



DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP



Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan 2025-2029

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1-Executive Summary



Introduction

As a society, we are increasingly aware of the psychological and physical benefits provided by open space and recreation. It is the Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department's primary goal to actively promote these benefits for the public well-being in the form of providing and developing recreational areas and activities. In doing this, the Parks and Recreation Department increases the township's livability and quality of life. However, there are many issues to consider when planning for these recreational areas and opportunities. This plan intends to be the guiding document for the promotion of these recreational opportunities in Delhi Charter Township.

As ongoing health studies show, our society is becoming more conscious of healthy living and the opportunities that recreation provides to promote healthy lifestyles and improve our quality of life. Health studies also reflect the alarming need for increased physical activity for people of all ages in order to achieve these healthier lifestyles. Finally, improvement of a community's quality of life through recreation also has the potential to better the local economy by drawing new business opportunities to the area. Studies have shown that businesses are drawn to communities that provide quality lifestyles for prospective employees.

Therefore, it is important to project the future parks and recreation needs of Delhi Charter Township to ensure the availability of open space and recreation opportunities. To address these issues and opportunities, it is important for the Parks and Recreation Department to produce a plan to guide the decision-making process. When implemented, this plan will provide quality parks and recreation programs and facilities for the township.

Purpose

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires community parks and recreation plans to be updated every five years as criteria to receive funding from the State in the form of grants for park and open space acquisition, park development, and improvements to existing parks. The purpose of this procedure is to provide an opportunity to include changing needs and assets for the community. This Community Park and Recreation Plan was developed by analyzing an inventory of issues and physical features for the area and tailoring the development of the recreation programs and facilities in a systematic manner, or plan, through the next five years.



Scope

The Community Parks and Recreation Plan for Delhi Charter Township inventories existing parks and recreation programs, and determines the needs for neighborhood parks, supporting facilities, trailway/greenway systems, and recreation programs for the next five years. The plan's recommendations are a result of the analysis of demographic projections, township land-use trends, natural features inventory, citizen input, past and future recreational trends, state and federal grant-funding requirements, and potential land acquisition opportunities.

Collaboration

In the past, the Parks and Recreation Department has collaborated with other departments and organizations within the township, and it intends to continue to do so into the future. One of the successful inter-departmental collaboration projects has been the development of the non-motorized transportation system, which was planned and implemented by the Planning Department, and operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department.

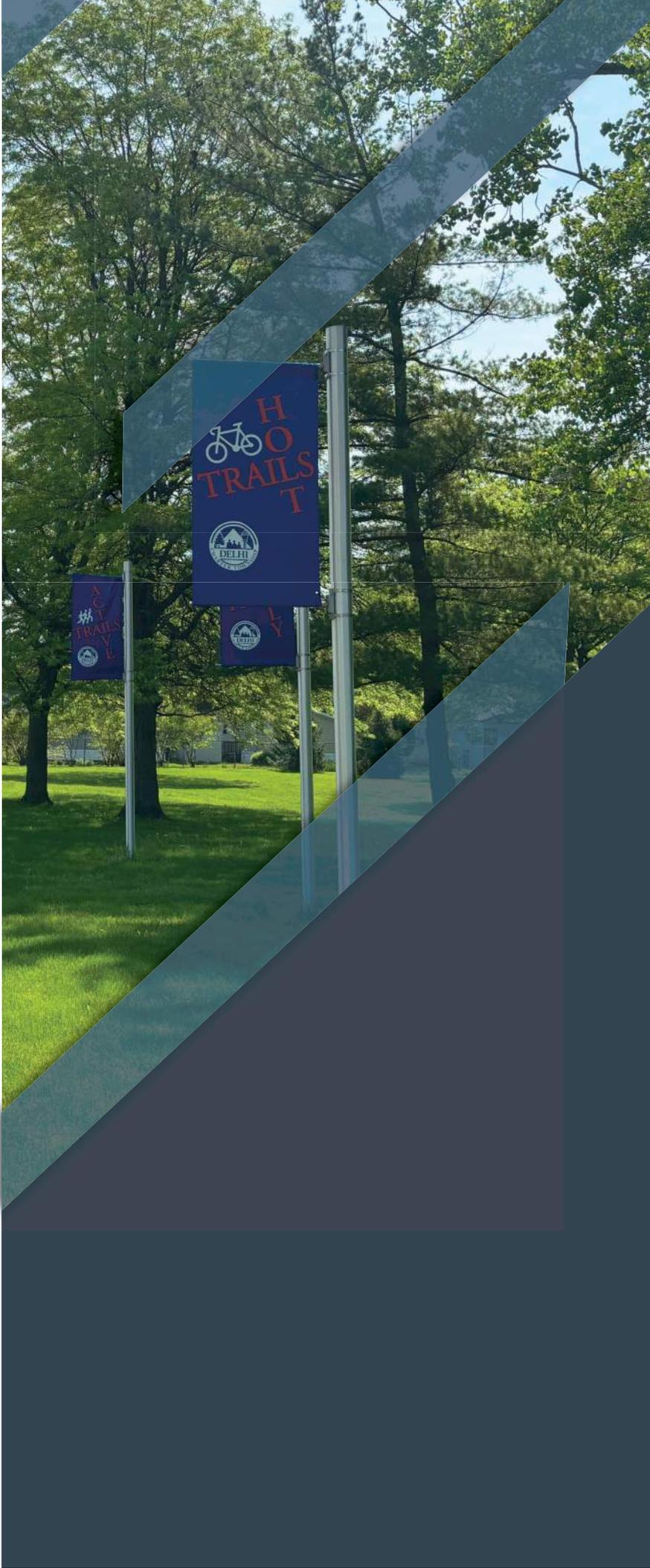
The Parks and Recreation Department works to facilitate community-planned events. Other community groups such as the Kiwanis Club of Holt, Friends of the Delhi Trails, the Holt-Delhi Historical Society, and the Holt Farmers' Market play significant roles in the parks system, fostering community engagement and awareness, and collaborating with the Parks and Recreation Department on programming and capital improvement projects.

Holt Public Schools also has a strong relationship with the Parks and Recreation Department, having maintained a long-standing programming, operation, and maintenance agreement to share resources and coordinate services.

The Ingham County Sheriff's Department has been contracted to act as the township's police force and to provide the Parks and Recreation Department with special event security.



2-Community Description

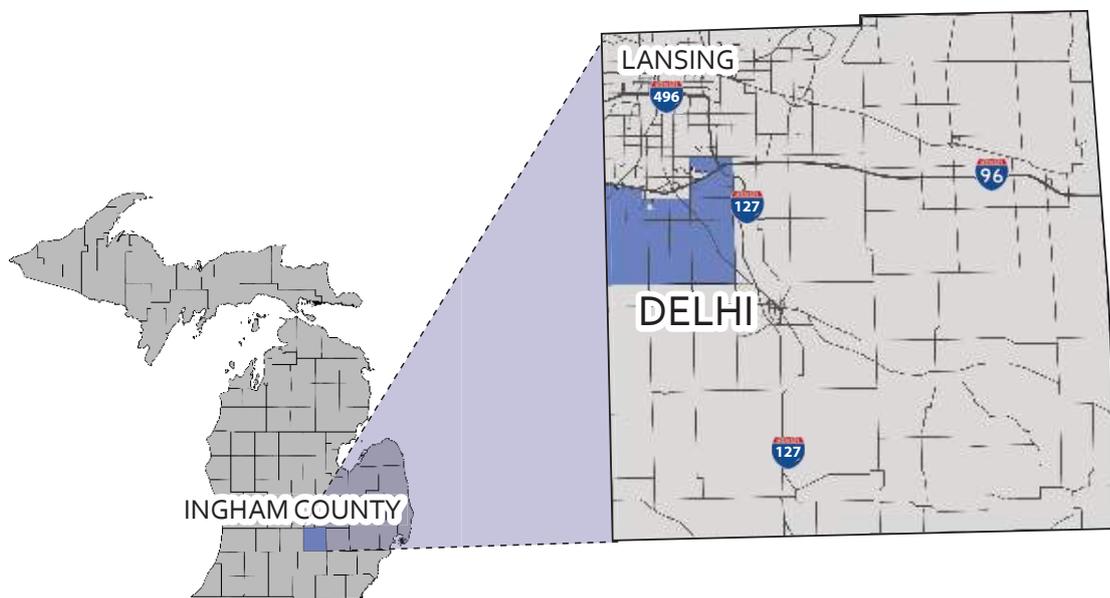


The 2025-2029 Delhi Charter Township Community Parks and Recreation Plan has been developed to serve as a guide and decision-making document for future recreation facilities and programs within Delhi Charter Township. This plan focuses on parks, trails, and natural areas. The plan includes an assessment of current facilities and programs, as well as the acquisition and development of new facilities and programs based on current and future anticipated demands.

Jurisdiction

Delhi Charter Township is located in Ingham County, Michigan.

The township is bordered by Nichols Road to the south, Waverly Road to the west, and College Road to the east. The northern boundary jogs along Jolly Road, Willoughby Road, and I-96. In total, Delhi Charter Township encompasses 28.5 square miles of land. Lansing, East Lansing, and Meridian Charter Township are a few of the larger municipalities within close vicinity of the township.



Social Characteristics

City Population

According to the 2020 US census, the population of Delhi Charter Township was 27,710. This population was comprised of 11,784 households and 4,626 families. This represents a 7 percent increase from the population of 25,877 recorded during the 2010 census.

Chart of Population Change 2010-2020

U.S. Census, 2000 & 2010

2010	2020	% Change
25,877	27,710	7%

Age Structure

Age characteristics are a useful demographic indicator for recreation planning purposes, as a community's age composition helps determine the appropriate mix of needed recreation services and facilities. The types and location of recreation facilities and programs will depend, in part, upon the age structure of the population. The following table breaks down the various age groups, based on data from the 2020 Census.

Chart of Age Demographics

U.S. Census, 2010

Age Group	Percent of Total Population	Lifestyle Categories
Under 5 years	5.97%	Pre-School
5 - 19 years	18.36%	School Age
20 - 34 years	19.73%	Emerging Workplace
35 - 49 years	20.78%	Middle Age
50 - 64 years	19.66%	Pre-retirement
65 and over	14.90%	Seniors

The largest age category, representing over 20 percent of the population in the township, contains those between the ages of 35 and 49. The senior citizen population represents 14.90 percent, and this age group is expected to grow in size as the "baby boomer" generation matures and improvements in medical technology help people live longer.

2-Community Description

The selected lifestyle categories and the intervals that they represent include: pre-school (0 to 4), school (5 to 19), emerging workplace (20-34), middle age (35-49), pre-retirement (50-64) and seniors (65 and over).

The age structure of Delhi Charter Township indicates that the greatest immediate need is for recreation facilities that serve families and middle-aged adults. This would include neighborhood and miniature parks to service a wide range of youth-related activities. Young children need programming that offers a wide range of activities and events. Children learn the fundamentals of sports through organized baseball, softball, basketball and soccer leagues. Day camps bring children together to create arts and crafts, swim, and learn about nature.

Those in the 'emerging workplace' and 'middle age' groups are more likely to need family-related programming. Organized softball leagues are popular in many communities. This group may also desire access to other forms of recreation such as golf, hockey and basketball. In the future, demand for recreation facilities for senior citizens will increase, due to the retirement of the "baby boomer" generation, and translate into a need for more passive park areas. Bicycle and walking paths and pickleball provide an excellent opportunity for an entire family to participate in a recreational activity. Providing greater accessibility to park facilities for senior citizens may include providing parking and drop off areas closer to fields, wayfinding, large lettering on signage, and more seating and shaded areas.

Race Demographics

Delhi Charter Township strives to be an inclusive community, inviting to people of all race, ethnicity and background. The City has seen a large increase in minority populations in recent years. From 2010 to 2020, the Asian population increased by 192%, the African American population increased by 154%, and the Hispanic population increased by 72%. Delhi Charter Township strives to recognize the cultural diversity of its citizens to make all feel welcome within the City.

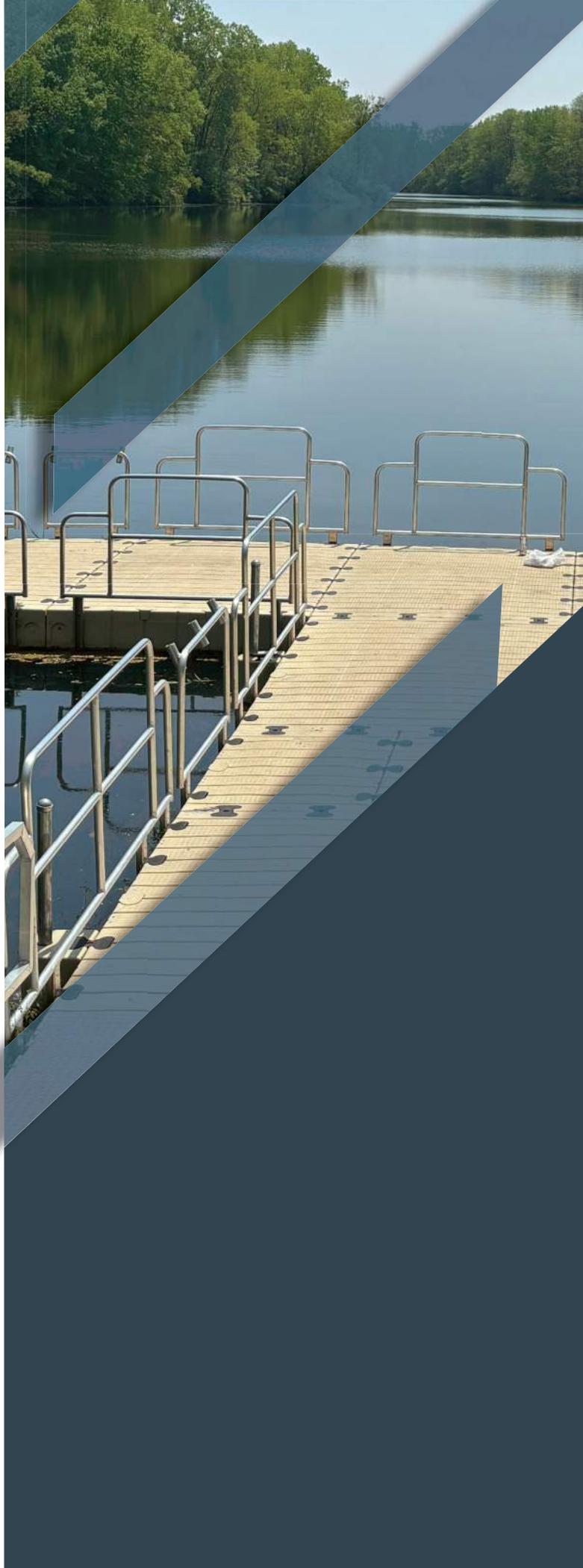


Chart of Population by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Census 2010	Percent of Population	Census 2020	Percent of Population	Percentage Point Change
White	21,568	83.35%	22,472	81.10%	-2.25%
African American/ Black	1,350	5.22%	2,197	7.93%	2.71%
Asian	753	2.91%	978	3.53%	0.62%
Multi-Racial	630	2.43%	2,331	8.41%	5.98%
Other	350	1.35%	512	1.85%	0.50%
Hispanic	804	3.11%	1,790	6.46%	3.35%
Total	25,877	100%	27,710	100%	

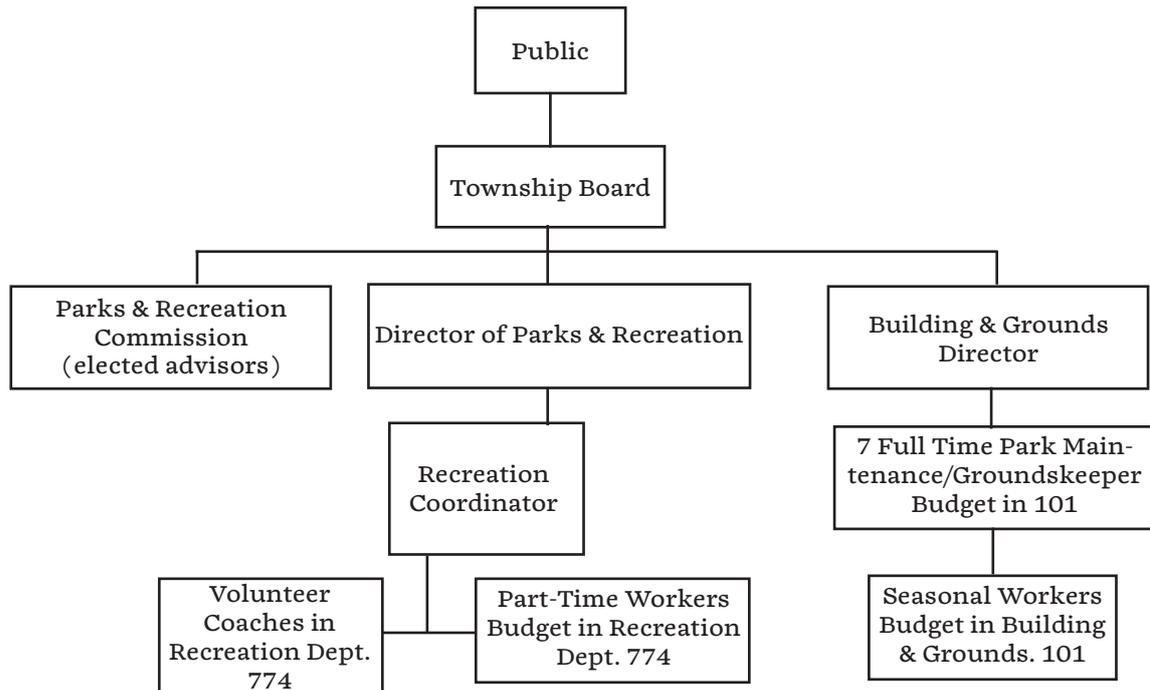


3-Administrative Structure



Department Organization

The Parks and Recreation Department performs the care and management of the township's parks, provides comprehensive recreation programs to residents of Delhi Charter Township and the Holt Public School District, and gives assistance to community outreach programs for community events and programs. The administrative structure of the Parks and Recreation Department is demonstrated in the flow chart below.



Objective of this Department

To provide public recreational opportunities, with the assurance of equitable access to residents in a cooperative effort between the Delhi Township Park Commission, Delhi Township Board of Trustees, and the Holt Public School District.

Activities of this Department

To provide a comprehensive recreation program to the residents of Delhi Township and the Holt Public School District consisting of the following programs.

- Youth and Adult Athletic Programs, Events and Leagues
- Family Enrichment Events and Programming
- Community-wide Special Events
- Senior Focused Events and Programming
- Health and Fitness Programming
- Community Outreach and Support
 - Local Jr Rams administrative and facility Support
 - Local Civic Engagement Clubs Event Support

Delhi Township Park Commission

The Delhi Township Park Commission received authorization to act as the Township Recreation Board and exercise such powers as set under Public Act 1931, No. 271. The Park Commission is made up of seven elected commissioners.

Park Commissioners

Dennis Fulk, Chairperson	Stephanie Day
Steve Warfield, Vice Chairperson	Ray King
Paul Dykema, Secretary	Kevin Leonard
Phil Knapman	Victoria Bondy

The Park Commission holds open meetings once a month. The Park Commission is a policy-setting body that the Parks and Recreation Director reports to directly. The Parks and Recreation Department receives the majority of its direction from the Park Commission through the Director attending Park Commission meetings. According to Delhi Charter Township Ordinance No. 55.4 the commission “shall have full power and authority over all township parks and recreation areas and shall have the power to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of the public for the use of said parks and for the granting of permits for the use of facilities therein”. The Parks and Recreation Department generally makes suggestions for recreation programming

and submits them for approval to the Park Commission. The Parks and Recreation Department is in charge of all operations and maintenance of the park facilities.

Park Funding

The Parks and Recreation Department develops a budget and submits it to the Park Commission for their review and approval. The Township Board has final approval. Included in this budget are fees and charges for recreation programs and park facilities.

Parks, Trails & Recreation Expenditure Summary
Source Delhi Charter Township

Name	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Budgeted	FY2025 Forecasted	FY2026 Forecasted
Park Administration	\$349,476.97	\$351,719.66	\$391,739.48	\$384,140.57	\$396,791.16
Parks Capital Improvements	\$720,944.68	\$1,638,844.16	\$430,666.66	\$451,666.66	\$326,666.67
Recreation	\$72,968.29	\$58,041.50	\$99,500.00	\$99,500.00	\$99,500.00

Local Policies And Procedures

Delhi Charter Township Ordinance No. 55.4, “Park and Recreational Area and Designated Public Land Area Ordinance”, addresses definitions, Park Commission powers, personal conduct, swimming, pets, hours, enforcement, etc. A complete copy of the ordinance is in the appendix.

Based on a community feedback survey completed by Byrum and Fisk in 2018, after receiving positive responses, a millage was proposed.

In 2018, voters approved a 1.0 millage for the Township’s parks, trails, and recreation facilities. The four-year millage will provide funds for restoring, operating, maintaining, acquiring, constructing, and equipping parks, trails, and recreation facilities.



Financial Resources

Parks and Recreation is important to Delhi Charter Township. Out of the total General Fund, 15% goes to Parks & Recreation Support. The next highest dollar amount goes to Community Development. This indicates that the community and the township government place a great value on the recreational opportunities that are available as well as potential opportunities that add to the quality of life in Delhi Township. Below is the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Fund Budget for the Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Department.

The fund was started in 2019.

Parks, Trails & Recreation Fund Summary Source Delhi Charter Township

Name	FY2022 Actual	FY2022 Budget	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Projected	FY2025 Forecasted	FY2026 Forecasted
Beginning Fund Balance	\$10,954.99	\$3,709.37	\$3,709.37	\$3,709.37	N/A	N/A
Revenues						
Taxes	\$859,276.11	\$914,900.00	\$917,085.41	\$844,398.00	\$861,212.00	\$861,212.00
Other Revenue	\$66,139.45	\$58,000.00	\$68,722.89	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Grants & Revenue Sharing	\$31,644.74	\$367,000.00	\$14,821.20	\$14,821.20	\$14,821.20	\$14,821.20
Charges for Service	\$66,773.00	\$48,400.00	\$52,308.00	\$48,400.00	\$48,400.00	\$48,400.00
Sale of Fixed Assets	\$11,045.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers In	\$101,266.02	\$727,960.00	\$995,667.82	\$5,577.57	\$5,874.03	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$1,136,144.32	\$2,116,260.00	\$2,048,605.32	\$918,196.77	\$935,307.23	\$929,433.20
Salaries						
Salaries	\$513,778.46	\$527,610.00	\$509,540.00	\$195,565.13	\$201,553.81	\$207,752.09
Benefits						
Benefits	\$182,608.03	\$191,750.00	\$191,750.00	\$57,956.04	\$60,165.78	\$61,605.64

3-Administrative Structure

Operating	\$425,991.70	\$389,400.00	\$328,315.32	\$237,718.31	\$221,920.98	\$226,933.43
Capital Outlay	\$21,011.75	\$767,500.00	\$769,000.00	\$430,666.66	\$451,666.66	\$326,666.67
Transfers Out	\$0.00	\$240,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	\$1,143,389.94	\$2,116,260.00	\$2,048,605.32	\$921,906.14	\$935,307.23	\$822,957.83
Total Revenues Less Expenditures:	-\$7,245.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,709.37	\$0.00	\$106,475.37
Ending Fund Balance:	\$3,709.37	\$3,709.37	\$3,709.37	\$0.00	N/A	\$106,475.38

Relationship With Public Agencies

Holt Public Schools

Delhi Charter Township has a cooperative agreement with Holt Public Schools. This agreement states that the two organizations may use each other’s facilities at no cost. Under this agreement the township is responsible for adult and youth recreational team sports, clinics, and programs. Holt Public Schools are to provide all adult and student enrichment classes and aquatic programs. An article including the agreement is in the appendix.

Clubs & Organizations

The Parks and Recreation Department assists many clubs and organizations with community events and programs, including the following:

- Holt Lions Club – Kids Day
- Sam Corey Senior Center Club
- Junior Rams Sport Club
- Kiwanis Club of Holt – Easter Egg Hunt
- American Legion/VFW – Memorial Day Ceremony
- Holt Hometown Festival Committee
- Holt Community Arts Council - Music in the Gardens; Moonlight Movies
- Friends of the Delhi Trails
- Holt Community Connect
- Holt-Delhi Historical Society



4-Recreation Inventory



Overview

Purpose

The recreation inventory is an essential item to the Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department. It allows the department to assess the quantity and types of facilities, identify their location, showcase the variety of programs and events offered, identify where new facilities should be built and where ADA upgrades are needed, and identify opportunities for programs and events. The township continually updates the facilities inventory as renovations and additions occur, in order to keep the inventory current.

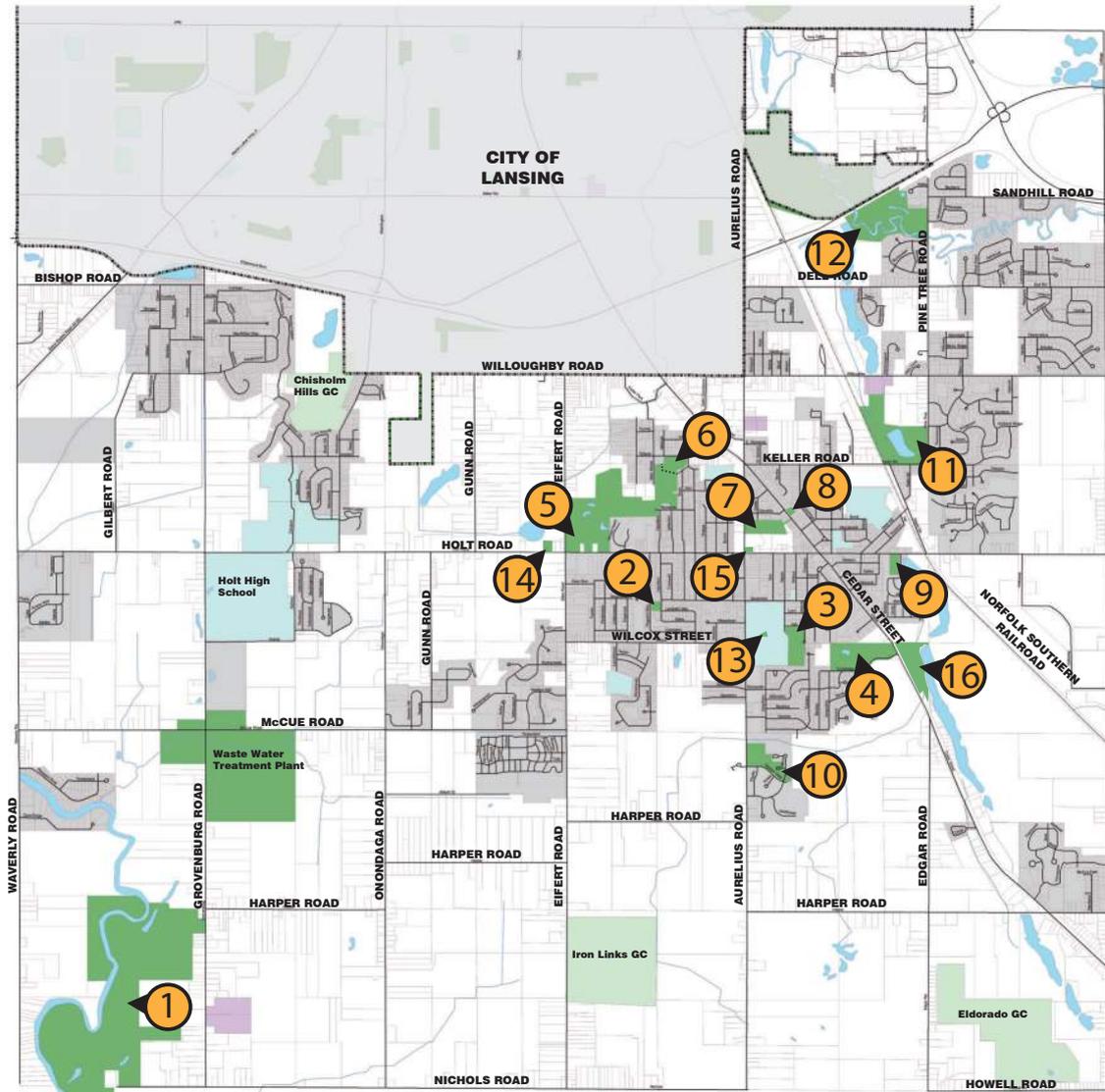
Park Classification

The National Recreation and Parks Association publishes guidelines for park classification based on size and service area. These guidelines were used to classify the township parks. The classification used in this report are as follows:

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than a 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreation and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable – depends on function.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park (see appendix for definition of “neighborhood park”). Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.

Figure 4.1: Table - NRPA Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails

Recreation Facilities Map



Map Legend

- Schools
- Golf Courses
- Cemeteries
- Parks & Twp. Land
- Major Roads

Park Legend

- ① Burchfield County Park
- ② Hamilton Property
- ③ Kiwanis Park
- ④ John Taylor Memorial Park
- ⑤ Holt-Eifert Road Property
- ⑥ Jaycee Park
- ⑦ Veteran's Memorial Gardens
- ⑧ Sam Corey Senior Center
- ⑨ East Holt Road Trail Head
- ⑩ Centennial Farms Park
- ⑪ Valhalla Park
- ⑫ Sycamore Creek Property
- ⑬ Holt Junior High Bike & Skate Park
- ⑭ West Holt Road Trail Head
- ⑮ Holt & Aurelius Plaza
- ⑯ Esker Landing Park



Accessibility Assessment

Complying with accessibility standards and planning for universal design are two extremely important efforts that a municipality must undertake in an effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of its people. This is true not only for those disabled by birth or by accident, but also for the growing population of people entering old age who are finding normal tasks more and more challenging to do. Many able-bodied persons forget that disability is often an eventuality as one grows older. Therefore, Delhi Charter Township seeks to improve the accessibility of its environment not simply to comply with law, but to think more broadly and take steps towards developing a compassionate, inclusive, and accessible community, unencumbered by physical barriers.

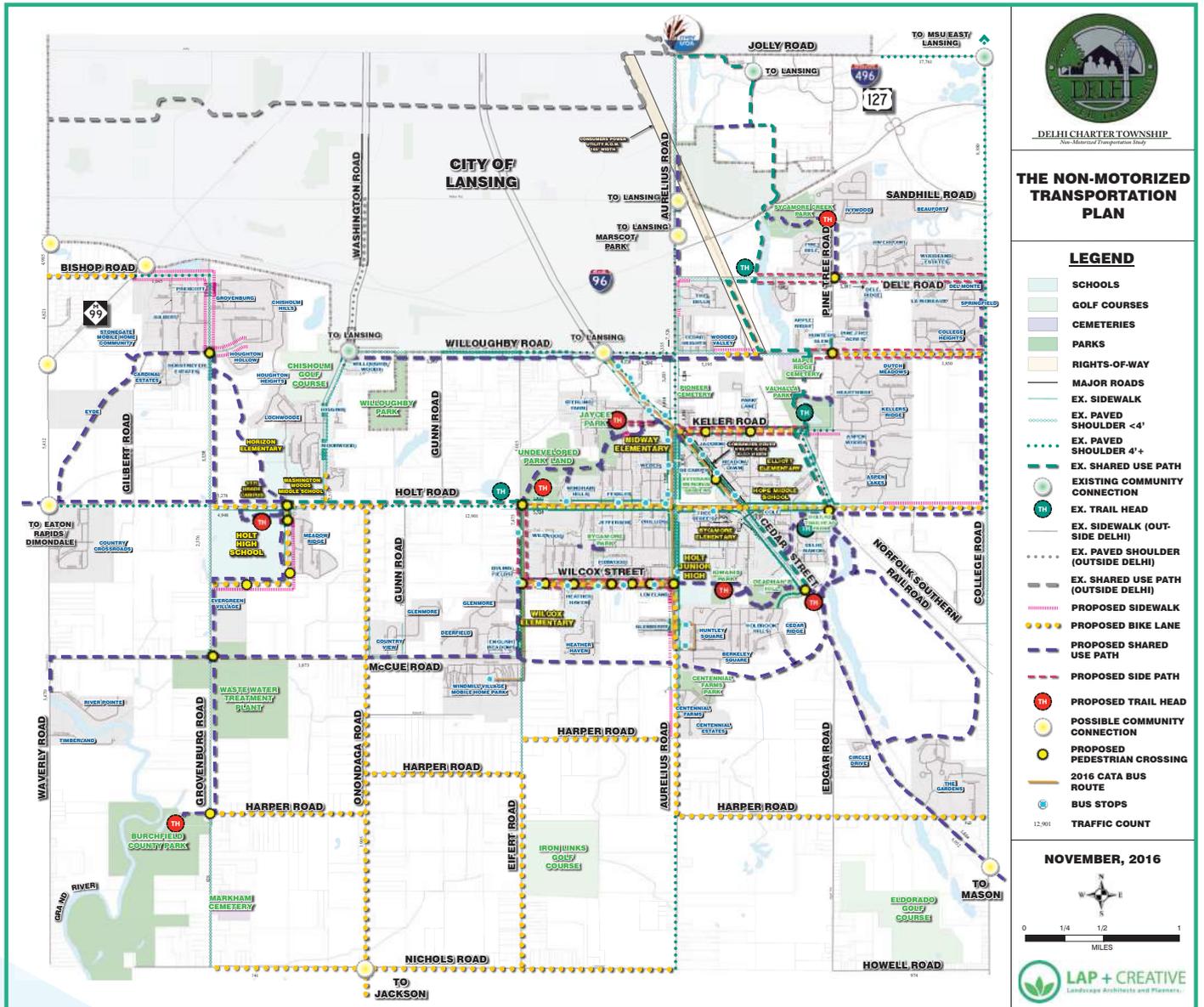
This plan rates the accessibility of existing park facilities, both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), and the access routes to them. This rating system is from the Michigan DNR guidelines for community parks and recreation plans. It is intended to establish a baseline so that accessibility needs can be assessed and incorporated into capital improvement projects. This evaluation is not comprehensive, and does not identify specific deficiencies.

The following ranking system was applied to each park:

Accessibility Grade	Definition
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.

Figure 4.2: Accessibility Assessment Table

Non-Motorized Transportation Plan



Inventory Tool

Park Facilities Inventory

Facility Name	Acres	Classification	Accessibility Grade	Basketball	Ball Fields	Pickleball Courts	Tennis Courts	Play Equipment	Picnic Shelter	Trails	Trailheads/Access Point	Restrooms	Porta-John	Picnic Tables	Grills	Cross-Country Skiing	Sledding	Ice Skating	Skate Park	Gardens	Fishing/Boating	Swimming	Amphitheater	ADA Parking Spaces	Parking	Special Park Features
Centennial Farms Park	10.40	N	3					•		•																
East Holt Road Trailhead Park	5.51	SU	3							•	•	•	•	3	2									2	•	
Esker Landing Park	17.81	C	5							•		•	•	3	1						•			2	•	Kayak Launch
Hamilton Property	0.39	SU	3																							Trail Entry
Holt and Aurelius Plaza	0.98	M	4																					2		9/11 Memorial
Holt-Eifert Road Property	91.06	C	3							•																
Holt Junior High Bike & Skate Park	0.38	SU	3										•						•					6	•	Bike, skateboard and in-line skate facilities.
Jaycee Park	2.29	N	3					•		•					1											Wooded playground
<p>• = One Facility/Activity</p> <p>Classification: C = Community Park, M = Mini Park, N = Neighborhood Park, SU = Special Use, U = Undeveloped Park Land, T = Trailhead Park</p>																										

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John Taylor Memorial Park	13.70	C	1					•	•				•	5	2		•								•	Sledding hill Gravel Parking
Kiwanis Park	13.80	C	3	2	•	6	8	•	•			•												6	•	
Sam Corey Senior Center	0.94	SU	5									•												6	•	Kitchen, Meeting & Dining Rooms
Sycamore Creek Property	44.88	U	2							•			•													Community gardens
Valhalla Park	62.01	C	3		3			•	3	•	•	2	•			•					•	•		5	•	ADA playground, Maintenance Garage, Lighted Ball field
Veteran's Memorial Gardens	11.37	C	4						•			•		4						•			•	8	•	Veteran's memorial
West Holt Road Trail Head	4.29	T	2							•			•												•	Gravel parking

• = One Facility/Activity

Classification:

C = Community Park, M = Mini Park, N = Neighborhood Park, SU = Special Use, U = Undeveloped Park Land, T = Trailhead Park



Comparison to Recreation Standards

Delhi Charter Township land was classified using the Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The township owns 10.10 acres of park land per 1,000 people, meeting NRPA guidelines of 5.5 to 15.9 acres of land per 1,000 people. The majority of township owned parks are in the northeast area of the township near residential areas. Ingham County's Burchfield Park is located in the southwest corner of the township, and there are also several parks City of Lansing parks located along the township's northern border.

Park Acreage Evaluation

The following table evaluates current park acreage in the township. Although NRPA provides recommendations for parks and facilities they recognize that every community is unique and many factors should be considered when evaluating deficiencies and priorities. These additional factors can include age and income distribution, neighborhood structure, and recreation interests of your community, as well as the recreation interests of your community, as well as the recreation opportunities available in nearby communities.

	Total Parks	Total Acres	Total Acres w/ undeveloped property	Population	Residents per Park	Acres/1000 People
NRPA Median	-	-	-	20,000 to 40,000	2,062	11.20
Delhi Charter Township	13	234.54	279.81	27,710	2,131	8.47

Delhi Charter Township's total park land does not meet the recommended acreage. Although the Township is underneath the NRPA median, the higher than average amount of park facilities in surrounding municipalities and County owned parks helps make up that missing amount of park acres/1000 people. Of the two undeveloped park properties, one, the Hamilton Property, could be developed into a mini or neighborhood park, though there are no plans to do so; the other, the Sycamore Creek Property, already contains a community garden, but is not developed or connected to the surrounding community. There are not currently plans to expand or develop these park lands or additional properties.

The township owns 13 developed parks, including a Senior Center. The township maintains the non-motorized trails, provides mowing for school facilities and the Community Services Center, and helps maintain the downtown streetscapes. At the Sam Corey Senior Center, the township does not limit service to only township residents. The center services seniors in the Tri-County Area and provides food through a meal program with the Tri-County Office on Aging. Seniors may be members of the Sam Corey Senior Center Club with an annual membership fee.



DNR Recreation Grant Inventory



Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Friday, December 13, 2019

Grant History

Grantee

Delhi Charter Township - Legacy - Ingham County

Project No. 26-00402 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 1973

Project Title: Valhalla Park (originally Albert Park)

Project Status: Grant Closed

Project Description: Acquire 45.5 acres for outdoor recreation

Project No. 26-00638 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 1975

Project Title: Valhalla Park

Project Status: Grant Closed

Project Description: Softball/flag football field, beach and equipment, bathhouse and utilities, lighting, picnic areas, playground equipment, drinking fountain, 2 softball fields with fencing, trails, 2 park entrances, toilet/storage building and utilities, and LWCF sign

Project No. BF89-325 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 1989

Project Title: Deadman's Hill Project

Project Status: Grant Closed

Scope Item:

concrete parking blocks
Culvert at Cedar St.
fencing
gravel road
Machine grading
parking lot - 20 cars
Picnic shelter
Picnic tables and grills
Timber play structure

Project Description: Develop a gravel road and parking lot with a fence added along property boundaries. Picnic tables/shelter, playground equipment and grills.



Grant History

Grantee

Delhi Charter Township - Legacy - Ingham County

Project No. CM00-148

Project County: Ingham

Project Year: 2000

Project Title: Veterans Memorial Garden

Project Status: Grant Closed

Scope Item:

- Benches, Trash Cans
- Fencing/Columns
- Fountain
- Landscaping/Native Plantings
- Pergola
- Seat Wall with Lighting
- Signage
- Utilities
- Walkways

Project Description: Development of a 5-acre park adjacent to Community Service Center for public events, festivals, native species gardens, wildlife viewing, and passive recreation.

Project No. 26-01679

Project County: Ingham

Project Year: 2007

Project Title: Valhalla Park Playground

Project Status: Grant Closed

Scope Item:

- Fencing
- Playground equipment
- Safety surfacing
- Site restoration
- Walkways

Project Description: Replace obsolete playground equipment at 45-acre Valhalla Park.

Project No. TF10-049

Project County: Ingham

Project Year: 2010

Project Title: Valhalla Park Restroom/Pavilion

Project Status: Grant Closed

Scope Item:

- MNRTF sign
- Permit fees
- Picnic tables
- Restroom/pavilion
- Sidewalk
- Site preparation and restoration

Project Description: Replacement of a 30-year old restroom building.





Grant History

Grantee

Delhi Charter Township - Legacy - Ingham County

Project No. TF11-064 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 2011

Project Title: North Trail Connector Development

Project Status: PA Executed

Scope Item:

10' asphalt non-motorized trail
MNRTF sign
Permit fees
Site demolition and preparation
Wooden boardwalks

Project Description: Development to include approximately 2 miles of non-motorized trail to connect to existing Lansing River Trail.

Total Number of Projects: 7

Total Amount of Grant Given:

Project No. 26-01753 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 2015

Project title: Kiwanis Park Restroom Building Renovations

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$100,000.00

Scope Item

Restroom Building

Project Description: Kiwanis Park is a 14 acre community park located in the population center of Delhi Township with 8 tennis courts, a softball field, soccer field, pavilion, restroom and playground. The proposed development will replace an existing restroom facility that was built over 30 years ago with a new code compliant, accessible restroom building. The project will also include improved ADA accessible sidewalks to the existing parking lot.

Project No. TF17-0015 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 2017

Project title: Cedar Lake Trailhead

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$300,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Development of a regional trailhead with a parking lot, a restroom building, an extension of the regional trail, non-motorized water craft launch to Cedar Lake, and a fishing deck.

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Project No. 26-01861 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 2021

Project title: Valhalla Park Restroom Improvement

Project Status: PA Executed

Grant Amount:
\$85,000.00

Scope Item

Access Pathway 6' wide or more

Bench(es)

Drinking Fountain(s)

Paved Parking Lot

Rain Garden with Native Plants

Restroom Building

Utilities

Project Description: Development project to replace the existing restroom facility with a new universally accessible restroom building. The new building will include an accessible water fountain, two single-occupant, universally accessible, non-gender specific, family rest rooms. The project will also include a 6' wide universally accessible concrete walks, connecting the proposed restroom building to the existing walk connecting the parking lot and softball field.

Project No. 26-01870 **Project County:** Ingham **Project Year:** 2021

Project title: Kiwanis Park Tennis Court Improvements

Project Status: PA Executed

Grant Amount:
\$250,000.00

Scope Item

Pickelball Court

Tennis Court

Project Description: Development project to renovate eight existing tennis courts at Kiwanis Park. Six of the eight courts will be renovated. The northern two courts will be converted into six pickle ball courts by reconstructing and restriping the existing surface, as well as the installation of new nets, and fencing.

Total number of projects: 4

Total Amount of Grant Given \$735,000.00





Centennial Farms Park

This 10 acre park is located on Aurelius Road and Garden Gate Drive. Centennial Farms Park is a neighborhood park, serving the Centennial Farms subdivision area, includes a playground, pathways, and open space. The master plan on the next page depicts changes that could come to the park and include amenities like a natural path, sports fields, a basketball court, parking, and much more.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

This neighborhood park includes a playground and concrete pathways. Adequate access is provided on the pathways and the playground. It is recommended that the rolled curb at Garden Gate Drive be modified into a standard curb ramp.

Statistics

Type: Neighborhood

Size (acres): 10.40 acres

Service Area: Centennial Farms
Subdivision





Centennial Farms Park: Master Plan

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All other amenities shown are proposed.





East Holt Road Trail Head Park

East Holt Road Trail Head Park features open space and picnic areas and connects to the trail system. It provides the surrounding neighborhood with a place for passive recreation and serves as a trail head to the regional non-motorized trail network. This 5 acre park is the location of the former senior center.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

This Park includes an asphalt path to picnic areas and adequate accessible parking.

Picnic tables and bike racks are located off of the pavement, and are not ADA compliant.

Statistics

Type: Neighborhood Park

Size (acres): 5.51 acres

Service Area: 1/2 Mile





Esker Landing Park

This park was recently constructed with the help of Delhi's Downtown Development Authority and MDNR. The park provides a connection to the existing non-motorized system, has a new accessible bathroom facility, and provides ADA access to a kayak launch and fishing area on the north end of Cedar Lake. The master plan on the next page depicts the expansion of a pedestrian bridge that would give access to a loop trail around the lake.

Accessibility Assessment: 5

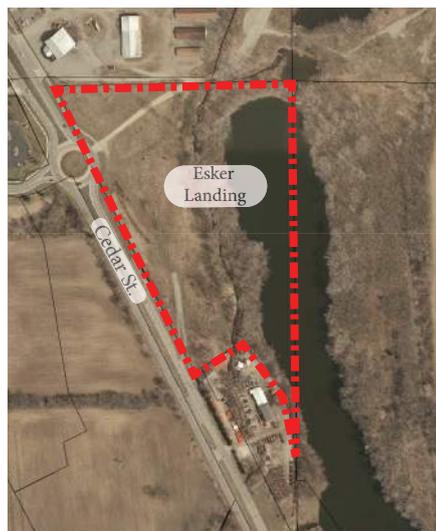
This park was designed and constructed to be universally accessible.

Statistics

Type: Community

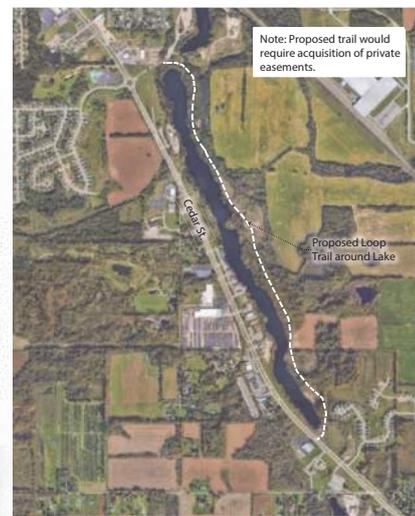
Size (acres): 17.81 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township



Esker Landing: Master Plan

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4-Recreation Inventory



Hamilton Property

This small parcel is an undeveloped piece of land that provides open space for its surrounding neighborhood.

Accessibility Assessment: 1

There are no facilities at this park.

Statistics

Type: Undeveloped

Size (acres): 0.39 acres

Service Area: Local Residents





Holt And Aurelius Plaza

The plaza at Holt Road and Aurelius Road includes three archways and was built to provide a space for a few art installations and a 9/11 memorial. The plaza is also located south of Veteran’s Memorial Park and is connected to the Holt Plaza shopping mall.

Accessibility Assessment: 4

The plaza was built to current ADA standards.

Statistics

Type: Mini Park

Size (acres): 0.98 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township





Holt-Eifert Road Property

The Holt-Eifert Road Property was undeveloped park land until the Ram Trail was built, connecting Holt High School to the west with Jaycee Park to the east.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

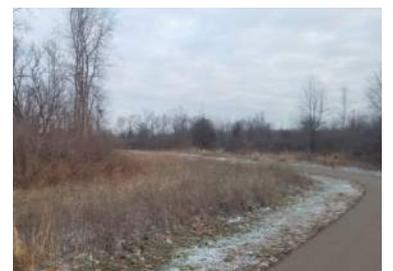
The Ram Trail connects to this park. While there are no parking lots, users can access the site from other areas along the trail.

Statistics

Type: Community Park

Size (acres): 91.06 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township





Holt Junior High Bike and Skate Park

The Bike and Skate Park was built to provide area youth and adults with a designated place for freestyle skating and biking. The park is located at the southeast corner of the Junior High School parking lot. The 16,500 square foot park is designed with 10 main areas, and is modular for alternative configurations, accommodating skateboards, in-line skates, and bikes. The park is visible to the school faculty, students, parents, Aurelius Road commuters, and sports field spectators.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

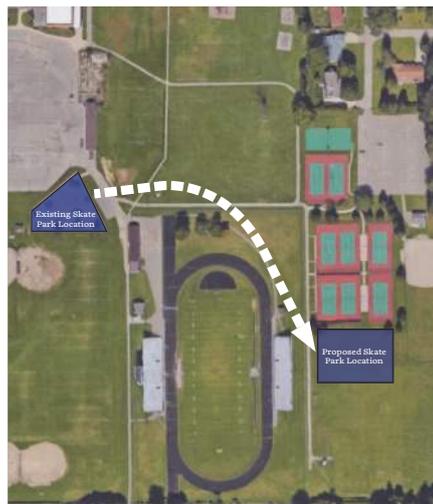
The adjacent parking area serves as parking for the park, school, and athletic fields. It has many parking spaces marked as accessible which are wide enough to be considered universally accessible spaces. However, these spaces do not have the required access aisles. It is recommended that the spaces be remarked properly for both van accessible and general accessible spaces. All other items were in compliance with ADA guidelines.

Statistics

Type: Special Use

Size (acres): 16,500 square feet (0.38 acres)

Service Area: Delhi Township



Holt Junior High Bike and Skate Park (continued)

Skate Park

Delhi Township currently leases the square footage that houses the Bike and Skate Park from the Holt Public School District. As part of the 2020 HPS Bond, the Township will be required to move the Bike and Skate Park from its current location to make room for a new school educational facility starting in 2025.

The Township has decided to provide a new concrete base and relocate salvageable Bike and Skate park equipment to Kiwanis Park, which is immediately east (850') of the school property from where the existing Bike and Skate Park currently sits. This relocation effort is meant to be a temporary solution and is expected to be completed in 2025-2026 which will allow skate board activities to continue in the same manner and vicinity.

Following the relocation project, the Township intends to host a planning process to modernize the Bike and Skate Park, including a new layout with modern components, and amenities. The suggestions expressed by the public at the December 11, 2024 Delhi Township Parks Commission public meeting will be taken into consideration, as part of the proposed planning effort. This re-envisioning project anticipates using a combination of public funds (general fund/grants) and private fundraising.



Jaycee Park

Jaycee Park provides the surrounding neighborhood with a place to enjoy nature. It also serves as a local trailhead connecting to the Ram Trail. The entire area is wooded and features a playground and picnic area.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

While the park provides a connection to the Ram Trail, there is not access to the playground equipment. There are no accessible parking spaces.

Statistics

Type: Neighborhood
 Size (acres): 2.29 acres
 Service Area: 1/2 Mile





John Taylor Memorial Park

This park, previously known as Dead Man’s Hill, is named after a lynching victim once believed to be buried on the grounds. The park serves as a memorial, in addition to providing the township with scenic vistas and picnic areas. The entrance to this 13 acre park is on Cedar Street, south of Holt Road. The drastic topography of this site is atypical of the township as a whole, and provides one of the best sledding hills in the area. The master plan on page 44 depicts the addition of an accessible pathway, a disc golf course, an updated playground, a picnic shelter and more.

Accessibility Assessment: 1

There are no accessible routes to the pavilion or playground at this community park, and the gravel lot has no accessible parking spaces.

Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 13.70 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township

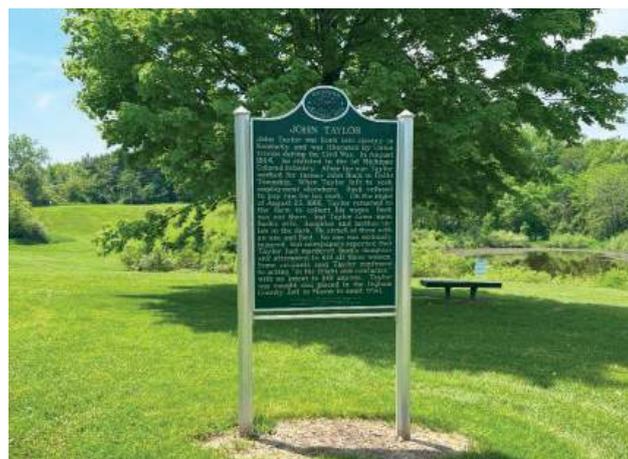


John Taylor Historic Marker Narrative

Below is the text that is showcased on the front and back of the historic marker below. The historic marker is located in John Taylor Memorial Park and details the renaming and the history of the park.

John Taylor was born into slavery in Kentucky and was liberated by Union troops during the Civil War. In August 1864, he enlisted in the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry. After the war, Taylor worked for farmer John Buck in Delhi Township. When Taylor left to seek employment elsewhere, Buck refused to pay him for his work. On the night of August 23, 1866, Taylor returned to the farm to collect his wages. Buck was not there, but Taylor came upon Buck's wife, daughter and mother-in-law in the dark. He struck at them with an axe and fled. No one was seriously injured, but newspapers reported that Taylor had murdered Buck's daughter and attempted to kill all three women. Some accounts said Taylor confessed to acting "in his fright and confusion," with no intent to kill anyone. Taylor was caught and placed in the Ingham County Jail in Mason to await trial.

Reacting to inaccurate news reports of a supposed triple-murder attempt, a mob seized teenaged John Taylor from his jail cell on August 27, 1866, and brutally lynched him near the railroad depot in Mason. Several local papers criticized the lynching's "inhumanity and lawlessness," but others excused the event by declaring the law would have been too lenient. The citizens of Mason passed a resolution to condemn the killing and formally "disclaim any participation in the horrible crime." A mob leader was tried but acquitted. Taylor was buried and likely reburied somewhere along the "hogsback," a glacial esker between Mason and Holt. Though this park came to be known as Deadman's Hill, it was probably not Taylor's final resting place. Delhi Charter Township acquired the park by donation in 1972, and it was renamed John Taylor Memorial Park in 2018.



John Taylor Park historic marker plaque.



John Taylor Memorial Park: Master Plan

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Explore acquisition or use agreement with Lansing Board of Water and Light to utilize wooded area for nature trails and/or disc golf.



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Kiwanis Park

This 13 acre park, located on Maple Street south of Sycamore Street, is devoted primarily to active recreation. The park features six tennis courts, six new pickleball courts that were converted tennis courts, a softball field, and a soccer field. The park also provides an updated composite playground and picnic area. The picnic area has a pavilion to serve large groups, and is available for rentals.

Restrooms, electricity, running water, and parking are also provided. Kiwanis Park’s recent renovations to the tennis and pickleball complex were named after Mark Jenks, the former Parks and Recreation Director who retired in 2022.



Accessibility Assessment: 3

Access is provided to the new restroom, existing pavilion, pickleball courts, tennis courts and the new playground.

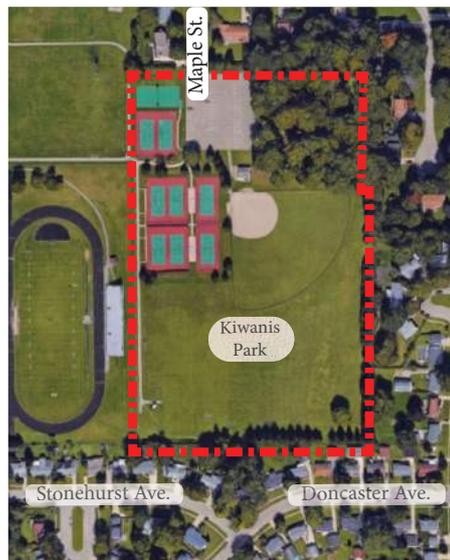


Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 13.80 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township





Sam Corey Senior Center

Designed for activities and fellowship, Holt's beautiful Sam Corey Senior Center was also built to be environmental conscience--the first LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building constructed for Delhi Township. A geothermal heating/cooling system and a "live" roof are just a couple examples of what makes this a "green" building.



Accessibility Assessment: 5

The senior center was built to current ADA standards.



Statistics

Type: Special Use

Size (acres): 0.94 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township





Sycamore Creek Property

The Sycamore Creek Property is a 44 acre piece of land that is mostly undeveloped natural area. The property features a short segment of the Sycamore Trail which connects the Lansing River Trail to the Delhi Non-Motorized Trail. It also features a community garden on the eastern side of the property.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

The Sycamore Trail meets ADA guidelines. The remainder of the property has no facilities.

Statistics

Type: Undeveloped

Size (acres): 44.88 acres

Service Area: Users of the Sycamore Trail





Valhalla Park

This site at the corner of Keller and Pine Tree Roads is the township’s most highly developed park. A swimming beach is the focal point of the park, with adjacent bathrooms and changing rooms. Near the beach is a large, partially wooded picnic area and universally accessible playground. Other facilities include three softball diamonds, a nature trail, and fishing areas on both the lake and the pond. Three large picnic pavilions are also available to rent. The master plan on page 51 depicts the addition of an accessible loop trail around the lake, a shelter on the east side of the lake, a renovation of two shelters on the west side of the lake, a boardwalk, two ballfields and a vaulted toilet facility on the east side of the lake.



Accessibility Assessment: 3

(see next page)

Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 62.01 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township



Valhalla Park

Accessibility Assessment: 3

West-Side:

This community park can now be accessed by a non-motorized trail that runs from Holt Road, through the park and out to Willoughby Road. It meets ADA standards and was built according to the Michigan Building Code (MBC). The restroom/pavilion building was constructed in 2012 and meets ADA requirements. The north parking lot has marked accessible parking at the north and south ends near the north and south pavilions, but has no accessible routes to the pavilions, ball fields, or the non-motorized trail. Accessible routes should be added to these facilities.

East-Side:

There is not an accessible route to the baseball field on the east side of the park. It is recommended that an accessible route be provided to the field. The toilet building on the east side of the park may have complied with the Michigan Building Code prior to the ADA Rules being developed. The township has received a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant that will go towards the removal of the existing restroom and the construction of a new pre-fabricated restroom building that will comply with the current ADA requirements. The new building is scheduled to be shipped and installed in 2025.

Proposed Master Plan



Vahalla Park: Master Plan
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All other amenities shown are proposed.





Veteran's Memorial Gardens

This passive landscape garden consists of 11.37 acres and features a Veteran's Memorial as the centerpiece. Other prominent features include a prominent landscape feature that repurposed a decommissioned fountain and an amphitheater. Veteran's Memorial Gardens has beautiful plantings, pergolas and vine covered trellises. Parking is available at the Delhi Township Community Services Center that includes electric charging stations. There are two pedestrian entrances to the park: one behind the Delhi Township Community Services Center, and one on Cedar Street. On December 11, 2024 at the Delhi Township Park & Recreation Commission Meeting the board indicated that they wanted a water feature to be included in Veteran's Memorial Park. They felt that the water feature was very important and provided a statement to that effect in their resolution supporting the Five-Year Plan.



Accessibility Assessment: 3

(see next page)

Statistics

Type: Community

Size (acres): 11.37 acres

Service Area: Delhi Charter Township

Veteran's Memorial Gardens

Accessibility Assessment: 3

The park shares a parking lot with the Delhi Township Community Services Center . The parking spaces for this area were added in 2009 by remarking the resurfaced lot. The access aisles do not lead directly to the walk, but require patrons to go back into the parking lot traffic aisle in order to access the restrooms.

The restroom/pavilion building was completed in 2006. As installed there are a few items that are not in compliance with ADA requirements.

- The lavatory faucets should be changed so a person does not have to twist or pinch to control the water.
- Mirrors: The bottom of the reflective surface should be at 40", and need to be moved down approximately 1".
- Diaper Changing Stations: The changing stations in the accessible stall for both rooms have inadequate maneuvering area when down, and would be difficult for a disabled person to use. They should be reinstalled in the general area of the Toilet room.
- Drinking Fountains: Current Accessibility Rules in the Building Code require both a high (38"-43") and low (36") high fountain spout height. Protruding objects greater than 4" from the wall should be installed in a recess, and this drinking fountain protrudes more than 4" into the walk path.

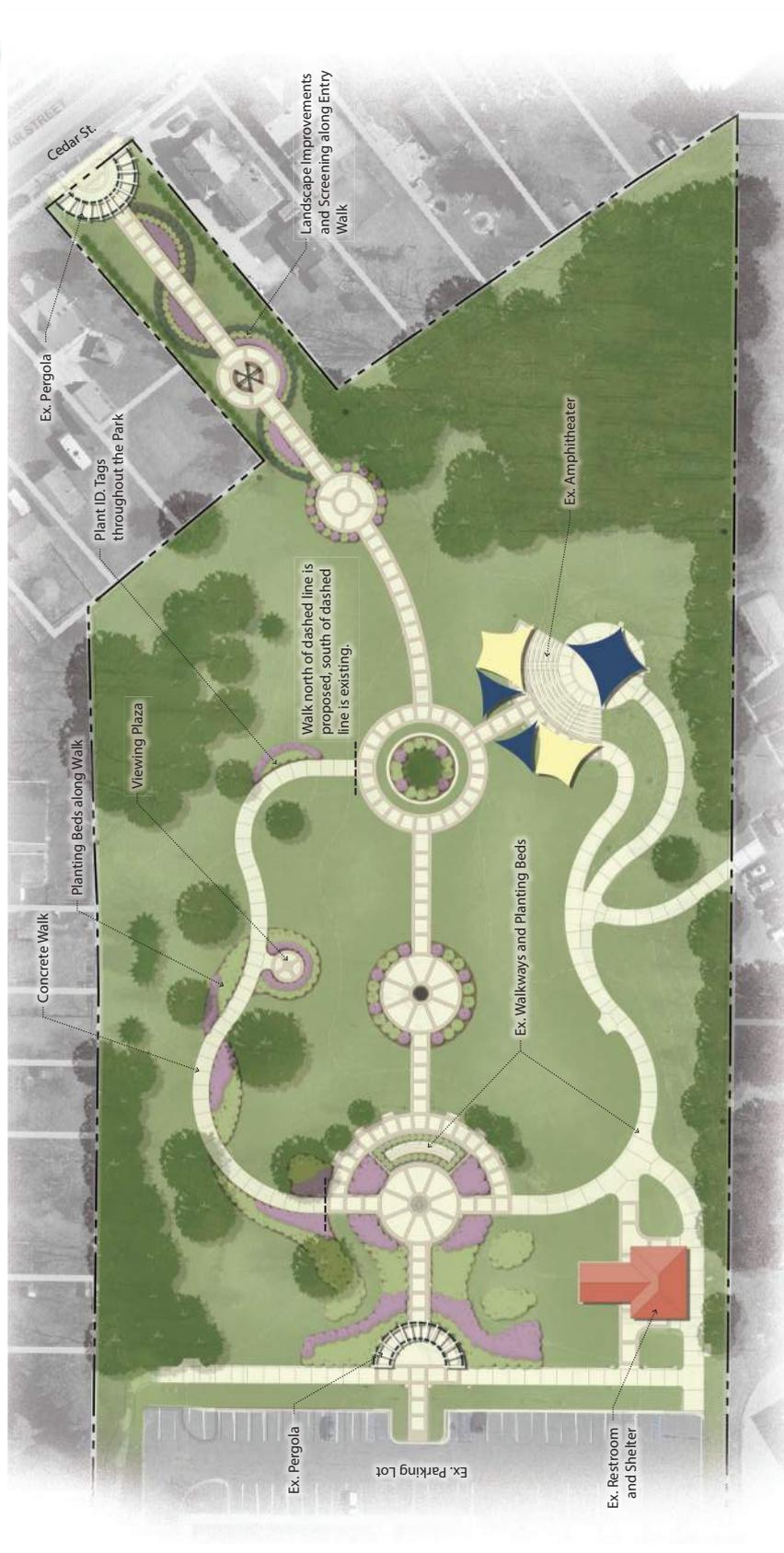


Proposed Master Plan



Veteran's Memorial Gardens: Master Plan

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West Holt Road Trail Head

This property on the north side of Holt Road, just west of Eifert Road, was purchased in 2014. The site contains a gravel parking area, and provides access to the Ram Trail. Branded signage and seating is provided adjacent to the parking area.

Accessibility Assessment: 2

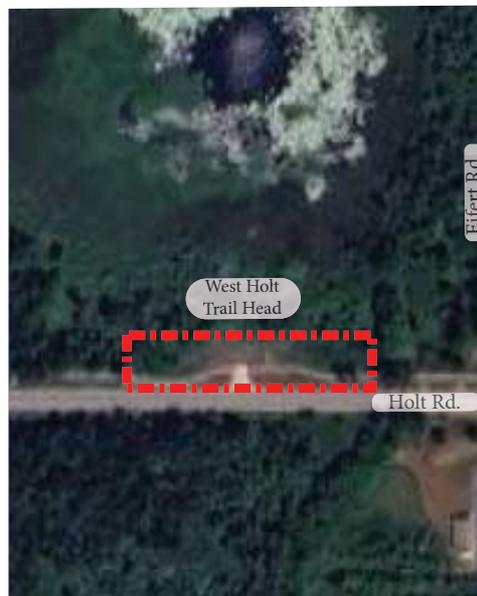
The gravel parking lot provides access to the Ram Trail, however, there are no ADA spaces, and the benches on the property are not accessible.

Statistics

Type: Trailhead Park

Size (acres): 2 acres

Service Area: Delhi Township



Programming Inventory

Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation offers programs throughout the year for all ages. The majority of enrollment numbers have been consistent over the past several years. There has been a decrease in Adult Softball and Youth Competitive Softball and Baseball. See the Recreation Program and Park Services Comparison Chart for a breakdown of enrollment from the past five years. The following programs and events are run by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Adult

- Softball Summer league
- Softball Fall League
- Cornhole

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Summer Concerts
- Outdoor Movies
- Lighting of the Tree

Youth

- Floor Hockey
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- T-ball
- Softball
- Baseball
- Football
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Cornhole
- Kickball
- Wrestling
- Swimming
- Pickleball

Senior Citizens

- Weekly Lunch program
- Exercise Classes
- Music Jam Session
- Bridge
- Potluck Luncheon
- Bingo
- Cards/ Games
- Quilting, knitting, crafts
- Movies
- Monthly Nurse Visits
- Book Discussion Group
- Wii Bowling
- Coffee Social Hour
- Computer Lessons
- Yoga
- Cribbage

Special Events

- Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Competition
- Softball Camp
- Kids Day

Recreation Performance Indicators

Youth and Adult Athletic Programs, Events and Leagues

Total Participants:	3,214 (11.5% increase over 2022/2023)
Total Teams:	241
Total Volunteers:	516

Highlights:

With the opening of the pickleball courts, the largest growth in the Township's athletic programming efforts centered around pickleball as that sport attracted young and old alike. The new kickball program was offered as a free opportunity after the traditional bat and ball sport season and featured more than 80 kids. Despite the growth in Jr. rams competitive sports programs, traditional recreational sport league continue to see an increase in participation.

Family/Enrichment Events and Programming

Total Participants:	894
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Programs Offered:

Adaptive Bowling	Blue Cross Winter Warm Up
Collaborative Chess (new)	Nerf Wars
Family Board Game Night (new)	Painting Party for Kids (new)
Family Jigsaw Competition (new)	Parent/Child Cornhole
Game Night for Adults (new)	Yoga in the Park/Seniors
Gingerbread House Workshop (new)	Youth Fishing Derby
Mystery Who-dun-it Workshop (new)	Zumba at Sam Corey

Highlights:

Efforts in offering more enrichment programming for youth and families resulted in a major increase in participation numbers during 2024. This trend is likely to continue in 2025.



Community Special Events

Total Participants: 5,520

Programs Offered:

Moonlight Movies	Kids Day at Valhalla (new)
Music in the Gardens	Easter Egg Hunt
Halloween in the Gardens	Holiday Tree Lighting

Highlights:

The department managed the Music in the Gardens Series en lieu of the Arts Council in 2024 and saw an average concert attendance near 400 people. Holiday focused events continue to see the greatest attendance.

Senior Focused Events and Programming

Total Participants: 6,750

Programs Offered:

Book Clubs	Pancakes and Pajamas
Card Games (euchre, bridge, etc.)	Quilting and Needlework
Daily Chair Exercise	Senior Picnic
Health Workshops	Senior Trips
Hobby and Crafts	Table Tennis/Cornhole
Holiday Special Events	Weekly TCOA Congregate Meal
Lifelong Learning Series	

Highlights:

Now four years removed from the Covid 19 pandemic, participation numbers at the senior center continue to increase. 2024 program efforts focused on Health and Wellness and lifelong Learning initiatives.

Regional Non-Township Owned Recreational Opportunities

Holt Public Schools

Under a cooperative agreement with Delhi Township, Holt Public Schools provides enrichment and aquatic activities. The Community Education Office runs these programs. A few of the classes they offer are computer, health & safety, swimming, and dance.

Regional Parks and Recreational Facilities

Sleepy Hollow State Park, State of Michigan

Sleepy Hollow State Park is located in Clinton County on Price Road off of US-127, near St. Johns and Laingsburg. The park is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and contains over 2600 acres, as well as Lake Ovid, a 410 acre man-made lake.

The Park has a modern campground with 181 sites and restroom accommodations. Also available is a rustic youth organization site for youth groups, scouts and church and school group use. The camp sites are within a short walk to the park's beach area. Day use facilities at the park include a ½ mile beach with beach house and concessions, shelters and picnicking, play equipment, restroom facilities, ball fields, trails for hiking and mountain biking, groomed cross-country ski trails, and activities such as snowmobiling, hunting and trapping (during appropriate seasons) and year round bird watching.

Sleepy Hollow is also the site of the annual Indian Pow-Wow, hosted by the Lansing North American Center.

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area, State of Michigan

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area is located in Bath and Woodhull Townships off of Upton and Stoll Roads. The park is operated by the Michigan DNR containing Rose Lake, Potter Lake and a portion of Mud Lake.

Existing facilities provide opportunities to study wildlife habitats, and activities such as hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and trails for hiking and mountain biking. Most of the



facilities provide limited access. Parking and roadways are around the perimeter with facilities located in the middle.

Burchfield Park and Riverbend Natural Area, Ingham County

Burchfield Park contains the Riverbend Natural Area within it, making Burchfield Park the county's largest park. The park contains over 540 acres and is located along the central western edge of the county, south of Lansing between Dimondale and Holt, along the Grand River. The land is mostly wooded with some grass areas. The park also contains the McNamara Canoe Landing, which is state owned land that Ingham County has a long-term operating agreement for.

Existing features include: more than 6 miles of hiking trails, over 10 miles of mountain bike trails, a softball diamond, bank and boat fishing, a beach with swimming on a natural spring fed pond, canoe, kayak and pedal boat rentals, horseshoe pits, nature day camp, picnic grounds & shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, a stocked fishing pond, 6.9 miles of cross-country ski trails with rentals and lessons, ice skating, two sledding hills, dual 700 foot toboggan runs and a warming lodge & snack bar.

Hawk Island Park, Ingham County

Hawk Island Park is Ingham County's most recent development. The park is located in the city limits of Lansing, north of Cavanaugh Road between Aurelius and Pennsylvania. The north end of this park connects to Scott Woods, a City of Lansing Park.

The park was built on the former Solomon Gravel Pits, reaching completion in 2001. Facilities at the park include a 35 acre lake, beach, bath hours, boat rental, fishing with the lake stocked, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, ball diamonds, paved trails, a winter sports rental area and cross-country skiing extending through park and cooperatively with the city into Scott Woods Park and Sycamore Golf Course. There are walkways on Cavanaugh Road leading to the park.

In 2003 and 2004 the city was awarded DNR and MDOT grant funding to extend the River Trail South from Potter Park to Hawk Island. This connection was completed in 2007.

Kenneth A. Hope Sports Complex, Ingham County

The Kenneth A. Hope Sports Complex is a premier sports complex in the tri-county area. The complex consists of six state-of-the-art fields that have earned World Cup ratings. The complex officially opened September 9, 2000. Located at 5801 Aurelius Road, between Jolly and Miller Roads in Lansing the complex is utilized for youth recreational soccer, adult leagues and tournaments.

Lake Lansing Park - South, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – South contains 30 acres and is located at the northeast corner of Lake Lansing and Marsh Roads in Meridian Township. The park is formerly the site of a popular amusement park. The old carousel building was preserved and remains on location. The park is very popular during the warm months because of its sandy swimming beach. Overcrowding is typical during warm weekends with swimmers and boaters. Currently, the County Parks Department owns and leases out the house at the southwest end of the property. Access to the picnic shelter is paved and also handicap accessible.

Existing facilities include: a beach and bath house, horseshoe pits, pedal boat rental, picnic grounds and shelter, playgrounds and tricycle track, shuffleboard courts, snack bar, volleyball courts, and ice fishing.

Lake Lansing Park – North, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – North consists of 410 acres of land and is operated by Ingham County Parks Department. It is located to the northeast of Lake Lansing in Meridian Township, with a majority of the park lying north of Lake Drive. Only a small boat launch links Lake Lansing Park – North with Lake Lansing. A good portion of the park is wooded upland consisting of mature oaks and maples. Much of the park is marshlands, consisting of pine plantations and transitional field grasses.

Existing facilities include: softball diamonds, a boat launch, hiking trails and boardwalks, horseshoe pits, nature study area, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, cross-country skiing and rentals, ice fishing and winter warming lodge.



Potter Park Zoo, Ingham County/City of Lansing

Potter Park Zoo is owned by the city of Lansing and run by Ingham County. It is open year round for a fee except during winter hours. They have animals from around the world in outdoor exhibits such as the Barnyard and Wolf Woods, indoor facilities including the Bird and Reptile House and Feline/Primate House, and they have an indoor education center. It is located in Potter Park at 1301 S. Pennsylvania Avenue.

River Trail, City of Lansing

The River Trail is an asphalt and boardwalk trail that covers 11 miles through the city of Lansing. It runs from the MSU campus on the east, through the Sycamore Creek Trail and Sycamore Trail to Delhi Township, as well as to the South Lansing Pathway. The River Trail also connects to Dietrich Park (almost to Delta Township) on the north and Grand River Park (almost to Delta Township) on the west.

East Lansing Soccer Complex, City of East Lansing

The East Lansing Soccer Complex includes 7 full-size fields and one smaller practice field that are available for use for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, football, Frisbee and kickball. It is located on 3700 Coleman Road, just off Chandler Road in East Lansing.

East Lansing Softball Complex, City of East Lansing

The East Lansing Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. It is located on 410 Abbott Road in East Lansing.

East Lansing Aquatic Center, City of East Lansing

This facility is an outdoor aquatic center that is open to the public for a fee from June until September. It has water slides, diving boards, zero grade pool, splash pad and picnic pavilions that are available to rent. It is located at 6400 Abbot Road in East Lansing.

Alliance Lake Softball Complex, City of Potterville

Alliance Lake Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. The complex is located southwest of Lansing in Potterville on 515 Alliance Drive.

Fitzgerald Park, Eaton County

Fitzgerald Park is a 78 acre park operated by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission. It is located at 133 Fitzgerald Park Drive in Grand Ledge along the Grand River and is on top of ancient sedimentary rocks known as the “Ledges.” The park offers picnicking, trails, a Nature Center, ball diamonds, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, a playground, and disc golf, sledding, and skateboard park. The park also rents canoes and cross-country skis seasonally.

Naturalist services are offered at the park, by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission’s Park Naturalist, for civic groups, school groups, and any other organization. These services include presentations on ecology (i.e. trees, plants, wildlife, and natural history).

Lincoln Brick Park, Eaton County

Lincoln Brick Park is historically named after the decade of brick production that once took place on the site. The park is located just north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road, one mile west of M-100 off State Road. The park consists of 90 acres and is positioned just across the river from Fitzgerald Park. The park is composed of a variety of habitats from woodlands and open meadows to over 6,000 feet of scenic river frontage. The park provides pavilions and picnicking, a tot lot, nature trails, cross country skiing, fishing, and archery range and diversified wildlife. The park has proposed developments which would provide access across the Grand River to Fitzgerald Park.

Harris Nature Center, Meridian Township

Harris Nature Center is a recently developed nature center located at 3998 Van Atta Road and



is operated by the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department. The center consists of over 200 acres of land dedicated to promoting and interpreting the Red Cedar River and the surrounding ecosystems. The center provides programs and exhibits intended to assist in the learning process. Renovated buildings and facilities are used to complement hiking and nature observation opportunities. The nature center opened its doors in the summer of 1997.

Woldumar Nature Center, Nature Way Association

Woldumar Nature Center was established in 1966 when a land donation of 177 acres was made to the Nature Way Association; the governing body of Woldumar. It is located at 5539 Lansing Road, in Lansing, and currently maintains 188 acres of land. The Nature Way Association is a private, non-profit educational organization, providing outdoor education to 1,500 school children annually. Over 40,000 guests visit during the same period. The nature center provides educational trail system through woodlands, fields, prairie, pine forests, orchards, and along the Grand River. There are over 5 miles of trails and at least 1 mile of river shoreline.

Fenner Nature Center, City of Lansing

Fenner Nature Center is an environmental education center encompassing 134 acres of publicly accessible green space. Now run by the non-profit Fenner Conservancy, the property includes over four miles of trails, rolling glacial eskers, towering maple groves and so much more. Inside the visitor center are collections of live native reptiles and amphibians, as well as a viewing area to watch songbirds, deer, and wild turkeys.

Frances Park, City of Lansing

Stroll through the formal rose garden and woodland trail, or view the Grand River. There are 155 varieties of roses in the garden, which is regularly recognized by the All-American Rose Selections organization for outstanding rose garden maintenance. Frances Park offers three unique sites for outdoor weddings, with intimate and scenic locations.

Rotary Park, City of Lansing

Located on the river between the Lansing Center and Shiawassee Street bridge, the new Rotary

Park has already become a top destination for residents and visitors.

Unlike any other park in the region, Rotary Park features a new ADA kayak launch, a beach, a vibrant plaza with a large fireplace, a magical lighted forest, and a new venue for small concerts and events under the bridge.

Other Local Parks

City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Facilities in Delhi Township

The City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department owns four sites in the north and northeast sections of Delhi Township. The four sites are Willoughby Park with 66 acres, M.S.H.D. Parcel C with 44 acres, M.S.H.D. Parcel D with 39 acres, M.S.H.D. Parcel F with 13 acres. These parcels are located near larger population concentrations in Delhi Township.

City of Mason

The nearby City of Mason also offers a full-service parks and recreation department to its residents. Of special interest to residents of Delhi Township is Bond Park, a skate park that accommodates skaters of many skill levels and roller hockey rink.



5-The Planning Process



Plan Development Process

The consultants reviewed the previous 5-Year Community Parks and Recreation Plan (2020-2024), current demographics, current budgets and revenues, past planning efforts, and perceived initial priorities. The consultants also performed an initial orientation meeting with the Township Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Troy Stowell, to establish initial study parameters and planning direction. As part of the inventory gathering process, the Consultant team performed physical inventories by visiting each park facility in the Township's system to determine current uses and conditions, and to complete an accessibility audit. The Consultants also took photos of facilities for future reference.

This information was then put through an analysis process, by comparing Delhi Charter Township's current system and suggested priorities to national recreation standards in order to expose any recreational deficiencies or strengths in the township. The inventories were also analyzed against the most recent demographics, community description information, and evaluations of current township policies and programs to further refine the plan. The above information, combined with information from a Parks Commission meeting, was synthesized into the proposed goals and objectives of this plan. The goals and objectives were then further refined with the assignment of phasing and priority suggestions (actions), as well as estimates of probable cost (capital improvements schedule). Subsequent refinement of the plan was performed through various discussions with township officials, public comment, and investigation of funding strategies and sources to eventually produce the final Community Parks and Recreation Plan.

Public Participation

Various methods were employed to ensure that the public played a vital role in the shaping of this document. The Consultant conducted interviews with select individuals based upon their knowledge or related experience of the recreation and parks opportunities in the region and the township. Troy Stowell, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, met with various public organizations, including seniors at the senior center. The public also had a well-publicized opportunity to attend an input meeting at the township hall on Oct 9 @ 6 pm. The public was given a month to review the draft plan prior to a public hearing at the Park Commission. Meeting agendas, minutes, and public notices are in the appendix at the end of this document.



Parks Commission Meeting

In an effort to obtain a better understanding of the needs and desires for the park system, as perceived by local representatives, a meeting of the Parks Commission was held on November 13th, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Commissioners in attendance were:

- Paul Dykema
- Steve Warfield
- Phillip Knapman
- Dennis Fulk
- Ray King
- Kevin Leonard
- Sue Lierman

Topics that arose pertaining to the long-term vision of the Parks and Recreation system included:

Stakeholder Meetings

In order to respond to needs within the township, meetings were held with eight stakeholder groups as part of the public input process.

Public Input

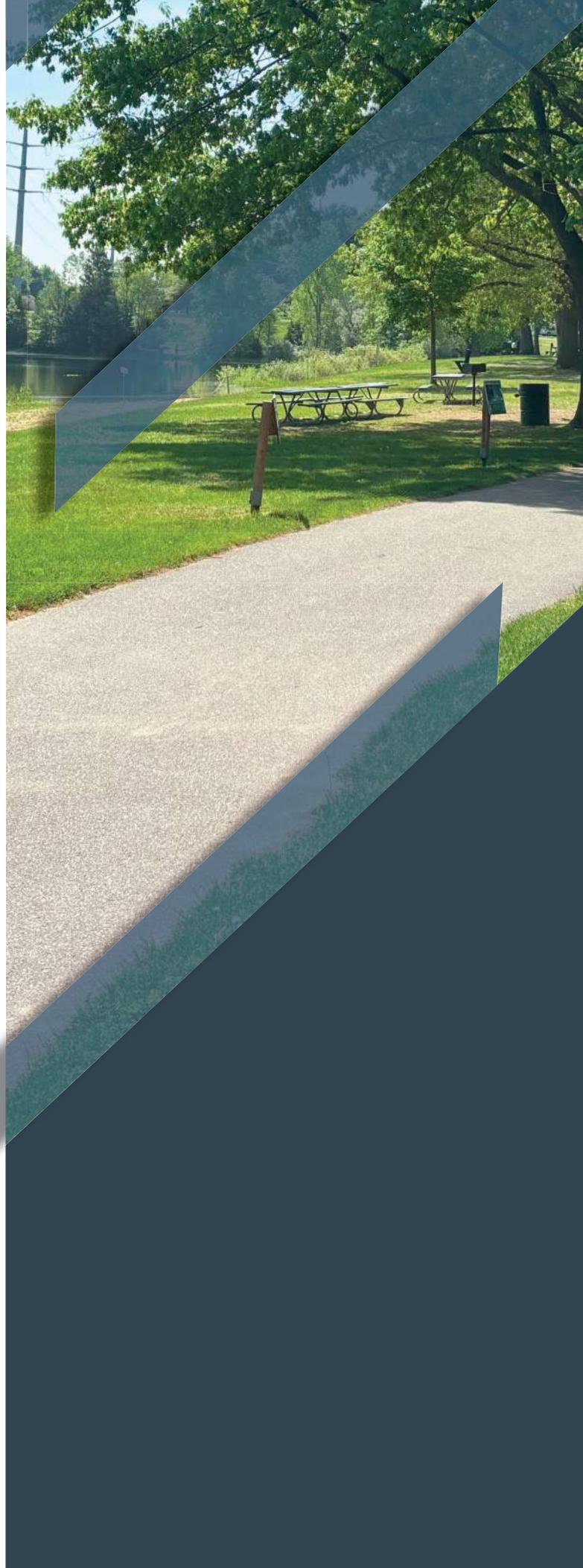
- A public input meeting was held on at the township hall on Oct 9 @ 6 pm
- The draft plan was put out to review on November 7th, 2024, online and at the township hall and library.
- A final public hearing to approve the plan was held at a Board meeting on January 21st, 2025. The plan was adopted on (Insert Here).

Online Survey

An opinion survey was released online by the Township on August 8th, 2024 and the survey was closed on December 17th, 2024. The survey covered many topics and asked residents what parks they spend a majority of their time at. Some common answers were increasing the amount of pickleball courts, more connections from parks to neighborhoods, disc golf courses, and updated amenities that caters to residents of all ages.



6-Goals and Objectives



Overview

After careful study of demographics, review of public comment and past studies, and comparison to national standards, the following goals and objectives were established for the Delhi Charter Township Community Parks and Recreation Plan. Many goals and objectives were identified through the planning process. They are numbered for ease of discussion, but the order is not reflective of priority.

Goals and Objectives

- I. **Provide an effective, responsible, and cooperative Parks and Recreation Department that seeks to benefit the residents of the township.**
 - A. Maintain and expand cooperative agreements and contracts that support the operations and maintenance of parks and recreation.
 - B. Develop and maintain partnerships/coalitions with community groups and cultural and educational institutions that enhance the parks and recreation system.
 - C. Maintain a budget that is sufficiently funded and appropriately allocated.

Rationale:

The cooperative agreement between the parks department and Holt Public Schools has been successful for the school district, township, and residents. The sharing of resources has eliminated duplication of facilities, saving thousands of dollars. They intend to continue this relationship into the future.

The contract with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office has proven to be effective in providing security and order to the park system. The work has improved the social environment of the parks system, making the parks experience safer, more pleasant, and more accessible than it had been previously.



II. Provide quality facilities that meet the recreational needs of Township residents.

- A. Update, renovate and maintain existing parks, trails, and other recreational facilities.
- B. Expand or develop existing parks, trails, and other recreation facilities to accommodate recreation opportunities and growing needs.
- C. Identify uses for undeveloped and underdeveloped properties, utilizing community input through the master plan process, in order to develop new parks, trails and other recreation facilities.

Rationale:

Existing park facilities must be properly maintained throughout the life of the facility. Some facilities must be renovated when they have reached the end of their safe and effective life. Others must be replaced. These types of projects help to maintain a high level of quality at all of the existing park facilities.

III. Bring the township park facilities up to current accessibility and safety standards.

- A. Determine playground deficiencies throughout the park system and bring equipment to current standards.
- B. Perform a system-wide accessibility upgrade.

Rationale:

The CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook underwent revisions in November 2010, which was after the last system-wide safety audit was conducted. As standards change, it is important to re-evaluate the conditions of the facilities to ensure that all play equipment meets code.

- IV. Promote the development of new programs with active sport facilities and passive leisure opportunities which are in high demand, or are innovative, or are unique or not presently by municipal or private sectors.**
- A. Identify new trends in recreation/leisure programming
 - B. Facilitate third party programs to provide recreation programming options in township parks and park facilities.
 - C. Monitor service and participation levels of existing programs to inform future planning efforts.

Rationale:

By sharing facilities and other resources and coordinating programming services with other entities, the parks staff can support a wider variety of programs for residents than otherwise possible.

- V. Develop a master plan for the Eifert Road Property that efficiently utilizes the space and provides a useful amenity to the community.**
- A. Utilize the information of trends in the community that were identified.
 - B. Gather the needs of the community through the master plan survey process.
 - C. Conduct community input events and reviews to insure proper utilization of the property.

Rationale:

The current property contains the Rams Trail, but does not provide parking or any other amenities to the community. After completing the full master plan process, the Township can understand what the community prefers and what they would like to see or not see happen with the Eifert Road Property.

VI. Create a connected Community.

- A. Promote recreational activities and opportunities for individuals, families, and seniors within the Township to recreate responsibly.**
- B. Encourage and facilitate the continued use of the Sam Corey building for a wider range of Township events, program and activities while continuing to prioritize senior citizen use of the facility.**
- C. Increase the quality of life for residents with emphasis on outdoor recreational opportunities.**

Rationale:

By promoting recreational activities that involves multiple different groups of people and ages, the Township will develop a greater sense of community and residents will feel a responsibility to take care and keep Township facilities safe and clean for all to use.



7-The Action Plan



Actions

The following action plan, or “Capital Improvement Plan” (CIP), was developed based on information gathered from public input, interviews, demographic data, land use trends, and efforts of adjacent communities. The plan covers the next five years (2020-2024). These projects may be funded through grant sources such as those provided through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, Waterways Program Grants, Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants, Invasive Species Grant Program, and Wildlife Habitat Grant Program. There are also grants available through private corporations, non-profit organizations, foundations, and other state and federal agencies.

Many of the previous park projects have been built, leaving room to ask the question, “What’s next?”. It will be necessary to investigate the feasibility of any answers to this question, and to expand upon them through additional planning and design efforts. The township needs to be prepared and organized in their planning efforts to be ready to apply for grants and recruit donations for funding. Without these plans the township will not be able to keep up with recreational needs and trends that attract people to live, work, and play in Delhi.

Capital Improvement Plan Schedule

Delhi Charter Township Community Parks & Recreation Plan
(2025 through 2029)

Target Year	Project Location	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Revenue Source	Goal
2025	Kiwanis Park	Relocation of bike and skate park equipment to new concrete pad.	\$200,000	Millage	IIB
2025	John Taylor Memorial Park	Parking, accessible trails and playground updates.	\$750,000	Grants, millage	IIA
2025-2026	Centennial Farms Park	Parking, sports fields, playground addition, and natural trail.	\$500,000	Grants, millage	IIB
2026-2027	Valhalla Park	Picnic shelter, boardwalk and fishing decks.	\$575,000	Grants, millage	IVA

*** THIS DOCUMENT IS A LONG RANGE PLANNING DOCUMENT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND IS REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. ALL PROJECTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING THROUGH THE GRANT SOURCE AND THE GENERAL FUND AND THE APPROVAL OF THE PARK COMMISSION AND TOWNSHIP BOARD.

*** THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT OTHER SOURCES FOR GRANTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

Progress Over The Past Five Years

Many projects from the last five-year plan's capital improvement schedule have made it through the process and have completed or are in the process of construction. The completed projects include Kiwanis Park tennis court renovations, and a southern expansion of the trail system towards Mason. Kiwanis park received funding from a mileage to construct updated tennis courts, pickleball courts, a practice wall, new fencing and a new playground. The township also received funding from a mileage and private donations to construct multi-modal pathways that run from Esker Landing Park south to the intersection of Cedar St. and College Rd. A few projects are also in the progress of being constructed or in the planning phase of construction. These projects include the Valhalla Park restroom improvements and master planning for John Taylor Park, Valhalla Park, Esker Landing, and Veteran's Memorial Gardens.



Appendix



Affidavits

Notice for Public Input meeting

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community, our beloved parks and recreation facilities are essential for fostering health, happiness, and a vibrant sense of community. We believe that parks and recreation play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for residents of all ages.

Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey
The Delhi Township Park Commission is seeking public input for the 2025-2029 Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan through an opinion survey to collect thoughts and ideas about the township's parks and recreation opportunities and facilities. The survey can be accessed by this url: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/t/DelhiTwoParksRec>

Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input Meeting
Wednesday October 9, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Community Services Center (2074 Aurelius)

The Delhi Township Park Commission is in the process of updating our 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Master Plan and will be holding a public input session held in an open-house format. See some of the initial results from the Master Plan Community Survey.

Bring your ideas and insight for this interactive discussion on the future of Delhi Township parks and community recreation programs!

2020-2024 Community Parks & Recreation Master Plan
The Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees adopted the 2020-2024 Community Parks and Parks and Recreation Master Plan on January 21, 2020 - to view the document and its appendices, click the links below:

- [2020-2024 Community Recreation Plan \(PDF\)](#)

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Notice of Master Plan DRAFT review

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2025-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan DRAFT

2025 - 2029 Master Plan Draft

The draft of the Delhi Township Parks Master Plan is now available for review! The community is encouraged to read the master plan to learn more about the priorities of the Parks and Recreation Department over the next five years. Included in the Draft are conceptual plans for the following parks:

- Centennial Farms Park
- Esker Landing Park
- John Taylor Memorial Park
- Valhalla Park
- Veteran's Memorial Gardens

Community members are invited to submit comments on the plan via e-mail at troy.stowell@delhitownshipmi.gov

2025-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Survey Results (as of 11/1/2024)

Survey Results

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Schedule for ad number LPET02022590
Sun Dec 8, 2024
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DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at the Community Services Center, Multipurpose Room, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, MI 48842 on **January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** consider the proposed 2025-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A copy of the draft plan may be reviewed at the Delhi Township Web Site at www.delhitownshipmi.gov or at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, MI 48842. You are invited to attend the Public Hearing to speak on this topic. Written comments may be sent prior to the hearing dates.

Evan Hope, Clerk

Delhi Charter Township
Publication Dates
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Meeting Minutes

Parks Commission and Public Meeting Notes



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Delhi Charter Township/City of Mason/Ingham County Parks Meeting Minutes



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Plan Adoption

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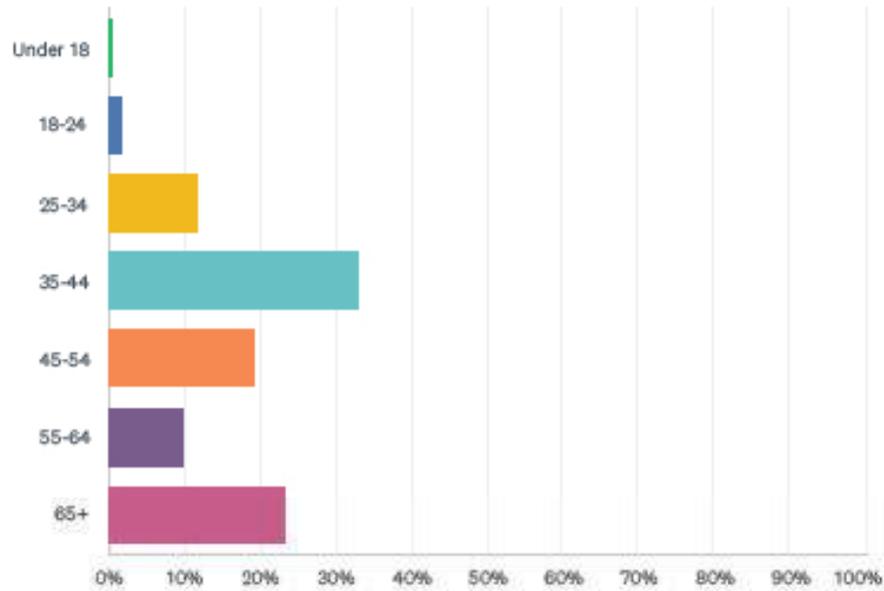


Survey Results

Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Opinion Survey

Q1 What is your age?

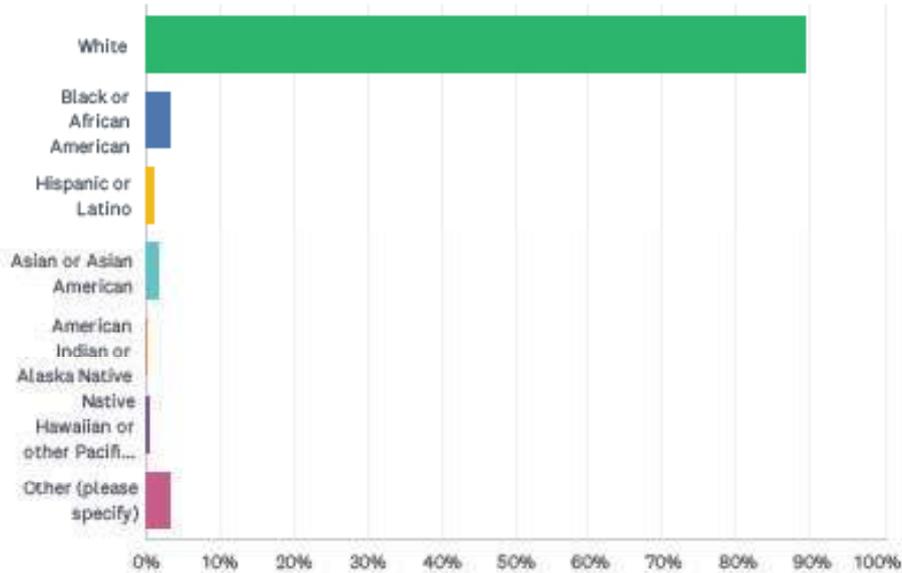
Answered: 411 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.73% 3
18-24	1.95% 8
25-34	11.68% 48
35-44	33.09% 136
45-54	19.46% 80
55-64	9.73% 40
65+	23.36% 96
TOTAL	411

Q2 What is your ethnicity?

Answered: 406 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
White	89.41% 363
Black or African American	3.45% 14
Hispanic or Latino	1.23% 5
Asian or Asian American	1.72% 7
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.25% 1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.49% 2
Other (please specify)	3.45% 14
TOTAL	406

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not relevant to this survey	10/23/2024 7:05 PM
2	NB	10/23/2024 5:55 PM
3	N/A	10/23/2024 2:39 PM
4	W	10/23/2024 12:45 PM
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6	Biracial (Black and white)	10/10/2024 8:20 AM
7	Na	10/7/2024 5:36 PM



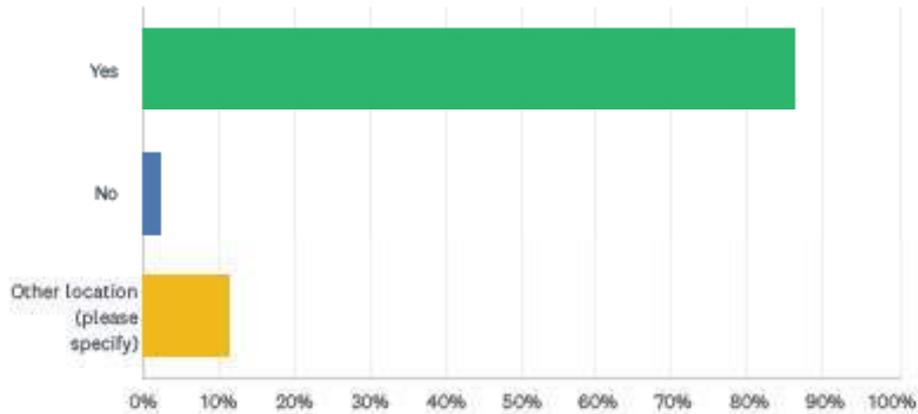
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9	South Asian	10/4/2024 6:49 PM
10	Swedish German	10/4/2024 3:41 PM
11	Biracial	10/4/2024 2:29 PM
12	English-Irish	10/1/2024 8:03 AM
13	Middle Eastern	9/30/2024 4:46 PM
14	N/A	9/30/2024 8:15 AM

Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Opinion Survey

Q3 Are you a Delhi Township resident? If no, where do you live?

Answered: 410 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.10%	353
No	2.44%	10
Other location (please specify)	11.46%	47
TOTAL		410

#	OTHER LOCATION (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	DeWitt	10/22/2024 6:02 PM
2	Lansing	10/21/2024 9:14 PM
3	Mason	10/21/2024 11:20 AM
4	South Lansing	10/21/2024 12:39 AM
5	South Lansing but I attend holt schools	10/20/2024 2:08 PM
6	Windsor Township	10/12/2024 6:27 PM
7	Windsor Township	10/12/2024 4:16 PM
8	Dimondale	10/12/2024 2:46 PM
9	South Lansing	10/12/2024 9:59 AM
10	Windsor Township	10/11/2024 1:32 PM
11	Delta Twp	10/11/2024 6:43 AM
12	Lansing	10/10/2024 11:01 AM
13	Mason	10/9/2024 7:51 AM
14	Alma, MI	10/8/2024 2:49 PM
15	Ingham County	10/8/2024 3:49 AM

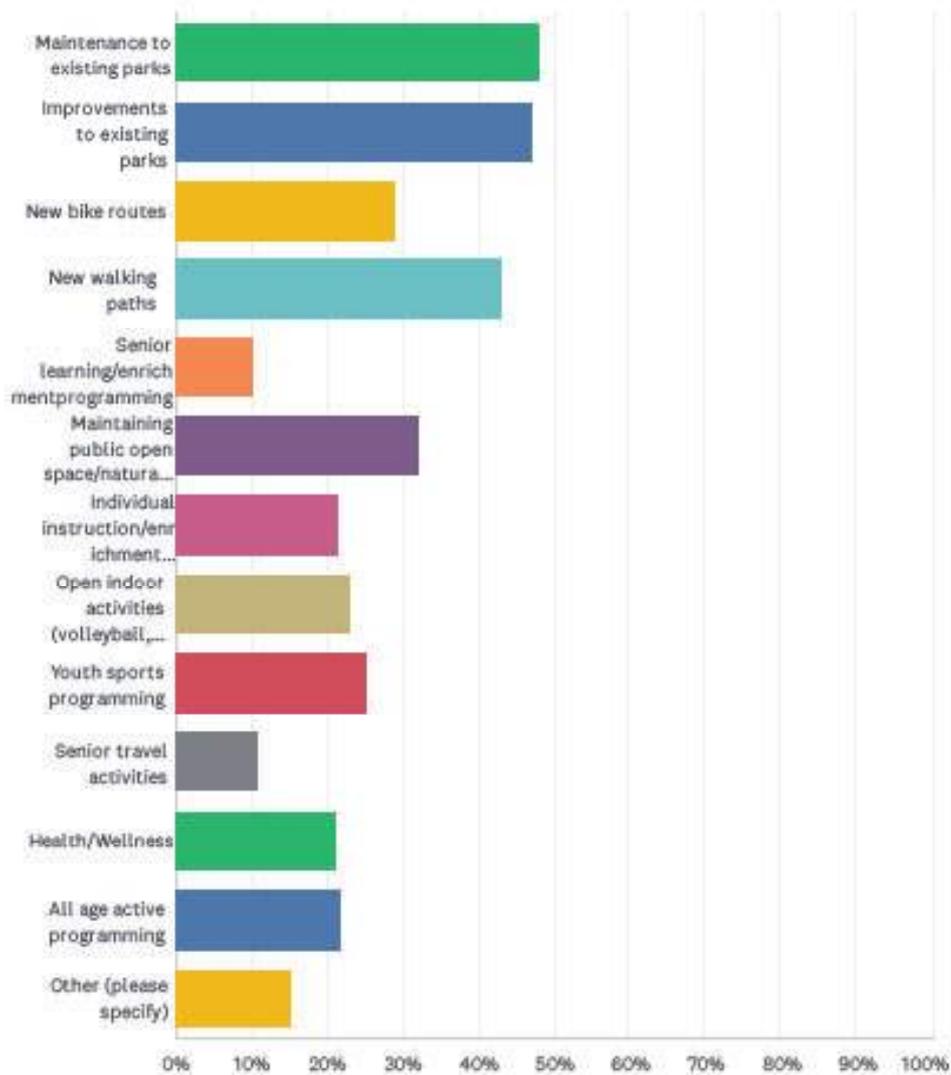


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16	East Lansing	10/8/2024 3:15 AM
17	Shaiwassee	10/7/2024 3:07 PM
18	Lansing	10/6/2024 6:10 PM
19	Clinton	10/6/2024 5:17 PM
20	Lansing	10/6/2024 3:16 PM
21	Grand Haven	10/6/2024 1:59 PM
22	Dimondale, MI	10/6/2024 12:19 PM
23	Eaton County	10/5/2024 9:22 PM
24	Dimondale	10/5/2024 7:29 PM
25	Thorburn st	10/5/2024 6:12 PM
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27	Mason	10/5/2024 9:13 AM
28	Mason	10/4/2024 3:17 PM
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43	Alaiedon Township	9/20/2024 12:58 PM
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45	North of Dell in Lansing	9/20/2024 10:15 AM
46	Windsor	9/20/2024 10:02 AM
47	Dimondale	9/20/2024 9:30 AM

Q4 What are the most important areas that, if addressed by Delhi Township, would increase your use of Township facilities?

Answered: 408 Skipped: 3



Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Opinion Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maintenance to existing parks	48.04%	196
Improvements to existing parks	47.06%	192
New bike routes	28.92%	118
New walking paths	43.14%	176
Senior learning/enrichment programming	10.29%	42
Maintaining public open space/natural areas	32.11%	131
Individual instruction/enrichment programs (golf, dance)	21.57%	88
Open indoor activities (volleyball, basketball)	23.04%	94
Youth sports programming	25.25%	103
Senior travel activities	10.78%	44
Health/Wellness	21.32%	87
All age active programming	21.81%	89
Other (please specify)	15.44%	63
Total Respondents: 408		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Extended hours, especially during non-daylight savings time. Parks shouldn't be effectively closed during the week for half the year.	10/24/2024 10:39 AM
2	Nothing I'm tired of more milleges.	10/23/2024 12:45 PM
3	Indoor pickleball	10/23/2024 11:37 AM
4	Disc golf	10/21/2024 9:14 PM
5	Improve the library. Make it bigger with proper programming space for children.	10/21/2024 7:36 PM
6	I miss being able to walk the schools. It was safe, dry, and easy to get to bathrooms when needed.	10/21/2024 11:43 AM
7	More baseball fields for kids.	10/21/2024 11:19 AM
8	Ability to walk/ride to parks.	10/21/2024 10:31 AM
9	Pickleball court	10/21/2024 9:59 AM
10	pool access	10/21/2024 9:27 AM
11	BETTER ROADS!!!!	10/21/2024 9:15 AM
12	We really miss the Ram Pages and using the pool at the Jr High.	10/20/2024 11:55 AM
13	Fountain of Youth	10/12/2024 4:16 PM
14	Free/affordable community (indoor) meeting spaces	10/12/2024 9:59 AM
15	Disc golf courses	10/11/2024 6:43 AM
16	Indoor pickleball courts	10/10/2024 11:01 AM
17	Roller hockey would be awesome!	10/8/2024 8:31 PM
18	Open swim	10/8/2024 6:30 PM
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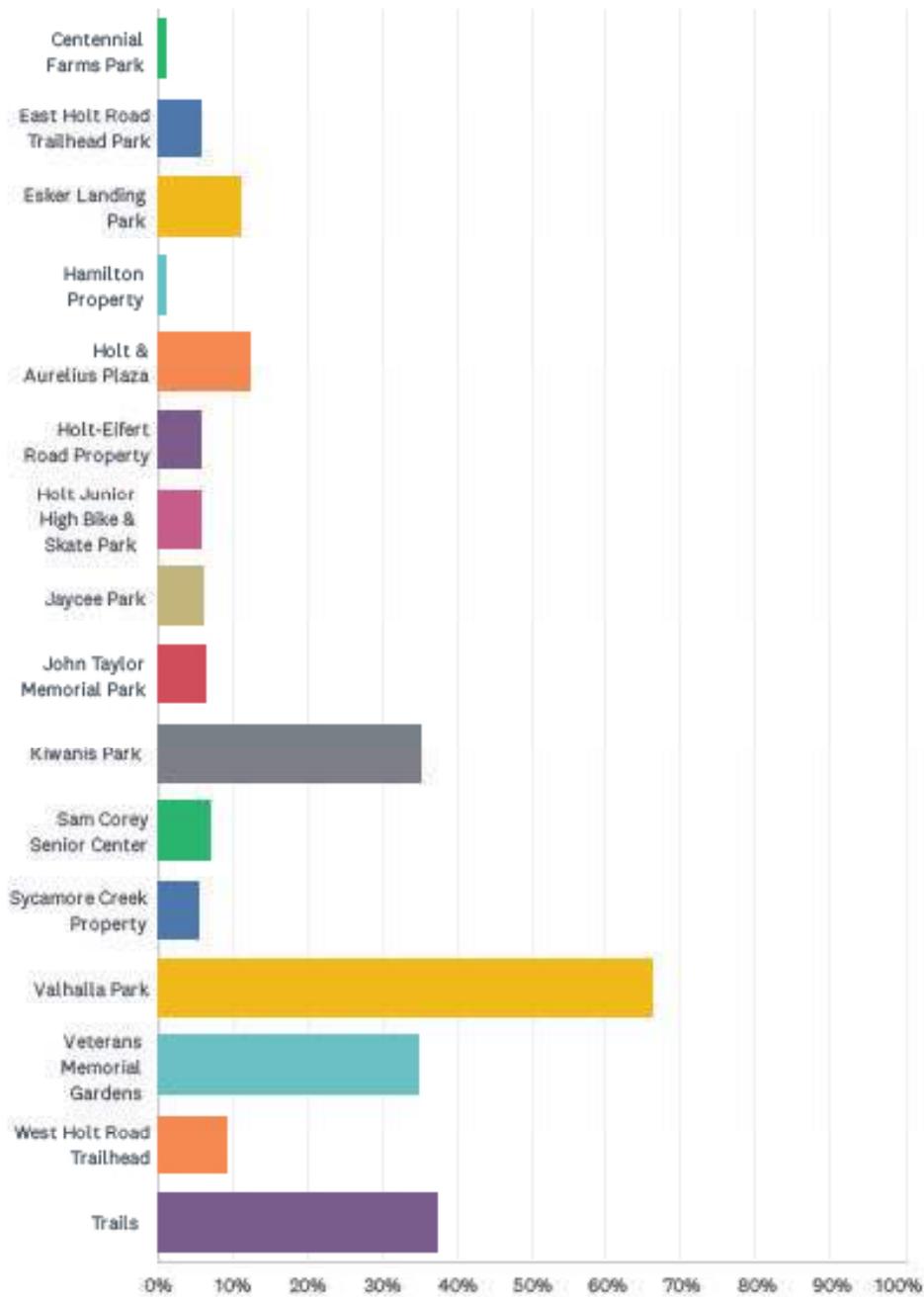
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21	More disc golf courses	10/8/2024 3:30 AM
22	Disc Golf	10/8/2024 3:15 AM
23	Street improvements - the road on my street is HORRIBLE!!!	10/7/2024 9:05 PM
24	More frequent benches	10/6/2024 7:01 PM
25	More Discgolf additions and improvements	10/6/2024 5:17 PM
26	Aquatic program	10/6/2024 1:59 PM
27	Disc golf	10/6/2024 11:56 AM
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29	Disc Golf	10/5/2024 9:22 PM
30	Disc golf	10/5/2024 7:29 PM
31	Disc golf	10/5/2024 5:38 PM
32	Disc Golf Course	10/5/2024 10:17 AM
33	Fixing neighborhood roads with our 7200 taxes per year	10/4/2024 10:31 PM
34	More parks	10/4/2024 6:14 PM
35	Swimming pool access for lap swim	10/4/2024 4:51 PM
36	Adding an indoors roller hockey rink	10/4/2024 3:17 PM
37	Add an inline hockey rink	10/4/2024 3:07 PM
38	Disc golf	10/4/2024 2:49 PM
39	Roller hockey rink	10/4/2024 2:12 PM
40	Youth swimming program	10/4/2024 1:49 PM
41	Youth swimming program	10/4/2024 1:38 PM
42	Learning and Enrichment programs for disabled youth	10/4/2024 12:55 PM
43	Arts and crafts programs like pottery, paper crafts, jewelry making etc	10/2/2024 9:34 PM
44	More pickleball	10/2/2024 7:48 PM
45	Indoor pickleball and lights for outdoor courts	10/1/2024 4:10 PM
46	Indoor Pickleball	10/1/2024 8:03 AM
47	Indoor pickleball	9/30/2024 9:31 PM
48	Indoor pickleball courts	9/30/2024 9:29 PM
49	Indoor pickleball	9/30/2024 9:28 PM
50	Indoor Pickleball and Chip / Putt Synthetic Turf area for Golf	9/30/2024 8:44 PM
51	Community dog parks	9/30/2024 4:46 PM
52	Arts programs or events	9/29/2024 1:36 PM
53	Splash pad	9/27/2024 3:05 PM
54	Yoga	9/25/2024 5:52 PM
55	Dog park or disc golf would be nice additions	9/25/2024 2:03 PM
56	Dog park	9/22/2024 7:26 PM
57	Dog parks	9/21/2024 11:05 AM

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58	Swimming	9/20/2024 3:36 PM
59	Children's splash pad	9/20/2024 2:13 PM
60	Expand youth programs through 5th grade	9/20/2024 10:49 AM
61	Playgrounds are important to us	9/20/2024 10:30 AM
62	More pickleball courts	9/20/2024 10:15 AM
63	indoor pickleball	9/20/2024 9:40 AM

Q5 Which park or recreation facility do you visit the most often?

Answered: 402 Skipped: 9

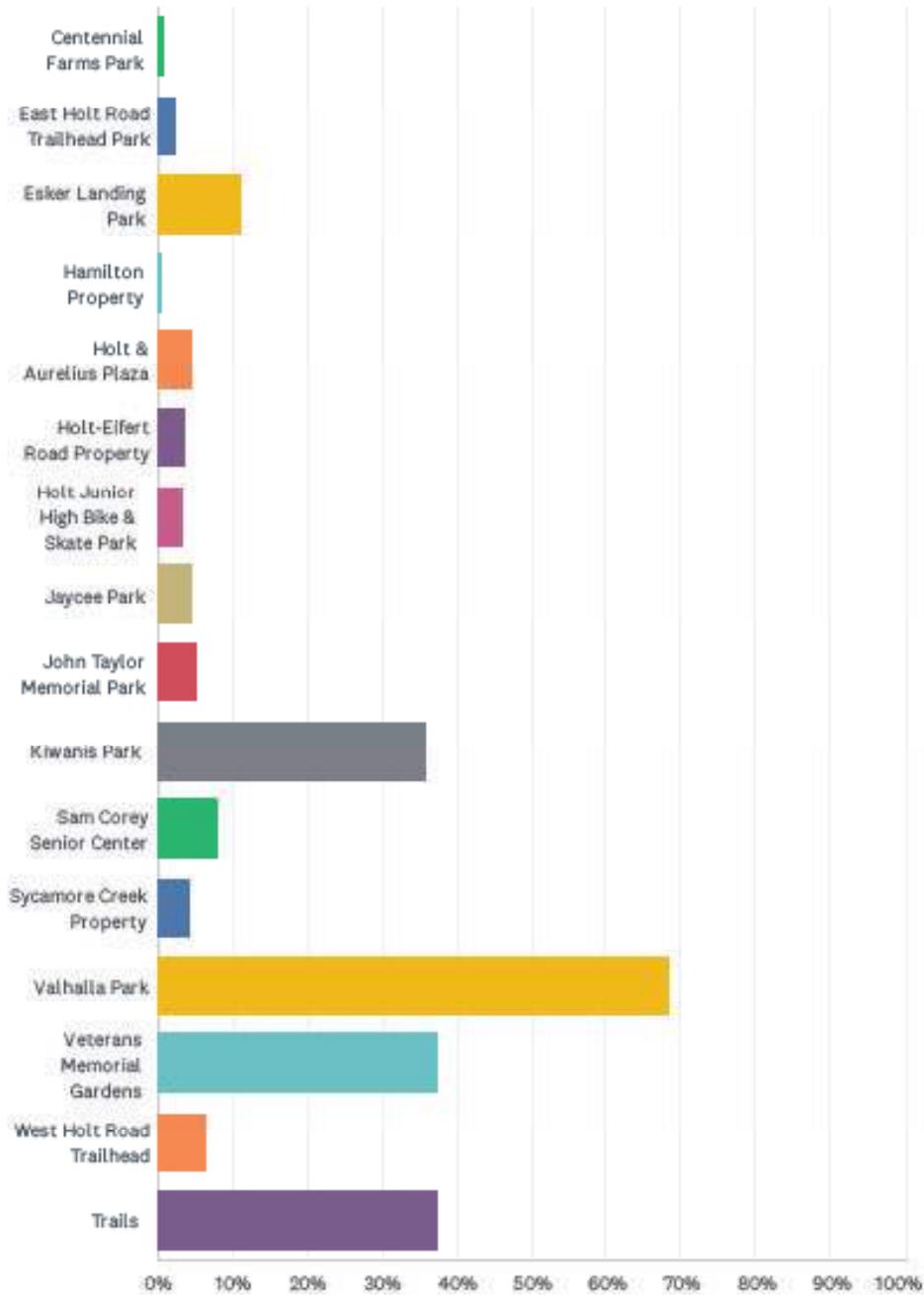


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Centennial Farms Park	1.00%	4
East Holt Road Trailhead Park	5.97%	24
Esker Landing Park	11.19%	45
Hamilton Property	1.24%	5
Holt & Aurelius Plaza	12.44%	50
Holt-Eifert Road Property	5.97%	24
Holt Junior High Bike & Skate Park	5.97%	24
Jaycee Park	6.22%	25
John Taylor Memorial Park	6.72%	27
Kiwanis Park	35.32%	142
Sam Corey Senior Center	7.21%	29
Sycamore Creek Property	5.47%	22
Valhalla Park	66.42%	267
Veterans Memorial Gardens	35.07%	141
West Holt Road Trailhead	9.45%	38
Trails	37.56%	151
Total Respondents: 402		

Q6 What are your favorite parks or recreation facilities? (Choose up to 3)

Answered: 391 Skipped: 20

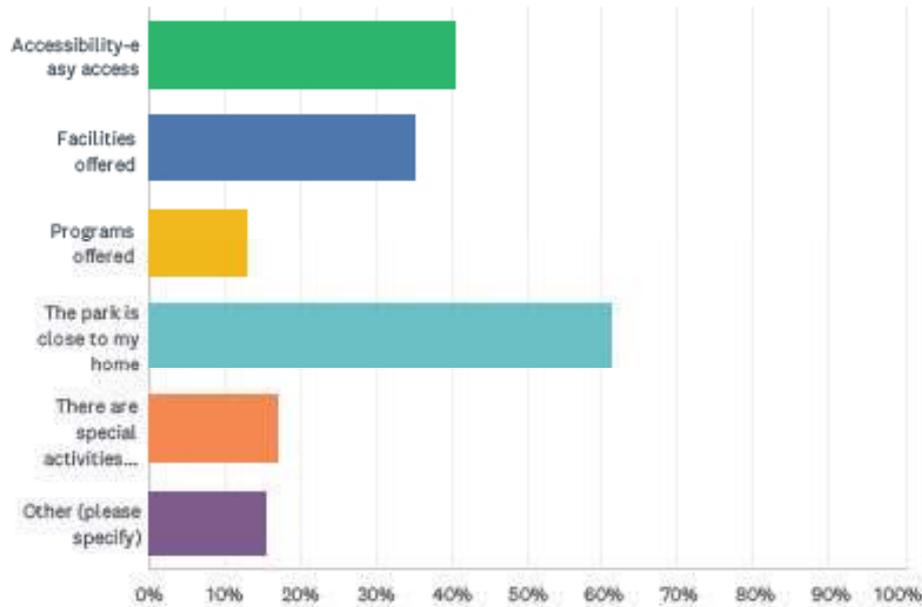


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Centennial Farms Park	0.77%	3
East Holt Road Trailhead Park	2.30%	9
Esker Landing Park	11.25%	44
Hamilton Property	0.51%	2
Holt & Aurelius Plaza	4.60%	18
Holt-Eifert Road Property	3.58%	14
Holt Junior High Bike & Skate Park	3.32%	13
Jaycee Park	4.60%	18
John Taylor Memorial Park	5.12%	20
Kiwanis Park	36.06%	141
Sam Corey Senior Center	8.18%	32
Sycamore Creek Property	4.35%	17
Valhalla Park	68.54%	268
Veterans Memorial Gardens	37.34%	146
West Holt Road Trailhead	6.65%	26
Trails	37.60%	147
Total Respondents: 391		

Q7 Why did you choose those parks/facilities?

Answered: 392 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Accessibility-easy access	40.82% 160
Facilities offered	35.46% 139
Programs offered	13.27% 52
The park is close to my home	61.22% 240
There are special activities offered	17.09% 67
Other (please specify)	15.56% 61
Total Respondents: 392	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Playground Equipment for Children/Walking & Biking Trails	10/24/2024 2:14 PM
2	My child would list the bike & skate park as #1	10/24/2024 10:39 AM
3	exersise	10/24/2024 8:07 AM
4	These are scenic byways.	10/24/2024 2:05 AM
5	Pickleball	10/23/2024 4:31 PM
6	New here, don't know parks	10/23/2024 3:40 PM
7	The trails at Valhalla woods.	10/23/2024 2:47 PM
8	No	10/23/2024 12:45 PM

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9	Those are the ones I know about 🇺🇸	10/22/2024 2:25 PM
10	For biking purposes	10/21/2024 12:44 PM
11	Backup to Mason pickleball	10/21/2024 11:20 AM
12	Love the free library at Valhalla!	10/21/2024 9:36 AM
13	I love the trails at Valhalla, the tennis courts at Kiwanis, and my friends and I often hang out at veterans memorial	10/20/2024 2:08 PM
14	Beautiful forest at Valhalla and lovely gardens at Veterans.	10/17/2024 7:03 PM
15	Biking	10/12/2024 6:27 PM
16	Bike trails	10/12/2024 12:52 PM
17	Tennis and pickleball	10/11/2024 3:21 PM
18	Playground and free parking	10/11/2024 9:24 AM
19	Disc golf course there	10/11/2024 6:43 AM
20	Well maintained	10/10/2024 8:20 AM
21	Disc golf	10/8/2024 3:30 AM
22	Playground	10/7/2024 6:47 PM
23	Trails	10/7/2024 5:43 PM
24	I have young kids	10/7/2024 4:41 PM
25	Has disc golf	10/7/2024 3:07 PM
26	Trails in the woods	10/7/2024 10:30 AM
27	Connection to other Parts of the metro area.(via Lansing River Trail)	10/6/2024 6:10 PM
28	Amazing Discgolf layout could use more funding	10/6/2024 5:17 PM
29	Bike paths	10/5/2024 10:34 PM
30	Disc Golf	10/5/2024 9:22 PM
31	Beautiful nature areas	10/5/2024 5:56 PM
32	They are the ones I have recently used	10/5/2024 12:41 PM
33	Fix neighborhood roads with our high taxes	10/4/2024 10:31 PM
34	Sliding	10/4/2024 10:17 PM
35	I like that John Taylor is well maintained yet not crowded.	10/4/2024 9:22 PM
36	Can use them during kids practices for sporting practices.	10/4/2024 2:12 PM
37	Walking trails at Valhalla, and River access for kayaking at Jaycee Park	10/4/2024 12:33 PM
38	I like the A little amphitheater area for studying and would love to teach there sometime. I think that would be a lot of fun. I don't know if Birchfield Park is in the whole area, but I love the bike trail that little ramp area. I take my dog for runs on that and he loves it and I do JC trail because it's close to my home.	10/4/2024 10:26 AM
39	Ran trails	10/4/2024 10:08 AM
40	Outdoor recreation.	10/3/2024 5:16 PM
41	Beauty/ gardens/concerts/pavilion	10/2/2024 10:04 PM
42	Pickleball	10/2/2024 7:48 PM
43	Pickleball courts	10/2/2024 7:23 PM
44	The park is beautiful	10/2/2024 2:49 PM

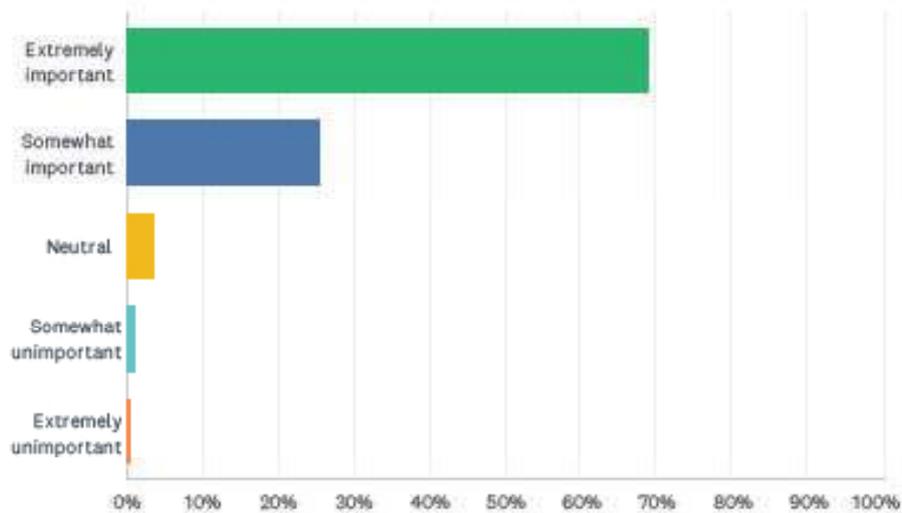
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45	Gorgeous pickleball courts but lighting would be great	10/1/2024 4:10 PM
46	Playing pickleball	10/1/2024 12:44 PM
47	Pickleball	9/30/2024 9:29 PM
48	Pickleball	9/30/2024 9:28 PM
49	Pickleball	9/30/2024 8:56 PM
50	Child play dates	9/30/2024 4:46 PM
51	Playgrounds	9/29/2024 8:34 AM
52	Water area and things for kids outside of a playground	9/27/2024 3:05 PM
53	Close to library	9/25/2024 5:52 PM
54	Ram trail by Holt/Aurelius is great	9/25/2024 2:03 PM
55	Paved path for bike riding	9/25/2024 8:18 AM
56	U	9/22/2024 2:44 PM
57	Tennis and pickleball courts	9/20/2024 5:20 PM
58	Disc Golf	9/20/2024 2:13 PM
59	Clean and kept up	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
60	Pickle ball and great to host events	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
61	Kiwanis as it offers physical activities for all ages.	9/20/2024 10:15 AM



Q8 How important do you feel public parks and recreation facilities are to your quality of life?

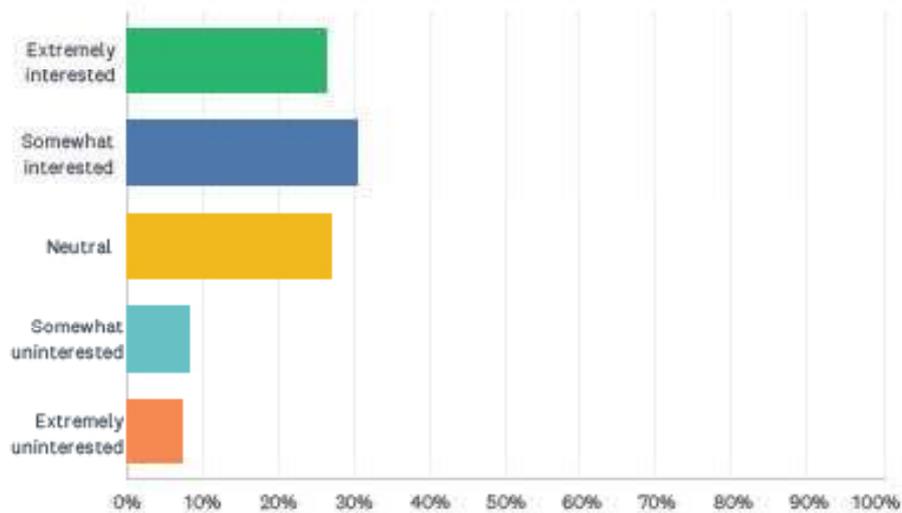
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	69.12%	282
Somewhat important	25.49%	104
Neutral	3.68%	15
Somewhat unimportant	0.98%	4
Extremely unimportant	0.74%	3
TOTAL		408

Q9 Please rate how interested you would be in Outdoor Fitness Equipment areas being developed in the Township.

Answered: 407 Skipped: 4

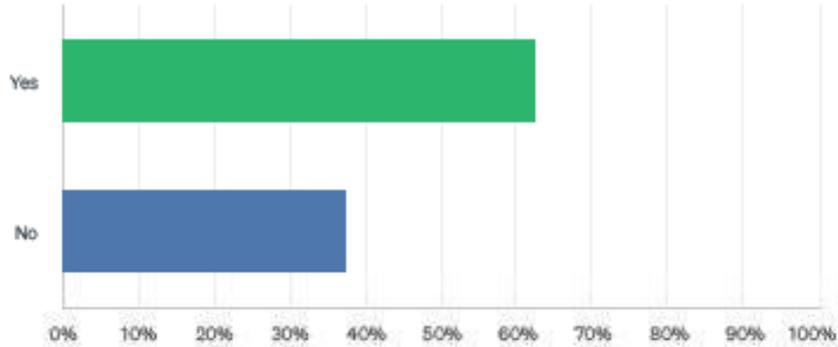


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely interested	26.54%	108
Somewhat interested	30.71%	125
Neutral	27.03%	110
Somewhat uninterested	8.35%	34
Extremely uninterested	7.37%	30
TOTAL		407



Q10 Have you, or any member of your household, participated in any Township recreation programs, concerts, events, classes or leagues offered in the last year?

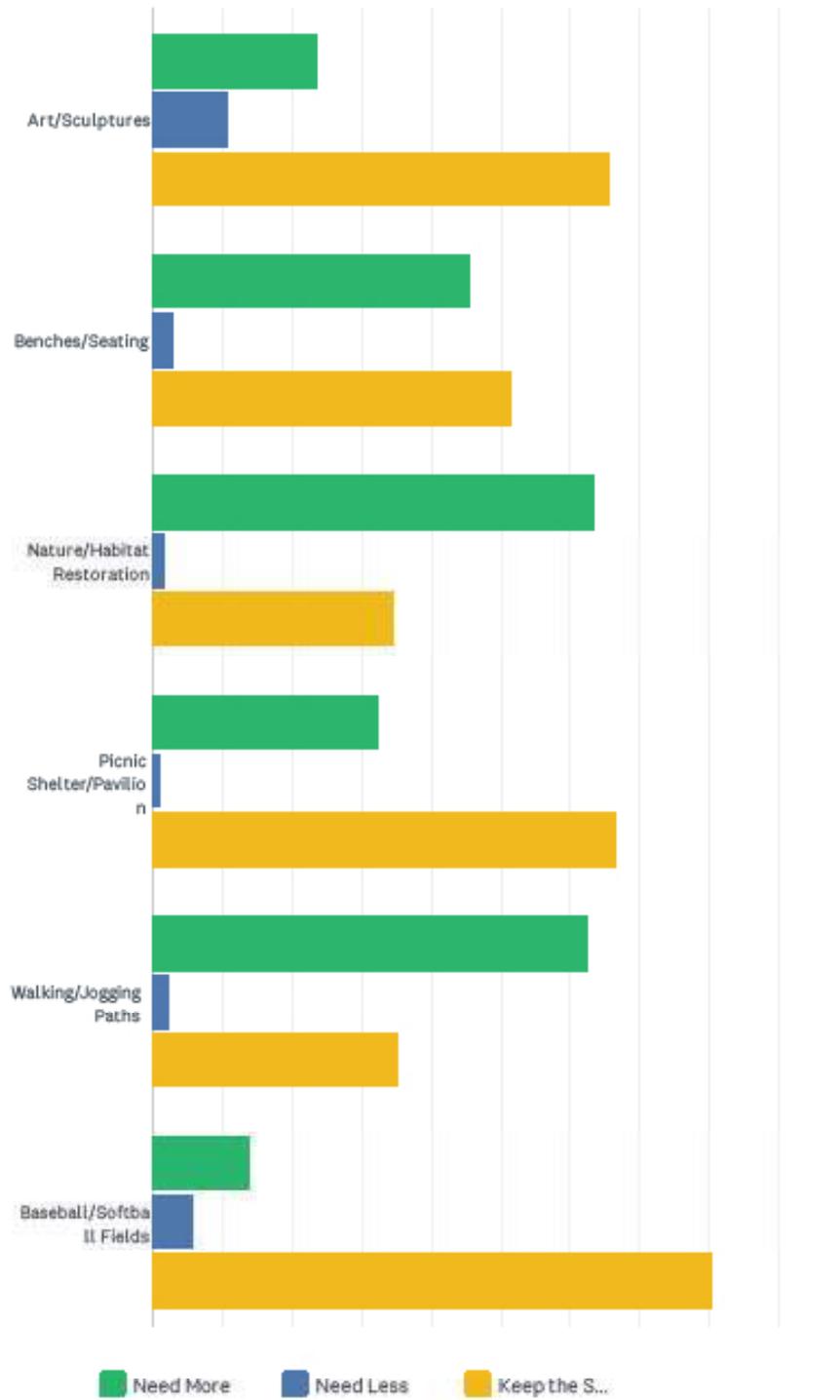
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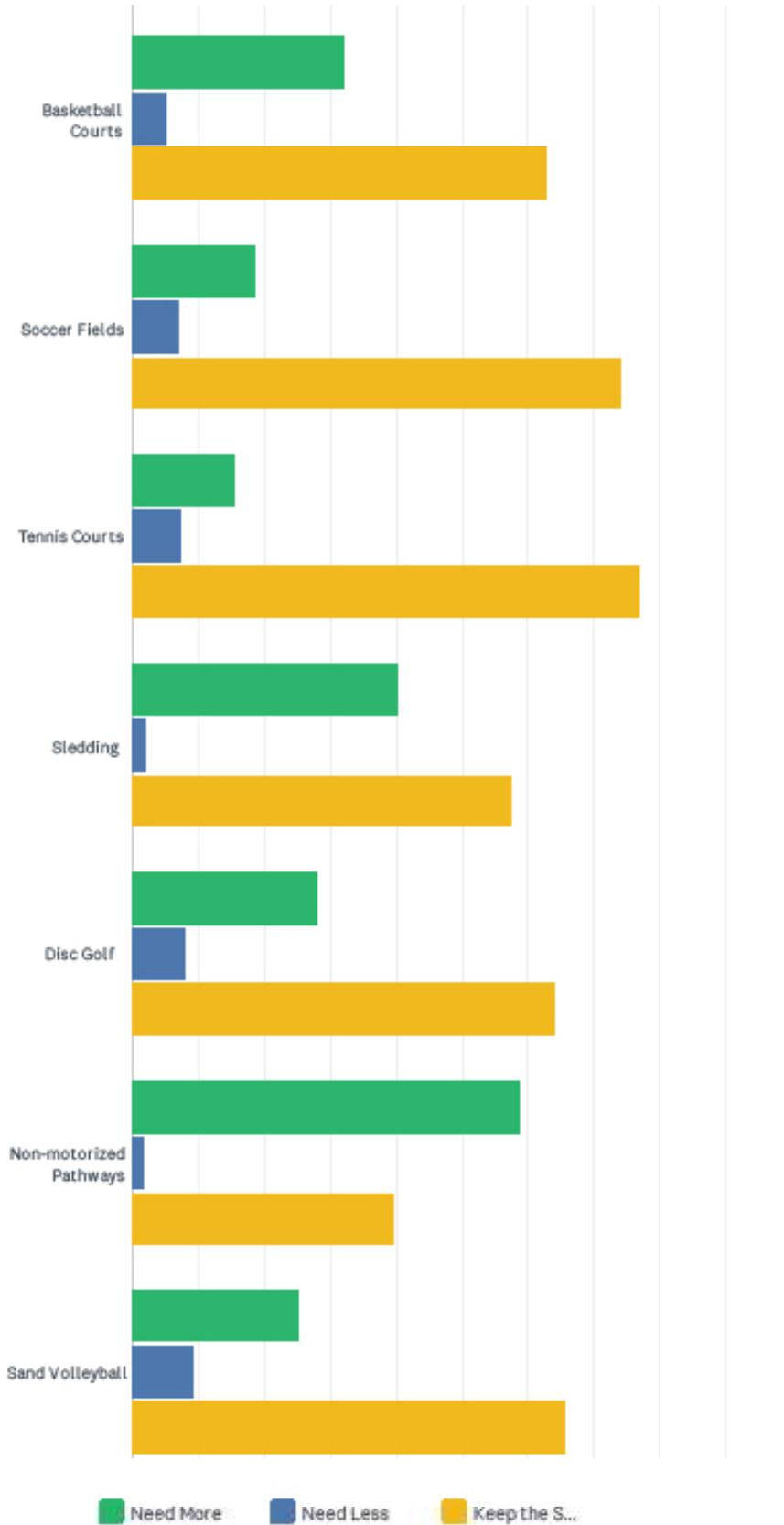
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.56%	254
No	37.44%	152
TOTAL		406

Q11 In your opinion, does Delhi Township need more or less of the following types of facilities/amenities?

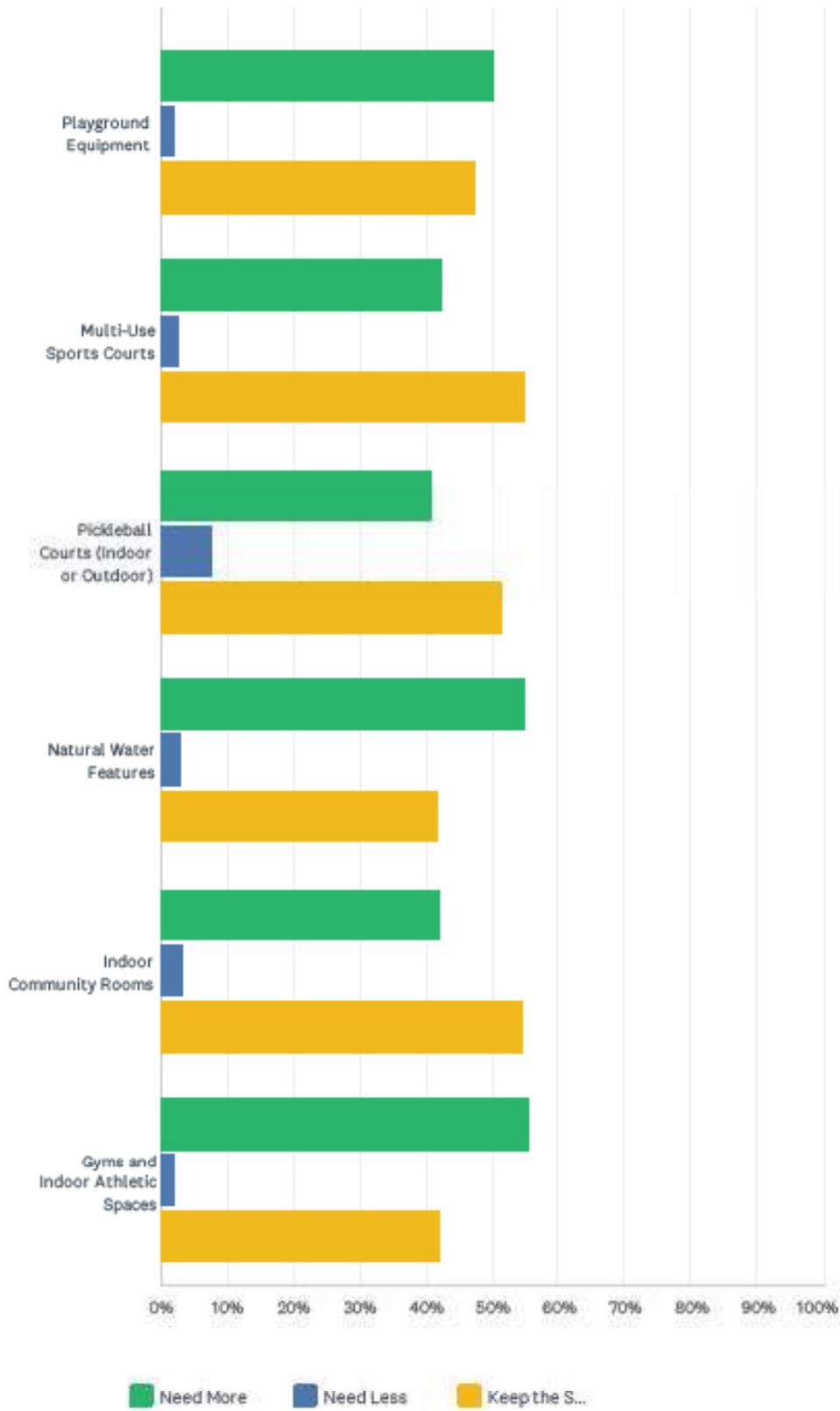
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	NEED MORE	NEED LESS	KEEP THE SAME	TOTAL
Art/Sculptures	23.56% 86	10.96% 40	65.48% 239	365
Benches/Seating	45.70% 170	2.96% 11	51.34% 191	372
Nature/Habitat Restoration	63.27% 236	1.88% 7	34.85% 130	373
Picnic Shelter/Pavilion	32.32% 117	1.10% 4	66.57% 241	362
Walking/Jogging Paths	62.40% 239	2.35% 9	35.25% 135	383
Baseball/Softball Fields	14.16% 50	5.67% 20	80.17% 283	353
Basketball Courts	32.21% 115	5.04% 18	62.75% 224	357
Soccer Fields	18.64% 66	7.34% 26	74.01% 262	354
Tennis Courts	15.58% 55	7.37% 26	77.05% 272	353
Sledding	40.39% 145	2.23% 8	57.38% 206	359
Disc Golf	27.89% 99	8.17% 29	63.94% 227	355
Non-motorized Pathways	58.65% 217	1.62% 6	39.73% 147	370
Sand Volleyball	25.14% 88	9.14% 32	65.71% 230	350
Playground Equipment	50.42% 182	2.22% 8	47.37% 171	361
Multi-Use Sports Courts	42.37% 150	2.82% 10	54.80% 194	354
Pickleball Courts (Indoor or Outdoor)	41.03% 151	7.61% 28	51.36% 189	368
Natural Water Features	55.10% 200	3.03% 11	41.87% 152	363
Indoor Community Rooms	42.09% 149	3.39% 12	54.52% 193	354
Gyms and Indoor Athletic Spaces	55.68% 201	2.22% 8	42.11% 152	361

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Need more skate and bike parks.	10/24/2024 10:46 AM
2	Need more skate/bike parks.	10/24/2024 10:39 AM
3	A public pool would be great!	10/24/2024 9:47 AM
4	Concerts/community activities, Trails, volleyball	10/23/2024 8:06 PM
5	Is their gyms open at night for any exercises or games	10/21/2024 6:48 PM

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6	Not sure if this is possible but having water filling stations would be great but understand if that's not feasible for expense or fear of vandalism	10/21/2024 1:49 PM
7	pool access	10/21/2024 9:27 AM
8	Less mowed fields, more wildflower meadows	10/15/2024 11:02 PM
9	Something like the Alive Center in Charlotte	10/14/2024 11:19 AM
10	Bike path Holt H.S. to Dimondale	10/12/2024 6:27 PM
11	Roller hockey rink and leagues would bring in a lot of people.	10/8/2024 8:31 PM
12	Weightlifting options/free weights and power racks would be wonderful!!	10/8/2024 2:02 PM
13	An indoor track would be fantastic.	10/7/2024 4:02 PM
14	Update the baseball fields we already have.	10/5/2024 6:12 PM
15	Better hours and high school pool	10/4/2024 8:40 PM
16	Access to the swimming pool for lap swim.	10/4/2024 4:51 PM
17	Inline hockey rink similar to what they did in Durand – https://www.facebook.com/groups/10150105952825704	10/4/2024 3:12 PM
18	Inline hockey rink	10/4/2024 3:07 PM
19	Roller hockey rink.	10/4/2024 2:12 PM
20	Gyms we could put portable pickleball nets up in,	10/2/2024 10:04 PM
21	Indoor pickleball courts	10/1/2024 4:10 PM
22	Golf learning facility that is easily maintained (synthetic turf, etc.)	9/30/2024 8:44 PM
23	Swimming pools	9/29/2024 1:36 PM
24	New features and upkeep of playground equipment.	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
25	The dominance of soccer to the determinant of other sports is problematic, especially given that the soccer programs do not pay a fee and include many outside the Holt-Delhi community.	9/20/2024 9:40 AM
26	Splash pad	9/20/2024 9:36 AM



Q12 What other types of recreational opportunities would you like to see added to Township parks?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 255

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pickle Ball Courts	10/24/2024 2:14 PM
2	adult enrichment classes (dance, hobbies, fitness, etc)	10/24/2024 11:11 AM
3	Pump tracks and jump lines.	10/24/2024 10:46 AM
4	Pump track (bikes, like Stockbridge built). Extended hours for outdoor activity, especially during non-daylight savings time. Parks shouldn't be effectively closed during the week for half the year.	10/24/2024 10:39 AM
5	Dog-specific areas	10/24/2024 10:17 AM
6	A pool	10/24/2024 9:47 AM
7	It's fine as is, taxes are already high enough	10/24/2024 9:16 AM
8	Ponds for fishing stocked annually	10/24/2024 6:50 AM
9	Adult sports, handicap accessible sports, update the sports areas like baseball	10/24/2024 6:39 AM
10	The Jaycee park really needs to be updated. It is a mess, and having it at the end of a beautiful trail is a disappointment and shame for that area	10/23/2024 8:06 PM
11	None	10/23/2024 6:43 PM
12	Don't know	10/23/2024 6:13 PM
13	I'd rather see resources be put into picking up the trash that is at our current parks	10/23/2024 2:39 PM
14	I would love to see another park. We frequent Kiwanis and Valhalla regularly.	10/23/2024 7:24 AM
15	More open Group events on a predetermined calendar	10/22/2024 12:00 PM
16	Swimming/ Splash Pads Nicer AND more Restrooms Added security on the trails so I feel safe walking alone More benches/seating of some sort along the trails	10/21/2024 7:36 PM
17	Yoga class, stretching class, music class. I would love to use school swimming pool.	10/21/2024 7:36 PM
18	More activities in the College Rd/Dell Rd area	10/21/2024 10:07 AM
19	Pool access at either the high school or junior high	10/21/2024 9:27 AM
20	How about we focus on getting streets repaired instead of park facilities. We have awful roads in Delhi - what are our taxes being used for? Park improvement? Roads are more important!!!	10/21/2024 9:15 AM
21	Outdoor exercise equipment	10/21/2024 9:05 AM
22	Fitness classes (aerobics, interval training, dance fitness, etc.)	10/21/2024 8:58 AM
23	Improvement of walking paths in and around Kiwanis Park	10/21/2024 8:58 AM
24	More on the west side of town	10/20/2024 3:16 PM
25	Open swimming at the schools.	10/20/2024 11:55 AM
26	More walking trails	10/18/2024 1:13 PM
27	Please continue to develop the Multi-Use pathways. A path along Willoughby from college to Pine Tree would be really great as that currently seems very dangerous for anyone living in that corridor.	10/17/2024 7:03 PM

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28	Workout equipment. More dog friendly	10/17/2024 5:59 PM
29	Down hill skiing	10/15/2024 1:55 PM
30	More community edu options	10/14/2024 11:19 AM
31	Expanded Bike Trails connecting to existing trails. Developing kayak opportunities.	10/12/2024 6:27 PM
32	Volleyball courts	10/12/2024 3:54 PM
33	Adult climbing structures	10/12/2024 12:52 PM
34	This isn't the answer to this question but I'm not sure where to put it. I would love to see more recycling opportunities on parks and trails, and I think Valhalla park at least would benefit from signage reminding people about why they should pick up after themselves. No dumping in Maple Ridge cemetery (I do NOT mean the many well behaved dogs who visit the cemetery, I mean humans who dump garbage and leave liquor and beer cans around). Delhi Twp dog walkers near us are polite and always clean up so a return of the dog bag stations in the cemetery would be nice.	10/12/2024 11:13 AM
35	Fishing locations, archery ranges, nature trails	10/11/2024 4:30 PM
36	track for community use	10/11/2024 3:21 PM
37	More pickleball courts at other parks	10/11/2024 2:18 PM
38	Bungee fitness, outdoor fitness equipment	10/11/2024 1:48 PM
39	Na	10/11/2024 10:37 AM
40	AFFORDABLE Youth sports and lessons like Lansing Parks and Recreation (dance, acrobatics/gymnastics, sports sampler for toddlers/younger kids, etc)	10/11/2024 9:24 AM
41	Dog park somewhere in park system - Jaycee park? Already half fenced.	10/10/2024 7:51 PM
42	More protected bike lanes and/or sidewalks to improve accessibility of existing trails and parks	10/10/2024 5:50 PM
43	Indoor pickleball for colder months	10/10/2024 1:01 PM
44	Trail Connections and Non-Motorized Pathways/Dedicated Bike Lanes	10/10/2024 11:33 AM
45	More trails	10/9/2024 7:51 AM
46	Disc Golf	10/8/2024 8:34 PM
47	Roller hockey rinks and leagues.	10/8/2024 8:31 PM
48	Nature Instruction days (teaching about the local fauna and native species)	10/8/2024 2:49 PM
49	Strength training anything for the community would be great	10/8/2024 2:02 PM
50	I don't know who made it happen, but it seems like the middle school pool shut down it's public offering during covid and hasn't opened it up. The middle school track is also really poorly maintained while the high school track is closed off to the public.	10/8/2024 8:56 AM
51	Disc golf	10/8/2024 3:30 AM
52	More disc golf courses and an outdoor ice rink for winter/roller rink for non-winter	10/8/2024 3:15 AM
53	More bathrooms	10/7/2024 6:47 PM
54	Just the upkeep of current equipment is important to me	10/7/2024 4:41 PM
55	More frequent benches on the ram trail between Jaycee park and holt/eifort	10/6/2024 7:01 PM
56	Discgolf pro shop where the daycare is if it fails as the pro shop would simply bolster the entire development and work with it. Concessions, equipment, community gathering and commerce.	10/6/2024 5:17 PM
57	Not sure	10/6/2024 3:46 PM
58	More trails and more nature areas. Kickball areas and historical sites	10/6/2024 3:19 PM
59	Singles activities	10/6/2024 1:59 PM

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60	A fishing pier at Esker? Connect the bike path with Diamondale and Burchfield Park?	10/6/2024 1:19 PM
61	Disc golf course at Valhalla.	10/6/2024 9:46 AM
62	Disc golf course	10/5/2024 10:34 PM
63	Turf softball/baseball field	10/5/2024 7:29 PM
64	Indoor scoor	10/5/2024 6:23 PM
65	Rc car tracks, bike and scooter courses.	10/5/2024 6:12 PM
66	Outdoor exercise equipment	10/5/2024 4:53 PM
67	We would love to see updates and maintenance to Centennial Farms Park.	10/5/2024 12:56 PM
68	More jungle gyms/ monkey bars for youth fitness. More basketball courts and dedicated sports facilities.	10/5/2024 10:33 AM
69	Fixing neighborhood roads!	10/4/2024 10:31 PM
70	Pickleball, splash pad	10/4/2024 10:17 PM
71	Dog park	10/4/2024 9:22 PM
72	Natural playground area similar to Genoa Township Park; fishing classes for kids; native plant education	10/4/2024 8:40 PM
73	Year round youth Programs	10/4/2024 6:49 PM
74	Outdoor public pool and splash pad, outdoor trails with sporadically placed outdoor exercise equipment and drinking fountains, sculptures and fountains and streams in parks or along trails, different types of gardens (children garden, Japanese garden, botanical garden, rose garden, butterfly garden, etc), etc	10/4/2024 6:14 PM
75	An open swim and lap swim option for the pool at Holt junior high	10/4/2024 4:51 PM
76	Splash pad or water play area for all ages and abilities Adult sport leagues/recreation	10/4/2024 4:32 PM
77	Fitness classes, yoga	10/4/2024 4:20 PM
78	Disc golf	10/4/2024 3:26 PM
79	Aquatics, Pools	10/4/2024 3:12 PM
80	An inline hockey rink with a community league	10/4/2024 3:07 PM
81	Disc Golf leagues	10/4/2024 2:49 PM
82	Indoor pickleball	10/4/2024 2:35 PM
83	Roller hockey rink.	10/4/2024 2:12 PM
84	Bring back a water fountain feature to Veterans Memorial Gardens. We had a beautiful fountain that is now filled in with plants and flowers. Big loss for the residents living here.	10/4/2024 1:49 PM
85	Water fountain feature brought back to Veterans Memorial Gardens. Sadly the beautiful one we had was filled in with plants and flowers. Big loss for Delhi Township.	10/4/2024 1:38 PM
86	weekly fitness classes similar to Mason Community Ed options.	10/4/2024 1:00 PM
87	Youth sports options for children with disabilities, swimming - both open swim and lessons, accessible playground equipment	10/4/2024 12:55 PM
88	community events like music in the park	10/4/2024 12:33 PM
89	Basketball courts	10/4/2024 12:09 PM
90	Completion/extension of Ram Trail to Burchfield Park	10/3/2024 5:16 PM
91	Bike pathway connection from near Holt HS to Burchfield Park	10/3/2024 5:13 PM
92	More public activities offered indoors that aren't just during the day.	10/3/2024 11:02 AM
93	Would like an updated community center that is not in the Senior Center	10/3/2024 11:01 AM

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94	Additional talks for biking. Indoor spaces for winter sports (indoor jogging, basketball, etc)	10/2/2024 10:29 PM
95	Aquatics programs at the pool in the junior high school, swim lessons for children, open swim, lap swim, splash aerobics classes would be great!	10/2/2024 10:04 PM
96	adult rec sports	10/2/2024 8:00 PM
97	more winter activities like cross country skiing-maybe night events	10/2/2024 2:49 PM
98	Adult fitness classes or groups	10/2/2024 7:13 AM
99	Adult volleyball leagues - sand or indoor, swimming and swim lessons for kids	10/1/2024 11:44 PM
100	Indoor pickleball	10/1/2024 9:04 PM
101	I'd love to see classes offered. I'd love to see more clubs (book club, walking club). I'd also love to see more classes.	10/1/2024 5:01 PM
102	Summer Outdoor HIIT or CrossFit	10/1/2024 1:56 PM
103	I love that Valhalla has paved trail, natural trails, and playgrounds. The best of everything!	9/30/2024 10:55 PM
104	More pickleball leagues that can be attended with people that work. So either after work or on the weekends.	9/30/2024 9:29 PM
105	Indoor volleyball	9/30/2024 9:28 PM
106	Indoor pickleball!	9/30/2024 8:59 PM
107	Indoor Pickleball Courts. Golf Learning Facility including putting greens, chipping areas, potentially a driving range.	9/30/2024 8:44 PM
108	Updating play ground equipment for accessibility	9/30/2024 4:46 PM
109	More sidewalk connections within neighborhoods to existing railways connecting parks	9/30/2024 2:42 PM
110	Basketball courts would be nice. Right now they use the ones at the schools which they really aren't supposed to use after certain hours. It's a longshot but a pool would be great. There is no place for families to go on hot summer days. I would love a connecting trail to the RiverTrail from Aurelius so we don't have to ride East to then ride West. You can't ride North on Aurelius over 96 - there is no bike lane. More benches on the Holt Ram Trail would be great. There are not enough for people with mobility issues. Also the metal trail signs have been damaged from previous storms and need to be replaced/fixd.	9/30/2024 2:00 PM
111	Anything SAFE and maintained	9/30/2024 8:15 AM
112	Adolescent opportunities/leagues: pickleball, corn hole, etc	9/29/2024 10:11 PM
113	Community food gardens	9/29/2024 1:36 PM
114	A community pool and swim lessons would be amazing!	9/29/2024 8:34 AM
115	Pickleball at Vahalla	9/27/2024 7:54 PM
116	Splash pad and additional things for kids to do outside of a playground. Unrelated, we need more restaurants. Please bring back Holt Hometown Fest.	9/27/2024 3:05 PM
117	This might not be part of parks but having the ability to rent out the "Senior Center" for personal events/parties on the weekends.	9/27/2024 10:59 AM
118	More art and crafts. I need to go to East Lansing to take pottery classes.	9/26/2024 10:16 AM
119	Adult classes like before the pandemic	9/25/2024 5:52 PM
120	More interactive park features	9/25/2024 2:39 PM
121	Swim safety or lessons	9/24/2024 10:50 PM
122	Group fitness classes.	9/24/2024 8:45 PM
123	Beach upgrade at Valhalla	9/24/2024 2:27 PM
124	Many of the sports recreation areas are falling apart and not maintained at the schools. It	9/24/2024 2:10 PM

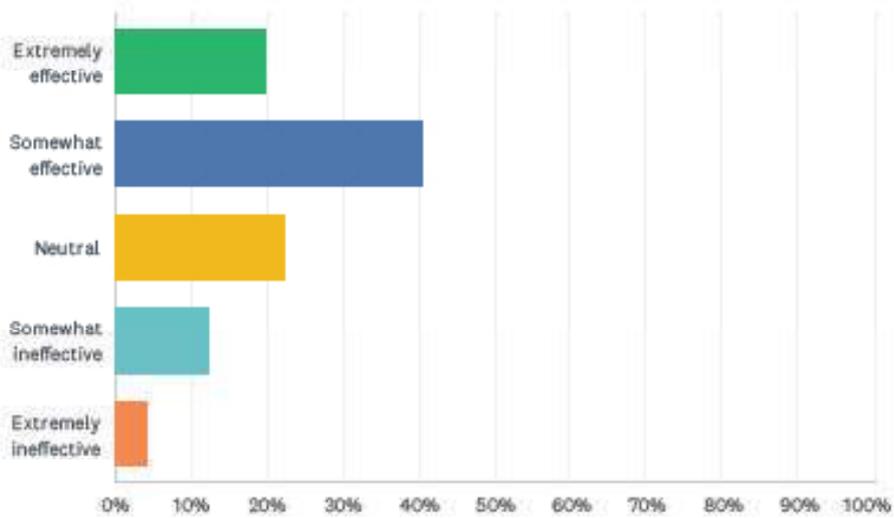
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would be great to have community activities and classes open again (cooking, swimming, arts, dances)

125	More baseball fields for the kids!! We don't have any outdoor or indoor volleyball courts free of charge for kids	9/24/2024 10:04 AM
126	Indoor Pickleball courts	9/22/2024 9:26 PM
127	N/A	9/22/2024 7:40 PM
128	Swimming lessons	9/22/2024 9:09 AM
129	Indoor sports complex	9/21/2024 11:05 AM
130	Indoor recreation facility. Workout rooms, indoor soccer, Pool, basketball courts.	9/20/2024 9:39 PM
131	More walking trails, more playground equipment, more nature areas	9/20/2024 5:17 PM
132	Yoga, dance	9/20/2024 4:18 PM
133	Pool	9/20/2024 3:36 PM
134	I would like more 1-5 year old parks and recs programming.	9/20/2024 3:02 PM
135	Splash Pad/water park	9/20/2024 2:13 PM
136	More sports/activities for children/youth	9/20/2024 1:43 PM
137	Bicycle access	9/20/2024 1:39 PM
138	Willoughby Road east of the Valhalla trails. Please extend the path to College Heights. Willoughby is dangerous to navigate to get to the trails.	9/20/2024 12:45 PM
139	More rec sports for older kids who play for fun, more community activities	9/20/2024 12:34 PM
140	Bike rentals	9/20/2024 12:33 PM
141	More adult enrichment classes	9/20/2024 12:09 PM
142	Flag football for higher grades	9/20/2024 11:58 AM
143	More farmers market vendors	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
144	All sports complex	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
145	Outdoor gym would be awesome to see actually in Delhi township.	9/20/2024 10:36 AM
146	Indoor pickleball Open gym basketball Open gym volleyball Cooking classes Indoor walking Kids safety classes Community rental room Photography and film making classes Swimming	9/20/2024 10:22 AM
147	Hobby groups	9/20/2024 10:03 AM
148	Adult Rec options. Mens basketball for example. Lower impact (noncompetitive), but a chance to exercise	9/20/2024 10:02 AM
149	My children participated in many sports activities when they were younger and appreciate the programming that was offered. My husband coached T-ball and floor hockey and we have many great memories. Now, I'm looking for my own opportunities. I would love to see pickleball clinics that go beyond introductory. Regular sessions the support continued development would no doubt be popular. Any indoor facility for lacrosse!	9/20/2024 9:40 AM
150	I liked the addition of the free kickball league, but I think it would've benefited from some changes.	9/20/2024 9:40 AM
151	Splash pad	9/20/2024 9:36 AM
152	Pickleball classes golf classes	9/20/2024 9:33 AM
153	More hiking. Pickleball	9/20/2024 9:33 AM
154	Trails and sidewalks, soccer and basketball areas like Mt. Hope park in Grand Ledge.	9/20/2024 9:31 AM
155	Swim classes for kids and aqua aerobics. Enrichment classes for all ages that were available prior to COVID.	9/20/2024 9:29 AM
156	Volleyball for the kids.	9/20/2024 9:29 AM

Q13 How effective is Delhi Township at reaching you with information promoting parks and recreation services and programs?

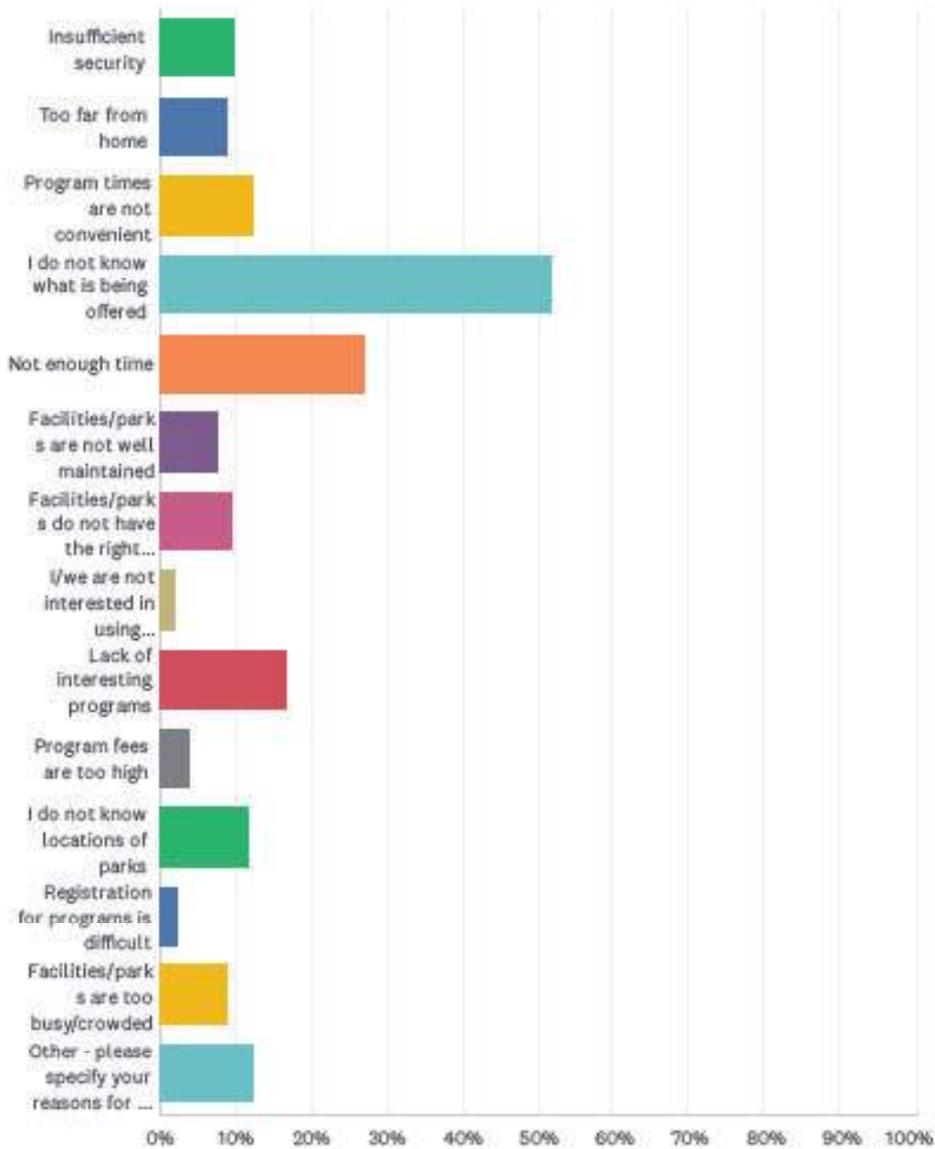
Answered: 398 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely effective	19.85%	79
Somewhat effective	40.45%	161
Neutral	22.61%	90
Somewhat ineffective	12.56%	50
Extremely ineffective	4.52%	18
TOTAL		398

Q14 Please check any of the reasons below that prevent you, or household members from using Delhi Township parks, recreation facilities, or programs offered.

Answered: 326 Skipped: 85



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Insufficient security	9.82%	32
Too far from home	8.90%	29
Program times are not convenient	12.58%	41
I do not know what is being offered	51.84%	169
Not enough time	26.99%	88
Facilities/parks are not well maintained	7.67%	25
Facilities/parks do not have the right equipment	9.51%	31
I/we are not interested in using parks/participating in programs	2.15%	7
Lack of interesting programs	16.87%	55
Program fees are too high	3.99%	13
I do not know locations of parks	11.66%	38
Registration for programs is difficult	2.45%	8
Facilities/parks are too busy/crowded	8.90%	29
Other - please specify your reasons for not using parks and recreation facilities.	12.27%	40
Total Respondents: 326		

#	OTHER - PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR REASONS FOR NOT USING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.	DATE
1	Skate park is closed in the winter.	10/24/2024 10:46 AM
2	Hours of use are restrictive, especially during non-daylight savings time. Or closed just because it's winter, even though we have nice weather.	10/24/2024 10:39 AM
3	add classes programs for all ages	10/23/2024 8:06 PM
4	Gaps in trails/ sidewalks. To access the start of the sidewalk and trails at Valhalla we are forced to ride bikes or walk along Willoughby which has no shoulder and areas of limited sight distance and is very unsafe. A pathway extension from pine tree to college would be ideal.	10/23/2024 7:00 PM
5	We go to the parks when we have free time	10/23/2024 2:39 PM
6	Age now unable to move at times	10/21/2024 6:48 PM
7	when i do get to use the parks, they are wonderful. i wish i had more time to enjoy them	10/21/2024 1:49 PM
8	Not being able to safely walk from my home to local parks. No sidewalk on Willoughby and the road is too narrow.	10/21/2024 10:31 AM
9	My modivatetion	10/21/2024 9:45 AM
10	Our family uses the Ram Trail frequently. Unfortunately during Spring/Fall, we end up bringing ticks home almost every visit, even when staying on paths or on very edge of path. Very disappointing.	10/18/2024 4:49 PM
11	General busyness	10/18/2024 9:19 AM
12	I wish smoking was not permitted. I often feel uncomfortable at Valhalla at times.	10/17/2024 7:03 PM
13	Use of other region park instead of Delhi	10/12/2024 12:52 PM
14	Sport/activity programming ends too young, would appreciate more middle school through adult sports.	10/11/2024 3:15 PM

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15	Facilities are not well connected to neighborhoods	10/10/2024 11:33 AM
16	I mostly go to parks with disc golf offered.	10/8/2024 8:34 PM
17	Limited park hours	10/8/2024 3:15 AM
18	Bathroom accessibility. Bathrooms are often locked which is difficult for people with bathroom related disabilities and for children	10/7/2024 6:47 PM
19	I would love to see more weekend clinic or sports trial programs for kids	10/7/2024 4:41 PM
20	Accessibility	10/5/2024 1:38 PM
21	Other family obligations	10/5/2024 9:47 AM
22	Didn't see burchfied park listed	10/4/2024 8:40 PM
23	My top program I want to participate in would be lap swim, open swim, and swim lessons for kids	10/4/2024 4:51 PM
24	There are kids that hang out at the parks unsupervised, and the pick on children and are disrespectful to the parents when asked to stop.	10/4/2024 2:46 PM
25	many events are listed late. Have you sent anything out yet about trick o treatin in veterans park yet? its in a few weeks. (Great example)	10/4/2024 12:33 PM
26	We do utilize the facilities	10/2/2024 10:04 PM
27	Lack of transportation	10/2/2024 9:34 PM
28	We have had to leave kiwanas park several times due to older kids using foul language and threatening my kids	10/1/2024 11:44 PM
29	Flood Light is not in use at the pickleball courts at Kiwanis	9/30/2024 8:59 PM
30	N/A	9/27/2024 3:05 PM
31	Everything is at senior center	9/25/2024 5:52 PM
32	New resident	9/22/2024 7:26 PM
33	age	9/20/2024 5:48 PM
34	Not for my children's age	9/20/2024 3:02 PM
35	Behavior of unsupervised children can be a problem	9/20/2024 12:33 PM
36	Rif-raf at some locations	9/20/2024 10:59 AM
37	Not enough for young children	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
38	there is no sidewalk from Pine Tree/Dell area to connect to the trails nearby. If there were we would use trails much more	9/20/2024 9:40 AM
39	Waitlists	9/20/2024 9:33 AM
40	Swimming lessons and open swimming lanes at the schools would be a great use of resources.	9/20/2024 9:31 AM

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Q15 Delhi Township strives to provide access and facilities for all residents including people of all abilities, races, genders, languages, orientations, and beliefs. Do you feel there is a segment of the population that may be underserved? if so, what facilities or considerations could Delhi Township add to enhance the parks and recreation experience for those individuals?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 326

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Parks could improve accessibility for those with limited mobility.	10/24/2024 6:50 AM
2	Financial and all able	10/24/2024 6:39 AM
3	middle aged people are kind left out of programs offered	10/23/2024 8:06 PM
4	No	10/23/2024 6:43 PM
5	More for small children.	10/23/2024 6:13 PM
6	Bathrooms need to remain representative of the two genders. I have daughters and I do not want to worry about them seeing Penises.	10/23/2024 2:39 PM
7	None	10/23/2024 12:45 PM
8	I do not know	10/22/2024 12:00 PM
9	Yes! People ages 45-65. It would be amazing to have Zumba or bungee cord exercising available!	10/21/2024 7:36 PM
10	Maybe those using motorized mobility. Not sure.	10/21/2024 7:36 PM
11	New Restrooms for Valhalla East were approved 4 years ago. What happened?	10/21/2024 6:55 PM
12	Activities for older people.	10/21/2024 12:54 PM
13	More programs for blind are needed.	10/21/2024 11:06 AM
14	No	10/21/2024 9:05 AM
15	We definitely need more basketball courts available. Kiwanis Park could use a basketball court for sure.	10/21/2024 8:58 AM
16	When I'm at local parks, I tend to see a lot of different people from different backgrounds and ability levels, which I think is great! But that being said, I am an able-bodied white person, and my opinion on this probably isn't material. We can always do better when it comes to thoughtful accessibility, which benefits literally everyone.	10/21/2024 8:53 AM
17	No	10/20/2024 2:08 PM
18	Seniors	10/17/2024 5:59 PM
19	Possibly active seniors	10/12/2024 6:27 PM
20	Not that I'm aware of	10/12/2024 3:54 PM
21	Valhalla has sign language introduction boards and having similar boards of other languages would be cool like spanish	10/12/2024 12:52 PM
22	No	10/12/2024 9:59 AM
23	I have a child with some special needs who benefits greatly from outdoor activities, but many of the parks are not stimulating enough. He loves the merry-go-round at Valhalla, but many other park play structures are aimed at very young children or children of low physical ability.	10/11/2024 3:15 PM

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He also loves the township basketball league and the annual Nerf battle (he wishes Nerf was twice a year instead of once), but he's starting to age out of those activities while not being able to participate in other teams. With the relocation of Bigby, we also lost an indoor place to meet up with people in the evening (the library isn't exactly made for chatting). Holt lacks an indoor place that is not a restaurant and which is open in the evening. We live in Delhi west of the high school and while we love the trail, there is no safe way for us to access the trail with our children without loading all of our bikes into a vehicle and driving. We would love if the trail went beyond the light at Grovenberg so we and our neighbors were able to access it.

24	NA	10/11/2024 2:18 PM
25	Playground equipment for alter-abled	10/11/2024 10:37 AM
26	Those with physical disabilities. The new park at Kiwanis should have been ADA friendly, and have a place for under 5 play like Valhalla. Missed opportunity to install an accessible park like the PLAY in Lansing rather than another non-accessible option.	10/11/2024 9:24 AM
27	Splash pad - playground equipment at veterans park	10/10/2024 7:51 PM
28	The sidewalk on Willoughby, east of Aurelius, should go down to the Valhalla trail so people can more easily access the river trail system. As is, the gaps force pedestrians to walk on Willoughby, which has a rather narrow shoulder in that area.	10/10/2024 5:50 PM
29	You are doing great	10/9/2024 10:47 AM
30	Unsure	10/8/2024 8:34 PM
31	Nothing it's fine	10/8/2024 6:39 PM
32	N/A	10/8/2024 2:49 PM
33	Disc Golf	10/8/2024 3:49 AM
34	I am not informed enough to respond in this area	10/8/2024 3:15 AM
35	Again, bathrooms are often locked which prevents accessibility. Broader bathroom hours and not closing them during the offseason would make me use the parks far more.	10/7/2024 6:47 PM
36	Young kids who are not ready for sports league commitments. Dance/Gymnastics	10/7/2024 4:41 PM
37	People with mobility issues could benefit from more benches along paved trails	10/6/2024 7:01 PM
38	?	10/6/2024 3:46 PM
39	Larger size changing tables in restrooms for teenagers and adults who are not able to use restroom facilities independently - this would be a huge help for caregivers! Also, restrooms that are "all gender" benefit everyone - transgender and nonbinary people, parents, etc	10/6/2024 3:16 PM
40	Excellent	10/6/2024 1:59 PM
41	Disc golf	10/5/2024 10:34 PM
42	No	10/5/2024 7:29 PM
43	Accessibility	10/5/2024 5:56 PM
44	N/A	10/5/2024 2:06 PM
45	Some playground ground surfaces are not accessible for those in wheelchairs (i.e., wood chips)	10/5/2024 10:33 AM
46	I think events should be inclusive of all cultures during the seasons they are being celebrated. More events should be held at John Taylor's park to bring awareness and promote unity.	10/4/2024 10:17 PM
47	No	10/4/2024 8:46 PM
48	Na	10/4/2024 8:40 PM
49	Probably those with disabilities	10/4/2024 6:14 PM
50	Parks and Rec is too often focused on the gender binary. We need to be more open in language to show inclusion of all people.	10/4/2024 4:32 PM

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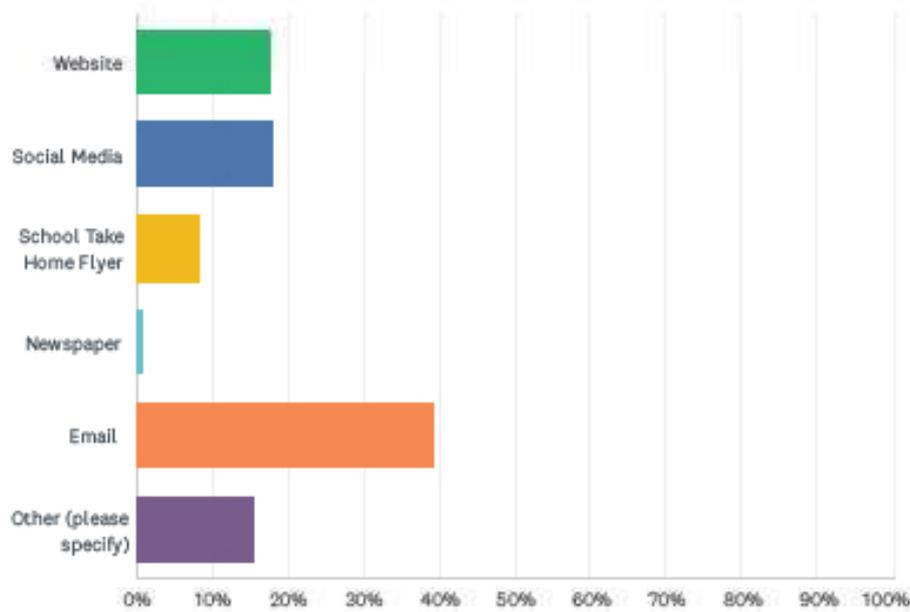
51	not sure	10/4/2024 1:00 PM
52	Yes, I have two children with disabilities. Delhi parks do not offer sufficient accessible equipment or trails. While some parks offer family restrooms, I find they are often left locked. Family restrooms do not have adult-sized changing tables. The rec programs do not include sessions/accomodations for those with disabilities to feel included and welcomed.	10/4/2024 12:55 PM
53	free options are always appreciated	10/4/2024 12:33 PM
54	1. Universally accessible playgrounds 2. More bike lanes and traffic calming to enable people to use bikes for transportation in addition top recreation.	10/3/2024 5:16 PM
55	Less physically able-bodied.	10/3/2024 5:13 PM
56	The disabled. It would be awesome to see more accessible playgrounds and maybe like rentable wheelchairs/motorized wheelchairs for the trails	10/3/2024 11:02 AM
57	More youth programs such as swimming, summer camps and facility for drop in basketball, swimming after school.	10/3/2024 11:01 AM
58	Autobots for items and young adults. Indoor spaces for working adults.	10/2/2024 10:29 PM
59	None. I feel everything is available to everyone.	10/2/2024 10:04 PM
60	N/A	10/2/2024 8:28 PM
61	none	10/2/2024 2:49 PM
62	Parent & baby classes would be great	10/2/2024 7:13 AM
63	we don't have barrier free playground equipment	10/1/2024 11:44 PM
64	Outdoor Lighting until 8 or 9p	10/1/2024 4:10 PM
65	Yes, I feel the extreme lack of basketball courts is racist.	9/30/2024 6:22 PM
66	I think more African American people would enjoy more basketball courts in the area.	9/30/2024 6:22 PM
67	The Jaycee Park feels like an ongoing afterthought in need of serious maintenance/upgrades. A great connection into the neighborhood for the Ram Trail, but does not provide much for the children living in the neighborhood.	9/30/2024 2:42 PM
68	Gender/race/language/orientation/beliefs do not matter for parks. Stop making everything about that. The only thing would be accessibility.	9/30/2024 8:15 AM
69	People with mobile disabilities need more access to play equipment. More accessible playground. More playgrounds in general; especially geared at young kids 0-5.	9/24/2024 8:45 PM
70	No	9/24/2024 2:27 PM
71	Many of the areas are not accessible for elderly or handicapped individuals. It is hard to be at parks/schools for Delhi sports and not have bathroom facilities available	9/24/2024 2:10 PM
72	Those without money as everything costs money to use	9/24/2024 10:04 AM
73	N/A	9/22/2024 7:40 PM
74	No	9/21/2024 11:05 AM
75	Existing facilities work for me	9/20/2024 4:39 PM
76	Yes 1-5 year olds for non working hours!	9/20/2024 3:02 PM
77	N/A	9/20/2024 2:13 PM
78	Bring back children's programs from precovid- gymnastics, swimming, etc	9/20/2024 1:43 PM
79	Underprivileged	9/20/2024 1:39 PM
80	N/a	9/20/2024 12:34 PM
81	Would love a 9+ special needs sports program. Soccer, softball, etc,	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
82	Working adults.	9/20/2024 10:02 AM

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83	Again, lots of families with kids live where there aren't sidewalks connecting them to the trail system.	9/20/2024 9:40 AM
84	No	9/20/2024 9:33 AM
85	We need more parks and swimming areas for kids and adults. Basketball courts outside for the kids. Walking trails and paths for biking.	9/20/2024 9:31 AM

Q16 How do you currently receive information on parks and recreation services and programs?

Answered: 380 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website	17.63%	67
Social Media	18.16%	69
School Take Home Flyer	8.42%	32
Newspaper	0.79%	3
Email	39.47%	150
Other (please specify)	15.53%	59
TOTAL		380

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Mailer	10/24/2024 8:47 AM
2	I have never seen anything from parks and rec.	10/23/2024 6:32 PM
3	Neighbor	10/23/2024 4:31 PM
4	Not sure I got any	10/23/2024 3:40 PM
5	Holt Community page on Facebook	10/23/2024 2:47 PM
6	I just hear about things from friends	10/23/2024 2:39 PM
7	Word of mouth	10/23/2024 11:37 AM

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8	I don't.	10/23/2024 7:24 AM
9	Word of mouth	10/22/2024 2:25 PM
10	I don't think I do? 🙄🙄	10/22/2024 2:25 PM
11	Hot or Delhi monthly news letter email	10/21/2024 6:48 PM
12	have not received	10/21/2024 6:33 PM
13	Friends	10/21/2024 12:54 PM
14	I don't think I do.	10/21/2024 12:54 PM
15	Delhi Twp E-Newsletter - Otherwise, word of mouth	10/21/2024 12:16 PM
16	Website and social media	10/21/2024 9:27 AM
17	None that I am aware of	10/21/2024 8:58 AM
18	I receive no info	10/20/2024 2:08 PM
19	metal poster that was planted in ground by valhalla park trail with QR code	10/16/2024 3:51 PM
20	Word of mouth	10/12/2024 2:46 PM
21	Only when I'm go to the parks	10/12/2024 12:52 PM
22	Signs in the parks and on the trails	10/12/2024 11:13 AM
23	Email, take home flyer from school and John Hayhoe on Facebook	10/11/2024 1:41 PM
24	Friends	10/10/2024 1:01 PM
25	Word of mouth	10/8/2024 8:31 P M
26	See in public places (I.e., the library)	10/8/2024 2:49 P M
27	Walking around and seeing signs	10/8/2024 9:30 A M
28	Yard signs	10/7/2024 10:00 P M
29	Word of mouth	10/7/2024 10:30 A M
30	Community Member (District Superintendent)	10/5/2024 6:10 P M
31	Social media	10/5/2024 5:17 P M
32	The signs in the park	10/5/2024 3:19 P M
33	Post boards	10/5/2024 1:40 P M
34	I don't but would like to	10/5/2024 11:34 A M
35	This is the first email I have received	10/4/2024 8:40 P M
36	Peek at the Week from the Superintendent	10/4/2024 4:32 P M
37	I just started to get emails.	10/4/2024 2:17 P M
38	Typically I don't get any information	10/4/2024 1:49 P M
39	I do not get any information on activities	10/4/2024 1:38 P M
40	website and social media	10/4/2024 12:33 P M
41	I have to hunt it down on Google and then drive there and figure it out	10/4/2024 10:26 A M
42	When I intentionally seek out like the library's event calendar, or hear someone I know talking about something	10/3/2024 11:02 A M
43	Friend	10/2/2024 7:48 P M
44	signage as well as email and social media	10/2/2024 2:49 P M

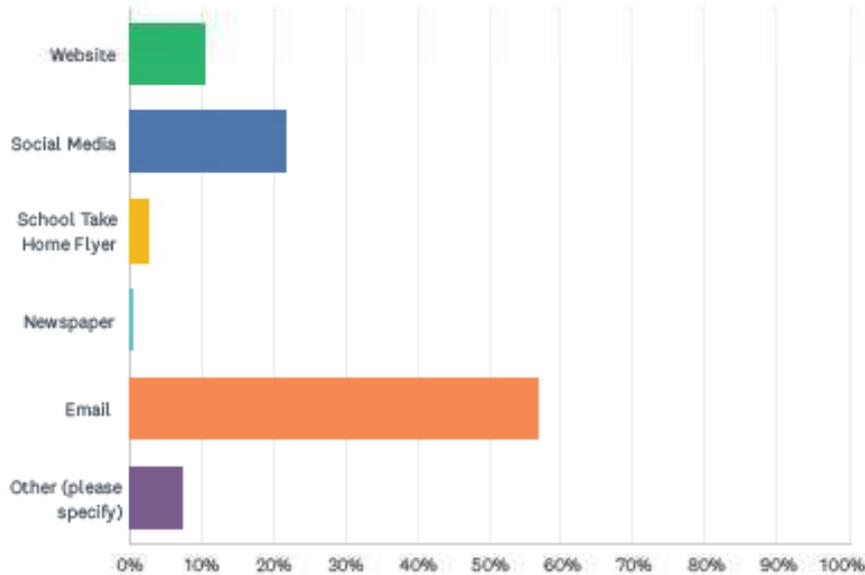
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45	Friends	10/1/2024 1:56 PM
46	I see the newsletter that is sent in the Districts Peek at the Week.	10/1/2024 1:21 PM
47	Team Reach App	10/1/2024 8:03 AM
48	Pickleball Courts	9/30/2024 8:56 PM
49	I don't currently receive info on programs, I just saw a QR code in the park I go to and I scanned it	9/30/2024 7:04 PM
50	Twp Officials	9/30/2024 2:42 PM
51	I don't	9/30/2024 8:15 AM
52	Sign at farmers market	9/29/2024 1:36 PM
53	Signs at library building	9/25/2024 5:52 PM
54	Info at senior center	9/22/2024 7:26 PM
55	K	9/22/2024 2:44 PM
56	Facebook	9/20/2024 4:18 PM
57	School flyers and email	9/20/2024 12:09 PM
58	Email and school take home flyers, it won't let me choose 2	9/20/2024 9:40 AM
59	Email and social media both	9/20/2024 9:29 AM



Q17 What is the preferred way for you to receive information on parks and recreation services and programs?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website	10.54%	41
Social Media	21.85%	85
School Take Home Flyer	2.83%	11
Newspaper	0.51%	2
Email	56.81%	221
Other (please specify)	7.46%	29
TOTAL		389

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Timely social media. Facebook tends to tends to tell me about past events instead of future events.	10/24/2024 10:39 AM
2	Text	10/23/2024 4:12 PM
3	Posted in CADL Delhi-Holt Library	10/22/2024 2:25 PM
4	Mailed to my home.	10/21/2024 7:36 PM
5	Mailing	10/21/2024 9:59 AM
6	Physical ads on billboards and other driving structures	10/12/2024 12:52 PM

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7	Already sent a letter to Troy regarding walking trails and parks in early spring. Would like a phone call to Susan Brown 517-290-4201 to talk over Friends of the trail	10/10/2024 7:51 PM
8	E	10/10/2024 5:14 PM
9	Monthly / quarterly newsletter	10/10/2024 1:01 PM
10	Word of mouth	10/8/2024 8:31 PM
11	It's easy to miss updates on social media. Email is good.	10/6/2024 8:06 AM
12	Mailbox flyer; put information at the libraries	10/4/2024 8:40 PM
13	Direct mailings are best way I have seen other cities. Otherwise don't know when new programs are happening or coming up. Website just shows current activities.	10/4/2024 3:19 PM
14	Regular mail possibly in with the sewage bill every month	10/4/2024 1:49 PM
15	regular mail	10/4/2024 1:38 PM
16	website or social media	10/4/2024 12:33 PM
17	My name is Joshua Kindel, I'm a Natural Health Educator & a member of Rivers of Life Church in Holt. I'm pursuing a career in Life Coaching & Doctor of Natural Medicine. I'd love to get involved. The.joshua.kindel@gmail.com	10/4/2024 10:26 AM
18	physical newsletter, flyers at library	10/2/2024 8:00 PM
19	Friend keeps me posted	10/2/2024 7:48 PM
20	Peek at the Week	10/1/2024 1:21 PM
21	Email and website being updated	9/30/2024 10:55 PM
22	Community events flyer in mail	9/29/2024 1:36 PM
23	Mail	9/27/2024 7:54 PM
24	Signs at library building	9/25/2024 5:52 PM
25	All of the above.	9/24/2024 8:45 PM
26	Physical mail	9/20/2024 10:40 AM
27	Fb events would be helpful	9/20/2024 10:30 AM
28	text	9/20/2024 10:02 AM
29	Same! Email and social media	9/20/2024 9:29 AM

Ordinance No. 55.4

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DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 55.4

PREAMBLE

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 55.3 (CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12-1 ET SEQ) AND TO ADOPT A NEW "PARK AND RECREATIONAL AREA AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC LAND AREA ORDINANCE"; TO DELINEATE THE POWERS OF THE DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS PUBLIC LAND AREAS; TO DESIGNATE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS AND PUBLIC LAND AREAS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF PERSONS USING SAID AREAS; TO SET FORTH VARIOUS DEFINITIONS AND TO DESCRIBE "PERSONS BEING DISORDERLY" WITHIN SAID AREAS; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN CONDUCT AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS WITHIN SAID AREAS; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT AND TO SET FORTH PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Delhi Charter Township, Ingham County, Michigan ordains:

SECTION I. DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION POWERS.

The Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Commission (hereinafter called the "Commission") shall have power and authority to manage the Township parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas. Subject to approval by Resolution or Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of Delhi Charter Township, the Commission shall establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of the public using said areas, and for issuance of permits for the use of facilities therein. Persons violating such rules shall be given verbal notice of such violation and, upon failure to comply with the terms of said rules, shall be deemed to be trespassers and subject to removal from the Township park, recreational area, or designated public land area.

SECTION II. DESCRIPTION OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL AREAS AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC LAND AREAS.

The Delhi Charter Township Board shall, from time to time by Resolution, identify and describe those areas within the Township which shall be operated and maintained as Township Parks, Recreational Areas, and designated Public Land Areas, which areas shall be subject to this Ordinance, the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the public, and such other statutes and Ordinances as may be applicable.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Camping means the overnight lodging or sleeping of a person or persons on the ground or in any manner or in a sleeping bag, tent, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or any other conveyance erected, parked or placed within any park, recreational area, or designated public land area.

Motor Vehicle means any vehicle which is self-propelled by any means whatsoever, including all devices in, upon, or by which a person or property may be transported or drawn, excluding motorized chairs or other ambulatory assistance devices used by persons with physical disabilities.

Park, Park Property, Recreational Area and Designated Public Land Area means any property owned or leased by the Township and delineated as a park, recreational area or designated public land area by Ordinance or Resolution of the Township Board.

Parked or Parking means any vehicle which remains standing, whether occupied or not, when not loading or unloading.

Parked Area or Parking Lot means any off-street area, whether paved or not, which is designated for public parking.

Rules and Regulations means the written rules and regulations and any amendments thereto concerning the use and maintenance of Township parks, recreational areas, or designated public land areas approved by the Township Board, copies of which are available to the public in the offices of the Parks Department and Township Clerk.



SECTION IV. UNLAWFUL PERSONAL CONDUCT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to be disorderly within the Township parks, recreational areas or designated public land areas.

A "disorderly" person means any person who shall do any act or engage in any practice hereinafter enumerated and any person who shall aid and/or abet another to do any such act or engage in any such practice, to-wit:

1. Be intoxicated in a public place and who is either endangering directly the safety of another person or a property or is acting in a manner that causes a public disturbance.
2. Discharge any firearm, air rifle, bow and arrow, sling shot, crossbow or other dangerous weapon.
3. Openly carrying any bow and arrow, slingshot or crossbow without first having same unstrung or secured in an appropriate case. Provided, however, that such items may be carried and discharged in participation in a program under the supervision of Township or commissioned personnel.
 - a) No persons shall carry a concealed pistol without a valid license issued by the County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board and such possession and concealment shall be in strict accordance with the requirements of said license/permit and all state law pertaining thereto.
 - b) In the case of a bow or crossbow, having the same unstrung or secured in an appropriate case, the same may be carried and discharged when done as part of a program under the supervision of Township or Commission personnel.
4. Utter insulting or fighting words which by their very utterance directly tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace.
5. Willfully destroy, damage, or in any manner deface, injure or tamper with any property, including signs, guideposts, trees and shrubs; or mark or post handbills on, or in any manner mar the walls of any public building or any fence or tree; or take or meddle with any property belonging to Delhi Charter Township, or remove the same from a street, alley, building or place within a park, recreational area or designated public land area where it may be kept standing or stored, without authority from the official custodian of such property.
6. Accost, molest, or otherwise annoy, either by word of mouth or by sign, sound or motion, any person.

7. Disturb the peace and quiet by loud, boisterous or vulgar conduct or words or by improper diversions.

8. Operate any radio, tape or record playing device or other mechanical or electrical sound amplifying-apparatus in such a manner so as to disturb the peace and tranquility of said area and persons in the vicinity.

9. Obstruct, resist, hinder or oppose any member of any law enforcement agency, employee of Delhi Charter Township and/or employee of the Commission in the discharge of his or her duties.

SECTION V. SWIMMING, BATHING AND WADING.

1. No person shall swim, bathe or wade within designated areas unless such activity has been specifically authorized by the Commission and so posted.

2. Swimming areas shall be open as posted. Such activities shall be permitted only on the dates designated by the Commission.

3. No glass containers or glass products of any type (excluding eyeglasses) shall be permitted within fifty (50) feet of any swimming area or beach.

SECTION VI. DOGS AND PETS.

1. Except as provided below, dogs and other pets may be permitted in parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas provided that:

A. No such animal shall be permitted within any beach area, building, shelter, playground, athletic field, garden area, or nature study area, or other areas where prohibited by the Commission;

B. All dogs or other animals shall at all times be tethered to a leash or similar device no greater than six (6) feet in length and under the immediate control of a responsible person. No dog or other animal shall create an annoyance or disturb other persons within the same park, recreational area or designated public land area.

C. A person in charge of any dog or other animal shall immediately remove all droppings deposited by such animal in a sanitary manner. Such droppings shall be disposed of on the property owned or operated by the person owning or in charge of said animal.



2. The foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to leader dogs for the blind.

3. Horses shall not be permitted within any said park, recreational area or designated public land area without prior written permission from the Parks and Recreation Commission or its designee.

SECTION VII. HOURS.

All parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas shall be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to dusk unless otherwise posted. Any park, recreational areas, designated public land areas or portions thereof may be entirely closed or closed to specified uses for a period of time as may be determined from time to time by the Commission or the Township Board of Trustees.

No person or vehicle shall remain within any park, recreational area or designated public land area when closed, except when engaged in camping pursuant to a permit authorized by the Commission, or its designee.

SECTION VIII. LITTER CONTROL.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, place, throw, leave, cause, or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of junk on any public property or waters, other than property specifically designated for said purpose or in receptacles specifically designated for said purpose.

2. The term "junk" as used herein means all rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris or other substance or dismantled, partially dismantled, unlicensed, or inoperable vehicle.

SECTION IX. MOTOR VEHICLES.

It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided herein for any person to:

1. Operate a motor vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour within parks, recreational areas, and designated public land areas except where otherwise posted.

2. Operate any motor vehicle of any kind or nature other than on designated public roads and in designated parking areas.

3. Operate a motor vehicle in violation of posted traffic control signs or devices, including but not limited to, parking or standing in no parking zones, handicapped parking zones.

4. Operate an unlicensed motor vehicle in park, recreational areas or on designated public land areas.

All motor vehicles located and operated within said parks, roadways or areas shall be subject to the laws of the State of Michigan as set forth in the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (MCL 257.1 *et seq*) as adopted by the Charter Township of Delhi.

It shall be unlawful to park or stand any motor vehicle within any area of a park, recreational area or designated public land area not designated as a parking area or space, where prohibited by sign, or in any area in such a manner so as to form an obstruction to traffic. Further, whenever any police officer observes a motor vehicle unattended upon a park, recreational area or designated public land area roadway or parking area where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer is hereby authorized in his discretion to remove such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (MCL 257.1 *et seq*)

SECTION X. FIRE CONTROL.

Unless prior approval is obtained from Delhi Charter Township Fire Department, no fires shall be permitted within park, recreational areas and designated public land areas, unless in receptacles or structures specifically designed for the preparation of foods.

SECTION XI. TENTS AND CAMP CONTROL.

No person shall construct or erect any shelter or tent within parks, recreational areas unless said person shall first obtain a permit for camping activities from the Commission, or its designee. Such activity is strictly prohibited in designated public land areas.

SECTION XII. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVERTISING.

No person or organization shall advertise, vend, sell, or distribute any service, food, beverage, or merchandise, or post leaflets within any park, recreational area or designated public lands, except by prior written permit from the Commission or the Delhi Charter Township Clerk.

SECTION XIII. POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE.



It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided herein for any person to possess and/or consume any alcoholic beverage within the boundaries of the park, recreational areas and designated public land areas of the Charter Township of Delhi. Once each year, civic organizations may request the consent of the Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees for the sale of beer and wine in connection with the activities of such organizations, such as the Holt Hometown Festival or similar event. Consent thus granted shall be subject to, and contingent upon, concurrence by the Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Commission, shall meet the requirements of the Commission as to security, litter, insurance, parking, hours and conditions of operation, and issuance of a license by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. During the period specified in the license, beer and wine may be consumed on the premises within the area designated for said purpose and upon no other.

SECTION XIV. SKATEBOARDING, INLINE SKATING AND FREESTYLE BMX BIKING.

Skateboarding, inline skating, and freestyle biking is allowed in the Skate and Bike Park, and only during times designated by the Commission as being "open for use." Skateboarding, inline skating, and freestyle BMX biking is prohibited in the Skate and Bike Park during any time the park is not "open for use" and prohibited at all times in all other Township parks, recreational areas and designated public land areas where posted.

SECTION XV. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT.

It shall be unlawful and punishable by law or this Ordinance for any person on park, recreational area or designated public land areas to damage, mar, deface, destroy or otherwise injure:

A. Any building, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamppost, light, fence, gate, hedge, sign, marker or pathway or other structure or device located in such park, recreational area or designated public land area.

B. Cut, remove or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, or remove any foliage, flower, or pick, uproot or destroy any flower, plant or grass, or remove any soil, sod, rock or grass.

SECTION XVI. WILDLIFE PROTECTION.

It shall be unlawful and punishable by law or this Ordinance for any person on park, recreational area or designated public land area to hurt, trap, catch, wound, kill or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill any bird or animal, or to molest or harass any such animal, or rob any nest of any bird or the lair, den or

burrow of any animal within Township park, recreation areas or designated public land areas. Unless otherwise posted, this section shall not be construed to prohibit fishing, subject to state and local laws.

SECTION XVII. BOATING.

No person shall bring into, use or navigate any boat, canoe, raft or personal watercraft or other watercraft upon any water course, lagoon, lake, pond or other water area located within or upon any park, recreational area or designated public land areas, except at such time or places as may be provided or designated for such purpose. All watercraft (except for specially constructed watercraft utilized in connection with Township-sponsored activities or contests) shall comply with and be used in compliance with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 801 (MCL 324.80101 et seq).

SECTION XVIII. PEDDLING AND SOLICITING IN TOWNSHIP PARK, RECREATIONAL AREA OR DESIGNATED PUBLIC LAND AREA.

No person on any park, recreational area or designated public land area shall peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, distribute handbills or other advertising matter, post any unauthorized sign on any such land, water, structure or property, or use such land, water, structure or property for peddling or soliciting without having first obtained a permit for all such activities.

SECTION XIX. UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION.

No private person, firm or corporation shall, by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing or any other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any park, recreational area or designated public land area.

SECTION XX. FEES, CHARGES AND PERMITS.

It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided herein for any person to use any facility, building, land, area or equipment for which a fee or charge has been established by the Commission without payment of such fee or charge.

It shall be unlawful for any person, group or organization to occupy, use or fail to timely vacate any facility, building, land, area or equipment for which a permit has been granted to any other person, group or association.



All such fees and charges shall be, from time to time, established and amended by the Commission, subject to approval by Resolution of the Township Board of Trustees.

SECTION XXI. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

Any person violating SECTION IV of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or work in clean-up activities as an alternative to said imprisonment, or a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any person violating the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code, incorporated herein by reference, shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in that Code. Any person violating any other section of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a municipal civil infraction as defined by MCL 600.113(1)(c). A person found guilty of a civil infraction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500) plus the costs of prosecution.

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be and is deemed to be a trespasser and may be subject to eviction from the Township's park, recreational areas or designated public land areas by any agent, servant or employee of the Commission or Charter Township of Delhi observing such conduct.

SECTION XXII. SEVERABILITY.

It is the legislative intent of the Township Board adopting this Ordinance that all provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Township and all other persons affected by this Ordinance. Consequently, should any provision of this Ordinance be held to be unconstitutional, invalid or of no effect, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Delhi Charter Township Board that this Ordinance shall stand and remain in effect, notwithstanding the invalidity of any provision hereof.

SECTION XXIII. REPEALER.

Delhi Charter Township Ordinance No. 55.3 is hereby repealed and replaced by the adoption of this Ordinance No. 55.4

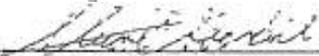
SECTION XXIV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

Ayes: Hayhoe, Hope, Ketchum, Krepps, Sweet, Ammon, Goodrich
Nays:
Absent:

Adopted by the Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of June, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

First Reading:	<u>06/05/2007</u>
First Publication	<u>06/10/2007</u>
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Effective Date:	<u>07/24/2007</u>


Stuart Goodrich, Supervisor


Evan Hope, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, Evan Hope, Clerk of the Charter Township of Delhi, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 55.4, duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan, on the 19th day of June, 2007 and that the same was published as required by law on the 10th and 24th day of June, 2007.


Evan Hope, Clerk



