

Pontiac Oaks Park Action Plan

September 6, 2023

Christmas
light
event/ Drive

Hawthorne Park
1400 Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48340
Parcel No. 14-18-100-006
77.32 Acres

Rocket
Ship Great
Memories

← Sledding
hill

Dedicated
Memorial
Peggy (S)
near tree
1955 she passed

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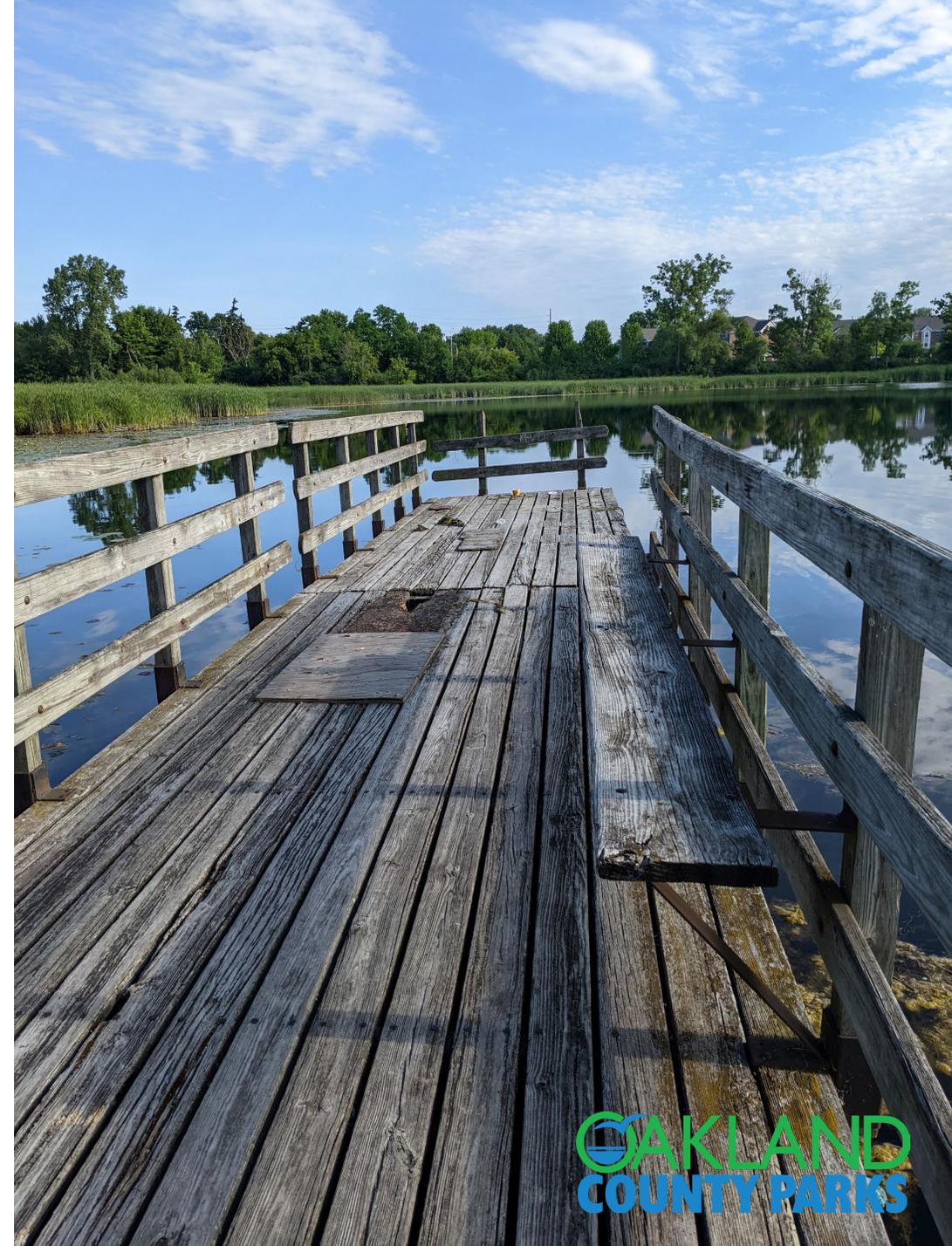


Introduction (pp.1-4): Interlocal Partnership Agreement

- Approved by Parks Commission 5/3/2023
- Executed by all parties 6/23/2023
- Requires creation of a “Park Action Plan” to be approved by the Mayor of Pontiac and a majority vote of Pontiac City Council
- Additional requirements are integrated into the Park Action Plan
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Park Operations and Maintenance Plan (POMP)
 - Park Security Plan
- Identifies Transition Period

Introduction (pp.1-4): Transition Period Plan

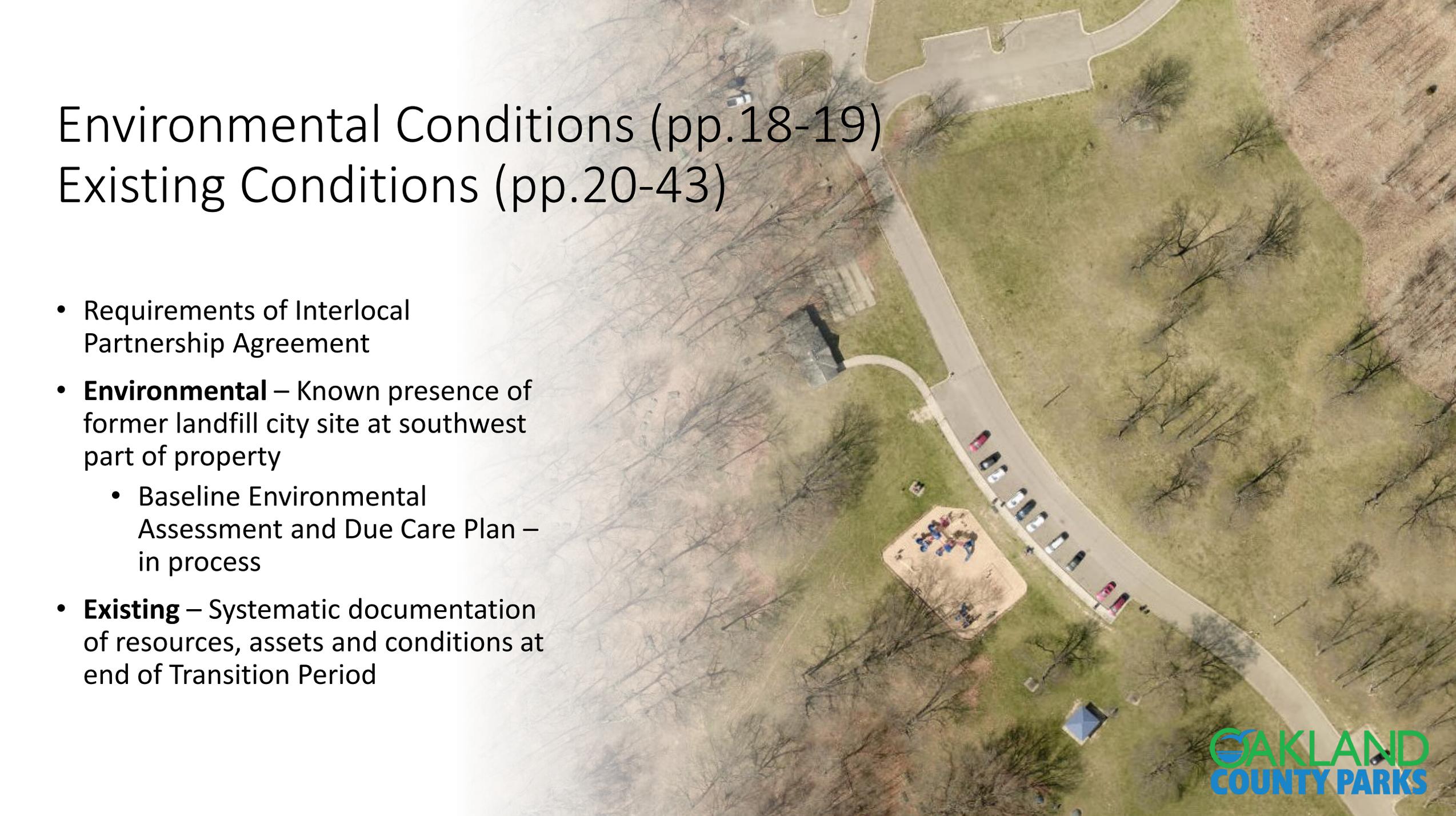
- **Transition Period** – Beginning 6/23/2023 and ending when Park Action Plan is approved by City Council or 9/30/2023 – whichever occurs last
- Signed by City and County representatives 6/28/2023
- Authorizes activities during Transition Period:
 - Operations and maintenance activities
 - Natural resources management
 - Specific capital improvement projects



Community Context (pp.5-9) & Community Engagement (pp.10-17)

- **Community Context** – history, characteristics, and demographics of the City and surrounding area
- **Planning Engagement** – what is important to stakeholders and park users and what are their needs; listening, not proposing
 - Online and in-person survey 8/7/2023 – 9/1/2023 – 230 responses
 - Three open house events in August with multiple opportunities for input – attended by 120 people
 - Preliminary results favor preserving nature and open space and improving existing facilities
- **Design Engagement** – built on Planning Engagement; community review and input into design concepts; using input to create a design master plan for the park



An aerial photograph of a park area. A paved path curves through the center, with a parking lot containing several cars on the right. A playground with colorful equipment is visible in the lower center. The surrounding area is a mix of green grass and bare trees, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.

Environmental Conditions (pp.18-19) Existing Conditions (pp.20-43)

- Requirements of Interlocal Partnership Agreement
- **Environmental** – Known presence of former landfill city site at southwest part of property
 - Baseline Environmental Assessment and Due Care Plan – in process
- **Existing** – Systematic documentation of resources, assets and conditions at end of Transition Period



Strategic Plan (pp.44-53): Park Vision

Pontiac Oaks at Hawthorne Park is a popular destination for Pontiac and Oakland County residents to be active and social or to relax and connect with nature. The park is safe and welcomes everyone. It is resilient and helps create a more sustainable future for the people of Pontiac and for the environment.

Strategic Plan (pp.44-53): Park Goals and Objectives

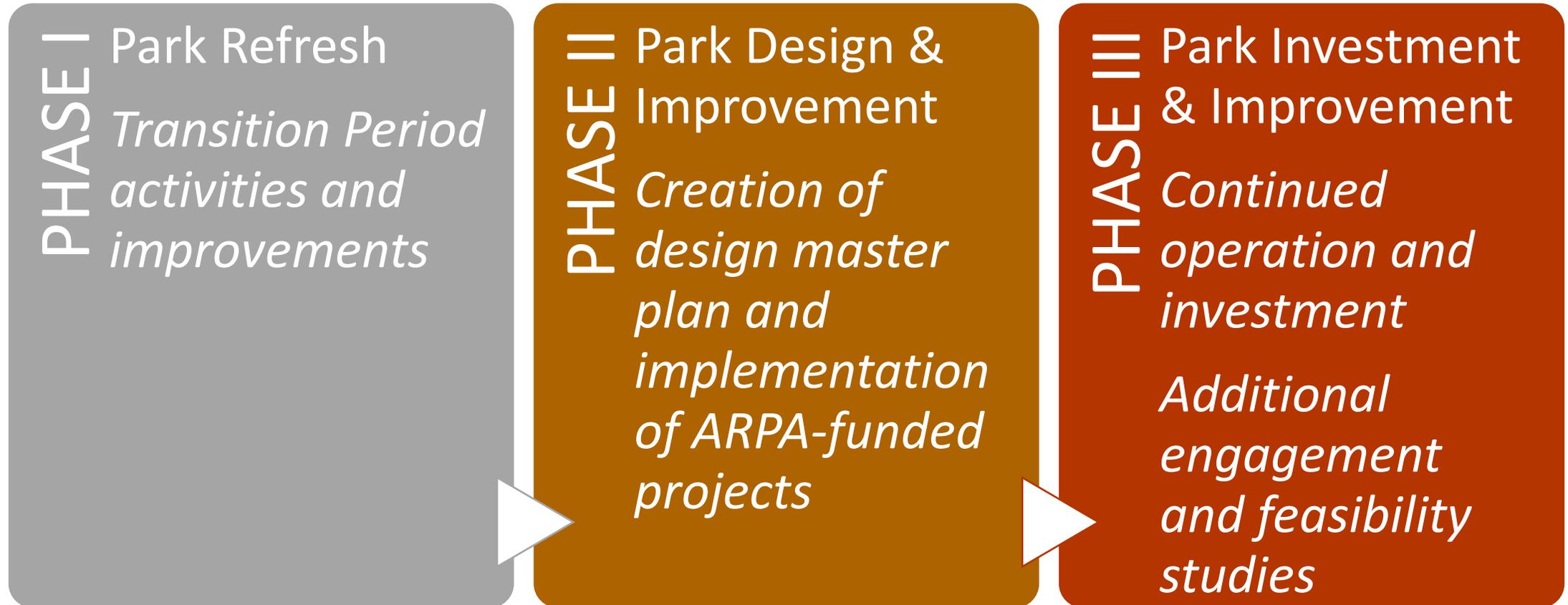
- Park Goals: Broader strategies leading to the vision
- Park Objectives: Specific strategies, actions, and projects that will implement the overall vision and goals.

Objectives align with:

- Interlocal Partnership Agreement
- Pontiac 5-Year Recreation Plan
- OCP 5-Year Recreation Plan
- Community engagement



Strategic Action Plan (pp.44-53): Phased Timeline



Detailed Plans and Reports

- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (pp.54-59)
- Park Operations and Maintenance Plan (POMP) (pp.60-62)
- Park Security Plan (pp.63-64)
- Appendix A: Public Engagement Report

Reference Materials

- Letter of Intent (9/7/2022) (pp.65-67)
- Interlocal Partnership Agreement (6/23/2023) (pp.68-80)
- Transition Period Plan (6/28/2023) (pp.81-83)
- References / Citations (p.84)



Questions or Comments?

Thank you!

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