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CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH EXCEPTIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES



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ACCREDITATION

Canton's Leisure Services has earned accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Through compliance with the standards of excellence, CAPRA accreditation assures policy makers, department staff, the general public, and tax payers that an accredited park and recreation agency has been independently evaluated against established benchmarks as delivering a high level of quality.

CLS received its first CAPRA accreditation in 2004 and has continuously maintained its status as an accredited agency. To date, CLS is the longest running agency to retain CAPRA accreditation in the state of Michigan. Currently, CLS is one of four parks and recreation agencies accredited in Michigan.

NRPA GOLD MEDAL

In 2008, Canton Leisure Services was awarded the Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Parks Association in class III, for communities with a population between 75,001 and 150,000. The Gold Medal Award honors communities throughout the United States that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, and agency recognition. Each agency is judged on its ability to address the needs of those it serves through the collective energies of citizens, staff, and elected officials.

Welcome

Welcome to the Canton Leisure Services (CLS) Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026. This plan reflects a vision for the Township's parks and recreation facilities; their operations, maintenance, and enhancements for the next several years. It serves as a roadmap for future recreation facilities and programs by considering existing parks and programs in and around the Township and the anticipated demand for additional or improved recreation facilities.

This plan also forms the basis for potential recreation grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and other agencies and foundations. Canton's 2022-2026 Recreation Plan was prepared in accordance with MDNR's Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans.

Most importantly, this plan serves as Canton's playbook for community building as it relates to parks and recreation over the next five (5) or more years.

Importance of Recreation

A well-rounded parks and recreation system is one of the most important services a municipality can offer to its residents. Access to parks, natural areas, and recreation is universally recognized as one of the basic needs of modern society. Canton Township's leaders recognized this need and have created a comprehensive parks and recreation system that supports a high quality of life for residents.

A parks and recreation system provides many ancillary benefits, one of which is bringing people of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and interests together at special events or other park-based activities. As a result, residents create lasting friendships that might not otherwise happen. Participation in sports teams and volunteer projects, or even joining together at the splash playground, builds relationships based on common interests and improves understanding and acceptance of different cultures.

Knowing neighbors strengthens bonds and creates a stronger sense of community, increasing the emotional and financial investment residents make in their community. Few other community-based programs offer the opportunity for such far-reaching benefits.

History of Parks and Leisure Services in Canton

Since the early 1970s Canton has embraced an effective parks approach and philosophy that has served the community well. Canton's philosophy has been to encourage the development of neighborhood parks through open space requirements in new housing projects, while the Township provides larger parks for active recreation. Today many of Canton's neighborhoods have parks to serve the needs of their residents. Many of these parks contain playground equipment, tennis courts, and more. These parks are owned and maintained by the neighborhood residents. Hundreds of acres of neighborhood parks and open spaces dot the community.

Thus far, the Township has developed nine (9) parks encompassing 677 acres. Canton also has 147 acres of undeveloped future park land, including the Ridge Road Park property. The first large active use park developed was Griffin Park, located in the eastern portion of Canton, which was then followed by Flodin Park, Heritage Park, Freedom Park, and Independence Park.

Yet to be fully developed is the 134-acre Ridge Road Park, located at the northwest corner of Ford and Ridge Roads. Land for the park was purchased in 2000 with grant funds from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The land is comprised of a mix of old farmland, wetlands, and woods. In 2002, the master design plan was drafted with the help of a consultant and input from community groups and Township officials for the Ridge Road Park. This design plan was further updated in 2015 and called for a mix of active and passive recreation opportunities and protected natural areas. As part of this 2021 planning process, a new vision for the future design of the Ridge Road Park has been articulated by the community, calling for a largely passive and natural park area.

Perhaps the three (3) most unique parks are:

- » **Independence Park**, a soccer complex that is host to one of the largest soccer tournaments in the Midwest. Land for the park was acquired as part of an open space requirement for a new development.
- » **Freedom Park**, home of Canton's disc golf course and pickleball courts.
- » **Heritage Park**, site of Canton's annual Liberty Fest and fireworks. Heritage Park includes lighted ballfields, several soccer fields, large ponds, an amphitheater, walking paths, several playscapes, a splash playground, and picnic pavilions.

As part of its ongoing efforts to meet community needs, Canton Leisure Services discovered that a large proportion of Canton residents identified community trails as a high priority for future investment. Consequently, Canton created the Lower Rouge Trail, which runs along the scenic Lower Rouge River. This popular trail is the product of a partnership between Canton's Municipal Services, Public Safety, and Leisure Services departments. Members of the public are also active partners and stakeholders in the trail system. An active citizen's group formed to serve as advocates and volunteers, and to assure that the trail remains safe, clean, and well-traveled. The first phase of the Lower Rouge Trail was completed in June of 2008, with a grand opening ceremony unveiling a 1.5 mile trail loop. At present, 12 miles of trails are either built or under construction.

Canton Community History

Prior to the 20th century, the core of Canton's population centered around "village" settlements. Two prominent village settlements were located at crossroads; one, known as Sheldon Corners, was located along the old Sauk Trail at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road, and the other, known as Cherry Hill Village, was located along Ridge Road at Cherry Hill Road. These villages were characterized by one room schoolhouses and inns for travelers stopping over on their way between Ann Arbor and Detroit. Not long ago, Canton was the epitome of small-town America. A tight-knit farming community 35 miles west of Detroit, Canton was known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan. What makes - and continues to make - Canton special was its people, with their shared values of caring, family, and community.

The most dramatic change in the community occurred at the beginning of the 21st century with the rapid westward movement of new development. Newly completed neighborhoods, such as Central Park, and developing areas, such as Cherry Hill Village, Uptown, and the Hamlet planned developments created a new town within the Township, complete with a village center, performing arts center (opened in September 2004), and historic cultural center. Development slowed during the Great Recession, but the Township is again experiencing widespread growth.

Today, Canton is a highly diverse community with a population from across the globe. To meet the needs of all residents, Canton Leisure Services offers a wide variety of programs and events that recognize and celebrate the population's diversity. The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage was established in 2004 to help develop a broad set of programs and services. This Commission has since created an Asian Pacific program that offers English classes and social opportunities for this growing segment of the population.

Responding to a community need for increasing tolerance and understanding, Canton's Multi-Cultural Committee embraced a vision of building relationships among neighbors through the arts. Many cross-cultural events are hosted annually at the Village Theater in Cherry Hill Village, including Canton Celebrates the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Lunar New Year, Canton Acts of Culture Week, Canton's International Festival, and many more. More information about the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage is available at www.cantonfun.org/181.



MASTER PLAN THEMES

Based on the input from the Canton community, Township Board, Planning Commission, staff and other contributors, the following themes have emerged during the Master Planning process. The Township should focus on incorporating these themes into the Township's Goals, Objectives and Actions:

THEME #1: QUALITY, RIGHT-SIZED FACILITIES

Expand facilities and programs to accommodate the Township's growing population. This includes offering a variety of high-quality experiences ranging from passive to active recreation. Ensure that history is respected and that opportunities are accessible to all, while maintaining fiscal responsibility and efficiency.

THEME #2: AGE-IN-PLACE SUPPORT

Residents 65 and older are the fastest growing population in the township, with SEMCOG estimating an 82% growth in the 65-84-year-old population between 2020 and 2045. Enhance the sense of control felt by aging residents through strategic choice, accessibility, orientation, and safety/security.

THEME #3: INCLUSIVITY

Further promote inclusivity in all facilities and programming decisions. Canton has and will continue to experience an increasingly diverse community. Commit to promoting opportunities for all members of the community to participate in and enjoy the parks and recreation services.

THEME #4: ACCESSIBILITY

Provide services for persons of all levels of ability, both mental and physical. Improve the accessibility of parks for those with special needs/disabilities and provide opportunities for inclusion that reduce physical, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers.

THEME #5: SAFE, LOCAL OPEN SPACE

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the increased demand for safe, outdoor space and the importance of local, accessible recreation. As working from home (or a hybrid scenario) also becomes a regular practice in the professional workplace, the strong desire for nearby, accessible outdoor space will continue.

THEME #6: SUSTAINABILITY

Embrace sustainability initiatives and seek educational opportunities to increase awareness of Canton's energy, ecology, and wildlife. Continue to preserve and enhance natural and cultural resources.

Goals and Objectives

The following summarizes Canton Leisure Services goals and objectives for 2022-2026.

To guide decision making, Leisure Services developed a detailed list of goals and objectives based on the previous 2017-2021 Master Plan and the results of analysis and public input. The following goals and objectives are intended to provide an operational framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for Canton.

These goals and objectives should be reviewed annually by Canton Leisure Services and modified as necessary.

Vision:

To be a forward thinking and intentionally inclusive community.

Mission:

To collectively deliver on the community's priorities, ensuring a high quality of life for all.

Township Goals and Master Plan Objectives

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Goal #1: Welcoming Community

A township in which all residents can fully and effectively access services, influence policy and direction, and feel a sense of belonging and safety.

OBJECTIVES / ACTIONS:

- » Seek opportunities to enhance accessible amenities at parks, playgrounds, and facilities.
- » Incorporate playground and fitness equipment for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- » Conduct annual program and service inventory to ensure desirable offerings for the community.
- » Research and expand multicultural programming that is both blended into existing events and celebrated as standalone events.
- » In the planning of programs, services, and amenities, ensure representation of all cultures in the Township.
- » Build a healthier community and enrich the lives of residents.
- » Develop programs, tournaments, and leagues for all segments and genders of the population.
- » Refine the wayfinding program for the non-motorized/greenway network that further connects parks, schools, neighborhoods, natural spaces, and regional trails.
- » Develop specialized outreach programs for senior citizens.
- » Incorporate more benches for rest along walking paths and trails, with different options including spaces in the shade. Allow for moveable seating that provides a variety of seating options for a person alone, small or large groups, and can be arranged to allow for different levels of privacy and/or accessibility.
- » Consider specific equipment (ex: in exercise stations) that is tailored for senior users and stretches.
- » Market events to all community groups and be intentional on the approaches to such outreach.
- » Develop cultural art installations that also offer educational opportunities.
- » Act as a resource to the community in areas such as advocacy, disability awareness, and disability training.
- » Facilitate involvement by providing a connection between the children of the community and children with disabilities.

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Goal #2: Healthy Ecosystem

An accessible and sustainable environment that affords a high quality of life while conserving our natural resources. Be known for abundant green space.

OBJECTIVES / ACTIONS:

- » Meet the growing need for natural space and structure outdoor uses by maintaining existing facilities and building new facilities.
- » Reduce energy consumption in township buildings and develop alternative energy options.
- » Incorporate passive recreation into parks whenever possible.
- » Identify locations for pocket parks to improve access and walkability.
- » Continue to utilize township-owned property to develop pocket parks in areas where parks are lacking/absent.
- » In partnership with Municipal Services, identify and classify land areas as future infill park space in the Future Land Use section of the next Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This would include an inventory of all township-owned lands with a strategic plan for developing pocket parks and other natural spaces.
- » Prioritize a natural component for all existing township parks and property to incorporate habitats that support wildlife and absorb surface runoff water.
- » Develop multi-sensory trails and gardens that potentially incorporate butterfly/pollinator gardens, rain gardens, and habitat improvements.
- » As appropriate, identify and use plants that have special meaning for cultural or ethnic groups that live in the park's vicinity.
- » Create designated spaces for food trucks and outdoor dining in the parks.
- » Extend the ITC trail from Sheldon (Griffin Park) to Preservation Park in Cherry Hill Village.
- » Create/expand community gardens and work to incorporate them into HOA's and the school district to promote awareness on healthy eating and sustainable growing patterns.
- » Combat social isolation through increased structured physical activities.
- » Provide a range of sensory experiences.
- » Create additional wetland development projects along drains and streams (e.g. Warren/Sheldon).
- » Create and consult with an environmental sustainability committee.

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Goal #3: Quality Infrastructure

Use a smart city, forward thinking approach, integrating technology to accelerate, facilitate, and transform the ecosystem. Be adaptive, responsive, and always relevant to all those that live, work in, and visit the township.

OBJECTIVES / ACTIONS:

- » Consider products to reduce Canton's carbon footprint, alternative energy sources, and designs that foster sustainability when constructing facilities and amenities (e.g. solar panels, geothermal).
- » Enhance or update Summit on the Park to better meet the health, wellness, and recreational needs of the Senior and Therapeutic Recreation participants.
- » Consider installing emergency phone boxes to improve security for aging groups or those accessing spaces alone.
- » Consider non-slippery paving materials that provide increased traction where possible.
- » Install all-ability playgrounds and recreation amenities.
- » Conduct a regular and thorough accessibility audit of each park and recreation facility and integrate needed improvements into the ADA Transition Plan Capital Improvement Plan.
- » Continue to leverage technology to improve communication with residents while also bridging the digital divide. Use technology more accurately to gauge public perceptions and needs.
- » Implement recommendations of the 10-minute Connectivity Analysis by filling unmet needs due to gaps in sidewalks, trails, and park deserts.



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Goal #4: Organizational Climate and Culture

The best and brightest, culturally and organizationally competent workforce, where employees feel valued and have ownership over the organization's goals.

OBJECTIVES / ACTIONS:

- » Incorporate spaces and amenities in parks and facilities that foster mobile learning and work (e.g. Wi-Fi in parks, charging stations near benches).
- » Create desirable and peaceful spaces in parks and facilities that allow for meditation or devotion.

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Goal #5: Financial Stability

Direct human and financial resources in ways that cultivate a sense of community and an ecosystem where families, individuals, and businesses thrive.

OBJECTIVES / ACTIONS:

- » Seek grants, sponsorships, donations, and other alternative funding sources to enhance amenities and park space.
- » Leverage partnerships with Wayne County and Metroparks, among others, to maximize local resource efficiencies.



The success of parks, trails, and open spaces is vital to the quality of life in Canton as such amenities and character offer the opportunity to build a strong and lasting sense of community.

Recreation Analysis Summary

Understanding what parks and recreation facilities and programs are available and/or missing for Township residents will assist decision making in the future.

- » Compared to its peer communities throughout the United States, Canton Township has built an impressive and comprehensive range of parks and recreation facilities for its residents (see Chapter 7).
- » Likewise, Canton Leisure Services provides an incredible variety of recreation, enrichment, educational, and social programs to satisfy the interests of a majority of residents (see Chapter 4).
- » Canton Township has been one of Michigan's fastest growing townships. Continued growth in total population and diversity is anticipated. The population could increase by 13,600 persons at build-out, according to projections. There will be significant changes in age structure, with more seniors and fewer families with children (see Chapter 8).
- » The demographic changes documented in Chapter 8 imply that adjustments to the Canton parks and recreation program will be necessary over time. Continued investment will be necessary as some facilities and programs become obsolete and new facilities and programs come into demand.
- » Subdivision parks supplement Township parks, providing some residents with recreation amenities within their neighborhoods. Nevertheless, there are park deserts in the Township—residential areas lacking nearby parks. Pocket or neighborhood parks are needed within a 10-minute walking distance of all residential areas to achieve maximum connectivity (see Chapter 6).
- » Throughout the years, Canton Leisure Services has exhibited exemplary leadership in long-range planning, resource management, and overall operation of the parks and recreation program. This has resulted in accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the conferring of a Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) (see Chapter 1).



Township-Wide Action Plan

This action plan is a result of community input provided by the various 2021 public and focus group meetings, the 2019 Community Survey, and priorities identified by the Township Board and Leisure Services staff.

Overall, the intent is to maintain, maintain, maintain! Leisure Services oversees the management of a first-class system of parks and facilities. The first priority is to maintain what exists in the most efficient manner possible.

However, the Township continues to change and the leisure needs of its residents are also changing. Therefore, the capital projects also plan for meeting these changing needs by pursuing grants, partnerships, sponsorships, and through greater efficiencies.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of new funding opportunities.

System-Wide Recommendations

In addition to the specific capital investments identified within the previous objectives and action section, Canton Leisure Services should continue to advance the following system-wide improvements and evaluate them annually to improve long-range planning efforts.

Non-Motorized Connectivity

Continue to plan for expansion of the non-motorized trail system within the community. Seek funding opportunities for easement and land acquisition and trail development.

Natural Resource Inventory

Evaluate the natural areas in the community through inventories and appropriate studies. This information is critical to prioritizing resources for the acquisition, protection, and management of natural areas.

Aging In Place

Consider and improve leisure opportunities that address the needs and preferences of seniors. Pickleball, aquatics, and fitness programming are examples of successful efforts made by the Township to address the needs of seniors.

Park, Recreation, and Programming Promotion

Utilize creative promotional approaches, such as new wayfinding signage and maps, to increase awareness of the features available in the parks. Increased awareness will expand appreciation and support for the park system and could also generate a spirit of volunteerism, aiding with maintenance, development, and fundraising.

Continuous Public Involvement

Solicit residents' suggestions on the planning, use, and improvement of parks and programming. This can be accomplished with public meetings, surveys, or through resident feedback solicited at special events.

Accessibility

Improve barrier-free accessibility throughout the parks and recreation system. The following are general ADA improvements that should be ongoing as soon as resources permit:

- » Provide accessible picnic tables at all parks that have picnic facilities, with accessible routes to them.
- » Provide safety surfacing at all playgrounds.
- » Add system-wide park wayfinding to assist with navigation and accessibility.
- » Provide accessible routes to benches, grills, and trash receptacles.
- » Provide detectable warnings (ADA transition plates) at path connections to warn pedestrians of vehicle crossings.

Uniform Park and Trail Signage

Implement uniform park and trail signage as a strategy to market and brand the parks and recreation system.

Water Quality

Work toward improving the cleanliness of surface water bodies throughout the Township by preserving and enhancing wetlands, creating rain gardens to absorb and filter stormwater, and similar measures.



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ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY



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The Planning and Public Input Process

The Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan was prepared with technical assistance from McKenna, a planning and design consulting firm, and with the active involvement of the Township. Citizen input played a critical role in the development of the plan, and, as a result, recommendations described within the Action Program reflect the needs and ideas of those who use and enjoy Canton's many parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities.

The planning processes included six (6) key tasks:

Task 1: Community Understanding

The first task was to obtain a description of Canton Township's physical and social features. These features include location, land use, and environmental and natural features, as well as population demographics including age distribution, people with physical disabilities, types of households, and transportation.

Additionally, it was critical to obtain and review the administrative structure of CLS. This analysis also includes a review of the current and projected revenues and expenditures, as well as Canton's recreation grant history.

Task 2: Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Inventory

The parks, recreation, and facilities inventory included site visits, mapping, and written descriptions of all recreation facilities within the Township. The information includes the acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of recreation amenities and equipment, and other physical attributes of the parks. A list of neighboring communities' facilities, state parks, county parks, and local parks is also included. Canton's program offerings are discussed in this section.

Task 3: Public Participation

Featuring a robust public engagement process, a total of four (4) pop-events were held, four (4) focus groups, and presentations at public meetings were designed to hear comments from the public regarding specific parks and recreation needs. The plan was also available for public comment for over 30 days.

Task 4: Analysis

Based on the data collected from tasks one through three, the information was analyzed in accordance with national and state guidelines, local needs, the desires of the residents, and potential funding sources.

Task 5: Township-Wide Action Program

Completion of the analysis led to the creation of the five-year action plan, which offers a recommendation of what projects are to be accomplished, including recommendations for the 10-Minute Connectivity Analysis. Long range, community-wide strategies and projects are also discussed.

Task 6: Plan Completion and Adoption

The Leisure Services Recreation Master Plan was made available for comment for over 30 days. Canton residents were invited to review and comment on the plan through Canton's website, the FOCUS newsletter (mailed to every household), a public notice in Canton's local newspaper, and social media. In addition, the plan was made physically available at:

- » The Summit on the Park - Lobby
- » The Canton Public Library – Reference Desk
- » The Administration Building – Clerk's Office (1st Floor)
- » The Administration Building – Leisure Services Office (3rd Floor)

Comments received were incorporated into the plan.

The preparation and adoption of the 2022-2026 Recreation Master Plan included the review of the plan by several agencies to ensure consistency with area-wide and state planning programs. These agencies include the:

- » Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
- » Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
- » Wayne County Planning Commission

The Charter Township of Canton then conducted a public hearing on November 9, 2021, at a Township Board meeting. This public hearing was advertised according to Michigan law. Again, residents were given an opportunity to voice their opinions about the plan.

At the Township Board meeting held on November 9, 2021, a resolution was submitted for approval and adoption of the Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A copy of the resolution was certified by the Clerk and sent to the MDNR, SEMCOG, and the Wayne County Planning Commission.





Community Outreach Summary

Canton Leisure Services regularly invites residents to share their ideas, comments, and perceptions of the Township's leisure offerings. In 2019, CLS sponsored a community interest survey to help establish priorities for the future improvement of leisure and recreation services within the community. CLS also hosted a variety of public input meetings throughout the spring and summer of 2021 to gather community input. Each of these outreach opportunities is described in more detail below.

2019 Survey

In 2019, CLS conducted a community needs assessment survey in partnership with Cobalt Community Research. The survey was mailed to a random sample of 1,500 households throughout Canton. 325 residents responded, providing a response rate of 22%, a conventional margin of error of $\pm 5\%$ in the raw data. Major survey findings are summarized below:

- » Participants felt the most critical issues facing Canton are an aging population, environmental sustainability, and mental health.
- » Support for more trails, active exercise opportunities, and natural areas across the Township was also expressed. An increase in the use of programs and events is also tied to having safe pathways and trails. However, universal access to facilities was ranked the lowest: 35% of respondents stated they cannot safely walk to the closest park, and only 13% have less than a five (5) minute walk to parklands.
- » Top improvements to parks included permanent restrooms (38%); safe walking/ biking routes to and from neighborhoods (32%); drinking fountains/water bottle refilling stations (29%); and shade structures/lighting, picnic areas, and seating (22%).
- » Support for bike racks and adult (55+) fitness programs was also noted.

Joint Township Kick-Off Discussion

To kick off the discussion about the Recreation Plan, a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission was held on June 15, 2021, via Zoom. A summary of the key ideas and opportunities expressed by Canton's elected and appointed officials follows:

- » All residents should have access to passive and active recreation – especially pocket parks that encourage free play for children.
- » Opportunity to better communicate with residents, especially new residents and families about park offerings and the trail network and routes.
- » All sidewalk gaps need to be closed and pedestrian and bike safety elevated so that every household has access to a park.
- » Seasonal festivals and events are one way to keep Canton unique – e.g., Winterfest, hayrides, orchards, etc.
- » Improvements to Heritage Park should better integrate the different activities, as the park feels very compartmentalized today.
- » The trail at Heritage Park already offers some great amenities, such as the Storytrail, but there is still room for enhancements (e.g., art, benches, shaded areas, trees along walkway, exercise (fitness) stations, etc.).
- » Winter activities need to be offered, such as:
 - Offer cross-country skiing at the golf courses;
 - Continue to offer the sled rental (very successful in 2020);
 - Continue to offer the holiday walk and lights at the golf course;
 - Develop an ice-skating rink, even if it is informal; and
 - Offer snow shoeing at Ridge Road Park and/or other areas.



Pop-Up Events

June 2021 Events. Feedback on what park amenities are needed and desired in the community was discussed with the public at two (2) events in June: at the Farmers Market on June 6, 2021, and at the first Summer Concert Series in the Park (at Heritage Park). At these events participants shared their “Big Idea” for parks and recreation in Canton and voted for the top three (3) most important amenities to consider adding to Ridge Road Park.

Between the two (2) events, a total of 109 ideas were shared, and a total of 164 individuals voted for their top amenities, as noted in the following table:

Table 1: Priority Recreation Amenities Identified by Residents

RECREATION AMENITY	PRIORITY VOTE #1	PRIORITY VOTE #2	PRIORITY VOTE #3	TOTAL VOTES
Rope and Obstacle Course	37	22	20	79
Inclusive Playground	28	25	10	63
Paved Pathways and Trails	31	15	14	60
Sledding Hill	13	29	18	60
Fitness and Exercise Equipment	16	14	17	47
Pavilions	6	9	22	37
Community Gardens	9	17	8	34
Open Green Space	10	7	9	26
Hydration Stations (Drinking Fountains)	6	5	13	24
Outdoor Classroom and Nature Center	5	7	10	22
Benches and Sitting Areas	4	6	11	21
Shade Sails	5	8	6	19
Grand Total				492





August 2021 Events. The draft concept plans for Heritage Park and the Ridge Road Park were presented to the public at two (2) events in August: National Night Out on August 5, 2021, and at the Farmers Market on August 8, 2021. At these events, the draft park concepts were explained, and participants were asked to cast a ‘vote’ for the direction the design was moving in: Love, Like, or Hate.

Between the two (2) events, a total of 557 votes were cast in the straw poll, as reported in the following table:

Table 2: Park Concept Plans Straw Poll Results

HERITAGE PARK CONCEPT PLAN - VOTING RESULTS				
	❤️ Love	👍 Like	😞 Hate	Total Votes
August 5 Event	145	19	5	169
August 8 Event	64	9	1	74
Grand Totals	209	28	6	243

RIDGE ROAD PARK CONCEPT PLAN - VOTING RESULTS				
	❤️ Love	👍 Like	😞 Hate	Total Votes
August 5 Event	162	33	22	217
August 8 Event	73	20	4	97
Grand Totals	235	53	26	314

Focus Groups

June Sessions. On June 25, 2021, two (2) focus groups were held at The Summit on the Park Community Center. The first focus group had 16 participants who were personally invited by Canton Leisure Services. Six (6) participants attended the second focus group, which was open to the public. The following are key themes from that discussion:

- » *What one improvement would be most beneficial to Canton parks?*
 - Outdoor pool
 - Connect neighborhoods and parks to one another
 - Covered seating/gathering areas
 - Permanent restrooms at Griffin and Flodin Parks
 - Pickleball courts (at least three in one location so tournaments can be played)
 - Benches along pathways, rest stops
 - Pedestrian access to Preservation Park and the Farmers Market
 - A wheelchair program at Heritage Park – for all sizes and abilities
 - Smoother sidewalks for accessibility and recreation (it is hard to roller blade on rough sidewalks)
 - Remove the southern parking lot at Flodin Park – is never used and draws negative uses at night
 - Rouge River trail system – more paved pathways
 - Preservation Park is not welcoming; announce that one has arrived
 - The cricket field in Heritage Park feels disconnected and away from all other park amenities
- » *What should every Canton resident be able to walk to from their home? What do you consider as this essential recreation amenity?*
 - Playgrounds – spaces that allow free play for children (ex: a Kopper Park in every neighborhood)
 - Green space (ex: park, natural area, green square, etc.)
 - Walking and biking paths
 - Schools and school recreation equipment
- » *What areas in Canton need additional parks and/or green space?*
 - Too many trees along Ridge Road being cut down
 - North of Ford Road there is not enough green space
 - Empty space north of Preservation Park – opportunity for natural vegetation
- » *What does a healthy ecosystem look like for Canton?*
 - Flodin: more wildflowers, pollinators, and bat houses
 - Public art made from recycled materials
 - Educational amenities for children, including an outdoor classroom
 - Permeable pavements
 - Rain gardens and bioswales
 - Variety of trees
 - Native species for plantings
 - Improved water quality (in all parks)
 - EV charging stations (in all parks)

August Sessions. A second round of focus groups was held on August 17, 2021, at The Summit on the Park Community Center. The same individuals who participated in the first focus group sessions were invited back to provide feedback and ideas on the draft Heritage Park and Ridge Road Park design plans, as well as about other Leisure Services facilities and programming.

The first focus group that evening had 11 members of the public attend, and five (5) participants attended the second focus group. The participants at each meeting shared their unique perspectives on the future of Canton Leisure Services.



What one improvement would be most beneficial to Canton parks?

What should every Canton resident be able to walk to from their home? What do you consider as this essential recreation amenity? What do you consider as this essential recreation amenity?

What areas in Canton need additional parks and/or green space?

What does a healthy ecosystem look like for Canton?



Summary of Park Specific Recommendations

Throughout the public engagement process, a number of recommendations for specific parks were made by the public. The following is a summary list of the reoccurring recommendations that should be considered as investments are made in each of these parks:

PARK NAME	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS / FUTURE AMENITIES MADE BY THE PUBLIC
Barchester Park	Connect non-motorized pathway to sidewalk at Paul Revere Lane (at the southwest corner of the park).
	Install a decorative fencing around the playscape.
	Pave a ¼ mile trail loop through the woods
	Install wayfinding and mile-marker signage for trail loops.
Flodin Park	Install permanent restrooms.
	Demolish splash playground and create a neighborhood based amenity.
	Remove southern parking lot - not utilized.
	Plant trees along Saltz Road and enhance the park entry.
	Install wayfinding signage for ITC trail connections.
	Develop pollinator gardens and animal habitat areas (ex: bat houses).
Freedom Park	Install a hydration station and restroom facilities.
	Increase natural areas, such a pollinator gardens.
	Remove horseshoe pits, replace with an amenity for younger children.
Griffin Park	Install permanent restrooms.
	Install pathway to basketball courts and shaded seating.
	Install a decorative fence around the playscape.
	Install shaded seating at the playscape.
	Develop a non-motorized pathway through the park, with a connection west, across Fellows Creek.
	Install a non-motorized passageway under / over Sheldon Road.
Independence Park	Install shade sails and/or shaded seating around the fields for spectators and players.
	Install shade sails and/or shaded seating around the playscape.
	Plant shade trees throughout the park, especially along the pathways.
	Install a non-motorized pathway around the perimeter of the park, connecting to the sidewalk along Proctor and the sidewalk off Barkhill.
	Install non-motorized pathways to a number of the fields for accessibility.
	Install crosswalk and other pedestrian safety features to the park entrance, across Denton, and at the Proctor, Denton, and Central Park intersections.
	Expand irrigation to all fields (#1-26)
Preservation Park	Install permanent fencing for the Farmers Market venue.
	Apply a chip seal asphalt to the gravel parking lot (at both the N. Denton and Ridge Road entrances).
	Expand community garden plots.
	Cultivate the vacant space on the ITC trail into native vegetation areas (seek easements as necessary).
	Install wayfinding signage to park amenities / pathways.
	Install welcome signage, a pathway, and plantings along N. Denton and Ridge Roads (curb appeal).
	Connect pathway around dog park and community gardens to the Gettysburg pathway.
Victory Park	Install sidewalk along the Michigan Ave. frontage.

Recreation Trends

As one of the fastest growing communities in Michigan, the demand on park and recreation resources is impacted by shifting demographic and recreation trends in Canton Township. There have been shifts in family structure, with both the senior and youth populations increasing, and lifestyles have been dramatically altered by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Analysis of the following key trends will ensure that Canton Township facilitates the creation of parks and recreational activities that fulfill the needs and desires of the diverse community.

Inclusivity

The Township Board has adopted a vision for the community: To be a forward thinking and intentionally inclusive community. The concept of inclusivity has many facets: inclusivity based on age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, social standing, and financial ability. The Township Board has set a high bar, indicating that parks and programs should be designed and marketed for all. This will be a challenging standard for Leisure Services to meet as the population is expected to become more diverse (see Community Snapshot, Chapter 8).



Social Equity

Growing demographic trends predict greater racial and ethnic diversity among Canton Township residents. Parks and recreation activities can serve as a platform for people to come together based on a shared interest in recreation, leisure, health, and sports. Parks are public amenities that are accessible to all regardless of income or social status.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The National Recreation and Parks Association's (NRPA) 2021 Trends Report identified the existence of higher rates of self-isolation and loneliness as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. One way to deal with this concern is to provide readily accessible parks and open spaces, which serve as places of respite, exercise, and meditation.

Green Space and Resiliency

The COVID-19 pandemic brought forth a renewed interest in parks and outdoor gathering spaces that will remain ingrained in people's lives for years to come. Residents desire parks and open spaces within a 10-minute walking distance of their homes and highly regard the preservation of these nearby natural systems. Parks ought to be designed to embody the concepts of environmental sustainability and resiliency, with restored woodlands, native plantings, and ecologically sensitive stormwater management systems.



03

PARKS, RECREATION, AND
TRAILS INVENTORY



CANTON
Leisure Services



Introduction

Township leaders have endeavored to build a parks and recreation program that provides a high quality of life for all residents. To achieve this goal, with Canton's diverse population, the Township has developed a broad variety of recreation facilities. Users of the parks and recreation programs not only derive great enjoyment; they also develop lasting relationships with their fellow Canton residents, thereby creating a strong sense of community.

The Township's efforts and commitment to leisure services has been recognized by the National Parks and Recreation Association, which has awarded this nationally accredited parks, recreation, and leisure services system a coveted Gold Medal.

Classifications of Recreation Amenities

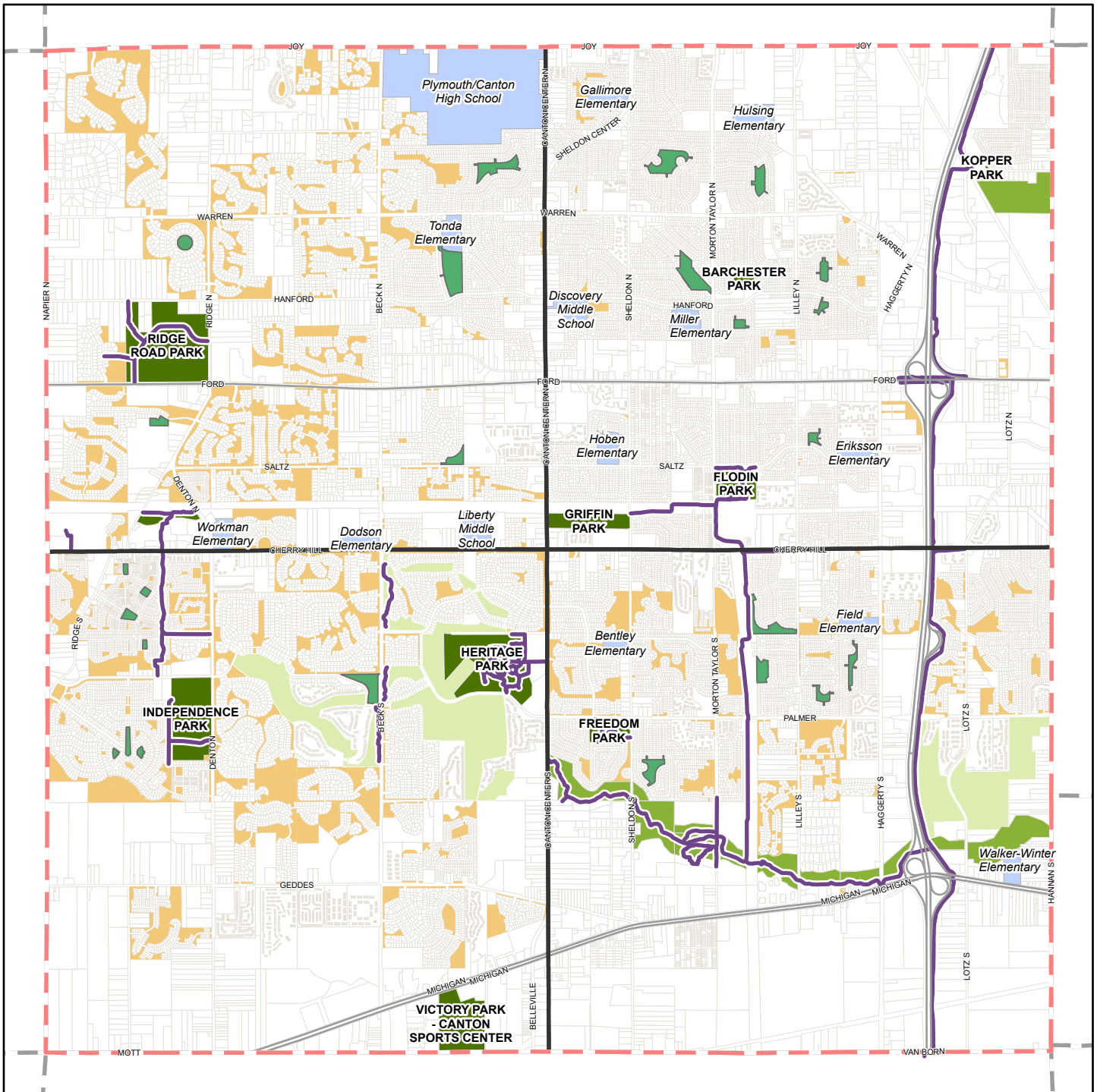
This section inventories each of Canton's parks and recreation facilities, identifying the amenities available and the scope of services they provide. The inventory also discusses who is served by each park and provides additional information unique to each.

The parks are also classified based on criteria developed by the National Parks and Recreation Association (see Table 3 below.). The classification provides an understanding of the main function of each park. For planning purposes, the classification helps to identify gaps in the range of parks available to residents.

The following recreation classifications apply to Canton's parks, open space, and recreation areas.

Table 3: Parks Classification System and Level of Service

Mini-Park (Pocket Park)	Small, specialized parks, often less than an acre in size, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini-park may serve a limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Mini-parks usually serve people within a 1/4 mile radius.
Neighborhood Park	Multi-purpose facilities that provide more active recreation activities, such as field/court games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks typically serve up to 5,000 residents located within a 1/4 to 1/2 mile radius.
Community Park	Offers a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from many neighborhoods. Community parks may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, picnic pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities. Community parks serve residents within a 1/2 to 3 mile radius.
Large Urban Park / Signature Park	Serves a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the area. The primary focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique natural features. Large urban parks serve a wide area, usually a 3 to 5 mile radius.
Special Use Park / Facility	Specialized or single-purpose recreation activities, such as historical areas, nature centers, dog parks, sports complex, golf courses, arboretums, etc. There are no specific standards for size or acreage since each site will vary, each site is unique to the community it serves.
Natural Resource Area	Lands set aside for the preservation of significant natural resources, landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics and/or buffering.



Parks, Trails, Open Spaces, and Community Facilities

Charter Township of Canton
Wayne County, Michigan

November 2, 2021

LEGEND

- County Park
- Golf Course
- Township Park
- Subdivision Park
- Woods and Open Space
- School
- Trail



Basemap Source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, v. 17a. Data Source: Canton Twp 2021. McKenna 2021.



BARCHESTER PARK

NP



CLASSIFICATION:

Neighborhood Park

LOCATION

South side of Barchester Road, between Morton Taylor and Lilley Road

SERVICE AREA:

Northeast quadrant

SIZE:

10 acres



AMENITIES

- » Athletic field suitable for practice soccer (1 field)
- » In-line skate rink
- » Parking
- » Paved walking path (0.20 miles)
- » Picnic facilities (tables, benches)
- » Playscape
- » Woodlands
- » Woodland nature trail (0.25 miles)

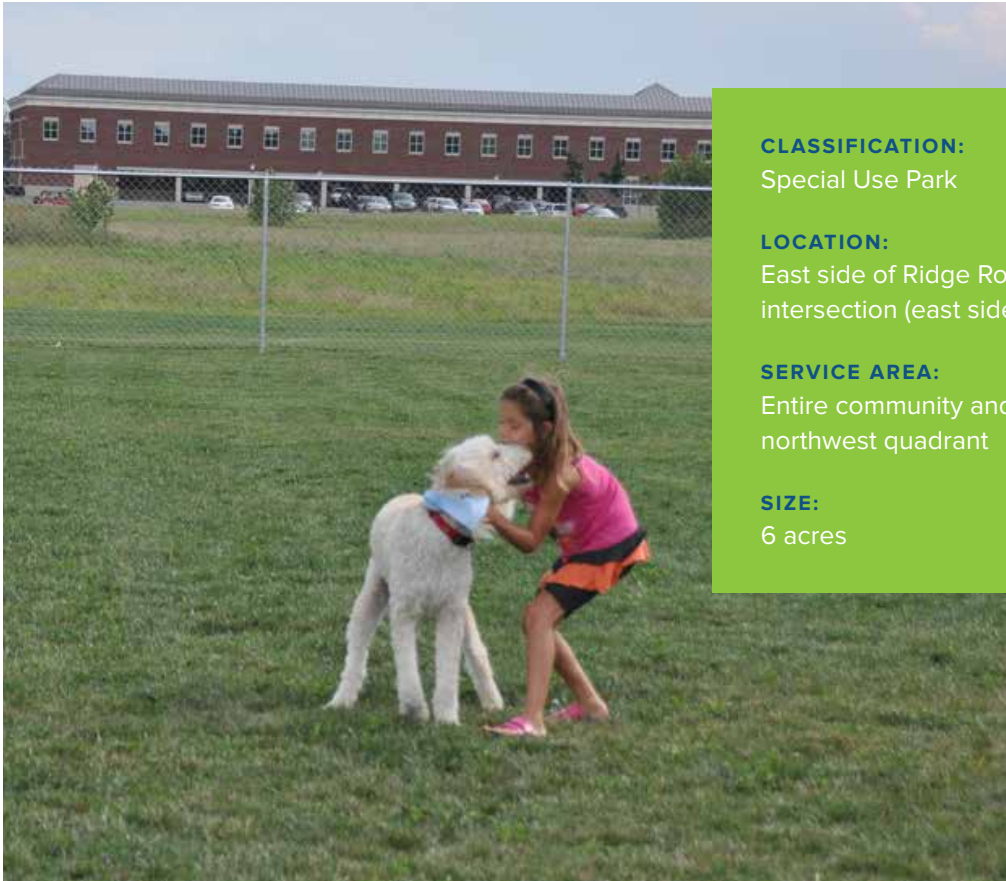
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Barchester Park provides basic recreation amenities for residents in the surrounding neighborhood.



CANTON DOG PARK

SU



CLASSIFICATION:

Special Use Park

LOCATION:

East side of Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill intersection (east side of Preservation Park)

SERVICE AREA:

Entire community and particularly the northwest quadrant

SIZE:

6 acres

AMENITIES:

- » Fenced-in area for off-leash dog play—a total of 4 acres
- » Pavilions with benches for dog owners

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Canton Dog Park was developed in 2011 to provide outdoor space for dogs to run and play off-leash, with specific rules to help insure a safe and positive experience for everyone. The fenced park is divided into a large dog section for animals 20 pounds and over, and a small dog section for animals under 20 pounds.

FLODIN PARK

CP

**CLASSIFICATION:**

Community Park

LOCATION:

South side of Saltz Road at Morton Taylor Road

SERVICE AREA:

Northeast quadrant

SIZE:

28.5 acres

**AMENITIES:**

- » Athletic fields suitable for soccer (up to 3 fields)
- » Baseball field
- » Basketball half court
- » Fellows Creek
- » Lending library
- » Nature trail with interpretive signage (0.30 miles)
- » Parking
- » Paved walking path (0.50 miles)
- » Picnic facilities (tables, drinking fountains)
- » Playscape
- » Portable restrooms
- » Splash playground
- » Tennis courts (2)
- » Wetland
- » Woodland

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Flodin Park contains the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail, which travels around a constructed wetland and connects to the ITC Corridor Trail. The wetland improves water quality, stabilizes stream banks, reduces pollutants entering the Rouge River, and provides fish and wildlife habitat. The trail provides passive recreation and educational opportunities.

FREEDOM PARK



CP

CLASSIFICATION:

Community Park

LOCATION:

Southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer Roads

SERVICE AREA:

Southeast quadrant

SIZE:

20 acres



AMENITIES:

- » Athletic fields suitable for soccer (up to 3 fields)
- » Full basketball court
- » Disc golf course
- » Horseshoe pits (4)
- » Multi-purpose hard surface
- » Parking
- » Picnic facilities (pavilion, tables, drinking fountain)
- » Playscape
- » Pond
- » Portable restrooms
- » Sand volleyball courts (2)
- » Pickleball courts (6)
- » Walking paths
- » Woodland

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The pickleball courts in Freedom Park are in constant use by Township residents. Other less common amenities, such as disc golf, sand volleyball, and horseshoes, make this a popular park.



GRIFFIN PARK

CP



CLASSIFICATION:

Community Park

LOCATION:

West side of North Sheldon Road, north of Cherry Hill Road

SERVICE AREA:

Northeast quadrant

SIZE:

27.9 acres



AMENITIES:

- » Athletic fields suitable for soccer (3 to 5 fields)
- » Baseball/softball fields (3)
- » Full basketball court
- » Drinking fountain
- » Fellows Creek
- » Parking
- » Picnic tables
- » Playscape
- » Pond
- » Portable restrooms
- » Tennis courts (4)
- » Woods along Fellow Creek



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Griffin Park is a long, narrow park that abuts an ITC power line corridor on the north. Its amenities are conventional for a community park of its size, while addressing the recreational needs of residents in the vicinity.

HERITAGE PARK



SP

CLASSIFICATION:

Large Urban Park/Signature Park

LOCATION:

West side of Canton Center Road at Heritage Park Drive (west of the Canton municipal complex and adjacent to the Summit on the Park Community Center)

SERVICE AREA:

Entire community and particularly the southwest quadrant

SIZE:

105.7 acres

AMENITIES:

- » Amphitheater (seats more than 2,500 people)
- » Athletic fields suitable for soccer (up to 6 fields) or lacrosse
- » Baseball/softball fields (4) with bleachers
- » Concession stand
- » Cricket field with bleachers
- » Fishing pier and boardwalk
- » Football practice field with bleachers
- » Maintenance facilities
- » Memorial gardens and sculptures for veterans and U.S. Marine Corps
- » Ample parking
- » Pedestrian paths
- » Picnic facilities (tables, grills, pavilions (5), gazebo, benches, and drinking fountains)
- » Playscapes (one wood, one plastic, one metal)
- » Ponds
- » Restroom facilities (3)
- » Sand volleyball court
- » Zero-depth splash playground
- » Storage buildings (2)
- » Walking/jogging track
- » Linear wooded areas



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Heritage Park is the largest and most popular park in the community. Many of the Township's most popular events are held here, including Liberty Fest, Memorial Day Soccer Invitational, Fishing Derby, Camp Out, Movie Night, and Summer Concert Series.

INDEPENDENCE PARK

SU



CLASSIFICATION:

Special Use Park

LOCATION:

Southwest corner of Denton and Proctor Roads

SERVICE AREA:

Entire community and particularly the southwest quadrant

SIZE:

80 acres



AMENITIES:

- » Soccer fields—25 as follows:
 - Eleven U13+ fields
 - Nine U11/U12 fields
 - Five U9/U10 fields
- » Soccer training field (1)
- » Parking
- » Picnic facilities (pavilion, tables, and drinking fountain)
- » Playscape
- » Irrigation pond
- » Restrooms
- » Storage building and pump house
- » Woodlands

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Independence Park provides soccer amenities for the entire community. The Canton Cup, a 600+ team soccer invitational tournament organized by the Canton Soccer Club, has been held here annually since 1982.



KOPPER PARK



NP

CLASSIFICATION:

Neighborhood Park

LOCATION:

Koppernick Road, east of Haggerty Road

SERVICE AREA:

Northeast quadrant

SIZE:

0.5 acres



AMENITIES:

- » Benches
- » Drinking fountain
- » Landscaping
- » Lighting
- » Picnic tables (2) under a shade sail
- » Playscape and other miscellaneous play equipment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Kopper Park is Canton's newest park, nearing completion in late summer 2021. The Park was funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant, with the goal of providing park and recreation amenities in a part of the community that has added many young families. The land, which was purchased from the West Gate Apartment Development, was selected near the Holiday Park Subdivision, one of Canton's oldest neighborhoods. The Park is also adjacent to Northgate of Canton, a newer multiple-family development.

PRESERVATION PARK

SU

**CLASSIFICATION:**

Special Use Park

LOCATION:

East side of Ridge Road, north of the Cherry Hill intersection

SERVICE AREA:

Entire community and particularly the northwest quadrant

SIZE:

7 acres

AMENITIES:

- » Farmers Market
- » Garden area (2 community gardens, greenhouses)
- » Historic buildings (homes, barn, outbuildings)
- » Parking
- » Picnic shelter
- » Walking path
- » Woodlands

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Preservation Park contains some of the Township's most significant historic resources. The distinctive Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill Road was constructed in 1838. This 2,900-square foot, two-story building is partially furnished with antiques and is an ideal setting for wedding photos, social functions, business meetings, and recreation programs. The historic Clyde-Corwin House, historic barn museum, and other outbuildings are also located on the site.

The Canton Farmers Market is held on the grounds of the Bartlett-Travis House from May into October each year. Harvest and Winter markets extend the season in the Cady-Boyer Barn into November, and February through April of each year, when the weather permits. The Farmers Market offers a variety of local foods and handmade goods, in addition to musical entertainment, arts and crafts for children, and special offerings, such as "Ask a Master Gardener" and "Lunch at the Market."

Another important historic resource in this area is the 2,363-square foot Cherry Hill School, located on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. Built in 1876, it has been fully restored and is available for meetings, classes, and community and private functions.

To plan for the orderly development of Preservation Park, a separate Master Plan was drafted with significant public input.

Preservation Park is located adjacent to Cherry Hill Village, a large traditional neighborhood development that has incorporated many historical components into the design, along with parks and wooded areas. At build-out, Cherry Hill Village will have about 1,500 residential units with supporting retail and office uses.

Other historic resources in the Cherry Hill area include the Cherry Hill Inn, a grand hotel complex built in 1865, which later served as a general store and dance hall. The Cherry Hill United Methodist Church (built in 1882) and Cemetery are located close to the Inn on South Ridge Road. The oldest marked graves date back to the early 1830s. Across Ridge Road is a concrete block building that began life as a creamery (it straddles the Lower Rouge River), but was renovated by Henry Ford to house World War II veterans after the war.

RIDGE ROAD PARK

(TO BE DEVELOPED)

SP



CLASSIFICATION:

Large Urban Park/Signature Park

LOCATION:

Northwest corner of Ford and Ridge Roads

SERVICE AREA:

Entire community and particularly the northwest quadrant

SIZE:

134.4 acres



EXISTING AMENITIES:

- » Walking paths (unpaved)
- » Aggregate parking lot

PROPOSED AMENITIES:

- » Adaptive playground
- » Sledding hill and warming hut
- » Programming and concession building
- » Environmental education nature center
- » Picnic facilities
- » Pond with fishing pier
- » Woodland preserve area
- » Extensive trail system
- » Native plantings
- » Stream restoration

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Land for the Ridge Road Park was acquired in 2000 with the intent to meet the active and passive recreation needs of residents in the northwest quadrant of the community while protecting and enhancing natural areas on the property. A Park Master Design Plan was drafted in 2002, which was updated in 2015. It is being further updated as a part of this Five-Year Recreation Master Plan Update (see appendix).

VICTORY PARK

(CANTON SPORTS CENTER)

SU



CLASSIFICATION:

Sports Complex

LOCATION:

South side of Michigan Avenue, between Beck and Belleville Roads

SERVICE AREA:

The region, which includes all of Canton and particularly the southwest quadrant

SIZE:

70 acres

AMENITIES:

Canton Sports Center (Township-owned)

- Lighted ballfields for softball, baseball, cricket, and flag football (12)
- Bleachers
- Playscape for 5-12 yrs.
- Full-service restaurant
- Concession stand
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountains (3)
- Picnic tables and benches

Arctic Edge Ice Arena (privately-owned and operated on property leased from the Township)

- Two NHL-sized indoor ice rinks
- Host to boy's and girl's high school hockey teams
- Home to the Canton Amateur Hockey Association
- Home to the Arctic Edge Figure Skating Club
- Provides opportunities for ice dancing and public skating

High Velocity Sports (110,000-square foot indoor sports complex and dome, privately-owned and operated on property that was purchased from the Township)

- Regulation soccer fields (3)
- Mini soccer fields (2)
- Basketball courts (4)
- Facilities for flag football, dodgeball, volleyball, lacrosse, and fowling
- Golf simulator
- Houses administrative office for the Canton Soccer Club
- Offers summer camps, driver's education



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Victory Park is a high energy active recreation sports center that attracts participants from around the region. The Park was developed through partnerships with the private sector to achieve a broader range of recreational opportunities for the community. Eight of the ballfields are dedicated for rental to help support the Sports Center and are not available for free community play. It is noteworthy that Arctic Edge is the home rink for several world Olympic winners.



Golf Facilities

The Township has two (2) public 27-hole golf courses: Fellows Creek Golf Club, which is in the southeast quadrant of the Township, and Pheasant Run Golf Club, which is in the southwest quadrant of the Township. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards for a community the size of Canton is four (4), 9-hole standard courses, and two (2), 18-hole standard courses; Canton exceeds both standards.

FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB



AMENITIES:

- » Three (3), 9-hole courses
- » Clubhouse
- » Full-service bar and grill
- » Full-service banquet facility
- » Pro shop

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Fellows Creek golf course was designed by W. Bruce Matthews and his son Jerry. It has three (3) distinctly different 9-hole layouts, each of which measures over 3,200 yards in length. Fellows Creek Golf Club is certified as a Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International. Consequently, the course is committed to protecting the local environment, conserving natural resources, and providing wildlife habitats. Fellows Creek Golf Club is leased from the Township by Indigo Golf Partners, which operates the facility.

CLASSIFICATION:

Special Use Facility

LOCATION:

On Lotz Road, north of Michigan Avenue

SERVICE AREA:

The region, which includes all of Canton and particularly the southeast quadrant

SIZE:

196 acres

PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB



AMENITIES:

- » Three (3), 9-hole courses
- » Clubhouse
- » Full-service bar and grill
- » Practice range
- » Pro shop

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Pheasant Run was designed by world renowned golf course architect Arthur Hills. It is a championship course that traverses rolling scenic terrain and spans more than 10.5 miles from start to finish. It consists of three (3) 9-hole courses, each with unique features and challenges. Pheasant Run is operated by Canton Township with a staff of four (4) full-time and up to 30 part-time, seasonal employees.

CLASSIFICATION:

Special Use Facility

LOCATION:

On Summit Parkway, off Canton Center Road, near the Summit on the Park Community Center

SERVICE AREA:

The region, which includes all of Canton and particularly the southwest quadrant

SIZE:

More than 300 acres



Trails

In 2014, Canton Leisure Services conducted a Community Attitude and Interest Survey. Respondents identified walking, biking and nature trails as the most important recreation facility in the Township. Residents were expressing an opinion that is shared by trails enthusiasts across the state and country.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) prepared a plan to increase trails throughout the state called *Michigan Trails at a Crossroads: A Vision for Connecting Michigan*. Another plan called *Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan for Southeast Michigan* was adopted in 2015 by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). Canton's existing and planned trails are a part of this regional vision.

Given the popularity of walking and biking, Canton has continually expanded its paved and unpaved sidewalk, safety path, and trail system. The map that follows shows the extent of existing and planned trails within the Township. In addition, many roads within the Township have sidewalks or safety paths.

Canton's Trail System is composed of the Lower Rouge Trail, the ITC Corridor Trail, and sidewalks, trail connections, and walking paths in several parks. The Township is working to connect its parks with non-motorized trails to create an integrated system of bicycle and pedestrian paths throughout the Township, and a system that connects to regional trails such as the I-275 Metro Trail.



The scenic Lower Rouge Trail runs along the Lower Rouge River from Heritage Park on Canton Center Road to the I-275 Metro Trail. The 10-foot-wide trail surface is crushed stone, and can be used for walking, jogging, running, and biking. Nearly six (6) miles of dirt surface, single-track trail for mountain biking, and hiking has also been developed in connection with the main path. This single-track trail, built by volunteers, provides users with a rough terrain course. The trail is not plowed in the winter to allow for cross country skiing and snow shoeing.

The Lower Rouge Trail connects to the I-275 Metro Trail, providing the opportunity to bike along a 42 mile stretch from Novi to Monroe. The Lower Rouge Trail also connects to the most recent trail developed in the Township, which was constructed on the International Transmission Company (ITC) overhead utility corridor. The ITC Corridor Trail is approximately three (3) miles long and connects the Lower Rouge Trail with Flodin and Griffin Parks. Combined, these trails offer nearly 15 miles of non-motorized pathways in the Township.

Several Township parks also include walking and biking trails, including Heritage Park (0.7 miles), Freedom Park (0.36 miles), Flodin Park (1 mile, including Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail at 0.3 miles), and Barchester Park (0.2 mile wooded nature trail). These parks provide walking and biking paths in all quadrants of Canton. The newest trail in the Township has been constructed at Ridge Road Park including a 10 foot-wide limestone recreation trail (0.7 miles). Additional trails are planned for this area.

Lastly, the Summit has an indoor running/walking track available year-round.

LOWER ROUGE TRAIL AND ITC CORRIDOR TRAIL



CLASSIFICATION:

Greenways

LOCATION:

Along the Lower Rouge River between Canton Center Road and the I-275 Metro Trail; and along the ITC corridor between the Lower Rouge Trail and Flodin and Griffin parks.

SERVICE AREA:

The region, which includes all of Canton and particularly the southeast quadrant

LENGTH:

Lower Rouge Trail, including loops: 4.73 miles;
ITC Trail: 2.8 miles



AMENITIES:

The Lower Rouge Trail is a ten-foot-wide path with a compacted crushed stone surface and 8 wooden pedestrian bridges. The trail system also has nearly six (6) miles of dirt surface, single track trails for hiking and mountain biking.

The ITC Corridor Trail was constructed on the International Transmission Company (ITC) power line corridor. This section of trail connects the Lower Rouge Trail to both Flodin Park and Griffin Park.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

These trails are open year-round to accommodate summer and winter trail sports. The Lower Rouge Trail also provides a non-motorized connection from Heritage Park at the heart of Canton to the I-275 Metro Trail along I-275.



Indoor Facilities

Indoor recreation resources provide residents with alternatives when the weather is not conducive to outdoor activity. Most of Canton's indoor recreation facilities are in the south half of the Township, but they are designed to serve the entire community.

Summit on the Park Community Center

Summit on the Park (The Summit) is a 95,000-square foot community center located on the south side of Heritage Park, on Summit Parkway. The Summit contains a 13,340-square foot aquatics center with a five (5) lane 25-yard lap pool, zero depth leisure pool, 120-foot water slide, and lazy river; a 7,600-square foot gymnasium with six glass backboards; a 6,000-square foot fitness center; steam room and sauna; aerobic studio; walking/jogging track; racquetball court; dance studios; and locker rooms and showers. In 2015, over 123,000 swim lessons were conducted, teaching almost 4,000 people how to swim.

The NRPA metrics call for four (4) swimming pools for a community the size of Canton Township. While the schools provide an additional three (3) pools, they are not open to the public during school hours.

Other amenities at The Summit include a full-service banquet and conference center seating up to 400; meeting rooms; arts and crafts rooms; multi-purpose room; professional development center; cable television studio; and drop-in childcare room.

Two (2) rooms are leased by a hospital and used for physical therapy. The Senior Center is also located in the Summit on the Park. Senior Canton residents attended the Center more than 26,000 times in 2015. Use of the Senior Center is anticipated to grow as the population ages.

Following are attendance figures for Summit on the Park Community Center for the past four (4) years:

2017	2018	2019	2020
581,427	571,646	583,537	127,474 ¹

1. Due to COVID-19 the Summit on the Park was only open in 2020 January-March and October-December.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center

The B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) Youth and Teen Center was opened in 2005 and serves teens in a 3,000-square foot center in the Canton Administration Building on Canton Center Road. The B.L.O.C.K. provides after school programming for teens ages 11-17. The center offers a safe, supervised social setting, with access to the following amenities:

- » Cafe
- » Lounge
- » Quiet study room
- » Pool and foosball tables
- » Video game room
- » Music room
- » Computer lab

Free daily programs include tutoring, art class, newspaper club, teen TV, music lessons, cooking classes, library programming, and basketball. The B.L.O.C.K. also offers Teen Night Out on Friday nights with pizza and snacks, as well as summer "stay-cation" camps.

The following statistics illustrate the level of participation in B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center:

	2017	2018	2019	2020 ¹
Number of Participants	300	303	373	422
After School Participants	9,774	10,508	10,295	2,125
Outreach participants	360	623	892	445

1. Due to COVID-19 the B.L.O.C.K. program operated a partial year and then switched to virtual programming.



Canton Sports Center at Victory Park

Victory Park was developed through partnerships with private developers to provide additional recreation opportunities for the community. As described in detail previously, indoor facilities at Victory Park are the privately-owned Arctic Edge Ice Arena and High Velocity Sports. Please see the previous description of Victory Park for a description of these facilities.

The following are statistics regarding the number tournament teams that played at the Canton Sports Center, followed by the total number of games/tournaments played at the facility each year since 2017:

	2017	2018	2019	2020 ¹
Number of Tournament Teams	1,416	1,357	1,266	600
Number of Games	7,875	7,670	7,450	2,000

1. Due to COVID-19, the Canton Sports Center operated in a limited capacity.



The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill opened in September, 2004, with the intent of providing a regional venue for quality cultural enrichment and community-wide programming with inspiring arts education, performance, and exhibition opportunities.

Located at the northeast corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, the Township-owned center invites participants and patrons of the arts to enjoy local and regional arts and performance groups. The 33,000 square foot facility features state-of-the-art sound and lighting with plush theater seating for 400. It also features one rehearsal studio, one classroom, and dressing rooms. Featured performances that provide a regional draw include the Michigan Shakespeare Festival. In 2019, 26,430 people participated in a Village Theater program or class. There were 210 performances that drew in 32,943 audience members.

The following statistics illustrate the level of attendance at the Village Theater:

	2017	2018	2019	2020 ¹
Productions	156	303	373	-
Program Participants	23,276	28,548	26,430	-
Audience Members	23,161	29,400	32,943	-

1. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Village Theater at Cherry Hill operated at minimal capacity and shuttered March-December.

The Theater's mission is to share:

- » Multicultural and community events
- » Classes in all art forms
- » The excitement of fine art exhibitions
- » The joy of many styles of music
- » The magic of live theater
- » The thrill of dance



Historic Facilities

Cherry Hill Village

The Cherry Hill historic area is a collection of developed and undeveloped parcels which were part of the original Village of Cherry Hill. The area has been identified in the Township's Comprehensive Plan as a special study area, acknowledging its historic significance as a hamlet established over 150 years ago. The Cherry Hill Area Development Plan seeks to promote a high-quality mixed-use development which will create a unique and identifiable community in the Cherry Hill/Ridge Road area. Development over the past several years includes a new-urbanist residential development with an extensive pedestrian network, open spaces, and community gathering areas. Commercial and office uses have also been built along Cherry Hill Road that maintain the historic character of the area, but also encourage pedestrian access and create a sense of place and community.

The Township owns two (2) sites with historic buildings in the district: the historic Cherry Hill School and Preservation Park. Preservation Park is a 13.5 acre site that is located at 500 N. Ridge Road. The site is home to the historic Bartlett-Travis House, Clyde Corwin House, and other outbuildings. A notable structure on the site—the Cady/Boyer Barn—was recently destroyed by fire in June of 2021. The barn was built in the late 1800s by Aruna Cady, in part using materials from another barn build in the early 1800s. Aruna Cady was the son of David Cady, one of Canton Township's first Supervisors.

The 2,363-square foot Cherry Hill School was built in 1876 and has been fully restored. It is available for meetings, classes, and community and private functions. The school is located at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The historic Bartlett-Travis House is a 2,900-square foot, two-story building originally constructed in 1838, and is partially furnished with antiques. The property is the ideal



setting for wedding photos and social functions and offers amenities for business meetings, as well as recreation programs.

There are also several privately-owned historic buildings in the vicinity, including the Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill Methodist Church, and the former Ford Factory.

Canton Historical Museum

The Canton Historical Museum, which is run by the Canton Historical Society, is in one of Canton's four (4) remaining one-room schoolhouses, Canton Center School. This museum building, built in 1884, is on the southwest corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Park Drive. Exhibits highlight the agricultural, governmental, and social history of the Township.

Sheldon School

Located on Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road, the historic one-room schoolhouse has been used for numerous services in recent years. Previously it was leased for a Head Start program, and at the time of Master Plan adoption, it is the home of a Wayne County COVID-19 Vaccination site. The brick structure is one of four (4) of the original nine (9), one-room schools remaining in the Canton Community.

Historic Cemeteries

Canton Leisure Services maintains three (3) historic, publicly owned cemeteries in the Township. Kinyon Cemetery is 1.67 acres and is located at the southeast corner of Gyde and Ridge roads. Sheldon Cemetery is 3.3 acres and is located on the east side of Sheldon Road north of Michigan Avenue. Downer Cemetery is 0.42 acres and is located on Old Michigan Avenue east of Haggerty Road. These cemeteries are maintained and preserved in accordance with the Michigan Cemeteries Preservation Guide published with the assistance of the Township, and the support of Canton Leisure Services.

Institutional Facilities

Township Buildings

Canton's Administration Building, located on the west side of Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill Road, contains offices for the administrative departments including the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer, as well as Leisure Services. The Public Safety Headquarters, a 24,000 square foot building, is located immediately north of the Administration Building. Adjacent to the Public Safety Headquarters is a 15,000 square foot fire station.

There are two (2) more fire stations, a public safety gun range, public works facility, and fleet maintenance facility in the Township.

The Canton Public Library, which is funded and operated separately from Canton Township, is in a 53,500-square foot building on 7.5 acres, on Canton Center Road, just south of the Township's Administration Building. Canton's library is one of the busiest single-branch libraries in Michigan. In 2020 it had 452,535 items in its collection and employed 86 people. It has 110 computers for public use and offers free Wi-Fi. The grounds also feature a butterfly garden.

School Properties

Schools occupy approximately 560 acres of land within the Township. Three (3) school districts serve the Canton community, the largest of which is Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, which serves the northern two-thirds of the Township. Wayne-Westland Community Schools serve the southeasterly part of the Township, and Van Buren Public Schools serve the southwesterly part of the Township. The school locations are shown on the Parks, Trails, Open Spaces & Community Facilities map.

Canton Leisure Services uses schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District that are in the Township for sports and recreational activities. CLS also allows charter schools to use its facilities for recreation because some of these schools do not have their own fields.

School Inventory. There are sixteen (16) public schools in Canton Township, all of which are operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, except for one elementary school operated by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Following is a list of these schools:

Plymouth-Canton Community School District

- » Bentley Elementary
- » Dodson Elementary
- » Eriksson Elementary
- » Field Elementary
- » Gallimore Elementary
- » Hoben Elementary
- » Hulsing Elementary
- » Miller Elementary
- » Tonda Elementary
- » Workman Elementary
- » Discovery Middle School
- » Liberty Middle School
- » Canton High School, Salem High School, and Plymouth High School (all located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park on the south side of Joy Road, west of Canton Center Road)

Wayne-Westland School District

- » Walker-Winter Elementary

There are also five (5) private or parochial schools and four (4) charter schools located in the Township, as listed below:

Private or Parochial Schools

- » All Saints Catholic School
- » Crescent Academy International
- » Goddard School for Early Childhood Development
- » Plymouth Christian Academy
- » Schoolhouse Montessori Academy
- » Star International Academy

Charter Schools

- » Achieve Charter Academy
- » Canton Charter Academy
- » Canton Preparatory High School
- » South Canton Scholars Charter Academy

Outdoor School Facilities. Outdoor recreation facilities at elementary schools typically include assorted play equipment, basketball backboards, athletic fields typically set up for soccer, and in some cases a ballfield. Discovery Middle School has four (4) tennis courts and two (2) ballfields. Liberty Middle School has a football field with one set of bleachers and four (4) basketball backboards. A wide variety of athletic facilities exist at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, including 14 baseball/softball fields, two (2) football stadiums with tracks, bleachers, and lighting, practice football fields, 24 tennis courts, soccer fields, and several multi-purpose fields.

Undeveloped Land

Morton Taylor Woods. Morton Taylor Woods is a 22.5 acre, undeveloped heavily wooded property located on both sides of Morton Taylor Road, south of Joy Road and north of Warren Road. Approximately half of the acreage is located on each side of Morton Taylor Road. Adjacent to the east side of the park is Hulsing Elementary School.

Morton Taylor and Warren Parcel. At the northeast corner of Morton Taylor and Warren roads is an undeveloped 6.98 acre wooded parcel.

Old Tree Farm Parcel. On the east side of Sheldon Road south of Michigan Avenue is an undeveloped 10.9 acre wooded parcel that was formerly a tree farm.

Warren Wetland. At the northwest corner of Warren and Sheldon Roads is a protected wetland on 10.71 acres.

Private Recreation Facilities

The private facilities presently located in Canton are listed below:

Table 4: Local, Private Recreation Facilities in Canton

COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITIES BY TYPE:	
Amusement Centers	
Glo Golf	41953 Ford Rd.
Jungle Java	6481 North Canton Center Rd.
Super Bowl	45100 Ford Rd.
Zap Zone	41953 Ford Rd.
Dance	
Central City Dance	6700 Canton Center Rd.
Curtain Call Dance & Drama Studio	41719 Joy Rd.
Dance Connection	1672 S. Lilley Rd.
Dancin' Feet	46000 Summit Parkway
Joanne's Dance Extension	42020 Koppernick Rd.
Planet Dance	44341 Cherry Hill Rd.
Martial Arts	
Attributive Martial Arts, Inc.	697 Princess Dr.
Boliard's Martial Arts Studio	43663 Michigan Ave.
Canton Karate	7252 N. Sheldon Rd.
Canton Martial Arts Center	6124 N. Canton Center Rd.
East/West Martial Arts	7950 N. Lilley Rd.
East/West Martial Arts	8515 Ronda Dr.
Kils Tae Kwon Do	7329 N. Lilley Rd.
Nitzschke's Black Belt Academy	39523 Joy Rd.
PRO Martial Arts	44948 Ford Rd.
Swim	
Aqua Tots Swim School	43335 Joy Rd.
Goldfish Swim School	225 Sheldon Rd.
Multi-Purpose	
PARC - Plymouth Area Community, Recreation & Arts Complex	

Sports/Fitness	
Anytime Fitness	45211 Cherry Hill Rd.
Anytime Fitness	8501 N Lilley Rd.
Arctic Edge	46115 Michigan Ave.
Colony Swim Club	8300 N. Beck Rd.
Crossfit	7707 Ronda
Curves for Women	44248 Cherry Hill Rd.
Dynamic Athlete Performance	46615 Michigan Ave.
Fitness 19	1717 N Canton Center Rd
High Velocity	46245 Michigan Ave.
Koko Fit Club	42545 Ford Rd.
Lifetime Fitness	1700 S. Haggerty Rd.
Maxcor's Forever Fit Bootcamp	8745 N Lilley Rd.
Orangtheory Fitness	41818 Ford Rd.
Planet Fitness	6463 N. Canton Center Rd.
Plymouth-Canton Gym Express	42020 Koppernick
Pump It Up	46090 Michigan Avenue
Skatin Station II	8611 Ronda Dr.
Sky Zone Trampoline Park	42550 Executive Dr.
Snap Fitness	4011 South Canton Center Rd.
Splitz Gymnastics Academy	8745 N. Lilley Rd.
Title Boxing Club	5848 N. Sheldon Rd.

Local, private recreation providers typically offer services and facilities of a more specialized nature that may not be provided by municipal programs. Examples of private facilities often include golf courses, bowling alleys, swim clubs, health clubs, and dance studios, among others.



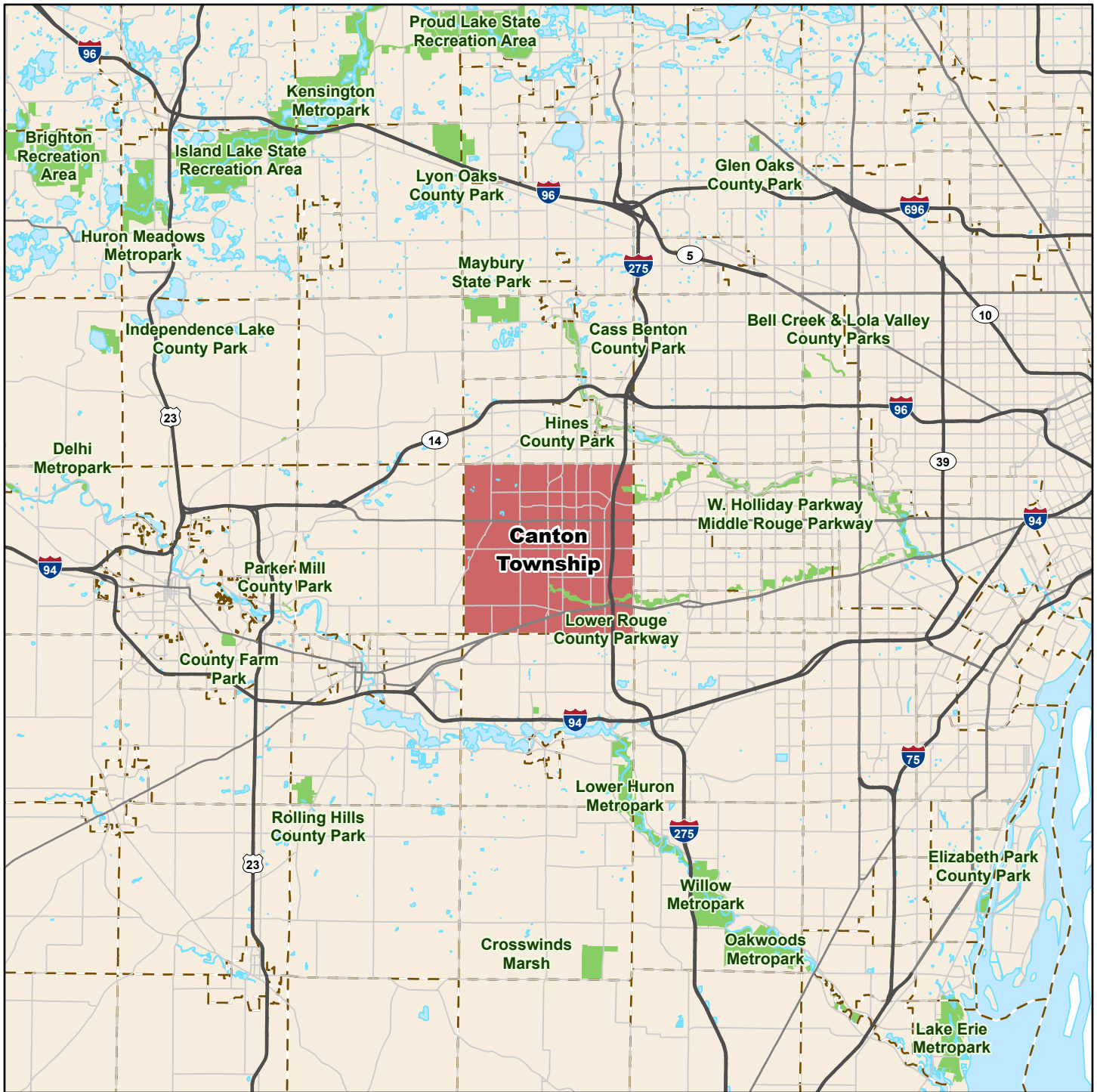
County, Regional, and State Recreation Facilities

In addition to the ample municipal parks and recreation resources that are available to residents near to their homes, Township residents are fortunate to be within a relatively short drive of many outstanding county, regional, and state facilities. Many of these facilities contain hundreds of acres and possess exceptional natural features, such as lakes, rivers, wetlands, forests, and wildlife, making them particularly suitable for a range of passive recreation activities, such as fishing, picnicking, and hiking. Some of the facilities have also carved out space for active recreation pursuits, such as soccer and baseball.



The primary providers of these resources are Wayne County Parks, Washtenaw County Parks, and Oakland County Parks; the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA); and the State of Michigan, which operates state parks and state recreation areas in the vicinity. Canton Township parks and recreation facilities are considered complementary to, rather than in competition with, these regional resources.

On the following pages are a map, titled Regional Recreation Facilities, and a table that identifies the regional resources nearest to Canton Township.



Regional Recreation Facilities

Charter Township of Canton,
Wayne County, Michigan

July 1, 2021

LEGEND

- County, Metroparks, and State Recreation Facilities
- Municipal Boundaries



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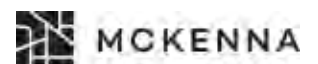


Table 5: Regional Recreation Facilities for Canton

		LOWER HURON METRO PARK	HINES PARK <i>(Wayne Co.)</i>	CASS-BENTON <i>(Wayne Co.)</i>	MAYBURY STATE PARK	PARKER MILL <i>(Washtenaw Co.)</i>	COUNTY FARM RECREATION CENTER	WILLOW METROPARK	ROLLING HILLS <i>(Washtenaw Co.)</i>	OAKWOOD METROPARK	DELHI METROPARK	INDEPENDENCE LAKE <i>(Washtenaw Co.)</i>	KENSINGTON METROPARK	ISLAND LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA	PROUD LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA	WILLIAM P. HOLIDAY FOREST & WILDLIFE PRESERVE	BELL CREEK <i>(Wayne Co.)</i>	LOLA VALLEY <i>(Wayne Co.)</i>	LYON OAKS <i>(Oakland Co.)</i>	GLEN OAKS <i>(Oakland Co.)</i>
Number of Miles from Canton		7	8	8	8.5	9	12	13	13.5	15	16	17	17	17	19	0	9	10	12	15
Park Acreage		1,258	5,000	300	1,000	26	141	1,500	151	1,700	47	312	4,481	4,000	4,700	550	25	NA	1,041	122
Passive	Picnicking	.	.		.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.
	Playground	.	.		.			.	.			.		.	.		.		.
Trails	Paved Trail	.					.						.							
	Nature Trail		.				.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.			.
	Marked Hiking Trail		.	.	.									.	.
	Biking Trail				.									.	.					
	Equestrian Trail				.					.			.		.
	Cross-country	.	.		.		.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.				.
	Snowmobiling													.	.					
Water Activities	Swimming Beach								.			.	.	.	.
	Swimming Pool	.						.					.							
	Splash/Water Park								.			.								
	Boat Rental		.					.					.		.
	Boating												.		.					
	Canoeing	.	.					.		.	.	.	.	.	.
	Fishing	.	.		.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Aquatics Center		.												.					
Winter & Seasonal Activities	Balloon Port													.						
	Ice Skating	.						.												
	Sledding												.					.		
	Tobogganing		.	.				.	.				.
	Hunting/Archery													.	.				.	
Interpretive Facilities	Nature Center		.							.			.			.
	Nature Study Area		.			.						.								
	Farm												.							
	Garden or Historic Building					.	.													
Court & Turf Games	Soccer		.														.		.	
	Baseball		.	.						.	.						.
	Basketball & Disc	.						.	.									.
	Tennis	.	.	.													.
	Volleyball	.							.			.		.					.
	Horseshoes	.						.				.							.
	Golf Course	.	.					.					.						.	.
Misc.	Dog Park		.																.	
	Park Office						.					.								
	Food Service							.												
	Skate Park							.												
	Shooting/Archery													.					.	
	Camping					

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RECREATION PROGRAMMING



CANTON
Leisure Services



Leisure Services Program Summary

Canton Leisure Services focuses on Creating Great Experiences for Township residents by providing a broad range of enrichment, educational, and social programs, and a myriad of special events for all ages, individuals, and families. In 2019, Canton Leisure Services sponsored 156 recreation programs, with attendance by 95,531 people.

Example program areas include aquatics, enrichment, health and wellness, special events and youth development. A sampling of programs offered includes day camps, Summit Swim School, fitness classes, Club 55+, youth sports clinics, golf lessons, therapeutic recreation, Farmers Market, and enrichment classes. Several special events are typically held annually, including the Liberty Fest, Rally on Ridge, Trick-or-Treat Trail, Drive-In Movie at Halloween, Daddy Daughter Dance, Home for the Holidays, Tree Lighting, and Summer Concert Series.

The Club 55+ Senior Adult Program provides programs for Canton residents aged 55 and over. More than 26,000 senior adults participated in the programs, classes, special events, and trips in 2019. Growing activities include pickleball, billiards, Wii-bowling, DIY classes, Silver Striders, and social clubs.

Youth and teen programs continue to be important elements of the Canton Leisure Services program. The B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) opened in August 2005 and was moved to the Canton Administration Building's third floor in 2013. In 2019, 10,295 participants took part in programs which featured after-school pick-up, tutoring, and daily activities to interact with friends. Teen Night Out and Summer Stay-cation programs provided young people fun, safe, and educational opportunities throughout the year.

Canton Leisure Services prides itself in offering inclusive and adaptive recreation opportunities for participants of all ages and abilities. Over the years, the Therapeutic Recreation program has expanded to offer disabled youth and adults year-round activities that are educational, social, and fun. Examples of Therapeutic Recreation programs include adaptive swim, fitness programs, karate, Saturday Special Events, Night on the Town, Fit Club, Movie Club, Summer Camp A.B.L.E., Summer Camp Leisure Club, and Holiday Dinner Dance.

Canton Leisure Services offers a variety of recreation arts programs that are geared for different age groups. Preschoolers gain exposure to art and music. Youth can continue to explore music through programs offered in the B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center. Adults can test their skills at dance, culinary arts, or creative arts. Both youth and adults can enroll in community theater, orchestra/music, and choir programs.

The NRPA Park Metrics reported on the percentage of park and recreation agencies that offer various types of programming. As can be seen in Table 6, Canton's offerings are quite comprehensive, compared to other agencies.

Table 6: Analysis of Recreation Programming¹

PROGRAMMING ACTIVITY	PERCENT OF AGENCIES THAT OFFER ACTIVITY	OFFERED IN CANTON TOWNSHIP
Themed special events	89%	Yes
Social recreation events	88%	Yes
Team sports	87%	Yes
Fitness enhancement classes	83%	Yes
Health and wellness education	82%	Yes
Individual sports	76%	Yes
Safety training	72%	Yes
Aquatics	71%	Yes
Racquet sports	70%	Yes
Performing arts	65%	Yes
Cultural crafts	62%	Yes
Visual arts	62%	Yes
Martial arts	62%	Yes
Natural and cultural history activities	62%	Yes
Trips and tours	61%	Yes
Golf	48%	Yes
Running/Cycling races	48%	Yes

Table Footnote:

1. This table is based on NRPA Metrics published in the **2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review**.





Youth Sports Partnerships

Canton offers many youth sports leagues through various parent-sponsored organizations. The Township helps promote the programs, maintains the fields for these leagues, and oversees the programs to ensure each organization is safely and reliably operated, and that participants have a positive, enjoyable experience.

The sports associations and the number of players and games played in 2019 are identified in the following table. When compared to the total number of youth in the Township (those 19 years or younger), 25% of the youth population in 2019 participated in a sports association.

Table 7: Sports Partnerships and Participation (2019)

ASSOCIATION	NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED	NUMBER OF PLAYERS
GCYBSA - Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association	2,200	1,925
Canton Soccer Club	2,800	2,109
Canton Lions Football	40	160
Canton Amateur Hockey Association	540	255
Plymouth/Canton Steelers Football	40	170
Plymouth/Canton Little League Charter	80	220
Community Education Basketball League	300	700
Canton Leisure Services Lacrosse	70	110
Michigan Youth Flag Football	210	450
Total		6,099

Canton Leisure Services has Youth Sports Agreements with the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA), Canton Soccer Club, Canton Amateur Hockey Association, and the Canton Lions Football Club. These agreements with parent-run organizations identify the required provision of services to help ensure that youth sports are accessible to Canton residents and that participants have an enjoyable, safe, and quality experience.



A Regional Attraction

While Canton Leisure Services' primary focus is on the needs of Township residents, several programs and facilities appeal to a regional market. All patrons are considered when planning for the future of Leisure Services in the community.

In particular, the following facilities draw patrons from throughout southeast Michigan:

- » Summit on the Park Community Center & Banquet Facility
- » Village Theater at Cherry Hill
- » Canton Sports Center
- » Pheasant Run Golf Club
- » Fellows Creek Golf Club

In addition, the special events that Canton Leisure Services hosts throughout the year draw thousands of visitors into the community. In 2019, special events drew in over 120,000 attendees to the Township. CLS sponsored over 60 annual events, including the Liberty Fest, a cultural arts series, food truck rallies, musical performances, and many others. This broad range of offerings draws visitors from neighboring communities, who enjoy activities that may not be available in their hometowns. The Canton Sports Center is also the host site for several regional tournaments and leagues.

While visitors attend the events and tournaments for enjoyment, they benefit the Township's economy by patronizing local businesses before and after the activity. This mutually beneficial relationship is sustained by Canton Leisure Services' efforts to continually improve existing events and introduce new events to a diverse population.

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NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY



CANTON
Leisure Services



Green Infrastructure

In 2019, Congress enacted the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and officially defined green infrastructure as “the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspire stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters.”

Green infrastructure elements can be woven into a community at several scales. At the urban scale, it could include a row of trees along a major Township road or the greening of a pathway. At the neighborhood scale, green infrastructure could include acres of open park space, planting rain gardens, or constructing a wetland. At the landscape or watershed level, it could include protecting large open natural spaces, riparian areas, or wetlands. When green infrastructure systems are installed throughout a community, they can provide cleaner air and water as well as significant value with regard to flood protection, diverse habitat, and beautiful green spaces. As the proprietors of several hundred acres of land in the Township, it is not difficult to see that the objectives of green infrastructure can be achieved through wise stewardship of the parks and recreation lands in Canton

Natural features and outdoor leisure go hand in hand. Although Canton Township is largely developed, natural features have been preserved on public lands that can be enjoyed by residents in many active and passive ways. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration have identified environmentally sensitive lifestyles, natural areas management, and water quality protection as important future trends that will influence the direction of recreation planning. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources also identifies the importance of environmental planning in coordination with recreation and leisure planning in their guidelines for park, recreation, open space, and greenway plans.

The Township’s woodlands, streams, rivers, wetlands, and open spaces come together to create a system of green infrastructure that provides residents with opportunities for outdoor activities and nature pursuits such as birding, nature study, and photography. Planning for green infrastructure is accomplished by connecting natural areas and other open space lands, such as parks, through a network of greenways. These connections allow for movement of wildlife, plants (through seed and vegetative propagation), and people, often in the form of trails and pathways, like Canton’s Lower Rouge Trail and ITC Corridor Trail.

River and stream corridors provide ideal locations for greenways. Therefore, the following discussion of Canton’s green infrastructure is centered around the rivers, streams, and creeks in the Township.

Understanding Canton’s natural environment is critical when planning for recreation facilities. Environmental features influence the types of facilities and programs that are best suited for the community. Environmental quality—whether measured in terms of aesthetics, clean air, water quality, or some other measure—enhances public health, quality of life, and the strength of the economy.

A thorough plan requires that the condition of the environment be considered in future decisions and that best practices be promoted for stewardship of the land.

Waterways

Canton Township is in the 467-square mile Rouge River Watershed, which includes all or part of 48 municipalities. The watershed is divided into four branches: the main, upper, middle, and lower branches. Stormwater in Canton flows into the middle and lower branches, via the Lower Rouge River, Tonquish Creek, and Fellows Creek.

Each watershed's tributaries have an associated flood plain. A flood plain is the area adjacent to a river, stream or other body of water that provides storage for flood water from rainfall or snow events. Flood plains may or may not contain wetland areas. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has mapped the natural watercourses and identified both the 1% and 0.2% chance annual flood plains for most streams and rivers in the Township.

Lower Rouge River

This is the main river corridor in the Township. It runs from east to west and drains almost the entire southern half of the Township. This sub watershed covers 8,997 acres of the Township and includes many community parks and facilities, including:

- » Historic Downer and Sheldon Cemeteries
- » Victory Park/Canton Sports Center (70 acres)
- » Lower Rouge Parkway (a Wayne County Park), which includes the Lower Rouge Trail (4 miles long, from Canton Center Rd. to I-275 Metro Trail)
- » Pheasant Run Golf Club (>300 acres)
- » Summit on the Park Community Center (15 acres)
- » Heritage Park (105.7 acres)
- » Freedom Park (20 acres)
- » Independence Park (80 acres)
- » The Village Theater at Cherry Hill
- » Cherry Hill School (1.88 acres)
- » Preservation Park (14.7 acres), which includes the Canton Dog Park (6 acres)

These properties contain 279 acres of forested wetlands, and almost three (3) acres of woodlands. In addition to Township facilities, Wayne County owns the land that contains the Township's Lower Rouge Trail. This County property adds 267 acres of open space to Canton's recreation system.

A pedestrian pathway system is planned for this sub-watershed, connecting the Lower Rouge Trail with Freedom, Heritage, Griffin and Independence Parks as well as Cherry Hill Village.

Tonquish Creek

This creek system runs from Joy Road (west of Lilley Road) to the easterly Township line just north of Warren Road, covering 4,785 acres in the Township. It and its smaller tributaries drain the northeast portion of the Township and are part of the larger Rouge River watershed.

Tonquish Creek's sub watershed includes the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve, a 550 acre Wayne County Park, with 52 acres in Canton Township. This nature preserve offers hiking trails in Canton. The sub watershed also contains Barchester Park, a 10 acre park on the north banks of Garden Creek, and a small tributary that feeds





Tonquish Creek. Barchester Park contains a 4.32 acre woodland made up of oaks and hardwoods. More Township properties in this sub-watershed include:

- » Morton Taylor Woods, a 22.5 acre undeveloped, heavily wooded property located on both sides of Morton Taylor Road, south of Joy Road. Morton Taylor Woods contains forested wetlands, which serve as beneficial wildlife habitat.
- » An undeveloped 6.98 acre wooded parcel, containing forested wetlands, at the northeast corner of Morton Taylor and Warren roads.
- » Warren Wetland, a 10.71 acre protected wetland at the northwest corner of Warren and Sheldon roads. This parcel also intersects with Garden Creek.

Fellows Creek

Fellows Creek travels from the northeast corner of the Township south to where it meets up with the Lower Rouge River just north of Michigan Avenue near Hannan Road. It is also part of the larger Rouge River Watershed. As Fellows Creek travels southeast, it picks up flow from other tributaries, and the creek's north and south branches converge near Ford and Canton Center Roads. The southerly extensions of Fellows Creek join the creek south of Ford Road, and east of Sheldon Road, and include the Mott, Huston, and Truesdall Drains.

This sub watershed covers 9,345 acres of the Township and includes five (5) Township parks and open spaces including Griffin Park (27.9 acres), Flodin Park (28.5 acres) (including the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail), the future Ridge Road Park (134.4 acres), Kinyon Cemetery, and Fellows Creek Golf Course (196 acres). These properties contain a portion of Fellows Creek within their boundaries. They also contain 35.84 acres of wooded wetlands and a little more than one acre of woodlands.

Another feature of this sub watershed and Flodin Park is the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail. The one-third mile wetland and interpretive trail was constructed to illustrate:

- » The historic floodplain and meandering stream bed of Fellows Creek before development of the area.
- » Native plant and animal communities that live in floodplains and wetlands.
- » The positive effect that wetlands and floodplains have on water quality in the creek.
- » How Canton's residents can help protect the Township's rivers and creeks through careful lawn maintenance that allows only stormwater in the storm drains.

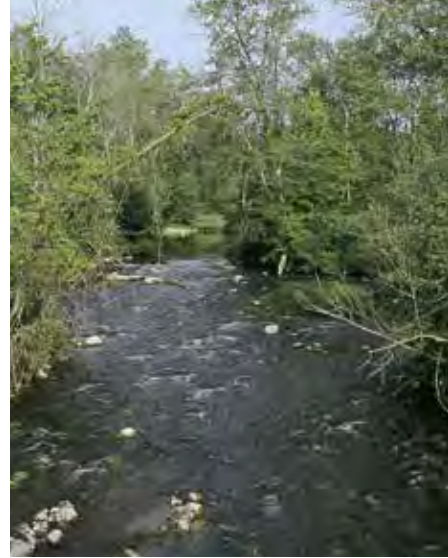
Wetlands

Surrounded by the Great Lakes and their glaciated wetlands, Michigan contains over two (2) million acres of wetlands. Canton has 4,693 acres of wetlands. Some of Canton's wetlands are connected to (or "contiguous" with) local streams and rivers, and other wetlands are isolated from surface waters.

It is essential that Canton protect its remaining wetlands because they are among the most productive ecosystems in the world. Wetlands provide natural water quality improvement, flood protection, shoreline erosion control, wildlife habitat, and opportunities for recreation and aesthetic appreciation.

Areas of the Township that contain contiguous wetlands are in the immediate vicinity of the Rouge River, Fellows Creek, Willow Creek, Tonquish Creek, and their various tributaries. The Woodlands and Wetlands Map on the next page shows the general location of existing wetlands and areas that have a high probability of containing wetlands.

Canton's wetlands are protected by both State and local laws. The state preserves wetlands under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Michigan Public Act 451 of 1994). The Township also regulates activity within a wetland, primarily through zoning.



Topography and Soils

Topography

Canton's topography is relatively flat. The average surface elevation is 686 feet above sea level and ranges from 650 to 850 feet above sea level. The flat, fertile soils found in many areas account for the strong agricultural presence once felt throughout the community. Most of the variation in topography occurs in the northwest portion of the Township, where the terrain is gently rolling. One of the more distinct natural features within Canton is a ridge line, running diagonally across the northwest quarter of the Township. The remains of an ancient glacial beach separate the relatively flat terrain to the southeast from hilly terrain in the northwest.

Soils

The parent material of Wayne County soils was deposited by glaciers 10,000 to 12,000 years ago. As the glaciers melted and retreated in Michigan, most of Wayne County became a lake; much of the area of the Township was once part of this old glacial lakebed. As the lake retreated from the area, it left the underlying materials that created the clay and clay-loam soils present in the Township today. Such areas are characterized by a clay plain with hills and ridges of sand and gravel as high as 25 to 30 feet resting on the plain. The ridges and hills were formed as beaches, terraces, and river deltas and were modified by wind, waves, and stream action during the closing part of the glacial epoch.

06

ACCESS, CONNECTIVITY, AND WALK ANALYSIS



CANTON
Leisure Services



Motorized Transportation

Motorized vehicles provide the primary means of transportation in the Township. There are two (2) highways in the Township. I-275 links the community to I-696 and I-96 to the north, and to I-94 and the Detroit Metropolitan Airport to the south. Michigan Avenue (US-12) runs east/west, connecting the Township to Detroit to the east and to Ann Arbor to the west. Mile roads crisscross the Township forming the basic pattern of arterial roads. Key mile roads include Ford Road and Cherry Hill Road in an east-west direction, and Canton Center Road in a north-south direction.

There is no fixed route bus service in Canton Township. Residents aged 55 and over and people with disabilities can use Canton Mobility Transportation, a reservation bus service that provides access to community facilities, institutions, health care facilities, and shopping destinations in Canton, Westland, Wayne, Garden City, and Inkster. There is also a commuter bus service between Canton and Ann Arbor.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport (15 miles from Canton) and Detroit City Airport (25 miles from Canton) provide commercial air transportation to domestic and international locations. Willow Run Airport, located in adjacent Van Buren Township, provides general aviation transportation.

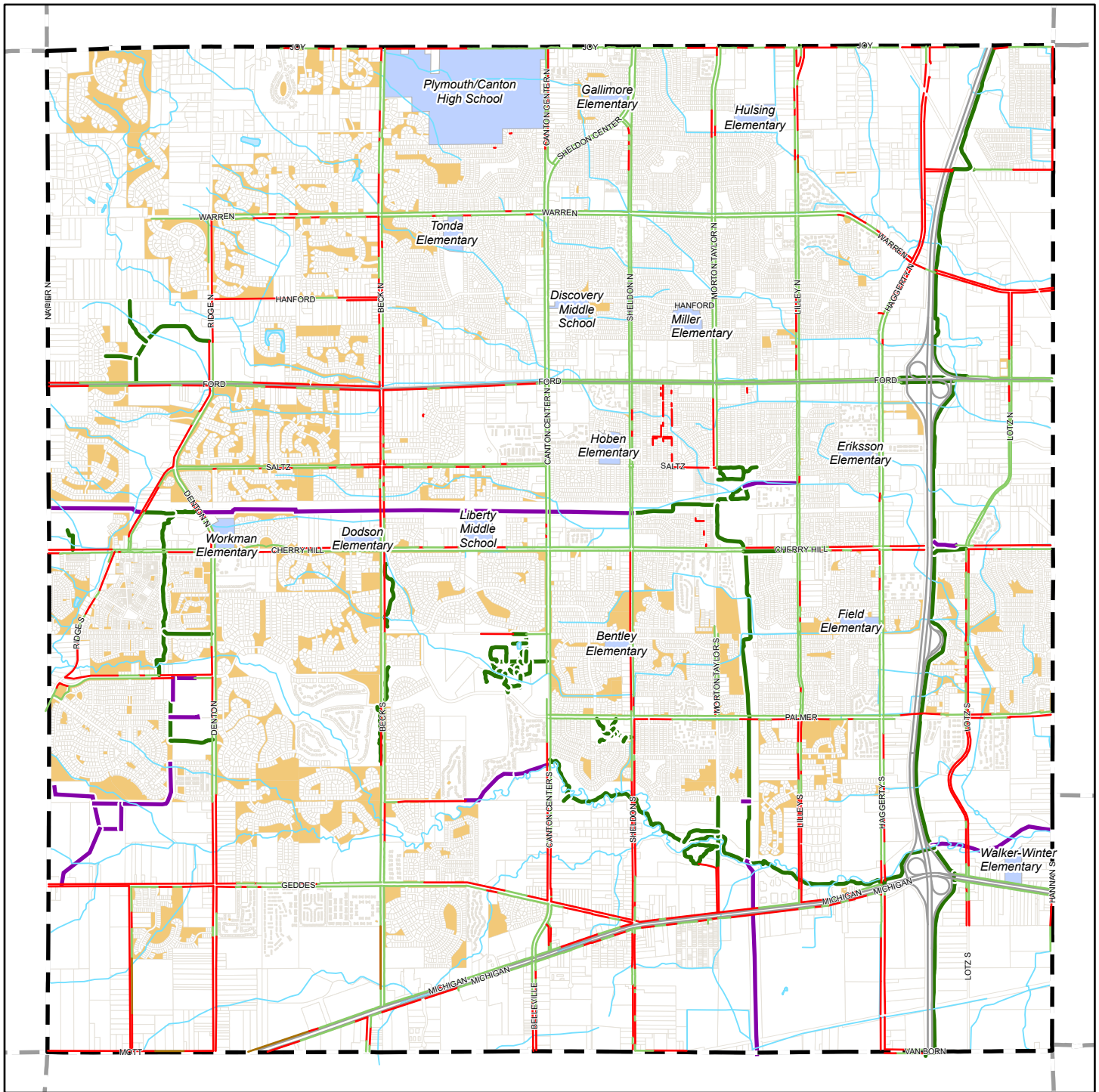
Connectivity and the 10-Minute Walk Analysis

Sidewalks and shared pathways are important facilities needed to link neighborhoods with community amenities. In Canton, such facilities include the Lower Rouge Trail, the I-275 Metro Trail, and the ITC Corridor Trail (described in Chapter 3), pathways in several parks, subdivision sidewalks, and sidewalks along arterial roads. Sidewalks are intermittently located along arterial roads depending on the presence of development, limiting connectivity for pedestrians.

While improvements to pedestrian and bicycling facilities yields great recreation benefits, there are numerous additional reasons why it is good public policy to upgrade pedestrian and bicycling connectivity in the community, not the least of which is to take meaningful action on climate change. Vehicular transportation—the predominant mode of transportation in Canton Township—accounts for 29% of the country's greenhouse gas emissions, the most of any sector. A majority of these emissions come from passenger vehicles—on average over 14,000 vehicle miles traveled for each licensed driver. As documented in Census data presented in this Plan, Canton is not unlike most of metropolitan Detroit in its vehicle travel orientation.

This is not merely personal preference - most residents have little choice but to drive to reach everyday destinations to reach offices, stores, parks, and schools. Outside of Cherry Hill Village, the land use pattern in Canton is generally oriented to drivers.

Now is the time to implement strategies to reduce the amount of driving. Research has shown that the United States must reduce vehicle mile traveled by 20% before the end of the decade to limit warming to 1.50C, even if the country achieves its ambitious electric vehicle scenarios.



Pedestrian Network

Charter Township of Canton
Wayne County, Michigan

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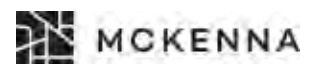
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- Woods and Open Space
- School
- Existing Sidewalk
- Pending Sidewalk
- Sidewalk Gap
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail



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Miles

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As shown in Cherry Hill Village, solving the issue of high vehicle miles traveled (VMT) begins with land use. Many vehicle trips are generated because people rarely live where they work, shop, or recreate. Smart growth development strategies remedy this disconnect by co-locating residential development with popular destinations. In built-up areas, like much of Canton, retrofit strategies are necessary. There are two (2) retrofit strategies that this plan proposes:

1. Facilitate alternative modes of transportation by constructing sidewalks, shared pathways, and trails. This approach also includes improving existing sidewalks and trails to ensure they remain safe and accessible.
2. Construct infill parks in existing residential areas (in essence, place the destination where the residents are already located).

The goal of these retrofit strategies is to not only meet the demands of the climate crisis but also improve quality of life by making sure every resident is within a 10-minute walking distance of a park or playground.

Benefits to a Safe, Non-Motorized Network

There are many other benefits of walk- and bicycle-friendly places. Arup, a multinational engineering and design firm wrote a research report titled *Cities Alive: Toward a Walking World*, in which it cited several benefits of designing and building pedestrian-oriented, human-scaled communities. Some of the benefits cited were:

- » **Promotes active living, for longer and better lives.** Regular walking cuts early mortality risk by 22 percent, according to a study by Arup.
- » **Improves happiness and mental health.** Walking raises endorphin levels, lowers stress-related cortisol, and helps people sleep better.
- » **Reduces obesity and chronic disease.** Walking burns four (4) calories per minute, and regular strolls reduce the risk of diseases such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and colon cancer. Investing in walkable places can drastically improve a fit lifestyle, which increases resilience to health risks and reduces the number of people affected by chronic disease.
- » **Fosters social interaction.** In a walkable environment, an intensified use of public spaces raises the frequency of information exchanges between citizens, building ties among neighbors, and a sense of community.
- » **Saves lives on the street.** Putting walking first helps slow down traffic speeds without necessarily lowering its flow, reducing the risk of road accidents. A street network that connects walkable neighborhoods reduces fatal automobile accidents by a factor of three (3) by slowing traffic and giving people non-motorized transportation options.
- » **Tends to reduce crime.** Redesigning the environment to encourage walkability brings people in the streets and increases activities in public space, improving the perception of safety and individual confidence. There is safety in numbers and with “eyes on the street.”
- » **Enhances “sense of place” and community identity.** Conceiving streets as places for people—rather than functional links for cars—allows them to sense and shape those characteristics that make every place unique, according to Arup. Enhancing the sense of place can raise awareness of local history, helping to build a collective memory and cultural identity.
- » **Broadens universal accessibility and encourages inclusiveness.** Walking is the most democratic, accessible, and oldest mode of transportation. Even those who generally drive will find themselves at a crosswalk from time to time. Improving the walking environment helps to unlock the community for those who are most in need.
- » **Supports cultural initiatives.** Walkability is a driver for creativity. A pedestrian-friendly environment tends to support and promote art and culture in the public realm.
- » **Promotes a vibrant urban experience.** Human-scale streets tend to make street life thrive by creating opportunities for people to socialize and enjoy their surroundings.

The Township Board is in step with the concepts of improved connectivity and all that it entails. It adopted five individual program visions, one of which focused on a Healthy Ecosystem, which aligns closely with ideas discussed above. The Healthy Ecosystem Vision is worded as follows:

An accessible and sustainable environment that affords a high quality of life while conserving our natural resources. Be known for our abundant green spaces.

Among the actions specified to achieve this Vision are the following three (3), which are relevant to this section of the Plan:

1. Close sidewalk gaps throughout the Township.
2. Add pocket parks/eliminate park deserts.
3. Pursue alternative energy/reduce carbon footprint.

The Township Board's Vision and proposed actions are consistent with the needs expressed by residents in a recent survey, as well as in public engagement sessions related to this Plan. A 2019 Community Needs Assessment Survey found that 35% of the households in the Township cannot safely walk to the closest park. The survey also found that only 13% have less than a five (5) minute walk to a park.

In the initial kick-off meeting and in focus groups related to this Plan, residents expressed the desire to be able to walk to a playground or park. Respondents called for pocket parks, noting that all residents should have access to passive and active recreation opportunities. Residents also called for completing sidewalk gaps along arterial road. They noted that pedestrian and bicycle safety need to be elevated so that every resident has access.

The Connectivity Strategy

Although there is a great need for additional pocket or neighborhood parks and sidewalk extensions throughout the community, funding is not unlimited, so a development strategy is needed. To prepare this strategy, it is first necessary to document where the park deserts are. The following three-step approach was used to accomplish this:

- » First, all Township parks were mapped.
- » Second, subdivision parks were identified and mapped using aerial photography. For the purposes of this, subdivision woods and open spaces were excluded. Only subdivision parks with playground and other amenities were mapped, based on the reasoning that they are most similar to pocket parks, for which residents expressed a need.
- » Third, a ¼ mile walkability buffer was drawn around each of the Township and subdivision parks. The Canton Dog Park and Victory Park were excluded from this step because of the vehicle orientation of the parks and their lack of playground equipment.

The results of this three-step process are illustrated on the four (4) quadrant maps that follow. The pink overlay illustrates the areas in the Township that are within ¼ mile of a Township or subdivision park. Equally important, the yellow residential areas represent the park deserts that are beyond a walkable distance to a park or playground.

Within the park deserts, six (6) areas have been identified as priority areas for development of pocket or neighborhood parks within the five-year timeframe covered by this Plan. The delineation of these areas considered the following:

- » The primary goal was to maximize benefit for the greatest number of residents.
- » Caregivers do not want children to cross mile or arterial roads to walk or bicycle to parks or playgrounds.
- » Elementary schools have playground equipment, but are not a good substitute for a park and are not often available for public use.
- » Many subdivisions have woods and open spaces that could be developed into pocket parks, if allowed by subdivision covenants.



Priority Areas

The following is a description of each priority area and the criteria for selection:

Priority Area 1: Northwest Corner of Township. This is a section of the Township that is still developing and is devoid of parks, playgrounds, and schools. Furthermore, it is not well connected to other parts of the Township with sidewalks or pathways. At least one pocket park or neighborhood park must be constructed in Priority Area 1. A sidewalk is needed on the north side of Warren Road, west of Ridge Road. Gaps in the sidewalk along Ridge Road must be completed to provide access to Ridge Road Park.

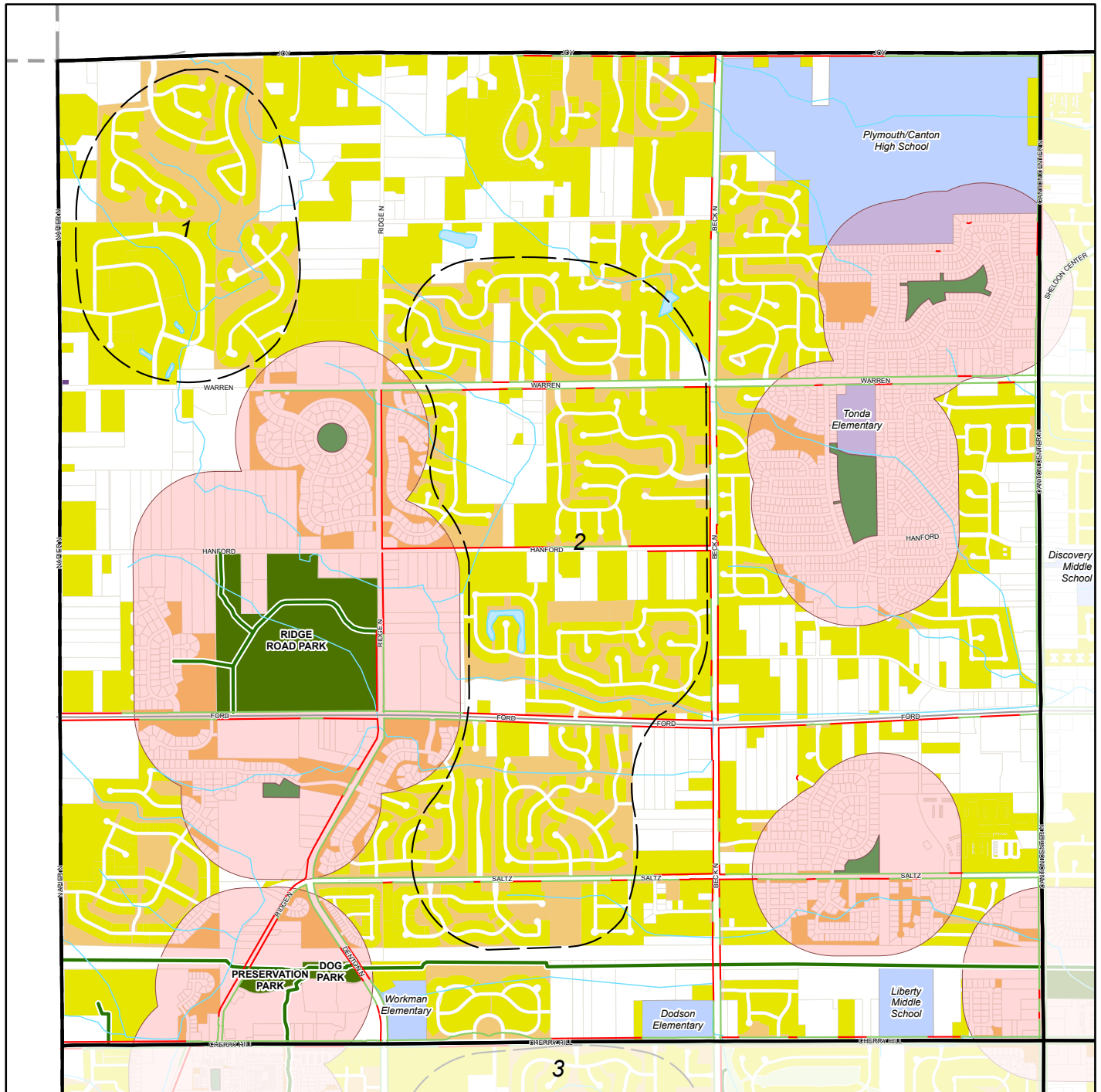
Priority Area 2: Northwest Quadrant, East of Ridge Road Park. This part of the Township is still developing, but it is further along than Priority Area 1. Nevertheless, residential development has managed to occur without parks, playgrounds, or schools. Considering that Priority Area 2 is large and segmented by three arterial roads, at least two pocket or neighborhood parks should be considered for this area within the timeframe of this Plan. In addition, sidewalk gaps should be completed on arterial roads, giving priority to Ford and Warren Roads in an east-west direction and Ridge Road in a north-south direction. Completion of these sidewalk gaps would provide residents with access to Ridge Road Park and connectivity within the general area.

Priority Area 3: East of Cherry Hill Village. Priority Area 3 is a built-up enclave that has no parks or playgrounds. It is adjacent to two (2) elementary schools, Workman Elementary and Dodson Elementary, but to get to the schools one must cross Cherry Hill Road, a busy arterial. Ideally, Priority Area 3 would have a pocket park in its center. Completion of sidewalk gaps along Cherry Hill Road would provide residents of Priority Area 3 with walkable access to the activities and amenities in Cherry Hill Village.

Priority Area 4: East of Independence Park. Priority Area 4 is another built-up enclave that has parks or playgrounds within its boundaries. Independence Park is directly across the Denton Road, and it has playground facilities, but to get to the park one must cross a busy arterial road. Like Priority Area 3, it would be ideal if this area had a pocket park in its center.

Priority Area 5: East of Beck Road, North and South of Geddes Road. Priority Area 5 is one of the southernmost residential areas in the Township. The only nearby park is Victory Park, which is a regional sports complex, not a neighborhood park. A pocket or neighborhood park is needed within this area. Priority Area 5 is somewhat isolated from the rest of the community, so substantial sidewalk improvements would be needed to improve its connectivity. Completion of sidewalk segments along Geddes and Beck Roads would be a good start.

Priority Area 6: East of I-275, between Cherry Hill Road and Palmer Road. Priority Area 6 is the easternmost residential area in the Township. Notwithstanding the development of Kopper Park two-plus miles to the north, parks are lacking east of I-275. One pocket park or neighborhood park should be constructed in Priority Area 6, preferably east of Lotz Road. Sidewalk gaps should be completed along Lotz Road and along Cherry Hill Road to the ITC Corridor Trail, which would provide residents with access to Flodin Park.



Connectivity & 10-Minute Walk Analysis NW Quadrant

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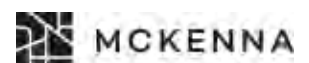
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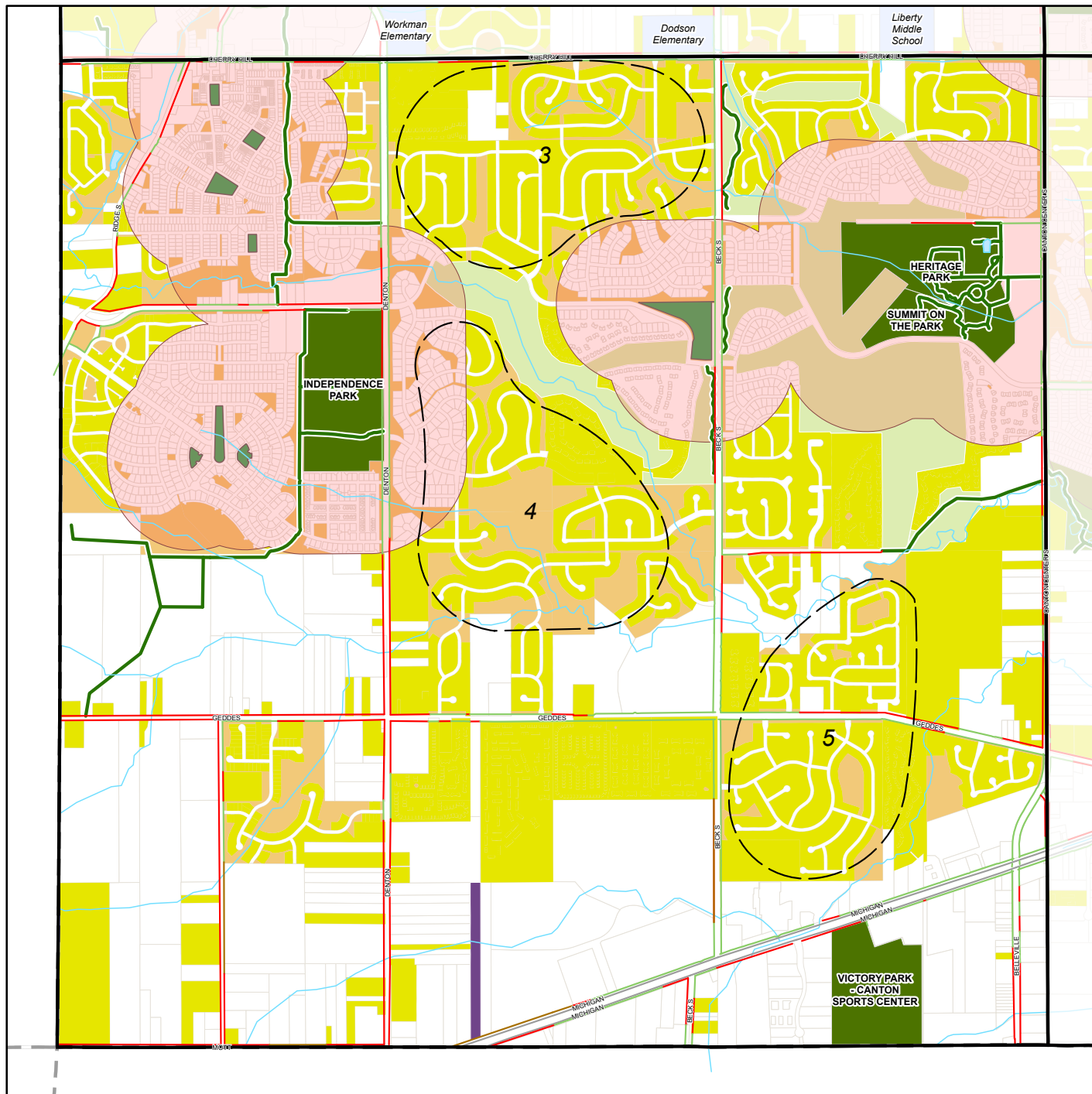
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| County Park | Township Owned Parcel |
| Golf Course | Existing Sidewalk |
| Township Park | Pending Sidewalk |
| Subdivision Park | Sidewalk Gap |
| Residential Area Outside 1/4 Mile Walkability Buffer | Trail |
| Woods and Open Space | Priority Area for Development of Pocket or Neighborhood Parks |

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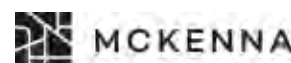
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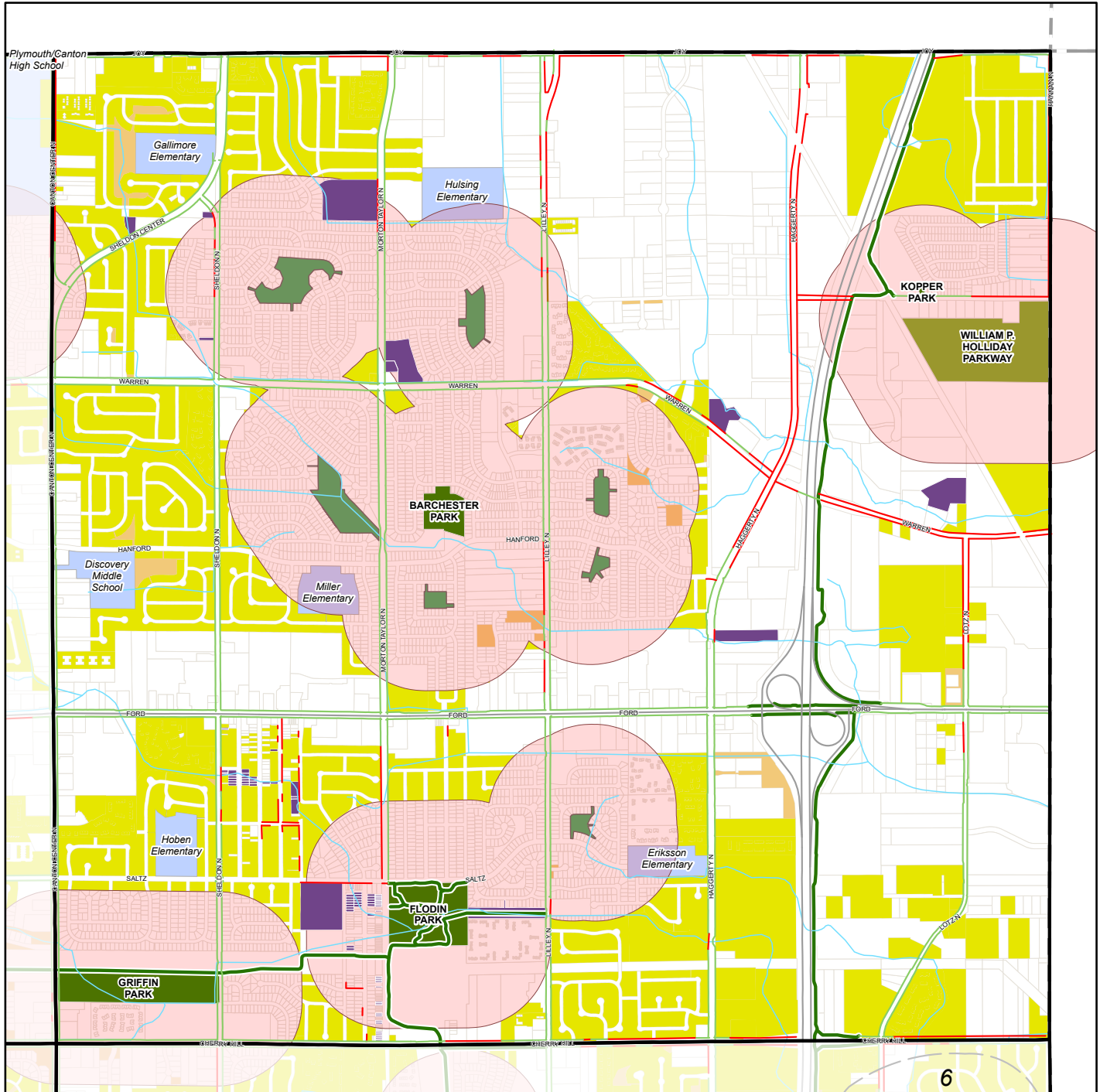
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| Golf Course | Existing Sidewalk |
| Township Park | Pending Sidewalk |
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| Residential Area Outside 1/4 Mile Walkability Buffer | Trail |
| Woods and Open Space | Priority Area for Development of Pocket or Neighborhood Parks |



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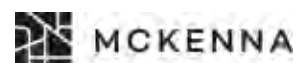
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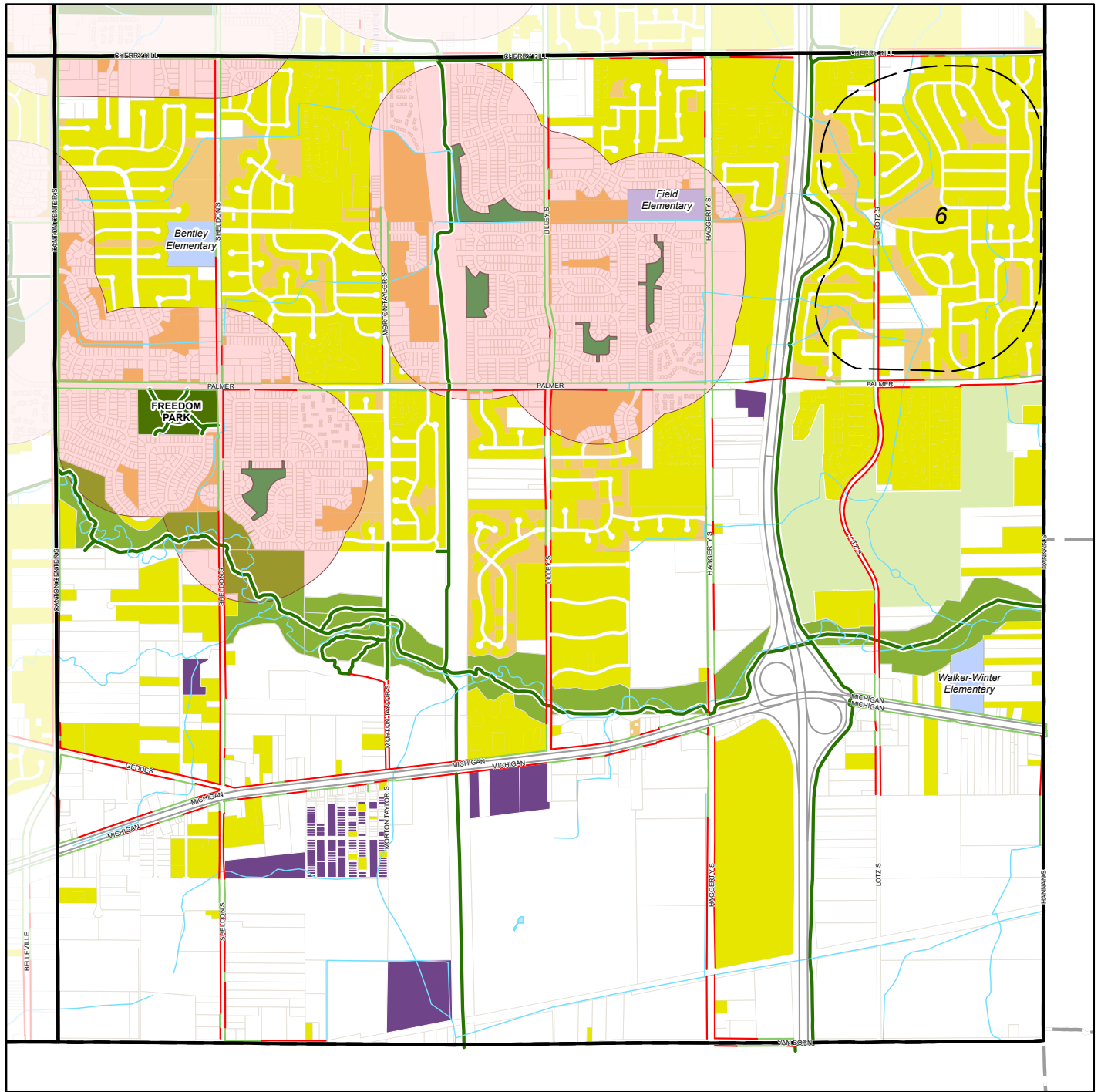
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| 1/4 Mile Walkability Buffer Around Park | School |
| County Park | Township Owned Parcel |
| Golf Course | Existing Sidewalk |
| Township Park | Pending Sidewalk |
| Subdivision Park | Sidewalk Gap |
| Residential Area Outside 1/4 Mile Walkability Buffer | Trail |
| Woods and Open Space | Priority Area for Development of Pocket or Neighborhood Parks |

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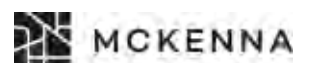
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| 1/4 Mile Walkability Buffer Around Park | School |
| County Park | Township Owned Parcel |
| Golf Course | Existing Sidewalk |
| Township Park | Pending Sidewalk |
| Subdivision Park | Sidewalk Gap |
| Residential Area Outside 1/4 Mile Walkability Buffer | Trail |
| Woods and Open Space | Priority Area for Development of Pocket or Neighborhood Parks |

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Universal Access

On September 24, 2019, the Township Board adopted a 243-page American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan, pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This plan reviews all buildings, sites, and playgrounds in the Township, and contains a complete list of barriers, action steps to remedy barriers, estimated budgets, and status of recommended solutions. The plan sets forth a 5-year timeline for completion of the Action Log. The plan was prepared with the assistance of three consultants, Accessology, A3C Collaborative Architecture, and Spalding DeDecker.

The plan sets forth the Township's commitment to "operate each program, service, or activity so that the program, service, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities." Program accessibility, as defined in the plan, applies not only to those with mobility needs, but also to individuals with sensory and cognitive disabilities.

The plan also proposes improvements to policies and procedures to ensure that all residents, employees, and participants of the community can enjoy the services and quality of life the Township prides itself in delivering. It further notes that "the Township's elected officials and staff believe accommodating individuals with disabilities is essential to good customer service, the quality-of-life Township residents seek to enjoy, and effective governance."

Alternatives considered to achieve accessibility include:

- » Structural methods, such as altering an existing facility;
- » Acquisition or redesign of equipment;
- » Assignment of aides; and
- » Providing services at alternate accessible sites.

Of particular interest is Section 4 of the plan, which provides a Playground Assessment. This section was prepared pursuant to ADA Title III, 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, which includes standards for new and existing play areas. Section 4 identified \$110,500 of improvements needed at three (3) parks: Flodin, Griffin, and Independence Parks, to bring them into compliance with ADA Title III.

Accessibility Ratings

The American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of Canton's parks and recreation facilities has been conducted as part of the inventory. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- » Has limited sight or is blind
- » Uses a wheelchair
- » Has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- » Uses a walking aid
- » Has a mental impairment

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below, and the accessibility rankings are detailed in the table that follows.

Level 1	The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
Level 2	The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
Level 3	The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.
Level 4	The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.
Level 5	The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

Table 8: Accessibility Ratings of Parks and Recreation Facilities, 2021

FACILITY		ACCESSIBILITY RATING	COMMENTS
L1	Ridge Road Park	Level 1	Unpaved parking and paths, largely unimproved
L2	Canton Dog Park	Level 2	Unpaved parking and paths
L3	Barchester Park	Level 3	Paved parking and paths, but some uneven surfaces
	Freedom Park	Level 3	Paved parking and paths, disc golf not accessible
	Griffin Park	Level 3	Paved parking, lacks paths to fields
	Preservation Park	Level 3	Gravel parking and paths with grade challenges
L4	Flodin Park	Level 4	Transition Plan identified needed improvements
	Heritage Park	Level 4	Broad range of options for people with disabilities
	Independence Park	Level 4	Transition Plan identified needed improvements
	Kopper Park	Level 4	New park—built to current accessibility standards
	Victory Park	Level 4	All paved surfaces, open environment

07

PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY ANALYSIS





Standards and Guidelines

Prior to 2020, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) published the NRPA Areas and Facilities Standards to help agencies assess whether they had sufficient parks and recreation facilities. The Standards had not been updated in more than two decades, and the NRPA realized that a single set of standards could not possibly encompass the uniqueness found in every community across the country.

Consequently, NRPA replaced the single set of standards with the creation of a nationwide benchmarking tool for parks and recreation, called NRPA Park Metrics. Annually, the NRPA publishes the NRPA Agency Performance Review, which is a report that summarizes the benchmarking data contributed by 1,100 park and recreation agencies to the Park Metrics database.

The Park Metrics database separates the data based on size of jurisdiction being served. Then, within each jurisdiction size, the data is further broken down into the lower and upper quartiles. Median values are presented as well.

The Park Metrics provide a snapshot of Canton's parks and recreation program in comparison to data from similarly sized peer communities. This information must be combined with information about the community's specific needs and experiences to identify the optimal mix of facilities and programming. The purpose of the community engagement process and other analyses reported on earlier in this plan was to gather such information.



Analysis of Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities

Through the years, Canton has built a comprehensive range of outdoor park and recreation facilities. Table 9 reveals that Canton provides almost every type of facility listed in the NRPA Park Metrics database. Whatever one's recreation interest might be, somewhere in the Township there is a facility to foster that interest. Most communities in the 50,000 to 99,999 population range cannot make this claim. For example, only a third of these communities have a football field, and only 12% have a cricket field - Canton Township has both.

The diversity of the population dictates the need for such a wide range of facilities. This is one indication that the Township has a good understanding of the community's needs and preferences.

Compared to peer to communities, Canton clearly excels in terms of the range of outdoor facilities it offers. Looking forward, a comparison of columns 5 and 6 in Table 9 reveals there is likely a need for more of certain facilities, especially considering that the population is still growing. For example, there is a need for an outdoor swimming pool and one or more additional cricket fields.

Table 9: Analysis of Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities in Canton^{1, 10}

TYPE OF FACILITY	PERCENT OF AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE FACILITY	PRESENCE OF FACILITY IN CANTON PARKS	MEDIAN NO. OF RESIDENTS/ FACILITY ²	NO. OF EACH FACILITY NEEDED FOR 98,659 PEOPLE ³	NO. OF EACH FACILITY IN CANTON PARKS
Playground/Playscape	94.4%	Yes	3,672	27	Varies ⁴
Basketball courts	87.4%	Yes	8,790	11	4 full or half courts
Tennis courts	81.4%	Yes	5,726	17	6 ⁵
Youth baseball fields	78.0%	Yes	7,560	13	12 at Victory Park +5 additional ⁶
Rectangular fields-multipurpose	66.4%	Yes	11,212	9	Approx. 18, depending on configuration
Adult softball fields	65.5%	Yes	16,250	6	12 at Victory Park +5 additional
Dog parks	64.9%	Yes	58,926	2	1
Youth softball fields	59.3%	Yes	11,884	8	12 at Victory Park +5 additional
Outdoor swimming pool	51.5%	No	43,100	2	0
Adult baseball fields	51.3%	Yes	22,366	4	12 at Victory Park +5 additional
Rectangular fields: soccer-youth	48.9%	Yes	8,291	12	25 at Independence Park
Community gardens	48.3%	Yes	51,197	2	2
Tot lots	48.1%	Yes	13,701	7	9 ⁷
Multiuse courts: basketball, volleyball	44.6%	No	24,644	4	0
Rectangular fields: soccer-adult	43.6%	Yes	12,800	8	25 at Independence Park
Skate parks	39.3%	No	66,672	2	None
Rectangular fields: football	36.5%	Yes	31,972	3	1 ⁸
Outdoor ice rinks	17.9%	No	29,386	3	None
Rectangular fields: cricket	12.1%	Yes	62,958	2	1
Rectangular fields: lacrosse	11.1%	Yes	33,437	3	Varies ⁹

Table Footnotes:

1. This table is based on NRPA Metrics published in the 2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review.
2. The Median Number of Residents per Facility is based on data from communities having a population of 50,000 to 99,999.
3. The figures in this column reflect the number of facilities needed to achieve a Median Number of Residents Per Facility in Canton Township.
4. Although there are playscapes/playgrounds at each of nine (9) municipal parks, this number understates the total number of playscapes/playgrounds in the community because of the vast number of private subdivision and neighborhood parks scattered through the community.
5. Although they may not be readily available to the entire community, there are 24 outdoor tennis courts at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.
6. The NRPA Metrics distinguish between baseball fields for adults and youth and softball fields for adults and youth. For the purposes of this analysis, these distinctions have been disregarded. Although they may not be readily available to the entire community, there are 14 baseball/softball fields at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Eight (8) youth baseball fields at Canton Sports Center at Victory Park are not available for free community play because they are leased to private groups as a revenue source for the Center.
7. Playscapes at parks are designed to meet the needs of young children, although they are not specifically designated “tot lots.”
8. In addition, at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park there are two football stadia and practice football fields.
9. Rectangular fields can be reconfigured for lacrosse.
10. School facilities are not available to the community during school hours or summer months when school is not in session.

Analysis of Indoor Park and Recreation Facilities

Indoor park and recreation facilities are often more costly to build, staff, and maintain than outdoor facilities. Consequently, fewer peer communities have such facilities, as is reflected by the percentages in column 2 in the following table. Canton is fortunate to have three (3) contemporary facilities serving residents: Summit on the Park Community Center, Artic Edge Ice Arena, and High Velocity Sports.

Looking to the future, the Township must continue to monitor attendance at these facilities relative to their capacity limits. As the population increases and changes in composition, there may be a need to expand and/or renovate the facilities to meet changing recreation preferences.

The table reveals a specific need for a nature center in the community. The impacts of climate change on the environment around us make a facility of this type especially important. This need can be addressed in the Ridge Road Park Master Plan.

Table 10: Analysis of Indoor Park and Recreation Facilities in Canton¹

TYPE OF FACILITY	PERCENT OF AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE FACILITY	PRESENCE OF FACILITY IN CANTON PARKS	MEDIAN NO. OF RESIDENTS/ FACILITY ²	NO. OF EACH FACILITY NEEDED FOR 98,659 PEOPLE ³	NO. OF EACH FACILITY IN CANTON PARKS
Recreation Center ⁴	63.9%	Yes	41,452	2	1
Community Center	58.6%	Yes	41,245	2	1
Senior Center ⁵	39.0%	Yes	68,540	1	1
Performance Amphitheater	35.1%	Yes	59,294	2	1 ⁶
Nature Center	31.6%	No	69,250	1	0
Aquatics Center ⁷	25.0%	Yes	62,313	2	1
Stadium	18.0%	Yes	62,682	2	2 ⁸
Ice Rink	13.2%	Yes	55,174	2	2
Teen Center	12.8%	Yes	57,027	2	1
Arena	6.5%	No	66,215	1	0

Table Footnotes:

1. This table is based on NRPA Metrics published in the 2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review.
2. The Median Number of Residents per Facility is based on data from communities having a population of 50,000 to 99,999.
3. The figures in this column reflect the number of facilities needed to achieve a Median Number of Residents Per Facility in Canton Township.
4. The Recreation Center is part of the Summit on the Park Community Center.
5. The Senior Center is in the Summit on the Park Community Center.
6. For the purposes of this analysis, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill is considered a performance amphitheater.
7. The aquatics center is in the Summit on the Park Community Center.
8. Two (2) stadiums are at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. School facilities are not available to the community during school hours or summer months when school is not in session.

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



CANTON
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Background

Originally part of Plymouth Township, Canton became an independent township in 1834 and became one of Michigan's first Charter Townships in 1961. A rural community for much of its history, Canton now boasts a population of 98,659 people, according to the 2020 Census. Although rural lands remain at the western border of the Township, vacant acreage is quickly being consumed by new development. Construction of new housing in the past decade added a net total of 3,675 housing units to the Township.

Historical Overview

The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 brought settlers to the Canton area from New England. The first settlers established small farms, typically consisting of several milk cows, hogs for marketing, chickens for eggs and meat, and a few sheep.

Two (2) prominent village settlements were established around 1825 at crossroads. One known as Sheldon Corners was located along the old Sauk Trail at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road. Another known as Cherry Hill Village was located along Ridge Road at Cherry Hill Road. These villages were characterized by one room schoolhouses and inns for travelers stopping over on their way between Ann Arbor and Detroit. Not so long ago, Canton was the epitome of small-town America.

On March 7, 1834, Canton became a Michigan township and was named after the city of the same name in China. It wasn't until 1874 that the first township hall was constructed, at the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill Roads. In 1961, residents voted to become one of Michigan's first charter townships, allowing the township to provide a full range of services as well as avoid annexation.

From 1925 to 1970, Canton was known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan. Because of Canton's location only 35 miles from Detroit it also became a dairy farming center.

In the late 1960s Holiday Park subdivision was developed south of Joy Road and east of the yet to be constructed I-275, thus opening the door to residential development. At about the same time, the Plymouth Community School District purchased 130 acres of land at the corner of Canton Center Road and Joy Road, envisioning the development of a campus of high schools to serve the community. Eventually, this land became the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, housing three high schools.

There was a concerted effort in the 1970s by some residents to maintain Canton's rural character. Twice a farmland preservation millage proposal was presented to the electorate. The millage would have allowed the Township to acquire development rights from farmers so they could continue farming, free from the pressure of development. Both times the millage proposal failed, and the door opened wide to growth. The completion of I-275 in the late 1970s accelerated this growth.

Newly completed neighborhoods, such as Central Park, and developing areas, such as Cherry Hill Village, Uptown, and Hamlet planned developments, resulted in a new town within the Township, complete with a village center, performing arts center (opened in September 2004), and historic cultural center. Development slowed during the Great Recession, but the Township is again experiencing widespread growth.

One remaining aspect of Canton's history deserves mention in the discussion about parks and recreation facilities. In the late 1980s, Wayne County was experiencing a shortage of sanitary landfill capacity. Canton officials recognized that a site in the Township was a candidate for a new landfill. In exchange for allowing the landfill to be constructed, Canton officials negotiated a host community agreement under which it would receive annual financial benefits. These landfill funds have been instrumental in the financing of parkland purchases, park improvements, and recreation facilities.

Demographics

Canton Township takes great pride in being a community that provides a high quality of life for its diverse population. This Community Snapshot provides insights into the population so that so that Canton Leisure Services can determine future facility and programming needs. Data from the U.S. Census, 2019 American Community Survey (ACS), Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 2020 Population and Household Estimates Report, and SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast are used to highlight the general characteristics of the Canton Township population. In analyzing the data, trends are identified and explained in the following narratives.

One of Michigan's Fastest Growing Townships

The 2020 Census revealed that Canton remains one of Michigan's fastest growing townships. Between 2010 and 2020, the Township added 8,486 residents, an increase of 9.4%, resulting in a total of 98,659 residents. Although the rate of growth is expected to slow, SEMCOG forecasts continual increases in population through the year 2045, as noted in the following table. None of Canton's neighboring communities came close to matching Canton's population increase between 2010 and 2020, numerically or by percentage.

In contrast, Wayne County as a whole saw a decrease of 27,023 residents (-1.5%) between 2010 and 2020, resulting in a population of 1,793,561. Other counties in southeast Michigan recorded increases, so southeast Michigan as a whole saw an increase of 125,680 residents (+2.7%), resulting in a population of 4,830,489.

Table 11: Population

TOTAL POPULATION	CENSUS 2010	% CHANGE 2000 – 2010	CENSUS 2020	% CHANGE 2010 - 2020	SEMCOG 2045	% CHANGE SEMCOG 2020 - 2045
Canton Township	90,173	↑ 18.1%	98,659	↑ 9.4%	114,119	↑ 15.7%
Wayne County	1,820,650	↓ 11.7%	1,793,561	↓ 1.5%	1,844,061	↑ 2.8%
Southeast Michigan	4,704,809	↓ 2.7%	4,830,489	↑ 2.7%	5,104,922	↑ 5.7%

The 2019 ACS data indicate a trend toward fewer residents in the younger age categories (19 and younger), with substantial increases in the number of residents in the older age categories (particularly 65 and older). Whether this trend continues depends on the target market for the housing being constructed in the community, as well as the extent of turnover of family-oriented housing. If the trend continues, it has implications for leisure services in Canton, with a need to emphasize activities for seniors.

Table 12: Age Distribution

AGE GROUP	CENSUS 2010	ACS 2019	CHANGE 2010 – 2019	% CHANGE 2010 – 2019
Under 5 Years	6,024	5,046	↓ 978	↓ 16.2%
5 – 19	20,692	19,258	↓ 1,434	↓ 6.9%
20 – 34	15,852	15,917	↑ 65	↑ 0.4%
35 – 49	22,171	20,265	↓ 1,906	↓ 8.6%
50 – 64	17,406	18,467	↑ 1,061	↑ 6.1%
65 – 84	7,093	11,656	↑ 4,563	↑ 64.3%
85+	935	1,311	↑ 376	↑ 40.2%

Two (2) adults with children—often thought of as the “typical” household in the United States—is no longer typical in the country and is not typical in Canton Township. According to 2019 ACS data, this type of household accounted

for 12,491 (37.1%) of the 33,671 households¹ in the Township. It is more common to find two (2) adults without children, which accounts for 14,016 households (41.6%). People who live alone account for 21.2% of the households. There is a broad diversity of households in the Township, which must be reflected in types of recreation programs being offered by Leisure Services. Programs oriented just toward families with children, for example, will fail to reach 63% of the potential household audience.

Table 13: Household Characteristics

HOUSEHOLD TYPE	CENSUS 2010	ACS 2019	CHANGE 2010 – 2019	% CHANGE 2010 – 2019	SEMCOG 2045
With Seniors 65+	5,988	8,605	↑ 2,617	↑ 43.7%	14,544
Without Seniors	26,783	25,066	↓ 1,717	↓ 6.4%	29,193
Live Alone, 65+	2,043	2,537	↑ 494	↑ 24.2%	4,482
Live Alone, <65	5,045	4,627	↓ 418	↓ 8.3%	5,692
2+ Persons, With children	13,170	12,491	↓ 679	↓ 5.2%	15,185
2+ Persons, Without children	12,513	14,016	↑ 1,503	↑ 12%	18,378

Population Diversity

In setting forth a vision for the community, the Township Board said that Canton should be a Welcoming Community - a township in which all residents can fully and effectively access services, influence policy, and feel a sense of belonging and safety. “Expansion of multicultural programming” was cited by the Board as one of the actions to be taken to achieve this vision.

It is likely that the Township Board was fully aware of Canton’s diverse population, as reflected in its racial makeup. The 2020 Census revealed that 61.1% of the population is white. Some of Canton’s neighboring communities have a similar proportion, or even a smaller percentage of white residents. Where Canton stands out in comparison to its neighbors is the proportion of Asian residents, 19.4%. Another 10.7% of the population is Black.

A diverse population adds to cultural richness of the community. It also presents challenges to Leisure Services as its goal is to provide facilities and programs to meet the needs of all segments of the population. For example, to meet the needs of the Asian population, additional cricket facilities are needed.

Table 14: Population Diversity

	NON-HISPANIC ORIGIN				HISPANIC ORIGIN
	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN	MULTI-RACIAL + OTHER	
Canton Township	61.1%	10.7%	19.4%	4.9%	3.8%
Plymouth Township	86.1%	1.9%	4.5%	3.9%	3.5%
City of Westland	63.5%	21.7%	4.3%	5.9%	4.5%
City of Wayne	61.9%	23.4%	2.0%	7.7%	4.9%
VanBuren Township	56.5%	30.4%	2.5%	6.4%	4.3%
Superior Township	52.4%	26.7%	7.0%	7.4%	6.4%

Source: 2020 U.S. Census

1. The 2020 Census recorded 36,352 households in Canton Township. At the time this Plan was being written, a detailed breakdown of the 2020 household data was unavailable. Consequently, this analysis is based on 2019 ACS data.

People with Disabilities

Approximately 9.9% of Canton Township's residents have a disability. As might be expected, the most impacted segments of the population are those 65 years of age or older. The most prevalent disabilities are ambulatory (5.0%), independent living (4.8%), and cognitive difficulties (3.5%). Ambulatory difficulties involve serious difficulties that limit physical activity and ultimately lead to steeper decline in health.

Park and recreations facilities must be designed so that people with disabilities have full access and can participate in activities and programs. Accommodations typically include ramps and pavement improvements to ease accessibility concerns for those who suffer from ambulatory difficulties, or installation of audible and visually assisted crosswalks for those who are visually or hearing impaired.

Table 15: People with Disabilities

	UNDER 5 YEARS	5 – 17 YEARS	18 – 34 YEARS	35 – 64 YEARS	65 – 74 YEARS	75+ YEARS
Canton Township	0.0%	3.9%	7.0%	6.7%	21.4%	49.3%
Wayne County	0.5%	5.7%	9.4%	17.8%	26.6%	50.0%
Michigan	0.6%	6.0%	8.3%	14.7%	24.5%	46.2%

Source: American Community Survey, 2019

Transportation to Work

Statistics from the American Community Survey show that residents in western Wayne County, including Canton Township, are very vehicle-dependent with respect to moving about the community. With respect to parks and recreation facilities, the goal is to make them as accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists as possible by constructing trails and sidewalks throughout the community (see previous chapter).

Table 16: Transportation to Work*

	DROVE ALONE	CARPOOLED	PUBLIC TRANSIT	WALKED	BIKED	OTHER MEANS	WORKED AT HOME
Canton Township	86%	8%	0%	1%	0%	1%	5%
Plymouth Township	87%	6%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
City of Westland	84%	10%	1%	1%	0%	2%	3%
City of Wayne	82%	12%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%
VanBuren Township	87%	8%	0%	1%	0%	1%	4%
Superior Township	82%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%	4%

*Resident workers aged 16 and over.

Source: American Community Survey, 2019

Land Use and Capital Improvements

Canton is largely built out, but there are remaining vacant and agricultural lands on the west side of the Township that could be used for residential development. Most of the Township is served by municipal water and sanitary sewer utilities and the 2017 Comprehensive Plan anticipates that, eventually, the entire Township will be served by these utilities.

According to a 2021 existing land use survey completed by the Canton Township Planning Department, there are 34 parcels remaining that are used for agriculture, encompassing 551.86 acres. There are 846 parcels encompassing 1,778.01 acres that are classified as vacant. Thus, a total of about 2,330 acres potentially could still be developed.

According to the Comprehensive Plan, there is a desire to maintain a semi-rural character in the western portion of the Township. Consequently, on the Future Land Use Map most of the agricultural and vacant lands are designated Low Density Residential (2 dwelling units per acre) or Medium-Low Density Residential (3 dwelling units per acre). If 80% of the remaining agricultural or vacant land was developed at an average density of 2.5 dwelling units per acre, another 4,660 dwelling units could be constructed in the Township. Based on an average household size of 2.93 persons, the population could increase by about 13,650 persons at build-out.

However, the Comprehensive Plan recognizes that, “as development continues toward the west and begins to encroach on the community’s open space and natural amenities, it will become increasingly important and difficult to balance the demand for new residential growth and the township’s goal of preserving these natural features and retain the semi-rural character of the community.”

The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is an important element of the Comprehensive Plan that identifies physical improvements to Township-owned properties, buildings, and infrastructure that are needed over the next five years. Typically, the CIP is updated annually as improvements are completed and new projects are added.

According to the Comprehensive Plan, a project must meet one or more of the following criteria to be included in the CIP:

1. The cost must be at least \$10,000.
2. The project protects the public health and safety.
3. The project maintains existing assets.
4. The project replaces existing assets.
5. The project meets needs identified in various Master Plan documents.
6. The project meets needs identified in the Comprehensive Plan.
7. The project reduces or maintains operation and maintenance costs.
8. The project enhances or improves existing programs, facilities, and services.

The following specific criteria apply to potential recreation projects:

- » If recreation amenities present a potential risk or require significant maintenance, then the improvement is added to the CIP.
- » If a recreation amenity is identified as an item for consideration of upgrade or replacement due to life expectancy of condition survey, then the item is added to the CIP.
- » If the amenity has a “market driven” value such as recreation stations, outdoor movie screens, etc., and the item is outdated or in poor condition, the item is assessed for usage patterns, public perception, or revenue impact. If the item can be upgraded and add benefit to the sites, then the improvement is added to the CIP.

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



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This chapter of the plan describes how Canton Leisure Services is organized so that it operates effectively and efficiently. The success of CLS over the years can be attributed in part to the strong relationships it has with the Township Board, other Township departments, volunteers, sports organizations, and private providers of recreation services.

Organizational Structure

Township Board of Trustees

As a department of the Charter Township of Canton, CLS is governed by the elected Township Board of Trustees with guidance provided by the Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

The Township Board of Trustees, a seven-member elected body, is the governing body of Canton Township. The Board of Trustees is composed of three (3) full-time administrative officials (the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer), plus four (4) part-time elected trustees, all of whom are residents of the community. The Board is advised on parks and recreation issues and planning by the Leisure Services Director, the Leisure Services Advisory Committee, and the Planning Commission. The Township Board is the final authority on all decisions and policies related to the Department. Additionally, the Board of Trustees approves the budget for the Department.

The Township Board became responsible for parks and recreation when it adopted the Township Parks and Places of Recreation Act (Michigan Public Act 157 of 1905) on October 13, 1970.

Leisure Services Advisory Committee

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) advises and makes recommendations to the Department and Board of Trustees on recreation planning, development, programming, facilities, services, and land acquisition.

Through interaction with the community, this committee provides the Department with input and guidance as Canton Leisure Services strives to enhance health, family, and community through innovative programs, diverse services, and premier facilities. As ambassadors for the Department, the committee members promote the boundless benefits of Leisure Services through the following responsibilities outlined in their Bylaws:

1. Participate in meetings, events, and activities related to Canton Leisure Services.
2. Provide strategic direction for the future of Canton Leisure Services.
3. Advise and recommend, through subcommittee participation, input on the annual budget, programs, facilities and master plan.
4. Serve as an ambassador to the community for Canton Leisure Services by promoting services, events, facilities, and programs provided by the Department.
5. Solicit and report community feedback relative to Canton Leisure Services.

Currently, the LSAC has 14 members who are appointed by the Chair with concurrence of the Committee. Membership selection represents the following facets in the community:

- » Youth Sports
- » Youth Advisory Council
- » Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage
- » Seniors
- » Township Board Representative
- » At-Large Representing the Community
- » Staff Members Serving in Advisory Capacity

The committee meets every other month and works very closely with the Department Director and CLS staff.

Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage

The Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage was established in December 2003 to serve as an advisory group to the Board of Trustees regarding the enhancement of the arts and heritage in the community. The Commission is dedicated to promoting public awareness and development of high-quality programs for the culture, arts, and heritage that are accessible to all. Programs include, but are not limited to, visual arts, drama, music, dance, historical heritage, and humanities.

The Committee adopted a Strategic Plan in 2004, under which it established the following committees to sponsor various community projects that embrace all aspects of culture, arts, and heritage:

- » Public Art Committee
- » Partnership for the Arts and Humanities
- » Community Advisory Council
- » Artists Advisory Council
- » Volunteer Council
- » Communication and Marketing Committee
- » Partnerships and Collaborations Committee



The Commission has initiated several successful programs that have grown through the years, including:

- » Acts of Culture Week
- » International Festivals
- » Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
- » Veteran's Day - Salute to Service
- » Annual Canton Fire Arts Exhibition
- » Chinese Spring Festival
- » Canton Township Hero Program
- » 2021 Design Contest—How Do You Spell C.A.N.T.O.N.?

The Commission currently has 16 members. There are representatives from the Township Board, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Historical Society, and Partnership for the Arts on the Commission. It meets on the second Monday of February, May, August, and November at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building.



Canton Leisure Services Department

Canton Township organizes all of its employees, both full and part-time, in one of four (4) major departments: Public Safety, Municipal Services, Finance and Budget, and Leisure Services, along with administrative operations in the Supervisor's, Clerk's and Treasurer's offices.

Canton Leisure Services has six (6) divisions, listed below:

1. Administrative Services
2. Parks/Sports
3. Recreation
4. Community Productions
5. Community Center
6. Golf

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for general business operations, communications, and marketing functions within the Department.

The Parks/Sports Division is responsible for managing and maintaining the parks and overseeing team sports.

The Recreation Division is responsible for recreation programming, including enrichment, youth and teens, therapeutic recreation, summer camps and special events.

The Community Productions Division is responsible for both Cable Television and Performing Arts.

- » Performing Arts is primarily responsible for managing the Village Theater.
- » Cable Television is responsible for recording all Township Board and Planning Commission meetings and any events that are aired on Canton Community Television. This Division also produces and airs a full line-up of television shows on the station. It creates slides for the cable bulletin board, produces and uploads Facebook and YouTube videos, records and airs shows from The Village Theater, makes videos for presentations, converts computer and video files for the Public

Safety Department, redacts 911 calls, and maintains equipment and playback of the public access channel for Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township. The Cable Television Division also purchases and maintains audio visual equipment.

The Community Center Division is responsible for the operations of the Summit on the Park and Club 55+. Programming includes aquatics, health and wellness, seniors, and banquet services.

The Golf Division is responsible for Pheasant Run golf operations and maintenance. It oversees day-to-day operations, including daily play, annual pass holders, golf outings, events, leagues, and instructional programming. This division also oversees the daily operation of the food and beverage concessions at the Fore Star Grill and maintenance of the grounds for Pheasant Run Golf Club. The operations and maintenance of Fellows Creek Golf Club are leased from the Township to Indigo Golf Partners and overseen by the Director of Leisure Services.

Volunteers

Canton Leisure Services benefits from dedicated volunteers who assist with implementation of numerous events. In 2019, 5,441 volunteers contributed 23,205 hours to the Township. Because of the pandemic, fewer volunteer opportunities existed in 2020 and 2021. Nevertheless, in 2020 1,665 volunteers contributed 9,439 hours, and from January to June of 2021 1,020 volunteers contributed 3,972 hours of work.

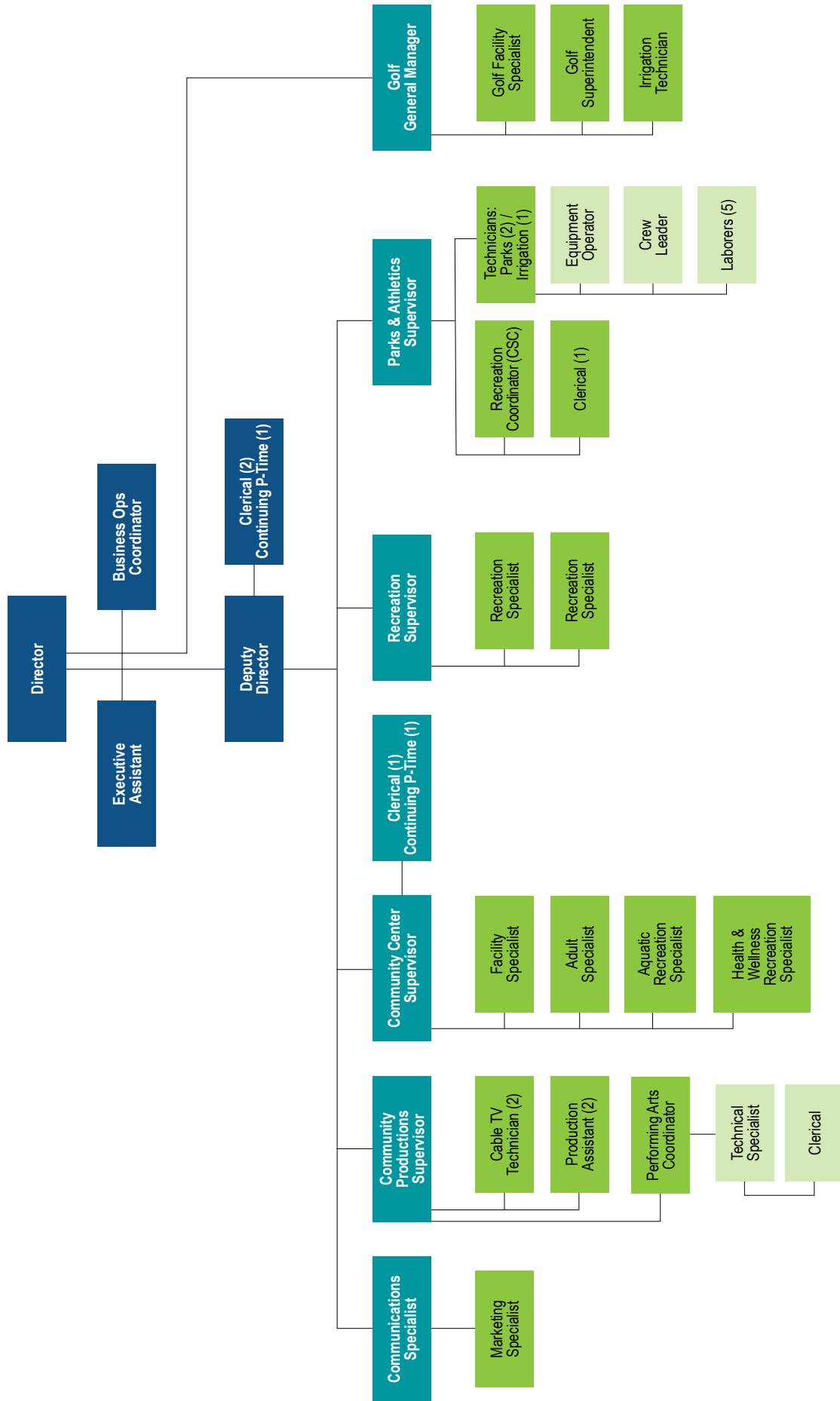
The range of tasks undertaken by volunteers is broad, including the following:

- » Assisting with special events
- » Participating as golf rangers/starters at Pheasant Run Golf Club
- » Volunteering as ushers at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill
- » Delivering meals to home-bound residents through Meals on Wheels
- » Assisting with TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program)
- » Front desk support at Club 55+
- » Assisting Canton Goodfellows
- » Assisting with the Presidential election
- » Assisting Habitat for Humanity
- » Assisting with COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics

Citizens also provide guidance to Leisure Services by serving on the following advisory committees:

- » Leisure Services Advisory Committee
- » Senior Advisory Council
- » Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage
- » Historic District Commission
- » Canton Historical Society
- » Canton Mobility Transportation Committee
- » Youth Advisory Council

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Other Partnerships

Canton Leisure Services staff combine efforts with many local agencies and businesses to provide and enhance services. Several of these successful initiatives and partnerships are described below:

Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) cultural arts organization that works in collaboration with the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage.

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is committed to preserving the historic roots of Henry Ford by restoring three (3) buildings that were part of the Ford Village Industry Factory in Cherry Hill Village. The 14-acre facility was acquired in August 2012. The factory was constructed in 1943 to supply parts for the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

A 17,500-square foot Village Arts Factory is now open, offering art education programs and studio space for thirteen artists.

The renovated Veteran's Dormitory has been leased by the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, which will offer programs to give support to veterans. Veterans will receive services necessary to restore health and meaning both biologically and spiritually, including art and music programming.

The eight (8) acres south of these buildings will provide multiple areas for outdoor art innovation including sculptures and gardens that will enhance pedestrian paths and bike trails connecting to a walkable community and eventually to Washtenaw County. The Cut Short Veterans Memorial Garden, which is designed to recognize fallen soldiers, has been completed.

Canton Public Library

Canton Leisure Services has developed close working partnership with the Canton Public Library (CPL). The CPL occupies a 53,500-square foot building that houses 452,535 items in its collection. In 2020, patrons checked out 837,614 items, plus 155,338 electronic materials including e-books. Staff from each agency have sat on committees to brainstorm future programs and facilities and joined forces to conduct community surveys.

One of the many results of this relationship includes a joint partnership between Canton Leisure Services, Canton Public Library, and Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide a story trail in Heritage Park, which consists of a few pages of a featured book that are posted at stations along the trail through the park.

Canton Human Services Center Community Support Program

The Canton Human Services Center Community Support Program is a network of non-profit agencies brought together to assist Canton individuals and families with a variety of concerns. Help is available in several areas, including senior care, domestic violence, substance abuse, dispute settlement, emergency food and shelter, and family counseling.



Downtown Development Authority

The Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) undertakes community improvements that have the greatest impact in strengthening the Ford Road commercial district to attract visitors and new businesses. With over 300 businesses in the Canton DDA District along Ford Road, Leisure Services partners with the DDA in numerous events, including the Friday Night Jazz Concert Series, ShopCanton campaign, and temporary public art exhibits.

International Transmission Company

The International Transmission Company (ITC) operates overhead power lines in Canton Township. In partnership with Canton Leisure Services, the land beneath these facilities is being used for bicycle/walking trails (ITC Corridor Trail) and for historic farming in connection with Preservation Park.

Canton Service Clubs

Canton Leisure Services partners with civic organizations such as the Canton Kiwanis Club, Canton Lions Club, and Canton Rotary Club to address needs within the community and the surrounding region. Together with Leisure Services, these groups work year-round on local events, the enhancement of local amenities and on specific organizational causes for the betterment of the community.

Developers

Canton Leisure Services works with developers to provide recreation amenities, such as pickleball courts and interconnecting, non-motorized trails throughout the Township.

Arctic Edge Ice Arena and High Velocity Sports at Victory Park

Victory Park was developed through partnerships with developers to provide additional recreation opportunities for the community. Arctic Edge Ice Arena is a dual surface indoor ice rink that is privately owned and operated on property leased from Canton Township. High Velocity Sports is a 110,000 square foot indoor sports facility that is privately-owned and operated on property that was purchased from Canton Township. These facilities are described in Chapter 3 in the discussion about Victory Park.



Budget

Table 17 sets forth the draft budget for Canton Leisure Services for the years 2018 through 2021, with projections for 2022 and 2023. The budget is divided into five (5) funds: General Fund, Community Center Fund, Golf Fund, **Community Improvement**, and **Capital Fund**. The General Fund category includes parks, administration, recreation, senior services, performing arts, and sports. The draft budget in Table 17 is subject to final approval by the Finance Department and adoption by the Township Board.

Four (4) key observations can be made by reviewing the proposed budget:

1. The budget reflects the high value the community places on recreation and leisure services, parks, programs, sports, performing arts, and other leisure activities are well-funded in Canton Township.
2. Focusing just on operating expenditures (i.e., subtracting out capital expenditures, debt, depreciation, administrative fees, etc.), Canton spends over \$126 per capita annually for parks and recreation amenities. This places Canton well above the median expenditure of \$101.65 per capita of its peer communities in the United States, based on NRPA data.
3. The budget calls for an increase in funding over the coming years, which is a responsible position, considering that the community is still seeing population growth with greater diversity, which translates into greater need for a variety of leisure services.
4. Recognizing that playground equipment, pavilions, and other physical assets wear out over time, the Township had the foresight to establish a Capital Fund to finance replacement.

Revenue to support Canton Leisure Services comes from several sources, the largest of which is general fund tax support. Other sources include grants (which are discussed in the next section), earned income (e.g., golf course fees, program fees), leases, and sponsorships

Table 17: Canton Leisure Services Draft Budget (9/14/2021) – 2018 through 2021, with projections for 2022 and 2023.

GENERAL FUND		2018	2019	2020*	2021 AMENDED	2022 PROJECTED	2023 PROJECTED
REVENUE	Grants	4,228	6,627	7,122	376,232	143,624	3,624
	Earned Income	2,430,572	2,025,967	482,579	1,257,189	1,990,500	1,970,500
	Total General Fund Revenue	2,434,800	2,032,594	489,701	1,633,421	2,134,124	1,974,124
EXPENSES	Wages and Fringe Benefits	4,251,366	4,389,285	3,237,800	4,442,216	4,988,012	4,946,402
	Operating Expenses	1,837,984	1,799,388	1,046,850	1,695,824	1,942,802	2,027,875
	Maintenance and Repair	199,545	269,642	186,913	304,964	295,735	350,319
	Capital Improvement	835,267	364,521	208,943	7,491	141,500	167,000
	Debt/Depreciation/Indirect Cost	563,663	580,572	597,989	615,929	634,407	653,439
	Total General Fund Expenses	7,687,823	7,403,408	5,278,495	7,066,424	8,002,456	8,145,035
COMMUNITY CENTER FUND		2018	2019	2020*	2021 AMENDED	2022 PROJECTED	2023 PROJECTED
REVENUE	Earned Income	2,730,338	2,786,033	1,081,709	786,912	2,802,741	2,690,608
	Other Revenue	20,934	20,529	18,609	(6,500)	11,000	11,000
	Transfers In/Administration Fees	750,000	850,000	1,000,000	2,711,853	1,423,275	1,921,695
	Total Community Center Fund Revenue	3,501,272	3,656,562	2,100,317	3,492,265	4,237,016	4,623,303
EXPENSES	Wages and Fringe Benefits	2,205,148	2,221,889	1,328,654	1,903,099	2,323,668	2,393,018
	Operating Expenses	729,975	792,606	434,905	627,212	774,295	789,308
	Maintenance and Repair	101,311	87,918	79,712	147,619	132,850	141,146
	Capital Improvement	111,403	101,067	15,752	48,000	48,000	48,000
	Debt/Depreciation/Indirect Cost	180,903	198,988	197,497	494,323	-	498,440
	Transfers Out	89,305	91,121	92,974	272,012	958,203	753,391
	Total Community Center Fund Expenses	\$3,418,045	\$ 3,493,589	\$ 2,149,494	\$ 3,492,265	\$ 4,237,016	\$ 4,623,303
GOLF		2018	2019	2020*	2021 AMENDED	2022 PROJECTED	2023 PROJECTED
REVENUE	Earned Income	2,819,391	3,023,491	2,895,466	3,509,956	3,051,880	3,480,374
	Other Revenue	40,109	14,918	7,115	250	10,500	10,500
	Transfers In/Administration Fees	800,000	800,000	400,000	1,350,810	1,334,249	1,697,622
	Total Golf Fund Revenue	3,659,500	3,838,409	3,302,581	4,861,016	4,396,629	5,188,496
EXPENSES	Wages and Fringe Benefits	1,418,955	1,634,481	1,373,981	1,682,348	1,689,543	1,776,636
	Operating Expenses	893,030	918,715	771,662	1,362,835	939,174	1,358,837
	Maintenance and Repair	284,681	320,100	283,121	306,179	307,561	320,149
	Capital Improvement/Lease Payments	15,300	9,035	10,971	175,598	746,052	1,035,203
	Debt/Depreciation/Administrative Expense	635,581	631,167	586,125	592,615	704,298	687,467
	Transfers Out	9,227	9,415	9,606	741,441	10,001	10,204
	Total Golf Fund Expenses	3,256,774	3,522,912	3,035,466	4,861,016	4,396,629	5,188,496
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT		2018	2019	2020*	2021 AMENDED	2022 PROJECTED	2023 PROJECTED
EXPENSES	Operating Expenses	166,391	131,613	151,102	-	5,000	-
	Maintenance and Repair	9,585	10,548	-	5,000	-	-
	Capital Improvement	163,475	469,935	484,445	738,030	350,000	500,000
	Total Community Improvement Fund Expenses	339,451	612,096	635,547	743,030	355,000	500,000
CAPITAL FUND		2018	2019	2020*	2021 AMENDED	2022 PROJECTED	2023 PROJECTED
	Capital Improvement	-	-	567,527	8,240,069	941,981	967,732
	Total Capital Fund Expenses	-	-	567,527	8,240,069	941,981	967,732

Grant Funding

Canton has received Federal and State funding for several projects since 1977, including grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI), Recreation Bond Fund (RBF), and the Michigan Arts Cultural (MAC) and Quality of Life Grant from the Michigan Department of Budget.

Table 18: State and Federal Development Grants Received by Canton Township

YEAR	GRANT #	FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL GRANT PAYMENT	CURRENT USE / DISPOSITION
1977	26-01022U1	LWCF	Fellow Creek Golf Course	Acquisition of 113.45 acres	\$200,000	27-hole course in good condition
1985	26-01397	LWCF	Canton Recreation Complex Phase II	Development of parking lot, picnic shelters, soccer/softball fields, landscaping, play center, storm drain, and catch basins	\$75,500	Multi-purpose park with athletic fields, playgrounds, ponds and trails in excellent condition
1985	TF 1069	MNRTF	Canton Recreation Complex Expansion	Acquisition of 50 acres	\$50,000	Multi-purpose park with athletic fields, playgrounds, ponds, and trails in excellent condition
1987	TF87-056	MNRTF	Canton Community Park Acquisition	Project Withdrawn	\$0	N/A
1989	BF89-360	RBF	Canton Recreation Complex Phase IV	Development of parking lot, walkway, soccer field, irrigation, pavilion, restrooms, playground, fishing pier, gazebo	\$303,644	Community Park in excellent condition
1989	TF89-031	MNRTF	Canton Recreation Center Development	Development of Recreation Center: lake excavation, trail paving, road & parking lot gravelling, 2 bridges, soccer field, picnic area, sledding hill, landscaping	\$193,660.59	Community Park in excellent condition
1992	BF92-195	RBF	Canton Community Center	Development of Canton Community Center: building construction, landscaping	\$450,000	Multi-purpose community center in excellent condition
1997	TF97-028	MNRTF	Ridge Road Park Development (formerly Beatrice L. Coleman Trust) Land Acquisition	Original acquisition of 218 acres for community park. Updated to purchase 132 acres for Ridge Road Park	\$963,685.08	Site is being maintained until funding is secured for development. Park master plan prepared
1999	CM99-181	CMI	Community Center Expansion	Renovation and expansion of Recreation Center to include new fitness center, locker rooms	\$750,000	Multi-purpose community center in excellent condition
2000	N/A	MAC	Performing Arts Education Center	Construction of Performing Arts Center	\$300,000	400-seat theater with classrooms in excellent condition
2009	TF07-064	LWCF	Lower Rouge Trail Bridges	Construct Pedestrian Bridges	\$300,000	Nature trail enjoys widespread use
Total Funding					\$3,586,489.67	

Funding Sources:

LWCF— Land and Water Conservation Fund (Federal)

MNRTF—Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (State)

RBF—Recreation Bond Fund (State)

CMI—Clean Michigan Initiative (State)

MAC—Michigan Arts, Culture and Quality of Life Grant (Michigan Department of Budget)

Table 19: Additional State and Federal Development Grants Received Since 2013

YEAR	NAME OF GRANT	ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF GRANT (FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OTHER)	AWARDED AMOUNT	NOTES (GRANT DESCRIPTION, ETC.)
2013	CFCU Summer of Sharing	Community Financial	Local: Bank	\$ 1,000	Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage – International Festival
	African American History through Artist Eyes	Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs	State of MI	\$ 11,250	Program for 1,882 Plymouth Canton Schools 5th graders
	African American History through Artist Eyes	Partnership for Arts and Humanities	Local: 501c3	\$ 11,330	Program for 1,882 Plymouth Canton Schools 5th graders
	Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation Grant	Wayne County	County	\$ 75,000	Therapeutic Recreation Program Support
2014	CFCU Summer of Sharing	Community Financial	Local: Bank	\$ 1,000	Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage - International Festival
	New Theatrical Lighting	Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs	State of MI	\$ 60,000	New theatrical lighting system
	Second City performance	Partnership for the Arts and Humanities	Local: 501c3	\$ 7,000	Second City Comedy performance fee
	Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation Grant	Wayne County	County	\$ 75,000	Therapeutic Recreation Program Support
	CDBG	Community Development Block Grant Program	Federal/Local	\$ 2,500	B.L.O.C.K. After-School Tutoring Program
2015	Come Out and Play	mParks/MHEF	State	\$ 40,000	Program grant to promote healthier lifestyles, includes summer camp programs, Fit Family Challenge, and programs for seniors
	CFCU Summer of Sharing	Community Financial	Local: Bank	\$ 1,000	Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage - Salute to Service Veteran's Day Event
	New Theatrical Sound	Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs	State of MI	\$ 55,000	New theatrical sound system
	Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation Grant	Wayne County	County	\$ 75,000	Therapeutic Rec Program Support
	CFCU Summer of Sharing	Community Financial	Local: Bank	\$ 1,000	Lead Like A Girl Program Support at the B.L.O.C.K.
	CFCU Summer of Sharing	Community Financial	Local: Bank	\$ 1,000	Farmers Market Community Garden Program Support
	CDBG	Community Development Block Grant Program	Federal/Local	\$ 3,615	B.L.O.C.K. After-School Tutoring Program
	Youth Leadership Grant	Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan	Local	\$ 10,000	Lead Like a Girl Program Support at the B.L.O.C.K.
2016	Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	SEMOG	State	\$202,700	Shared Use Path - Historic Ford Cherry Hill Plant

YEAR	NAME OF GRANT	ORGANIZATION	(FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OTHER)	AWARDED AMOUNT	NOTES (GRANT DESCRIPTION, ETC.)
2016	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$108,420	Multiple Projects Requested: Heritage Park ADA Play Feature, BLOCK After-school Tutoring, CLS Scholarship Program, Volunteer Coordinator, Sheldon School Structural Repairs, ADA Pathway Between Library & Heritage Park, Summit ADA Aquatic Lift & Lap Pool Stairs
	Healthy Food Connect	Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan	Local	\$21,000	Increasing Food Access for seniors through a partnership with HVA and Canton Place. Providing transportation and education through the Canton Farmers Market.
	Youth Employment Grant	Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network	Federal	\$49,650	Support the hiring and development of young people (under 24 years) in the workforce
	CFCU Summer of Sharing	Community Financial Credit Union	Other	\$1,000	Support for TR Summer Programming
	CFCU Summer of Sharing	Community Financial Credit Union	Other	\$1,000	Support to build CYC programming with BLOCK, Public Safety, and P-CCS
2017	Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund	Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation	Other	\$40,000	To fund the engineering of the Lower Rouge River Trail extensions
	Youth Employment Grant	Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network	Federal	\$77,389	Support the hiring and development of young people (under 24 years) in the workforce
	Community Funding Grant	American Association of University Women (AAUW)	Other	\$7,000	BLOCK- Lead Like a Girl Program Support
	Canton Community Foundation Grant	Canton Community Foundation	Local	\$2,500	BLOCK-Canton Youth Connection
	Summer of Sharing	Community Financial Credit Union	Local	\$1,000	BLOCK- Be a Model Man Program
	Summer of Sharing	Community Financial Credit Union	Local	\$1,000	National Night Out Program Support
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$5,000	BLOCK-Tutoring Program
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$4,913	Canton Youth Connection Program Support

YEAR	NAME OF GRANT	ORGANIZATION	(FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OTHER)	AWARDED AMOUNT	NOTES (GRANT DESCRIPTION, ETC.)
2018	Youth Employment Grant	Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network	Federal	\$112,000	Added Lifeguards this year
	Therapeutic Recreation Grant	Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network	Federal	\$48,000	-
	Keep America Beautiful Recycling Grant	Keep America Beautiful	Private	Product Grant	Applied for 20 recycling bins to be used in Heritage Park & Independence Park. Received 30 bins. 2018: first 24 weeks recycled 1,800+ cubic yards of material
	Corporate Sponsorship	Masco	Local	\$10,000	BLOCK- Lead #LikeAGirl for the 2018-2019 school year
	Arts & Humanities Touring Grant	Michigan Humanities Council	State	\$200	Tuesdays are Terrific
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$7,410	BLOCK-Canton Youth Connection
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$1,053	BLOCK-Canton Youth Connection and Summit Swim School
	Summer of Sharing	Community Financial	Local	\$1,000	BLOCK-Teen Experience Camp
	Healthy Recreation Catalyst Grant	MI Big Green Gym	State	\$3,000	Heritage Park Story Trail
	Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation Grant	WWCTR	Local	\$25,000	Staff wages, buses for summer camps
	Fasting 5K	-	Local	\$12,375	BLOCK-Be A #ModelMan and Lead #LikeAGirl
	Double Up Food Bucks	Fair Food Network	National Non-Profit	\$1,700	Supplemental food assistance program at the Farmers Market participants; matches SNAP benefits.
2019	Youth Employment Grant	Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network	Federal	\$80,000	Employment of young people under the age of 24
	Therapeutic Recreation Grant	Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network	Federal	\$48,000	TR programs and events
	Direct Effect Quality of Life	Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation	Other	\$10,831	Purchase of aquatic wheelchairs, signage, floatation devices for individuals with disabilities
	Arts Midwest Touring Fund	National Endowment for the Arts	Federal	\$800	Engagement of Shaun Boothe for Youth programming related to the event at the Village Theater for MLK
	Senior Patio	Mohammed Ahmed Memorial Fund (CCF)	Other	\$10,000	\$10,000 to construct a patio for the Summit on the Park
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$9,055	BLOCK- Canton Youth Connection Afterschool and Swim Program
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$120,000	Heritage Park North Playground Improvements and WeGoRound

YEAR	NAME OF GRANT	ORGANIZATION	(FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OTHER)	AWARDED AMOUNT	NOTES (GRANT DESCRIPTION, ETC.)
2019	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$75,000	ADA Projects
	Arts and Humanities Touring Grant	Michigan Arts and Humanities	State	\$1,200	BLOCK-Stop Motion Animation Class
	Creators of Culture Grant	CultureSource	Private	\$3,000	Village Theater to use towards providing VIP Erth's Aquarium Show experience for Therapeutic Recreation participants
	Services for the Aging	The Senior Alliance (TSA)	Federal/State	\$3,627	Funding for Senior Staffing from the TSA. Granted each year 2017-2019.
	Corporate Sponsorship	Masco	Local	\$10,000	BLOCK- Lead #LikeAGirl for the 2018-2019 school year
	Canton Community Foundation	ITC	Local	\$1,949	BLOCK- Canton Cares Fund for BLOCK Programming
	Donation	Civitan Club	Local	\$500	Went to TR Scholarship Fund
	Donation	Rotary Club	Local	\$567	Went to TR Scholarship Fund
	Donation	Miracle League	Local	\$406	Went to TR Scholarship Fund
	Donation	Corvette Club	Local	\$2,000	TR supplies and programs
	Donation	Canton Community Foundation	Local	\$1,650	TR supplies and programs
	Donation	Various Private Donors	Local	\$2,500	TR supplies and programs
	Canton Community Foundation	Multiple Donors	Local	\$2,315	Lead #LikeAGirl Scholarship Fun
	Double Up Food Bucks	Fair Food Network	National Non-Profit	\$600	Supplemental food assistance program at the Farmers Market participants; matches SNAP benefits
2020	Corporate Sponsorship	Masco	Local	\$5,000	BLOCK- Transpire Program 2020 year
	Donations Giving Tuesday	Private	Local	\$965	BLOCK- Canton Cares Fund and Lead #LikeAGirl Scholarship
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$355,000	Kopper Park Playground \$280,000 (2019/2020), Kopper Park Playground Surface \$75,000.
	Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Federal/Local	\$13,145	For 2021/2022 Year: \$7,000 for BLOCK Afterschool Program, \$1,500 for Afterschool Learn to Swim Program, \$4,645 for Summer Youth Program

YEAR	NAME OF GRANT	ORGANIZATION	(FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OTHER)	AWARDED AMOUNT	NOTES (GRANT DESCRIPTION, ETC.)
2021	MASCO	Private	Local	\$5,000	BLOCK-Transpire Program
	Shuttered Venue Operator Grant	Small Business Administration	Federal	\$187,512	Supporting cultural institutions in recouping lost revenue. Used to cover staff wages, utilities, contracted services and maintenance
	Shuttered Venue Operator Grant	Small Business Administration	Federal	\$93,756	Additional funds for 2021 Quarter 1-2 lost revenue
	Youth Employment Grant	Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network	Federal	\$70,000	Supports hiring and training of youth in metro-Detroit
	AAD Sunscreen Grant	Sunstations USA and American Academy of Dermatology	Other	\$2,530	Match purchase of sunscreen stations and sunscreen to provide free sunscreen to park users
	Double Up Food Bucks	Fair Food Network	National Non-Profit	\$1,250	Supplemental food assistance program at the Farmers Market participants; matches SNAP benefits

Other Funding Opportunities

The Leisure Services improvements included in this Master Plan are proposed to be funded primarily through Canton Township's General Fund, Community Improvement Funds, partnerships, and federal and state grant programs. However, there are other funding opportunities, such as:

Smaller Grant Programs

There are a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/pathways or greenway-related facilities such as Bikes Belong Coalition. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: Facility, Education, and Capacity Building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Public Millage

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services Canton Leisure Services will be able to provide in the future. A dedicated millage over a limited period could be considered in the future for specific capital expenditures.

Other Community Partnerships

Additional sources of funding worth investigating include seeking donations, attracting sponsors for specific events, holding fund-raising events, or establishing an endowment fund. Private contributions could be sought for neighborhood park enhancements or special park features.



Interdepartmental Efforts

Canton Leisure Services should continue to work other Township departments to provide needed services. For example, working with the Planning Department, the Township may be able to acquire conservation easements as a means of preserving open space. Rather than acquiring a parcel in fee simple, the Township (or another organization) can acquire through outright purchase or by gift an easement over the property. The easement could dictate future uses or limit development on the parcel. Conservation easements have been used to secure land for greenway corridors and to preserve land in perpetuity as open space.

Landowners may also dedicate a portion of their development rights to either the state or the municipality through the “open space” provisions of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act (P.A. 116 of 1974). The Act enables a landowner to enter into a development rights easement agreement in exchange for property tax relief. The minimum time allotment for an open space agreement is ten (10) years. Agreements may be renewed if the property owner desires.

Other Township departments have expertise in disciplines ranging from law to landscaping that may prove beneficial to CLS.



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APPENDICES



CANTON
Leisure Services

Appendix A: Heritage Park

2021 Design Master Plan

Summary

Based on the public comments and feedback from the 2021 planning process, the following amenities and improvements are incorporated within the Heritage Master Design Plan:

- » Relocation of the driving range;
- » A regulation size cricket field;
- » Expansion of accessible pathways;
- » Outdoor community pool (both a lap pool and zero-depth entry pool);
- » Picnic areas;
- » Shaded seating and programmable open spaces (ex: yoga classes);
- » ADA parking on the west side of Veterans Way;
- » Basketball courts and expanded sand volleyball courts;
- » Food court (gathering) plaza with space for 5-6 food trucks;
- » Expanded ponds and natural features in the northeast corner of the park; and
- » Exercise stations.

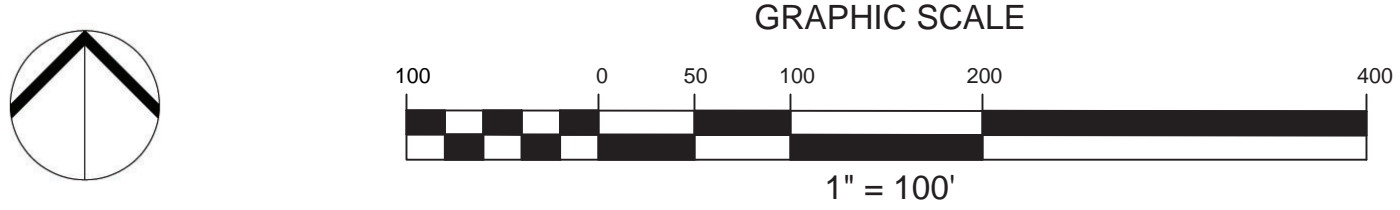
HERITAGE PARK

PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN



LEGEND

- A** Community Pool
With an 8-lane, 50 meter pool, a zero-depth entry pool with toys, admissions building with bathhouse, vending / concessions, a shaded picnic grove, & parking lot with drop-off area (93 spaces).
- B** Picnic Shelter Grove
Multiple 10-ft. x 10-ft. picnic shelters
- C** Community Event Space
Four-season structure to host community events and private gatherings.
- D** Relocated Driving Range
With chip & putt area.
- E** Cricket Field
500-ft. diameter field with spectator area.
- F** Maintenance Building
With public restroom conveniently located adjacent to parking.
- G** Outdoor Fitness Trail
Accessible path with exercise equipment stations.
- H** Splash Pad Enhancements
Existing splash pad with new shaded seating and picnic areas, small refreshment plaza for ice cream trucks, & family changing rooms.
- I** Amphitheater Enhancements
Existing amphitheater with new ticket booth, decorative fence with gates, enhanced plantings, and parking lot (44 spaces).
- J** Boardwalk & Screened Pavilion
Accessible boardwalk with screened pavilion overlooking the water.
- K** Multi-Use Pavilion
Gathering space with an accessible pavilion & hydration station. Perfect for yoga classes or day camp activities.
- L** Food Court Plaza
Multi-use space with tables with shade umbrellas, seating, hydration station, and parking with utilities for multiple food trucks.
- M** Butterfly Garden
Native plants & wildflowers with winding paths, benches, & educational signage.
- N** Pedestrian Hall
Strengthened pedestrian connections with sculptural elements and seating. Rows of trees to provide shade and spaced to accommodate event booths.
- O** Sweetheart Gazebo
Accessible pavilion and plaza with pond & garden views.
- P** Inclusive Playground
Expanded playground with accessible routes to pavilions & modified parking lot.
- Q** Sand Volleyball Courts
A total of 3 regulation sized sand volleyball courts.
- R** Basketball Courts
With court-side benches, landscaped berms, and additional parallel parking along Heritage Park Way.
- S** Existing Ball Field Quad
With additional perimeter shade trees and expanded parking lots (139 spaces total).
- T** Existing Pond
Improved with jets for aeration. northern pond expanded toward Heritage Park Road.
- U** Existing Soccer Fields
- V** Existing Playgrounds & Pavilions
- W** Existing Veterans Memorial
- X** Summit on the Park



Appendix B: Ridge Road Park

2021 Design Master Plan

Summary

Based on the public comments and feedback from the 2021 planning process, the following amenities and improvements are incorporated within the Ridge Road Master Design Plan:

- » Largely passive, natural amenity with ample open space (over 85% passive);
- » Accessible walking and biking trails;
- » Sledding hills (includes bunny hill with rope tow);
- » Year-round pavilion ‘warming hut’;
- » Centralized, accessible parking lot with drop-off zone;
- » Outdoor classroom facility with kitchen capabilities;
- » Inclusive naturalized playground;
- » Story trail (potential programming as homage to Native American history);
- » Streetscape improvements at the Ridge Road and Ford Road intersection to enhance safety and create a defining park entry point for pedestrians;
- » Boardwalk and fishing pier to the pond;
- » Woodlands, natural habitats, and pollinator gardens; and
- » Picnic areas.

Moving forward, a tree survey, topographic survey, and environmental features survey will be needed to understand the property more thoroughly. From those reports and surveys, construction documents for the park can be designed.

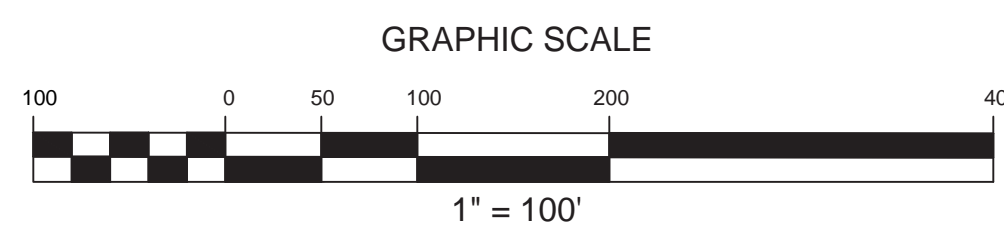
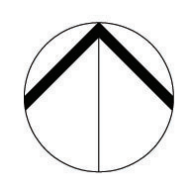
RIDGE ROAD PARK

PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN



LEGEND

- A** Park Entry Plaza
Providing site signage and pedestrian enhancements.
- B** Main Parking Lot
Visitor parking and drop-off area with an enhanced pedestrian corridor, offering shade trees, benches (232 spaces)
- C** Paved Pedestrian Path
Paved 6-10 foot wide accessible paths with looping layouts ideal for 1/2 mile to 5k fun runs and informal recreation.
- D** Unpaved Pedestrian Path
Maintained for hiking and cross country skiing.
- E** Auxiliary Parking Lot
North (16 spaces) & South (28 spaces) locations.
- F** Outdoor Classroom
A multi-use building / nature center with a kitchen, restrooms, open lawn for demonstrations and workshops, and shaded picnic grove.
- G** Nature Ramble
With a seasonally rotating story trail and interpretive signage celebrating nature and the indigenous Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi heritages.
- H** Inclusive Naturalized Playground
Nature-themed play for all age groups, with a hydration station & trees for shade.
- I** Outdoor Fitness Trail
Accessible path with exercise equipment stations.
- J** Picnic Shelter
With hydration station.
- K** Warming Wigwam
Wigwam inspired structure with possible restrooms, concessions / vending machines, drop-off zone and auxiliary parking (18 spaces).
- L** Sledding Hill
Exhilarating sledding hill which doubles as a multi-use space in warm weather.
- M** Bunny Hill
Accessible sledding hill with climb assist equipment.
- N** Feature Pond
With a vehicular bridge, & jets for aeration.
- O** Fishing Pier
With boardwalk and pavilion
- P** Butterfly Garden
Native plants & wildflowers with winding paths, benches, & educational signage.
- Q** Existing Woodlands
With accessible boardwalk routes and possibly a serene screened pavilion.
- R** Existing Private Residences
- S** Neighborhood Connection
Extension of pedestrian-only trail connecting to adjacent Parkside Estate neighborhood.



Appendix C:

Early Input Summary

Public Engagement Summary

Chapter 02: Engaging the Community details the results of the in-person engagement. In addition to those events and sessions, the following public comments were submitted for consideration (via email and social media):

- » It would be great to have more bike Lanes in the Canton/Plymouth area. I'd love to be able to bike from my house (Joy Road) to downtown Plymouth.
- » Just sharing another comment for the Master Plan. To encourage the incorporation of Bike Lanes into our road system and to connect all trails to our park system.
- » It would be nice to have bike lanes or some sort of route around Canton. I live near Warren and Sheldon and it would be nice to be able to bike to the Summit. Maybe this could be considered for the master plan.
- » My husband and I have resided in Canton for over 40 years and were long-time members of the Summit on the Park. We greatly appreciate the many recreational opportunities available in the Canton community. In recent years, we have especially enjoyed and made frequent use of the Lower Rouge Trail for biking and nature walks. My husband and I often comment on what a great cross-country ski trail the Lower Rouge Trail could provide. It is wide enough in most places to allow for both one-way cross country Nordic skiing and snowshoeing or walking. Further, the trail is readily accessible for equipment that would be needed to groom the trails. It is primarily flat and sheltered by trees, making it a great trail for families and beginners. We would like to propose that the Leisure Services Master Plan committee give consideration to creating cross-country ski opportunities on the trail. We believe you would find others like ourselves interested and willing to help make this possible. Many trail users create volunteer organizations to help make these kinds of recreational opportunities a reality.
- » I know that Canton Leisure Services is working on a new Master Plan and wondered if something like this park could become part of the plan. We visited family in South Bend, Indiana recently and they took us to see Howard Park. It was just amazing! My wife & I wished our children were young again so that we could take them there. The official website is here: <https://visithowardpark.com/> Evidently the land this park is on was an unkempt, dumping spot not long ago; and the city decided to invest in rebuilding it into a place that would draw citizens and guests from all over. I believe they succeeded. Our family there was thrilled to show the park off to us; and we are all in our 60's – not new families with young children who need to be entertained. Here's a local news station's piece on the park: <https://www.wndu.com/content/news/Inside-the-new-Howard-Park-565436892.html>

- » The 2017-2021 Master Plan made frequent mention of the high priority residents placed on walking and bicycling access and facilities. I suspect you will find that high level interest remains today. The existing Master Plan translated this strong interest for walking and bicycling facilities into Goal #9 CLS should continue to emphasize further construction of a passive trail system throughout the Township. I would like to expand on this interest and commitment in the upcoming Master Plan by:
 - 1) Recognizing the role that sidewalks can play in pursuit of this goal and the importance of identifying notable sidewalk “gaps” that exist and thus inhibit use of these passive routes. The commitment to identify, fund and install sidewalks in these gaps would likely be done in coordination with other service departments and a financial commitment should be incorporated into the capital improvement plan.
 - 2) Incorporating a designated bike route plan into the overall Leisure Services master plan. An advisory committee could be established to offer suggestions for routes that could be incorporated. The routes could connect residents to other recreation facilities, existing trails and commercial areas. In many cases the routes may only require a paint stripe and signage along an existing roadway.
 - 3) Complementing the idea of designated bicycle routes, I would recommend that Leisure Services work to encourage the Engineering Services Division and the Township Board to become firm advocates for wider paved shoulders on all major County roads to facilitate safer shared use by cyclists and vehicular traffic. The Township enacted road millage and its contribution toward improving County roads should hopefully provide better leverage in advocating for such improvements.
 - 4) Recommending that as part of the upcoming Ford Road reconstruction, Township, MDOT and DDA funds be pooled to incorporate 8'-10' sidewalk/cycling paths when replacing the current sidewalks. Such an improvement would facilitate greater non-vehicular access to the commercial goods and services along the corridor.
- » Please forward this article to the presenters at the Tuesday strategic planning meeting. I feel Canton is channeling this design concept. <https://www.savannah.com/savannahs-historic-squares/> Thanks for the opportunity to share my ideas:
 - What makes Canton parks special? What do you love about them? The number and dispersal throughout the township are things that I think are great. I particularly like Heritage Park, Preservation Park and the idea that Patriot Park may be a passive park. I think parks should have different characters to serve different interests and needs. I should have recognized that there would be cricket players in Canton given our south Asian community, but it was interesting to hear and know that there is a place to play.
 - What would improve the parks and/or trail systems in Canton? I think the suggestion for more benches and shelters is good. As mentioned at the meeting and above, a passive park is a great idea.
 - What would encourage you to walk or bike to parks in the community? Probably nothing. I don't bike and I'm about 1 1/2 miles from the nearest park.
 - What would make Canton parks more welcoming and inclusive to all users, of all ages, and of all abilities? A big step would be to make what is available more widely known. I've lived in Canton since 1997 and, until seeing the map at the meeting, was unaware of most of the parks. I'm sure they are in the brochure Leisure Services distributes and are listed on the township website but maybe there needs to be more of an advertising push. Solar panels are a great idea, but I would prefer them on buildings. Arrays like the one at the M-14 and 23 merge area take up a lot of ground space that could be used for recreation. Maybe that's another reason to add shelters.
- » Hello, and thanks for the opportunity to provide input. My overarching complaint about canton parks are that they seem designed to facilitate structured recreation activities. Independence park, for instance, is an expansive set of fields that are really only valuable to those who are interested in paying to participate in soccer. Despite the small play structure, the park sits dormant for the larger part of every day. All baseball, soccer, cricket and football fields are like this. Similarly, for being on leased land, the ice arena offers disappointing opportunities for public use (i.e. for use other than organized hockey and figure skating). Long story short, if you're not paying to play hockey, soccer, baseball, etc, there is an extraordinary amount of acreage that is 1) inaccessible to you, and 2) unused for a large percentage of each day and year. I would love to see more opportunities for adults and children to participate in unstructured activities that are open and accessible at all times of the day. The proposed path under the utility lines and waking paths in freedom park are wonderful

examples of this. But There are still opportunities for similar projects such as a BMX track, skate park, a sledding hill, a real inline hockey rink, etc. A few other small complaints: for the size of the township, our splash pad is unimpressive compared to others. Similarly, we have no major flagship play park in the township. The wood park behind the police department is ok, but my kids regularly ask to go to parks outside the township because they are simply better. Thank you for your time and for soliciting input.

- » Would like to see an indoor/outdoor pool option so that it could be used year-round. Due to lack of active recreation space in Northwest Canton, would prefer it to be in Patriot Park (Ridge/Ford). He has extensive experience in participation and coaching swimming. Regardless of location, should probably be a 25-meter x 8 lane pool for it to be more widely used by the community. Also, consider diving well and also a dome bubble that could go over it in the winter time for year-round use. *would like to be reached out to when it comes time for design.
- » I was able to quickly view the Leisure Services Master Plan. It does a good job of evaluating a variety of experiences that Canton's diverse population would most likely enjoy. Thank you for that. I do have a couple of comments/ observations:
 - The plan mentions the potential to develop parkland in the Morton-Taylor area immediately north of Warren & then closer to Joy. Since we back up to MT, just south of Warren, I think it is an excellent idea to provide some meaningful recreation possibilities in this area of the Township. I realize any park/ recreation development would be further down the road, but it definitely bears further consideration, particularly for residents in the general MT area.
 - The idea of an outdoor pool at the Summit is a long overdue plan. It sounds as if it would be a good size to accommodate a good number of residents who want to be outside to swim. My hope is that most of the hours the pool is open will be dedicated to 'free swim' activities. This will allow for maximum use by a greater number of residents. If the pool is tied up with lessons & meets, that limits the enjoyment of the larger community.
 - Since I am involved with the Canton Historical Society, I read with interest the comments about Preservation Park. Yes, please rebuild a barn! The Cady-Boyer barn was enjoyed by many in the community for a variety of celebratory events; it's rustic appearance was an approving nod to Canton's agrarian past. A more level floor, better lighting options & a small kitchen will make the new barn a memorable place to celebrate life's milestones. I agree that the park does need signage to declare 'Welcome to Preservation Park.'
 - Finally, it would be an added plus to use the Clyde-Corwin House for some type of historic programming. One thought is to renovate the building to what it would likely have appeared when it was first built in the 1830's. There could be historic craft presentations or classes. School children, scout troops & the public could see how early settlers lived. A variety of activity/experience options could be considered that would again capitalize in Canton's past, but could also highlight its present diversity.
 - Again, I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on the Leisure Services Master Plan.
- » I believe the Master plan could be clarified and enhanced by firmly stating and including in the Healthy ecosystem section, (Goal #2) a statement that mirrors the Township Board's Ecosystem vision, that being: » Close sidewalk gaps throughout the Township. Throughout the Master Plan there are multiple references to connectedness, accessibility, the 35% of residents who can't walk to a park, support for expanded trail networks, etc, etc. I believe there should be an emphatic statement included to close sidewalk gaps to drive Leisure Services (and Public Services) toward that objective. In a related effort, I would take the liberty to add the specific recommendation that all new and replacement sidewalks along major thoroughfares should be a minimum of 8 feet wide to readily accommodate both pedestrian and bicycle traffic. (As is done in Northville Township)
- » With the information on Master Plan saying that the 65+ is the fastest growing population with a 64.3% growth for 2010 - 19.(pg 91). On page 49, the information on the canton senior center was one line and no information on 2017 - 20 attendance but the Canton block had a full information on activities and attendance. No Senior Specialist only adult specialist on page 100 chart. TSA Grants were for seniors only 2019 none for 2020-21. So many grants for block/ TR/children, did we miss the AARP grant for benches, bike lanes, and more (aarp.org/mi). I hope we see expanding programs for seniors and facilities from page 5.
- » Several comments related to the dog parks asking for the small and large dog areas to be swapped.

Appendix D:

Public Notices

The following pages contain the public hearing notices for the 30-days of public comment and the notice of the public hearing for the Board of Trustees meeting on November 9, 2021.

BE IT MADE KNOWN THAT THE FOLLOWING LEGAL AD APPEARED IN
THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

CANTON TWP
ATTN: Katherine Baker
1150 S CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188-1608

REFERENCE CN 2295

Canton Leisure Service 2022-2026 Master Plan

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
County of Wayne } SS. Susan Willett

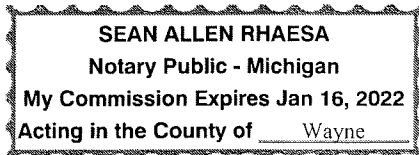
being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the
printers and publishers of the Associated Newspapers, a
newspaper printed, published and circulated in the
County of Wayne in said state, that the annexed printed
notice has been duly published in said newspaper at least
1 weeks successively, and that the
first insertion thereof was on the 30th day of
September A.D., 2021 and the last insertion on
the day of A.D.,
2021.



Subscribed and sworn before me this
30th day of September
A.D., 2021.


Notary Public Signature

Commission Expires January 16, 2022.



TOTAL COST: \$41.98

AD SPACE: 2.5 x 4.198

FILED ON: September 30, 2021

NOTICE FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR
THE 2022-2026 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Public Review Period:
September 30 - October 30, 2021

Public Hearing:
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that Canton Leisure Services is seeking public comment on the Canton Leisure Services Five Year 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The required 30-day public review and comment period will begin on September 30, 2021, and will end on October 30, 2021. Canton Leisure Services is preparing this Five-Year Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

Beginning September 30, 2021, copies of the draft of the Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Master Plan may be found at the Canton Leisure Services Administrative Office (1150 S. Canton Center Road), and the Canton Public Library (1200 S. Canton Center Road) during normal business hours. The draft Plan may also be accessed online at www.cantonfun.org.

Canton Residents are asked to submit comments in writing via email to leisure@canton-mi.org or via mail to Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services Director, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48188. A follow-up public hearing will take place at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting on November 9, 2021, at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administrative Building (1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan). All individuals who currently reside in Canton Township are encouraged to attend in person or by accessing the Zoom meeting at www.canton-mi.org/AgendaCenter/Canton-Board-of-Trustees-2-2 and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding the Five Year Master Plan. Any and all input is greatly appreciated.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend/participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Canton Human Resources at 734-394-5260. Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice. A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

Publish: September 30, 2021

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THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

CANTON TWP
ATTN: Katherine Baker
1150 S CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188-1608

REFERENCE CN 2298

Notice of Public Hearing Canton Leisure Services 2022

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County of Wayne } SS. Susan Willett

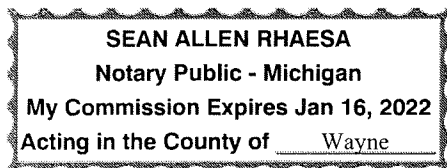
being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the
printers and publishers of the Associated Newspapers, a
newspaper printed, published and circulated in the
County of Wayne in said state, that the annexed printed
notice has been duly published in said newspaper at least
_____ 1 _____ weeks successively, and that the
first insertion thereof was on the _____ 7th _____ day of
October A.D., 2021 and the last insertion on
the _____ day of _____ A.D.,
2021.



Subscribed and sworn before me this
_____ 7th _____ day of October _____
A.D., 2021.


Notary Public Signature

Commission Expires January 16, 2022



TOTAL COST: \$31.77

AD SPACE: 2.5 x 3.177

FILED ON: October 7, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton, Michigan
2022-2026 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton will be holding a virtual Zoom and in-person **Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.** to receive public input on the Canton Leisure Services 2022-2026 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All individuals who currently reside in Canton Township are encouraged to attend in person or by accessing the Zoom meeting at www.canton-mi.org/AgendaCenter/Canton-Board-of-Trustees-2-2 and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding the Five Year Master Plan. Any and all input is greatly appreciated.

Canton Leisure Services is preparing this Five-Year Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years. This Public Hearing is being held to receive public input on the 2022-2026 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting on November 9, 2021, at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administrative Building (1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan).

Participants may provide input prior to the hearing date by submitting comments to leisure@canton-mi.org or via mail to Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services Director, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48188.

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Publish: October 7, 2021

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Appendix E:

Meeting Minutes and Adopting Resolution of the Board of Trustees

The following pages contain the signed minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting on November 9, 2021, which contain information regarding both the public hearing and the resolution of adoption.

**Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings – November 9, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in-person and virtually. Supervisor Graham-Hudak called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: Borninski, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman
Members Absent: Foster, Ganguly

Closed Session: Discuss Pending Litigation (FP Development VS Canton)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to move to a closed session regarding Pending Litigation (FP Development VS Canton). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to return to the open meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the agenda as amended adding items C-4 and G-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Siegrist supported by Borninski to approve the October 26, 2021 Board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Public comment was held.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Slavens supported by Sneideman to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON EXPENDITURE RECAP FOR THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF November 9, 2021		
101	GENERAL FUND	435,235.57
204	ROADS FUND	433,198.63
206	FIRE FUND	237,752.63
207	POLICE FUND	515,314.24
208	SUMMIT OPERATING (General)	109,747.60
219	STREET LIGHTING	0.00
230	CABLE TV FUND	7,003.56
246	TWP (COMMUNITY) IMPROVEMENT	6,722.43
248	DDA - CANTON	19,380.83

261	E-911 UTILITY	0.00
265	ORGANIZED CRIME - DRUG ENFORCEMENT	47,623.72
274	CDBG	6,167.20
276	NSP GRANTS FUND	0.00
285	ARPA FUND	3,872.66
401	CAP PROJ - ENERGY PROJECT	18,686.00
402	CAP PROJ - SUMMIT CONSTR	0.00
403	CAP PROJ - ROAD PAVING	0.00
584	GOLF FUND	35,486.45
592	WATER & SEWER FUND	1,038,706.30
596	SOLID WASTE	1,595.66
661	FLEET	45,047.95
701	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	19,949.16
702	CUSTODIAL FUND	478.00
736	POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	141,591.79
852	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DEBT	0.00
301	ENERGY PROJECT DEBT SVCE FUND	205,649.21
302	CAPITAL PROJECT DEBT SERVICE FUND	0.00
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		3,329,209.59

Presentation:

1) Swearing in of New Youth Advisory Council Members

Public Hearing:

Item PH-1. Host Public Hearing and Consider Approval of Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to open Public Hearing at 7:59 p.m. to hear comments on Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to close the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. after hearing no comments on the Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to adopt the Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar:

Item C-1. Consider Second Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Alexandra & Ariana, LLC Rezoning

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to move to remove from the table and hold the second reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance, which rezones the south ½ of the

vacated alley adjacent to Lot 404 and the north 30 feet of Lot 404 of McIntyre Manor Subdivision at 44125 Ford Road (parcel no. 71-057-01-0013-301) from OSP, Off-Street Parking and Central Business District (CBD) Overlay to C-2, Community Commercial, and Central Business District (CBD) Overlay, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to move to adopt and publish the second reading of the ordinance amending Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton which rezones a 3.8-acre portion of parcel no. 024-99-0010-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-1, Single Family Residential, which rezones the south ½ of the vacated alley adjacent to Lot 404 and the north 30 feet of Lot 404 of McIntyre Manor Subdivision at 44125 Ford Road (parcel no. 71-057-01-0013-301) from OSP, Off-Street Parking and Central Business District (CBD) Overlay to C-2, Community Commercial, and Central Business District (CBD) Overlay, as shown in the attached zoning map. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C-2. Consider Authorization of a Purchase Order to The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG) for Professional Engineering Services for the 2021 Road Improvement Program – Intersection Design

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to approve the following budget amendment:

Increase Revenue:

204-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation \$158,950

Increase Expenditure:

204-446-11.970_0050 Capital Outlay Infrastructure \$158,950

And to move to approve a purchase order contract for the 2021 Road Improvement Program – Intersection Design to The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. in the amount of \$158,950. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C-3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF SPENCER V CANTON

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to approve the proposed settlement with the Plaintiff, and further authorize the Township Supervisor to sign any documents necessary to effect the settlement on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C-4. Consider approval to add to the previously awarded contract for the Demolition of 880 and 890 Lotz Rd N, by adding the last property 870 Lotz Rd. N and including a \$5,000 cost increase for the entire project due to time delays and an increase in costs.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to move to authorize the Building Official to award a contract to Berkshire Development for an amount not to exceed \$9,800.00 for the demolition of the property located at 870 Lotz Rd N, and authorize the Building Official to compensate Berkshire Development up to \$5,000.00 for additional costs incurred on the total demolition project for all three properties. Motion carried unanimously.

General Calendar:

Item G-1. Consider Anand Village Condominium Preliminary Site Plan

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman approve the resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN

Approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Anand Village Detached Condominiums

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Anand Village, which is a detached condominium project located at the southeast corner of Geddes Rd. and Denton Rd.; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the Preliminary Site Plan for Anand Village and voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the request with conditions, as it meets the design requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and Condominium Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the Preliminary Site Plan for Anand Village Detached Condominiums on tax parcel no. 126-99-0008-701, subject to all applicable state and local development regulations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-2. Consider Approval to Schedule Show Cause Hearings for One Property Subject to Dangerous Building Hearing Orders

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to move to approve the date of December 14, 2021, at 6:15 pm for the purposes of conducting show cause hearings for the properties that failed to comply with the deadlines imposed by the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer for those properties. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-3. Approve Purchase of Four Digital Editing Computers for the Cable Studio

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to move to authorize the purchase of four Digital Editing computers from Origin PC, 12400 SW 134th court, Unit #8, Miami, Florida in the amount of \$25,436 to be taken from Account #230-250.970__0010, Capital Outlay Computers and Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-4. Consider Approval of Contract with Audience View Ticketing System

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a 5-year contract agreement with Audience View Pro, 1500 Broadway, 7th floor, New York, NY 10036, pending approval of the final contractual language by the Township Attorney.

To Approve the following budget amendment:

Decrease:

Salaries and Wages Part-time	101-761-55.703_0015	\$15,000
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Increase:

Capital Outlay Computers & Equipment	101-761-50.970_0010	\$15,000
Capital Outlay Computers and Equipment		

To approve the purchase of additional computer hardware equipment not to exceed \$15,000, which is necessary in conjunction with the new ticketing system. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-5. Consider Waiving the Bidding Process for the Purchase of the Apex Officer Training Simulator and an Associated 2021 Police Budget Amendment

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve waiving the bidding process due to sole-source provider, and approve the purchase of the Apex Officer Training Simulator from Govred Technology, Inc., in the amount of \$62,500; and to approve the below amendment to the 2021 Police Budget increasing the Fund Balance Appropriation and Capital Machinery & Equipment Accounts.

<i>Increase 2021 Police Revenues:</i>		
Fund Balance Appropriation:	#207-000.695	\$37,500

<i>Increase 2021 Police Appropriations:</i>		
Capital Outlay Machinery & Equipment:	#207-301-50.970.0030	\$37,500

Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-6. Consider Amendment to Operations Policy Seven (O:07) Procedure for Conduct of Township Board Meetings

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve Operations Policy Seven the proposed amendments to Operations Policy Seven as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

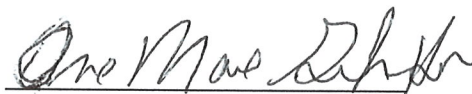
Additional Public comment was held.

Additional Board comment was held.

Adjourn: Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk



Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor



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Steven Sneideman
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**CERTIFIED MOTION OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Item PH-1. Host Public Hearing and Consider Approval of
Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan
2022-2026**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of motions adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of November 2021 and that said the meeting was conducted and public notice of the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of the said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 11/15/2021


Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

Appendix F:

Transmittal Letters

The following pages contain the transmittal letters to Wayne County and the regional planning agency (SEMCOG).



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January 21, 2022

Kathleen Lomako, Executive Director
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Subject: Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, I am pleased to submit one copy of the Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan (2022-2026) that was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on November 9, 2021. Canton Leisure Services prepared this document with the assistance of McKenna. Please include this document with your files for future reference.

This plan was made available to the public starting on October 1, 2021; the public comment period concluded on October 31, 2021. The required Public Hearing was held by the Board of Trustees on November 9, 2021, and subsequently, the plan was then adopted by the Board that evening.

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at lhaw@mcka.com.

Sincerely,

Laura Haw, AICP, NCI
Senior Principal Planner

Cc: Greg Hohenberger, Director, Canton Leisure Services
Jonathan LaFever, Deputy Director, Canton Leisure Services
Jeanette Aiello, Business Operations Coordinator, Canton Leisure Services

Enclosure: Adopted Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026

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January 21, 2022

Beverly Watts, Wayne County Director of Public Services
Public Services, Wayne County
415 Clifford Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Subject: Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, I am pleased to submit one copy of the Canton Leisure Services Five-Year Recreation Master Plan (2022-2026) that was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on November 9, 2021. Canton Leisure Services prepared this document with the assistance of McKenna. Please include this document with your files for future reference.

This plan was made available to the public starting on October 1, 2021; the public comment period concluded on October 31, 2021. The required Public Hearing was held by the Board of Trustees on November 9, 2021, and subsequently, the plan was then adopted by the Board that evening.

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at lhaw@mcka.com.

Sincerely,

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Senior Principal Planner

Cc: Greg Hohenberger, Director, Canton Leisure Services
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Enclosure: Adopted Five-Year Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026

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