parks and recreation facilities, programs and services as a part of larger structure. A new playground at one park would not just change the physical environment of that single facility or a new senior citizen program at the recreation center would not just need space and volunteers to hold the event. Each decision can influence additional elements of the parks and recreation system within the City. A single strategy or investment has the ability to alter user patterns and increase or decrease additional parks and recreation needs. It is this interlinkage between parks and recreation facilities, programs and services that creates a dynamic atmosphere where the City must continually evaluate and create appropriate policies and procedures for parks and recreation.

In order to effectively utilize this system based approach, the City founded this Parks and Recreation Master Plan on a wide-ranging

inventory of all the community's parks and recreation facilities. Presented in Section 3.0, the inventory illustrates existing conditions and amenities located throughout the community. This inventory, coupled with the demographic analysis created for the Community Description, has become the baseline for future planning and investment. In the following section the plan will highlight a series of goals and objectives that will lead Utica into the next five years of parks and recreation prosperity. The goals and objectives will then be linked to a strategic plan of action that recommends specific parks and recreation projects to be undertaken over the lifespan of this document. Each goal, objective and subsequent action plan was crafted with the intent to create a more comprehensive system of parks and recreation services within Utica.

Public Input Process

The City of Utica took great strides to engage the general public in the development of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The City utilized the Parks and Recreation Commission as the primary sounding board for any comments and input regarding the Plan. At the Commissions' monthly public meetings the City promoted an open invitation to members of the general public to comment and participate in the development of the Plan. Over the span of approximately six months the MCPED along with the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council discussed and drafted different elements of the plan at each of its meetings.

Public Workshop and Parks and Recreation Survey

A public visioning session for the development of Pioneer Park was held on August 28, 2018. The workshop was advertised at City Hall, on the city website and via the city's social media page.

Additionally, a paper and online survey was also distributed via the City's Facebook Page and posted on the City website for approximately two months. Residents could also obtain a paper copy of the survey from City Hall. While not statistically significant due to the low number of responses, the survey provides the City with additional resident input.

Public Review

The draft plan was completed in November and was released for the 30-day public review period on November 13, 2018. During the 30-day public review period, the general public has an opportunity to review the draft plan at City Hall. The draft was also available for download from the City's website: www.cityofutica.org.

Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

The public review period ended on December 23, 2018. MCPED finalized the document by incorporating comments gathered from the public review and set the Plan to City Council for a public hearing and final approval. The public hearing for the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. City Council adopted the Parks and Recreation Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.



5.0

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Parks and recreation is a system of services that is administered by a dynamic network of elected officials, public administrators and volunteers. This system is effectively administered and guided by goals and objectives.

In preparing this Parks and Recreation Master Plan the City of Utica created a series of goals and objectives that will act as benchmarks over the next five years. These policy statements will guide stakeholders in the organization, development and administration of the City's parks and recreation services. In developing these goals and objectives the City recognized that the community is continually evolving. The political, financial, social and physical environment of the City is in a constant state of change; however the City has pledged to provide parks and recreation services. As opportunities and challenges arise the City must be able to make informed and impactful decisions that will allow the City and parks and recreation to flourish.

In order to develop these goals and objectives the City considered a number of community factors. Each series of goals and objectives incorporates demographic and economic considerations, physical characteristics and municipal feasibility. As these policy statements were being created the City reviewed each element in an open setting allowing for public input. The following list of goals and objectives is a proper representation of the future of parks and recre-

ation within the City of Utica. As the City of Utica continues to evolve, these goals and objectives will allow the community to effectively administer the system of parks and recreation services that is in the best interest of the general public. The remainder of this section will highlight five goals and their corresponding objectives.



Goal: Provide and enhance recreational areas, facilities and programs to meet the current and future needs of the City of Utica residents and visitors.

Objectives:

- + The City will provide recreational activities and services that will encourage participation by all residents
- + Continue to improve existing facilities to more effectively meet the needs of the City residents and to encourage regular use of these facilities
- + Identify possible areas where the City can establish new, or expand, existing parks and recreation facilities
- + Ensure a safe and secure environment in which parks and recreation facilities, programs and services are provided

Goal: Provide parks and recreation facilities, programs and services in a manner that:

- 1. Addresses the needs of various segments of residents (youth, elderly, adult, disabled, etc.)**
- 2. Make the best use of limited resources and leverage partnerships or cooperative agreements with other recreation service providers**

Objectives:

- + Maintain and analyze current parks and recreation facilities, programs and services to ensure that there are sufficient parks and recreation opportunities for all current and potential users
- + Create a parks and recreation capital improvement framework that will strategically establish a practical means of investing in physical improvements to the City's parks and recreation facilities and expand non-motorized linkages between parks and neighborhoods
- + Leverage grant funding and other non-local funding resources for the development and maintenance of recreation facilities
- + Encourage private and public partnerships to develop, promote and maintain new and existing recreation assets and services

Goal: Promote an active community and healthy lifestyles

Objectives:

- + Ensure that all residents and visitors, regardless of age or ability, can adequately access parks and recreation facilities, programs and services
- + Create partnerships with local health care providers to develop programs to promote the benefits of physical fitness and healthy lifestyles
- + Utilize print, broadcast and social media to educate residents on the recreation opportunities, programming and facilities available to City residents

Goal: Leverage the benefits of parks and recreation assets and programs for community placemaking and community-wide economic development

Objectives:

- + Continue to support, expand and partner with special events and festivals to increase activity and interest in the City of Utica
- + Link investments in parks and recreation to larger community projects including private developments and infrastructure improvements
- + Provide opportunities for local businesses to partner with parks and recreation through marketing, sponsorships and promotions

Goal: Promote environmental stewardship

Objectives:

- + Maintain and expand existing partnerships with Macomb County and the Clinton River Watershed Council to maximize development and watershed improvement opportunities within the Clinton River East Watershed Sub Area
- + Determine the location and character of environmentally significant areas within the City of Utica
- + Target environmentally significant areas for preservation and parks and recreation uses and work with neighboring communities, the county, state and non-profit groups to establish ecosystem management programs targeting the Clinton River
- + Work with neighboring communities, the County, State and non-profit groups to provide safe and unobstructed flow of the Clinton River for recreational uses



6.0

ACTION PLAN

Throughout the development of this document, the City of Utica has engaged its residents and community leaders in examining the state of its parks and recreation facilities. Demographic trends were examined to assess the future needs of individual segments of the population, while public input gave insight to the perceptions and desires of the community. The resulting goals and objectives, detailed in the previous chapter, provide a framework for guiding the actions of the community over the duration of the plan.

The City of Utica has developed a set of action items to be considered for implementation over the next five years. The action items have been categorized by park facility or as a community-wide action. They have also been prioritized as items to be addressed in the next one to two (short term) or three to five (long term) years.

Funding Sources

Funding for the proposed improvements can come solely from the general fund or from a combination of funding sources. The choice of how to fund elements of the action plan can be flexible through the leveraging of different combinations of funding sources. Listed below are suggested funding sources that should be leveraged to implement the plan.

General Funds

The City of Utica has utilized general fund money to maintain and operate the park system. Any future improvements will remain dependent on these tax-supported funds, as will the continued operation and maintenance of the park system. Recreation planning will have to be coordinated with the yearly budgeting process for the City's general fund.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, also administered by the MDNR, utilizes



royalties from oil, gas, and other mineral developments on state-owned lands to help finance the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities. Matching local funds are required in the amount of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. The minimum development grant amount is \$15,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$500,000. Projects proposed under this program should be directed towards helping meet the statewide goals, including natural resource protection, water access, urban recreation, economic development and community recreation. Land acquisition is an eligible funded item, as well as trail and pathway development, waterfront access projects and projects incorporating universal design.

TAP Program (MDOT, SEMCOG, FHWA)

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), a component of the Federal Highway MAY-21 Surface Transportation Program (FHWA), offers funding opportunities to help expand transportation choices and enhance the transportation experience through implementing a number of transportation improvements, including pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety programs, historic preservation and rehabilitation or transportation facilities, environmental mitigation activities, and safe routes to school programs. The program is administered by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). Application

information, project eligibility and grant schedules are available online at www.semco.org.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

The Downtown Development Authority has the statutory authority to expend funds for public improvements, including parks facilities within the downtown development district. In some instances, it can also contribute to planning and design efforts for projects outside the limits of the development district if there is a direct relationship between the proposed projects and positive impacts to the business district.

Community-wide Action Items

Community-wide action items are targeted at maintaining and expanding park facilities while providing safe pedestrian connections between parks, community and institutional facilities.

Short Term

- Develop a comprehensive parks maintenance plan and budget which includes sub plans addressing the following areas:
 - Vegetation management
 - Pathway (walkways and sidewalks) pavement maintenance
 - Hike and bike trail pavement and bridge maintenance
 - River cleanup and water amenities maintenance
 - Playscape and sports play areas maintenance
- Engage DDA and Macomb County Road Commission Traffic Department to explore pedestrian safety enhancements for Van Dyke Avenue and Hahn Street intersection. Engage SEMCOG to leverage TAP funds
- Explore options for development of a community park east of M-53 and engage development community, business community and local homeowners
- Develop a more comprehensive community-wide events and activities notification system that uses social media and community electronic message board signs to better inform residents and visitors of upcoming events and park/community facility locations
- Explore options for development of a water feature – splash play zone in one of the City’s established parks

Long Term

- Develop a five year capital improvement program for parks and recreation that incorporates the plan’s short and long term action items
- Partner with DDA to expand wayfinding signage within the downtown and to designated routes connecting community parks
- Partner with Shelby Township, City of Sterling Heights, Macomb County Blue Economy Initiative, Macomb County Sheriff’s Department and Clinton River Watershed Council to:
 - Expand wayfinding signage along Clinton River
 - Develop emergency response plans and identify river access points
 - Maintain a clean and navigable river
- Engage Michigan Department of Transportation in exploring safe pedestrian crossing alternatives for M-53. Explore the leveraging of TAP funds with SEMCOG

Grant Park Action Items

Short Term

- Explore multiple-use/multi-season use for existing play areas - tennis and basketball courts could be seasonally repurposed for skating, roller hockey, etc
- Develop pathways and vegetation maintenance plan
- Develop an adult fitness trail and/or trail exercise programs
- Explore converting one of the park's tennis courts to a pickleball court
- Increase parking

Long Term

- Partner with Shelby Township and Macomb County Department of Roads to explore options for paving Nancy Street
- Continue to improve overall park accessibility

Heritage Park Action Items

Short Term

- Develop a plan to guide the development of the west side of the park (Nichols Street neighborhood)
- Design and install features and amenities to best withstand flooding events and improve accessibility to restroom facilities in the eastside of the park
- Explore options for restroom facilities and/or drinking fountains along hike/bike trail in westside of the park
- Upgrade playscape and explore possibilities of additional facilities
- Increase rest opportunities along hike/bike trail (benches, tables, bike racks, etc.)

Long Term

- Engage MDOT, Macomb County Department of Roads and Downtown Development Authority to explore pedestrian alternatives (sidewalk, safety path, etc.) along the westside of Van Dyke Avenue which provide safe linkages between Heritage Park, its surrounding neighborhoods and the downtown business district.
- Explore the leveraging of TAP funds with SEMCOG.
- Research and install lighting systems that:
 - Enhance evening park activities
 - Better illuminate existing and planned amenities
 - Increase safety for park users
 - Provide illumination along the hike/bike trail
- Design and build a pavilion structure in the west side of the park (Nichols Street neighborhood)

Jacqueline K. Noonan Riverwalk Park and Memorial Park

Short Term

- Install additional bike racks. Install additional benches
- Explore options for additional shading (umbrellas, vegetation, pergola, etc.)
- Conduct small-scale walkability study between Memorial Park and new kayak launch site on Auburn Road
- Incorporate park as a location for community events and activities

Long Term

- Implement recommendations of walkability study
- Install new LEED certified, active LED lighting system in hike and bike trail tunnel under M-59 as

- well as plantings or sound abatement features to buffer noise from vehicular traffic
- Consider tunnel/gateway improvements and additional wayfinding signage

Utica Recreation Area Action Items

Short Term

- Develop a plan to guide future development of the Utica Recreation Area and extend opportunities to Shelby Township, the Clinton River Watershed Council and local organizations (i.e. local cycling/mountain biking groups, historical societies, etc.) to participate as key stakeholders
- Identify preferred access points
- Develop signage identifying the park and to provide wayfinding along hike and bike trail and access trails/pathways
- Engage the Macomb County Department of Roads to develop a maintenance plan and explore maintenance funding alternatives for the hike and bike trail

Long Term

- Develop and initiate a community awareness program that highlights the park's environmental and historical significance while explaining the key elements of the development plan.
- Develop a trailhead access point with vehicular access and parking on City owned brownfield property by extending Hahn or Chapoton Streets west of Brownell Street.
- Construct a phased trail comfort station:
 - Phase I – restroom and drinking Fountain
 - Phase II – shower and/or campground concessioner office/store (future campground)
- Explore the development of an overnight campground facility on City owned brownfield property

Pioneer Park Action Items

Short Term

- Construct a fenced-in dog park with possible key-fob access
- Develop a walking path extension of the Iron Belle Trail into Pioneer Park
- Construct a comfort station with drinking stations and bathrooms
- Build a parking lot for trail and park users

Long Term

- Explore phase II development at the site, which may include sledding hills, concert pavilions, adult fitness trails, RV camping, and/or athletic fields

MEETING MINUTES

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
January 8, 2019

Members present: Sikora, Cuddington, Sylvester, Calandrino, O'Donnell, Dionne
Absent: Terenzi

The City Council meeting was convened by Mayor Dionne at 7:40 p.m., Brian Cooke led the pledge of allegiance at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes of 12/11/18

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the minutes of 12/11/18. Voting, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Mayor Dionne informed all that a roll call vote will not be taken on small matters from today forward.

Public Comments for Items Listed on the Agenda

None.

Unfinished Business

Code Enforcement Request

Motion by Sikora, seconded by O'Donnell, to approve the increase in Code Enforcement hours to a maximum of 20 hours per week with the Building Inspector working no more than a maximum of 29 hours per week including inspections. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

No Smoking Riverside 175 Building

Motion by Dionne, seconded by Sikora, to approve no smoking in the building at Riverside 175, 7650 Greeley with the addition of an outside designated smoking area. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Marihuana Opt-Out

Motion by Mayor Dionne, seconded by Sikora, to approve the Marihuana Opt-Out Ordinance, prohibiting marijuana establishments, as presented by Linda McGrail Belau. Voting by roll, 6 ayes, one nay (O'Donnell), motion **CARRIED**.

Public Hearing

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to open the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Amanda Minaudo, City Planner, explained the update to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The plan has been out for public review, about 200 park survey responses were returned and the plan is necessary in order to apply for grants. As there were no other public comments, motion by Sikora, seconded by Calandrino, to close the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

FY19 Community Development Block Grant Funds Allocation

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Calandrino, to open the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.
Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, stated the FY19 fund allocation is \$12,398 of which 25% can be used for public service and \$300 is already set aside for MCCA CHORE, leaving \$9298.00 for a brick and mortar project. Funds must be used to service low income residents. Bill Lang asked for the funds to be used to replace two fire hydrants as ours are very old and parts are difficult to obtain. The requests from the public service providers were as follows: Care House- \$1,200; Helping Hand Gifts- \$1,000; Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers- \$528; Macomb Co. Warming Center- \$3,000; Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) \$3,780; Turning Point, Inc. \$3,000; Macomb Homeless Coalition- \$1,000. Representatives from Care House, Macomb Co. Warming Center and Turning Point were present to explain their request. Marsha Doege, Director, requested \$400 for senior and handicap person materials. As there were no other public comments, motion by Sikora, seconded by Dionne, to close the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Consent Business

None.

Correspondence

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to receive and file the correspondence from: Riverside 175 senior Apartments, Residents opposing selling the building. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Fork & Cork Festival Request 2019

Mark Nicholson, Gazette Media Group, requested permission to have the 2nd Fork Festival. The vendors & music will be behind City Hall, Food trucks/ beer tents and live music in the JK Noonan park. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the Fork Festival on City grounds Sept. 20-22, 2019 with beer/wine, live music, food and craft vendors. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

2nd Annual Flickinger 5K on 5/4/19

Motion by Sikora, seconded by O'Donnell, to approve the request from the Flickinger Parent Group to have a 2nd Flickinger 5K run on 5/4/19 AT 9:00 a.m., running on the streets surrounding Flickinger. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Flea Market/ Junk in Trunk Sale Request 6/15/19

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Calandrino, to approve the request from Woman's Life Chapter 911, Lynn Karnes, to hold a Flea Market/ Junk in Trunk sale on 6/15/19 from 8:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the JJ Field back parking lot. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business
Department Reports
Mayor Dionne

Mayor Pro Tem Appointment

Motion by Calandrino, seconded by O'Donnell, to approve the recommendation from Mayor Dionne to appoint Ken Sikora as Mayor Pro Tem. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library Board Appointment, Nancy Carter

Motion by O'Donnell, seconded by Sylvester, to appoint Nancy Carter to the Library Board. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Planning Commission Appointment, Stacy Smale & Brian Cooke

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Calandrino, to appoint Stacy Smale & Brian Cooke to the Planning Commission. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Park & Recreation Appointment, Lori Cooke

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to appoint Lori Cooke to the Park & Recreation Commission. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Mayor Dionne informed all that the Pioneer Park has a July 3rd projected finish date.

Council Reports

Ken Sikora, Mayor Pro Tem, welcomed newly elected Gus Calandrino and Brad O'Donnell.

Mayor Dionne announced the Krispy Kreme will be holding a grand opening on Jan. 29.

Planning Commission/ Planner

No report.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Calandrino, to move the Parks and Recreation Commission to now. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Master Plan Adoption

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Dionne, to approve the Parks and Recreation 5-year master plan, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Assessing- Thomas Agrusa, Assessor

No report.

Building- Jerry Hicks

No report.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Adam Semaan Leave of Absence Request

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the one-year leave of absence request from Adam Semaan, expires 12/31/2019. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Police- Sean Coady, Chief
No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent
Absent, no report.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster
FY18 Audit

Motion by Dionne, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file the FY18 Audit report.
Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

MBA FY19 Budget Amendment HVAC

Motion by Sikora, seconded by O'Donnell, to approve the budget amendment to the MBA increase 469-261-933-000 and building improvements by 16,500.00. For the replacement of both roof-top furnaces at the Fire Dept. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Police Dept. FY19 Budget Amendment Siren

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the FY19 budget as follows: transfer from assigned fund balance- Police Equipment 101301695000 \$21,200.00; Equipment Repair 101301931000 \$7,280.00 and Equipment Purchase 101301981000 \$21,200.00 for the civil defense sirens at Utica Park Blvd (repair) and Union Court (replacement). Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk
SYO Computer Support Contract Renewal Request

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Dionne, to approve the SYO 39-month Network Support Contract renewal, at a cost of \$520.00 per month, subject to changing the contract as follows:

1. Typo on page 20 refers to Sterling Orthodontics instead of the City of Utica. See highlight in attached document.
2. SYO indemnifies the City with regard to any intellectual property infringement but appears to limit that indemnification to three month's of contract fees. Therefore, SYO has only indemnified up to \$1560. See highlights in attached on page 23. I would request that this limitation be stricken, although the risks involved with same are probably minimal.
3. On page 25, the contract provides that it shall be confidential. The City cannot do so under FOIA. This section must be stricken. See highlights on page 25.
4. Also on page 25, in the case of any litigation, the prevailing party is entitled to the costs of litigation (attorney fees, etc) from the non-prevailing party. I am not a fan of this type of clause for the City and question whether any such award would be covered by the City's insurance. The risk is probably minimal but my recommendation is that this provision be stricken. See highlights in the attached document.

as suggested by the City Attorney. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

MML Property & Liability Insurance Renewal Request

Motion by Calandrino, seconded by Sylvester, to approve the renewal of property/ liability insurance with the Michigan Municipal League Liability and property pool, at a cost of \$126, 353.00. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

HD/SD Encoder Purchase Request

Motion by Calandrino, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to purchase a cable encoder which enables a clearer cable broadcast picture, at a cost of \$2,795.00 funds from the cable royalties fund. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

CDBG Allocation FY19

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Sylvester, to approve the allocation of FY19 CDBG public service funds as follows: Care House, Macomb Co. Warming Center, McRest, and Turning Point each awarded \$550.00. Utica Public Library \$600.00. Other project: purchase of two fire hydrants \$9,298.00. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Dionne reported that the DDA approved the sale of the vacant property parcels 07-33-485-001 thru 07-33-485-020.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- Linda McGrail Belau

Comfort Inn False Alarm Waiver Request

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Calandrino, to approve the request to reduce the false alarm bill in 2016 for Comfort Inn from \$ 11,384.25 in costs to \$3,900.00 (original bill \$7,900). Discussion was held comparing not waiving fees for utility billing to this also the cost of legal fees if we went to court. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Bills Payable

Motion by Cuddington, seconded by Sikora, to approve the payment of all bills as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Communication from the Public

None.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments from the public, motion by O'Donnell, seconded by Calandrino, to adjourn the meeting. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



City of Utica

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Affidavit of Publication

State of Michigan }
County of Macomb } ss.

I Stephanie Saad, being duly sworn, deposes and says that an advertisement of 2 columns x 2 inches, a true copy of which is annexed hereto, was published in the Shelby-Utica News, a newspaper printed and circulated in said State and County on 12-19-18 A.D. 2018; and that he is the principal clerk of the printers of said newspaper, and knows well the facts stated herein.

Saad

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day
of December A.D. 2018.

STEPHANIE BUDALAMENTI
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Macomb
Commission Expires Feb. 19, 2024
in the County of _____

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Notary Public, Macomb County, Michigan
My commission expires 2-19-2024



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Sophia

from page 3A

phia would be a good candidate for stereo-electroencephalography, or SEEG, with ROSA, which pinpoints which part of the brain is responsible for a patient's seizures and which tissue should be removed.

"Precision electrode placement is critical. SEEG can identify the source of the seizures deep within the brain without removing part of the skull," Laoprasert said. "It reduces surgery and anesthesia time. Patients experience much less pain with less medication and a faster recovery time, typically within 24-48 hours. SEEG performed with ROSA is more precise and a less invasive option of electrode placement."

On July 16, Sophia underwent the approximately five-hour surgery to place 11 electrodes in her brain. Based on the data from the electrodes, doctors performed a second surgery to remove brain tissue Sept. 24, the day before So-

phia's fifth birthday.

"She hasn't had a single seizure and she doesn't have a single deficit from the surgery," Angie said. "She loves to go to preschool, she likes to sing and dance, and she likes to shoot her bow and arrow."

Laoprasert said the main risk of brain surgery is bleeding, as well as anesthesia complications, stroke, infection and hydrocephalus.

In Sophia's case, he said her chance of long-term seizure freedom is approximately 75 percent, and the chance of significant seizure reduction is almost 100 percent.

"It was definitely an answer to our prayers," Angie said. "We still have some follow-up appointments and she's still on all of her medications. We're hoping after her next MRI we can start weaning her off of the medications."

Angie said Sophia's language and vocabulary are expanding and that she enjoys chasing after her 11-year-old brother, Aiden, riding her bike, coloring, and wearing her favorite Minnie Mouse shirts.

While Angie and her hus-

band, Justin, don't worry about their daughter falling off the stairs, Angie said that any less vigilant about watching her seizures.

"It's surreal," she said. "I most can't believe it's months without a seizure."

Call Staff Writer Sarah at (586) 218-5006.

Brian David

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CITY OF UTICA RESIDENTS

At 8:10 p.m. on January 8, 2019 at the City of Utica Council Chambers, 7550 Auburn Road, Utica, Michigan, a public hearing will be held to obtain the views of citizens concerning community development and housing needs, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

City of Utica will be receiving \$12,398 in Community Development Block Grant funds for FY 2019 from the Macomb Urban County Program.

Federal guidelines require that maximum priority be given to activities which primarily benefit low- or moderate-income families or which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. A variety of projects are eligible for community development funding. These include:

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| Property acquisition | Handicapped Barrier Removal | Public Facilities |
| Code enforcement | Rehabilitation of Buildings | Public Infrastructure |
| Planning and Administration | Housing Rehabilitation | Public Services |
| Homebuyer Assistance | | |

Citizens residing in blighted areas or lower-income persons are encouraged to participate.

If you cannot attend this meeting and want your views known, please write or call Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, City of Utica, 7550 Auburn Road, Utica, MI 48317, telephone number 586-739-1600, email cityclerk@cityofutica.org.

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January 9, 2019

I, Beth Ricketts, duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Utica, certify that announcements were made advertising the availability of the draft copy of the City of Utica Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan in:

City of Utica Website

City Council Meeting

Planning Commission Meeting

City of Utica City Hall

City of Utica Public Library

Copies of the Plan were available for review at the City of Utica Municipal Building.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Beth Ricketts".

Beth Ricketts
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CITY OF UTICA SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT FOR NEW PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

November 14, 2018

Over the past six months, the City of Utica has been working to develop a new five year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. This new plan will guide park development and investments in recreation amenities through 2023.

Under the State of Michigan's Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans, the City must update their parks and recreation strategy every 5 years to be eligible for grants from the State.

The new plan includes a comprehensive community profile, updates administrative structure, detailed inventory of parks, new goals and objectives and an action plan for investments and improvements.

In order to fulfill the State's requirements for adopting a new plan, the draft document will be available for public review and comment for the next 30 days. The plan is available online at <http://www.cityofutica.org/> and hardcopies of the draft plan are also available for review at the Utica City Hall located at 7550 Auburn Road and at the Public Library located at 7530 Auburn Road.

Comments on the plan should be submitted in writing to:


Utica City Hall
PROS Plan Comments
7550 Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48315

Or emailed to the City Clerk at cityclerk@cityofutica.org

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LATEST EVENTS

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Draft

Job Opening- Part time

Wanted- Part-time Firefighters/EMT

WELCOME...

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the City of Utica. Utica is an example of small town life with all the amenities of the larger communities in the Detroit metro area. Our schools, both parochial and public, are some of the best in the State. Churches abound, as do pleasant walking paths, parks, unique historic homes and specialty shops. Whether it is regional shopping venues or friendly "Mom and Pop" enterprises, Utica has something for everyone.

Welcome!

Thom Dionne, Mayor of Utica



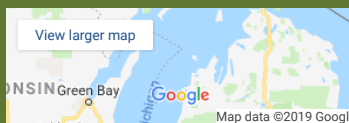
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Map



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MAYOR

Thomas Dionne

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William Osladil

Charles Cuddington

Perry Sylvester

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL WORK SESSION

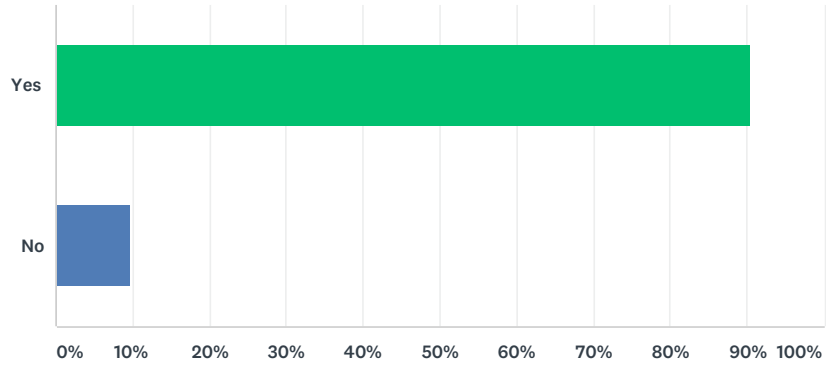
August 28, 2018

7:00 p.m.

General discussion of proposed Pioneer Park development, parcel 07-33-402-003

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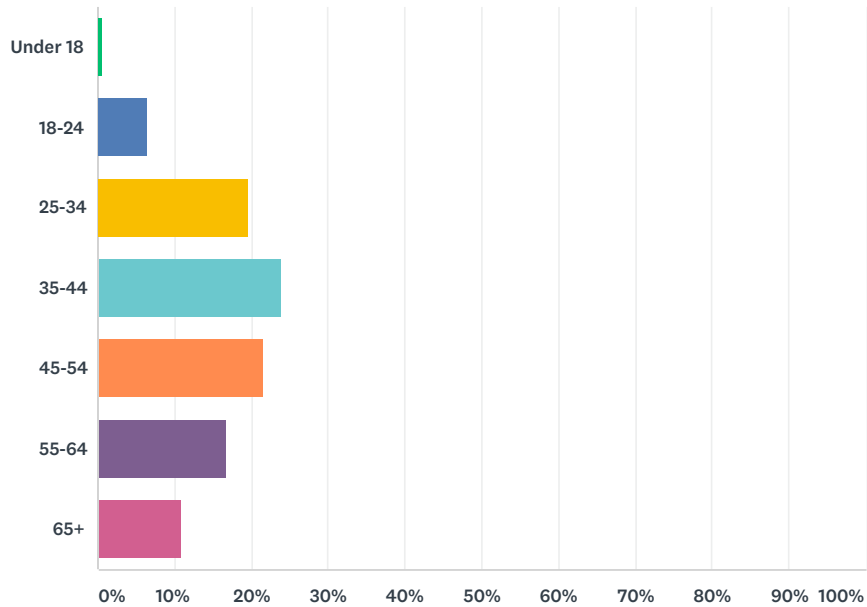
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No	9.58%	16
TOTAL		167

Q2 What is your age?

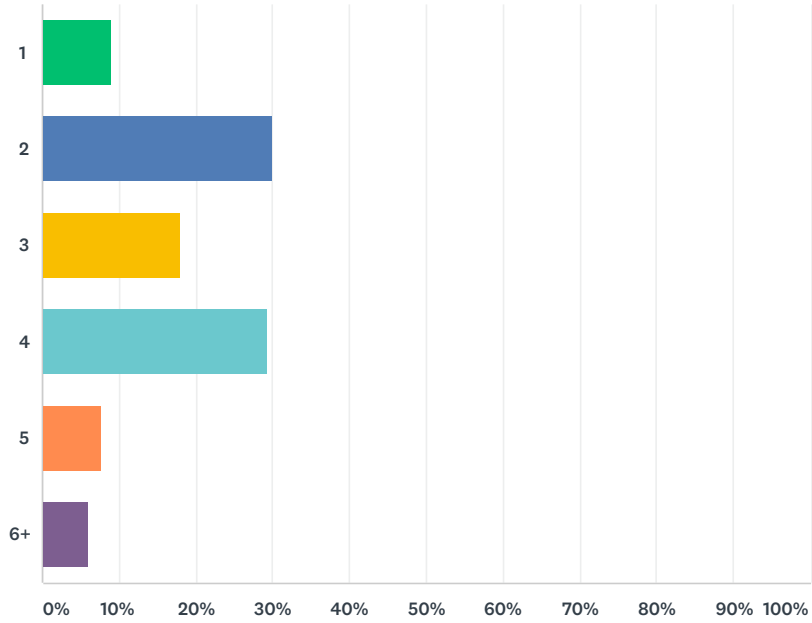
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Under 18	0.60%	1
18-24	6.59%	11
25-34	19.76%	33
35-44	23.95%	40
45-54	21.56%	36
55-64	16.77%	28
65+	10.78%	18
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Q3 Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?

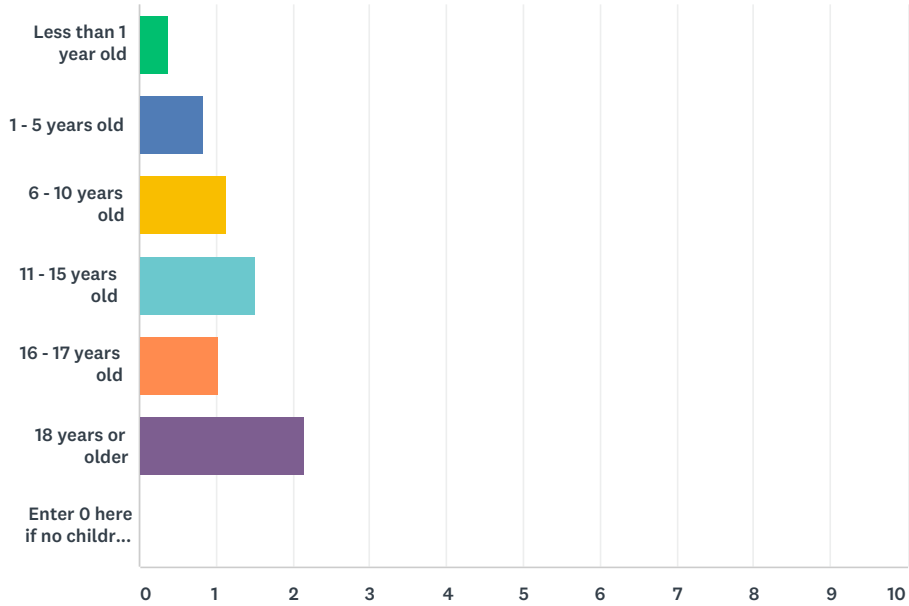
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	8.98%	15
2	29.94%	50
3	17.96%	30
4	29.34%	49
5	7.78%	13
6+	5.99%	10
TOTAL		167

Q4 How many children, by age, currently live in your household?

Answered: 163 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Less than 1 year old	0	10	27
1 - 5 years old	1	37	44
6 - 10 years old	1	53	47
11 - 15 years old	2	68	45
16 - 17 years old	1	41	40
18 years or older	2	101	47
Enter 0 here if no children live in your household	0	0	60
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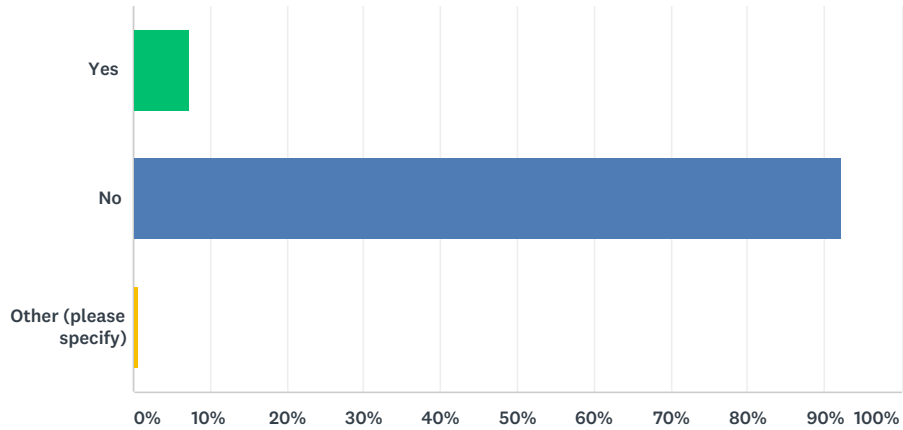
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Q5 Does anyone in your household have special needs that could impact their ability to participate in recreation activities (e.g. visual/hearing impaired, limited mobility such as walker or wheelchair user)?

Answered: 166 Skipped: 2

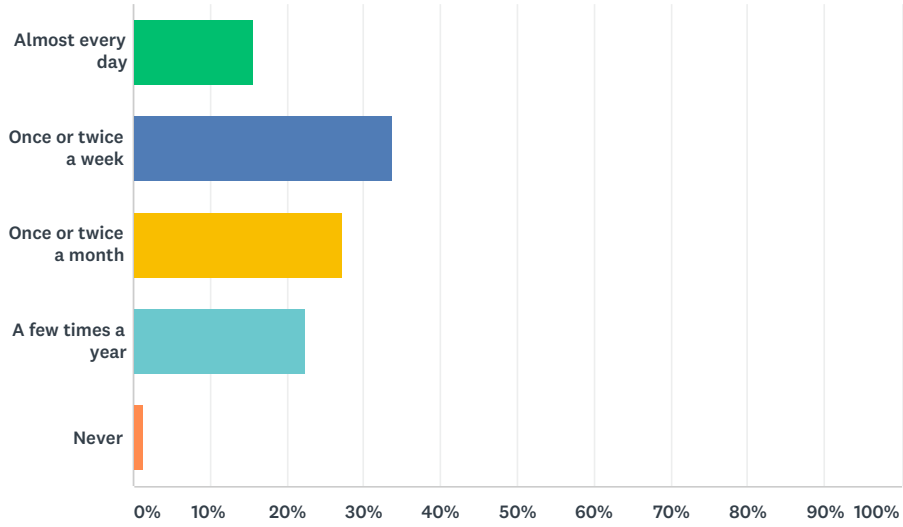


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	7.23% 12
No	92.17% 153
Other (please specify)	0.60% 1
TOTAL	166

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Autism	10/2/2018 6:06 PM

Q6 How often do members of your household visit a park?

Answered: 166 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Almost every day	15.66%	26
Once or twice a week	33.73%	56
Once or twice a month	27.11%	45
A few times a year	22.29%	37
Never	1.20%	2
TOTAL		166

Q7 Do you (or anyone in your household) participate in any parks and recreation programs? If so, which ones? (e.g. youth sporting activities, community events, day camps, tree lighting, blood drives, etc.)

Answered: 131 Skipped: 37

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes	11/7/2018 9:14 PM
2	All of the City's P&R activities in the past	11/7/2018 5:33 PM
3	CRAMBA	10/23/2018 11:02 AM
4	Tree lighting Easter egg hunt	10/22/2018 9:44 PM
5	Blood drive, Winter fest, fork n cork. As many as possible. Probably 6+ events per year.	10/22/2018 10:59 AM
6	None	10/17/2018 7:11 PM
7	NO	10/17/2018 1:29 PM
8	Community events	10/11/2018 1:14 PM
9	No	10/6/2018 8:02 PM
10	No	10/6/2018 7:34 PM
11	No	10/6/2018 6:28 PM
12	When they were younger they did.	10/6/2018 5:43 PM
13	No	10/6/2018 3:31 PM
14	No	10/6/2018 12:58 PM
15	No	10/6/2018 6:43 AM
16	No	10/5/2018 11:15 PM
17	No	10/5/2018 8:49 PM
18	community events, tree lighting,	10/5/2018 6:52 PM
19	Community events with grandchildren	10/5/2018 6:48 PM
20	None	10/5/2018 2:44 PM
21	no	10/5/2018 9:41 AM
22	No	10/4/2018 6:57 PM
23	Sports	10/4/2018 6:25 PM
24	No	10/4/2018 5:01 PM
25	No	10/4/2018 4:57 PM
26	None	10/4/2018 4:23 PM
27	Community events	10/4/2018 8:48 AM
28	N/A	10/4/2018 8:45 AM
29	N/A	10/4/2018 8:13 AM
30	Girl Scouts and gymnastics	10/4/2018 5:47 AM
31	Just a walker	10/4/2018 5:35 AM
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33	No	10/3/2018 10:05 PM

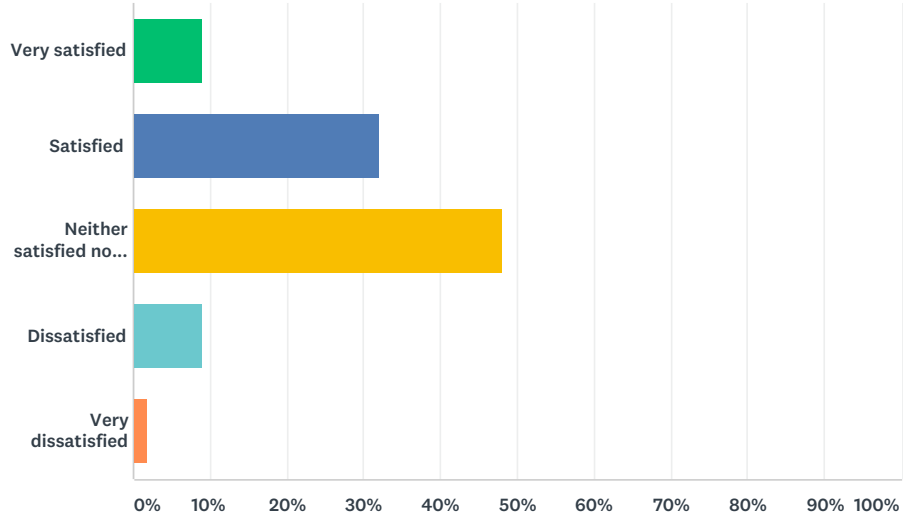
34	Tree lighting	10/3/2018 11:41 AM
35	Yes, Halloween events	10/3/2018 11:36 AM
36	City of utica events such as tree lighting, food truck rally's, etc.	10/3/2018 11:32 AM
37	N/A	10/3/2018 10:57 AM
38	No	10/3/2018 10:18 AM
39	Tree lighting	10/3/2018 6:34 AM
40	no	10/3/2018 6:34 AM
41	No	10/3/2018 4:01 AM
42	N/A	10/3/2018 3:53 AM
43	No	10/2/2018 11:25 PM
44	Art in Park	10/2/2018 10:15 PM
45	Community events	10/2/2018 9:53 PM
46	No	10/2/2018 9:30 PM
47	No	10/2/2018 9:08 PM
48	No	10/2/2018 8:46 PM
49	We don't participate	10/2/2018 7:08 PM
50	blood drives	10/2/2018 6:46 PM
51	No	10/2/2018 6:40 PM
52	None	10/2/2018 6:05 PM
53	Community events like Easter egg hunts & trunk or treating	10/2/2018 4:57 PM
54	No	10/2/2018 4:30 PM
55	Tree lighting, park it events, kid fest	10/2/2018 3:14 PM
56	Tree lighting, movies, food trucks, bike rides	10/2/2018 2:44 PM
57	No	10/2/2018 1:20 PM
58	Fitness	10/2/2018 12:43 PM
59	No	10/2/2018 10:29 AM
60	No	10/2/2018 9:05 AM
61	Yes	10/2/2018 7:13 AM
62	Community events i.e. craft show, food truck rally, kids fest	10/2/2018 6:20 AM
63	Sporting events, camps, holiday activities	10/2/2018 6:01 AM
64	Community events	10/2/2018 5:52 AM
65	Community events	10/2/2018 5:19 AM
66	All of them	10/2/2018 5:18 AM
67	Community events	10/2/2018 5:07 AM
68	No	10/2/2018 12:36 AM
69	No	10/1/2018 10:08 PM
70	N/a	10/1/2018 9:12 PM
71	No	10/1/2018 8:52 PM
72	tree lighting	10/1/2018 8:27 PM
73	None	10/1/2018 8:14 PM
74	Yes, ones that we find interesting	10/1/2018 8:06 PM

75	Sports	10/1/2018 8:03 PM
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77	No	10/1/2018 7:24 PM
78	No	10/1/2018 5:48 PM
79	Community events	10/1/2018 5:42 PM
80	Blood drives. Sports	10/1/2018 2:47 PM
81	No	10/1/2018 2:34 PM
82	N/A	10/1/2018 2:01 PM
83	Macomb rec center for swimming and exercising, boys and girls club which just closed	10/1/2018 1:29 PM
84	No	10/1/2018 1:21 PM
85	Yes	10/1/2018 12:43 PM
86	None	10/1/2018 12:03 PM
87	No	10/1/2018 10:05 AM
88	Not currently	10/1/2018 7:37 AM
89	No	10/1/2018 2:45 AM
90	No	10/1/2018 2:30 AM
91	N/A	9/30/2018 11:15 PM
92	Older now, but have taken my kids & grandkids to Grant Park. Lots of youth sports, holiday activities.	9/30/2018 10:28 PM
93	Utica doesn't have any I'm aware of. My wife does reading class at the library, goes to grant park, walks the river path/tunnel(please clean up the graffitt more often) shelby library reading class etc	9/30/2018 10:22 PM
94	No	9/30/2018 9:27 PM
95	Memorial Day ceremony, tree lighting, Weekend Unwind	9/30/2018 9:07 PM
96	Blood drives, can drives,	9/30/2018 8:45 PM
97	Not anymore,	9/30/2018 7:48 PM
98	Youth sports, community events	9/30/2018 5:58 PM
99	-Macomb Recreation Center adaptive art class, Macomb Recreation Center Adaptive Physical Education	9/30/2018 5:57 PM
100	Community events craft show, food truck Jimmy John's Field	9/30/2018 4:48 PM
101	No	9/30/2018 4:34 PM
102	Tree lighting, food truck rally, kids day, Easter egg hunt	9/30/2018 4:34 PM
103	Walking, running, biking, downtown events	9/30/2018 4:21 PM
104	No	9/30/2018 4:05 PM
105	Tree lighting, arts and crafts show, car show, Easter egg hunt,	9/30/2018 3:35 PM
106	Craft fairs	9/30/2018 3:22 PM
107	Sports	9/30/2018 3:16 PM
108	no	9/30/2018 3:09 PM
109	Weekend Unwind, almost every community event	9/30/2018 2:46 PM
110	No	9/30/2018 2:37 PM
111	Community events	9/30/2018 2:22 PM
112	No	9/30/2018 2:16 PM
113	Tree lighting, food truck rally's, weekend unwind music, Easter egg hunt, kid's fest,	9/30/2018 2:07 PM

114	Soccer..Flag Football...Volleyball...go to tree lighting...get rid of two man bands waste of money same with food truck rally's...nobody goes to that stuff.	9/30/2018 1:43 PM
115	tree lighting and community events	9/30/2018 1:24 PM
116	None	9/30/2018 1:09 PM
117	No we do not.	9/30/2018 10:34 AM
118	Youth Baseball, tree lighting	9/30/2018 9:17 AM
119	Tree lighting	9/30/2018 6:42 AM
120	Youth sporting events	9/30/2018 2:14 AM
121	No	9/30/2018 12:36 AM
122	Occasionally as work schedule allows	9/29/2018 10:59 PM
123	Community events.	9/29/2018 10:52 PM
124	No	9/29/2018 9:35 PM
125	No	9/29/2018 9:05 PM
126	Community events, tree lighting & blood drives	9/29/2018 8:51 PM
127	Youth sports, community events,	9/29/2018 8:46 PM
128	Tree lighting, community events	9/29/2018 8:45 PM
129	Yes, tree lighting	9/29/2018 8:18 PM
130	Music in the park	9/29/2018 8:14 PM
131	community events, special programs	9/28/2018 9:06 AM

Q8 How satisfied are you with the parks and recreation programs in the City of Utica?

Answered: 166 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	9.04%	15
Satisfied	31.93%	53
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	48.19%	80
Dissatisfied	9.04%	15
Very dissatisfied	1.81%	3
TOTAL		166

Q9 What new programs would you like to see available? (e.g. recreational events for seniors, more youth sporting events, more sponsored events, recreational events for persons with disabilities, farmers market, concerts in the park, etc.)

Answered: 130 Skipped: 38

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Farmers market	11/7/2018 9:14 PM
2	Farmers markets, Old Mill Arts & Crafts back to Grant Park, concerts in Grant Park, Kids Day like long ago, pancake breakfasts for Utica Lions, Taste of the Community (not food trucks), Senior Spell Downs, movies in the Park, canoe races or programs, Riverwalk Festival, historical cemetery walks, Easter Egg hunts in Grant Park,	11/7/2018 5:33 PM
3	Downtown Farmers Market	10/31/2018 4:49 PM
4	concerts and festivals	10/23/2018 11:02 AM
5	Recreational events for people with special needs or the disabled. Adopt a pet event with local rescues.	10/22/2018 9:44 PM
6	Craft fair	10/17/2018 7:11 PM
7	Feel current venue is adequate.	10/17/2018 1:29 PM
8	Concerts in the park	10/11/2018 1:14 PM
9	Concerts would be nice.	10/6/2018 8:02 PM
10	Concerts	10/6/2018 7:34 PM
11	Concerts and movies in the park are always a fun event to go to.	10/6/2018 6:28 PM
12	Farmer's market, craft shows, concerts on the park	10/6/2018 5:43 PM
13	ldk	10/6/2018 3:31 PM
14	Don't don't know	10/6/2018 12:58 PM
15	More concerts and events for children, including teens.	10/6/2018 6:43 AM
16	Farmers market	10/5/2018 9:40 PM
17	More things to do	10/5/2018 8:49 PM
18	Farmers markets, concerts in the park, exercise programs in the park, volleyball rec leagues for adults	10/5/2018 6:52 PM
19	Farmers markets, concerts in the park, marathons	10/5/2018 2:44 PM
20	none	10/5/2018 9:41 AM
21	None	10/4/2018 6:25 PM
22	Farmers market concert in the park	10/4/2018 5:01 PM
23	While I likely would not participate in any of these, I think that informal events would be best.	10/4/2018 4:23 PM
24	Concerts/movies/5ks more things in grant park	10/4/2018 8:45 AM
25	Events for seniors, persons with disability, Farmers Market, concert in the park for children ages 0 to 10 years old.	10/4/2018 8:13 AM
26	More youth events	10/4/2018 5:47 AM
27	Events for seniors	10/4/2018 5:35 AM
28	All the above.	10/4/2018 5:33 AM

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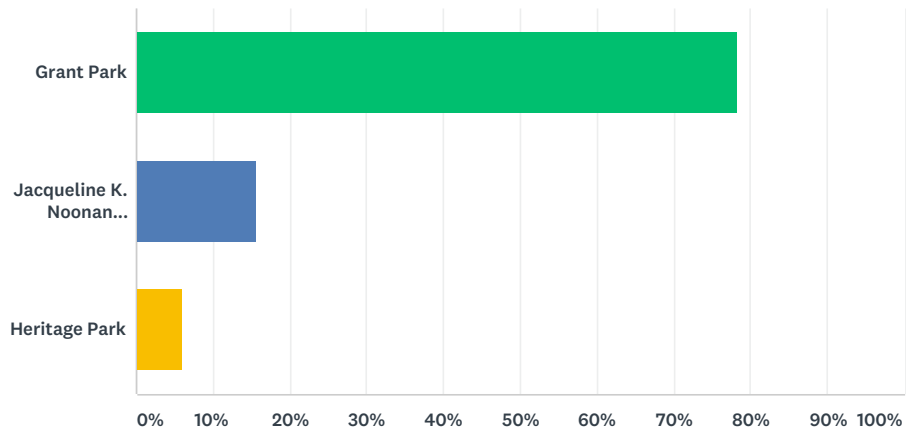
29	Farmers market	10/3/2018 10:05 PM
30	Youth sports, farmers market, concerts	10/3/2018 11:41 AM
31	Any events for kids with Autism will be appreciated	10/3/2018 11:36 AM
32	Utilize grant park for more events such as concerts, movie nights, etc	10/3/2018 11:32 AM
33	Farmers market	10/3/2018 10:57 AM
34	Farmers Market would be awesome!	10/3/2018 10:18 AM
35	Recreational events for seniors, farmers market, concerts in the park	10/3/2018 6:34 AM
36	concerts, car shows, craft shows, food events, etc	10/3/2018 6:34 AM
37	Youth sporting and sponsored events	10/3/2018 4:01 AM
38	Concerts in the park, farmers market, etc. More info sent to us about parks and rec as I can't recall ever receiving anything about it and create social media for Utica Parks & Rec to get the word out about activities.	10/3/2018 3:53 AM
39	Farmers market concerts	10/2/2018 11:25 PM
40	Farmers Market, Senior Events	10/2/2018 10:15 PM
41	Farmers market and youth sporting events	10/2/2018 9:53 PM
42	Children activities, farmers market	10/2/2018 9:30 PM
43	None	10/2/2018 9:08 PM
44	Farmers market, concerts	10/2/2018 8:46 PM
45	More youth sporting events	10/2/2018 7:52 PM
46	Concerts and art fairs	10/2/2018 7:08 PM
47	Farmers Market	10/2/2018 6:46 PM
48	Put up lights and re-do the sand at Grant parks volleyball courts	10/2/2018 6:40 PM
49	Farmers market	10/2/2018 6:05 PM
50	Farmers market. More police presence & meeting families	10/2/2018 4:57 PM
51	Farmers market, concert in the parks	10/2/2018 3:14 PM
52	Family involvement with sports and activities	10/2/2018 2:44 PM
53	Concerts in the park	10/2/2018 1:20 PM
54	More security personnel in parks	10/2/2018 12:43 PM
55	Farmers markets	10/2/2018 10:29 AM
56	Farmers markets, concerts,	10/2/2018 9:05 AM
57	Programs geared toward older persons i.e. exercise ideas. I like the idea of a farmers market, too.	10/2/2018 6:20 AM
58	Concerts in park, events for kids, sports for kids	10/2/2018 6:01 AM
59	More events for the community	10/2/2018 5:52 AM
60	More youth sports	10/2/2018 5:19 AM
61	All of the above. Instead of building another "ball park/ sports complex" how about a Rec center with a pool, like Macomb Twp has. This area has PLENTY of sports training facilities. Build something EVERYONE OF ALL AGES COULD USE. I'm against another "training facility"	10/2/2018 5:18 AM
62	Farmers market	10/2/2018 12:36 AM
63	4th of July fireworks festival	10/1/2018 10:08 PM
64	Farmers market Movies under the stars	10/1/2018 9:20 PM
65	More youth sporting events, farmers market, splash pad	10/1/2018 9:12 PM
66	I don't know	10/1/2018 8:52 PM

67	Farmers market	10/1/2018 8:27 PM
68	Farmers market	10/1/2018 8:14 PM
69	Farmers Market, non-alcohol events, less party city events	10/1/2018 8:06 PM
70	Concert in the park, movie nights, track and field relay events, teen dance, ect	10/1/2018 8:03 PM
71	Cheaper sports for toddlers, farmers market, more stuff for sensory kids	10/1/2018 7:37 PM
72	Farmer's market	10/1/2018 7:24 PM
73	Events	10/1/2018 5:48 PM
74	Recreational events geared toward special needs kids and their families	10/1/2018 5:42 PM
75	Seniors and farmers markets	10/1/2018 2:47 PM
76	Youth sporting, Christmas tree vendor	10/1/2018 2:34 PM
77	Farm market, craft shows, concerts, movie night for kids ...and adults 😊 outdoor classes like pottery making or painting.	10/1/2018 2:01 PM
78	Other nearby cities have a splash pad, music in the park which would be nice. My family loves going to Macomb rec center for Birthday parties or just a lazy day to enjoy what is offered. Our city is great but with recent events In Grant Park I will never allow my kids to go to the park without me...its and but unfortunate. I hope the city can give back to its residents of utica. I would open to an annual membership to a new attraction for Utica residents only...non residents should pay a slightly higher rate. Thank you	10/1/2018 1:29 PM
79	Farmers market, concert in the park, more movies in the park, dog park	10/1/2018 1:21 PM
80	Farmer market	10/1/2018 12:43 PM
81	Farmer markets	10/1/2018 12:25 PM
82	Farm market, sponsored events, no dog park.	10/1/2018 12:03 PM
83	Concerts in the park, family friendly events	10/1/2018 11:08 AM
84	Farmers market, We would like to see the art fair back in grant park. The art fair just wasn't as good this year there.	10/1/2018 10:05 AM
85	Farmers market monthly events	10/1/2018 10:03 AM
86	Dog park, Radio controlled vehicle area for cars. However boats and planes could also be supported	10/1/2018 7:37 AM
87	Youth events	10/1/2018 6:51 AM
88	Put better mulch down at grant park, it's always mud	10/1/2018 2:45 AM
89	Farmers market, concerts	10/1/2018 2:30 AM
90	Farmers market Concerts	9/30/2018 11:15 PM
91	Utica is a small community with limited funding. Whatever services the most people should be added. Family activities can include everyone.	9/30/2018 10:28 PM
92	More kid based/centered activities. Friday night concerts are nice but their for the older crowd. 2-8 year olds don't want to listen to oldies. They want to play soccer, baseball, tag, etc. utica is a small city but I'm sure we could create a parks and rec dept utilizing the existing facilities, eplers grounds, etc to engage kids more. The only true kids thing I knew of the year was kids day at grant park, which was rediculously busy because it was the only kid centered event. As a yong family living downtown we are always going to Shelby/Sterling Heights (splash pads) shelby/mae stecker or fire truck park, Sterling Heights/tree park/heritage park, because they have nicer newer facilities.	9/30/2018 10:22 PM
93	Farmers markets and concerts and craft shows and arts and craft events for adults and children	9/30/2018 9:27 PM
94	Farmers market	9/30/2018 9:12 PM
95	Food trucks	9/30/2018 8:45 PM
96	Concerts in the park	9/30/2018 8:10 PM
97	Na	9/30/2018 7:48 PM

98	Farmers markets, camping,	9/30/2018 5:58 PM
99	More special needs activities and social events	9/30/2018 5:57 PM
100	Every city seems to have better parks than us	9/30/2018 5:48 PM
101	Farmers market Art show	9/30/2018 4:48 PM
102	More family things for kids.	9/30/2018 4:45 PM
103	Honestly not sure, maybe just more free events for kids and more for adults like fork and cork.	9/30/2018 4:34 PM
104	Rc track, farmers market	9/30/2018 4:21 PM
105	Farmer's market	9/30/2018 4:05 PM
106	Farmers market, more events for kids, and more events for the hole family	9/30/2018 3:35 PM
107	Farmers market. More Movie nights	9/30/2018 3:22 PM
108	Sports for 20-30 year olds.	9/30/2018 3:16 PM
109	We enjoy all of the events... we'd just like to see more. We live that the city is doing more in the downtown area.	9/30/2018 2:46 PM
110	None	9/30/2018 2:16 PM
111	None at this time.	9/30/2018 2:07 PM
112	Concerts at Jimmy Johns...wheelchair basketball...fix our rims and backboards..looks ghetto...the fence had been broken forever. More Senior activities maybe bocce ball or chess.	9/30/2018 1:43 PM
113	farmers market, concerts in the park, events for seniors	9/30/2018 1:24 PM
114	Recreational events for seniors	9/30/2018 1:09 PM
115	A farmer's market , more Arts and craft fairs at the parks	9/30/2018 9:17 AM
116	Farmers market. More youth programs	9/30/2018 6:42 AM
117	Farmers market, more sponsored events, more youth activities	9/30/2018 2:14 AM
118	?	9/30/2018 12:36 AM
119	I think we do a great job however as always communication is key	9/29/2018 10:59 PM
120	Concert in park (like music by library) Farmers Market	9/29/2018 10:52 PM
121	Concerts, Farmer's Market, Playscape for Disabled Children	9/29/2018 9:35 PM
122	Farmers markets and concerts in the park would be great!	9/29/2018 9:05 PM
123	All the above.	9/29/2018 8:59 PM
124	Farmers market	9/29/2018 8:51 PM
125	Nothing I can think of. More security in the parks.	9/29/2018 8:46 PM
126	Farmers market	9/29/2018 8:45 PM
127	Farmers market!!	9/29/2018 8:18 PM
128	Farmers market. Dog park	9/29/2018 8:14 PM
129	Events for seniors.	9/28/2018 9:09 AM
130	kids events	9/28/2018 9:06 AM

Q10 Which park does your family most often visit?

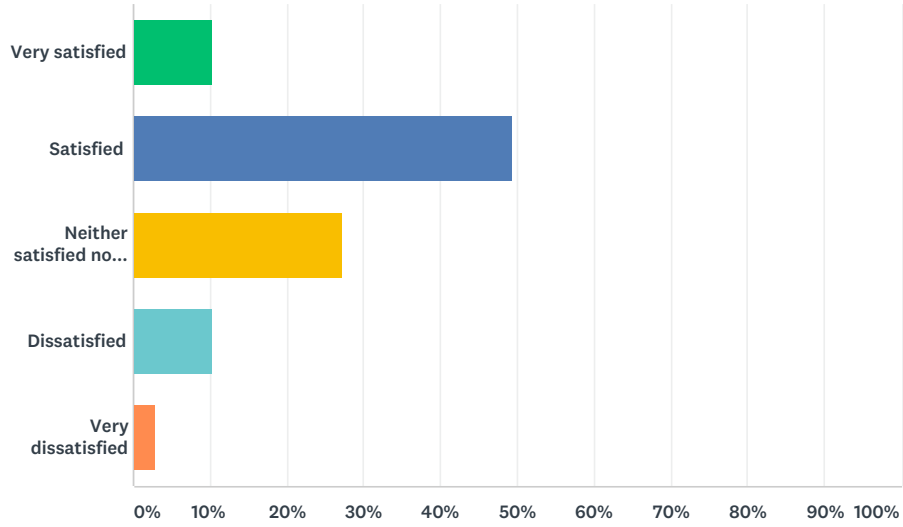
Answered: 166 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Grant Park	78.31% 130
Jacqueline K. Noonan Riverwalk Park	15.66% 26
Heritage Park	6.02% 10
TOTAL	166

Q11 How satisfied are you with the quality of facilities and amenities currently available in the city parks?

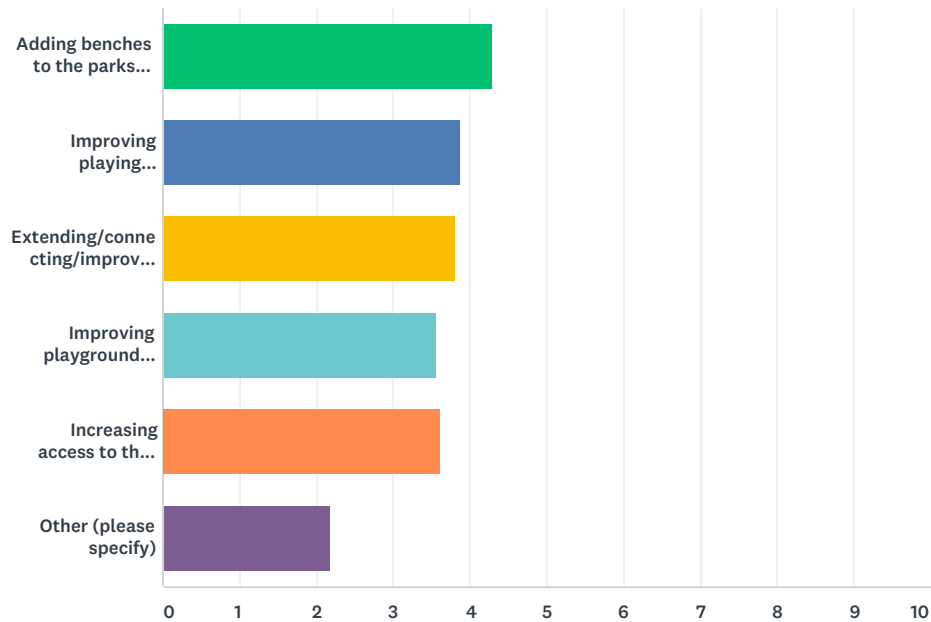
Answered: 166 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	10.24%	17
Satisfied	49.40%	82
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	27.11%	45
Dissatisfied	10.24%	17
Very dissatisfied	3.01%	5
TOTAL		166

Q12 Please rank the following improvement options by assigning numbers 1 through 5 (5 being the highest priority, 1 being the lowest priority):

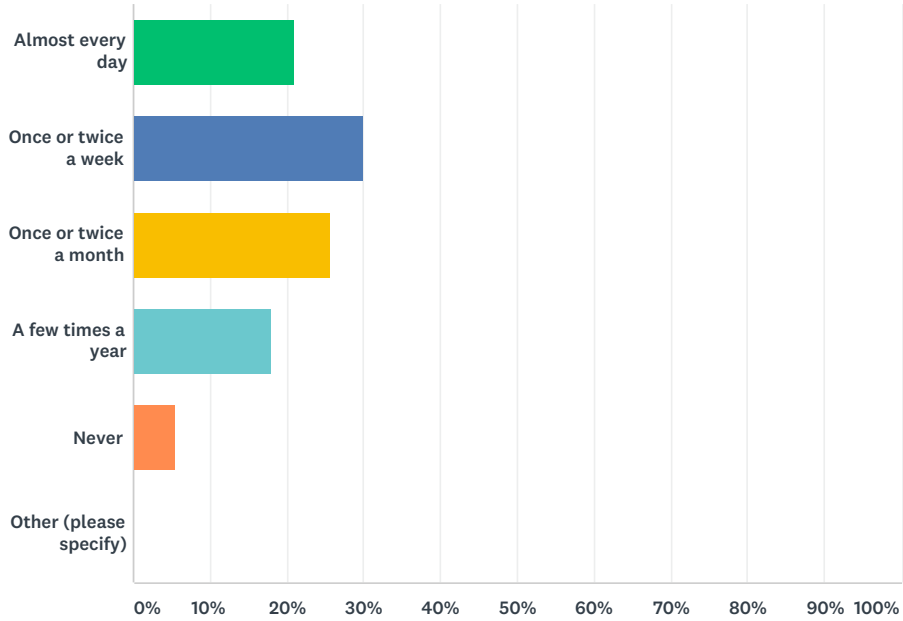
Answered: 165 Skipped: 3



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Adding benches to the parks and downtown area	31.88% 44	20.29% 28	13.04% 18	13.77% 19	20.29% 28	0.72% 1	138	4.28
Improving playing fields/courts	11.28% 15	27.82% 37	21.80% 29	20.30% 27	12.03% 16	6.77% 9	133	3.86
Extending/connecting/improving pedestrian paths	10.14% 15	24.32% 36	28.38% 42	16.22% 24	15.54% 23	5.41% 8	148	3.81
Improving playground equipment	14.00% 21	11.33% 17	20.00% 30	30.00% 45	20.00% 30	4.67% 7	150	3.55
Increasing access to the Clinton River	24.53% 39	8.18% 13	15.09% 24	15.09% 24	30.19% 48	6.92% 11	159	3.61
Other (please specify)	15.38% 16	3.85% 4	2.88% 3	4.81% 5	6.73% 7	66.35% 69	104	2.17

Q13 How often do you use non-motorized pathways within the City of Utica? (e.g. trails, bike paths, sidewalks, etc.)

Answered: 167 Skipped: 1

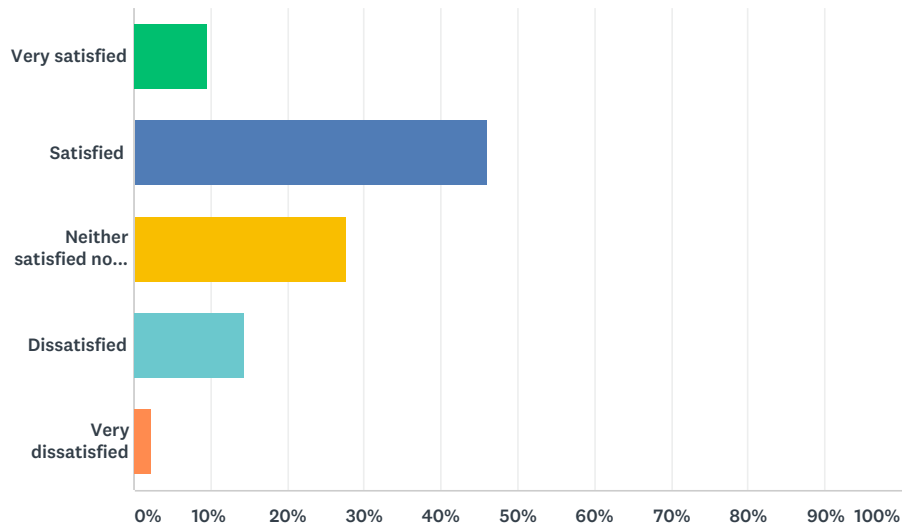


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Almost every day	20.96% 35
Once or twice a week	29.94% 50
Once or twice a month	25.75% 43
A few times a year	17.96% 30
Never	5.39% 9
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
TOTAL	167

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q14 How satisfied are you with the non-motorized network of pathways in the City of Utica?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	9.58%	16
Satisfied	46.11%	77
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	27.54%	46
Dissatisfied	14.37%	24
Very dissatisfied	2.40%	4
TOTAL		167

Q15 What would you like to see improve about the network?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 73

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Along Hall Road, and all of Van Dyke	11/7/2018 5:33 PM
2	A safe crossing at Van Dyke/Canal. Crosswalk lighting and markings.	10/31/2018 4:49 PM
3	bathroom access	10/23/2018 11:02 AM
4	Not certain	10/22/2018 9:44 PM
5	Newer paths	10/17/2018 7:11 PM
6	More availability	10/11/2018 1:14 PM
7	Better connectivity from Ruby and Cass Ave to the River Bends bike path.	10/7/2018 10:26 AM
8	In light of the murder in Grant Park, more security. Video surveillance to reduce drug usage and provide safety for all patrons.	10/6/2018 8:02 PM
9	Nothing	10/6/2018 7:34 PM
10	A better website passage for mobile, bigger promotion of the activities held at the parks. Maybe let schools around that park know an activity is being planned.	10/6/2018 6:28 PM
11	More benches	10/6/2018 5:43 PM
12	ldk	10/6/2018 3:31 PM
13	Satisfied	10/6/2018 12:58 PM
14	More benches	10/6/2018 6:43 AM
15	More lighting	10/5/2018 6:52 PM
16	More sidewalks and traffic crossings.	10/5/2018 6:48 PM
17	Sidewalks in the neighborhood	10/5/2018 2:44 PM
18	na	10/5/2018 9:41 AM
19	More paths	10/5/2018 8:29 AM
20	Construction and connectivity to parks and public transportation.	10/4/2018 6:57 PM
21	Nothing	10/4/2018 6:25 PM
22	They should be on every street.	10/4/2018 4:23 PM
23	More security at all the parks in Utica. Especially after 10 p.m. when the parks are closed!!!	10/4/2018 8:13 AM
24	Better link to the neighborhood's.	10/4/2018 5:33 AM
25	There isn't a lot of wheel chair Access in the downtown area. There are multiple light pulls blocking the way	10/3/2018 10:05 PM
26	More sidewalks through the neighborhood streets	10/3/2018 2:13 PM
27	My kids use the sidewalk on Hahn everyday to go to school and that seems to need improvements.	10/3/2018 11:32 AM
28	N/A	10/3/2018 10:57 AM
29	Connect sidewalks across M53	10/3/2018 10:25 AM
30	No	10/3/2018 10:18 AM
31	Improved sidewalks and trails to make them safer for walking.	10/3/2018 6:34 AM
32	The path in Grant Park is getting very bumpy and some sidewalks need attention. Both are a safety concern.	10/3/2018 6:34 AM

33	Whatever is best for the children	10/3/2018 4:01 AM
34	Tired of people walking/biking in the street to get to Grant Park, so put in sidewalks in our neighborhood.	10/3/2018 3:53 AM
35	Repair cracks, uneven surfaces, etc.	10/2/2018 10:15 PM
36	Ability to access bike path/shortcut from residential areas	10/2/2018 9:53 PM
37	Unsure	10/2/2018 8:46 PM
38	Comunication	10/2/2018 7:08 PM
39	Better signs	10/2/2018 6:46 PM
40	More events	10/2/2018 6:40 PM
41	You have forgotten Canal Road is part of Utica. We have no nice street lights, no flowers in the summer time, no way to cross from Canal to get across the street to walk to the parks, standing in the little area of Hall Road is suiside to cross the street, you have junk car lots, junk lots that the weeds get so high, there is no trash containers or area for the smart bus and it looks a mess... We were told there would be a crossing area to get across Hall to walk to the downtown area to attend events and it has not happened...	10/2/2018 6:06 PM
42	Police presence	10/2/2018 4:57 PM
43	None	10/2/2018 3:14 PM
44	Conditions of sidewalks or lack thereof.	10/2/2018 2:44 PM
45	?	10/2/2018 1:20 PM
46	We need more people/security working at the parks	10/2/2018 12:43 PM
47	Pathways are cut off, overgrown with vegetation, and dangerous	10/2/2018 10:29 AM
48	Some areas need to be fixed. It would be nice to have some visually enjoyable items i.e. gardens, signs, sculptures in some areas.	10/2/2018 6:20 AM
49	See above	10/2/2018 5:18 AM
50	Walk way leading to downtown across the bridge over m59 on Utica Road. The intersection is unsafe to cross and many families walk downtown for events	10/1/2018 10:08 PM
51	Sidewalks and pave the road by grant park	10/1/2018 9:12 PM
52	I don't know	10/1/2018 8:52 PM
53	Additional security for all the parks	10/1/2018 8:27 PM
54	Need more sidewalks	10/1/2018 8:14 PM
55	Continuity in all areas. I would like to see an even flow of bike path or sidewalk along M-59 from Downtown Utica to Target.	10/1/2018 8:06 PM
56	What network are you referring too?	10/1/2018 8:03 PM
57	N/a	10/1/2018 7:24 PM
58	Safety and security presence	10/1/2018 5:42 PM
59	Nothing	10/1/2018 1:29 PM
60	More paths and better maintained	10/1/2018 1:21 PM
61	Sidewalks fixed	10/1/2018 1:19 PM
62	I'd rather not have a noisy dog park close to my daily nature walk that provides me with physical and mental benefits.	10/1/2018 12:03 PM
63	Beauty	10/1/2018 11:08 AM
64	Nothing	10/1/2018 10:05 AM
65	Better connection from downtown to Bloomer Park in Rochester and a path to Heritage that doesn't require road use	10/1/2018 7:37 AM
66	More sidewalks/pathways. Make people more aware to not park blocking sidewalks.	10/1/2018 6:51 AM

67	Bridge improvement, widen it	10/1/2018 2:45 AM
68	Raise a couple low spots that flood especially at grant park	10/1/2018 2:30 AM
69	N/A	9/30/2018 11:15 PM
70	More focus on pedestrians. The river trail is bike focused and people riding through act annoyed when a 4yr old with training wheels who can't ride straight and is learning is on 'their' public path. Hello we actually live here in the city	9/30/2018 10:22 PM
71	More sidewalks	9/30/2018 9:27 PM
72	Awareness of events	9/30/2018 8:45 PM
73	Na	9/30/2018 7:48 PM
74	Wish we could get rid of graffiti and have safety call boxes	9/30/2018 5:58 PM
75	Wider	9/30/2018 5:57 PM
76	Continue to expand trails	9/30/2018 4:48 PM
77	The inappropriate graffiti in the tunnels on the paved path	9/30/2018 4:34 PM
78	Keep tunnel under 59 clean and better lighting	9/30/2018 4:21 PM
79	An actual network	9/30/2018 4:05 PM
80	I would like to see the pathway at grant park redone and the trees trimmed	9/30/2018 3:35 PM
81	Lighting, mile markers & safety phones for emergencies	9/30/2018 2:46 PM
82	None	9/30/2018 2:16 PM
83	Bathrooms.	9/30/2018 2:07 PM
84	Fix stuff in other neighborhoods. Not just downtown where the Mayor lives. All other areas are falling apart. Reduce crime at and around our parks. Get police in the parks doing walkthroughs.	9/30/2018 1:43 PM
85	Not sure	9/30/2018 1:09 PM
86	More sidewalks in residential areas.	9/30/2018 6:45 AM
87	Na	9/30/2018 6:42 AM
88	Increased safety in the parks, maintained sidewalks	9/30/2018 2:14 AM
89	I've discussed this before and I hear it is up to a vote but while many people have cell phones some do not or may not be accessible. I recently purchased a phone for my niece that does not have 911 ability. A round the clock emergency phone would be a good thing. Many colleges and big cities have the "blue light phone" so it's more familiar. We are not a huge city but unfortunately big city problems are visiting us. I want any Avenue to contact our wonderful police force and help them help us I can.	9/29/2018 10:59 PM
90	I would like to see more sidewalk throughout the city.	9/29/2018 9:05 PM
91	More sidewalks	9/29/2018 8:51 PM
92	I would like a connection to the trail somewhere north of Eppler. A connection through the old pig slaughterhouse would be ideal.	9/29/2018 8:46 PM
93	Improve auburn and cass intersection	9/29/2018 8:14 PM
94	NA	9/28/2018 9:09 AM
95	bathrooms	9/28/2018 9:06 AM

Q16 Please include any additional suggestions or comments regarding the City of Utica Parks and Recreation.

Answered: 74 Skipped: 94

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Do not need dog parks	11/7/2018 9:14 PM
2	The Commission did a great job for years. The Recession caused an interruption, but concentrate on improving the parks we have before making new ones. The dog park could be in a corner of Heritage Park and leave the o her area for more significant development.	11/7/2018 5:33 PM
3	signage and hours of the parks list	10/23/2018 11:02 AM
4	Thankful that there are nice, family/kid friendly parks close by.	10/22/2018 9:44 PM
5	Put in a dog park	10/22/2018 10:59 AM
6	None	10/17/2018 7:11 PM
7	Have been using Grant Park for 38 years. 18 years riding bikes from Sterling Hts with my kids. 20 years from our house on Hecker, walking & riding bikes. We walk our Golden Retriever every nice day, summer & winter. Like the dog poop stations. There is one resident that lives across the park on Nancy that let's her small dog run across the street to shit in the park and doesn't clean it up. Again security camera can easily address this abuse. Thank you for your survey. Need better coverage. I know non-residents that have appreciate the Grant Park over many years.	10/6/2018 8:02 PM
8	Love Grant Park	10/6/2018 7:34 PM
9	I just want the city of Utica to feel safe, maybe have more patrol units patrolling the neighborhoods and parks	10/6/2018 3:31 PM
10	Nonr	10/6/2018 6:43 AM
11	I think a splash pad at Grant Park would be a great addition along with some upgraded play equipment like american ninja warrior type equipment. The park has a lot of unused space that could be upgraded.	10/5/2018 6:52 PM
12	na	10/5/2018 9:41 AM
13	More information on availability of Shelby's programs availability to Utica. Pave North road of Grant Park.	10/4/2018 6:57 PM
14	Thank you	10/4/2018 6:25 PM
15	Do not reduce funding to these parks!	10/4/2018 4:23 PM
16	Lights in the park in the city of Utica should be automatically on a timer turned off at 10 p.m.,, nobody should be able to turn the lights on in any park after 10 p.m. when the park is closed!!! Have respect for the citizens in Utica that have to get up at 4 in the morning 5 in the morning to go to work!!! This has been an ongoing problem for 4 years where the lights get turned on after 10 p.m. and the police department has to be babysitters, that come out and tell the people that go home and turn the lights off!!! Very simple fix city of Utica no lights shall be turned on after 10 p.m. in any park in the city of Utica!!!	10/4/2018 8:13 AM
17	Jimmy John's field has greatly improved the area, it should be made accessible by residents to safely walk or bike to downtown. All the people that come to Jimmy Johns should have more reasons to stay, restaurants, shopping. Better retail downtown is needed.	10/4/2018 5:33 AM
18	Patrol, patrol, patrol! What can we do to keep the homeless out of the parks? What can we do to stop the church from bussing them in and leaving them here????	10/3/2018 11:32 AM
19	Have a stricter security.	10/3/2018 10:57 AM
20	I really want a dog park!	10/3/2018 10:18 AM

21	I would like to see Utica offer more activities, trips, etc for seniors. Take a lesson from St. Heights. Right now I participate in their activities and pay a small non resident fee but would rather have it be in Utica.	10/3/2018 6:34 AM
22	The obvious: SAFETY. I understand that anything can happen anywhere but our parks need to be monitored more often. My wife walks alone with our dog and it worries me. Speaking of dogs... we use a LEASH but MANY others do not. Others walking their dog(s) will allow their dog to run up to us. Dogs are unpredictable and should be CONTROLLED. I see this EVERY DAY and we have complained but there is no enforcement of the City ordinance.	10/3/2018 6:34 AM
23	Nothing	10/3/2018 4:01 AM
24	Water park	10/2/2018 11:25 PM
25	Do a dedication for Mike Shereda's family for the new tree planted in Grant park. It would help the family and community heal.	10/2/2018 10:15 PM
26	More family friendly events	10/2/2018 9:53 PM
27	Need to improve tennis courts	10/2/2018 9:08 PM
28	Security everyday all around Utica. There are many speeding drivers and people sniffing around	10/2/2018 7:08 PM
29	A farmers market would be nice but Shelbys is horrible. I LOVE the food truck events, I don't understand why people had to pay for parking at the last event. I like the music downtown and I think that is a plus and can be expanded but you need more areas to sit. Keep current on your play ground equipment--Sterling did a great job on their parks on Canal and their water park. Police watch in the grant park area as there are a lot of apartments and non tax paying people who don't care.	10/2/2018 6:06 PM
30	Age specific play areas. Toddler area &/or older child area. A lot of times at Grant park teenagers sit & block younger children from playing on things	10/2/2018 4:57 PM
31	None	10/2/2018 3:14 PM
32	I think the trees need to be trimmed, a lot of dead wood, falls from the trees, I'm afraid someone will get hurt by falling branches.	10/2/2018 1:20 PM
33	Please plan for and hire more security with the budget before adding more parks	10/2/2018 12:43 PM
34	Maybe a bit of non uniform police presence periodically, observing parks.	10/2/2018 9:05 AM
35	Building a skateboard park	10/2/2018 5:52 AM
36	Please don't build another baseball only training facility. Think about a rec center that could include that plus much more. A pool would be wonderful for all ages.	10/2/2018 5:18 AM
37	Added security needed at all parks.	10/1/2018 10:08 PM
38	Redo grant park like dodge park	10/1/2018 9:12 PM
39	safety	10/1/2018 8:52 PM
40	We don't need any more parks. We are a city of 2.2 miles and have three parks. We are short on Police, short on Crossing Guards and we need more security in the parks we already have, not stretching our safety budget farther	10/1/2018 8:27 PM
41	Safer	10/1/2018 8:14 PM
42	More family activities and better communication of those activities. I looked everywhere to find the time of the Riverwalk and couldn't find information anywhere.	10/1/2018 8:06 PM
43	What happened to the craft show?	10/1/2018 8:03 PM
44	More walking trails	10/1/2018 7:24 PM
45	Regarding Grant Park...in the 6 years that I have lived here, I have noticed a decline in the overall appearance and maintenance of the grass, trees and walkways. The park is a common area for our community that should be taken care of and monitored by someone so people do not ruin it. If it needs to be gated with a guard or someone driving a security vehicle then that is what it should be.	10/1/2018 1:29 PM
46	Encourage e bikes and 3 scooters	10/1/2018 1:19 PM

47	I park at the end of Hahn Street every day to walk on the trail leading to Riverbends Park. It's the best part of my day as it's quiet, I see wildlife, I hear birds and I release stress with a brisk walk. A dog park will disrupt all of that. Wildlife will leave the area and it will become more populated with people so my walk will be like walking in the mall. I also don't want to pay higher taxes for dog park maintenance.	10/1/2018 12:03 PM
48	Some updated park equipment.	10/1/2018 10:05 AM
49	No comment	10/1/2018 7:37 AM
50	New playground equipment, and rubber mulch for grant park	10/1/2018 2:45 AM
51	I have loved Grant Park for so many years. My grandkids could play on the playground & ride bikes or scooters and I had them all in my sight at all times. We had family parties there. There's even a couple of geocaches! It is so open and visible that it is the last place I thought there would be drug activity. The recent tragedy could have been me. Grant Park is a great facility as is, but I don't know how it will get past this - through no one's fault but the killer, it is forever changed.	9/30/2018 10:28 PM
52	Have more kid events more often. It doesn't have to be as big as the kidfest. Even if it's something small, like this week is hands on week, those of us with local businesses would love the show kids hammers, screwdrivers, how nuts and bolts work etc. or a mom to mom sale under the pavilions. Or a diy craft day where kids can make small crafts funded by volunteers/donations. Or a introduction to sports day where we show all sports (baseball/hockey/soccer/football etc) and the basics of all of them to the kids. With the drastic socioeconomic differences within the utica population, cheap or free kids events would be a great way to bring the community together and let everyone enjoy the events	9/30/2018 10:22 PM
53	More activities and events	9/30/2018 9:27 PM
54	We enjoy Grant Park but have had to call the cops on occasion due to questionable activities occurring. Neighbors concur that is a "sketchy" park. Need some "clean up" of park	9/30/2018 5:58 PM
55	Mini freedom hill	9/30/2018 5:48 PM
56	It would be nice to see more police presence in the parks and. On the trails. Should also look at the area south on Van Dyke. It's the forgotten part of Utica. No city lighting, plants, sidewalks are all in need of repair. The city Had the perfect opportunity to repair sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and parking in connection with the repaving project the city of Sterling Heights is just finishing on Canal Rd.	9/30/2018 4:48 PM
57	Safety in our parks need to increase	9/30/2018 4:47 PM
58	Better bathroom facilities	9/30/2018 4:34 PM
59	N/a	9/30/2018 4:05 PM
60	I would like the arts and craft show back at grant park and more events at grant park	9/30/2018 3:35 PM
61	The first 5 questions asked questions of a too personal nature. Unfortunately, once a choice was make, you could only change it, not delete it. The personal information could be used for unauthorized or illegal purposes.	9/30/2018 3:20 PM
62	We would love to see an outdoor pool, which could be utilized by community members of all ages. While it would be expensive initially, classes and yearly passes would help offset upkeep costs. (Maybe discounted rates for Utica residents.)	9/30/2018 2:46 PM
63	Update Grant Park looks old and run down fix or replace the court fence.	9/30/2018 2:37 PM
64	We need a park on the east side of the city. Emergency phones.	9/30/2018 2:16 PM
65	Very nice parks.	9/30/2018 2:07 PM
66	Reduce crime in the City parks and get the drugs out. People don't feel safe going to our parks anymore. And articles telling us stuff is safe doesn't change minds. We need to see and feel safe in our parks all over utica.	9/30/2018 1:43 PM
67	It would be nice to have a park other than Grant on the east side that would include walkways and paths for walking, jogging and biking	9/30/2018 1:24 PM
68	Please clean up or replace the grills at Grant Park.	9/30/2018 9:17 AM
69	Na	9/30/2018 6:42 AM
70	Keep the patrols up I've learned to carry my ID with me.	9/29/2018 10:59 PM

71	Splash pad for the kids would be nice.	9/29/2018 9:35 PM
72	Better security, particularly in the area surrounding Grant Park. Those apartments need to be cleaned up. I am seeing more and more evidence of drug use throughout Utica and Shelby.	9/29/2018 8:46 PM
73	I think there needs to be a greater focus on beautifying the old brownstone areas.	9/29/2018 8:18 PM
74	Can't wait for the dog park	9/29/2018 8:14 PM



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Letter of Transmittal

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To: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
Kathleen Lomako, Executive Director

Date: January 10, 2019

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Please contact me if you have any comments or concerns regarding this plan.

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [x] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Utica

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00220

PROJECT TYPE: Construction

PROJECT TITLE: Clinton River Park Project

PROJECT SCOPE: Fence and entrance gates, landscaping, parking lot construction

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Utica, Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, 7550 Auburn Road, 586-739-1600, Utica, MI 48317, cityclerk@cityofutica.org

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? [x]Yes []No
If yes, please describe change(s).

Since this grant was awarded in 1972, the canoe landing has been replaced with an ADA
compliant canoe/kayak launch funded by a MDNR grant

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) []Yes [x]No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. []Yes [x]No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? [x]Yes []No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [x]Yes []No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. []Yes [x]No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Yes, trash is picked up on a weekly bases and repairs are made as-needed.

GENERAL

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
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Scope Item:

- Fence and entrance gates
- Landscaping
- Parking lot and driveways
- Picnic equipment
- Playground equipment
- Restroom
- Signage

Project description: clean up the area, leveling and grading,utilities,underground water, sewer connections,parking lot,fencing,play equipment comfort station, canoe landing and fishing site.

Project Year: 1972
Grant Amount: \$15,000

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(Please select one) [X] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Utica

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00758

PROJECT TYPE: Construction

PROJECT TITLE: Grant Park Tennis Courts

PROJECT SCOPE: 3 tennis courts and LWCF sign

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Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Utica, Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, 7550 Auburn Road, 586-739-1600, Utica, MI 48317, cityclerk@cityofutica.org

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

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COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Project description: 3 tennis courts and LWCF sign

Project Year: 1976

Grant Amount: \$18,137.75

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GRANTEE: City of Utica

PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-400

PROJECT TYPE: Construction

PROJECT TITLE: Grant Park Improvement

PROJECT SCOPE: Basketball courts, jogging path, fitness pod, sand volleyball, picnic..

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COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Scope Item:

- Asphalt path
- Basketball court renovation
- Fill low areas
- Fitness stations
- Park lighting
- Picnic tables & grills-12
- Restroom renovation
- Signage
- Volleyball courts -2 sand
- Wooden fence

Project description: Basketball courts, jogging path, fitness pod, sand volleyball, picnic tables and grills, and restrooms and site renovation.

Project Year: 1989

Grant Amount: \$86,000

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GRANTEE: City of Utica

PROJECT NUMBER: TF07-054

PROJECT TYPE: Construction

PROJECT TITLE: Clinton River Hike Bike Trail Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Development of a 12 foot wide shared use trail within Heritage Park

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Scope Item:

- Boardwalk
- Canoe Launch
- Lighted Bollards
- Parking lot improvements
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Pedestrian Scale Lights
- Site Improvements
- Site Preparation
- Trail

Project Description: Development of a 12 foot wide shared use trail within Heritage Park with boardwalks, canoe launch, pedestrian bridge, lighting, other site improvements.

Project Year: 2007

Grant Amount: \$350,000

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