



Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025



City of Pontiac
Oakland County, Michigan



1925 McAlpine Plat Map of Pontiac illustrating locations of Beaudette Park, Wilson Park (now known as The Links at Crystal Lake) and Murphy Park highlighted in blue.



City of Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025

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City of Pontiac Planning Division
City of Pontiac Department of Public Works

PUBLIC HEARING

The draft 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan was made available for public review on the City's website and at City Hall for a 30 day period starting on December 7, 2020. A notice of draft plan availability was published in *The Oakland Press* and on the City's website on December 1, 2020. The public hearing was held on January 20, 2021 at the Pontiac Planning Commission meeting. Several interested persons provided comments during the public hearing and several comments were received via email during the public comment period.

ADOPTION

After incorporating a variety of changes resulting from the public comment period and public hearing, the Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the Pontiac City Council at a special meeting held on January 29, 2021.



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Introduction

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PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The purpose of the *2021-2025 Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master Plan* is to provide a new vision for future allocation of resources and create a vibrant and sustainable park system in the City of Pontiac, Michigan that:

- is well maintained and operated
- promotes inclusive programs and facilities
- provides equitable access to all residents

This plan builds on the *2012-2016 Pontiac Parks & Recreation Master Plan* and was created using the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (11/20/2018). It is also intended to enable the City to be eligible to apply for grant funding from various agencies and work toward implementing the documented recommendations. This plan provides for five years of grant eligibility with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and will expire on December 31, 2025.

The jurisdiction of this 5-year master plan includes the incorporated boundary limits of the City of Pontiac, approximately 20 square miles in the center of Oakland County.

HISTORY OF PONTIAC PARKS

The Pontiac park system is celebrating its 100th anniversary. In 1919, voters approved funding to purchase property and establish a citywide park system. The first public parks in the City include:

- Beaudette Park
- Murphy Park
- Richardson Park
- Wilson Park (now Links at Crystal Lake)

These parks were named in honor of a notable Civil War General and local pioneers in the growing automobile and related parts manufacturing industries. It would take a number of years to develop and open the parks officially to the public. For example, the dedication ceremony for Beaudette Park was held on July 1, 1934. At that time, the main features included a baseball field, tennis courts and camping.¹



Postcard of a natural setting and a bridge over the Clinton River in Pontiac ca. 1910.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of Pontiac is located in southeastern Michigan and covers about 20 square miles of land. It was incorporated as a village in 1837 and later became a city in 1861. The 2016 American Community Survey estimates the total population to be 59,920 people.

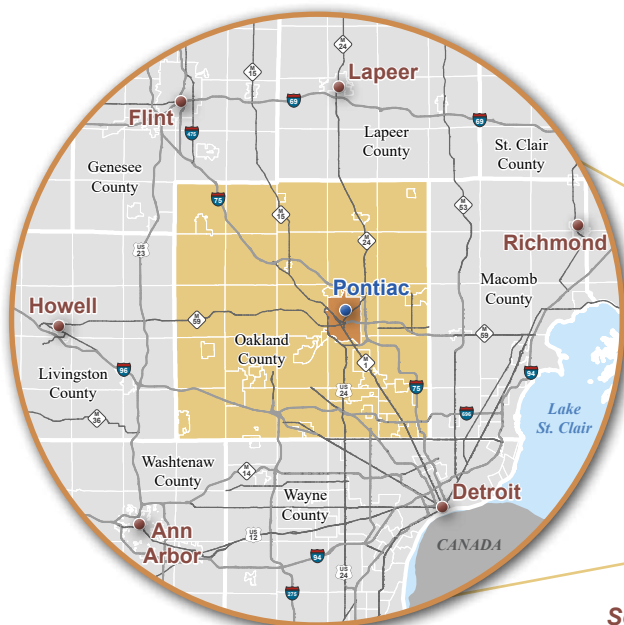
Pontiac is the County Seat and the main Oakland County government campus is located on the western boundary of the City. The 50th District Court is located in the downtown and other state, county and city offices are also located throughout Pontiac.

This region has an extensive past relating to the Indigenous peoples that inhabited the area and the City was named in honor of Chief Pontiac (c. 1720 – 1769), an Odawa tribal chief. Local Native American tribes often traveled through this area on a footpath called the Saginaw Trail, which linked Detroit to Saginaw and passed through Pontiac and Flint. Today, it is known as Woodward Avenue, Dixie Highway and Saginaw Street.

Pontiac's central location in Oakland County offers convenient access from all areas of the Detroit metropolitan region. Interstates 75 and 696, M-59, M-1 and M-24 connect Pontiac to Detroit, Flint and neighboring communities. Pontiac is the northern terminus of Woodward Avenue (M-1), a major northwest-southeast highway in Metro Detroit, while Telegraph Road (US-24) is a main north-south route through southeastern Michigan. Downtown Pontiac is approximately:

- 25 miles northwest of Downtown Detroit
- 37 miles southeast of Downtown Flint
- 70 miles east of Downtown Lansing

Fixed route bus service is available through the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART). A major SMART hub is located at the Phoenix Center and the MDOT Transportation Center is on Woodward Avenue serviced by Amtrak Train, Greyhound Bus, Indian Trails Bus and SMART.



Southeast Michigan Regional Location Map

CITY OF PONTIAC GENERAL LOCATION MAP



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Classic cars and exhibits on display at the Pontiac Transportation Museum.

Pontiac also has deep roots in the transportation industry that stem from the wagon and carriage makers of the 19th century to being a General Motors “anchor” city in 20th century. This automotive heritage is celebrated by the annual Woodward Dream Cruise, M1 Concourse and the Pontiac Transportation Museum.

The City has been highly dependent on the automobile manufacturing industry, which resulted in lost jobs, high unemployment rates and very tight City budgets as the industry has declined over the last several decades. As a result, Pontiac has been working to diversify its employment base away from traditional assembly-line and automotive engineering jobs. Today, the major employment sectors in the City include healthcare providers, manufacturing, computer systems design and construction.² The success of this transformative effort will undoubtedly have a critical economic impact in the City and surrounding areas.

The Main Street Pontiac organization is working with local business owners and residents to promote and transform the downtown into a vibrant and successful district. The historic downtown offers a mix of small businesses, cafés, community services and local brewpubs. Erebus Haunted Attraction, the Crofoot and the newly renovated Strand Theatre are three unique entertainment venues that enhance the nightlife in the City. Various events happen throughout the year including the Holiday Extravaganza in early December and a month long celebration in the fall that transforms the downtown into "Hauntiac".



A number of special events are held in the downtown including the Pontiac Arts Crawl that showcases local artistic talent.³

Chapter Notes:

1. "Pontiac Will Open New Public Park Dedication Ceremony Set for Sunday." *Detroit Free Press*. June 30, 1934. Page 4.
2. EMSI (QCEW and non-QCEW employment estimates); employment figures at ZIP Code level (48340, 48341, 48342, 48343)
3. Photo credit: 2018 © david@dporathphoto.com



Administrative Structure

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The following describes how parks and recreation facilities are governed and administrated within the City of Pontiac. The function of the various entities with recreation responsibilities and the overall administrative hierarchy of the City is outlined. Additionally, City expenditure and revenue trends are summarized.

ENABLING LEGISLATION

The Michigan enabling legislation for providing public recreation and parks in the City of Pontiac is Public Act 156 of 1917 (Local Government, Operate System of Public Recreation), which authorizes cities, villages, counties, townships and school districts to operate local recreation facilities and recreation systems. The Act states that a city, village, county or township may:

- Operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds
- Acquire, equip and maintain land, buildings or other recreation facilities
- Employ a superintendent of recreation and assistants
- Vote and expend funds for the operation of systems

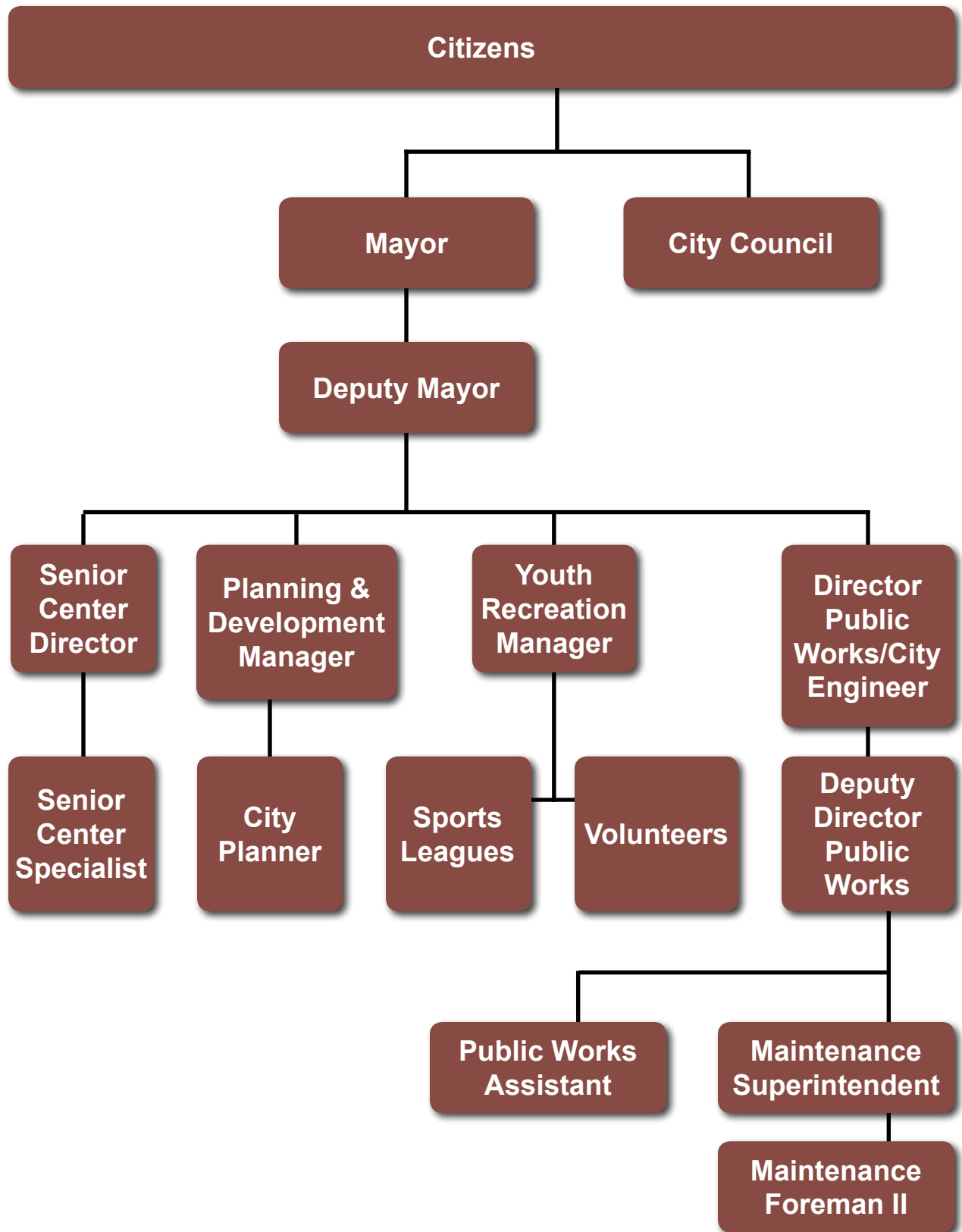
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The City of Pontiac operates with a Strong Mayor form of government. The Mayor is directly elected by the citizens of Pontiac and appoints key administrative officials, which report directly to and assist the mayor. The Mayor has the authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants and purchase land on behalf of the City of Pontiac with the approval of City Council.

The Mayor appointed a Parks & Recreation Task Force, which provides Parks & Recreation oversight and recommendations from the Pontiac Planning Division.

Administrative functions related to the operation of the City's parks and recreation facilities have been delegated to the City's Parks Grounds Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW). The DPW ensures that a wide array of outdoor recreation opportunities, both passive and active, are available to people of all age groups, interests and abilities, while protecting and conserving the integrity of the City's natural and historical resources. The DPW is currently led by the Director of Public Works/City Engineer, who has supervisory responsibility for public parks and infrastructure in the city such as roads, storm drains and public buildings.

RECREATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The Maintenance Superintendent of the DPW has primary administrative responsibility for operation, maintenance, staffing, planning and development of all City parks. In overseeing these facilities, the Superintendent calls upon the experience and resources of other DPW staff, City Planning Division, private contractors and volunteer groups.

Community Centers

Both the Bowens Senior Center and the Ruth Peterson Community Center are operated by a Director and Senior Center Specialist. The Youth Recreation & Enrichment Center and programs are the responsibility of the Youth Recreation Manager and reports directly to the Mayor's Office.

PARTNER & VOLUNTEER GROUPS

The City of Pontiac maintains relationships with the School District of the City of Pontiac and a variety of private recreation groups to coordinate the use and maintenance of recreational facilities and facilitate a broad array of recreational programs. A description of these partnerships is provided below.

Sports Leagues

Several private recreation leagues are active within the City of Pontiac. The City allows these leagues to utilize city parks and, in many cases, relies on the private leagues to maintain the facilities that they utilize during the course of the season.

The sports leagues include:

- Oakland County Sheriff PAL Program (PAL): soccer, basketball, baseball/softball, tee-ball, flag football, cheerleading, dance, tumbling and fitness
- Azteca Youth Enrichment: amateur boxing, little league baseball and folkloric dancing
- Michigan Youth Football and Cheer Conference (MYFCC): youth football and cheerleading
- Pontiac Panthers: youth football and cheerleading
- Wild Dogs Futbol Club: U7 to U15 recreational and competitive soccer
- Diamonds of Jaycee Park operated by Martin Baseball: youth baseball
- Soccer for Success: after-school program teaching kids fundamentals of soccer and healthy lifestyles



Youth recreation event

Leaders of the Future

Founded in 2013, the Leaders of the Future is a teen-led nonprofit with a mission to transform the City of Pontiac through community service and positive action. The group has participated in park renovations and clean-up events.

Friends of the Pontiac Parks Association

Established in 2012, the Friends of the Pontiac Parks Association (FPPA) is a group of Pontiac residents that was organized to advocate and pursue funding to upgrade, maintain and promote the parks in Pontiac. FPPA also organizes a number of clean-up events in the parks during the year to remove litter, improve playgrounds and beautify the parks with landscaping. FPPA has designed and installed new entryway signs at most of the parks in the City.

Healthy Pontiac, We Can! Coalition

The Healthy Pontiac, We Can! (HPWC) coalition is a diverse group of human service agency specialists, educators, faith-based representatives, government leaders, healthcare professionals, mental health experts and local Pontiac residents. Each year the coalition looks at community data and determines priority projects that focus on creating a vibrant community that supports healthy lifestyles for all.



Walk with Leaders event in Downtown Pontiac



Healthy Pontiac, We Can coalition installed bike racks around the city.



Art Dunlap Park clean up event.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The table on the following page provides an overview of revenues and appropriations related to parks and recreation facilities within the City of Pontiac. Given the City's emergence from state control in 2016, modest expenditures for parks and recreation are designated in the City's budget for FY 2018/2019 and beyond. The General Fund Revenue is the source of funding for the Parks Grounds Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works budget appropriations.

Pontiac voters approved the Youth Recreation Millage in 2016 to levy up to 1.5 mills for a period of 10 years. The millage is for centers open exclusively to youths under 21 years of age and aimed at curbing juvenile delinquency within the City of Pontiac. The Pontiac City Council decided to delay levying this millage until fiscal year 2019.

The Senior Activities Millage is levied specifically for the operation of facilities that primarily benefit senior citizens. The City funds operations at the Ruth Peterson and Robert Bowens Senior Centers. Voters approved a millage renewal in 2016 to levy up to 0.75 mills for a period of 10 years.

Park Entrance Fees

The City of Pontiac does not charge an entry fee for the public to access the parks. However, the following rental fees apply for special events held in the parks:

- \$100.00 Deposits Refundable
- \$35.00 Parks with Pavilion Rental
- \$90.00 Portable Restrooms Per Event
- \$50.00 Comfort Station (Beaudette Park Only)

PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET TABLE

DIVISION DETAIL	2016-2017 ACTIVITY	2017-2018 AMENDED BUDGET	2017-2018 PROJECTED ACTIVITY	2018-2019 MAYOR REC. BUDGET	2019-2020 MAYOR REC. BUDGET	2020-2021 MAYOR REC. BUDGET
GENERAL FUND REVENUES						
Property Tax	\$8,309,157	\$7,761,884	\$8,163,789	\$7,912,643	\$8,150,022	\$8,394,523
Income Tax	\$13,140,072	\$13,009,008	\$12,998,971	\$13,450,000	\$13,934,200	\$14,435,832
Other Revenues	\$13,337,612	\$14,183,519	\$13,652,562	\$14,546,011	\$14,356,351	\$14,555,817
Total Revenues	\$34,786,841	\$34,954,411	\$34,815,322	\$35,908,654	\$36,440,573	\$37,386,172

OTHER RECREATION RELATED FUND REVENUE						
Senior Activities Millage	\$318,739	\$318,265	\$344,484	\$326,257	\$336,432	\$346,525
Youth Recreation Millage	-----	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$960,642	\$989,461	\$1,019,145

PARK & RECREATION RELATED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS						
Neighborhood Projects	\$101,069	\$366,880	\$154,659	\$175,000	\$180,250	\$182,053
Parks Grounds Maintenance	\$302,428	\$539,979	\$560,785	\$441,963	\$455,322	\$460,553
Bowens Senior Center	\$170,305	\$315,368	\$305,089	\$232,915	\$241,431	\$243,256
Peterson Senior Center	\$136,280	\$415,247	\$422,008	\$181,125	\$187,966	\$189,272
Youth Recreation	---	\$400,000	\$383,061	\$958,062	\$991,117	\$999,718

Source: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2019-2021



Inventory of Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

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Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs and events is an essential component of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding which facilities, programs and events are available to the residents of the City of Pontiac will assist in the future decision-making process.

This section of the plan includes several components that include:

- Barrier free accessibility evaluation criteria and the recreation facility classification standards that are used throughout the Park Facility Inventory
- A citywide map of the recreation facilities that are owned and operated by the City of Pontiac, other recreation providers and educational facilities
- A table of the amenity inventory and recreation facilities that are owned and operated by the City of Pontiac
- Individual city-owned park maps and detailed information of each
- Information on the educational facilities, regional parks, recreational boating facilities, Clinton River Water Trail and non-motorized trails
- Previously funded grant project tables

In order to include the most up-to-date facility information, a field survey of parks and recreation facilities was conducted in the fall of 2017 and updated in 2018. After the field survey, recreation inventory tables were prepared and are provided on the following pages. The location of each recreation facility is shown on the Recreation Inventory Map.

CITY-OWNED PARKS OR RECREATION FACILITIES

In total, the City of Pontiac owns 36 public parks and/or recreational facilities, totaling 530.26 acres of land. A profile of each park and/or recreational facility is included on the following pages and are classified as:

- 8 community parks
- 10 neighborhood parks
- 13 mini parks
- 3 community centers**
- 2 linear parks

****Note:** *The Youth Recreation & Enrichment Center is leased by the City and not included in the total number of parks/facilities or acreage.*

RECREATION FACILITY CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

PARK CLASSIFICATION	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	LOCATION CRITERIA	SIZE CRITERIA	NRPA GUIDELINE MINIMUM ACRES/1,000 RESIDENTS ¹	RECOMMENDED ACREAGE FOR PONTIAC ²
					CITY PARK ACREAGE
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5.0 to 8.0 Acres	300-479 acres ² 350.96 acres
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1.0 to 2.0 Acres	60-120 acres ² 61.06 acres
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2,500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25 to 0.5 Acres	15-30 acres ² 5.43 acres
Community Center	Public facilities where members of a community tend to gather for group activities, social support, public information and access other related services.	They may be open for the whole community or for a specialized group within the greater community (i.e. seniors or youth).	Varies	Varies	Varies 4.15 acres
Linear Park	Multi-use trails that emphasize safe non-motorized travel to and from parks and around the community. Focus is as much on transportation as it is on recreation.	Developed for walking, biking, in-line skating and/ or cross-country skiing and located in natural corridors, utility easements or former railroad right-of-way and link key destinations.	Varies	Varies	Varies 108.66 acres

Adapted from:

¹ SOURCE: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1983.; Mertes, J. D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1995.

² Based on American Community Survey 2016 5-Year Estimate; 59,920

PARK BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY RATING

RATING	GENERAL DESCRIPTION
0	The park is completely undeveloped and left in a natural state with no paved surfaces.
1	The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. This site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
2	The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment and picnic areas are not easily accessible.
3	The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking and pathways are paved, some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible, but may not be completely barrier-free.
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.
5	The entire park was designed using the principles of universal design, enabling all environments to be usable by everyone, regardless of age, ability or situation.

PARK BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY RATING

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service to have barrier-free accessibility, including parks and recreation facilities. The City of Pontiac continues to make improvements and is working towards bringing all park facilities and community centers up to full compliance with ADA standards. The existing deficiencies are typically due to older playground equipment and amenities that predate ADA standards. Future park development projects will consider Universal Accessibility Standards when possible. Accessibility guidelines and standards can be found at: www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards.

The evaluation of City of Pontiac parks was completed in the fall of 2018 as part of the Inventory and is based on the criteria above. The accessibility rating for each park can be found on the following pages.



Several parks in Pontiac have permanent restroom buildings that have fallen into disrepair, including Jaycee Park. Portable toilets, while a viable solution, provide limited accessibility in the current design configuration. This is one example of a barrier free accessibility improvement needed in the parks.

PARKS, RECREATION & SCHOOL FACILITY MAP

City Park or Facility

1. Aaron Perry Park
2. Art Dunlap Park
3. Art Heaton Park
4. Baldwin Park
5. Beaudette Park
6. Bowens Senior Center
7. Charlie Harrison Park
8. Cherrylawn Park
9. Clinton River Trail
10. Crystal Lake Park
11. Dawson Pond Park
12. Ewalt Center
13. Ferry Farms Park
14. Fisher Street Park
15. Galloway Lake Park
16. Hawthorne Park
17. Indian Village Park
18. Jaycee Park
19. Lakeside Park
20. Madge Burt Park
21. Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park
22. Motor & Montana Park
23. Murphy Park
24. North Kiwanis Park
25. North Spur Trail
26. Oakland Park
27. Oliver Playfield
28. Optimist Park
29. Richardson Park
30. Rotary Park
31. Ruth Peterson Community Center
32. Shirley & Willard Park
33. South Kiwanis Park
34. Steed Park
35. Trinity Missionary Baptist Church Park
36. Washington/Argyle Park
37. Youth Recreation & Enrichment Center

Civic Spaces/Plazas/Squares

38. Buckley Fountain
39. Kusatsu Friendship Garden
40. Phoenix Center Amphitheater

Privately Owned Facility

41. Community Backyard on Home Street
42. Links at Crystal Lake
43. Saginaw Green
44. Salvation Army Pontiac Community Center
45. Ultimate Soccer Arenas
46. Wessen Tennis Club

Educational Facility

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| A. Alcott Elementary | J. Oakland Schools Tech Campus NE |
| B. Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac | K. P.E.A.C.E. Academy |
| C. Baker College | L. Pontiac Academy for Excellence |
| D. Bethune Elementary (Former) | M. Pontiac High School |
| E. Hawthorne Elementary (Former) | N. Pontiac Middle School |
| F. Herrington Elementary | O. Walton Charter Academy |
| G. International Technology Academy/WHRC | P. Webber Media Arts Academy |
| H. Owen Elementary/Kennedy Center | Q. Whitman Elementary |
| I. Notre Dame Prep Academy | R. Wisner School (Former) |

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CITY-OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY

Map No.	Park Name	Received DNR Grant	Park Classification	Park Acreage	Accessibility Rating	City Council District	Baseball/Softball Field	Basketball Court	Bike Parking (Y/N)	Boat Access	Cricket Field	Fishing Pier	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Grill (Y/N)	Horseshoe Pits (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion	Picnic Tables (Y/N)	Playground Equipment	Restrooms	Skate Park	Sledding Hill	Soccer Field	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Walking Path (Y/N)
Community Parks																										
1	Aaron Perry Park	L	CP	33.49	2	6	2	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	Y	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
5	Beaudette Park	L; C	CP	55.39	2	1;2	1	2	-	1	-	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	Y	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
10	Crystal Lake Park	-	CP	42.93	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Galloway Lake Park	L	CP	63.42	2	5	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	Y	-	Y	-	Y	1	1	-	-	1	4	-	-
16	Hawthorne Park	L; M	CP	77.33	2	4	-	-	Y	1	-	1	-	Y	Y	Y	1	Y	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Jaycee Park	L	CP	18.22	2	4	5	-	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
23	Murphy Park	L; B	CP	45.75	3	7	1	-	Y	-	1	-	-	Y	Y	Y	1	Y	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
26	Oakland Park	L	CP	14.43	3	6	1	2	Y	-	-	-	Y	-	-	Y	-	Y	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	Y
Community Parks Subtotal				350.96	-	-	10	6	-	2	1	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	7	7	1	1	4	7	4	-
Neighborhood Parks																										
4	Baldwin Park	-	NP	2.90	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
7	Charlie Harrison Park	-	NP	1.37	2	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y
8	Cherrylawn Park	L	NP	5.21	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	Y
19	Lakeside Park	L	NP	4.35	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park	-	NP	1.93	3	1	-	1	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y
24	North Kiwanis Park	L	NP	26.95	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Richardson Park	L	NP	4.15	2	7	-	1	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Rotary Park	L	CP	7.06	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y
32	Shirley & Willard Park	-	NP	1.78	2	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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2	Art Dunlap Park	-	MP	0.43	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Art Heaton Park	-	MP	0.31	2	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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13	Ferry Farms Park	-	MP	0.17	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Fisher Street Park	L	MP	0.43	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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27	Oliver Playfield	-	MP	0.80	0	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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31	Ruth Peterson Community Center	-	CC	0.66	3	6	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Youth Recreation & Enrichment Center	-	CC	11.95*	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Legend: CP = Community Park; NP = Neighborhood Park; MP = Mini-Park; CC = Community Center; LP = Linear Park; Y = Yes
 L = Land & Water Conservation Fund; B = Bond Fund; M = Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund; C = Clean Michigan Initiative
 * The Youth Recreation & Enrichment Center is a leased facility and the acreage is not included

AARON PERRY PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 33.49	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION BASEBALL & SOCCER	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

Aaron Perry Park is a 33.49 acre community park bisected by Edison Street and Nelson Street in the north-central portion of the City. The Howard Dell Community Center was located at the corner of Whitfield and Edison Streets and was sold to a private owner in 2013. This park is named after Aaron Perry (1848-1920), a prominent attorney and distinguished resident of Pontiac.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Repainted restrooms
- Removed graffiti
- Added mulch under playground equipment
- Installed decorative boulders
- Installed outdoor art

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Replace bleachers
- Install new backstops, dugouts and improve ball fields
- Upgrade soccer fields
- Improve parking lots along Edison St
- Access paths to amenities
- Walking path with mile/kilometer markers around southeast portion of the park
- Conduct Restroom Condition Assessment including Universal Accessibility improvement needs
- Provide space and programming for adults/parents to exercise while children are participating in sports at the park
- Install adult fitness equipment
- Consider offering flag football leagues and winter activities

NOTES

- Restrooms are closed
- Nelson Street was vacated between Rundell and Marquette in October 1975



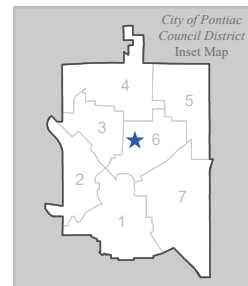
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| 1 Ball Field | 5 Soccer Field |
| 2 Ball Field | 6 Soccer Field |
| 3 Soccer Field | 7 Playground Equipment |
| 4 Restroom | P Parking |



ART DUNLAP PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.43	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION BASKETBALL	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

Art Dunlap Park is located in a residential area in the south-central portion of the City. This mini park provides space for two basketball courts and a small playground.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Held major clean up day
- Painted basketball courts and playground equipment

GRANTS AWARDED

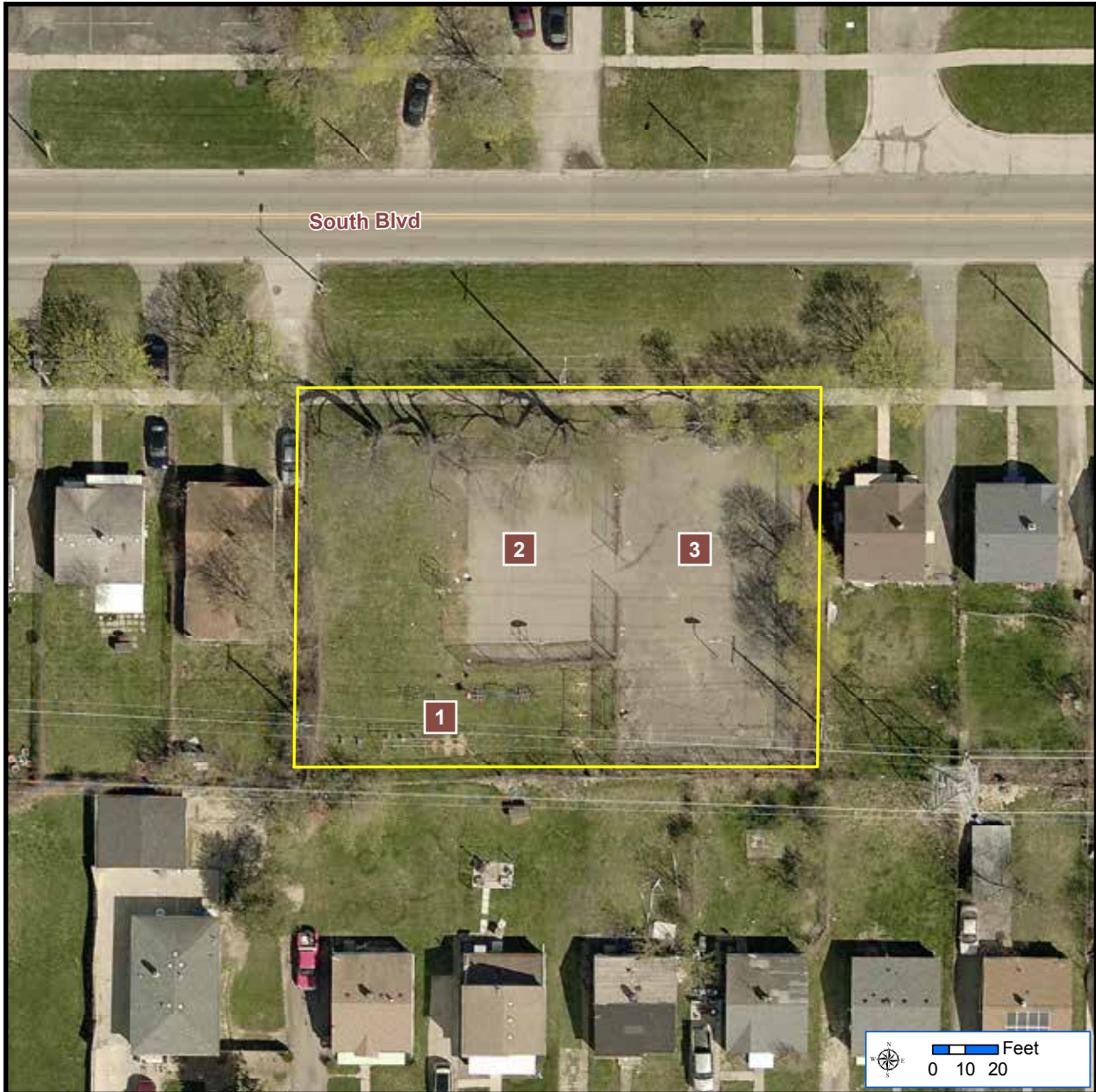
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POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Parallel parking spaces along South Blvd
- Access path from existing sidewalk
- Resurface basketball courts
- Update/replace playground equipment
- New fence around park and basketball courts
- New basketball poles and hoops (lowered for youth basketball court)
- Prune mature vegetation
- New benches and picnic tables



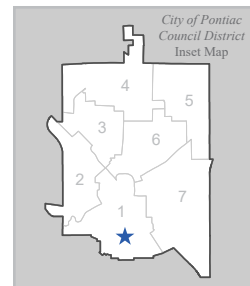
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- 1** Playground Equipment
- 2** Basketball Court
- 3** Basketball Court



ART HEATON PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.31	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION BASKETBALL	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

Art Heaton Park is a mini park centrally located in the City at the east end of Forest Street. Opportunities exist to make improvements at this park and transform it into a neighborhood amenity.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None at this time

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Access path from existing sidewalk
- Upgrade existing basketball court and expand to include youth hoops
- New fence around park and basketball court
- Remove broken concrete
- New benches and picnic tables
- Install new park entryway sign
- Install vegetation or fence to screen neighboring yards
- Consider neighborhood gardens
- Work with neighbors to rename the park and develop a new identity

NOTES

- Park is adjacent to former Pontiac Oxford & Northern Railroad parcel



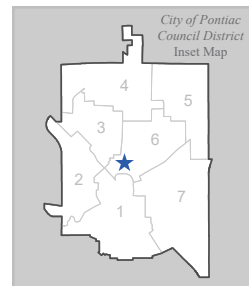
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1 Basketball Court

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BALDWIN PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 2.9	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION SOCCER	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

Baldwin Park is located in a residential area that is centrally located in the City. This is the site of the former Baldwin School that was originally built in 1902 and named after Judge Augustus Carpenter Baldwin (1817-1903).

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Held clean-up day

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Improve youth soccer field and goals
- New park entryway sign
- Additional programming and events

NOTES

- There is a 0.18 acre parcel (PIN: 14-29-230-015) at the corner of Edouard and Cooper Street is owned by Oakland County. Potential grant mitigation site.



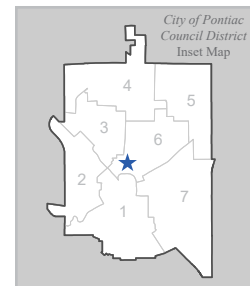
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- 1** Soccer Field
- 2** Playground Equipment



BEAUDETTE PARK

786 Orchard Lake Rd

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 55.39	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 1 & 2
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DESCRIPTION

Also known as Mill Dam Park, Beaudette Park is located in the southwestern section of the City and shares its northern border with Dawson's Mill Pond (Clinton River). Named after Oliver J Beaudette (1869-1944) founder of a buggy and auto body manufacturing company in Pontiac.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed adult fitness equipment
- Mulch playground equipment and swing areas
- Paint benches near playground equipment
- Replaced cracked slide on playground equipment
- 2018 Neighborhood Empowerment Grant to add swings and climbing wall

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148
- CMI CM99-278



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Upgrade ball field and lighting
- Improve basketball & tennis court surfaces
- Improve boat ramp and fishing pier
- Access paths and walking path with mile/kilometer markers
- Access path to Clinton River Trail
- Install new benches and picnic tables
- Hold demonstration events with canoes, paddleboards, kayaks or paddleboats
- Open for winter events and activities
- Work with Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office to improve access path across the dam and connect to Sylvan Ct
- Repair and open public restrooms and entrance booth

NOTES

- Park is used for many special events and car club gatherings. During public input, several people mentioned that they would swim in the mill pond years ago.
- Restrooms are closed except during special events.
- New playground equipment with climbing wall and swings is planned
- Review northern park property boundary and private docks placed on park land

BEAUDETTE PARK



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1 Boat Launch

2 Basketball Courts

3 Tennis Court

4 Fishing Pier

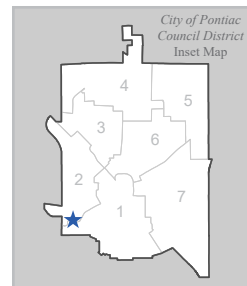
5 Playground & Fitness Equipment

6 Restrooms

7 Ball Field

8 Picnic Shelter

P Parking



BOWENS SENIOR CENTER

52 Bagley St

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 2.23	Classification COMMUNITY CENTER	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION COMMUNITY CENTER	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

The Bowens Senior Center is located on Bagley Street near Orchard Lake Road just west of Downtown Pontiac. It is named in honor of former Pontiac City Commissioner and World War II veteran Robert W. Bowens Jr. (1925-2014). There is a small overlook deck adjacent to the Clinton River with a walking path. Indoor facilities include a computer room, meeting room, large hall and kitchen.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None at this time

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Remove and rebuild the overlook deck with lowered railings to improve the view of the river
- Conduct building conditions assessment include Universal Accessibility improvement needs
- Repair and extend sidewalk
- Interpretive sign about Clinton River history and how it was buried and Robert Bowens notable accomplishments
- Complete upgrades and improvements in the building
- New entryway sign and/or electronic message sign
- Improve the natural plant buffer along the Clinton River to reduce runoff

NOTES

- This community center offers a variety of programs for the City's senior citizens.



BOWENS SENIOR CENTER



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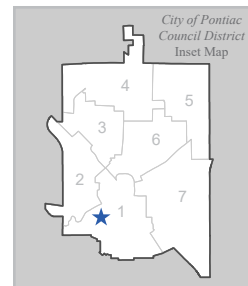
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1 Horseshoe Pit

2 Overlook Deck

3 Bowens Senior Center

P Parking



CHARLIE HARRISON PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 1.37	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION BASKETBALL	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

Charlie Harrison Park is a neighborhood park centrally located on the east side of Pontiac. Named after a former Pontiac Mayor and State Representative Charlie J Harrison Jr. (1932-1995) this tree covered neighborhood park has a basketball court and playground equipment.

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

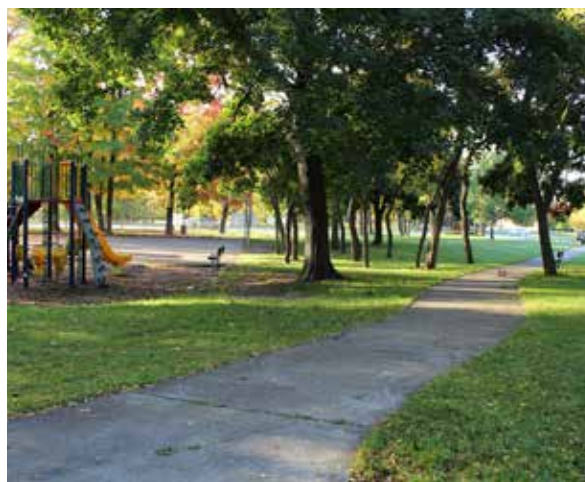
- New style park entryway sign
- Prune mature trees and enhance landscaping
- Resurface basketball court
- Add mile/kilometer markers to walking path

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

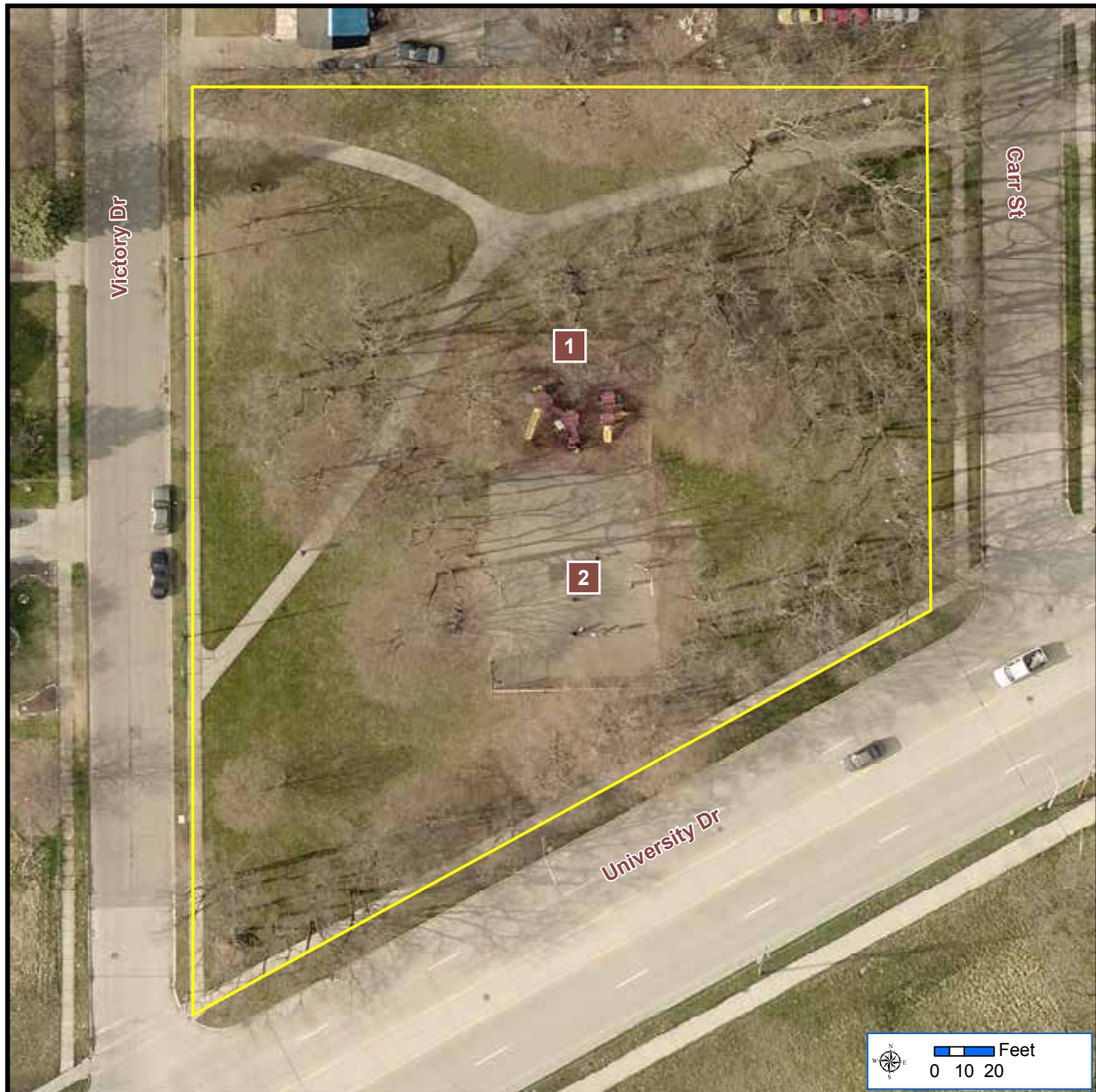
- Held clean-up day
- Installed new picnic tables and benches

GRANTS AWARDED

- None



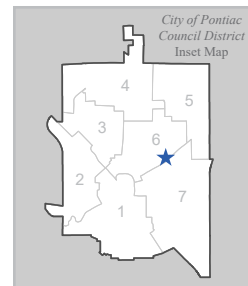
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- 1** Playground Equipment
- 2** Basketball Court



CHERRYLAWN PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 5.21	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 4
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DESCRIPTION

Located in a residential neighborhood in the northwestern corner of the City, Cherrylawn Park provides park users with a variety of recreational facilities.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Held clean-up day
- Painted playground equipment
- Added mulch under playground equipment
- Installed a walking path

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- New playground equipment
- Rain garden/green infrastructure using native plants on west side of the park
- Convert tennis court to adult basketball court
- Upgrade existing basketball court and add youth basketball hoops
- Add mile/kilometer markers to walking path
- New Soccer field
- New Volleyball court
- Remove baseball backstop
- New benches and picnic tables
- Prune trees and add landscaping

NOTES

- The west side of the park floods



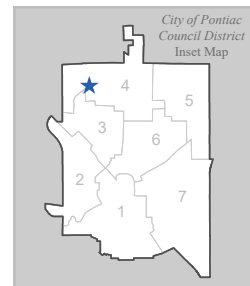
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- 1** Tennis Court
- 2** Basketball Court
- 3** Playground Equipment
- 4** Walking Path



CLINTON RIVER TRAIL

Former Grand Trunk Railroad

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 15.03	Classification LINEAR PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION WALKING & BIKING	Council District 1 & 7
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DESCRIPTION

The Clinton River Trail (CRT) is a linear park that runs east-west and follows a portion of the former Grand Trunk Western Railroad-Air Line Division. The main trailhead is located at the entrance of Beaudette Park. The CRT-Pontiac Connector follows the sidewalk on Bagley-South Blvd-Opdyke and connects with the Auburn Hills section of the CRT.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Sidewalk edging on CRT Pontiac Connector
- Installed new mile markers

GRANTS AWARDED

- MNRTF Grant # TF01-115
- MNRTF Grant # TF08-040



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Complete the trail route through Downtown to Clinton River Trail-North Spur
- Install bike lanes on Pike Street & Paddock Street
- Install shade shelter and picnic table at Beaudette Park entrance
- Improve trail surface
- Improve trail/road crossings with crosswalk pavement markings, signage and traffic control devices
- Connector to neighboring parks

NOTES

- Bike repair station at Beaudette Park Trailhead. Map boxes at Old Telegraph and Bagley
- Trail surface is in poor condition



CLINTON RIVER TRAIL



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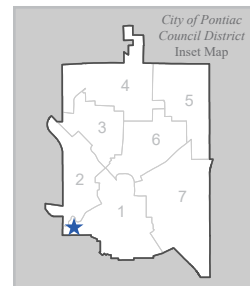


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- 1** Clinton River Trail
- 2** Downtown Spur
- 3** CRT Pontiac Connector



CRYSTAL LAKE PARK

Accessibility Rating 1	Acreage 42.93	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION FISHING & PICNIC	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

Crystal Lake Park is located on the northern shores of Crystal Lake in the southwestern portion of the City. Due to vandalism and deterioration, many of the amenities in this park have been removed. There is a great opportunity to redevelop this scenic area and transform it into a lakefront park.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Demolished and removed many park amenities that were in poor condition

GRANTS AWARDED

- None



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

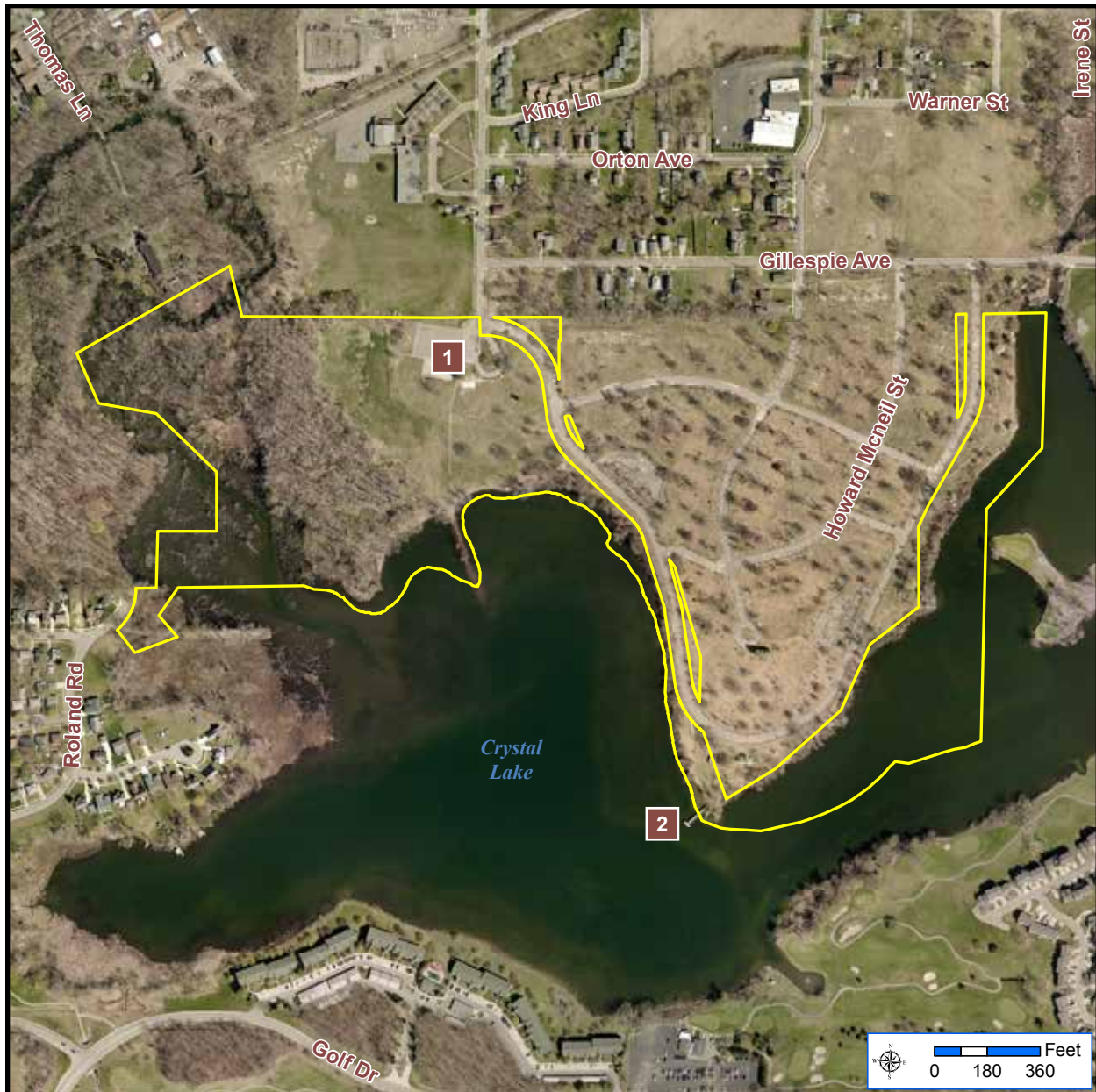
- Create a new site plan for the park with waterfront activities and canoe/kayak launch
- Restore and improve boat launch and lake access site
- Install Crystal Lake historical marker
- Keep public access at the park
- Install new park entry sign
- New benches and picnic tables
- Picnic Shelter
- Walking path along waters edge with mile/kilometer markers
- Create a natural vegetative buffer at edge of Crystal Lake to reduce stormwater runoff
- Discourage area residents and park visitors from feeding the wildlife and water fowl
- Explore adding additional park amenities and public features

NOTES

- The entryway to the park has been barricaded.



CRYSTAL LAKE PARK

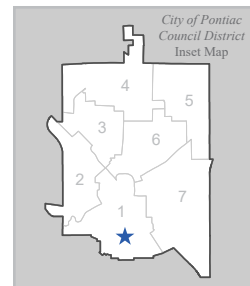


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2017 Aerial Photo

1 Park Entryway

2 Fishing Pier



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FIGURE 1: CRYSTAL LAKE PARK CONCEPT PLAN



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DAWSON POND PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.19	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION FISHING & PICNIC	Council District 2
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DESCRIPTION

Dawson Pond Park is on the northern bank of Dawson's Mill Pond. This mini park features passive recreation amenities like a fishing pier, picnic tables and benches that overlook the Mill Pond.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed new park entry sign

GRANTS AWARDED

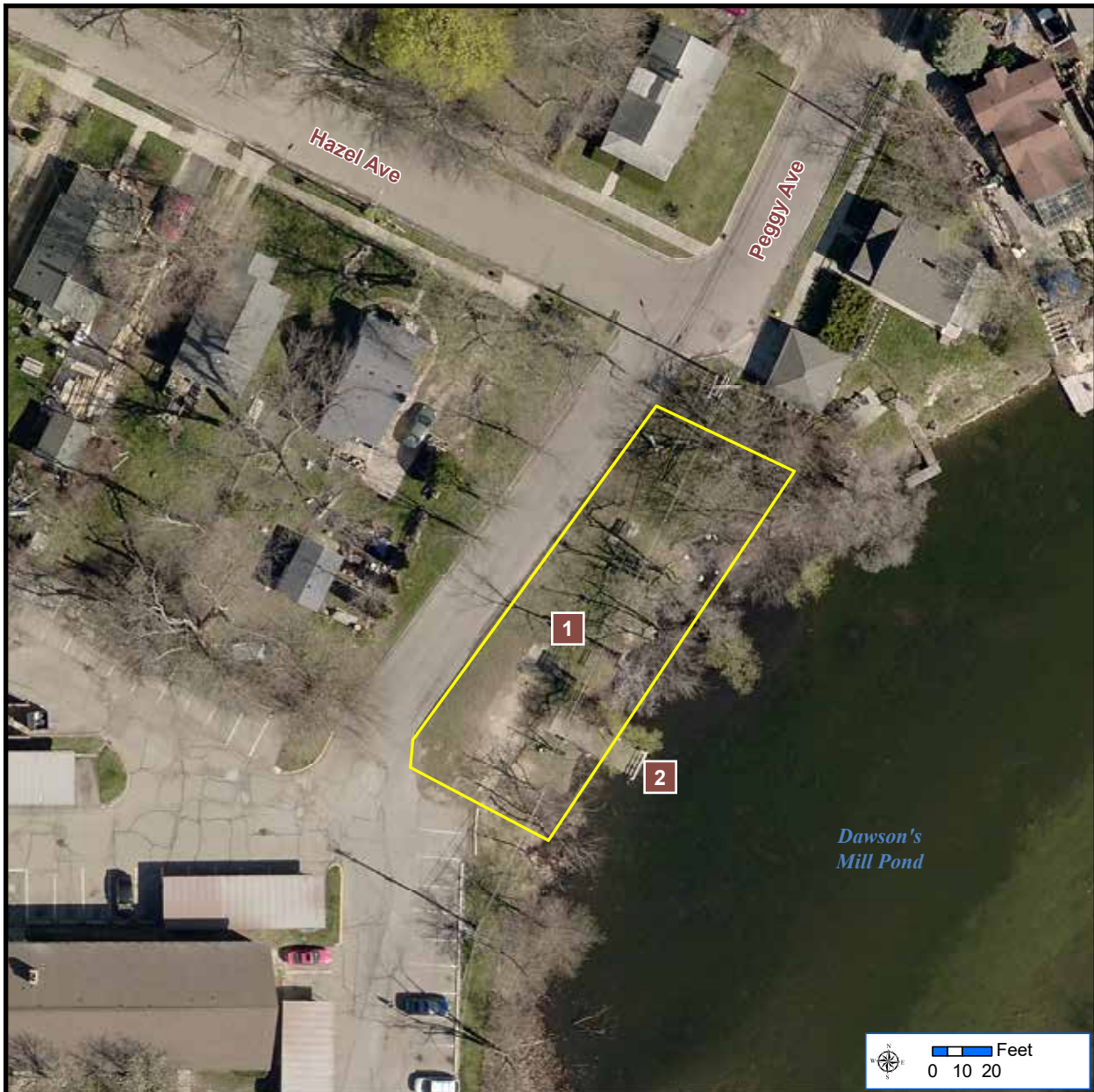
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POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Prune trees and improve landscaping
- Create a natural vegetative buffer at edge of mill pond to reduce stormwater runoff
- Discourage area residents and park visitors from feeding the wildlife and water fowl
- Access paths and ADA ramps that connect the street and fishing pier
- Install bike racks



DAWSON POND PARK

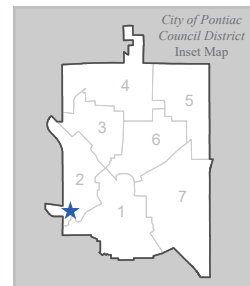


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1 Picnic Area

2 Fishing Pier

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EWALT COMMUNITY CENTER

1460 N Perry Street

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 1.26	Classification COMMUNITY CENTER	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION COMMUNITY CENTER	Council District 5
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DESCRIPTION

The Ewalt Community Center building is located in the northern portion of Galloway Lake Park. Named for David Ewalt a former Director of Recreation and Forestry in the City of Pontiac. "Thanks to Dave Ewalt, Pontiac residents have one of the largest and most complete city parks and recreation network of any municipality in the State. A former football coach for Western Illinois University, Mr. Ewalt became Director of Pontiac's Parks and Recreation Department in 1952 and set about building up the City's park system."

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None at this time

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Conduct building conditions assessment include Universal Accessibility improvement needs
- Conduct a needs assessment to locate the Youth & Enrichment Center Program to the Ewalt Center
- Renovate building (electrical, HVAC, plumbing, windows, roof and technology upgrades)
- Improve access to parking
- Improve landscaping around the building
- Install interpretive sign highlighting David Ewalt's notable accomplishments

NOTES

- The Ewalt Community Center is closed



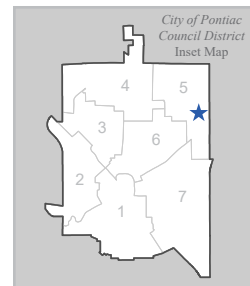
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1 Community Center

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FERRY FARMS PARK

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 0.17	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

Ferry Farms Park is a cooperative project between Habitat for Humanity, City of Pontiac and Calvary Lutheran Church. This once overgrown and vacant lot was transformed in 2010 into a mini park with playground equipment. Adjacent lots have also been planted with fruit trees that provide fresh fruit for area residents.

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Access paths
- Picnic table

NOTES

- Back to School Celebration was held at the park on August 18, 2018

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

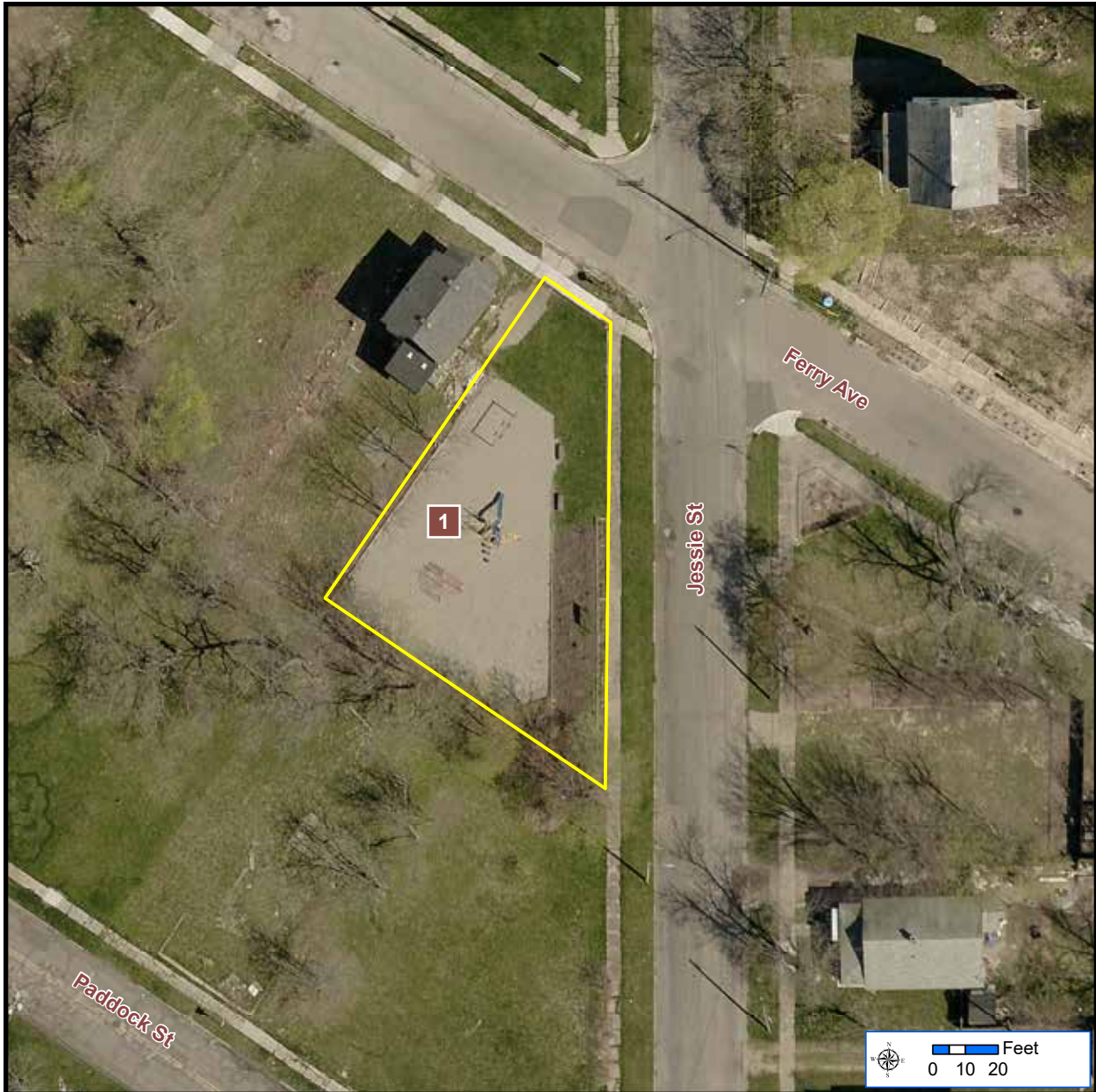
- Held clean-up day and improved landscaping

GRANTS AWARDED

- None



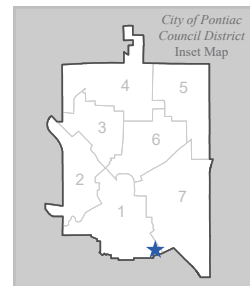
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1 Playground Equipment

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FISHER STREET PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.43	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

The Fisher Street Park is a mini park located in a residential neighborhood in the southern portion of the City.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None at this time

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Paint existing playground equipment
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Hold cleanup day
- Prune mature vegetation
- Benches and picnic tables
- Access path from the sidewalk

NOTES

- None



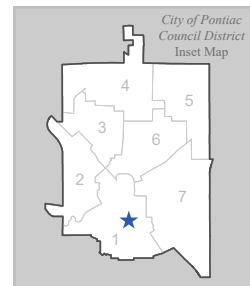
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GALLOWAY LAKE PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 63.42	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 5
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DESCRIPTION

This community park is located along Perry Street in the northeastern portion of the City. The large, 63 acre park offers many open spaces as well as access to Galloway Lake. Facilities include two basketball courts, soccer field, playground, picnic areas, parking, restrooms, tennis courts, Ewalt Community Center and a fishing pier.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Two ball fields and dugouts were in poor condition and removed

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00789
- LWCF Grant # 26-00886
- LWCF Grant # 26-01472



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Create a new site plan for the park and include a picnic shelter, spray park, ice skating rink and skate park
- Ewalt Center is a potential new location for the Youth & Enrichment Center
- Improve fishing pier
- Restore and improve boat launch and lake access site
- Consider having paddleboat, canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals
- Create a walking path with mile/kilometer markers
- Improve soccer field surface
- Restore ball field
- Replace comfort station/restrooms
- Work with Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office to remove the old pump station
- Maintain a natural vegetative buffer at edge of Galloway Lake to reduce stormwater runoff
- Discourage area residents and park visitors from feeding the wildlife and water fowl
- Create trailhead for North Spur Trail
- Improve pedestrian access from Palmer Dr, Bay St, Baltimore Ave and Madison St and discourage ORV use
- Four tennis courts at the park are in poor condition and need to be upgraded

NOTES

- Restroom building is in poor condition and is closed
- Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office constructed a pump station building on park property ca. 2015

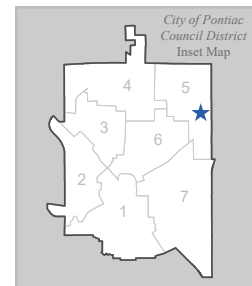
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| 1 Ewalt Community Center (closed) | 6 Restrooms |
| 2 New Pump Station | 7 Soccer Field |
| 3 Basketball Courts | 8 Old Pump Station |
| 4 Playground Equipment | 9 Fishing Pier |
| 5 Tennis Courts | P Parking |



HAWTHORNE PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 77.33	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 4
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DESCRIPTION

The largest park in the City at more than 77 acres, Hawthorne Park is located along Telegraph Road in northwest Pontiac. Predominantly used for passive recreation, this community park features large open spaces, including frontage on Upper Silver Lake, a playground, pavilion, picnic areas, horseshoe pits, restrooms, fishing pier and boating access.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Held park clean-up day
- 18-Hole Disc Golf Course funded by Mayor's Neighborhood Empowerment Project & Driftwood Creek Disc Golf Club

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00110
- LWCF Grant # 26-00148
- MNRTF Grant # TF97-232



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Conduct Restroom Condition Assessment including Universal Accessibility improvement needs
- Improve fishing pier
- Create a new site plan for the park
- Create a walking path and cross-country trails with mile/kilometer markers
- Open for winter events and activities
- Remove invasive plants from lake shore
- Paint playground equipment
- Protect and Restore Shoreline

NOTES

- Restroom building is closed.
- Northern park parcel was split from the former landfill site south of Telegraph Rd (approx 73.41 acres).
- Pontiac School District owns the adjacent former Hawthorne School Property. Potential grant mitigation (18.97 acres).



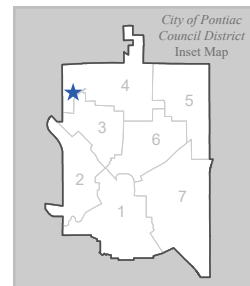
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| 1 Fishing Pier | 5 Playground Equipment |
| 2 Boat Launch | 6 Picnic Shelter |
| 3 Restroom Building | 7 Disc Golf Course |
| 4 Horseshoe Pits | P Parking |



INDIAN VILLAGE PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.67	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 2
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DESCRIPTION

Indian Village Park is located on the west side of the City. Located on Huron Street, this mini-park is located between two residential neighborhoods.

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- New park entryway sign
- Access paths and curb ramps
- Repair/remove the water fountain

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Repaired stone walls
- Installed split-rail fence
- Painted playground equipment
- Installed mulch under playground equipment
- Held clean-up day

NOTES

- None

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



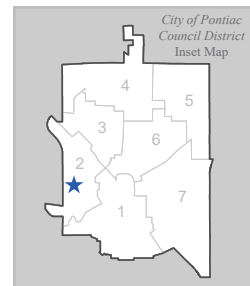
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1 Playground Equipment



JAYCEE PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 18.22	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 4
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DESCRIPTION

Jaycee Park comprises over 18 acres of land in the north-central portion of the City. This community park features both active and passive facilities, including volleyball courts, ball fields, a playground, horseshoe pits and picnic areas. Other amenities include a parking lot, outdoor lighting and restrooms.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Replaced playground equipment

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Prune mature trees
- Improve volleyball courts
- Improve parking lot
- Create trailhead and connection to North Spur Trail
- Access paths to amenities
- Conduct Restroom Condition Assessment including Universal Accessibility improvement needs

NOTES

- Martin Baseball operates baseball leagues at this park
- Martin Baseball has a lease with adjacent property owner for northern baseball field
- Restrooms are closed



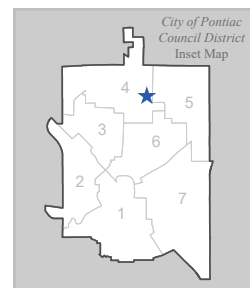
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- 1** Ball Field
- 2** Horseshoe Pit
- 3** Restrooms
- 4** Playground Equipment
- 5** Volleyball Court
- P** Parking



LAKESIDE PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 4.35	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 3
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DESCRIPTION

Lakeside Park can be found on the southern shores of Terry Lake. Formerly known as Terry Lake Picnic Area, this neighborhood park has benches overlooking the lake and a small playground.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

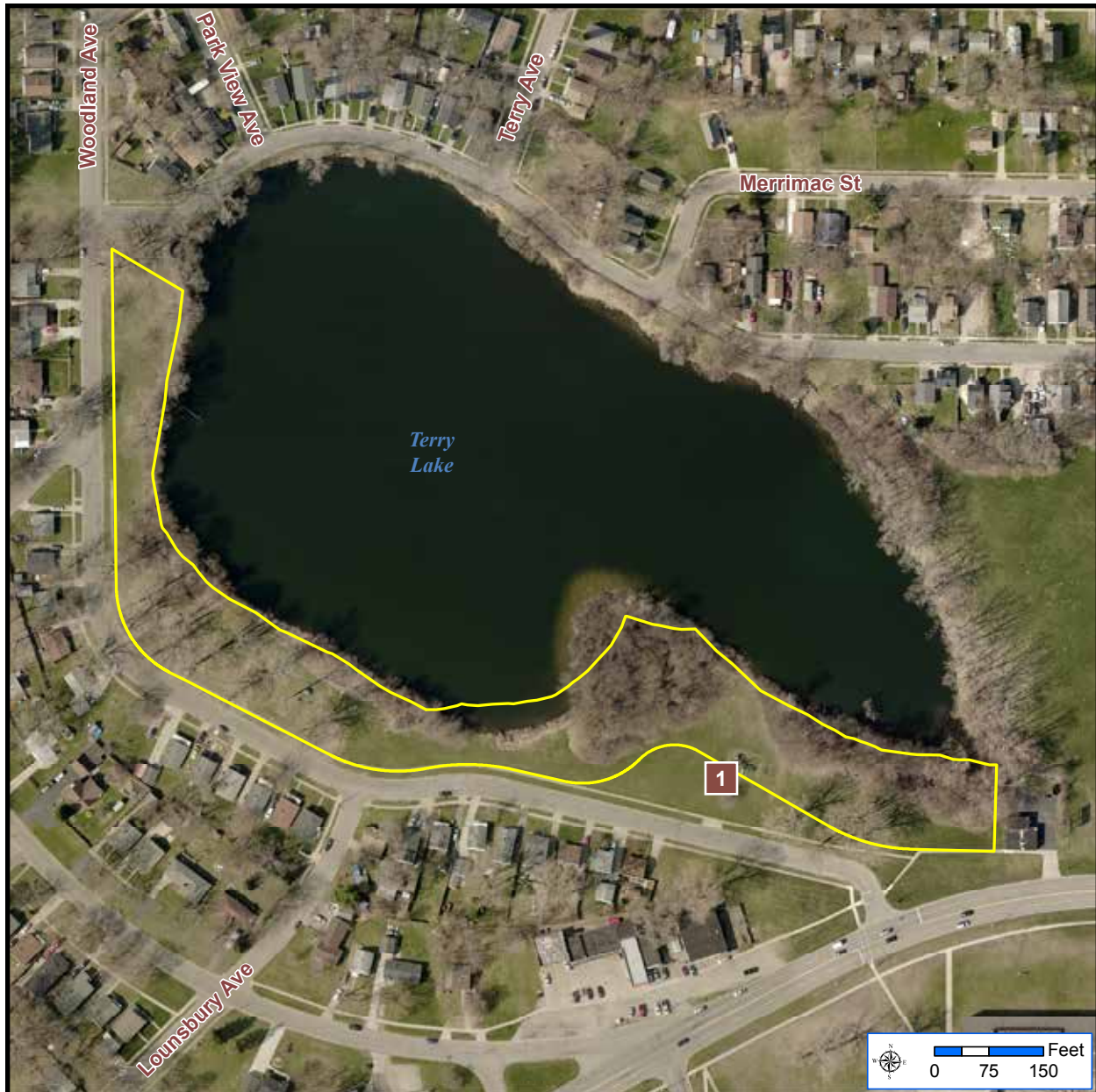
- Access path to playground equipment
- New benches and accessible picnic tables
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Maintain a natural vegetative buffer at edge of Terry Lake to reduce stormwater runoff
- Discourage area residents and park visitors from feeding the wildlife and water fowl
- Remove invasive plants along lake shore

NOTES

- On-street parking should be reviewed



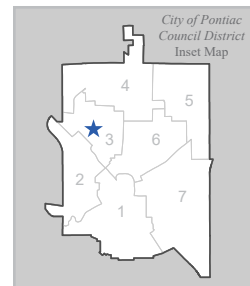
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1 Playground Equipment

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MADGE BURT PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.18	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

Madge Burt Park is located in a residential neighborhood in the central portion of the City. This mini-park has playground equipment.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- New park entryway sign installed

GRANTS AWARDED

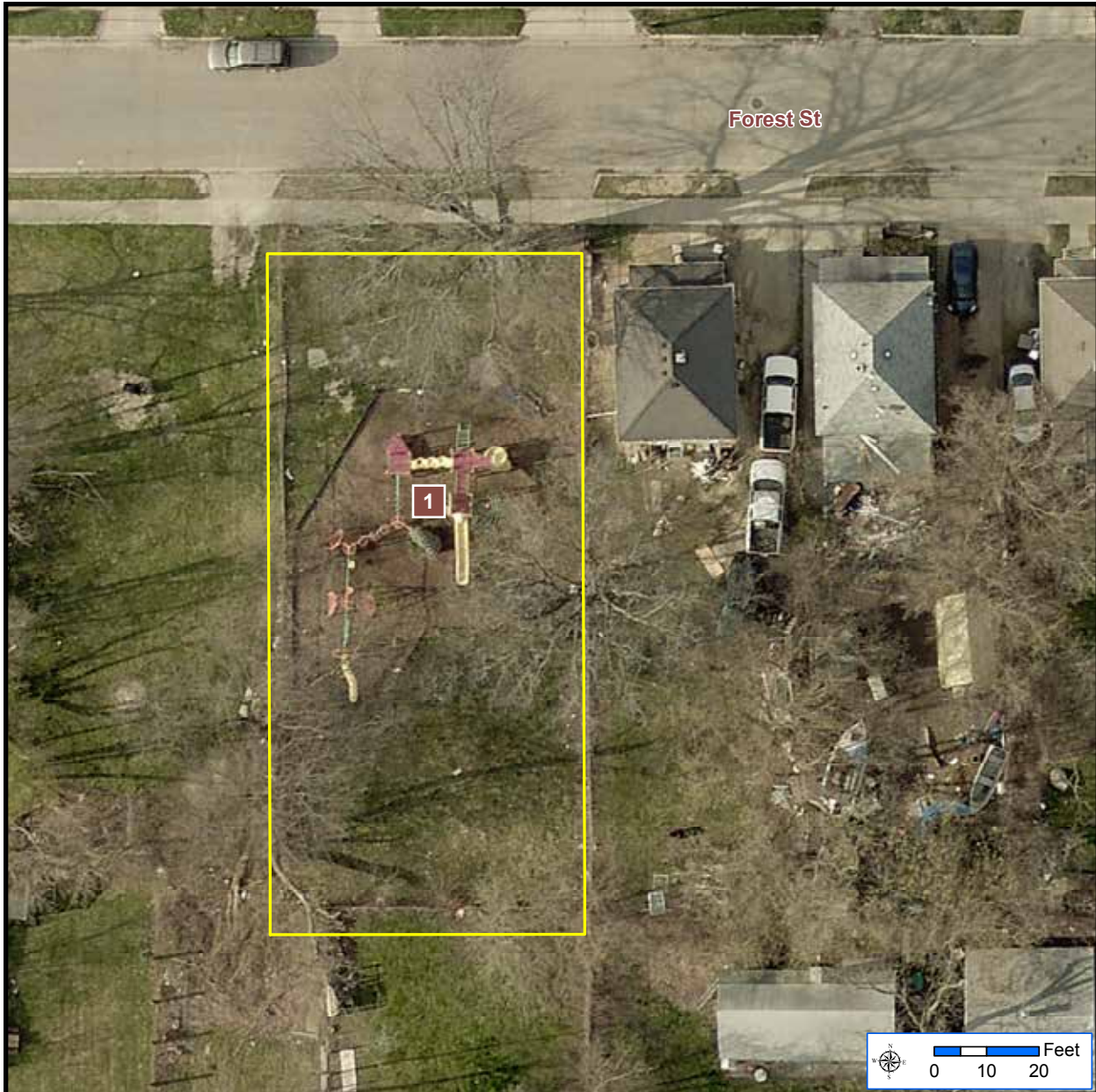
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POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Repair/replace playground equipment
- Prune mature vegetation
- Access path to playground equipment
- New fence and vegetation to screen neighboring properties



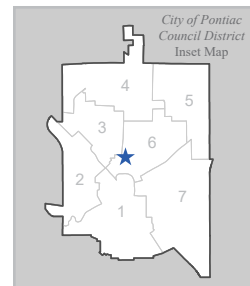
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1 Playground Equipment



MATTIE MCKINNEY HATCHETT PARK

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 1.93	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

Formerly known as Neighborhood Park, Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park is a multi-use park that has playground equipment, picnic shelter and a basketball court. This park is named in honor of Mattie McKinney Hatchett, a former Oakland County Commissioner and Pontiac resident.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Repairs to picnic shelter

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Improve basketball court surface
- Conduct sidewalk assessment and replace broken sections of sidewalk
- Remove concrete foundation from southern portion of the park
- Replace playground equipment
- Poured rubber playground surface



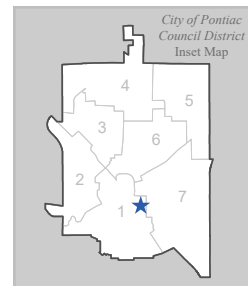
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- 1** Picnic Shelter
- 2** Playground Equipment
- 3** Basketball Court



MOTOR & MONTANA PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.19	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

Located on the corner of Motor St and Montana Ave, this mini park has playground equipment and open space.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed new park entryway sign
- Painted playground equipment
- Held clean-up day

GRANTS AWARDED

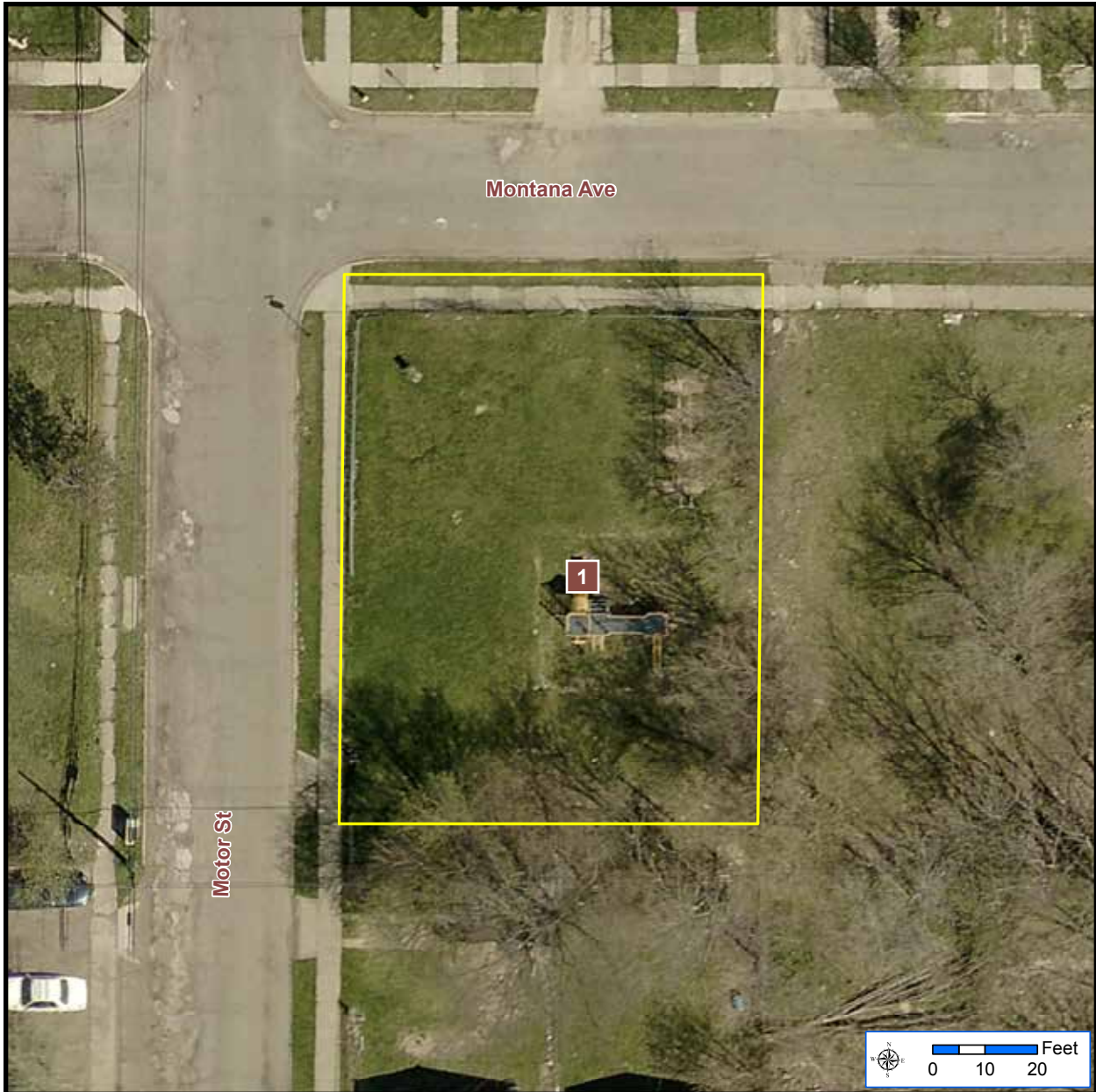
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POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Access path from sidewalk to playground equipment
- Poured rubber playground surface
- New picnic tables and benches
- Prune mature vegetation



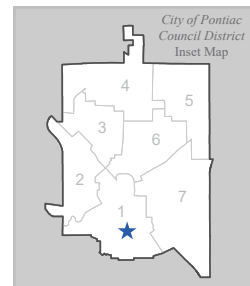
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1 Playground Equipment



MURPHY PARK

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 45.75	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 7
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DESCRIPTION

Comprising of 45 acres, Murphy Park is the largest park in the southeastern portion of the City. Active recreation facilities at the park include a playground, one ball field and one volleyball court, one sledding hill and a cricket field. The park also features large open spaces, picnic area, pavilion, parking area and an a restroom/warming center. The park at one time included the Holland Community Center; however, this center was sold in 2009 and is now owned and operated by the Salvation Army. In the 1939, Murphy Park was the site of an Ojibwe ceremony to name the new tribal chief.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Ice Skating Rink funded by Mayor's Neighborhood Empowerment Project program

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148
- Bond Fund Grant # BF89-551



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

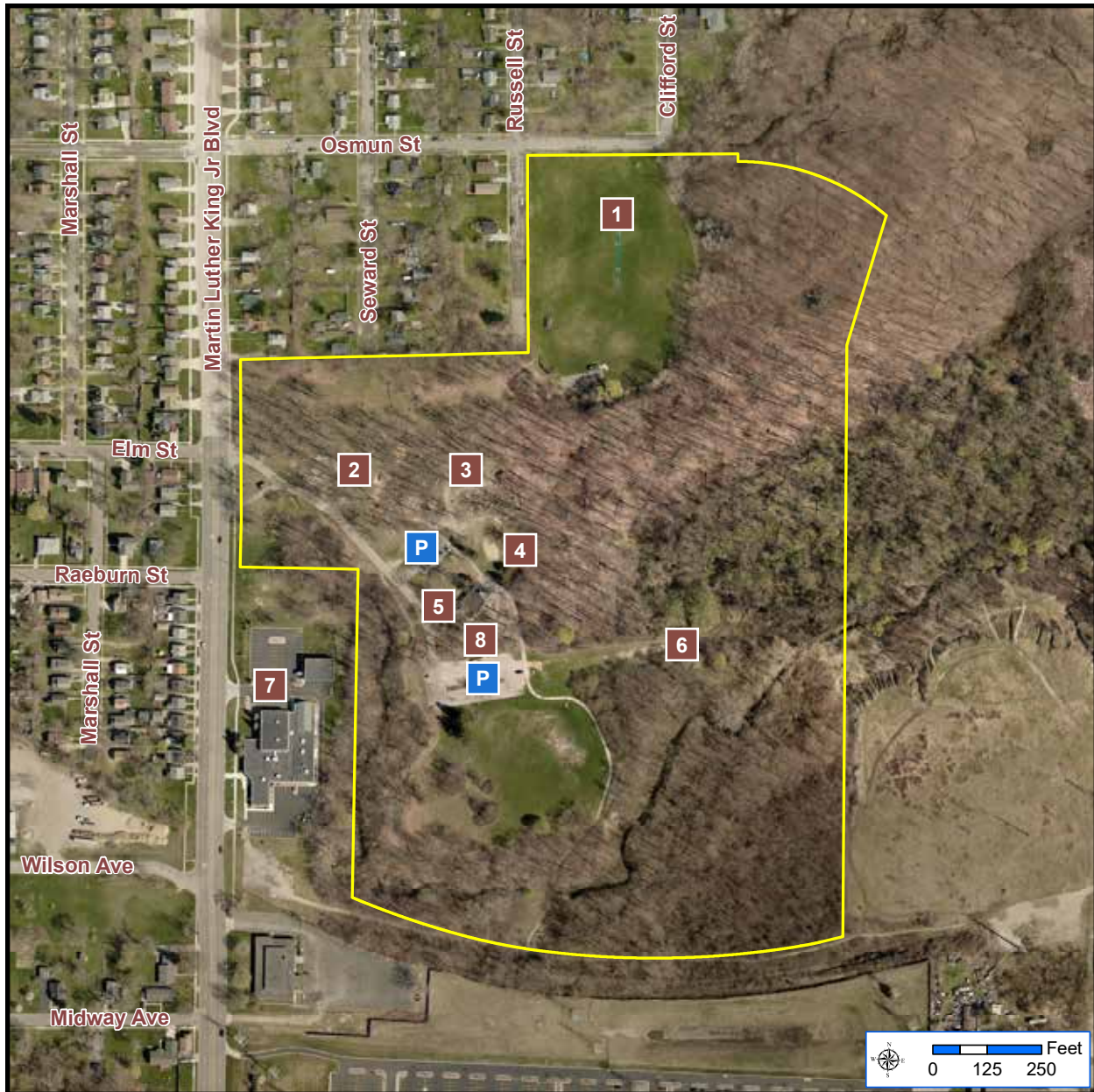
- Prune mature trees
- Improve winter recreation and restore this park as a premier spot for winter activities and programming
- New benches and picnic tables
- Walking path with mile/kilometer markers
- Restore the Warming Center and Restrooms and Conduct Condition Assessment including Universal Accessibility improvement needs
- Improve sledding hill
- Improve playground equipment
- Consider adding a soccer field and spray park/splash pad
- Install new disc golf course
- Install pedestrian connection to North Spur Trail

NOTES

- During public input many participants remembered Murphy Park as the premier park for winter activities.



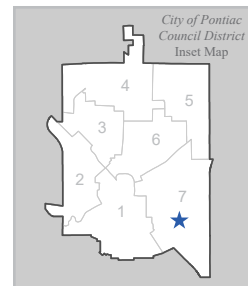
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| 1 Cricket Field | 5 Restrooms/Warming Center |
| 2 Playground Equipment | 6 Sledding Hill |
| 3 Horseshoe Pit | 7 Salvation Army Community Center |
| 4 Volleyball Court | 8 Ice Skating Rink |
| P Parking | |



NORTH KIWANIS PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 26.95	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 3
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DESCRIPTION

Also known locally as Stanley Park, North Kwanis Park surrounds Osmun Lake and has a fishing pier and playground equipment.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed new park entryway sign
- Installed new playground equipment
- Installed new benches and picnic tables

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Walking path with mile/kilometer markers
- Access path to playground equipment
- Maintain a natural vegetative buffer at edge of Osmun Lake to reduce stormwater runoff
- Discourage area residents and park visitors from feeding the wildlife and water fowl
- Consider adding a pickleball court
- Remove invasive plants from lake shore



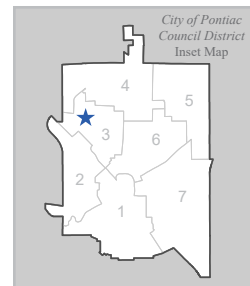
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- 1** Fishing Pier
- 2** Playground Equipment



NORTH SPUR TRAIL

Former Grand Trunk Railroad

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 93.63	Classification LINEAR PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION WALKING & BIKING	Council District 5 & 7
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DESCRIPTION

The North Spur Trail is a linear park on the east side of the City that runs north-south and follows a portion of the former Grand Trunk Western Railroad-Belt Line. The main trailheads are located in Jaycee Park and Galloway Lake Park. The trail surface is unimproved, however it is open for walking.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Held clean-up day

GRANTS AWARDED

- MNRTF Grant # TF13-065



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Complete the trail route through Downtown to Clinton River Trail
- Install mile/kilometer markers
- Improve, repair or replace five bridges
- Improve connections with Jaycee Park, Galloway Lake Park, Pontiac High School, Herrington Elementary and Pontiac Middle School
- Install bike lanes on Pike Street & Paddock Street
- Install entry/road crossing sign at Opdyke

NOTES

- Bridges over M-59 and the Clinton River are closed to pedestrian traffic



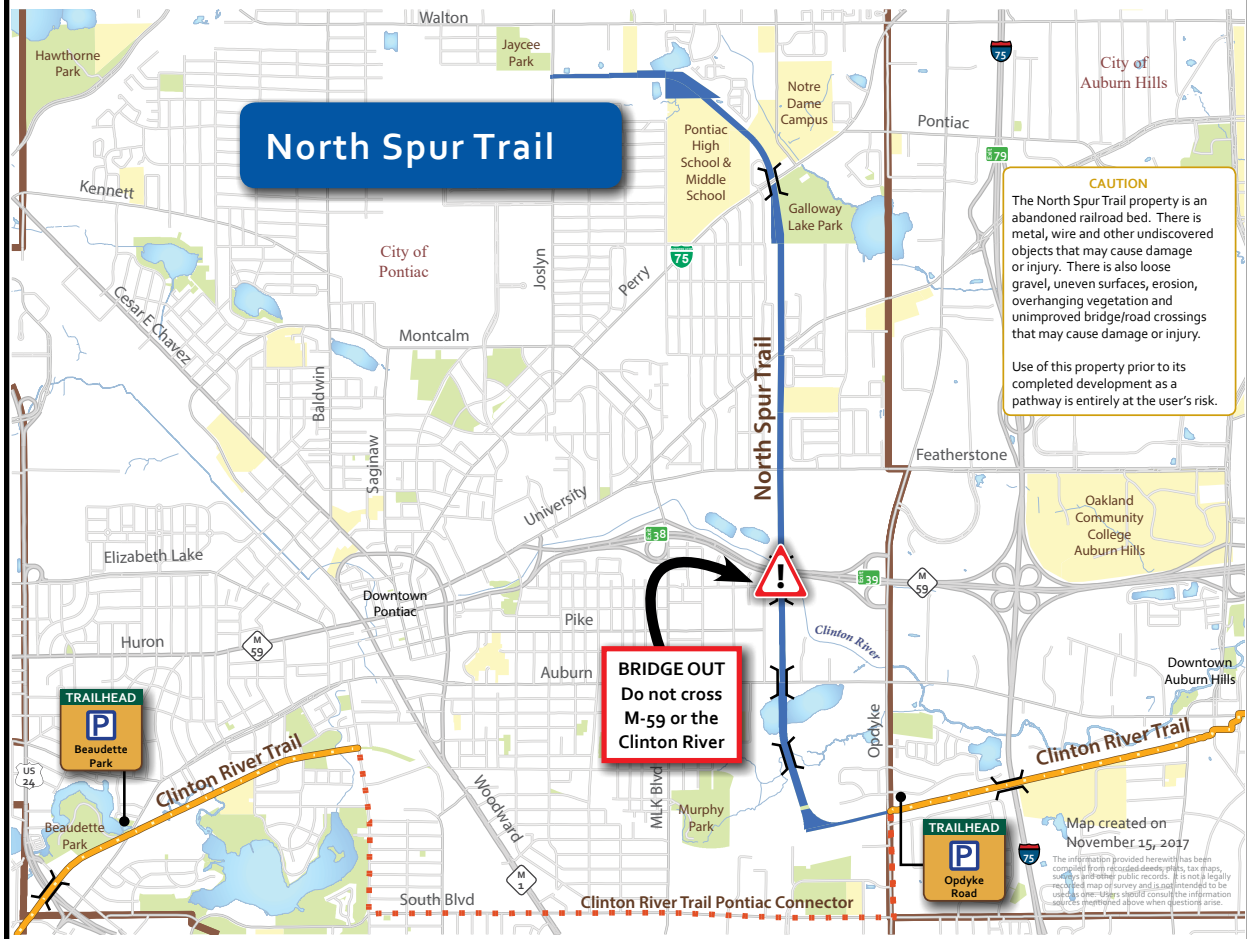
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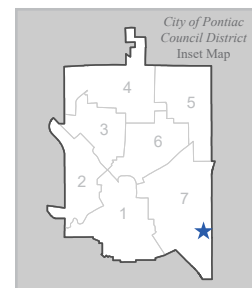
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OAKLAND PARK

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 14.43	Classification COMMUNITY PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

Oakland Park is located on the south side of Montcalm Street in the north central portion of the City. This 14 acre park features a new playground area, one ball field, two basketball courts and a skate park facility (former tennis courts). Other amenities include picnic areas, adult fitness equipment and a parking area. Due to poor condition, the outdoor restroom facility has been closed. The GM Modern Housing neighborhood is very invested in seeing future improvements made at this park.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed adult fitness equipment
- Installed access path from the parking lot to the playground equipment
- Installed picnic shelter

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Spray park or splash pad
- Shuffle Board
- Walking path with mile/kilometer markers
- Access path to basketball courts
- Improve basketball courts
- Improve tennis courts
- Improve horseshoe pits
- Conduct Restroom Condition Assessment including Universal Accessibility improvement needs
- Remove existing skate park equipment from tennis courts. Install a concrete skate park with concrete bowl and half pipes**
**Park and location to be determined.
- Prune mature trees and plant new trees
- Community gardens
- Green infrastructure and rain garden
- Benches and picnic tables
- Consider adding court soccer (Futsal)

NOTES

- The former fire station on the corner of Glenwood and Montcalm was split from the park boundary ca. 2012 and sold to a private owner (approx 0.67 acres).
- Area under the playground equipment floods

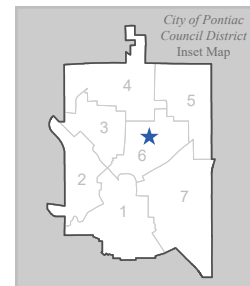
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| 1 Gravel Parking Lot | 5 Picnic Shelter |
| 2 Tennis Courts | 6 Restrooms/Comfort Station |
| 3 Skate Park | 7 Playground and Fitness Equipment |
| 4 Basketball Courts | |



OLIVER PLAYFIELD

Accessibility Rating 0	Acreage 0.8	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION GARDENS	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

The Oliver Playfield is located in the GM Modern Housing Neighborhood with primary access from Oliver and Hammond Streets.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Improve alley
- Consider installing community gardens
- Prune mature vegetation
- New park entryway sign

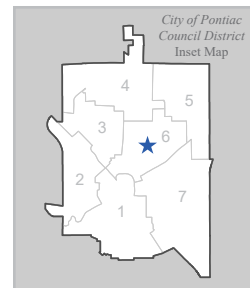


OLIVER PLAYFIELD



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OPTIMIST PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 1.26	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYSTRUCTURE	Council District 3
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DESCRIPTION

Optimist Park is located in a residential neighborhood in the northwestern portion of the City.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed new playground equipment
- Installed new park entryway sign
- Held clean-up day

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Access path to playground equipment from sidewalks

NOTES

- When park equipment was installed, ground bees were discovered and multiple treatments were required.



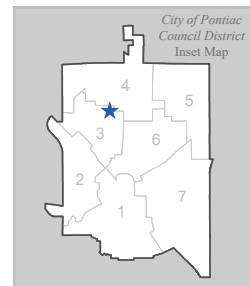
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1 Playground Equipment

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RICHARDSON PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 4.15	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 7
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DESCRIPTION

Named in honor of Civil War Brigadier General Israel B. Richardson (1815 – 1862), this park is located in the center of Pontiac.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Resurface and improve basketball court
- Install new basketball backboards
- Interpretive sign honoring Civil War Brigadier General Israel B. Richardson accomplishments
- Access path to basketball court and playground equipment
- Benches and picnic tables
- Conduct a parking study around the park
- New swing set
- Install new skate park funded by Oakland County PAL program and Skate Park Project (formerly Tony Hawk Foundation)

NOTES

- Michigan Land Bank and MDOT own adjacent parcels to the west. Possible DNR Grant mitigation property (approx 0.8 ac).



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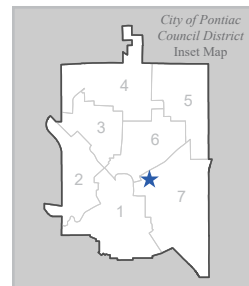


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1 Playground Equipment

2 Basketball Court

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ROTARY PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 7.06	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

Rotary Park is located along Wessen Street, southwest of downtown Pontiac. Rotary Park's 8 acres feature two basketball courts, a playground and large open spaces. The former Hayes Jones Community Center and outdoor pool have been sold and are now the private Wessen Lawn Tennis Club.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed new picnic pavilion
- Installed new walking paths

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Splash pad/spray park
- Walking path
- Adult fitness equipment
- Picnic shelter/pavilion
- Small parking lot
- Improve basketball court
- Community gardens
- Picnic tables and benches
- Walking path with mile/kilometer markers
- New Cricket Field

NOTES

- A preliminary concept site plan for Rotary Park has been developed.
- Approx 2.12 acres are adjacent and could be considered for DNR Grant mitigation property.



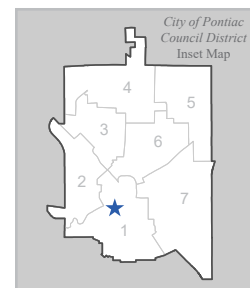
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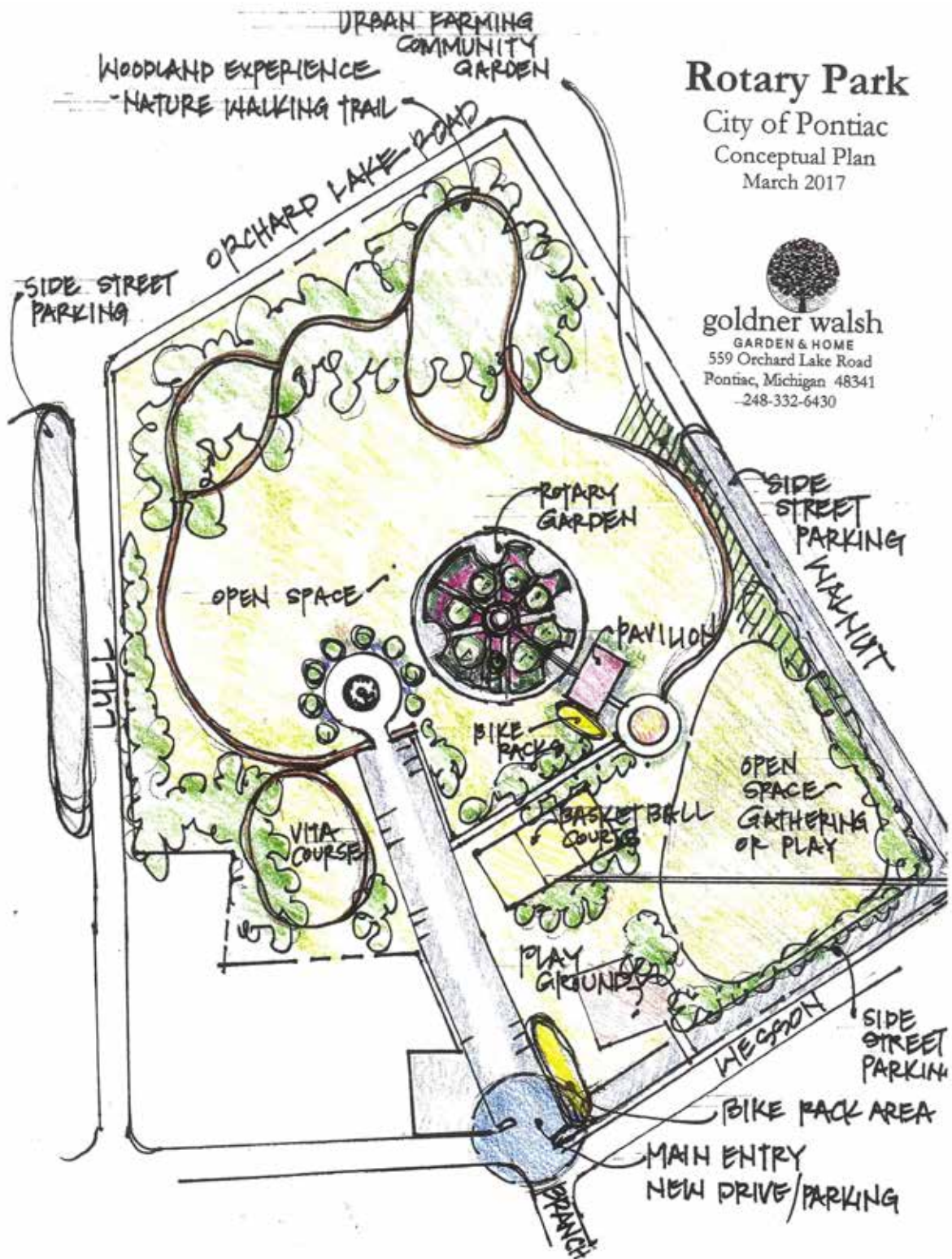
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- 1** Playground Equipment
- 2** Basketball Court
- 3** Picnic Pavilion
- 4** Walking Path



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FIGURE 2: ROTARY PARK CONCEPT PLAN



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RUTH PETERSON COMMUNITY CENTER

990 Joslyn

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 0.66	Classification COMMUNITY CENTER	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION COMMUNITY CENTER	Council District 6
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DESCRIPTION

The Ruth Peterson Community Center is located on Joslyn Avenue in the north central portion of the City. Indoor facilities include meeting rooms, kitchen, lunchroom, exercise area, offices and a stage for plays and other performances. Similar to Bowens Senior Center, the Peterson Center offers programming and a meeting location for various senior groups.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Conduct building conditions assessment include Universal Accessibility improvement needs
- Resurface parking lots
- Complete upgrades and improvements in the building
- New entryway sign and/or electronic message sign
- Consider coordinating programs and use of the space with Centro Mulicultural La Familia

NOTES

- This community center offers a variety of programs for the City's senior citizens.



RUTH PETERSON COMMUNITY CENTER

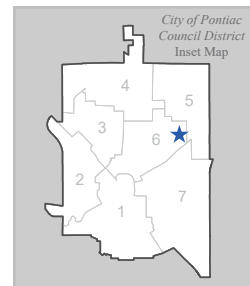


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1 Community Center

P Parking



SHIRLEY & WILLARD PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 1.78	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION BASKETBALL	Council District 7
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DESCRIPTION

Shirley and Willard Park is located on the southeast side of the City in the Unity Park Neighborhood. This park has recently been renovated by Friends of Pontiac Parks Association, City of Pontiac, PNC Bank, Chemical Bank, MSHDA, Community Housing Network and Venture Inc.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed new park entryway sign
- Installed new picnic shelter/pavilion
- Resurfaced basketball court

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Prune mature vegetation
- Access paths from sidewalk to amenities

NOTES

- Work with adjacent private property owner to extend southern park boundary to include full basketball court



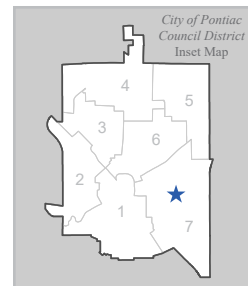
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- 1** Playground equipment
- 2** Picnic Shelter/Pavilion
- 3** Basketball Court

2017 Aerial Photo



SOUTH KIWANIS PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 5.36	Classification NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 7
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DESCRIPTION

This 5 acre neighborhood park is located on the southeast side of the City.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None

GRANTS AWARDED

- LWCF Grant # 26-00148



POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Splash pad/spray park
- Walking path with mile/kilometer markers
- Improve playground equipment
- Access path to amenities
- Improve basketball court surface
- Benches and picnic tables

NOTES

- None



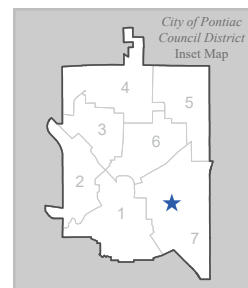
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- 1** Basketball Court
- 2** Playground Equipment
- 3** Soccer Field

2017 Aerial Photo



STEED PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.31	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION BASKETBALL	Council District 7
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DESCRIPTION

Steed Park is on a wedge shaped lot located in the southeast section of the City. The park was renamed after Michael Steed (1966 -1985), a 19-year-old Pontiac resident who was an innocent victim of a drug-related shooting while he was playing basketball at the park.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Elm Street has been barricaded to discourage illegal dumping

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Remove former building foundation
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Upgrade basketball court
- Interpretive sign honoring Michael Steed
- Vacate Elm Street

NOTES

- The eastern portion of the park was sold (approx 0.13 acres) in 2013
- Adjacent to the former Grand Trunk Western Railroad-Air Line Division



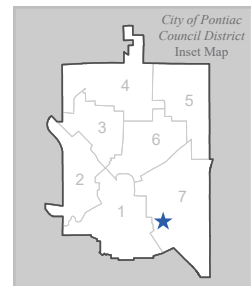
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- 1** Basketball Court
- 2** Playground Equipment



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.25	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 2
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DESCRIPTION

Formerly known as Stout Street Park, this mini park is located in the southwest corner of the City. Trinity Missionary Baptist Church has adopted the park and made needed improvements.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Held park clean-up day

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Access paths to playground equipment
- Benches and picnic tables
- Prune mature vegetation

NOTES

- None



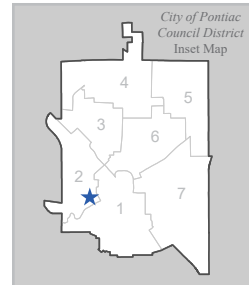
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1 Playground Equipment



WASHINGTON/ARGYLE PARK

Accessibility Rating 2	Acreage 0.24	Classification MINI PARK	Park Identity PASSIVE RECREATION PLAYGROUND	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

Also known locally as Argyle Park, this mini park is located on the southwest side of the City.

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Removed old playground equipment
- Installed new bench
- Installed new entryway sign

GRANTS AWARDED

- None

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Access paths to playground equipment
- New accessible picnic table
- New playground equipment

NOTES

- Review parcel boundary and have a property survey done if necessary. Neighbors may be encroaching on park property

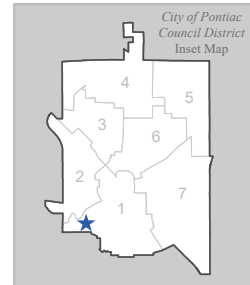


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1 Playground Equipment



YOUTH RECREATION & ENRICHMENT CENTER

Accessibility Rating 3	Acreage 11.95	Classification COMMUNITY CENTER	Park Identity ACTIVE RECREATION MULTI-USE	Council District 1
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DESCRIPTION

The residents in the City of Pontiac passed the Youth Recreation Millage in 2016. The City has a short term lease on the former Michigan School for the Arts building to operate the Youth Recreation & Enrichment Center.

POTENTIAL PARK UPGRADES

- Improve wayfinding signage along Golf Drive

NOTES

- None

RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- None

GRANTS AWARDED

- None



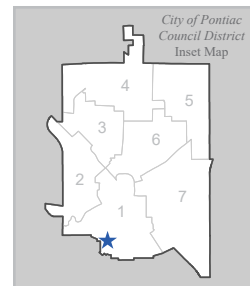
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- 1** Community Center
- 2** Playground Equipment
- 3** Basketball Court
- P** Parking



OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Civic Spaces/Plazas/Squares

- Buckley Fountain (Saginaw/Lafayette)
- Kusatsu Friendship Garden (City Hall)
- Phoenix Center Amphitheater

Privately Owned Recreational Facilities

- Community Backyard on Home Street
- Links at Crystal Lake
- Saginaw Green
- Salvation Army Community Center
- Ultimate Soccer Arenas
- Wessen Lawn Tennis Club
- Wesson Indoor Tennis Club

REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

A number of regional recreation facilities are located in close proximity to the City of Pontiac. A brief description of these facilities is provided below.

State Recreation Areas

Several state operated recreation areas are located outside of Pontiac. These large facilities offer a variety of activities, such as camping, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, horseback riding and canoeing/kayaking to area residents. The following state recreation areas are located in close proximity to Pontiac:

- Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
- Dodge #4 State Park
- Highland State Recreation Area
- Holly State Recreation Area
- Island Lake State Recreation Area
- Maybury State Park
- Ortonville State Recreation Area
- Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area

- Proud Lake State Recreation Area
- Seven Lakes State Park

Huron-Clinton Metroparks

The Huron-Clinton Metropark system maintains numerous regional park facilities in Southeast Michigan. The closest Metroparks to Pontiac include:

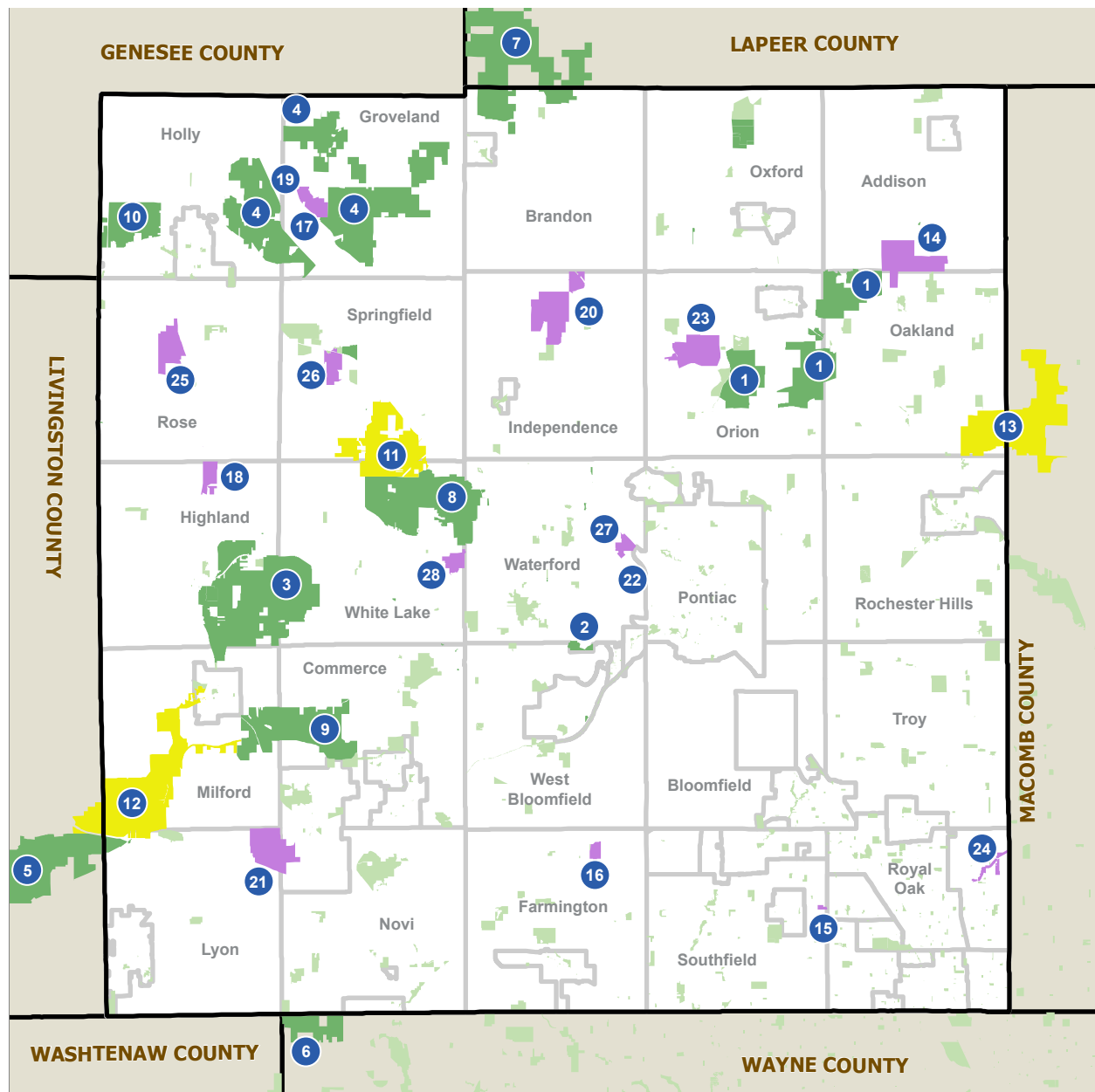
- Indian Springs Metropark
- Kensington Metropark
- Stony Creek Metropark

Oakland County Parks

Oakland County Parks and Recreation operates 15 facilities that provide a variety of recreational opportunities and specialized facilities. The closest Oakland County Park to Pontiac is Waterford Oaks, located just west of the City limits. Oakland County Parks and Recreation Facilities include:

- Addison Oaks
- Catalpa Oaks
- Glen Oaks
- Groveland Oaks
- Highland Oaks
- Holly Oaks ORV Park (partnership with DNR)
- Independence Oaks
- Lyon Oaks
- Oakland County Farmers Market
- Orion Oaks
- Red Oaks
- Rose Oaks
- Springfield Oaks
- Waterford Oaks
- White Lake Oaks

REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES MAP



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10. Seven Lakes State Park

Huron-Clinton Metropark

11. Indian Springs Metropark
12. Kensington Metropark
13. Stony Creek Metropark

Oakland County Park

14. Addison Oaks
15. Catalpa Oaks
16. Glen Oaks
17. Groveland Oaks
18. Highland Oaks
19. Holly Oaks ORV Park
(partnership with DNR)

Municipal Parks

20. Independence Oaks
21. Lyon Oaks
22. Oakland County Farmers Market
23. Orion Oaks
24. Red Oaks
25. Rose Oaks
26. Springfield Oaks
27. Waterford Oaks
28. White Lake Oaks

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

A variety of educational facilities located within the City of Pontiac offer recreational opportunities, such as playgrounds, basketball courts and ball fields for area residents. These facilities are owned and operated by the School District of the City of Pontiac, as well as private educational providers.

The Recreation Inventory Map, included earlier in this chapter, shows the location of each educational facility. A brief description of each educational facility is provided below.

Alcott Elementary

Alcott Elementary School is located on Kennett Road in the northwestern portion of the City. The school is situated on a 10.12 acre property and features one playground, one ball field and one basketball court.

Bethune Elementary (Former)

The former Bethune Elementary school is located on Lake Street in the southwestern portion of the City. Situated on a 12.96 acre site, the school facility offers one playground and open fields. This parcel is also adjacent to the Clinton River Trail.

Hawthorne Elementary (Former)

The former Hawthorne Elementary School is located on Telegraph Rd, just south of Walton Blvd. The school building was demolished ca. 2003. This vacant property is adjacent to Hawthorne Park.

Herrington Elementary

This school is located on Bay Street in the east central portion of the City. Recreation facilities include two playgrounds, one ball field and one basketball court.

International Technology Academy/WHRC

This 13.7 acre parcel is centrally located in the city. It features a playground and two basketball courts.

Owen Elementary/ Kennedy Center

School site is located along Baldwin Avenue in the northern portion of the City. The 25 acre site includes two playgrounds and two basketball courts.

P.E.A.C.E. Academy

Located in the east central portion of the City, this site features a playground, basketball court and a ball field.

Pontiac High School/Pontiac Middle School/Pontiac Prep Academy

This 120 acre campus is located in the northeastern portion of the City. In addition to indoor recreation facilities, the site offers a variety of outdoor facilities including six tennis courts, two basketball courts, one ball field and three soccer fields.



Basketball courts at Pontiac High School.

Whitman Elementary School

Located in the north central portion of the City, numerous facilities are found at Whitman Elementary School, including three playgrounds, two basketball courts and one soccer field.

Wisner School (Former)

The former Wisner Elementary School is home to the renovated Wisner Memorial Stadium (football), where Pontiac High School games are played. Other facilities at this site include a multi-purpose field, a walking track and recently renovated building. The school district has leased this property and has a partnership with Lee Industrial Contracting.

Other Schools

A number of schools operated by other educational providers are located in the City of Pontiac. Some of these sites may offer recreational opportunities for nearby residents. These include:

- Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac
- Baker College
- Notre Dame Prep Academy
- Oakland Schools Tech Campus NE
- Pontiac Academy for Excellence
- Walton Charter Academy
- Webber Media Arts Academy

Note: Many of the Pontiac Public Schools listed in the 2012-2016 Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master Plan have been divested and sold to private owners for redevelopment.



Notre Dame Marist Academy Lower Division



Playground equipment and basketball courts at ITA/WHRC.



Wisner Memorial Stadium and popular walking track at the former Wisner Elementary School.

SE MICHIGAN NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS MAP



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS (LINEAR PARKS)

Non-motorized recreational trails and sidewalks link people to parks and encourage active transportation activities like walking and biking. The Clinton River Trail passes through the City of Pontiac and provides connections to two cross-state trails:

- Great Lake to Lake Trails-Route 1 (east-west from South Haven to Port Huron)
- Iron Belle Trail-Biking Route (north-south from Belle Isle to Ironwood)

Regional trails in Oakland County include:

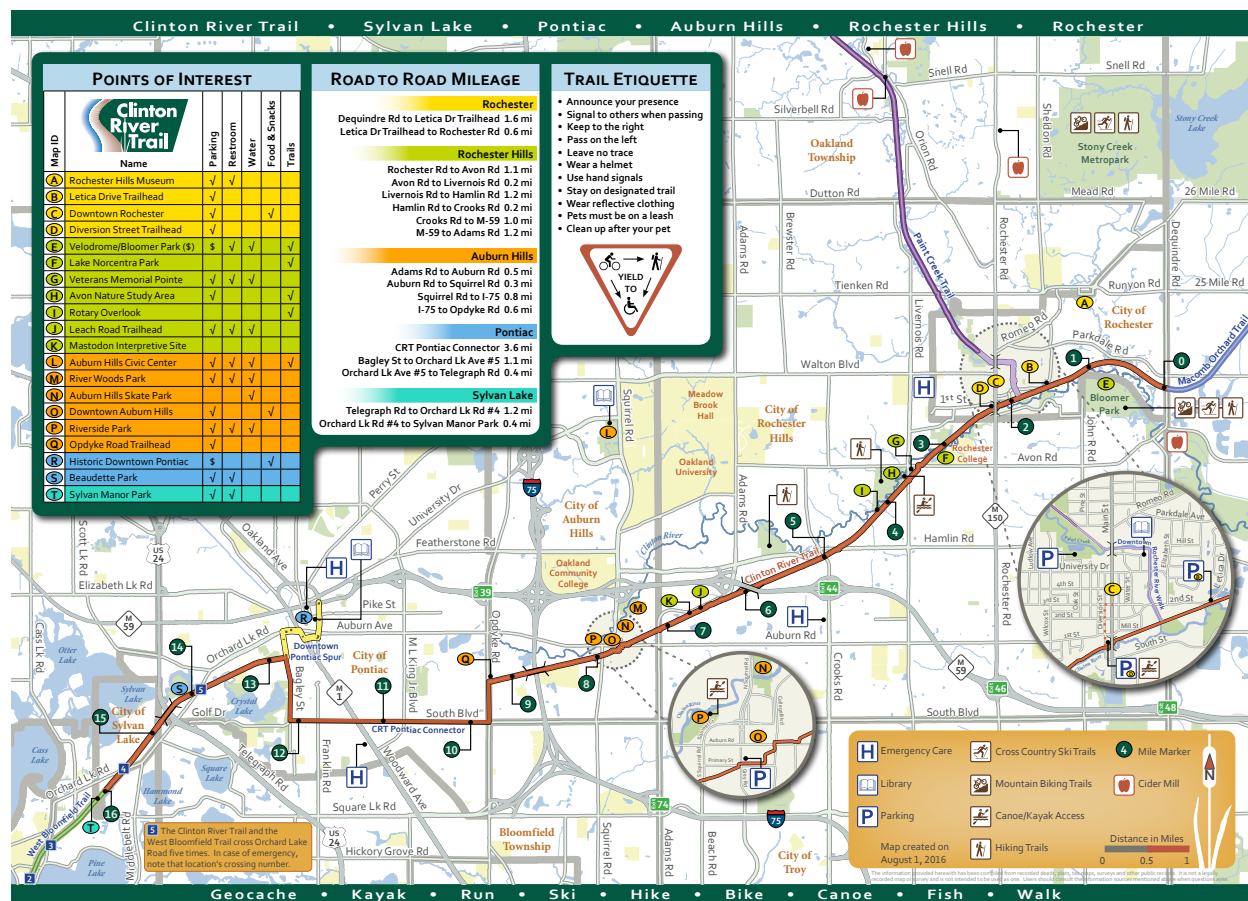
- Clinton River Trail
- Headwaters Trails
- Huron Valley Trail
- I-275 & M-5 Metro Trails
- Michigan Air Line Trail
- Milford Trail
- Paint Creek Trail
- Polly Ann Trail
- West Bloomfield Trail

About the Clinton River Trail

The Clinton River Trail (CRT) is a 16-mile, multi-use, linear park that traverses the communities of Sylvan Lake, Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Rochester. The CRT provides users with an active transportation corridor and a variety of year-round recreational opportunities such as biking, hiking, running, canoeing/kayaking, geocaching, fishing, cross-county skiing and wildlife viewing. The Clinton River Trail also links neighborhoods with historic downtowns, schools, parks and open space, the Clinton River, business districts and local tourism attractions.

Beyond the city limits, the CRT has direct connections with other regionally significant trails like the West Bloomfield Trail, Macomb Orchard Trail and Paint Creek Trail. The Clinton River Trail is also an important segment of the Great Lake to Lake Trails-Route 1 and a short section in Rochester has been designated as the Iron Belle Trail-Biking Route.

The CRT follows the former Grand Trunk Western Railroad-Jackson Subdivision and the majority of it was divested in 1998. The five cities have worked together since that time to purchase, develop and make improvements to the trail.



Map of the Clinton River Trail. The majority of this stretch of the Grand Trunk Railroad was abandoned in 1998 and has since been converted into a rail-trail.

Clinton River Trail Alliance

2019 marks the 15th anniversary of the CRT. A year long celebration and special events along the trail are planned to commemorate this major milestone. It all began in 2004, when the Memorandum of Understanding was signed by representatives of the five cities and encourages them cooperatively operate the CRT as one contiguous trail. The Clinton River Trail Alliance –made up of representatives from the five cities, Friends of the Clinton River Trail (FCRT) and Oakland County Planning– meets on a bimonthly basis to discuss trail conditions, events and special projects along the CRT. Each community owns and is responsible for operating and maintaining their respective section of the CRT.



New "Look & Feel" road crossing sign along the Clinton River Trail at Bagley Street.

Friends of the Clinton River Trail

The Friends of the Clinton River Trail is an all-volunteer nonprofit corporation that is committed to promoting the Clinton River Trail as a safe and enjoyable recreational destination with a focus on improving quality of life, community health, economic development and leaving a legacy for future generations. Members of FCRT include citizens and businesses from across Southeast Michigan with the majority being from the communities nearest to the trail. FCRT operates using private donations, occasional grants and corporate event sponsorships and does not receive funding from any of the cities along the trail. FCRT also serves as a facilitator to initiate improvements along the trail, helps coordinate trail activities within the communities and develops programming that highlights the trail. FCRT worked with community stakeholders to establish the distinctive "Look & Feel" branding, amenities and signage plan for the CRT.



FCRT hosts special events along the trail like Cruisin' for the Trails—a noncompetitive bike ride from Rochester Hills to Downtown Pontiac.

Clinton River Trail in Pontiac

The existing rail-trail portion of the CRT in Pontiac traverses approximately 1.7 miles in the southwest section of the City from the Bloomfield Township boundary to Bagley Street. Located on what was once the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, this section of non-motorized trail passes through natural settings and wooded areas and crosses over the Clinton River twice. Beaudette Park serves as a trailhead and offers parking, a bike repair station, picnic areas and seasonal portable restrooms.

At Bagley Street, the Clinton River Trail splits into the Downtown Spur to the north and the CRT Pontiac Connector to the south.

For the time being, the CRT Pontiac Connector is the designated route for the Clinton River Trail in the City. In general, this 3.6-mile stretch follows a narrow sidewalk south along Bagley Street then east on South Blvd and north alongside Opdyke Road to the CRT in Auburn Hills. Trail users pass by several neighborhoods, industrial complexes and commercial developments. This sidewalk-based route serves only as a temporary connection and a new “northern route” is being planned.

The Downtown Spur also follows a sidewalk and provides trail users with access to the businesses and services in and around the Woodward Loop.



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Map of the Clinton River Trail and key destinations in the City of Pontiac.

Pontiac CRT Milestones

The historical and proposed development of the Clinton River Trail in Pontiac is part of an ongoing process. It all began in 2003 when the City purchased the trail property from Old Telegraph Road to Franklin Street from the Trust for Public Land (TPL). TPL is an organization specializing in conservation real estate and works to protect land for public use and enjoyment. TPL purchased the property from the railroad in 2001, giving the City an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire the parcels.

Trail development and construction was completed in 2004, from Old Telegraph Road to Bagley Street, and included a crushed limestone surface, improvements to the bridges over the Clinton River and trail/road crossing enhancements. Project funding assistance was provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Downtown Spur was completed in 2009. Project funding assistance was provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

In 2011, construction was completed on the pedestrian bridge over Telegraph Road (US-24). This project was made possible with funding from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan-GreenWays Initiative, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This pedestrian bridge provides trail users with a direct connection to the CRT in Sylvan Lake and the West Bloomfield Trail.



2004 Ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the CRT in Pontiac.



Downtown Spur, completed in 2009, provides trail users with access to area businesses.



Construction of the bridge over Telegraph Road was completed in 2011.



2017 Ribbon cutting for the North Spur Trail.

In 2017, the City of Pontiac purchased 4.5 miles of the former Grand Trunk Western-Pontiac Belt Line Railroad, known locally as the North Spur Trail route, from the Canadian National Railway Company with the funding assistance from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The City is working toward improving the five bridges and trail surface and making connections to Jaycee Park and Galloway Lake Park. Once completed, a portion of the North Spur will be designated as the Clinton River Trail.



Bike repair station and bike racks installed at the CRT trailhead at Beaudette Park.

Over the years, new amenities have been installed along the CRT that include:

- MotorCities wayside interpretive signs
- Bike repair stations
- Bike racks
- Mile Markers
- Wayfinding signs and pavement markers
- Map boxes
- Regulatory signs



Mile markers installed along the trail in 2018.



New wayfinding and interpretive signs.

Over the past decade, the City's DPW/Park budget and staff have been reduced, leaving the CRT in need of major maintenance, repairs and upgrades to meet current shared use path standards. The City relies on volunteer efforts to edge the sidewalk along the CRT Pontiac Connector and pick up litter along the trail.



FCRT and GM Cares Team clean up day along the CRT Pontiac Connector.



Clinton River Trail east of Old Telegraph Road in 2004 after construction.



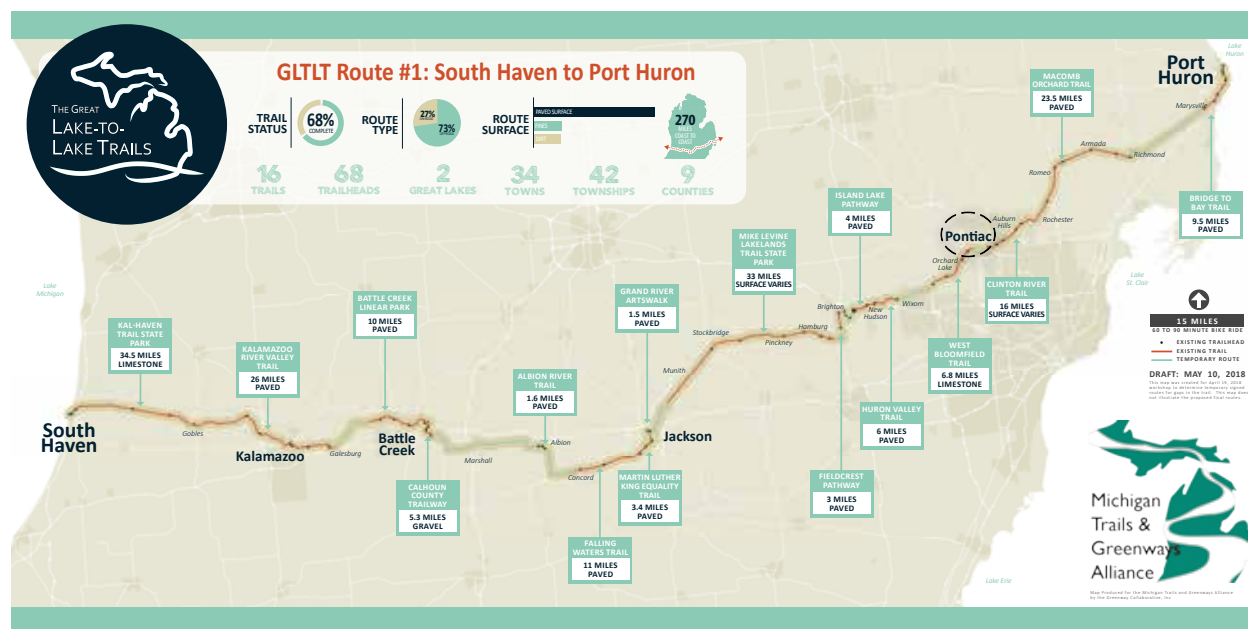
Clinton River Trail east of Old Telegraph Road in 2018.

Great Lake to Lake Trail-Route 1

The Clinton River Trail is one of sixteen trails that make up the 270-mile Great Lake to Lake Trail-Route 1 (GLTLT) that extends across Michigan from South Haven to Port Huron. Once completed, this important cross-state destination trail will provide local communities with economic vitality, active transportation, social connection, health and fitness, environmental preservation and local tourism related opportunities.

The City of Pontiac has been designated a Trail Town on the GLTLT and provides users with access to restaurants and breweries, bike shop, cultural attractions and lodging facilities. It is essential that the City work with Main Street Pontiac and the Chamber of Commerce to coordinate and leverage trail related amenities in the Downtown and surrounding commercial and business districts.

The Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA) began the GLTLT project in 2009 to accelerate the identification and development of cross-state trails to link one Great Lake to another. MTGA has worked to bring a diverse group of stakeholders together including representatives from MDOT, DNR, local communities, government agencies, non-profits and trail organizations to plan, develop, brand and market this important recreational resource. In 2018, a Trail Ambassador was hired to coordinate this work with local communities and create a world-class experience on the GLTLT for all trail users.



Map illustrating Route 1 of the Great Lake to Lake Trails. The Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance began the Great Lake to Lake Trails project in 2009.

PONTIAC LINEAR PARK GAP ANALYSIS

Looking ahead to the future, there is a need to address critical gaps in the linear park network in Pontiac. These corridors promote active and healthy lifestyles and link a number of neighborhoods with parks and other key destinations in and around Pontiac.

It is recommended that each of the following routes be studied and discussed in further detail with local residents and stakeholders. Each route offers different benefits, user experiences and provides a non-motorized transportation connection to various sections of the city. Based on current resources, a phased approach should be determined and taken to implement the linear park network in Pontiac.

A Existing Clinton River Trail

- Improve trail surface to meet current AASHTO standards
- Pave approaches at road/trail crossings, install ADA detectable warnings and crosswalk pavement markings
- Install Bike/Pedestrian warning signs along roadways to alert motorists
- Install shade shelter and picnic table at Beaudette Park consistent with the "CRT Look & Feel" project amenities
- Inspect two bridges over the Clinton River and make necessary improvements to decking and railings
- At Orchard Lake Rd #5, realign crossing and install a pedestrian hybrid beacon



The streets along the Neighborhood–Downtown Connector Route have sidewalks for pedestrians and are wide enough to add bike lanes or shared lane markings for cyclists.

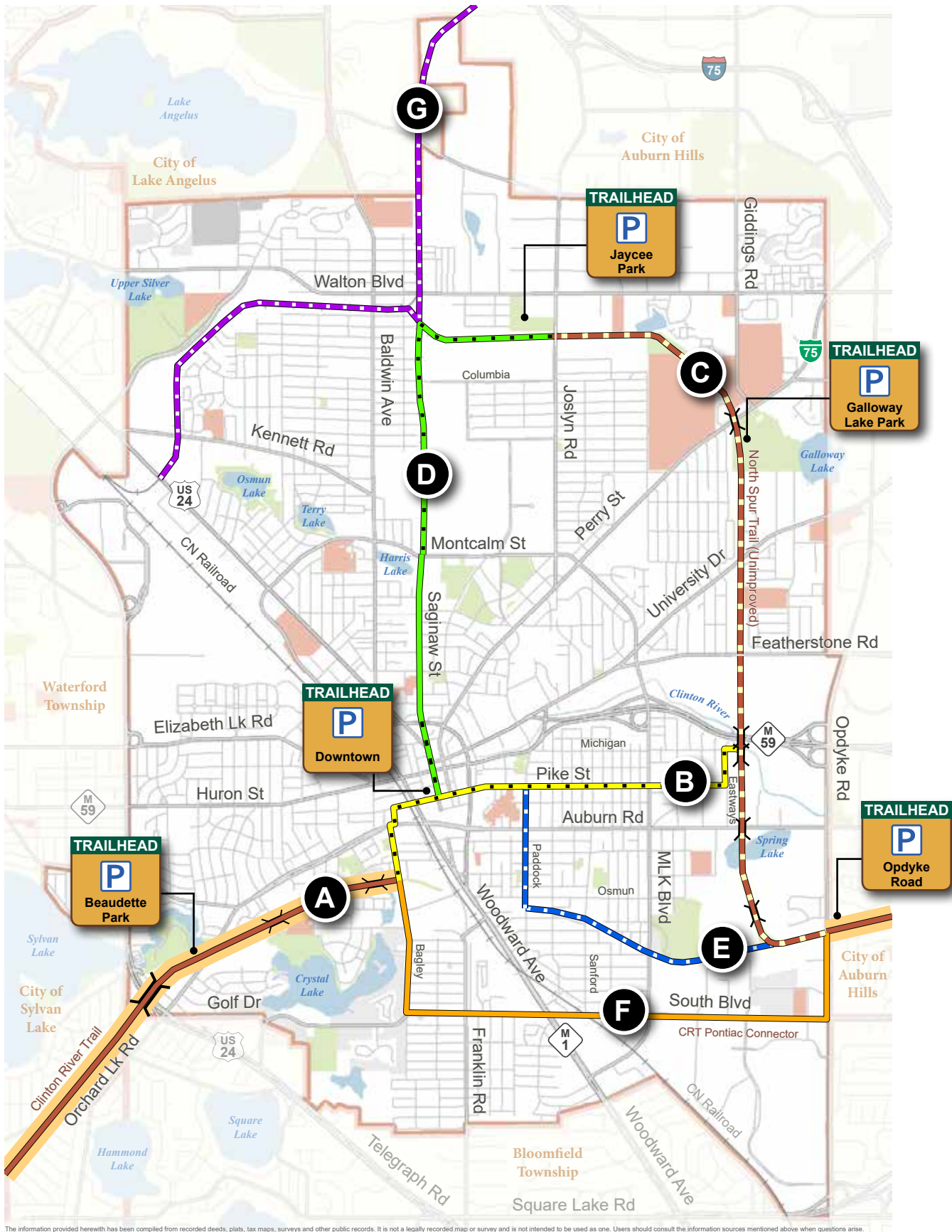
B Neighborhood–Downtown Connector

- Add bike lanes/buffered bike lanes and appropriate signage during road resurfacing/construction projects
- Convert Pike Street between Mill and NB Woodward to two-way traffic
- Conduct a sidewalk assessment and replace/repair as needed
- Install wayfinding signage
- Install ADA detectable warnings, curb ramps and crosswalk pavement markings at road crossings

C North Spur Trail

- Improve trail surface to meet current AASHTO standards
- Create a plaza at the Clinton River just south of M-59
- Improve connections to Jaycee Park, High School, Middle School, Galloway Lake Park and Murphy Park
- Construct ramps to link the North Spur Trail with the Neighborhood–Downtown Connector on Pike Street and Auburn Road
- Retrofit, repair or replace five pedestrian bridges and railings
- Improve Opdyke Road crossing

PONTIAC LINEAR PARK GAP ANALYSIS MAP



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D Former CN Railroad

- Contact property owners and negotiate property acquisition or permanent easements
- Conduct environmental assessments
- Complete design engineering
- Seek funding to improve trail surface to meet current AASHTO standards
- Extend on-road bike facilities on Saginaw Street between Pike and the Woodward Loop



Pike Street in Downtown Pontiac.

E Former Grand Trunk Railroad

- Contact property owners and negotiate property acquisition or permanent easements
- Complete design engineering and environmental assessment
- Seek funding to improve trail surface to meet current AASHTO standards
- Pave approaches at road/trail crossings, install ADA detectable warnings and crosswalk pavement markings
- Install Bike/Pedestrian warning signs along roadways to alert motorists
- Add bike lanes on Paddock



Former Grand Trunk Railroad right-of-way in the southeast section of the City.

F CRT Pontiac Connector

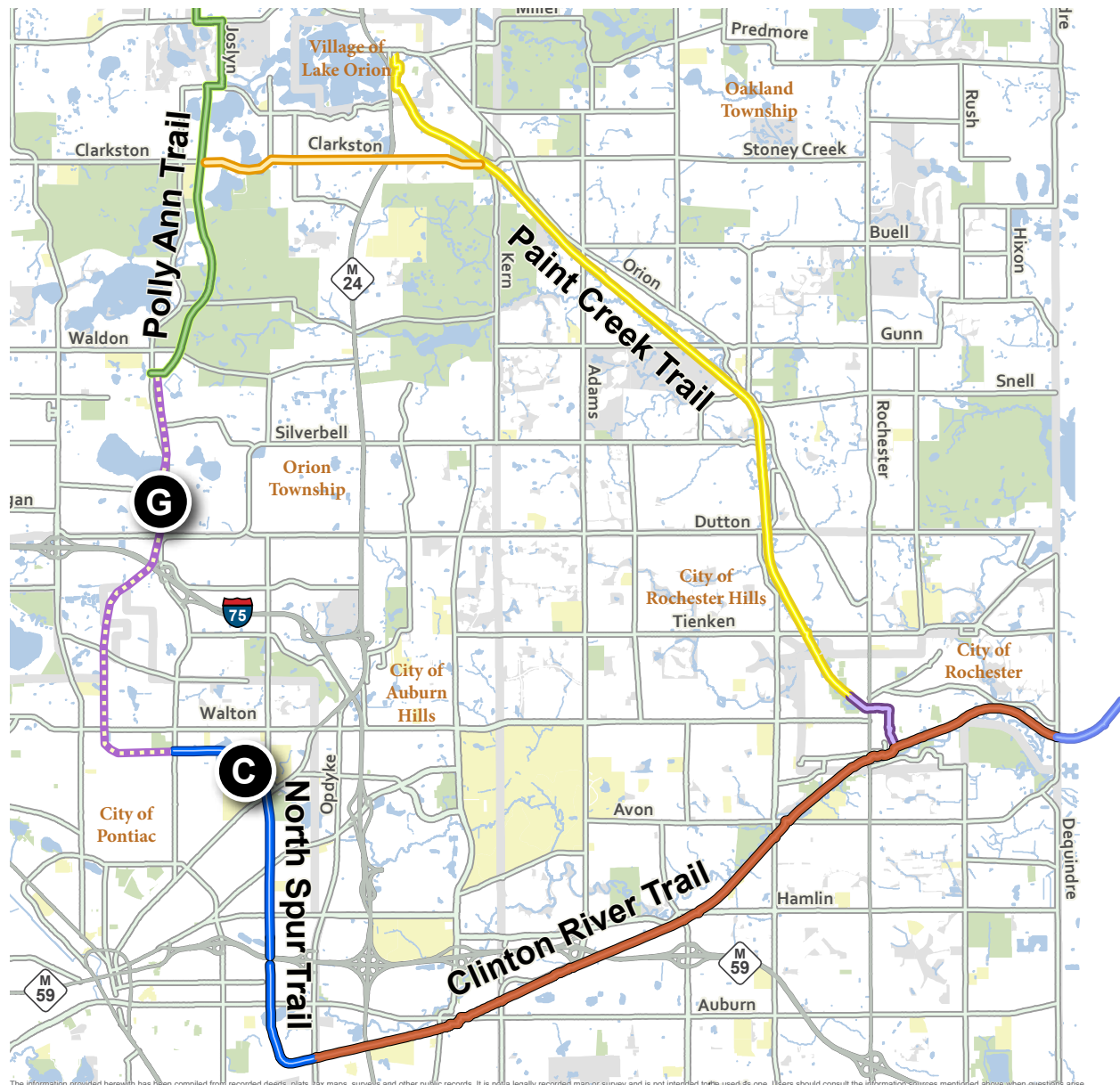
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- Conduct a sidewalk assessment and replace/repair as needed
- Install ADA detectable warnings, curb ramps and crosswalk pavement markings at road crossings



Wayfinding signage along CRT Pontiac Connector at Opdyke Road and South Blvd.

G Active CN Railroad

- Extends beyond Pontiac city limits
- Abandon railroad right-of-way through the Surface Transportation Board
- Contact property owners and negotiate property acquisition or permanent easements
- Work with Auburn Hills and Orion Township to make a connection to the Polly Ann Trail
- Conduct environmental assessments
- Complete design engineering
- Seek funding to improve trail surface to meet current AASHTO standards
- Pave approaches at road/trail crossings, install ADA detectable warnings and crosswalk pavement markings
- Install Bike/Pedestrian warning signs along roadways to alert motorists



31 mile rails-to-trails and non-motorized pathway loop

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN NON-MOTORIZED CORRIDORS AND GAPS

In 2014, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) took a comprehensive look at the non-motorized facility network in the Southeastern Michigan Region. The map on the following page corresponds with the list below and illustrates the key corridors missing gaps that were mentioned during their stakeholder input meetings. #2 and #13 pertain to Pontiac:

1. Polly Ann Trail Corridor

- Part of Showcase Trail (Iron Belle Trail)

2. Clinton River Trail

- Part of Showcase Trail (Iron Belle Trail)
- Part of Great Lake to Lake Trail

3. Paint Creek Trail

- Connection to Polly Ann Trail
- Part of Showcase Trail (Iron Belle Trail)

4. West Bloomfield Trail

- Part of Great Lake to Lake Trail

5. MI Air Line Trail

- Significant gap with major activity
- Part of Great Lake to Lake Trail

6. Huron Valley Trail

- Fill gaps
- Part of Great Lake to Lake Trail

7. South Lyon Trail

- Connected to Great Lake to Lake Trail
- Provide connections to Livingston County and Lakelands Trail via 9 Mile

8. Kensington Metro Park

- Connects Huron Valley Trail to Grand River Corridor in Livingston County via

bike/ped bridge over I-96 on Kensington Road

- Lakelands Trail is accessible via Kensington Road
- Part of Great Lake to Lake Trail

9. M-5 Metro Trail

- Fill gaps
- Connects to Great Lake to Lake Trail

10. Woodward Avenue Corridor (8 Mile to Woodward Loop)

- Detailed Complete Streets study underway
- Coordinates with proposed Bus Rapid Transit
- Connects Detroit to Pontiac & potentially Great Lake to Lake Trail

11. Grand River Corridor (8 Mile to Orchard Lake)

- Provide connections from Redford/Old Redford to Farmington-Farmington Hills Corridor Improvement Area

12. 10 Mile Corridor

- Links South Lyon, Lyon Township, Novi
- Connects to Great Lake to Lake Trail
- Potential connection to Livingston County & Lakelands Trail

13. Communities with major gaps identified in their non-motorized plans

- City of Pontiac, City of Troy, City of Novi

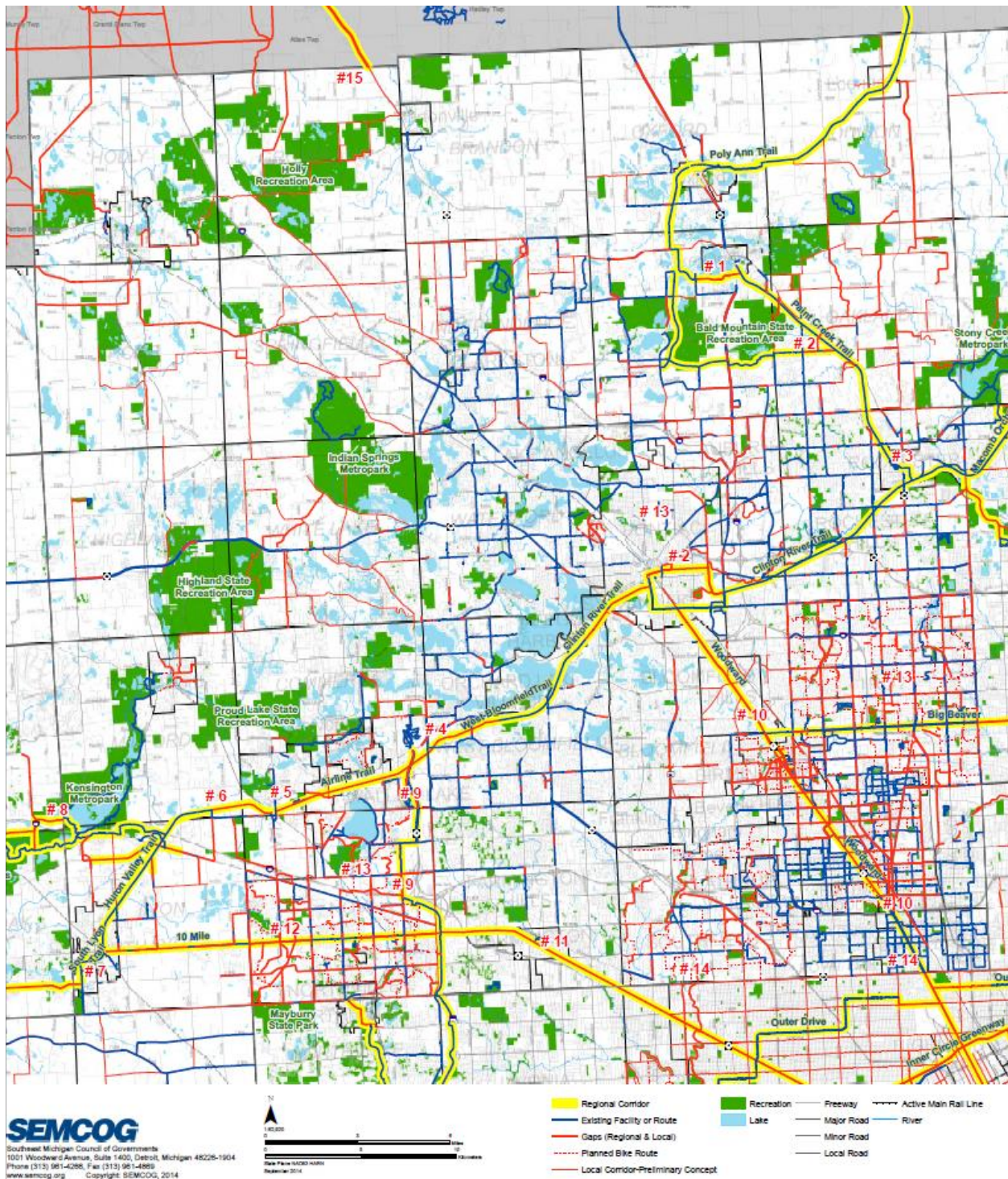
14. Connections to Detroit from:

- Ferndale, Southfield

15. M-15 Corridor

- Potential Connection to Genesee County (Village of Goodrich) to Clarkston
- Considered a Regional Corridor by MDOT Bay Region

OAKLAND COUNTY REGIONAL NON-MOTORIZED CORRIDORS AND GAPS MAP



From the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan for Southeast Michigan: A Plan for SEMCOG and MDOT's Southeast Michigan Regions*

RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES INVENTORY

Map No.	Park Name	Park Classification	Park Acreage	City Council District	Body of Water	Unimproved Water Access (Y/N)	Improved Water Access (Y/N)	Unimproved Boating Access Site	Boating Access Site
Boating Facilities									
5	Beaudette Park	CP	55.39	1;2	Dawson's Mill Pond (Clinton River)	Y	-	-	1
9	Clinton River Trail	LP	15.03	1;7	Clinton River	Y	-	-	-
10	Crystal Lake Park	CP	42.93	1	Crystal Lake (Clinton River)	Y	-	-	-
11	Dawson Pond Park	MP	0.19	2	Dawson's Mill Pond (Clinton River)	Y	-	-	-
15	Galloway Lake Park	CP	63.42	5	Galloway Lake	Y	-	-	-
16	Hawthorne Park	CP	77.33	4	Upper Silver Lake/Creger Lake	-	-	-	1
20	Lakeside Park	NP	4.35	3	Terry Lake	Y	-	-	-
25	North Kiwanis Park	NP	26.95	3	Osmun Lake	Y	-	-	-
26	North Spur Trail	LP	93.63	5;7	Spring Lake & Clinton River	Y	-	-	-
Boating Facilities Subtotal			379.22	-	-	-	0	0	2

Legend: CP = Community Park; NP = Neighborhood Park; MP = Mini-Park; LP = Linear Park; Y = Yes

RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES

The majority of Pontiac is in the Clinton River Watershed and a number of parks in the City provide users with access to inland lakes and the Clinton River. The table above provides a basic inventory of recreational boating facilities in the City. A more detailed inventory of the two improved boating access sites can be found on the following pages.



Boat launch and fishing pier at Hawthorne Park

Recreational Boating Facility Definitions

Unimproved Water Access:

Parks that have unimproved access points and no significant infrastructure, where users could carry-down and launch boats, canoes and kayaks.

Improved Water Access:

Locations with designated water access points and supporting launching infrastructure for carry-down boats, canoes and kayaks.

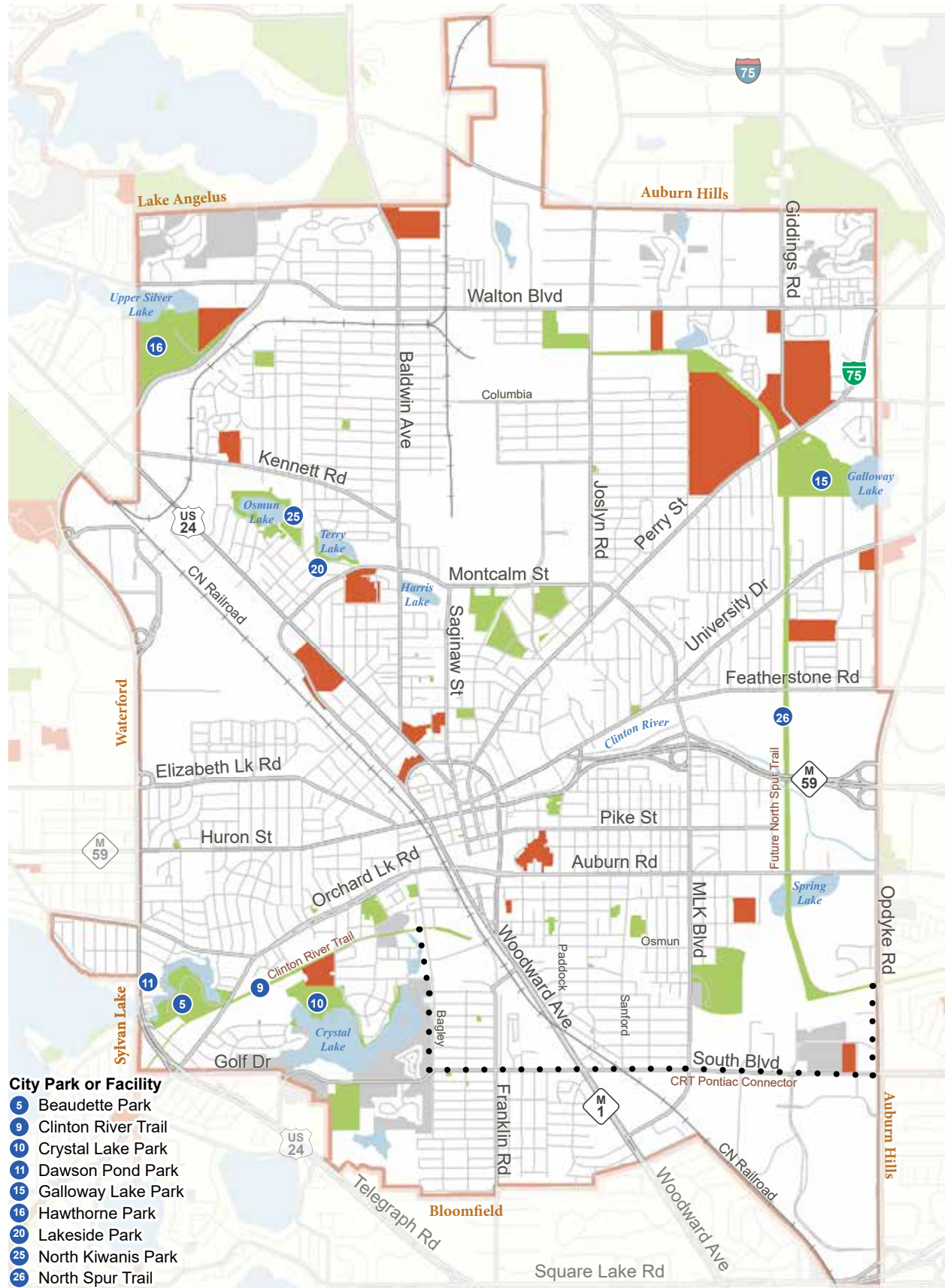
Unimproved Boating Access Site:

A designated boat launch location for trailered boats without a formal launch ramp.

Boating Access Site:

A designated boat launch location with a ramp and supporting infrastructure.

RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES MAP



The information provided herewith has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys and other public records. It is not a legally recorded map or survey and is not intended to be used as one. Users should consult the information sources mentioned above when questions arise.

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY
Hawthorne Park boat ramp provides access to Upper Silver Lake/Creger Lake.
GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE FACILITY
Provides a boat launch for small watercraft.
SIZE OF FACILITY INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING RIGHT SIZING OF FACILITY
The size and capacity of this facility is adequate and meets the needs of users.
ADA ACCESSIBILITY AT THE FACILITY
There is a firm and stable surface to water's edge.
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
There are no current site development plans for the park or boat launch facility.
MARKETING, EVENTS & PARTNERSHIPS
There are no current marketing campaigns, special events or partnerships for the boat launch facility.
DREDGING NEEDS, CYCLE, VOLUME OF DREDGED MATERIALS AND DISPOSAL LOCATION
Dredging needs are unknown at this time.
ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE
There is no annual maintenance schedule at this time.
MINOR OR SMALL-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE
There is no infrastructure replacement schedule at this time.
LARGE SCALE MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE (DOCKS, BUILDINGS, ETC.)
Invasive species removal along the shoreline is planned in 2019.



Boat launch, parking and fishing pier at Hawthorne Park

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY
Beaudette Park boat ramp provides access to Dawson's Mill Pond (Clinton River).
GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE FACILITY
Provides a boat launch for small watercraft.
SIZE OF FACILITY INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING RIGHT SIZING OF FACILITY
The size and capacity of this facility is adequate and meets the needs of users.
ADA ACCESSIBILITY AT THE FACILITY
There is a firm and stable surface to water's edge.
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
There are no current site development plans for the park or boat launch facility.
MARKETING, EVENTS & PARTNERSHIPS
There are no current marketing campaigns, special events or partnerships for the boat launch facility.
DREDGING NEEDS, CYCLE, VOLUME OF DREDGED MATERIALS AND DISPOSAL LOCATION
Dredging needs are unknown at this time.
ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE
There is no annual maintenance schedule at this time.
MINOR OR SMALL-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE
There is no infrastructure replacement schedule at this time.
LARGE SCALE MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE (DOCKS, BUILDINGS, ETC.)
There is no large scale maintenance and replacement schedule at this time.



Boat launch at Beaudette Park

CLINTON RIVER WATER TRAIL & WATERTOWNS

The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) has been working with local municipalities in Oakland and Macomb Counties to promote the Clinton River as a water trail. A water trail is a designated route along a river or lake that is accessible for paddlesports like kayaking or canoeing. The Clinton River Water Trail website has safety tips, paddling events and trip planning information available. Many of the public access points, launches, landings and portage locations have been mapped and can be found at: www.crw.org/paddling

The "Chain of Lakes" portion of the water trail is just west of Pontiac and there are also a number of access points for the main river portion of the water trail to the east in Auburn Hills.

Most of the Clinton River in the City of Pontiac is non-navigable or inaccessible for recreational paddling. In 1963, a stretch of the Clinton River, from Bagley to the east side of the Woodward Loop, was enclosed and buried in two conduits to alleviate flooding in the area.

The WaterTowns initiative was started in 2015 by the CRWC to help towns and cities in the watershed leverage the assets of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair for water-oriented community development. Much of this work in the communities will help to advance watershed management, the blue economy, local tourism and green infrastructure.



PONTIAC GRANT HISTORY

DNR Grants

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan DNR requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisition or development of recreation facilities. Therefore, the recreation grant history for the City of Pontiac was obtained from the DNR-Grants Management Division.

Over the years, the City has received 12 grants from the DNR for recreational facility acquisition and development (17 total grants were awarded; however, five grant awards were withdrawn). The required DNR Grant *Post Completion Self-Inspection Reports* were done for each grant and submitted to the DNR. A number of conversions were identified during this process.

According to the DNR, a conversion of use occurs when one or both of the following situations occur:

- The grant-assisted site, or a portion of the site, is no longer available for public outdoor recreation, or
- Property rights in or control of the grant-assisted site, or a portion of the site, are conveyed by the grantee to another entity, either by deed, grant of easement or other mechanism.

The City of Pontiac is working with the DNR Grants Management Division to prepare a conversion and mitigation proposal that meets the program requirements.

Neighborhood Empowerment Grants

The Neighborhood Empowerment Grants (NEP) are open to organizations and citizen groups in Pontiac to make a positive, sustainable impact on the City. Many park improvement projects have been submitted for NEP grant funding and range from installing picnic tables to resurfacing basketball courts.

A description of the DNR and NEP grants including name, grant number, year, grant amount and project scope is provided on the following pages.



2017 ribbon cutting for the North Spur Trail.
Acquisition of the former railroad property was funded through a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

DNR GRANTS INVENTORY

Grant No.	Project Title	Year	Grant Amount	Project Description
26-00110	Hawthorne Park	1968	\$150,000	Acquisition of approximately 36 acres as an addition to an existing city park.
Status	Telegraph Road was extended circa 2001 and has converted approx 17.8 acres of the 36 acre LWCF acquisition property. Conversion has not been mitigated.			
26-00148	Pontiac Parks & Playground (19 Sites)	1968	\$20,000	Purchase of modern playground/park equipment for 19 parks and playgrounds in the City of Pontiac.
Status	Given the age of the playground equipment, which was installed over 40 years ago, many have been replaced. Several parks continue to utilize original equipment.			
26-00789	Galloway Lake Park	1976	\$50,000	Development of Galloway Park, to include two lighted softball fields with fencing, bleachers, dugouts, press box, storage facilities and LWCF sign.
Status	The storage facilities, bleachers, dugouts, press boxes and softball fields were all obsolete and removed circa 2015. Field lights remain, but are obsolete.			
26-00886	Galloway Lake Park	1977	\$144,500	Develop comfort station, four lighted tennis courts, 2 fenced basketball courts, roads, parking, fencing, security lighting and LWCF sign at Galloway Lake Park.
Status	The comfort station, tennis courts, roads, parking and security lighting remain at the park and are generally in poor condition. Basketball courts have been reconditioned.			
26-01472	Galloway Lake Park	1987	\$127,275	Development of access road, picnic area, parking, walkways, fishing pier, play center and landscaping at Galloway Lake Park.
Status	The access road, picnic area, parking, walkways, play center remain at the park and are generally in poor condition. Repairs to the fishing pier have been made.			
BF89-551	Playground Equipment at Murphy Park	1989	\$57,294	Replace worn out playground equipment at five parks & install bollards at two of those parks. Only Murphy Park was developed.
Status	The playground equipment remains at Murphy Park and is in fair condition.			

DNR GRANTS INVENTORY CONTINUED

Grant No.	Project Title	Year	Grant Amount	Project Description
BF90-234	Hayes Jones Pool Improvement	1990	\$420,000	Replace the swimming pool at and make improvements to the Hayes Jones Community Center.
Status	Property sold to private recreation provider in 2013. Site continues to offer outdoor recreation. Approx 7.8 acres remains a conversion. City repaid \$210,000 of grant value.			
TF97-232	Hawthorne Park Renovation	1997	\$168,750	Renovate a boat launch and pave a parking lot at Hawthorne Park with lake front access.
Status	The boat launch remains active and is in fair condition.			
CM99-278	Beaudette Park Improvements	1999	\$165,540	Park improvements to include removal and replacement of the basketball and tennis courts and playground equipment, a new welcome booth, concrete walkway and close park entrance on Old Telegraph Road.
Status	The basketball and tennis courts remain at the park and are in fair condition. The playground equipment is in good condition. Entrance on Telegraph Rd was closed.			
TF01-115	Clinton River Trail Acquisition	2001	\$412,160	Acquisition of 1.7 miles (10.7 acres) of railroad right-of-way through the City of Pontiac to provide a segment of the non-motorized Clinton River Trail network.
Status	The crushed limestone trail surface is in poor condition and is obsolete. Trail surface and road crossings need to be improved to current AASHTO standards.			
TF08-040	Clinton River Trail Pedestrian Bridge	2008	\$485,000	Development to include pedestrian bridge structure, approach and ramps to provide a safe crossing for the Clinton River Trail at Telegraph Road.
Status	The pedestrian bridge over Telegraph Road is in good condition.			
TF13-065	Clinton River Trail Acquisition-Pontiac	2013	\$370,000	Acquisition of 85.4 acres of abandoned rail corridor for the Clinton River Trail North Spur.
Status	The five bridges are generally in poor condition and need to be replaced, retrofitted, or repaired. The trail surface needs to be improved to current AASHTO standards.			

NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT GRANTS INVENTORY

Grant No.	Project Title	Year	Grant Amount	Project Description
NP1703	Shirley Willard Park	2017	\$6,266	Pavilion
NP1706	Richardson Park	2017	\$20,200	Pavilion
NP1709	Motor Montana Park	2017	\$3,485	Table, bench, playground equipment
NP1711	North Kiwanis Park	2017	\$16,000	Benches, trash receptacles, pet waste station, soccer ball bollards
NP1712	North Kiwanis Park	2017	\$22,000	Playground equipment
NP1716	Charlie Harrison Park	2017	\$6,010	Tables, landscaping
NP1717	Rotary Park	2017	\$27,000	Pavilion
NP1718	Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park	2017	\$15,000	Pavilion, tables, bench, bike rack
NP1719	Optimist Park	2017	\$36,000	Playground equipment
NP1722	Argyle Park	2017	\$3,000	Bench, playground equipment
NP1801	Richardson Park	2018	\$5,687	New swings
NP1802	Argyle Park	2018	\$16,072	Playground equipment
NP1803	Beaudette Park	2018	\$32,111	Playground equipment
NP1804	Hawthorne Park	2018	\$5,977	Remove invasive plants at fishing pier
NP1807	Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park	2018	\$28,055	New playground equipment
NP1812	Oakland Park	2018	\$23,000	2 Basketball courts resurfaced
NP1813	Charlie Harrison Park	2018	\$13,990	Basketball court resurface
NP1828	Galloway Park	2018	\$7,000	Design plan
NP20XX	Hawthorne Park	2020	\$45,000	New 18 hole disc golf course
NP20XX	Murphy Park	2020	\$70,000	New ice skating rink



Complete Streets Pontiac

SECTION

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This section includes information directly from the *2017 Complete Streets Pontiac Master Plan*. Rather than simply include this information by reference, this section contains key sections of that Plan. For additional information, the *Complete Streets Pontiac Plan* is available online at: www.walkbike.info/pontiac

Project Overview

Oakland University was awarded a grant through the Centers for Disease Control to support public health efforts that reduce chronic diseases, promote healthier lifestyles, address health disparities and control health care spending. Non-motorized transportation plays a large roll in active lifestyles, which address many of the goals of the grant.

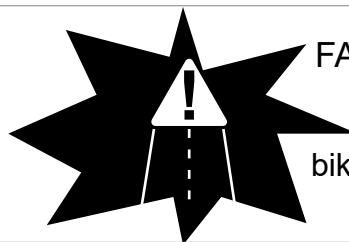
Working in the City of Pontiac, the objective of *Complete Streets Pontiac* is to create a complete streets master plan for the City that consists of identifying existing and potential non-motorized pathways, roadways for on-road bike lanes and sidewalk improvements, pedestrian/bicycle friendly wayfinding signage and ways to provide future connectivity to parks, schools, downtown, commercial centers and other key destinations determined by the community. Planning for the Complete Streets Pontiac Master Plan began the fall of 2015 and extended to the summer of 2016.



*Complete Streets Plan Steering Committee
Walking Tour around Downtown Pontiac*

Dashboard

A Dashboard was created for the project. Complete Dashboard maps and data can be viewed at: www.walkbike.info/pontiac



FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

52

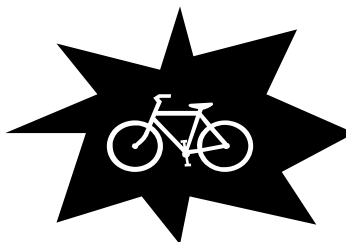
bike/pedestrian fatalities reported
between 2004 – 2013



PEDESTRIAN CRASHES

306

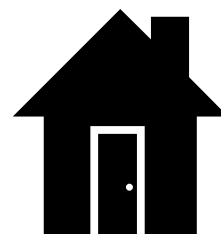
pedestrian crashes reported
between 2004 – 2014



BICYCLE CRASHES

183

bicycle crashes reported
between 2004 – 2014



HOUSEHOLDS
WITHOUT VEHICLES

Over 14%



WALK SCORE

41

Pontiac is a Car-Dependent
City, which means most
errands require a car



POPULAR WALKING, RUNNING
AND BIKING ROUTE

Clinton River Trail



COMMUTERS THAT
WALK TO WORK

0 – 36%



COMMUTERS THAT
BIKE TO WORK

0 – 8%



COMMUTERS THAT
TAKE PUBLIC TRANSIT
TO WORK

0 – 30%



A successful and sustainable transportation system places people first and incorporates four key elements:

- **Policies** set the stage for a change in the built environment.
- **Built Environment** changes are needed to create safer thoroughfares.
- **Promotional Efforts** are necessary to realize the potential of improvements.
- **Evaluation** is key to determine if resources were well spent and are achieving the desired result.

This plan outlines the key recommendations for each of the four categories mentioned. It is by no means an exhaustive list; there are many best practices that have not been included. The focus of this plan is on achievable priority objectives that may be accomplished over the next five to ten years and address the key issues and opportunities identified through public engagement. Once these objectives have been accomplished, it is recommended that the City revisit the physical improvements, the policies, promotional efforts and evaluation tools it uses, as new best practices are constantly being developed.

Key Issues Identified

At the start of the project, the public meetings were held with representatives of the general population. These were typically standing meetings that the project was invited to be a part of rather than special meetings that targeted people who were interested in pedestrian and bicycle issues. At all of the meetings, the project was well received and the people in attendance were supportive of efforts being made to improve the conditions for walking and bicycling in the community. The following summarizes the key issues that were discussed at those meetings.

Mobility

- Sidewalk gaps and poor sidewalk pavement condition
- Snow and ice on sidewalks
- Physical barriers – busy roads without crosswalks, railroads and river
- Clinton River Trail surface condition



“Residents do not see the transportation network as theirs, but rather something that is imposed on them.”

Personal Safety

- Threatening stray dogs
- Overgrown vegetation
- Lack of functioning street lights



Traffic Safety

- Unsafe road crossings
- No bike facilities on busy roads
- Motorists blocking crosswalks, speeding, not yielding to pedestrians
- People walking in the road
- Faded pavement markings
- Signal timing is not set for pedestrians
- Roads in bad condition for everyone



Family forced to walk in the grass adjacent to Cesar Chavez Ave because there are gaps in the sidewalks along the roadway.

One reoccurring theme was that the people of Pontiac are tired of their town being a drive through city. There was a sense that the needs of the residents were secondary to those of the people who only drive through Pontiac to get from one place to another. The City's transportation corridors were often seen as more of a barrier to transportation than a means of transportation. Residents do not see the transportation network as theirs, but rather something that is imposed on them.

Key Opportunities Identified

Beyond identifying issues at the public meetings, the meeting attendees also offered a number of ideas on how best to address the issues that were being discussed. Some of the opportunities were specific such as “I would like to see bike lanes on _____ Street.” These comments were noted and in many cases already identified as opportunities and if not the preliminary Multi-Modal Network Map was adjusted. In addition to the in-person meetings, input was also gathered online via interactive crowdsourcing maps where specific opportunities were identified. The following summarize the key opportunities raised during public meetings.

Engage the Community



- Connect with and work with local businesses
- Tie senior housing into the network as many of them do not have access to cars
- Work with congregations on programming

Develop Programs



- Set up walking groups through workplaces and places of worship
- Provide bicycle education for children through school and places of worship
- Establish safe routes to school programs with an initial focus on crossing guards
- Have the Sheriff's Office put more focus on enforcing the speed limits on the busy streets
- Safety and education outreach to motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists

Build on Existing Resources



- Create routes and interpretive systems that pay homage to the city's history
- Place walking trails in the parks and connect them to citywide walking and bicycling routes
- Complete the Clinton River Trail

The overarching theme of the opportunities was that just about any improvements to pedestrian and bicycle conditions would be welcome. People commented positively on the new bike parking and fix-it stations being added around the City. People also noted how they were impressed with many of the new bicycle facilities being added in Detroit and how Ferndale, Michigan has gone through a rapid transformation over the past few years with many improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Reality Check

While there was great support for the ideas presented at the meetings, one constant in the discussions was the issue on how the proposed improvements were going to be paid for and just as important, how were they going to be maintained? Given the City's recent financial challenges, there was a desire to set realistic expectations.

The recommendations for the physical improvements as well as the policies, programs and evaluation approaches reflect this reality. Yes, more can be done, but the focus is on how to leverage limited resources and utilize community partnerships, to yield the most positive change for the least amount of money.

Comprehensive cost of bicycle
and pedestrian crashes from
2004-2014:

25

Million
Dollars a
Year

Cost of Doing Nothing: The Economic & Societal Impact of Crashes in Pontiac

From 2004 to 2014, automobiles struck 306 pedestrians and 183 bicycles in the City of Pontiac. That works out to be over 3 crashes each month. Additionally, pedestrian and bicycle fatal crashes made up 36% of all crashes for that time period; over twice the state's average. Each crash results in a tremendous physical and emotional toll on the person that was hit and his or her family. There is also an emotional toll on the drivers of vehicles that hit the pedestrians and bicyclists.

Beyond the emotional and physical costs of each crash, there is an economic cost. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) makes estimates of the average economical and societal costs of fatal and nonfatal injuries. The NHTSA considers the calculable costs of crashes are wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, vehicle damage and employer's uninsured costs. When doing a cost benefit analysis for a transportation project, one must look beyond those costs and take into account a measure of the value of lost quality of life. The NHTSA uses figures based on empirical studies to determine the more inclusive average comprehensive cost. Using NHTSA's average costs figures from 2010, the comprehensive cost of those 489 pedestrian and bicycle crashes over that 11 year period is over 272 million dollars. This works out to be 24.75 million dollars a year or \$4,575 per resident each year.

SET POLICIES



Health and Safety First

Establish public health-, safety- and welfare-driven decision making processes specifically in regards to transportation.



Define Priorities

Institute planning, zoning, engineering, design, enforcement and maintenance processes that place pedestrians 1st, bicyclists 2nd, transit riders 3rd and motorists last.



Plan for Everyone

Create a multi-disciplinary public/private committee so that all viewpoints and user needs are addressed in transportation projects.

Policy Recommendations

The following are the top twelve recommended policies to be implemented by the City of Pontiac over the next few years. Most may be implemented at a very low cost in the immediate future and a number of them build on existing partnerships.

1. Community First Streets Policy
2. Sidewalk Audit
3. Sidewalk Gap Prioritization Methodology
4. Better Coordination with County on Animal Control
5. Priority Snow Clearance Policy
6. Site Plan Approval Checklist
7. Focused Enforcement
8. Expanded Bike Parking Program
9. Enhance and Promote Issue Reporting Tool
10. Local Direct Road Funding Mechanism
11. Transit Stop Facility Audit
12. Transit System Analysis



Newly installed bicycle parking and bicycle repair stand at the Pontiac Public Library.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

A Nice and Easy Network

Establish a “low stress” and universally accessible network of pedestrian and bicycle routes that link community resources using local road and trails.

Safer Thoroughfares

Reconfigure thoroughfares to increase the safety, comfort and access for all users, to minimize the potential for accidents that result in injury.

Better Places

Transform public right-of-ways into attractive people-centric spaces that address critical environmental concerns and foster public engagement and commerce.



Example of a Walk Bike Information Hub.

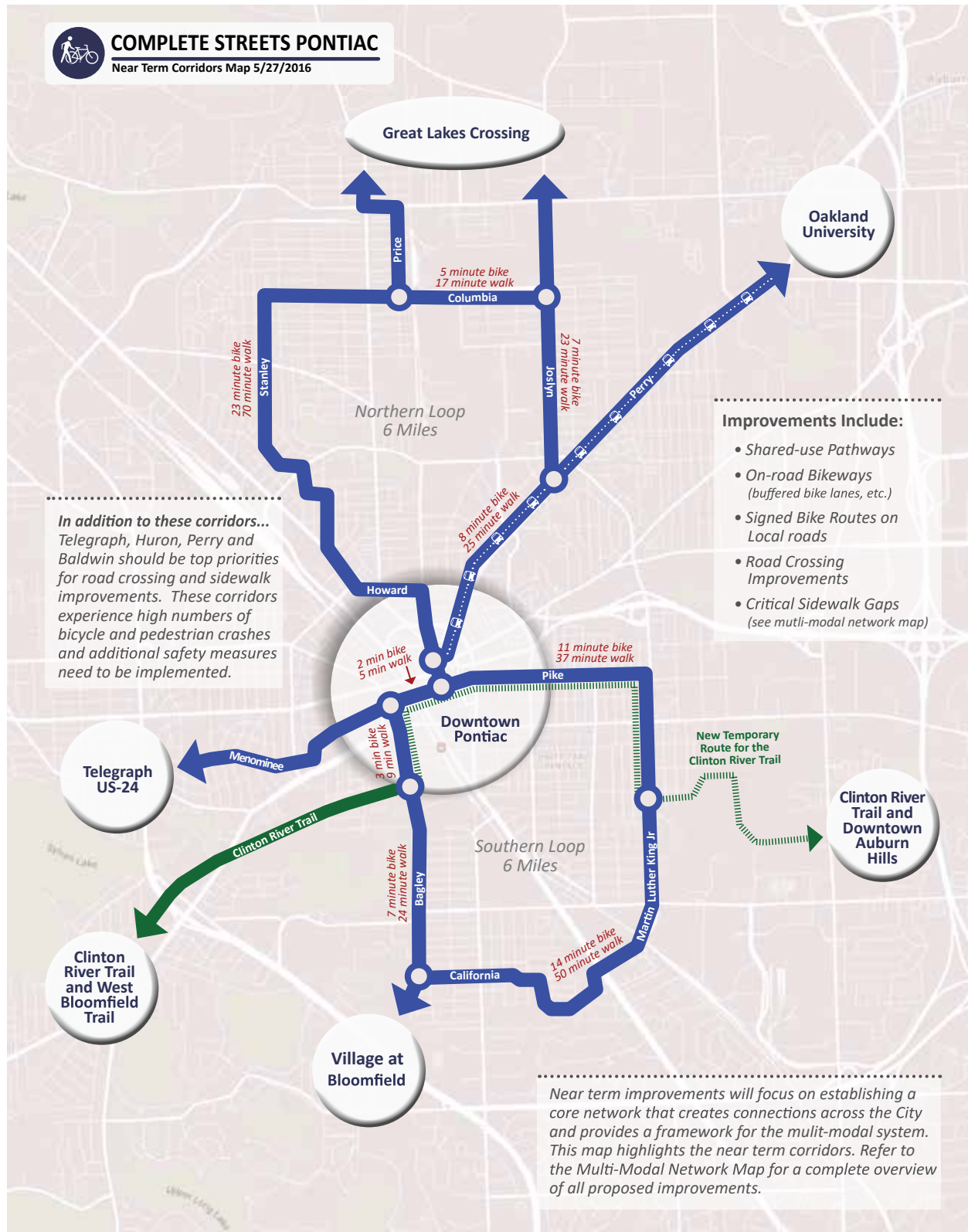
Summary of Proposed Improvements

- 80 Locations for Crosswalk Improvements
- 5 Miles of Critical Sidewalk Gaps Identified
- 20 Miles of Shared Use Pathways and Trails
- 25 Miles of Neighborhood Connector Routes
- 13 Miles of Bike Lanes
- 40 Miles of Buffered Bike Lanes
- 4 Miles of Shared Lane Markings
- 0.6 Miles of Cycle Track

Phase 1: Near Term Improvements

- Southern Loop: \$77,000
- Northern Loop: \$133,000
- To Telegraph: \$17,000
- To Village at Bloomfield: \$6,000
- To Oakland University: \$38,000
- To Great Lakes Crossing Via Joslyn: \$20,000
- To Great Lakes Crossing Via Baldwin: \$5,000
- New Temporary Route for the Clinton River Trail: \$778,000
- Critical Sidewalk Gaps: \$733,000
- Critical Road Crossing Improvements: \$2,745,000

COMPLETE STREETS PONTIAC NEAR TERM CORRIDORS MAP



Complete Streets Pontiac: Multi-Modal Network Facility Types



NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR

Neighborhood connector routes are typically found on residential streets that have low traffic volumes and low speed limits. These "nice and easy" bicycle and pedestrian connectors can also have route and wayfinding signs that display nearby destinations like parks, schools and business districts.



SHARED LANE MARKING

Shared lane markings or sharrows can be found in locations where there is insufficient width to provide a designated bike lane. The marking also alerts road users to the lateral position bicyclists are likely to occupy within the traveled way, therefore encouraging safer passing practices. Cyclist should ride down the center of the arrows when possible.



BIKE LANE

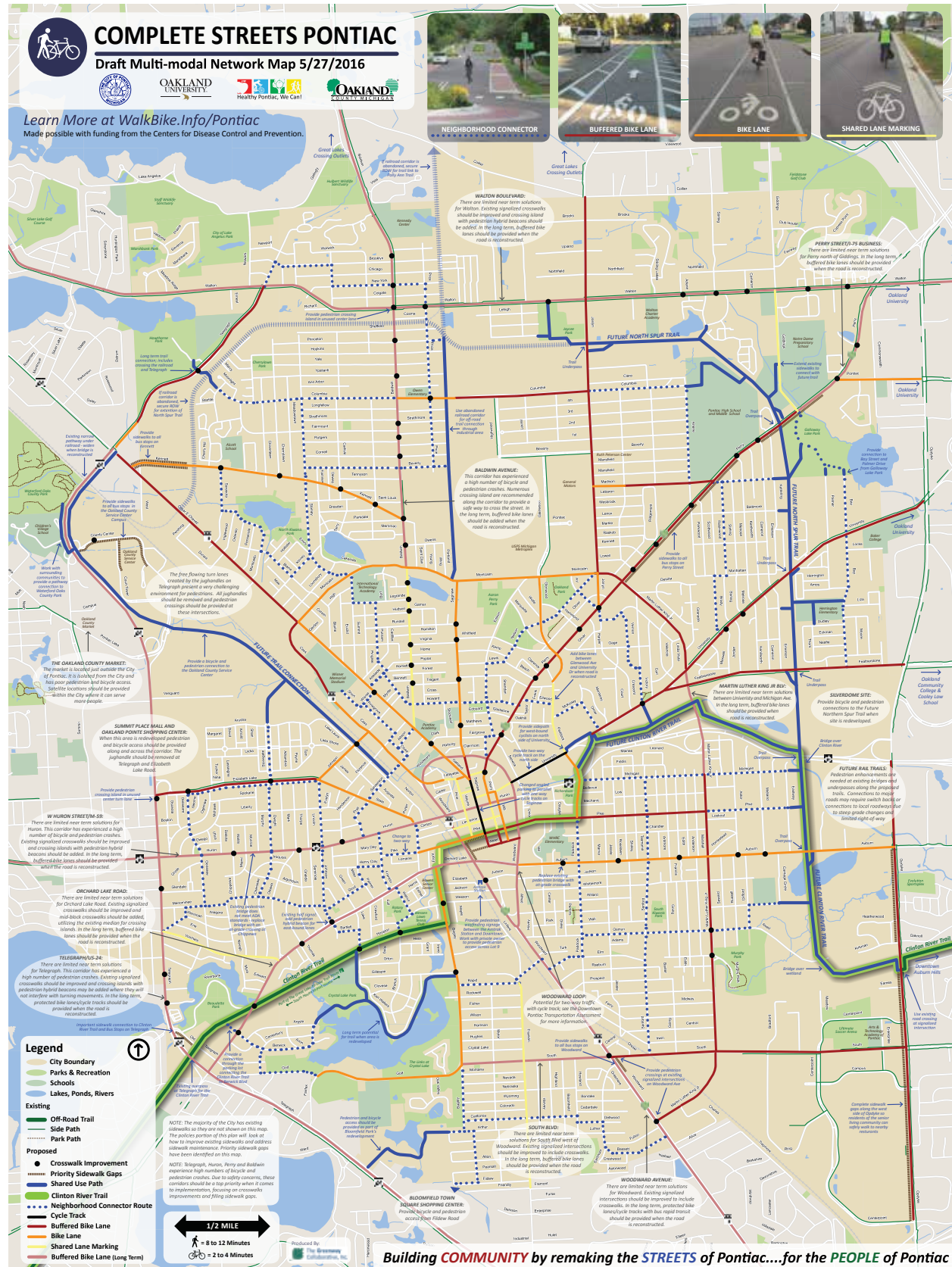
A bike lane is the portion of a roadway that has been designated by pavement markings and signage for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.



BUFFERED BIKE LANE

Buffered bike lanes are conventional bike lanes paired with a designated buffer space separating the bike lane from the adjacent motor vehicle travel lane and/or on-street parking.

COMPLETE STREETS PONTIAC MAP





COMPLETE STREETS PONTIAC

Building **COMMUNITY** by remaking the **STREETS** of Pontiac....for the **PEOPLE** of Pontiac

Complete Streets Pontiac is a plan to make Pontiac more walkable and bikeable for transportation, fitness and fun! Check out some of the preliminary recommendations and let us know what you think! Visit www.WalkBike.Info/Pontiac for more information and to share your ideas.



Local roads designed to give bicycles and Pedestrians priority



Signed Bike Routes



Shared Use Paths



Marked Crosswalk



Bike Lanes



Cycle Tracks



Sidewalks



Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon

Recomendations:

SET POLICIES

- Community First Streets Resolution
- Sidewalk condition inventory and privatization plan
- Road millage with funding for ped. & bike facilities and maintenance
- Priority snow clearance on main streets and bus routes
- Street light monitoring program
- Better coordination with county on animal control
- Site plan approval checklist for pedestrian and bike facilities
- Focused enforcement ties to crashes and new facilities
- Expand bike parking program and new parking ordinance

BUILD

- 80 Crosswalk Improvements
- 5 Miles of Critical Sidewalk Gaps
- 20 Miles of Shared Use Pathways and Trails
- 26 Miles of Neighborhood Connector Routes
- 12 Miles of Bike Lanes
- 41 Miles of Buffered Bike Lanes
- 4 Miles of Shared Lane Markings
- 0.6 Miles of Cycle Tracks

PROMOTE

- Grand opening events, banners and outreach when new facilities are built
- Wayfinding and interpretive kiosks at key locations linked by routes
- Website with resources
- Community fun runs, walks and rides
- Support for business and congregation based walking and bicycling groups
- Safe routes to school programs
- Wellness focused commuter challenge program

EVALUATE

- Yearly ped. & bicycle crash analysis
- Established yearly ped. & bike counts
- Before and after counts

Pontiac Complete Streets: Phase 1 - Near Term Network	
Order of Magnitude Cost Estimate DRAFT 6/27/16	
CONSTRUCTION COSTS	
<i>Typically covered in Transportation Alternative Project Funding</i>	
All Item Subtotal	\$4,553,750
Mobilization (10%)	\$455,375.01
Temporary Traffic Control (5%)	\$227,687.50
Contingency (25%)	\$1,138,437.52
Total Construction Costs	\$6,375,250
Design and Engineering Costs	
<i>Not Typically covered in Transportation Alternative Project Funding</i>	
Engineering Design (10%)	\$637,525.01
Contract Administration (4%)	\$255,010.00
Construction Observation (6%)	\$382,515.01
Total Design and Engineering Costs	\$1,275,050.02
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,650,300.10

FUNDING ALLOCATION BY PROJECT TYPE

		Critical Road Crossings		Critical Sidewalk Gaps		Bicycle Corridors		Shared Use Pathways	Budget
Funding Source	60%	\$4,600,000	17%	\$1,300,000	6%	\$500,000	17%	\$1,300,000	\$7,700,000
Transportation Alternatives	65%	\$1,014,000	18%	\$280,800	8%	124,800	9%	\$140,400	\$1,560,000
Highway Safety Improvement Program	65%	\$760,500	18%	\$210,600	8%	93,600	9%	\$105,300	\$1,170,000
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	65%	\$760,500	18%	\$210,600	8%	93,600	9%	\$105,300	\$1,170,000
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	65%	\$507,000	18%	\$140,400	8%	62,400	9%	\$70,200	\$780,000
Safe Routes to School	70%	\$163,800	30%	\$70,200	0%	-	0%	-	\$234,000
Community Development Block Grant	65%	\$507,000	11%	\$85,800	15%	117,000	9%	\$70,200	\$780,000
Partnerships to Improve Community Health	65%	\$50,700	17%	\$13,260	9%	7,020	9%	\$7,020	\$78,000
Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health	65%	\$50,700	17%	\$13,260	9%	7,020	9%	\$7,020	\$78,000
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund	43%	\$670,800	17%	\$265,200	0%	-	40%	\$624,000	\$1,560,000
Recreation Passport Grant Program	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	100%	\$78,000	\$78,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	100%	\$78,000	\$78,000
Local Match	60%	\$140,400	17%	\$39,780	6%	14,040	17%	\$39,780	\$234,000
Total		\$4,625,400		\$1,329,900		519,480		\$1,325,220	\$7,800,000

Please Note:

The budget of the individual elements totals \$7,700,000 and total budget of the funding sources total \$7,800,000.

This discrepancy of \$100,000 or approximately 1% is to account for rounding when distributing funding sources.

PROMOTIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The promotional efforts are about changing culture and raising awareness. At its most basic level, the promotional efforts are about repeating the words “walk” and “bicycle” to the point where motorists are thinking about pedestrians and bicyclists as they drive down the roadways and people see walking and bicycling as viable and enjoyable way to get places.

The following eleven elements work together to redefine Pontiac as a health oriented walkable and bikeable community:

1. Grand Opening Events
2. Community Outreach Coordination with New Facilities
3. Community Fun Runs, Walks and Rides
4. Wellness Focused Commuter Challenge Program

5. Safe Routes to School Program
6. Walking Group Initiation and Support
7. Walk Bike Information Hubs
8. Walk Bike Information Website
9. Establish a Transformation Brand
10. Mayor’s Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets
11. Active Transportation Events Calendar



Friends of the Clinton River Trail Celebrate the Ground Breaking of the Pedestrian Bridge over Telegraph Road in 2010.



Mayor Waterman leading Walk With Leaders in Downtown Pontiac.

EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Evaluation allows the City to determine if the investments to improve conditions for people that walk and bike are having the desired impact. The City should partner with Oakland University on the following four evaluation tasks:

1. Before and After Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts
2. Baseline Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts
3. Permanent Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts
4. Yearly Crash Analysis

BICYCLE - PEDESTRIAN COUNT PROFILE

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

STREET NAME: _____

BETWEEN STREETS: _____ AND _____

STARTING TIME: _____ ENDING TIME: _____

TO STREET TO STREET

An example of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Profile form that can be used to determine the number of active transportation users.



Community Resource Inventory

SECTION

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE INVENTORY

The following pages contain data, maps and statistics for various community resources in Pontiac. This information can be used to identify land that may be suitable for future open space protection, help make parks and programs more accessible to the public, increase biodiversity or improve air and water quality.

The general topics in this section include:

- Existing Land use
- Land cover
- Natural resources
- Transportation and mobility
- Health and wellness
- Psychographics

EXISTING LAND USE

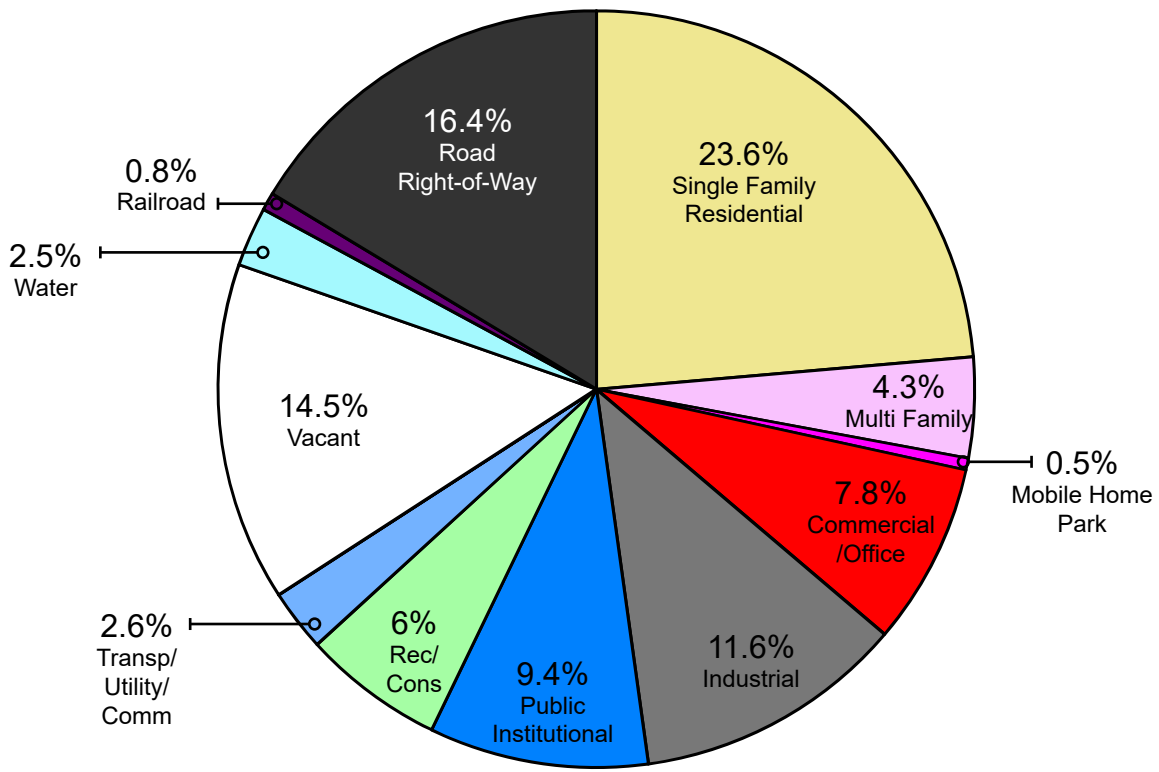
The Oakland County Planning Division produces land use maps and statistics on an annual basis. Each parcel in the county is assigned a land use code based on these general categories:

- Agricultural
- Single Family
- Multiple Family
- Mobile Home Park
- Commercial/Office
- Industrial
- Public/Institutional
- Recreation/Conservation
- Transportation, Utility & Communication
- Extractive
- Vacant
- Water
- Road Right-Of-Way
- Railroad Right-Of-Way

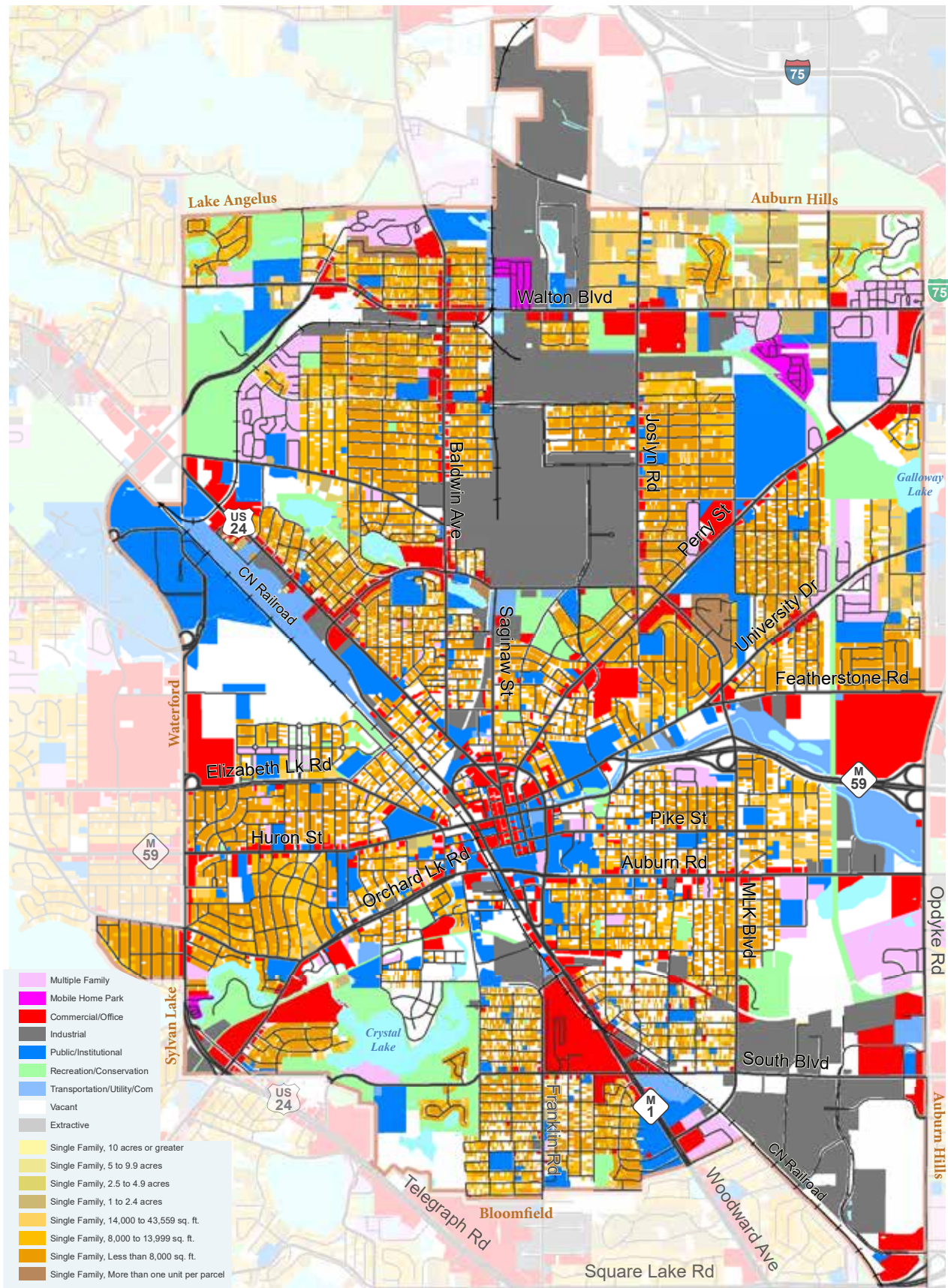
The land use map and statistics for the City of Pontiac can be found on the following pages.

2018 PONTIAC EXISTING LAND USE STATISTICS TABLE

Land Use	Area (ac.)	Area (%)	Parcels	Parcels (%)
Agricultural	0	0	--	--
Single Family Residential	3,067.7	23.6%	16,681	68.0%
Multiple Family	557.5	4.3%	298	1.2%
Mobile Home Park	65.8	0.5%	6	0.0%
Commercial/Office	1,011.3	7.8%	1,096	4.5%
Industrial	1,504.7	11.6%	199	0.8%
Public/Institutional	1,216.1	9.4%	388	1.6%
Recreation/Conservation	783.8	6.0%	156	0.6%
Transp./Utility/Comm.	344.0	2.6%	132	0.5%
Extractive	0	0	--	--
Vacant	1,880.0	14.5%	5,574	22.7%
Water	329.8	2.5%		
Railroad Right-of-Way	97.9	0.8%		
Road Right-of-Way	2,125.2	16.4%		
Total	12,983.8	100.0%	24,530	100.0%



2018 PONTIAC EXISTING LAND USE MAP



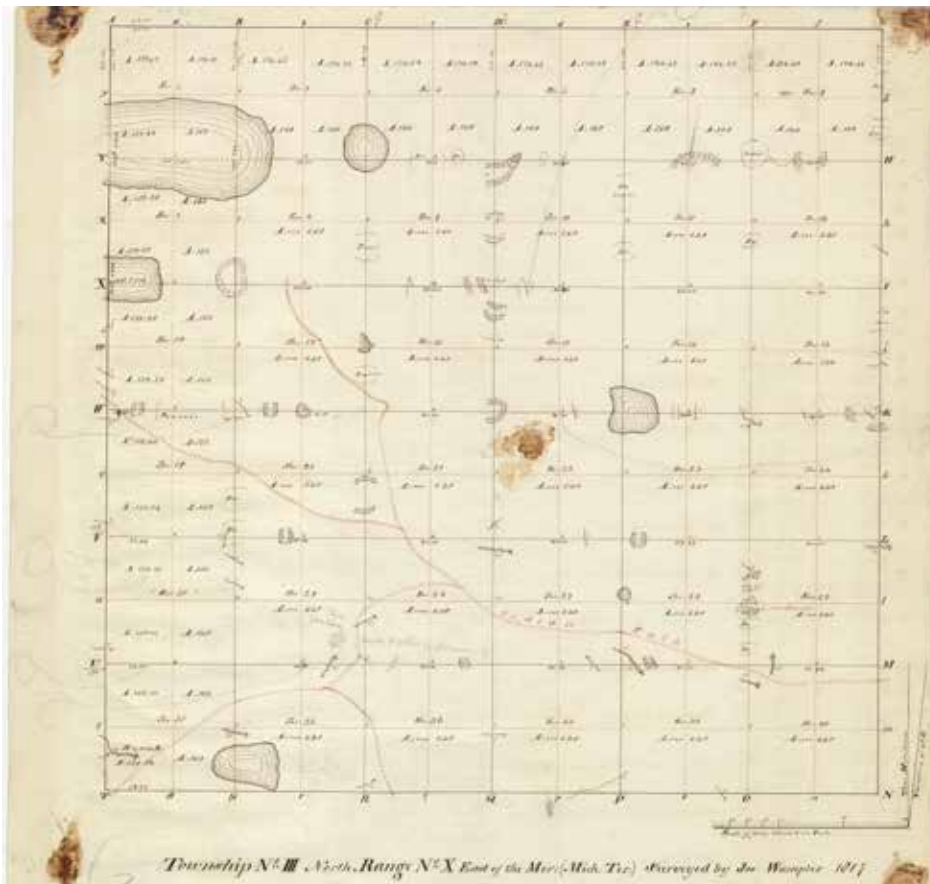
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VEGETATION CIRCA 1800

The map on the following page is an interpretation of the notes and survey conducted by the General Land Office (GLO). The GLO was a federal agency established in 1785 and was responsible for surveying, platting and the sale of public lands in the United States. In Michigan, the GLO systematically surveyed the state using the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) between 1816 and 1856. The PLSS is the method used in Michigan to survey and identify land parcels, particularly for titles and deeds of rural, wild, or undeveloped land. It is sometimes referred to as the rectangular survey system.

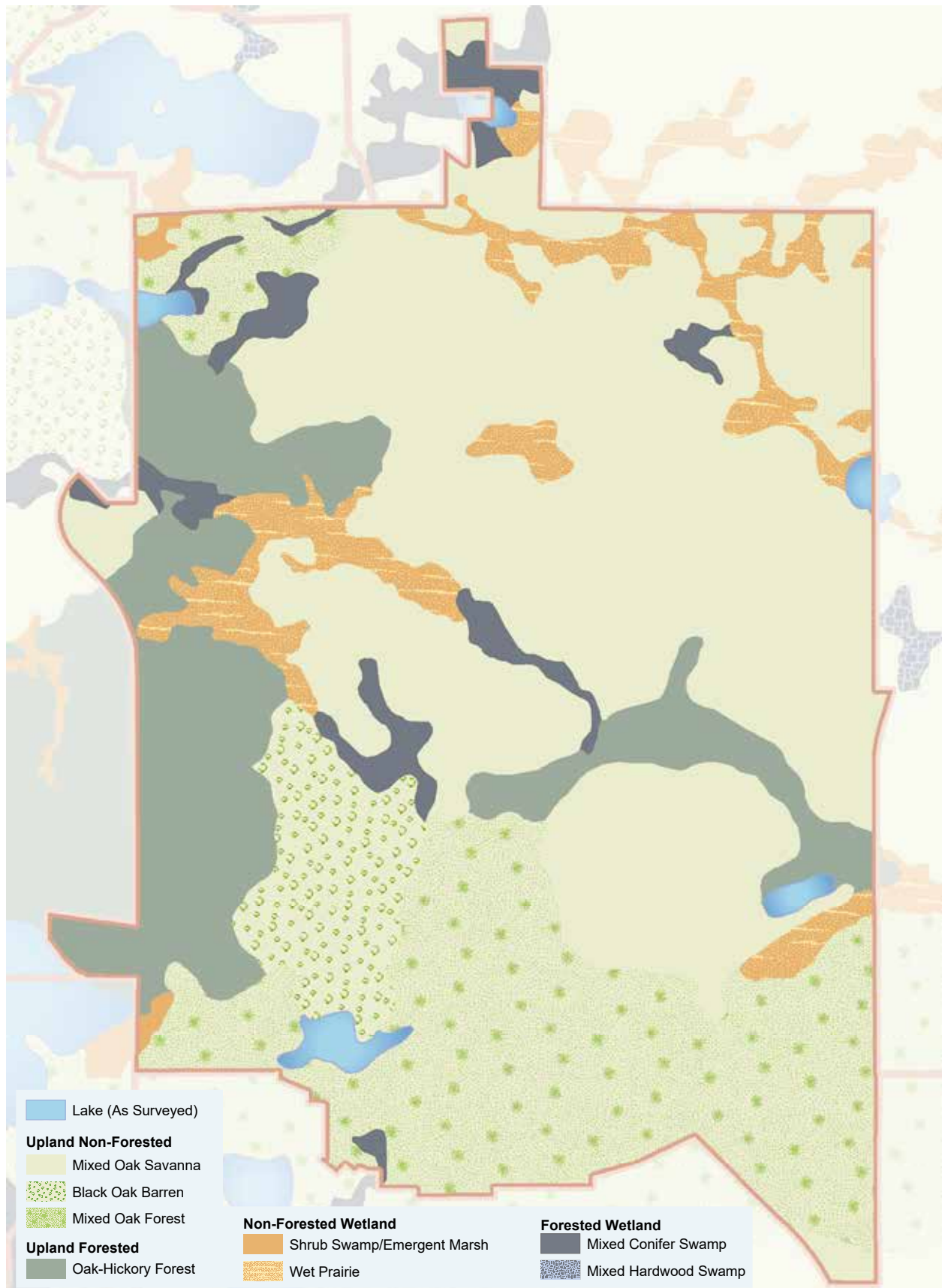
Pontiac, also a part of Township 3N, Range 10E, was first surveyed circa 1817 and detailed notes were taken on the location, size and species of each tree used to mark section lines and section corners. Surveyors also noted the locations of rivers, lakes, wetlands and Native American paths like the Saginaw Trail.

The Michigan Natural Features Inventory developed a methodology to translate the notes and GLO surveys into a digital map. This information can be used to determine the vegetation and land cover types that existed prior to European settlement and can be used as a reference when selecting plant material to reestablish native vegetation in the parks.



General Land Office survey and notes for Township 3 North, Range 10 East

VEGETATION CIRCA 1800 MAP

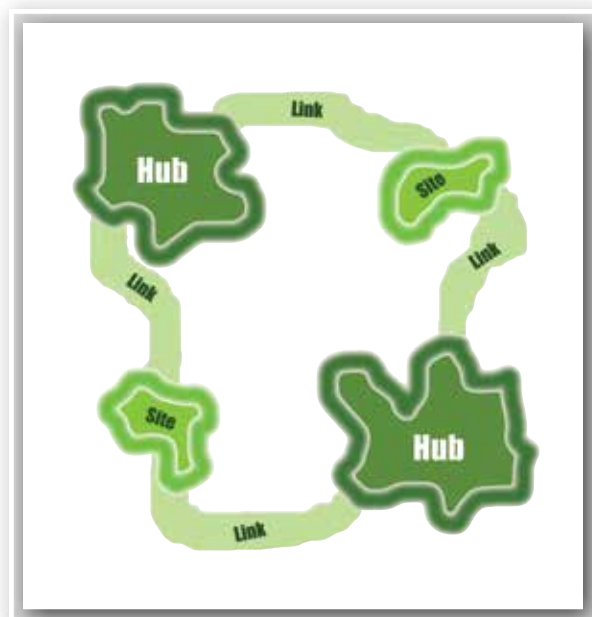


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OAKLAND COUNTY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION

In 2009, a Green Infrastructure Vision was developed for Oakland County to identify areas in the landscape that are in need of local protection and to link the remaining valuable ecological lands. These lands include large natural areas, important wildlife habitats, wetlands, riparian corridors and areas that reflect key elements of Oakland County's biological diversity.

Green infrastructure is the interconnected network of open spaces, natural areas and waterways. This network supports native species, maintains natural ecological processes, sustains air and water resources and contributes to health and quality of life. It also focuses on conservation values and the services provided by natural systems in concert with, instead of in opposition to, land development.



Green infrastructure provides a mechanism to identify and blend environmental and economic factors creating a multitude of social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits.

- Provides a sense of place and a unique identity
- Decreases cost of public infrastructure (i.e. stormwater management & water treatment systems)
- Increases both active and passive recreational opportunities
- Increases property values
- Helps preserve the unique quality of life
- Maintains the naturally functioning ecosystems
- Helps to attract new businesses and well qualified workers

Green Infrastructure Components

Hubs

Hubs anchor the network and provide an origin or destination for wildlife. Hubs range in size from large conservation areas to smaller parks and preserves. Hubs provide habitat for native wildlife and help maintain natural ecological processes.

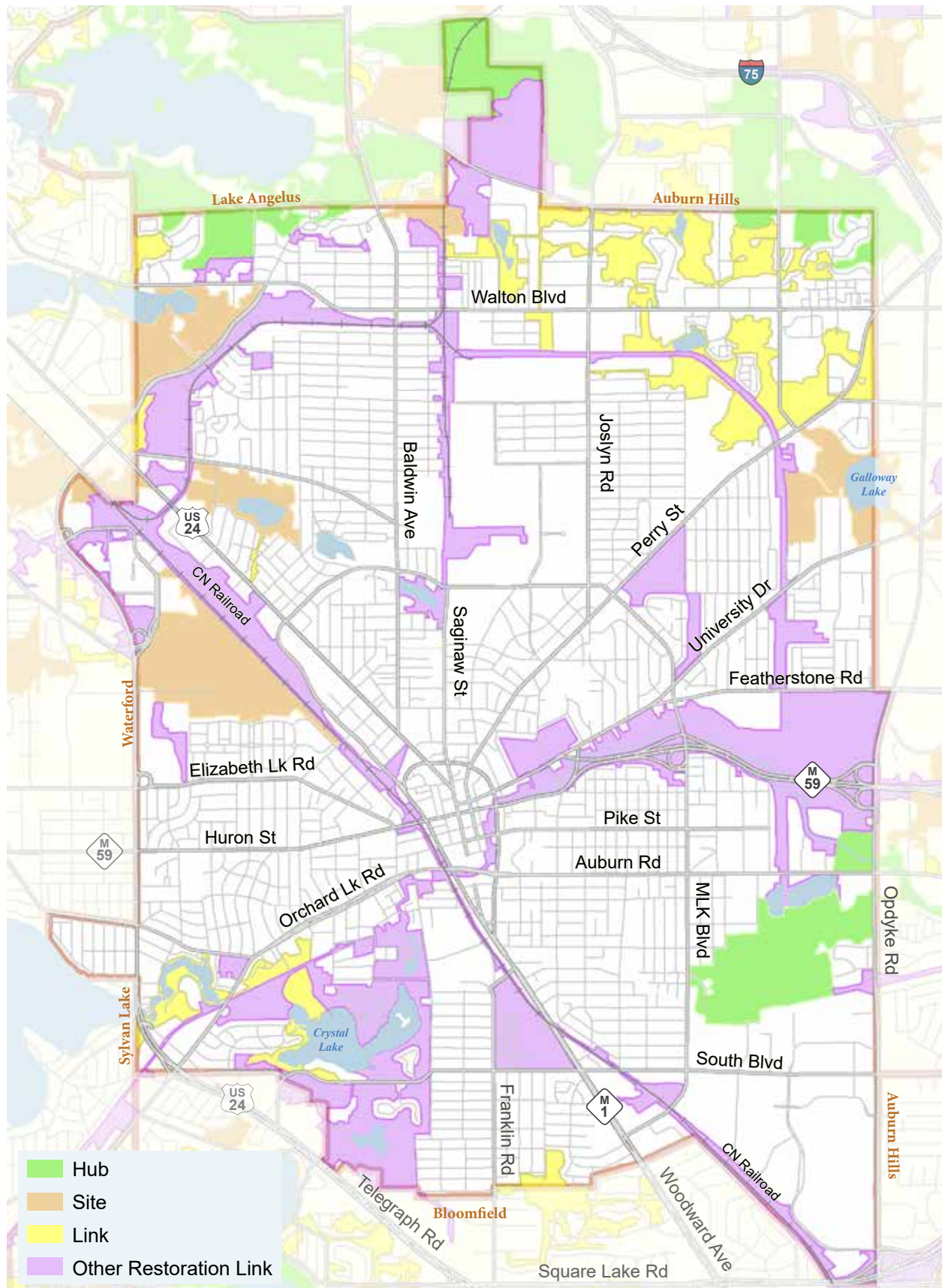
Sites

Smaller ecological landscape features that can serve as a point of origin or destination or include less extensive ecological important areas.

Links

The connections that hold the network together and enable it to function. Links facilitate movement from one hub to another.

2009 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION MAP



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OAKLAND COUNTY POTENTIAL NATURAL AREAS

In 2017, the Oakland County Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs worked with the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) to update the countywide potential natural areas information. This information can assist local communities to improve natural resource-based decision making and builds upon previous Potential Natural Area Assessments in Oakland County (2000, 2002 and 2004).

MNFI has defined potential natural areas as places on the landscape dominated by native vegetation that have various levels of potential for harboring high quality natural areas and unique natural features. Natural resource conservation is a fundamental component of the region's long-term environmental, social and economic vitality. Many of these unique areas perform important functions such as:

- Water filtration
- Flood control
- Recreational opportunities
- Wildlife habitat
- Enhance a community's quality of life

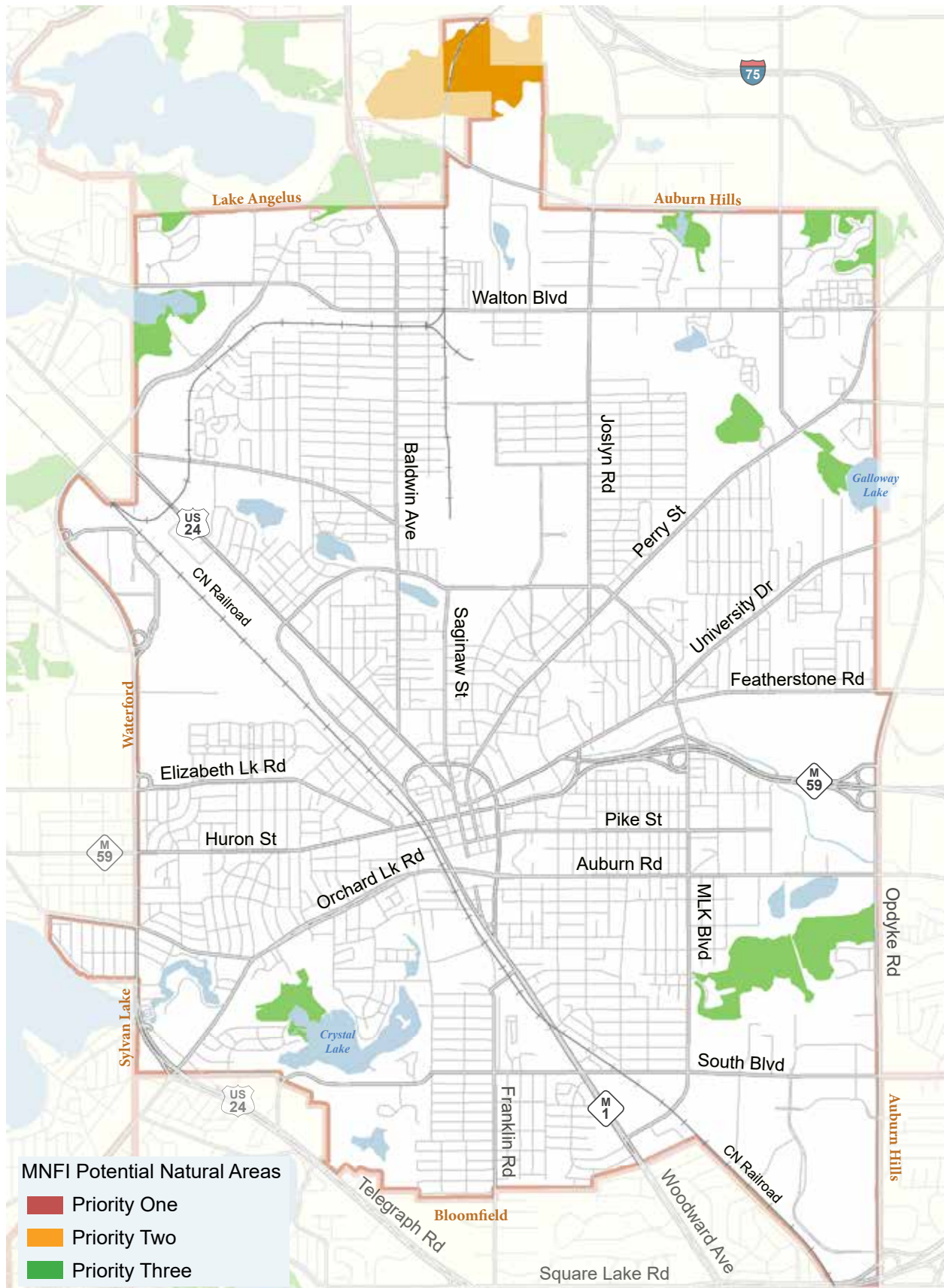
About MNFI

MNFI maintains a continuously updated information database, the only comprehensive, single source of data on Michigan's endangered, threatened, or special concern plant and animal species, natural communities and other natural features. MNFI has responsibility for inventorying and tracking the State's rarest species and exceptional examples of the whole array of natural communities. MNFI also provides information to resource managers for many types of permit applications regarding these elements of diversity.



Winter view of wetland near MLK Blvd and South Blvd.

2017 MNFI POTENTIAL NATURAL AREAS MAP



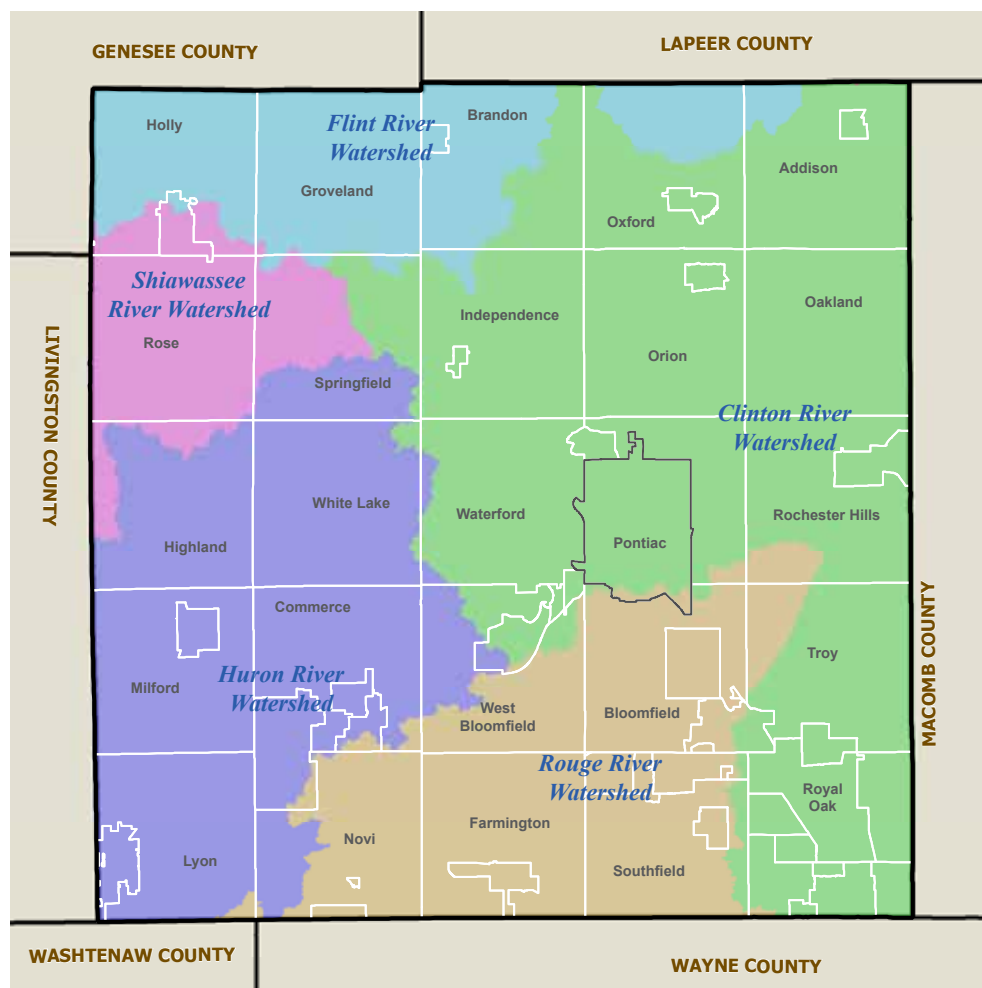
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WATER RESOURCES

The majority of the City of Pontiac is located in the Clinton River Watershed and a small portion in the southern section of the City is in the Rouge River Watershed. A watershed is an area of land that drains into a common body of water such as a stream, river, lake or groundwater. Watersheds can be subdivided into smaller units known as subwatersheds.

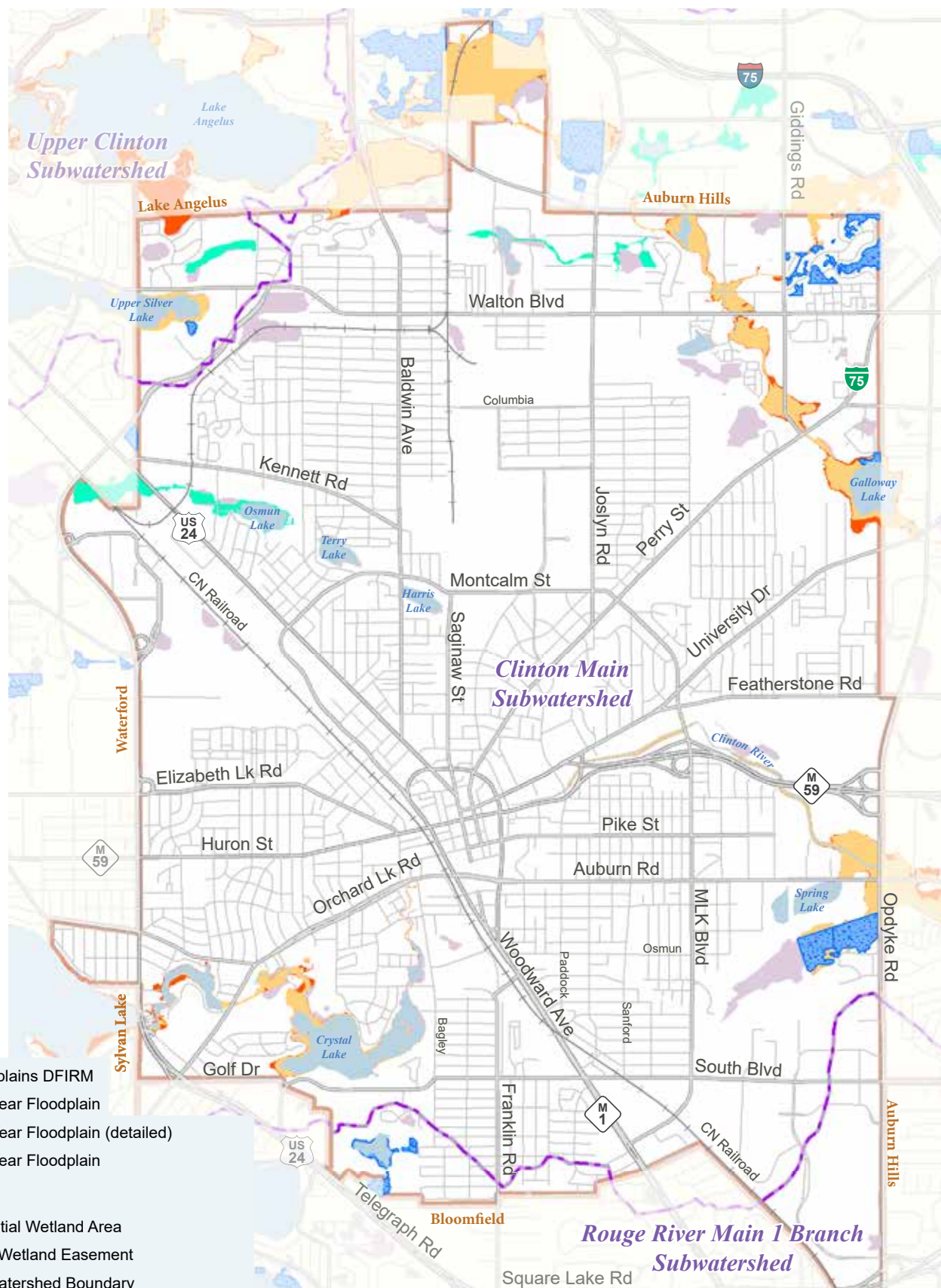
The subwatersheds in Pontiac have management plans that provide a framework for neighboring communities to collaborate and address various issues related to water quality.

The Clinton River Watershed Council has an Adopt A Stream monitoring program. In the past, the Galloway Creek and Clinton River have been monitoring sites for this initiative. For recreational boating, swimming and fishing, it is essential to maintain water quality of the lakes, rivers and streams in Pontiac.



Watershed map of Oakland County

CITY OF PONTIAC WATER RESOURCES MAP



- FEMA Floodplains DFIRM**
- 500 Year Floodplain
 - 100 Year Floodplain (detailed)
 - 100 Year Floodplain
 - Potential Wetland Area
 - DEQ Wetland Easement
 - Subwatershed Boundary

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SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) are conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play and worship, that affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life outcomes. SDoH “are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels...

Social determinants of health are mostly responsible for health inequities - the unfair and avoidable differences in health status.”¹

Social, economic and physical conditions in various settings (e.g., school, church, workplace, and neighborhood) have been referred to as being “place-based.”² A place-based approach targets an entire community and aims to address issues that exist at the neighborhood level where resources that enhance quality of life can have a significant influence on population health outcomes.³

In other words-the choices that people make, depend on the choices that they have available to them.

SDoH includes 5 primary domains:

- Neighborhood and built environment characteristics, such as the quality of housing, environmental quality, and the presence or absence of parks and recreational facilities
- Health and health care, such as health insurance coverage, access to primary care, and health behaviors
- Social and community context, such as connections between neighbors, acceptance of diversity, support for individuals with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ safe havens
- Economic stability, such as economic development opportunities and affordable quality housing
- Education, including early childhood, K-12, higher education, adult learning, and literacy programs



Five primary domains of Social Determinants of Health.

Healthy People 2020 lists “Create social and physical environments that promote good health for all” as one of its top four goals, placing high importance on addressing social determinants of health.⁴ The *2017 Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity* report recognizes that access to parks, recreation, open spaces and healthy environments should be considered during land use planning to promote health equity for diverse populations.⁵ Therefore, the Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master plan seeks to promote health equity and address social determinants of health by including diverse representatives in community engagement feedback, utilizing geospatial data to understand population trends and needs, and examining issues of park quality accessibility.

PUBLIC HEALTH

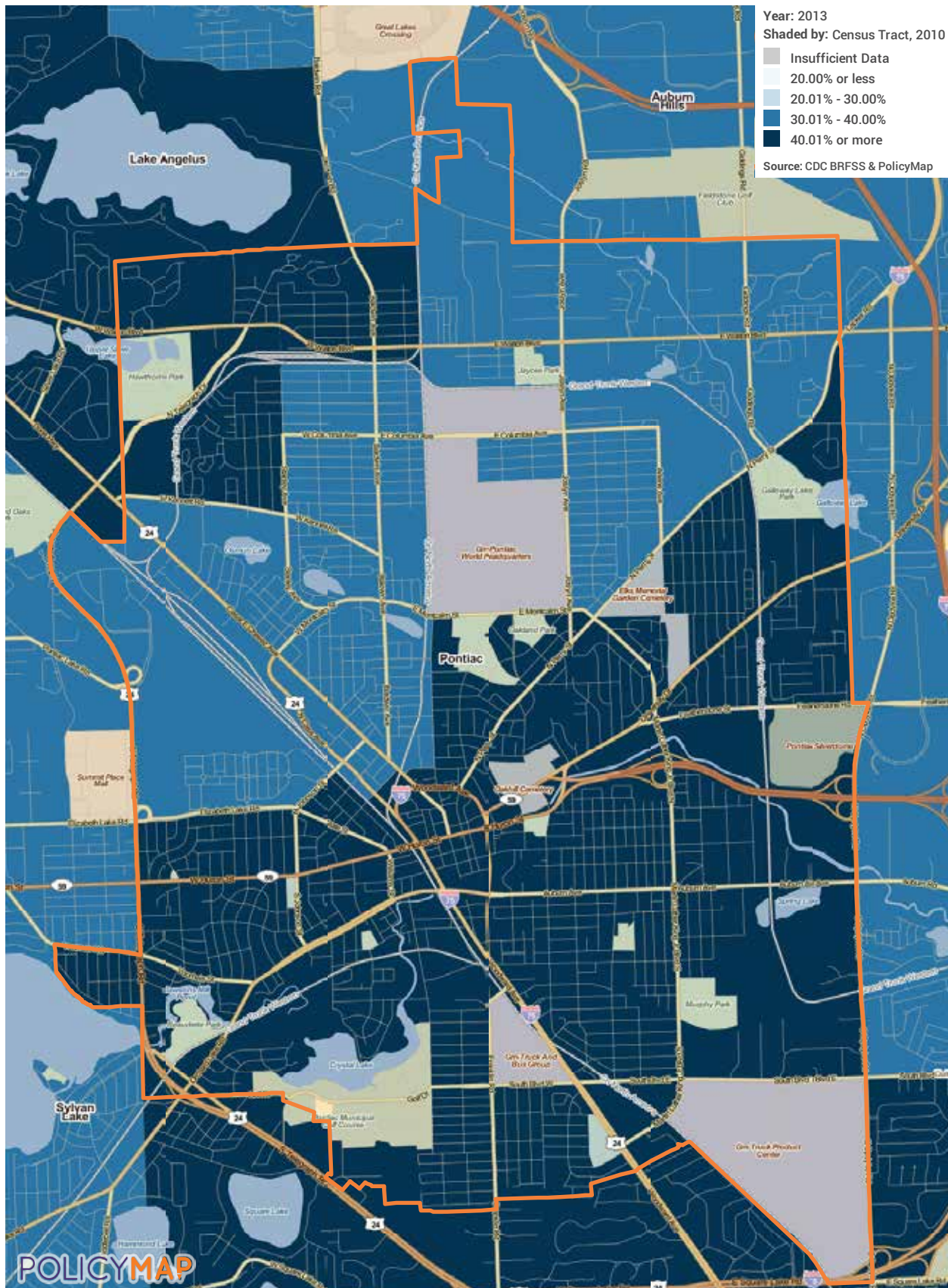
According to the Centers for Disease Control, public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. Illness and injury prevention is a main goal for public health workers and this often accomplished through gathering metrics and data, implementing educational programs, changing public policies and providing health related services. Parks and recreational opportunities can play a key role in public health by promoting wellness and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

The overall health of the citizens of Pontiac can be improved by providing high quality, vibrant places for people to live, work, socialize and recreate. One indicator for public health is to evaluate chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity and cancer. The maps on the following pages illustrate factors related to health and wellness and is also a reminder that your ZIP code might be as important as your genetic code.

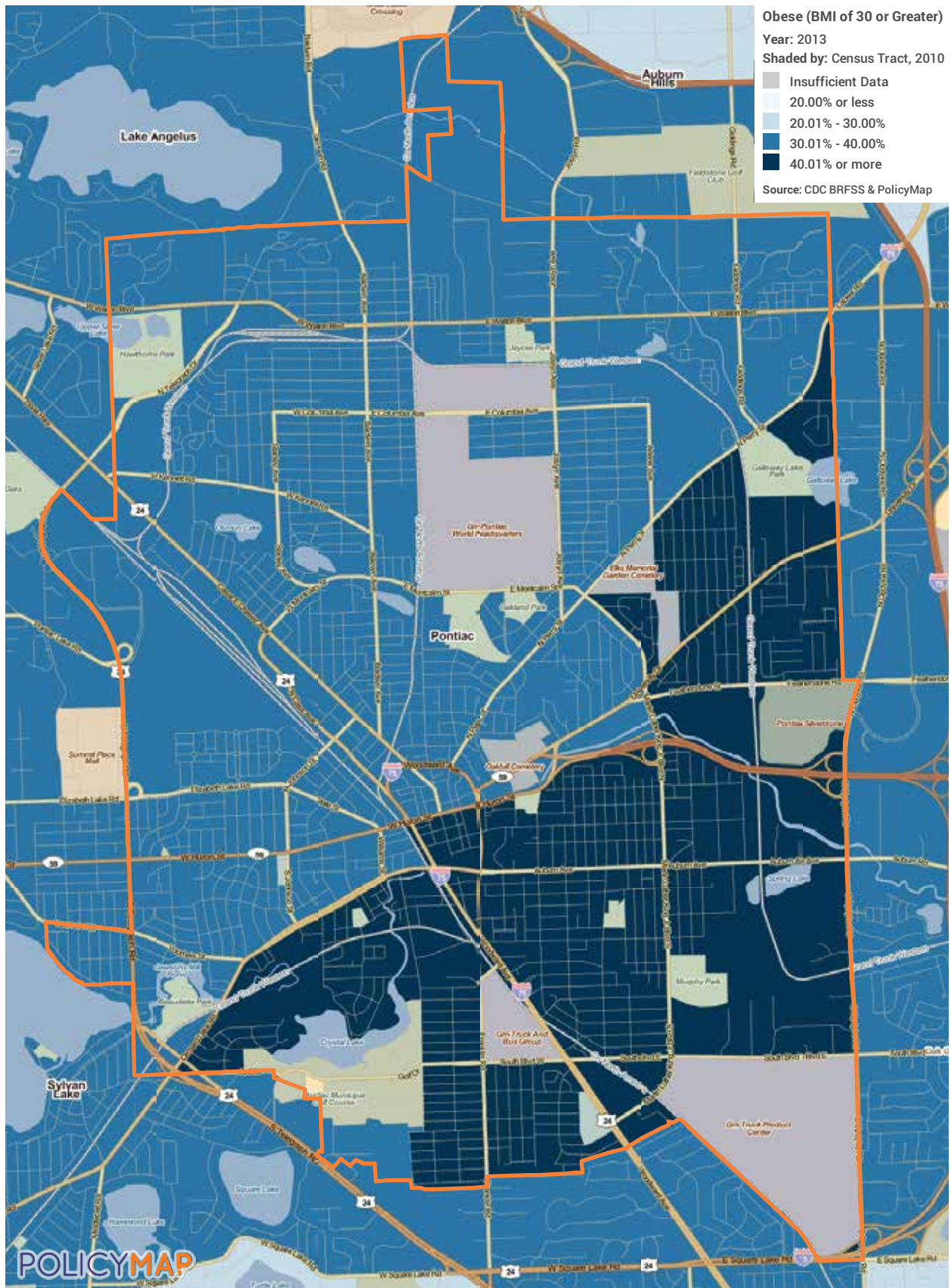
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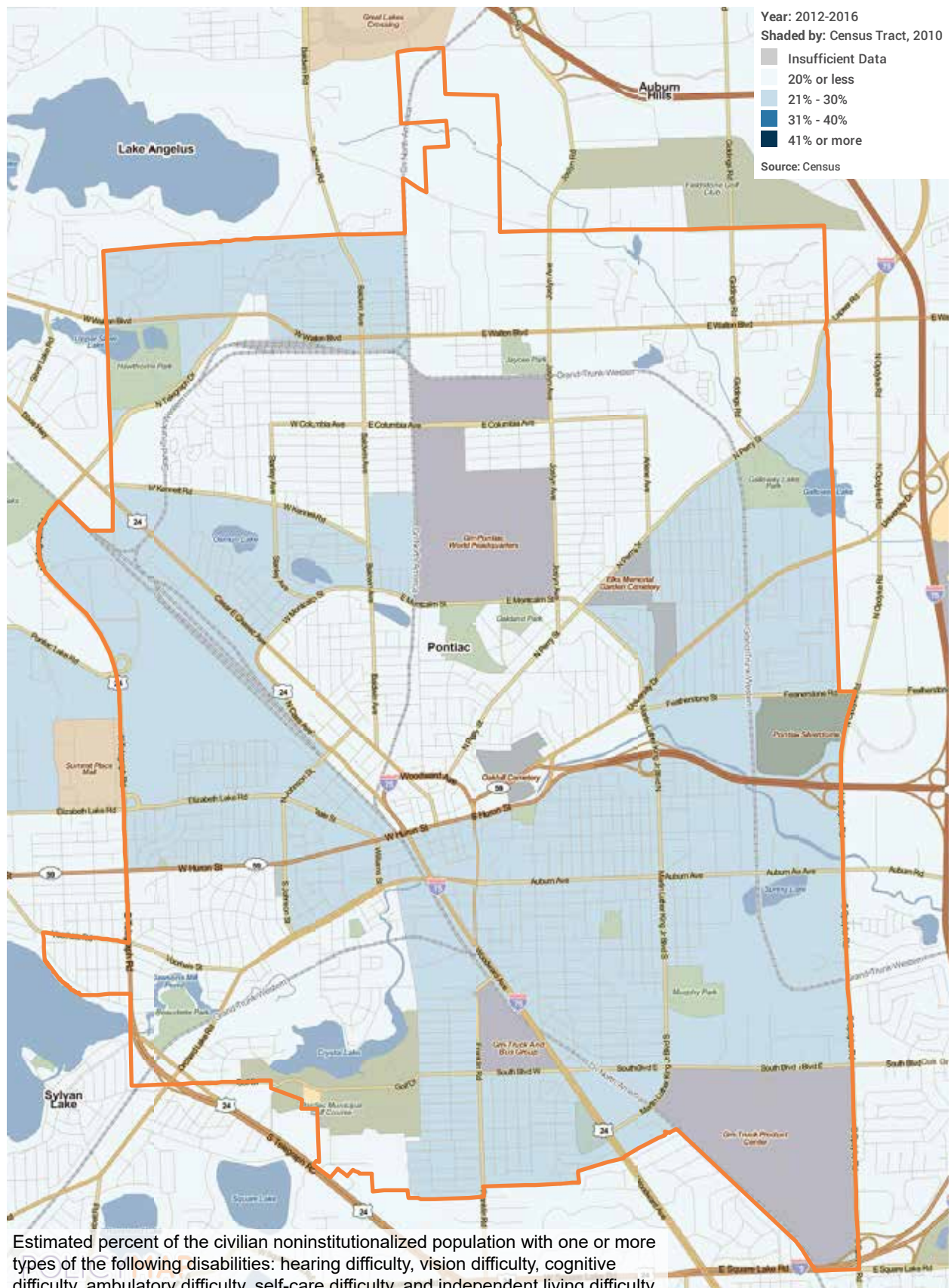
% OF ADULTS WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MAP



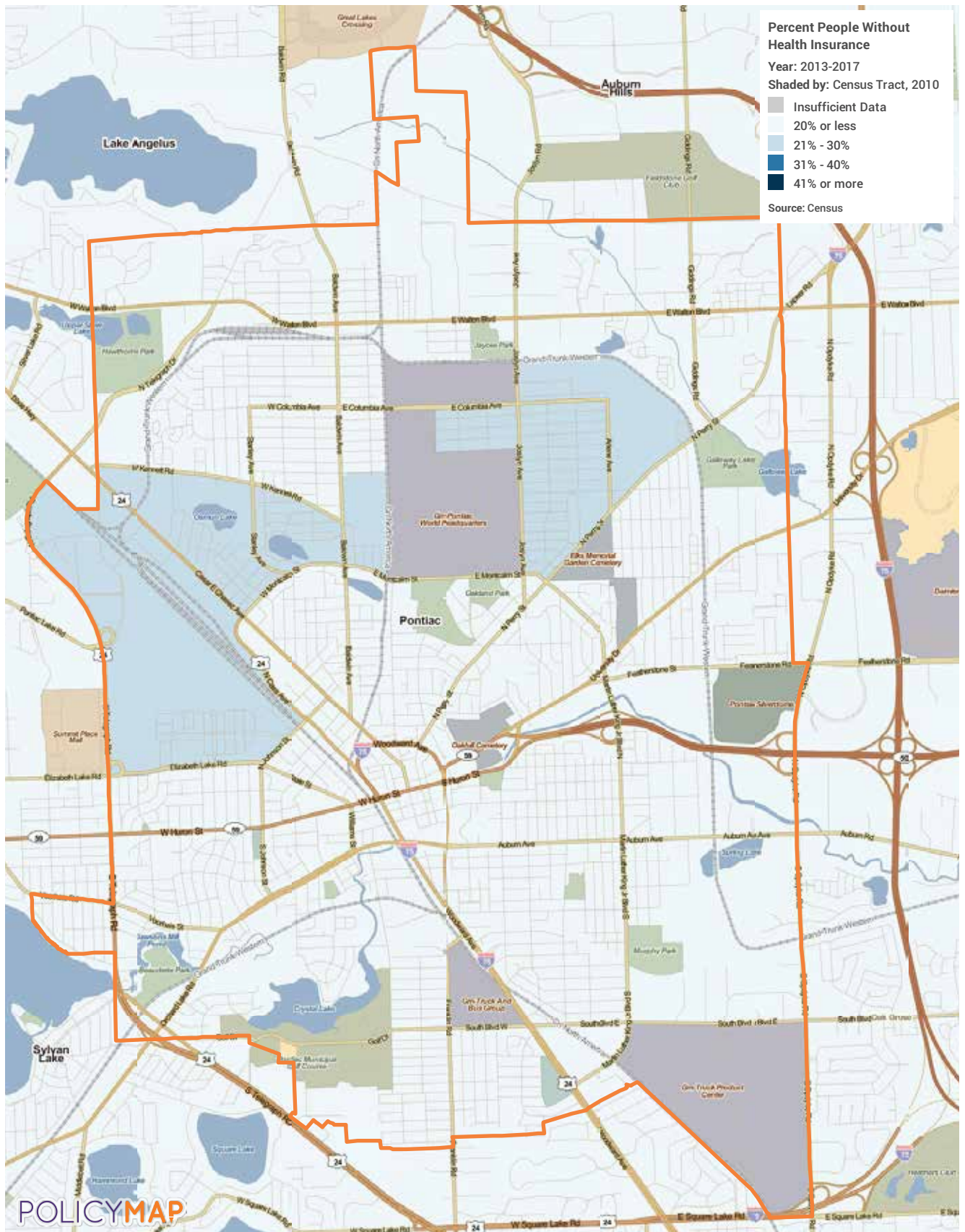
% OF ADULTS REPORTING TO BE OBESE MAP



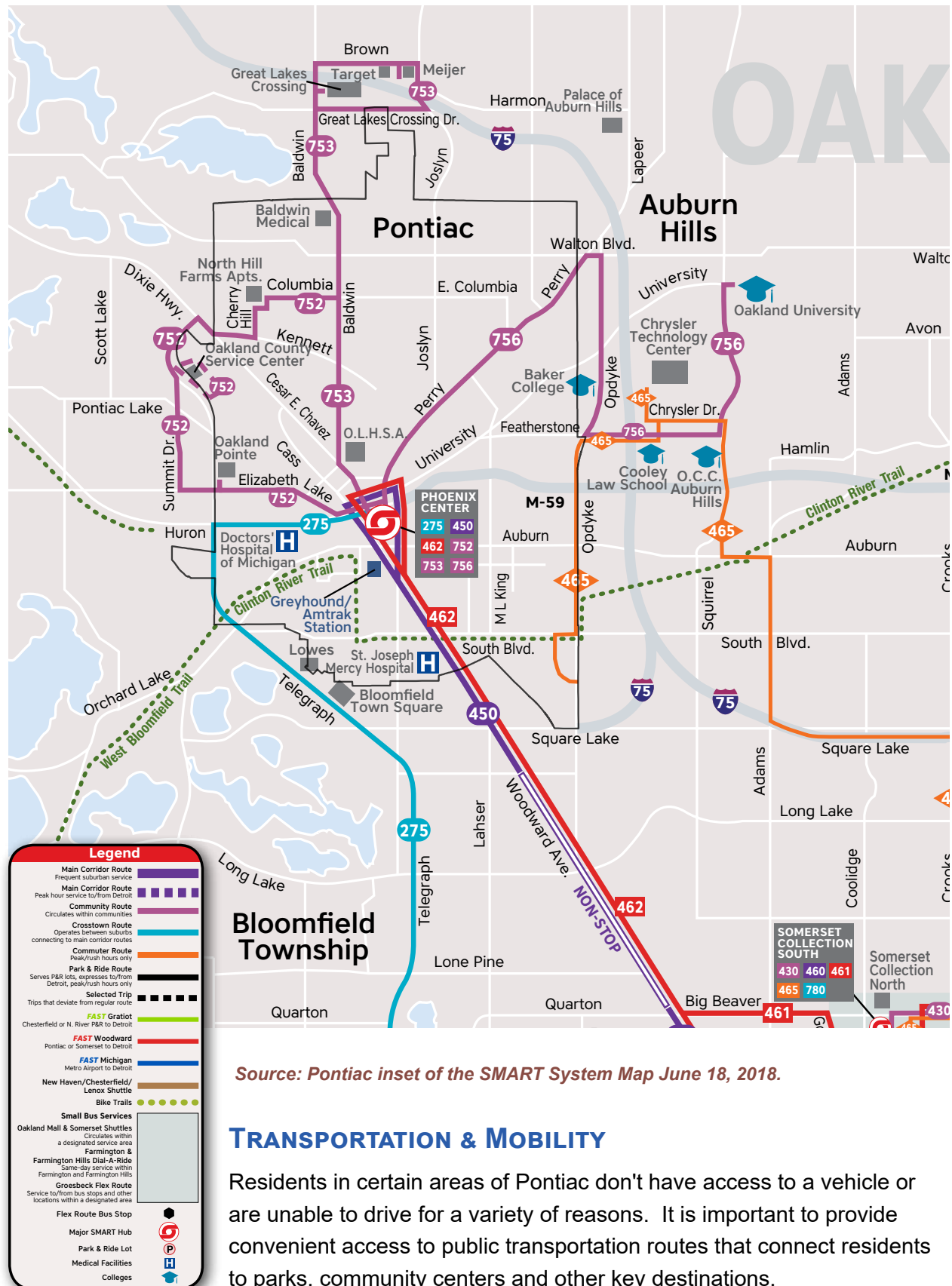
% OF POPULATION WITH DISABILITIES MAP



% OF POPULATION WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE MAP



2018 SMART FIXED BUS ROUTES-PONTIAC AREA MAP

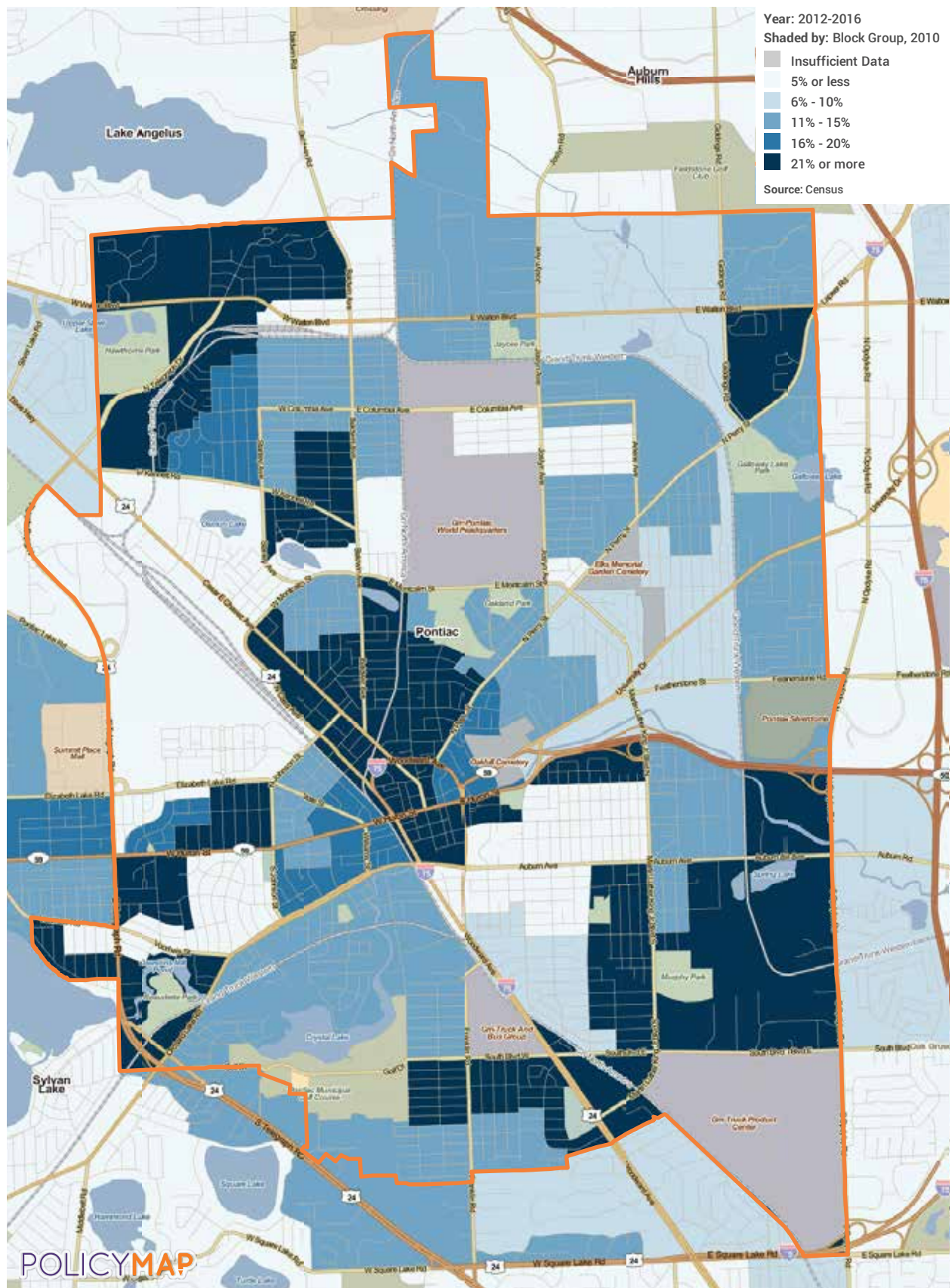


Source: Pontiac inset of the SMART System Map June 18, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Residents in certain areas of Pontiac don't have access to a vehicle or are unable to drive for a variety of reasons. It is important to provide convenient access to public transportation routes that connect residents to parks, community centers and other key destinations.

% OF HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT VEHICLE ACCESS MAP

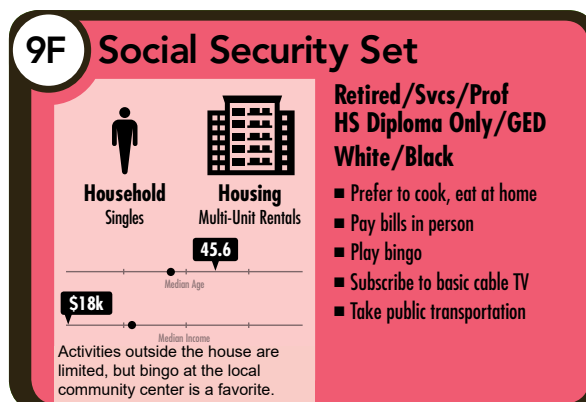
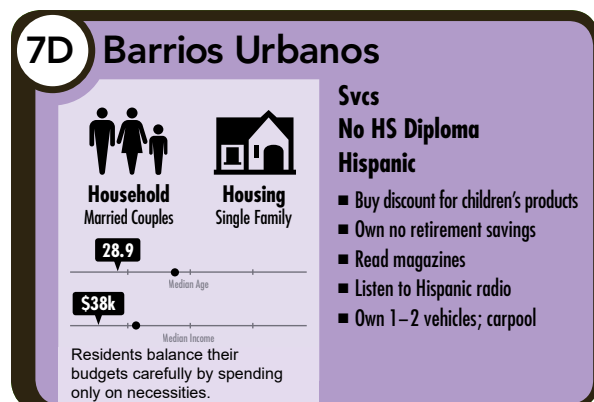
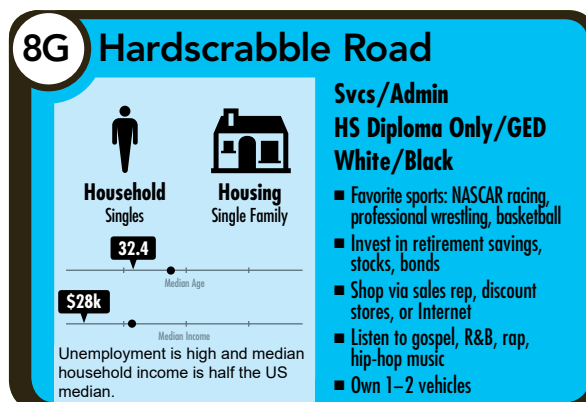
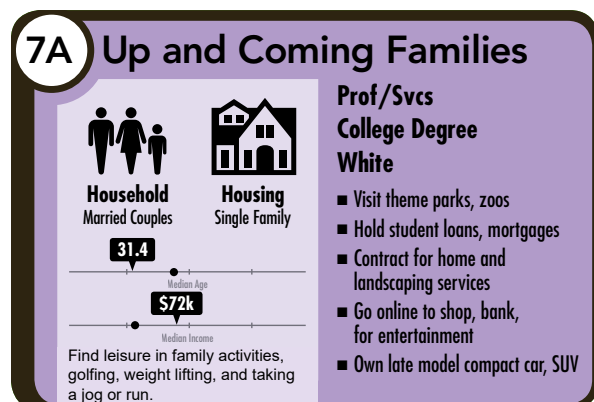
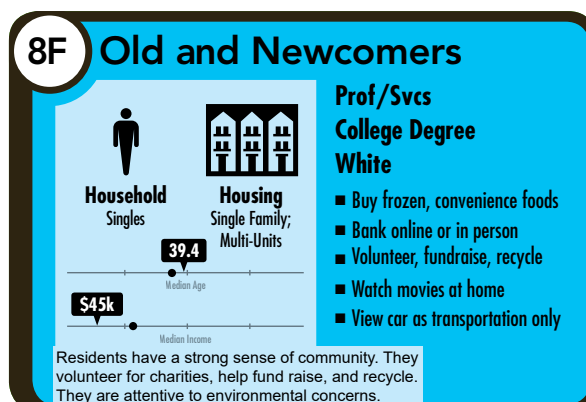
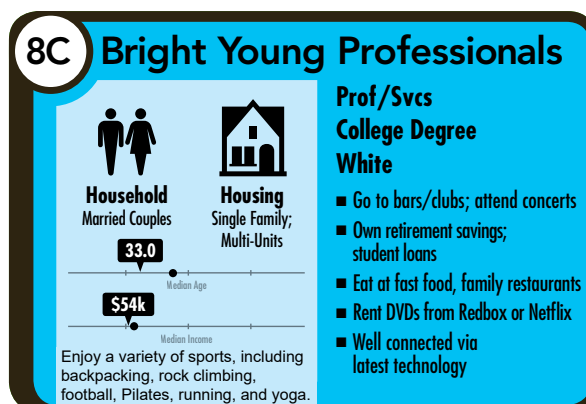
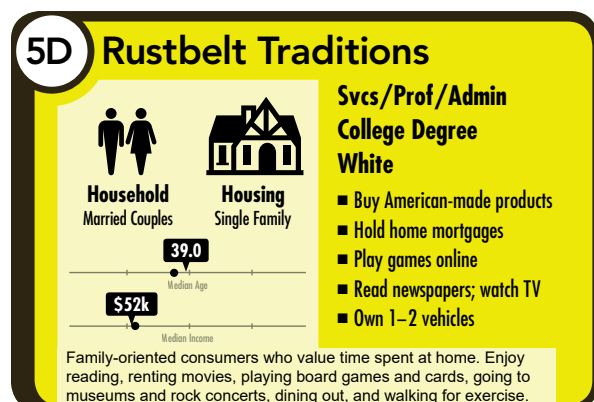


ESRI TAPESTRY SEGMENTATIONS

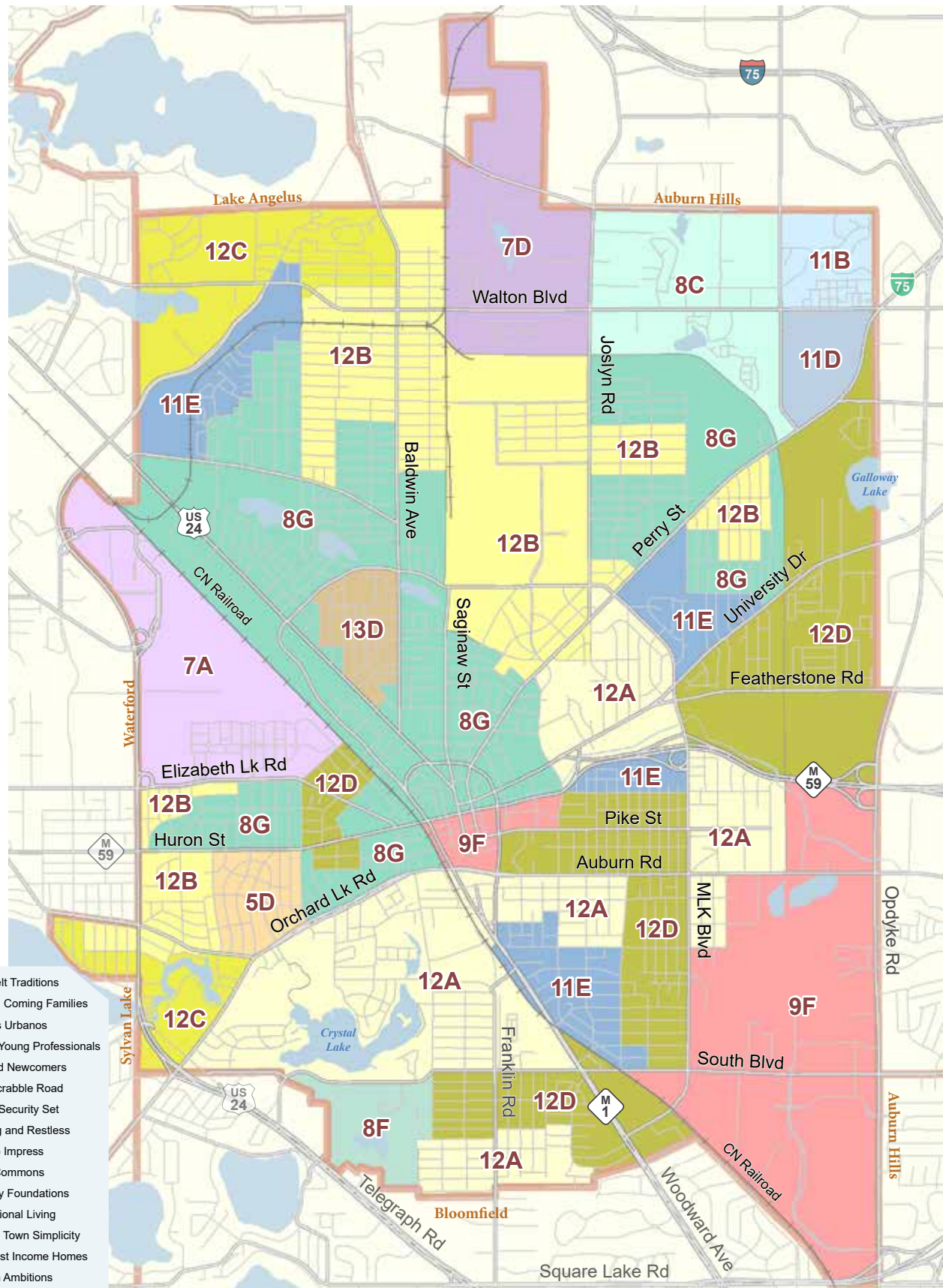
Tapestry Segmentation provides a detailed description of neighborhoods across America based on their socioeconomic and demographic composition. This data is useful when considering general preferences, spending patterns, interests and lifestyles.

For full descriptions, visit:

<http://doc.arcgis.com/en/esri-demographics/data/tapestry-segmentation.htm>

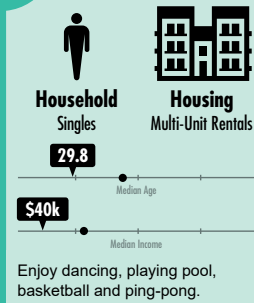


ESRI TAPESTRY SEGMENTATION MAP



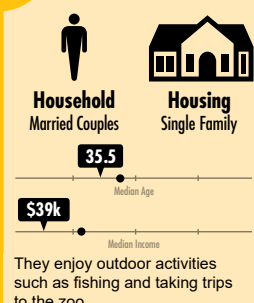
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11B Young and Restless



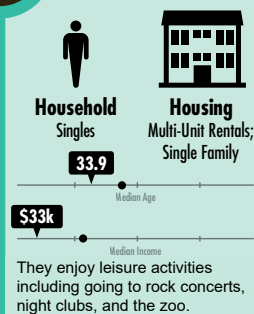
- Svcs/Prof**
College Degree
White/Black
- Text, redeem coupons from cell phone
 - Bank online
 - Go dancing; play pool; buy organic food
 - Listen to hit radio, jazz, rap, hip-hop, dance music
 - Buy from eBay

12B Traditional Living



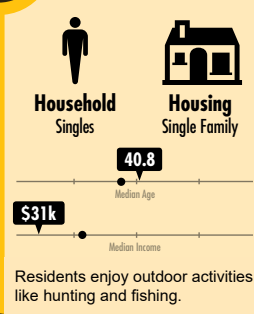
- Svcs/Admin/Prof**
HS Diploma Only/GED
White
- Go fishing, visit the zoo
 - Carry credit card balances, personal loans
 - Eat fast food
 - Watch ABC Family, CMT, Game Show Network
 - Own 1-2 vehicles

11D Set to Impress



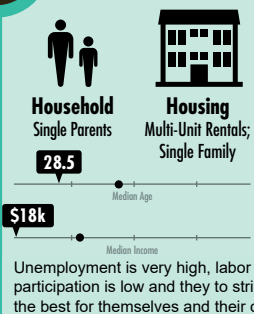
- Svcs/Prof/Admin**
College Degree
White/Black
- Go to rock concerts, nightclubs, zoos
 - Prefer brand names; deal seekers
 - Shop at Walmart
 - Download latest music online
 - Own used, imported vehicles

12C Small Town Simplicity



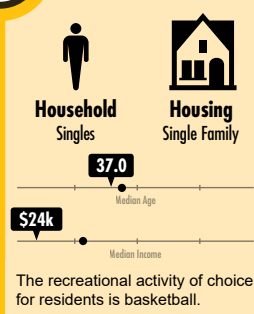
- Svcs/Prof**
HS Diploma Only/GED
White
- Visit the doctor regularly
 - Shop with coupons at discount stores
 - Go hunting, fishing; watch NASCAR, college football, basketball on TV
 - Read newspapers; watch TV
 - Own trucks, SUVs, ATVs

11E City Commons



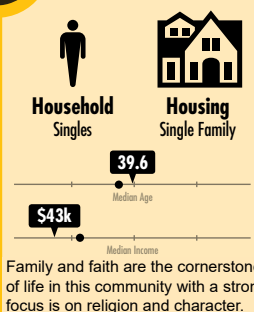
- Svcs/Prof/Admin**
HS Diploma Only/GED
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- Shop warehouse clubs/discount
 - Own private health care policy
 - Buy baby/children's products
 - Listen to urban radio
 - Take taxi's, public transportation

12D Modest Income Homes



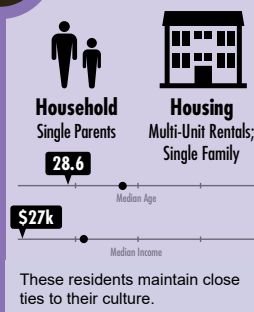
- Svcs/Admin**
HS Diploma Only/GED
Black
- Shop at low-cost retailers, warehouse clubs
 - Pay bills in person
 - Play basketball
 - Watch BET; listen to gospel, R&B radio
 - Own 1 vehicle; carpool, take public transportation

12A Family Foundations



- Svcs/Prof/Admin**
HS Diploma Only/GED
Black
- Shop at Marshalls, dollar stores, Sam's Club
 - Draw Social Security, retirement accounts
 - Go online for games, entertainment
 - Subscribe to premium cable TV
 - Drive 1-2 vehicles

13D Fresh Ambitions



- Svcs**
No HS Diploma
Hispanic
- Own cell phones
 - Wire money back home
 - Buy baby/children's products
 - Subscribe to cable TV; watch Spanish TV, BET
 - Own vehicle; take public transportation

● Represents national median for age and income

Source: ESRI's Tapestry Segmentation—The Fabric of America's Neighborhoods



Planning & Public Input Process

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The following is a general description of the planning process used to develop the City of Pontiac 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Background Information

The data necessary to assemble the background information for the plan were collected from various sources including: City Staff, Oakland County, Healthy Pontiac, We Can! coalition, Friends of Clinton River Trail, DNR and field observations. The Community Description, Administrative Structure, Recreation Inventory and Action Program sections were drafted, reviewed and modified by City staff and steering committee members. The inventory of city-owned park facilities was done in November 2017 and updates were completed in October 2018.

Staff Meetings

City staff and steering committee members met to review draft documents, conduct the park inventory and discuss project status while the Plan was being developed.

Community Meetings & Events

A series of community events and City Council District meetings were attended. Information related to the park and recreation master plan update was discussed and presented. A variety of public engagement activities were completed and community member feedback was taken at the following events:

- June 17, 2017 Picnic in the Park Design Workshop (pilot test of community engagement methods) at Oakland Park in collaboration with GM Modern Housing Neighborhood Association (~40 participants)
- June 6, 2018 Mayor's Leadership Team Meeting at the Bowens Senior Center (10 participants)
- June 9, 2018 Art, Fish, Fun Event at Beaudette Park (~20 participants)
- July 21, 2018 PAL Fitness and Mentoring Youth Program at the Old YMCA (~60 participants)
- August 1, 2018 Baldwin Center Youth Program at the Baldwin Center (~30 participants)
- August 10, 2018 General Motors Annual Picnic at the GM Global Propulsion Campus (~30 participants)

- August 4, 2018 Back to School Rally at Beaudette Park (~30 participants)
- August 28, 2018 Friends of the Clinton River Trail Meeting at the Auburn Hills Community Center (~8 participants)
- September 4, 2018 Golden Opportunities Club Meeting at the Bowens Senior Center (~52 participants)
- September 6, 2018 District 1 Community Meeting at the Bowens Senior Center (~18 participants)
- September 13, 2018 District 3 Community Meeting at Jalapeños Restaurant (~8 participants)
- September 20, 2018 District 5 Community Meeting at Herrington Elementary School (~26 participants)
- September 25, 2018 Friends of the Pontiac Parks Meeting at the Pontiac Public Library (~6 participants)

Open House Meeting

An "Open House" meeting was held on November 13, 2018 to meet with community members and project stakeholders to allow them an opportunity to review and comment on the draft park inventory, boundary maps, potential park improvements and goals and objectives that emerged as a result of previous community engagement feedback. (~20 participants)

Total Estimated Engagement at various Community Meetings: 358 people

2018 Community Survey

In collaboration with the Healthy Pontiac, We Can! coalition (HPWC), the 2018 Pontiac Community Survey was created and distributed throughout the city via email, website and hard copy. The survey was conducted over a six month period from February - July 2018. There were a total of 345 respondents.

This survey is conducted every three years to gain feedback from a broad collection of stakeholders and residents in Pontiac on their health and quality of life. Anyone that lives in Pontiac over the age of 18 is eligible and encouraged to take the survey. Survey results and feedback from community meetings were used to assist in the development of the Goals & Objectives.

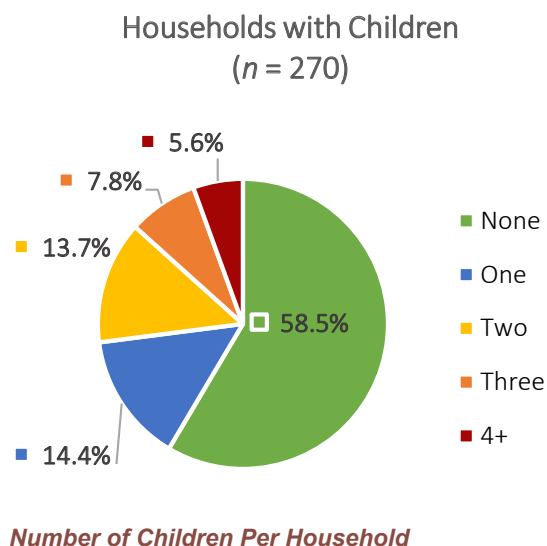
A summary of the survey results and public input feedback can be found on the following pages and in more detail the Appendix.



Police Athletic League workshop

2018 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A total of 345 surveys were included in the analyses of this report; surveys that had less than 15% of the questions completed (i.e. participant only answered about 2 questions) were omitted from any further analysis. Due to missing responses on different questions throughout the survey (e.g. participant chose not to respond), the total sample size for each question varies, and is reported with each question as (n=#).



Demographics

Income level and Race in this sample closely represents the population based on national estimates.

	#	%	Compared to Census
Age (n = 290)			
18 to 24	18	6.2%	N/A
25 to 34	60	20.6%	N/A
35 to 44	50	17.2%	N/A
45 to 54	48	16.6%	N/A
55 to 59	27	9.3%	N/A
60 to 64	39	13.5%	N/A
65 or older	48	16.6%	N/A
Race (n = 291)			
African-American/Black	138	47.4%	49.9%
Native American	2	0.7%	0.5%
Asian	3	1.0%	2.0%
Caucasian/White	123	42.3%	39.2%
Middle Eastern	1	0.3%	N/A
Mixed Ethnicity	22	7.6%	6.5%
Other	2	0.7%	N/A
Ethnicity (n = 289)			
Hispanic	31	10.7%	17.2%
Non-Hispanic	258	89.3%	82.2%
Household Income (n = 274)			
Less than \$10,000	43	15.9%	15.7%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	26	9.3%	10.6%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	33	12.2%	15.5%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	49	18.1%	13.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	46	17.0%	14.8%
\$50,000 or above	74	27.4%	29.7%

Demographics

Despite efforts recruiting Hispanic community members, the sample consists of considerably fewer Hispanic participants than the general Pontiac population. Additional efforts to ensure our Hispanic residents' voices are heard and their health needs are met must be prioritized.

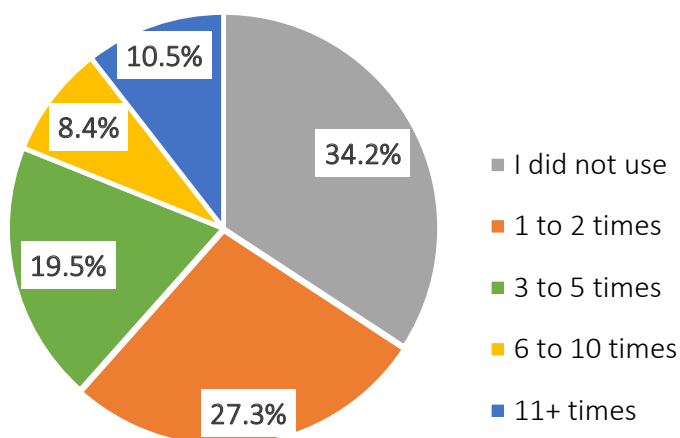
Public Parks, Trails, And Green Spaces

Two-thirds (66%) of participants used a public park in Pontiac within the past 12 months (Figure 3).

Participants were asked which park is closest to where they live. 14.7% responded “I don’t know” indicating a need for better awareness of Pontiac’s parks (Figure 4).

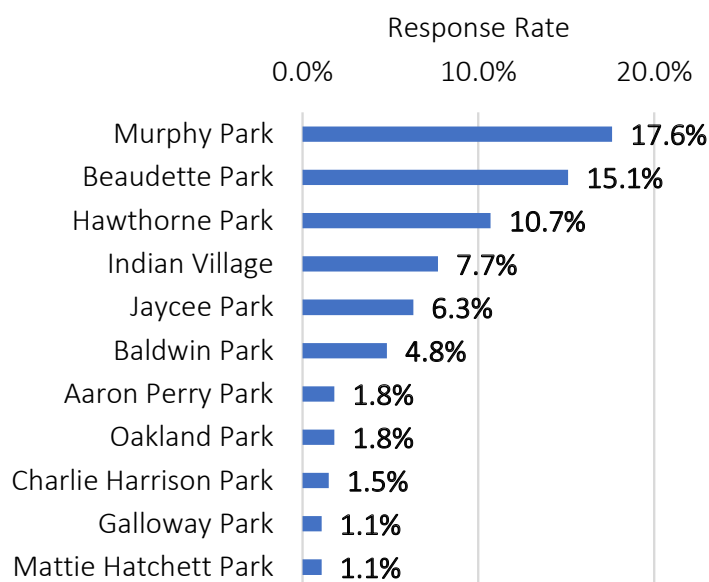
Figure 4 shows the most frequently selected parks (parks with <1.0%, “I don’t know,” and “other” were omitted).

Usage of Pontiac's Public Parks
(n = 333)



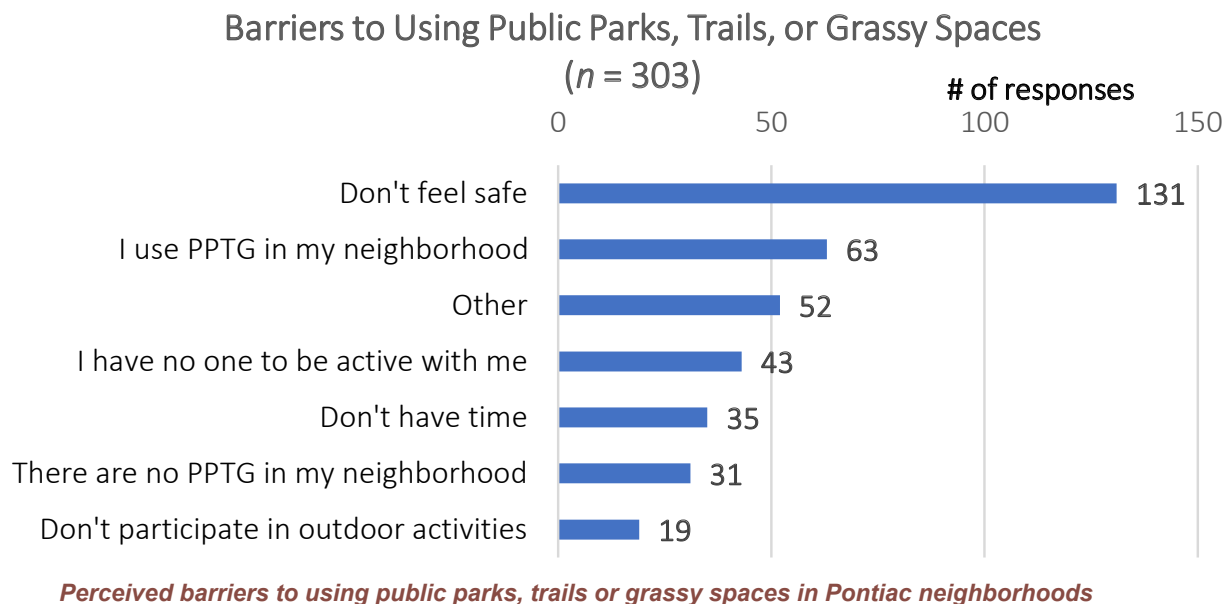
Frequency of Pontiac's public park usage

Closest Park to Household
(n = 272)

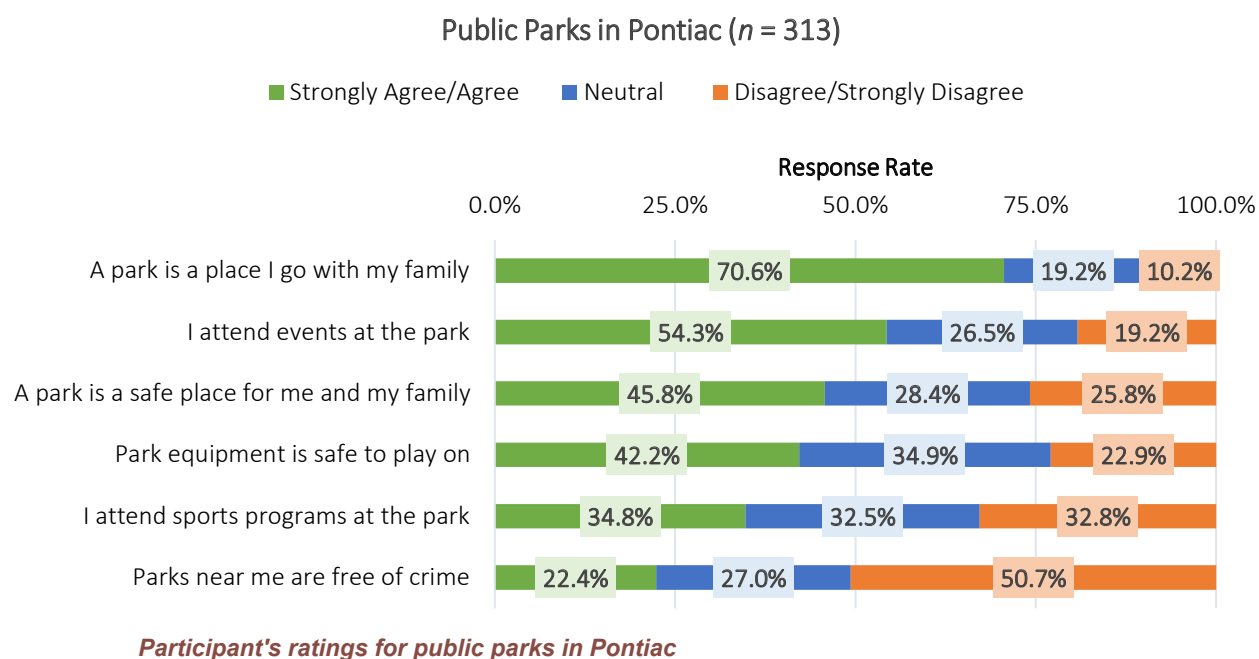


Percentage rate of park closest to respondents

Participants were asked about barriers to using public parks, trails, or grassy spaces in their neighborhood (Figure 5).

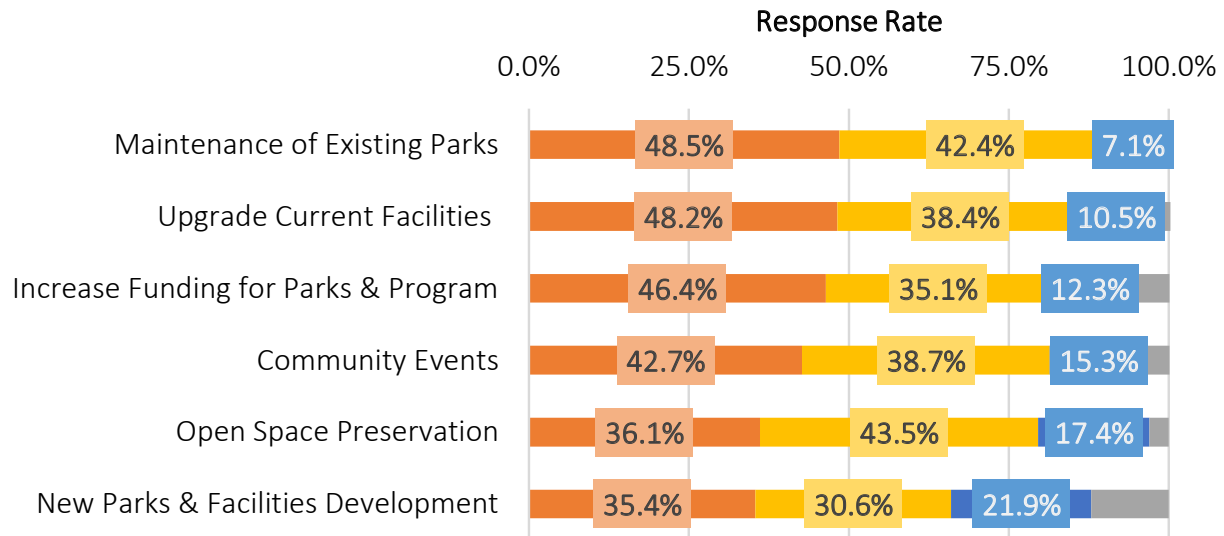


Participants rated the statements below using Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree (Figure 6).



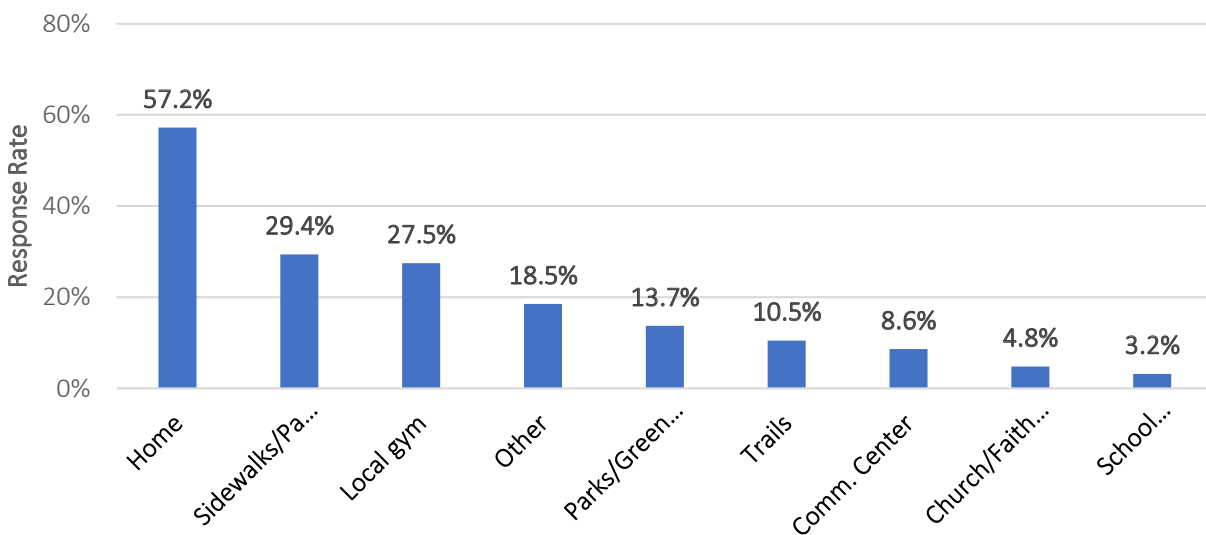
Pontiac's Parks and Rec 5-Year Plan Priorities (n = 309)

Top Priority Very Important Somewhat Important Not Important/No Opinion



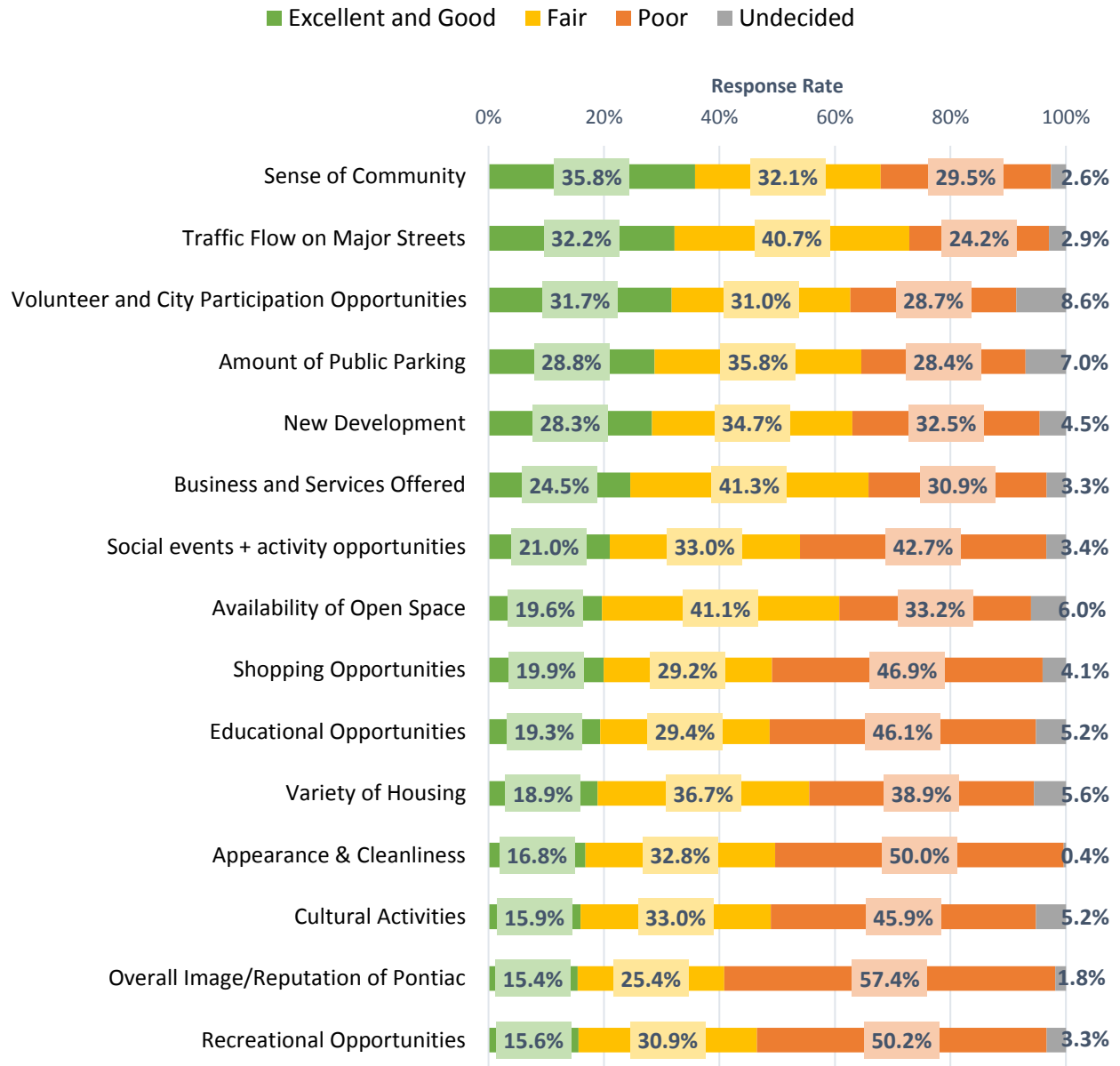
Prioritizing different aspects in reference to Pontiac's public parks

Popular Sites to be Physically Active (n = 313)



Sites where respondents can engage in physical activity

Quality of Life in Pontiac Ratings



Ratings for the quality of life in Pontiac

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

During the Community Meetings & Events, feedback was gathered through a variety of unique methodologies best suited to the particular event and populations. At some shorter meetings, participants responded verbally to prompts about what they would like to see in Pontiac parks. At public events and longer workshop style meetings, several standardized activities were used to elicit open-ended feedback, engage participants in thinking critically about parks and recreation planning and prioritization of limited resources (e.g., a budgeting activity). Creative arts strategies were also used to encourage feedback from youth and to allow participants to help visualize ideal park design (e.g., writing stories, drawing pictures, park map design).

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Verbal Feedback and Discussion

At smaller meetings, short discussions were held with the individual groups about their priorities and ideas of parks and recreation programming. Detailed notes were taken, and responses were organized into common themes and categories.

Open-Ended Question Board

Participants were presented with four open-ended questions on a large poster:

1. What do you like about Pontiac parks?
2. What don't you like about Pontiac parks?
3. What events or programs would you like to see in Pontiac Parks?
4. What is missing from the Parks in Pontiac?

Participants could write in their own response, agree with one of the statements previously written with the indication of a colored dot sticker or check mark.

3-Question Survey

At shorter meetings, participants were given a short, 3-question survey with open-ended questions including:

1. From your perspective, what do you see as the top 3 issues that need to be addressed in the parks in the City of Pontiac in the next 5 years?
2. What park or community center do you use most often?
3. What would you do to make that park or community center a better place?

Because of similarity of themes that emerged through open-ended activities, responses are combined into common themes below. Park-specific feedback is integrated into the park information page based on feasibility.

- **Facilities and Equipment** – Participants reported utilizing existing facilities, especially the sports fields and the Clinton River Trail. Suggestions for new equipment focused on playground equipment for smaller children (e.g., safety swings, rocking horses, lower rim basketball courts), places to relax in the park with shade (e.g., pavilions), and additional picnic tables and BBQ pits. Many participants noted an urgent need to improve the quality of facilities. This included resurfacing basketball courts, fixing missing nets and rims, ensuring

soccer and baseball fields are safe, fixing or removing broken playground equipment. Suggestions for improving the Clinton River Trail included better maintenance of vegetation and the trail surface, wayfinding signage, trailheads are key locations, and safer crossings for major roads. It was noted that the existing skate park is in disrepair and needs to be removed or upgraded.

- **Park Maintenance** – Many people noted the lack of general park maintenance such as mowing the grass and emptying the garbage cans, which contributed to a sense of blight in the parks, and deterred people from using the parks.
- **Beautification** – Participants regularly described a desire for projects to enhance beautification and remove blight, such as trash and graffiti, in the parks. Suggestions included cleanup projects, increasing park adoption by community groups, planting and landscaping features, integration of public art within the parks, and historical signage (e.g., Pontiac Heritage Trail).
- **Comfort Stations** – The lack of working restroom facilities and drinking fountains was a common concern across all engagement sessions. Bringing existing facilities back into working condition and making them accessible to the community outside of special events is likely to increase park usage and satisfaction. Participants also noted that increasing shade options, such as pavilions, would enhance comfort of using parks.

- **Water Features** – Many participants reported the desire for water features in the community. This included splash park/pad features for kids to play in, access to public beaches and swimming sites, boating/kayaking access and rental facilities, and landscaping features such as water fountains. Water quality concerns – need testing and signage (e.g., is fishing safe)
- **Park Security** – Suggestions for improving feelings of safety and security in parks included regular patrols by police, lighting (perhaps motion sensor to save money and reduce light pollution to neighboring areas), locking parks at night, and security cameras.
- **Events and Activities** – Participants indicated a desire for additional programming for diverse populations. This included things such as a summer music series, additional sports leagues for youth and adults, summer camps and activities for youth, an amphitheater or mobile stage for music events. There were also many participants with a desire to see Murphy Park return to a hub for winter sports activities such as sledding and skating.
- **Community Centers** – There was a strong desire in the community to reopen closed community centers (e.g., Ewalt Center) to host recreation activities.
- **ADA Accessibility** – Participants noted the lack of accessibility for persons with physical limitations in most of the parks.

PRIORITIZATION ACTIVITIES

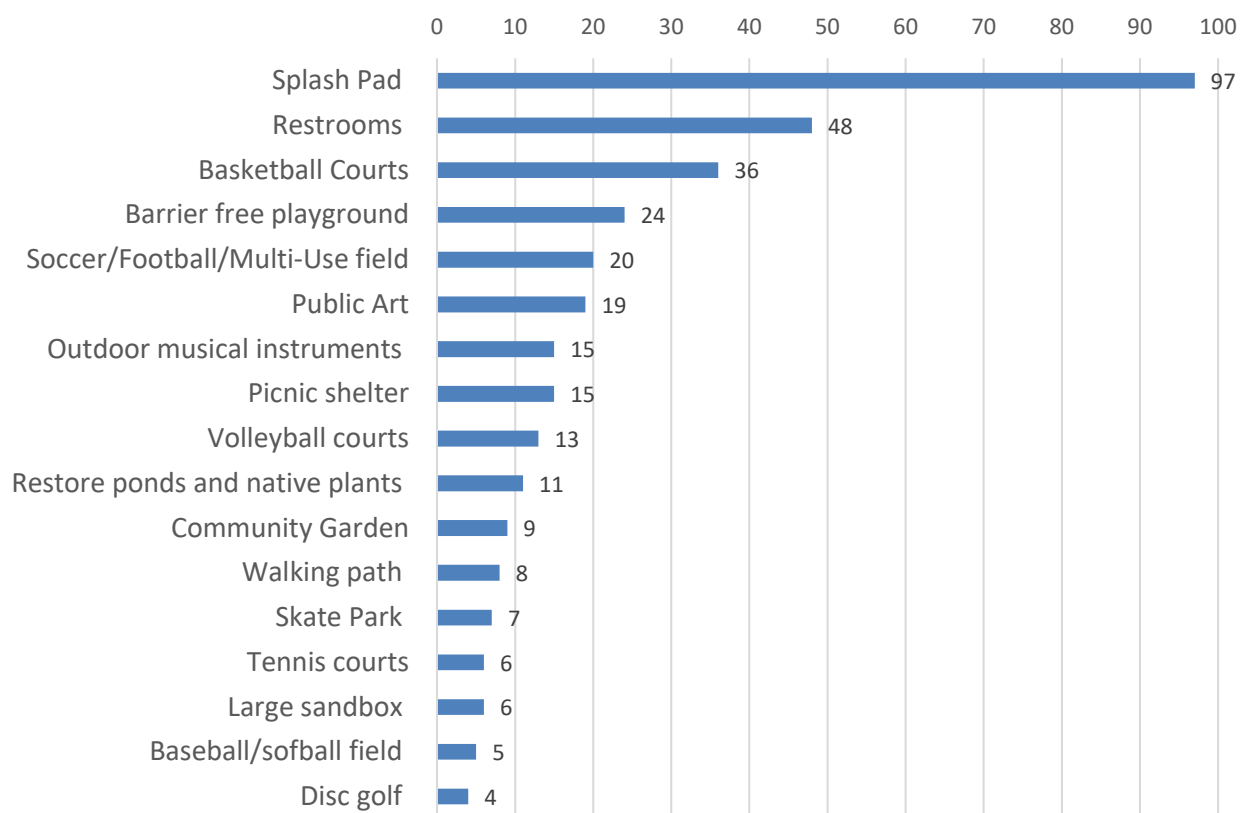
Facility Prioritization

Each participant was given three dot-stickers that would represent their “vote”; for what facilities they wanted to see in Pontiac parks. Letter-sized pictures of 17 different facilities/resources were placed on a table or wall. In addition, there was a blank page for participants to add “other” facilities they would like to see. Results are shown below by total number of “votes” across all sessions are shown below.



Facility Prioritization Activity

Priority Facilities (total votes = 351)



Results of the Facility Prioritization Activity

CREATIVE ARTS FEEDBACK STRATEGIES

Park Map Design

At large events, a printed 3x4 foot aerial map of major parks (e.g., Beaudette Park, Oakland Park) was available for participants to arrange cut-outs of various park facilities at scale to show how they envision the park layout. Digital photos were taken of each design, and feedback was integrated into the park profiles seen in this plan. This data also helped us to understand how participants used each individual park. One consistent theme was the desire for walking paths in many of our parks.



Oakland Park Map Design Activity



*Beaudette Park
Map Design Activity*

Creative Drawing and Story-Telling Exercises

Children and young adults were given blank sheets of paper and asked to draw a picture or write a story about what want to see in their neighborhood parks. Participants were also asked to draw or write out what they already enjoyed using in their parks what they would want to remain unchanged. Results were analyzed qualitatively to identify common themes, which emerged in 4 key areas:

- **Socialization** – youth saw parks as a place to spend time with family and friends, utilizing playground and picnic equipment
- **Nature** – youth talked about and drew pictures connecting with nature including trees, grass, water, and animals.

- **Sports** – youth described participating in a variety of sports activities (e.g., basketball, baseball, soccer) in the parks.
- **Events** – youth wanted to attend events in parks from movie nights to carnivals!



Creative Drawing Activity

Parks and Recreation Budgeting Exercise

In this activity, participants were given a budget of \$100 (printed paper “money” consisting of ten \$10 bills), and were instructed to put the money in the bucket with the category they felt their budget should be spent on.

CATEGORIES	% OF MONEY ALLOCATED	RANK
Install new equipment (e.g. playground, fields, courts)	18.3	1
Youth programs and leagues	18.1	2
Park Maintenance	15.0	3
Plant trees + improve wildlife habitat	11.7	4
Adult programs and leagues	10.7	5
Repair existing equipment	10.5	6
Remove old/broken equipment, buildings & amenities	8.6	7
ADA Accessibility	7.1	8
TOTALS	100.0	

Budgeting Exercise Results



Basis for Action

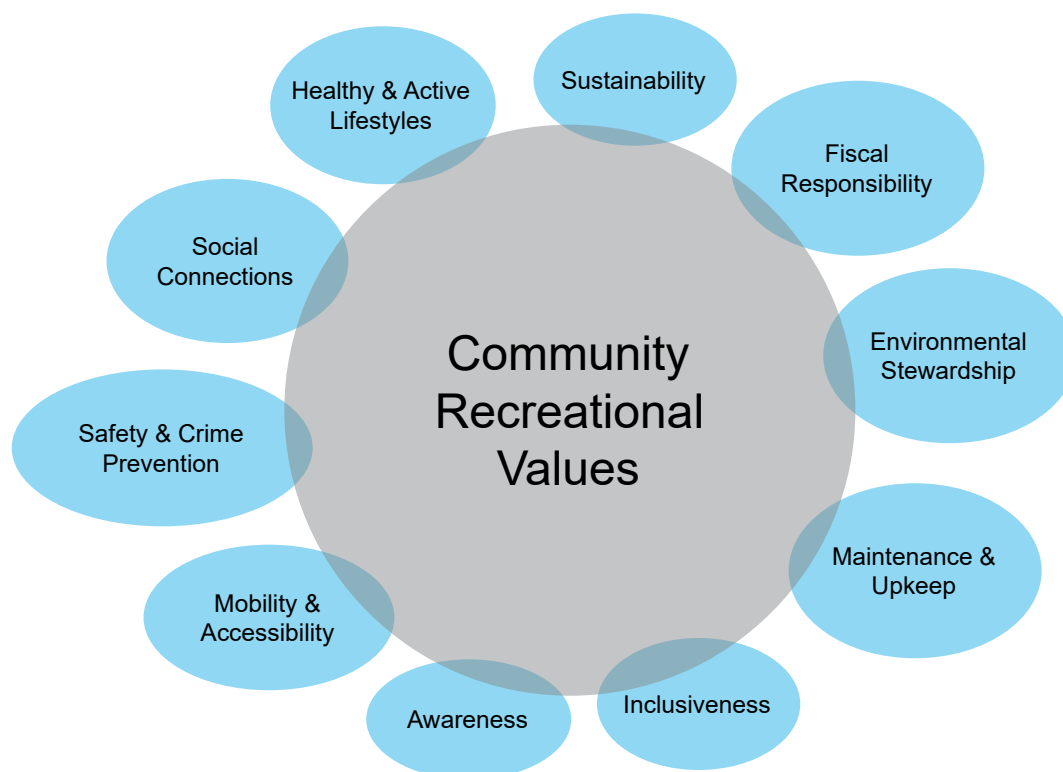
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BASIS FOR ACTION

Many elements must be considered prior to the decision-making process of establishing goals, objectives and a prioritized capital improvements schedule for the next five years. A community must not base recreation improvement and service decisions solely on the voice of a handful of residents or the needs and wants of community officials, but must also be aware of recreational trends, national standards, community opinion, as well as demographic information and the suitability

of existing park land. This chapter attempts to consolidate the various factors that must be acknowledged and the abundance of aspects, perceptions and ideas that need to be filtered and categorized with the end result of producing the prioritized needs of the community. Because there are so many factors that will ultimately determine needs, caution should be taken to not analyze each piece of information individually, but integrate them all to produce the “big picture.”



The community recreational values above were common among public input sessions.

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

The socioeconomic characteristics of a community play a role in the demand for certain types of recreation facilities. By examining socioeconomic characteristics such as population, density, age and household size, municipalities can identify trends and opportunities that may influence future land use, recreation decisions and policy choices.

For example, if the elementary school enrollment in a particular area is growing, there may be a need to plan for more playgrounds and children's programs. Conversely, if the population of the community is aging, more recreational facilities may be needed for senior citizens. The following pages provide a brief summary of the socioeconomic characteristics of the City of Pontiac that may influence parks and recreation planning decisions.

The 2010 U.S. Census and the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) serve as the primary sources of data for the demographic information in this section.

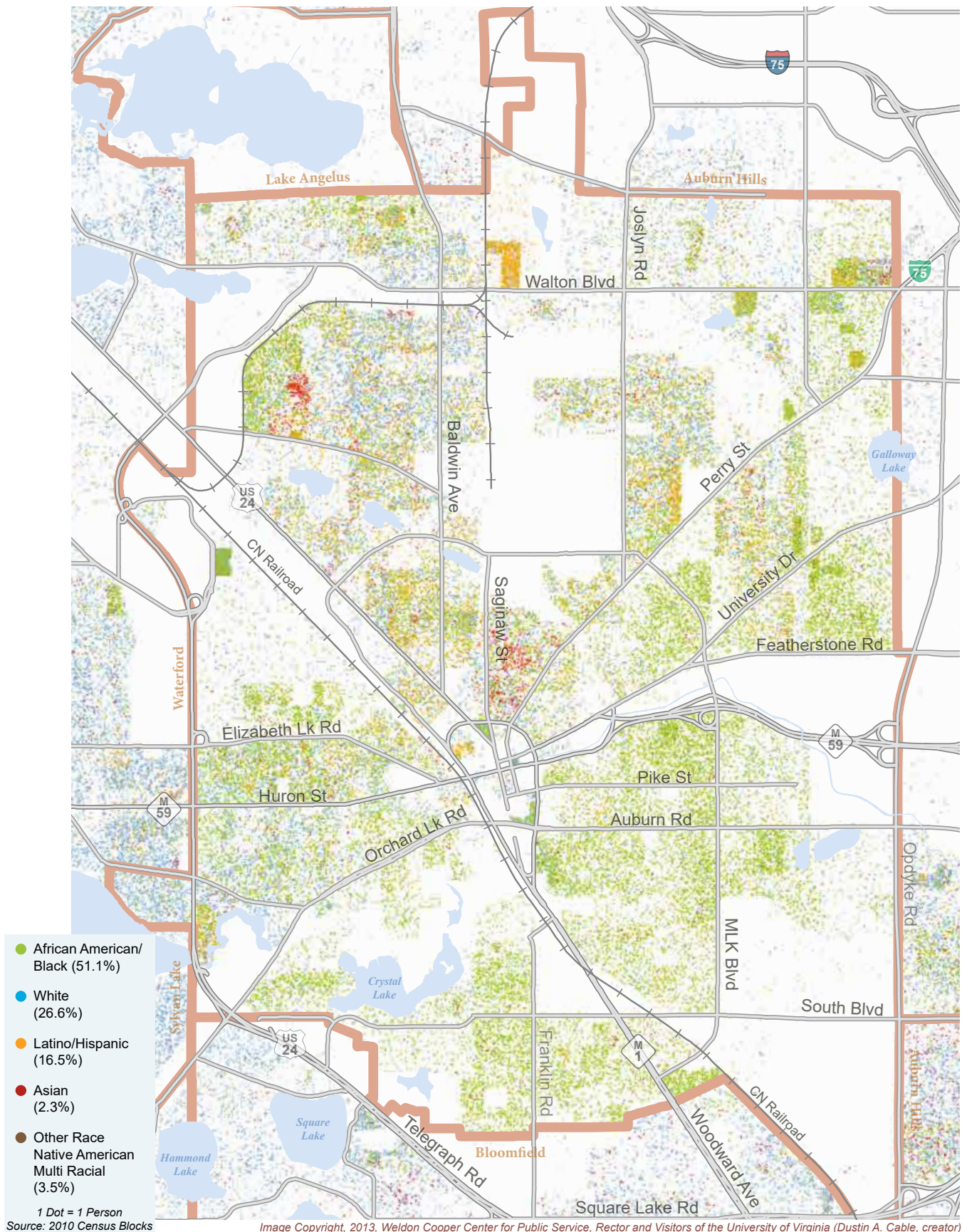
City Population Trends and Projections

Since the 1970s, the City's population has declined significantly. With a peak of 85,279 residents recorded by the 1970 Census, the City's population now stands at 59,920 residents as of the 2016 ACS. This equates to a population decline of 30 percent over the 40+ year span. However, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 2045 Population Forecast, which was produced in 2017, the City's population is slated to increase from its current mark and will reach 61,667 residents by 2045.

Population and Population Density

Population and population density characteristics can have a significant influence on recreation planning. In general, Pontiac is a densely populated urban community making it practical for park facilities to be located throughout the City. However, there are certain portions of the City that have larger or fewer numbers of residents and at varying densities. The Population Density map on the next page shows higher densities are generally found in the central, northwestern and northeastern portions of the City. Lower densities are found in the southeastern corner of the City.

POPULATION DENSITY & RACIAL DIVERSITY MAP



Median Age

Knowledge of a community's age distribution plays a crucial role in the planning of recreation facilities and programs. As mentioned earlier, whether an area is comprised of older or younger citizens will greatly influence such things as the facilities and programs that are most desired within parks. The maps on the following pages illustrate the various age groups and their distribution within the City. According to the 2016 ACS, the Median Age for the City of Pontiac is 32.7 years old.

Consistent with the age characteristics of the different sections of Pontiac, the City may want to consider providing recreation facilities that serve a younger or older population as necessary.

Household Size

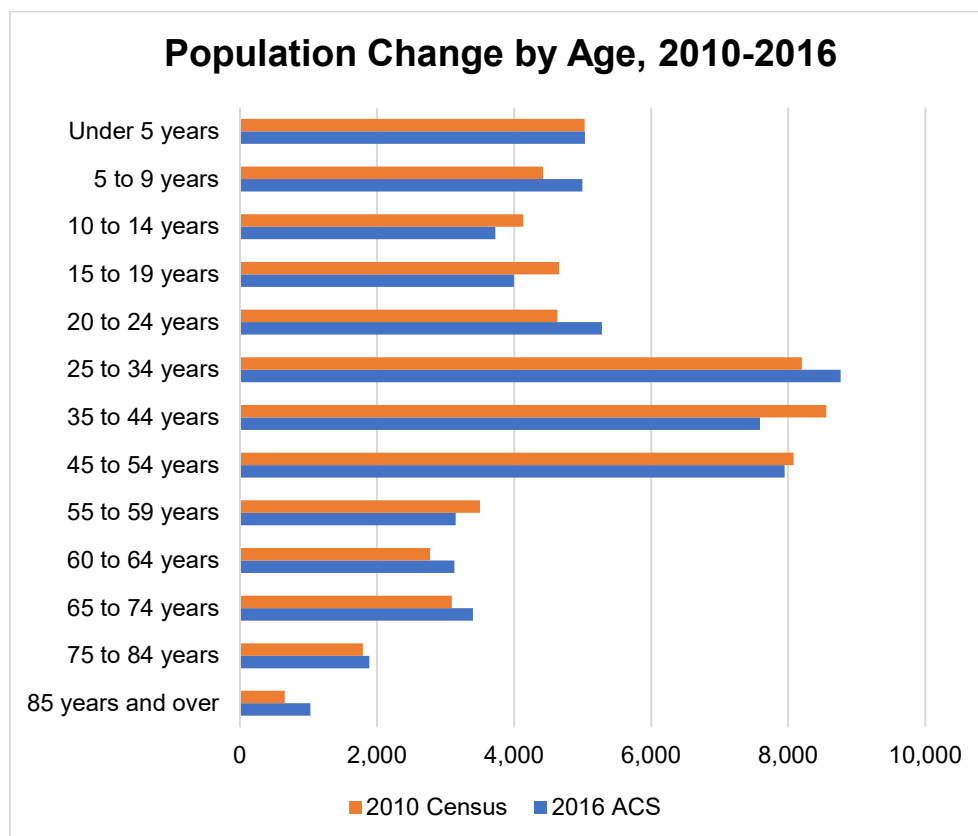
A household, as defined by the US Census, is all persons who occupy the same housing unit. A housing unit can be described as a house, apartment, mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room used as a separate living quarters.

Household size is an important factor when making recreation facility and program decisions. A high person per household figure can be an indication that an area is comprised of families with children and thus could justify family or youth oriented recreation facilities. Conversely, an area with a low person per household figure may require recreation facilities more favorable to singles, adults or the aging population.

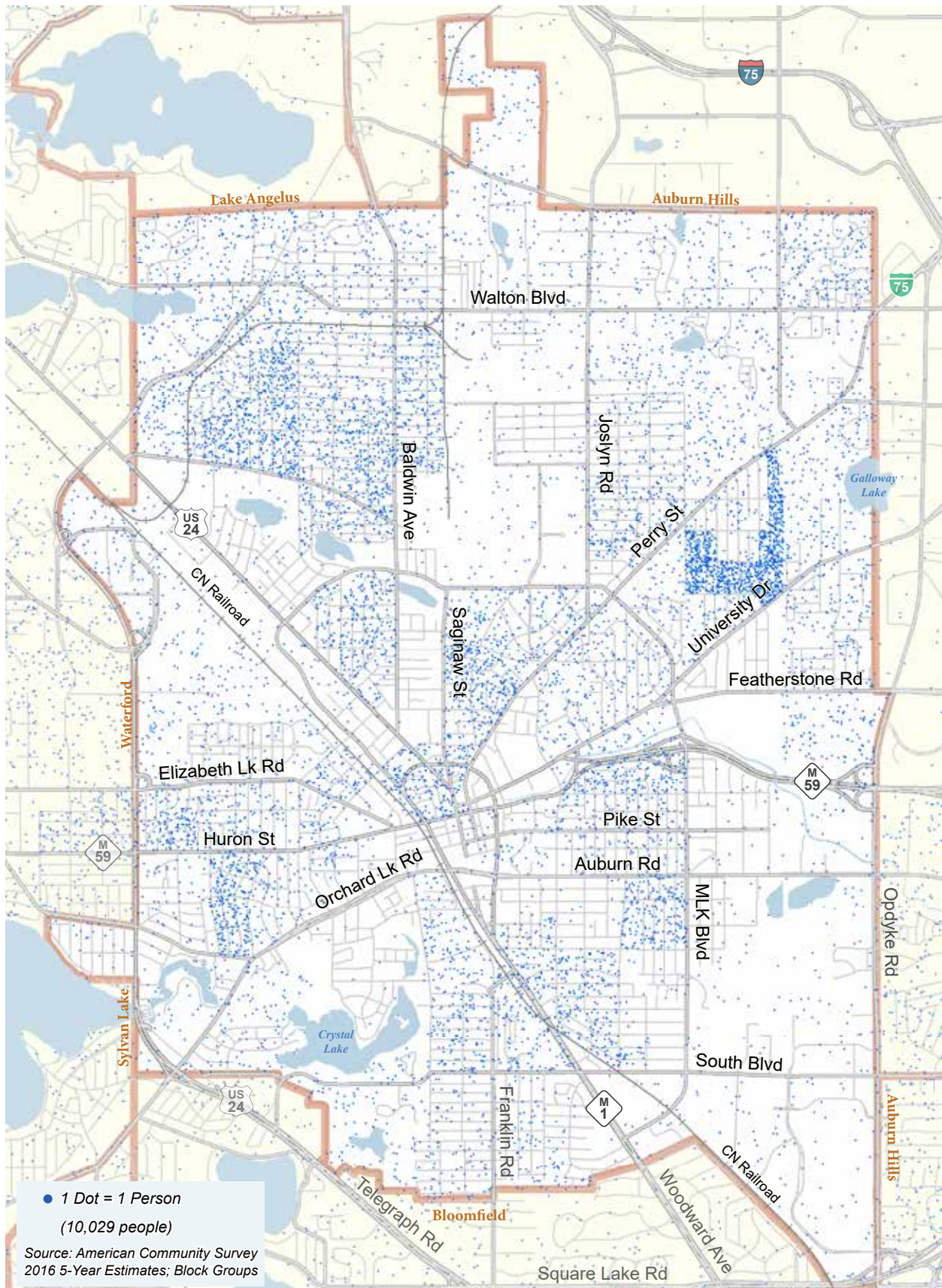
According to the 2016 ACS, the average household size of an owner-occupied unit is 2.57 and the average household size of a renter-occupied unit is 2.44 people.

POPULATION & HOUSEHOLD PROFILE

SUBJECT	1970 CENSUS	1980 CENSUS	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2010 CENSUS	2016 ACS	2045 SEMCOG FORECAST
Population	85,279	76,715	71,136	67,506	59,515	59,920	61,667
Housing Units	26,810	27,745	26,579	26,336	27,084	27,335	----
Average Household Size	3.18	2.77	2.68	2.56	2.20	2.19	2.3
Median Age	----	25.6	28.3	30.0	33.4	32.7	----
Households with children	----	----	----	----	7,942	7,891	7,122
Households with Seniors 65+	----	----	----	----	4,518	4,237	10,332

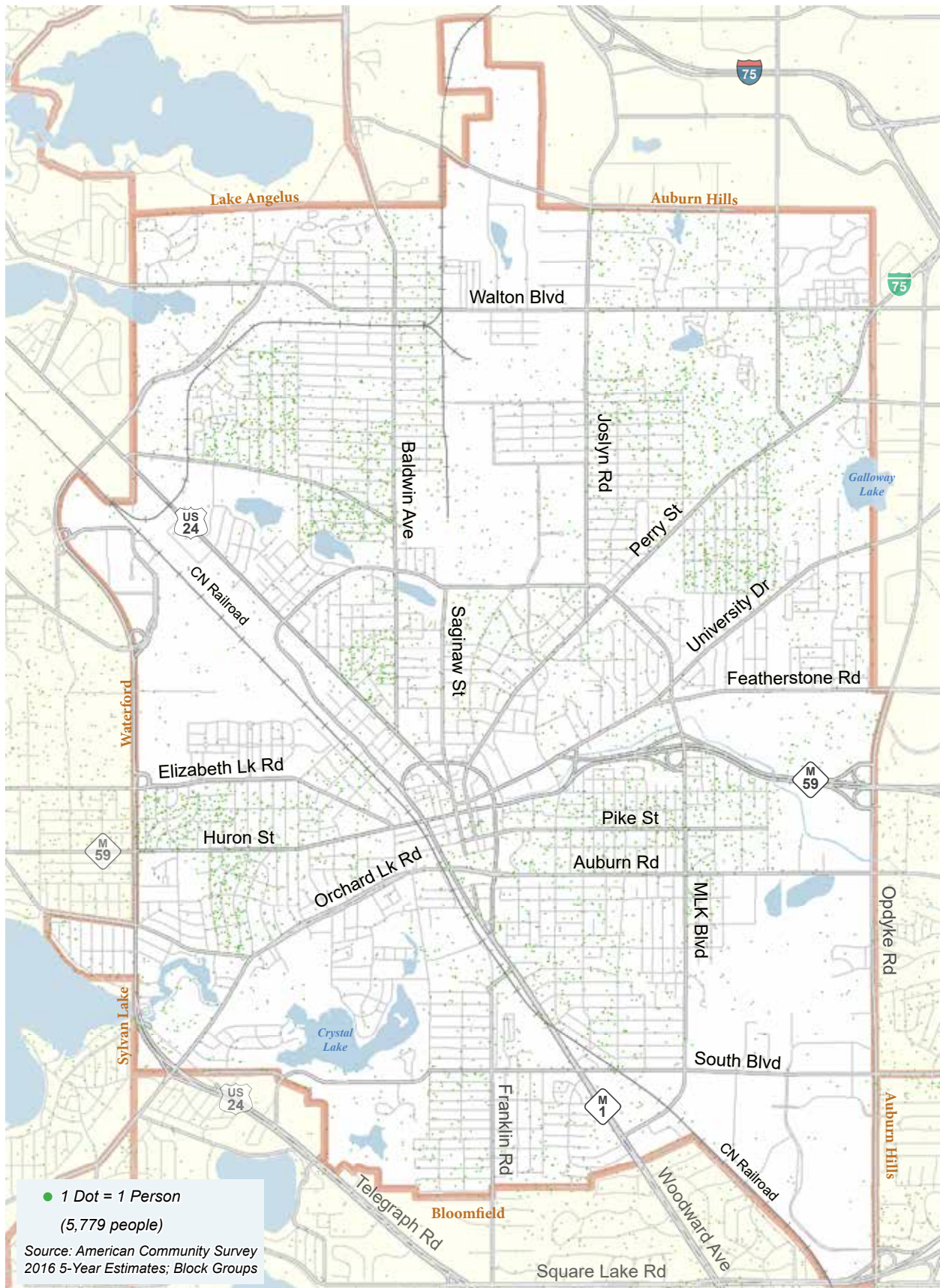


YOUTH POPULATION AGE 9 AND UNDER MAP

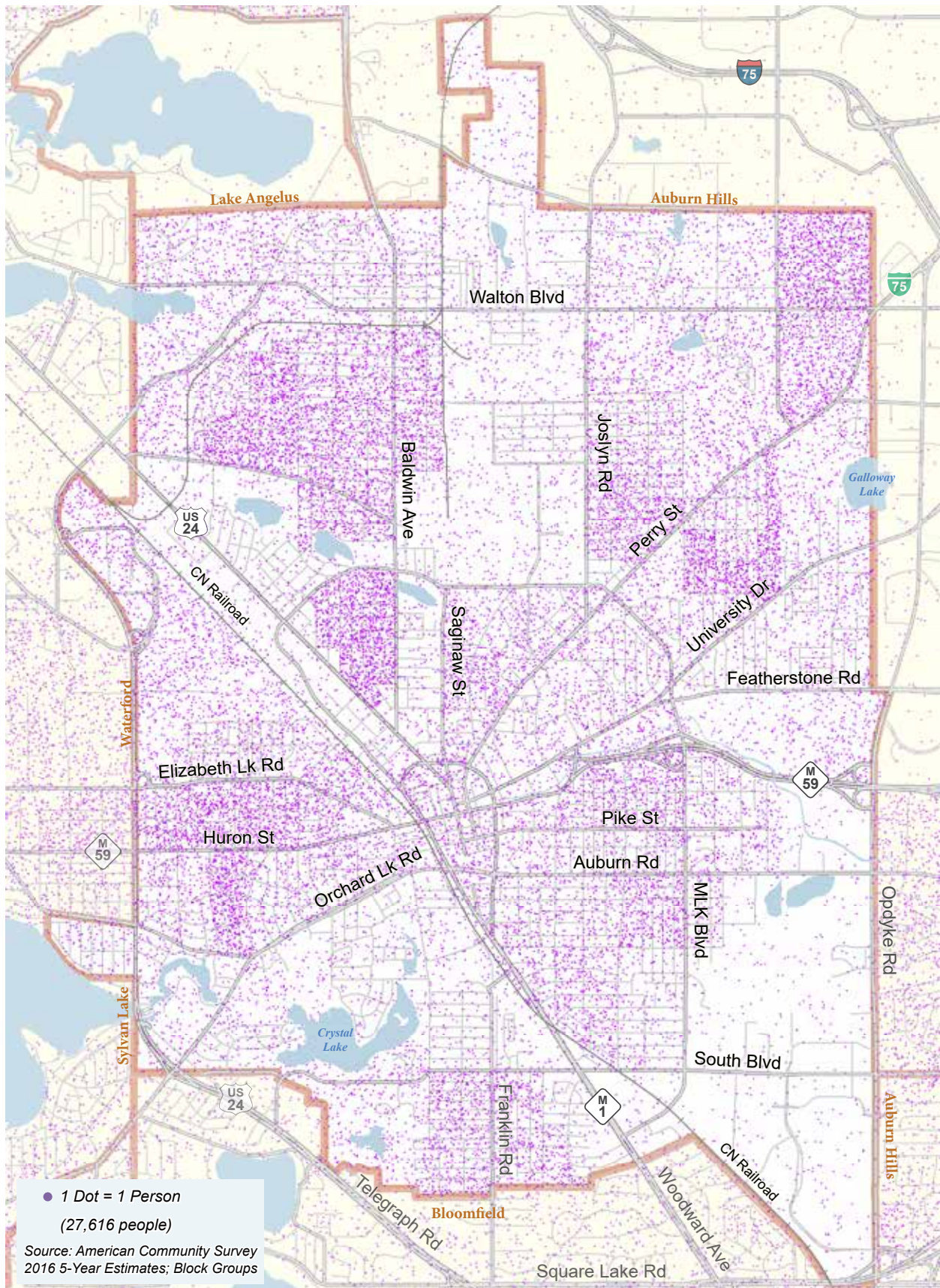


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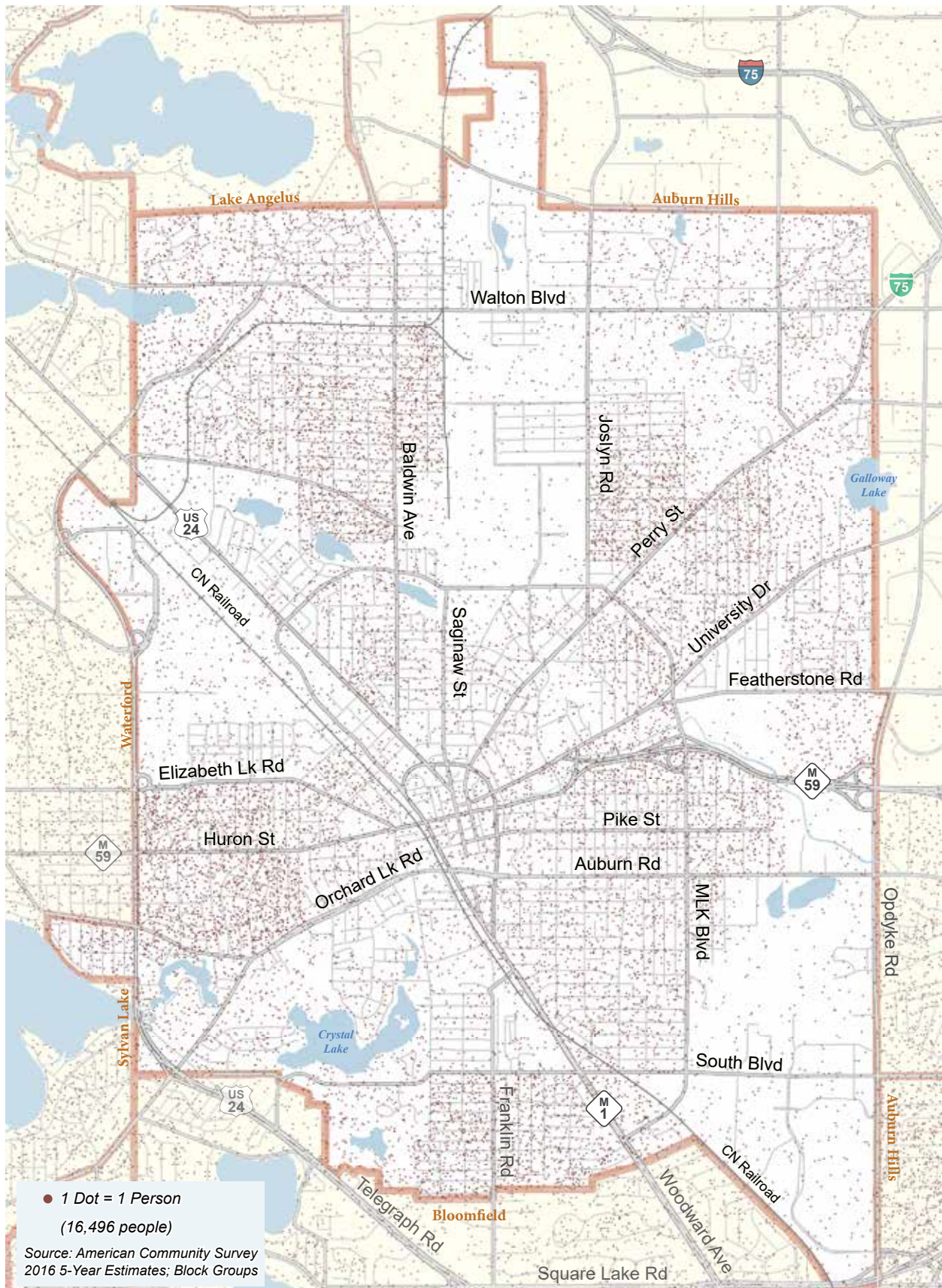
YOUTH POPULATION AGE 10-17 MAP



ADULT POPULATION AGE 18 to 49 MAP

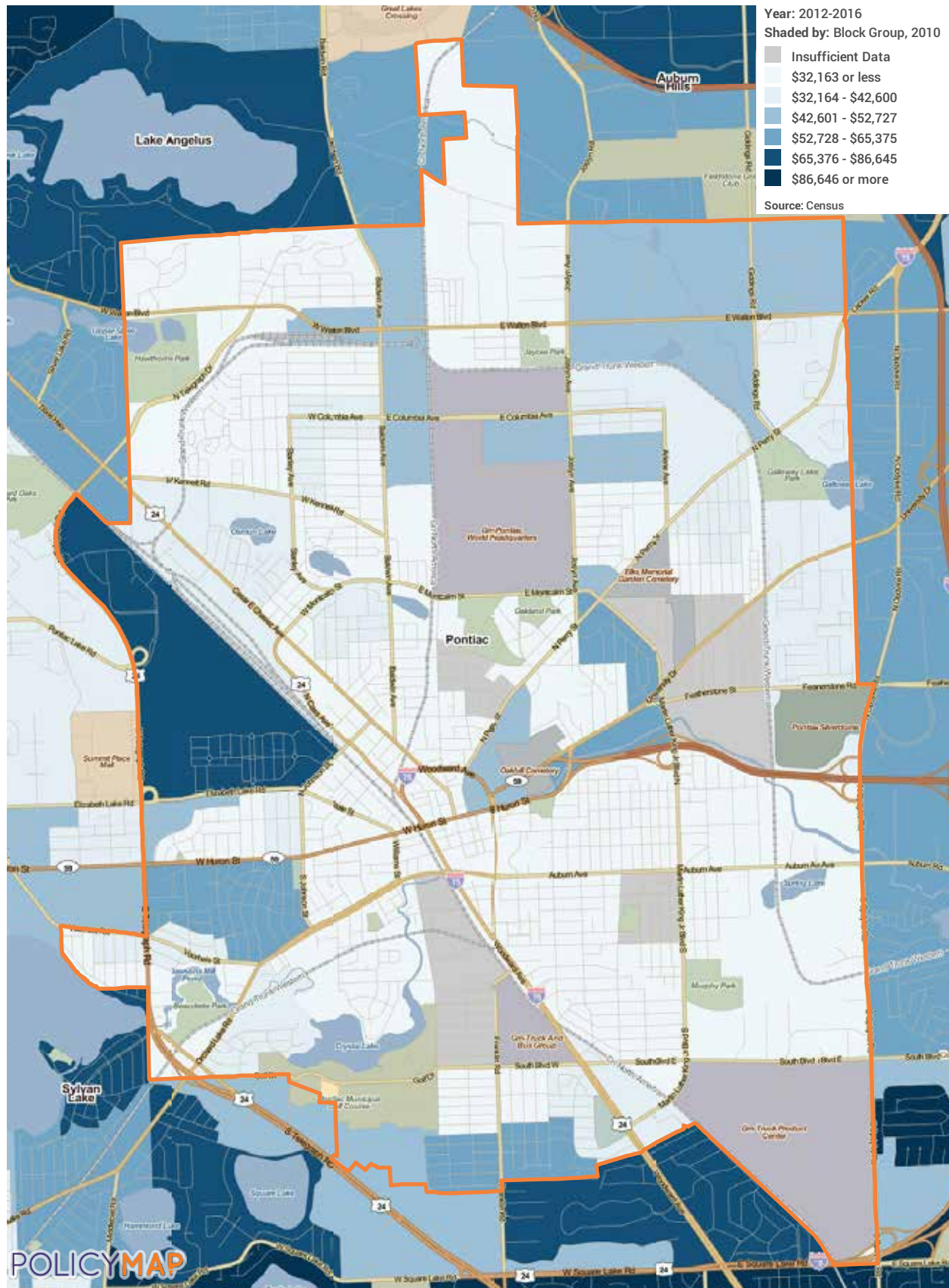


ADULT POPULATION AGE 50 AND OVER MAP

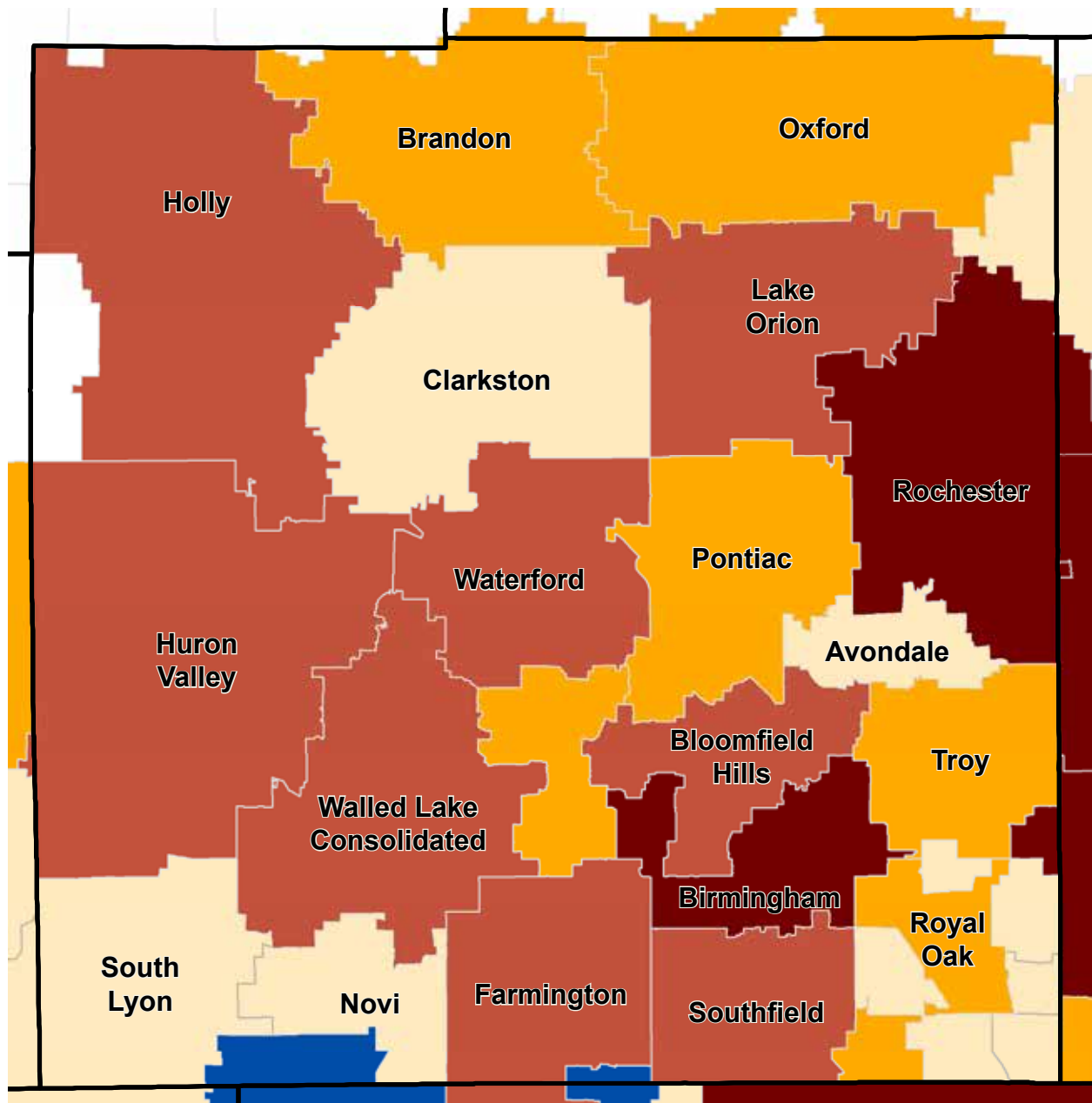


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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME MAP



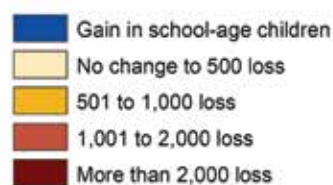
CHANGE IN SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT MAP



School District	2015	2025	2035	2045	Change 2015-2045	% Change 2015-2045
Pontiac School District	12,695	12,030	11,580	11,698	-997	-7.90%

Years: 2015-2025

Change in 5 to 17 year olds



Change in School-Age Population

According to SEMCOG's *Demographic Forecast for 2045*, the Pontiac School District is expected to lose approximately 997 school-age children between 2015-2045.

NATIONAL RECREATION TRENDS

Recreation trends occurring nationally may provide insight into activities that can be expected to draw a large number of participants and activities that have shown the greatest growth in popularity. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) conducts national surveys that measure activities by participation and percent change from the previous survey. The definition of participation includes those persons seven years and older who have participated in sporting activities at least twice and fitness activities at least six times during the year of the survey.

In 2015, the top ten sports in which people participated were:

- Exercise Walking (106.3 million)
- Exercising with Equipment (56.3 million)
- Swimming (46.3 million)
- Aerobic Exercising (45.1 million)
- Running/Jogging (44.5 million)
- Hiking (42.0 million)
- Camping (Vacation/Overnight) (40.1 million)
- Work Out at Club/Gym/Fitness Studio (36.6 million)
- Bicycle Riding (36.0 million)
- Bowling (35.2 million)

SOURCE: *National Sporting Goods Association
2016 Edition of the Sports Participation in the US*

SPORTS THAT INTEREST NON-PARTICIPANTS TABLE

Interest Level	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-17	Ages 18-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65+
1	Camping	Camping	Camping	Camping	Camping	Camping	Bicycling	Birdwatching/ Wildlife Viewing
2	Fishing	Fishing	Bicycling	Swimming for Fitness	Swimming for Fitness	Fishing	Camping	Fishing
3	Soccer	Swimming for Fitness	Martial Arts	Bicycling	Bicycling	Bicycling	Birdwatching/ Wildlife Viewing	Working Out Using Machines
4	Basketball	Running/Jogging	Backpacking	Fishing	Fishing	Swimming for Fitness	Swimming for Fitness	Swimming for Fitness
5	Bicycling	Working Out Using Machines	Fishing	Canoeing	Working Out with Weights	Hiking	Fishing	Bicycling
6	Martial Arts	Bicycling	Working Out with Weights	Hiking	Hiking	Working Out with Weights	Working Using Machines	Hiking
7	Swimming for Fitness	Working Out with Weights	Working Out Using Machines	Backpacking	Working Out Using Machines	Canoeing	Hiking	Camping
8	Football	Basketball	Canoeing	Working Out with Weights	Running/Jogging	Working Out Using Machines	Working Out with Weights	Working Out with Weights
9	Swimming on a Team	Football	Kayaking	Running/Jogging	Canoeing	Birdwatching/ Wildlife Viewing	Canoeing	Fitness Classes
10	Volleyball	Volleyball	Swimming for Fitness	Working Out Using Machines	Basketball	Backpacking	Kayaking	Shooting

SOURCE: 2018 Physical Activity Council Participation Report

The Physical Activity Council (PAC) is a collaboration between eight of the major trade associations in US sports, fitness and leisure industries. The PAC produces an annual report that tracks participation in 118 different sports, fitness and recreation activities nationwide and identifies key trends. The table above provides information on the top ten activities by age group that non-participants would be interested in trying.

NATIONAL PLANNING STANDARDS

In the process of determining and prioritizing needs, it is not only important to understand the national trends in terms of participation levels and popularity, but it is also imperative to compare the provision of local recreation facilities to published standards. This comparison of existing facilities to standard acreage and facility recommendations is another tool to assist in determining needs within the City of Pontiac. However, it should be noted that the latest available national standards were developed in the 1980s and 1990s and may not fully reflect today's needs and trends.

Acreage Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association provides a recommended park classification system which recognizes that open space has various functions. The system categorizes open space as either mini parks, neighborhood parks or community parks. The desirable characteristics relative to size, function, amenities and acreage provisions per 1,000 people (where available) are identified in the *Recreation Facility Classification Standards Table*.

RECREATION FACILITY CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS TABLE

PARK CLASSIFICATION	NRPA GUIDELINE MINIMUM ACRES/1,000 RESIDENTS ¹	RECOMMENDED ACREAGE FOR PONTIAC ²	CITY PARK ACREAGE	SURPLUS OR DEFICIENCY
Mini Park**	5.0 to 8.0 acres	15-30 acres ²	5.43 acres	Deficiency**
Neighborhood Park	1.0 to 2.0 acres	60-120 acres ²	61.06 acres	Within Range
Community Park	0.25 to 0.5 acres	300-479 acres ²	350.96 acres	Within Range
All Parks	6.25 to 10.25 acres	375-614 acres	417.65 acres	Within Range

Adapted from:

¹ Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1983.; Mertes, J. D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1995.

² Based on American Community Survey 2016 5-Year Estimate; 59,920

** It should be noted that a school or other recreational provider may offer these types of facilities in the City.

According to the population standards for the three types of parks, the City of Pontiac, with a total population of 59,920 (2016 ACS), should provide the following amount of parkland:

- Between 15 and 30 acres of mini parkland
- Between 60 and 120 acres of neighborhood parkland
- Between 300 and 479 acres of community parkland
- Between 375 and 614 acres of total parkland (all types).

A comparison of the City's existing park acreage against the recommended standard shows that the City presently has 5.43 acres of mini parkland, 61.06 acres of neighborhood parkland, 350.96 acres of community parkland and 417.65 acres of total parkland in these three categories. Thus, based on the park acreage per population standard, the City of Pontiac is deficient in mini parkland and falls within the recommended range for community, neighborhood and total parkland.

It should be noted that the acreage standard analysis is based only on City-owned parks in those three classifications. The City also owns 4.15 acres of community center property and 108.66 acres of linear parks. This analysis is important given that the jurisdiction of this Recreation Plan covers City-owned parks. It should also be noted that, several other private recreation facilities and school properties are located within the

City and also serve residents. In addition, many parks are located just outside of the boundaries of the City. These recreation facilities should be taken into consideration in combination with the results of the acreage standard analysis for City-owned parks.

Park Service Areas

As shown in the Recreation Classification System Table, each park type is given a typical service area. For community parks, the NRPA estimates a 0.5 to 3-mile service area (0.5 mile or a 10 minute walk, will be used for the purposes of this plan). For neighborhood parks, the NRPA estimates a 0.25 to 0.5-mile service area (10 minute walk). For mini parks, the NRPA estimates a 0.25-mile service area (5 minute walk).

The extent of the service areas within the City of Pontiac based on existing parks and their park classification is shown on the Park Access Map. This map effectively shows the locations within the City that are out of range of a certain type of park facility. Presently, all portions of the City are within 1.75 miles of a community park. However, there are numerous portions of the City that are not within 0.375 miles of a neighborhood or community park or are not within 0.25 miles of a mini park, neighborhood park or community park.

As with the acreage standard analysis, this service area analysis was conducted by only considering City-owned parks. A variety of other school- and privately-owned recreation facilities are found within the City or are located just outside of the City limits.

PARK ACCESS MAP

City Park

1. Aaron Perry Park
2. Art Dunlap Park
3. Art Heaton Park
4. Baldwin Park
5. Beaudette Park
7. Charlie Harrison Park
8. Cherrylawn Park
10. Crystal Lake Park
11. Dawson Pond Park
13. Ferry Farms Park
14. Fisher Street Park
15. Galloway Lake Park
16. Hawthorne Park
17. Indian Village Park
18. Jaycee Park
19. Lakeside Park
20. Madge Burt Park
21. Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park
22. Motor & Montana Park
23. Murphy Park
24. North Kiwanis Park
26. Oakland Park
27. Oliver Playfield
28. Optimist Park
29. Richardson Park
30. Rotary Park
32. Shirley & Willard Park
33. South Kiwanis Park
34. Steed Park
35. Trinity Missionary Baptist Church Park
36. Washington/Argyle Park

Park Classification

- Community Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Mini Park

Distance to a Park

- < ¼ Mile (5-minute walk) to a Community, Neighborhood or Mini Park
- ¼ - ½ Mile (10-minute walk) to a Community or a Neighborhood Park
- > ½ Mile (more than a 10-minute walk) to a Community or a Neighborhood Park

The information provided herewith has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys and other public records. It is not a legally recorded map or survey and is not intended to be used as one. Users should consult the information sources mentioned above when questions arise.

RECREATION FACILITY DEFICIENCIES TABLE

FACILITY	STANDARD PER POPULATION ¹	NEED BASED ON STANDARD ²	EXISTING IN A CITY PARK	SURPLUS OR DEFICIENCY
Baseball/Softball**	1/5,000	12	12	0
Baseball/Softball Lighted	1/30,000	2	0	-2
Basketball**	1/5,000	12	19	+7
Football**	1/20,000	3	2*	-1
Golf Course	1/50,000	1	1*	0
Handball	1/20,000	3	0	-3
Soccer**	1/10,000	6	6	0
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	3	0	-3
Tennis Court**	1/2,000	30	8	-22
Trails	1/region	1	1	0
Volleyball Court	1/5,000	12	4	-8

Adapted from:

¹ Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1983.; Mertes, J. D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: National Recreation and Park Association, 1995.

² Based on American Community Survey 2016 5-Year Estimate; 59,920

** School or other recreational provider may offer these facilities in the City.

FACILITY STANDARDS

The NRPA has also published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service areas, the number of facilities needed to service the population. These standards can be used in conjunction with the acreage standards to further identify Pontiac's recreation needs. The table above provides a comparison of the City's public park facilities against published recreation facility standards based on the City's 2016 ACS population of 59,920. This data can be used in conjunction with other factors contained within this plan, such as the results of the focus group meetings and community survey.

It should again be noted that these standards are somewhat dated and may not accurately reflect the popularity or decline in popularity of various recreation activities. Also, a complete inventory of the schools and private recreational providers has not been factored into the Facility Deficiencies Table above.

S.C.O.R.P.

The 2018-2022 *Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* (SCORP) was also considered before creating goals and objectives for the City of Pontiac. The SCORP identified an overall goal to "Protect and manage Michigan's diverse and abundant natural and cultural assets to provide relevant, quality experiences that meet the fun, relaxation, and health needs of Michigan's residents and visitors and support economic prosperity."

The following objectives were identified in the SCORP to meet that overarching goal:

- Foster Stewardship and Conservation
- Improve Collaboration
- Raise Awareness
- Improve Recreational Access
- Provide Quality Experiences
- Enhance Health Benefits
- Enhance Prosperity





Action Program

SECTION

8

The Action Program details the priorities and direction for the City of Pontiac parks and recreation facilities and services over the next five years (2021 – 2025). This section includes priority goal statements and related objectives that fall into one of five categories:

- Maintenance & Operations
- Park & Facility Development
- Partnerships & Funding
- Awareness & Communications
- Connectivity & Accessibility

In addition, a table has been included that summarizes action items highlighting near-, mid-and long-term priorities for many of the park properties.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were developed to assist in providing direction to City administration, City Council and staff. Goals are long-term ideals or end products that are desired. Objectives for each goal have been developed to outline more specific actions that will assist in meeting the goal. The goals and objectives are intended to be as important as the action item priorities. They are listed in no particular order of importance or priority.

Goal #1 MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Improve the overall quality of facilities and amenities within Pontiac Parks and make improvements to the operational efficiencies and enhance the long-term viability of parks.

Objectives

- Provide adequate staff and funding for park maintenance.
- Prioritize park improvement projects.
- Enhance the overall quality, safety and sustainability of park amenities and recreational facilities and work to remove graffiti, litter, and outdated equipment in a timely manner.
- Create a Parks and Recreation (or Quality of Life) Committee/Commission with citizen, senior, youth and funder representatives to oversee the implementation of the Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Improvements at parks should adhere to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and strategies in order to deter criminal behavior.
- Repair park equipment that is damaged and remove graffiti and litter in a timely manner to encourage use and discourage additional park vandalism.
- Coordinate with area residents to create a Neighborhood Watch Program to report undesirable activities in and around the parks.
- Establish a Parks & Recreation Department.
- Prioritize and Repurpose Ewalt Recreation Center.

Goal #2 PARK & FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

Provide planning, park design and recreation facility improvements that respond to the needs and interests of Pontiac's diverse community and develop inclusive, accessible parks and recreational facilities.

Objectives

- Work with the community to develop concept plans for Community Parks that include utilities, vehicle and bike parking, walking paths, new fields/courts/playgrounds and support facilities such as restrooms, picnic shelters and grills.
- Determine needs for new equipment and updates to existing facilities and ensure they are accessible to all park users regardless of ability.
- Offer variety of barrier free and age friendly spaces (playground, courts, fields).
- Determine which parks will have Winter Recreation including plowing snow, maintenance, events and activities.
- Maintain and improve existing green infrastructure, wetlands, mature trees and wildlife habitat.
- Design facilities and amenities that use vandal resistant materials, have hidden fasteners and require minimal maintenance.
- Where possible replace wood chips with poured in place rubber surface.
- Install gates at Community Parks to enforce compliance with park hours of operation and deter vandalism.
- Implement Disc Golf Activities within parks system.
- Implement a Dog Park area within select parks.
- Improve a Community and Recreation Center.
- Install tot lots in appropriate mini parks.

Goal #3 PARTNERSHIPS & FUNDING

Seek a variety of funding opportunities that demonstrate fiscal responsibility and enhance park facilities, expand recreational programs, hold new events and engage civic groups to meet unmet needs in the City.

Objectives

- Leverage funding through local, state, regional and national grants, private foundations and other funders/investors.
- Explore opportunities for public-private partnerships to assist with park improvement projects.
- Engage with Oakland County Parks and explore opportunities to provide services and/or programming in the City.
- Work with partners to create programming and campaigns that encourage active and healthy lifestyles regardless of age or ability.
- Foster relationships with the Public and Private schools to seek opportunities for joint agreements regarding use, maintenance, improvements and long-term youth programs and minimize the costs to all entities.
- Work with School District of the City of Pontiac to offer 5th Grade Camp Program at a local youth camp like Camp Ohiyesa, Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center, Camp Wathana, Camp Tamarack, etc.
- Identify opportunities to share facilities and enhance relationships with other recreational providers, volunteers, businesses and civic groups.
- Develop park project funding plans for DNR Grant Submission.

Goal #4 AWARENESS & COMMUNICATIONS

Address the needs for creating a line of communication and outreach with community members that will increase awareness of parks, programs and volunteer opportunities

Objectives

- Define ways to communicate and promote Pontiac parks, recreational facilities and programs and build awareness among the community.
- Develop signage and interpretive exhibits for the following:
 - » History of the Park and Park Namesake
 - » Natural Resources
 - » Information Kiosk and Park Map
 - » Safe Fishing/Safe Fish Eating
 - » Educational Signage to Discourage Feeding Wildlife
 - » Develop Park Rules Signage
 - » Wayfinding Signage on Roadways
 - » Wayfinding Signage in the Parks
- Update park information on interactive online mapping services (such as Bing and Google Maps).
- The Parks & Recreation Task Force to champion the implementation of the 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- Establish authority for management of water resources.

Goal #5 CONNECTIVITY & ACCESSIBILITY

Provide residents with safe, convenient routes for a variety of transportation modes (i.e. walking, biking, transit, or automobile) to better access parks, community centers and linear parks throughout the City of Pontiac.

Objectives

- Encourage and facilitate discussions with City staff and consultants to ensure existing and proposed work within public rights-of-way meets the intention of the Complete Streets movement.
- Support the recommendations that evolved out of the Downtown Pontiac Livability Study and related objectives in the Pontiac Moving Forward Economic Recovery Strategy.
- Work with SMART to provide bus service to parks for special events.
- Improve connections within and between parks.
- Improve park security and entrance access.
- Support MDOT on the design and construction of the Woodward Loop Two-Way Conversion.

ACTION ITEMS & TIMELINE TABLE

		Estimated Timeline for Completion			
Task	Estimated Cost	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS					
Prepare a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Master Plan	\$30,000				■
Complete a playground equipment audit.	\$10,000				■
Prepare maintenance, upgrade and ADA accessibility plan for playground equipment and park amenities.	\$45,000				■
Install energy efficient lighting along streets near parks and in key locations in the parks to increase security and safety and minimize light pollution on surrounding neighbors.	\$40,000	■			
Increase Sheriff patrols in parks and add "Patrolled With Pride by Oakland County Sheriffs" signage at park entryways.	\$10,000	■			
Develop a Maintenance Plan for the parks and trails.	\$15,000	■			
Work with the Clinton River Watershed Council and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to test, monitor and remediate lake and river water quality.	\$15,000				■
Install motion activated cameras to discourage and prosecute people illegally dumping.	TBD				■
Establish an ad-hoc Barrier-Free Evaluation Committee that would include persons with limited-mobility to review and assess park and recreation development and renovation projects as well as existing parks and recreation facilities and programs.	\$10,000				■
Establish a Maintenance Endowment Fund.	TBD				■
Develop a Forestry and Landscaping Plan for trees, flowers and removing invasive species.	\$20,000		■		
Establish a Parks & Recreation Department.	\$200,000		■		
Prioritize and Repurpose the Ewalt Recreation Center.	\$2,000,000		■		

		Estimated Timeline for Completion			
Task	Estimated Cost	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
PARK & FACILITY DEVELOPMENT					
Prepare site plans for community parks to design park facilities, provide construction cost estimates and identify phasing of improvements	\$4,000 per park	■			
Construct a universally accessible playground.	\$65,000			■	
Install poured in placed rubber surface under playground equipment	\$10,000 per playground				■
Renovate existing restroom facilities and include family restroom and/or unisex restrooms where possible.	\$175,000 per facility		■		
Conduct a parking needs assessment for on-street, parking lots, bike parking and extra parking for special events.	\$10,000	■			
Ensure that all parks and recreation facilities adhere to ADA standards and are accessible to all users regardless of age or ability.	\$20,000 per park				■
Design and construct a new spray park.	\$500,000			■	
Design and construct a new concrete skate park.	\$250,000			■	
Develop a Conversion Plan with the DNR to resolve existing conversions on previously grant assisted properties.	\$20,000	■			
Coordinate with the Arts Community to determine appropriate locations and install outdoor public art in parks, community centers and along the trails.	\$10,000				■
Establish a uniform set of design themes and branding that characterize Pontiac Parks and are used in benches, signage, trash receptacles, lighting fixtures, restrooms, picnic tables and other amenities.	\$15,000				■
Implement Disc Golf Activities within park system.	\$50,000	■			
Implement a Dog Park area within select parks.	\$75,000	■			
Improve a Community and Recreation Center.	\$500,000		■		

		Estimated Timeline for Completion			
Task	Estimated Cost	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
PARTNERSHIPS & FUNDING					
Develop a Capital Improvement Program for park facilities that considers impact, cost benefit and maintenance costs.	\$25,000	■			
Work with organizations to start an “Adopt a Park” program.	\$10,000				■
Develop park programming for Youth, Adult and Senior leagues and fitness classes and evaluate costs, participation and required resources.	\$85,000				■
Seek funding and grant opportunities to leverage local funds to develop, maintain and improve City park and recreation facilities.	\$10,000				■
Continue to foster relationships with recreation providers and the School District of the City of Pontiac to implement and promote programs.	\$5,000				■
Seek funding to create a "Park Ambassador" program with local staff or volunteers to hold "pop-up" sporting events, answer questions and report any problems in the parks.	\$40,000	■			

		Estimated Timeline for Completion			
Task	Estimated Cost	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
AWARENESS & COMMUNICATIONS					
Develop and promote a Calendar of Events for league sports (including practices), special events, festivals and programs.	\$15,000	■			
Enhance the City's park website and add updated park maps and information.	\$25,000				■
Update web mapping services to include park locations, available amenities, parking locations, photos and hours of operation.	\$20,000				■
Use portable counters for tracking daily usage at parks and trails.	\$10,000				■
Install WI-Fi hot spots and solar USB charging stations in the parks and community centers.	\$20,000				■
Update City Charter with specific language to protect city parks from being sold without a vote of the people. Park properties should be identified in property deeds and legal descriptions.	\$5,000	■			
Update City Zoning Ordinance and Map to include park property as Recreation/Open Space.	\$5,000	■			
Review existing City Ordinances related to parks and update as needed.	\$5,000	■			
Develop a signage and wayfinding manual to ensure proper location, sign type, consistent graphics and messaging.	\$30,000		■		
Parks & Recreation Task Force to implement the 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan	\$100,000	■			
Establish authority for management of water resources.	\$20,000		■		

		Estimated Timeline for Completion			
Task	Estimated Cost	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
CONNECTIVITY & ACCESSIBILITY					
Continue sidewalk audits and partner with Oakland University.	\$5,000 per park				■
Create site addresses for parks and provide to first responders.	\$10,000	■			
Install mile and kilometer markers along walking paths and trails.	TBD				■
Provide sidewalk connections to all parks.	TBD				■

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

Funding for the MNRTF is provided by revenue derived from royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned oil, gas and mineral rights and is used for a variety of outdoor recreational improvements including land acquisition. Funding varies from year to year and has been around \$25 million statewide each year over the past three years. Development projects range from \$15,000 to \$300,000 and there are no set limits on acquisition grants. Trust fund grants require a minimum of a 25% match a current parks and recreation master plan. Grant applications are due on April 1st

DNR Recreation Passport Grant Program (RP)

The recreation passport program is funded by elective vehicle registration fees and permits. The fund is used for the development of local public recreation facilities, including improvements to non-motorized trails. Grant amounts range from \$7,500 to \$45,000 and require a minimum of a 25% match and current parks and recreation master plan or capital improvement plan. Statewide funding has been averaging about \$1.3 million each year. Grant applications are due on April 1st

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The LWCF is actually a federal program administered by the DNR, but is typically viewed as a part of the three key state recreation funds. LWCF grants range between \$30,000 and \$150,000 for development projects. LWCF grants typically award \$1.2 million each year and require a 50% match.

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr Foundation (RCWJF)

The RCWJF is a private philanthropic foundation that focuses on investments that improve the quality of life for people in four key areas: Children and Youth, Young Adults and Working Families, Caregivers and Livable Communities. The RCWJF concentrates its giving within Southeast Michigan and Western New York. Southeast Michigan is defined as Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties.

DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grants

These funds are geared toward increasing the number of properly planted, established and maintained trees within the service territory of DTE Energy and located on public land or land open to the public. Statewide, the typical annual funding amount available is \$70,000 and grant amounts are up to \$3,000.

People For Bikes

The People For Bikes Community Grant Program provides funding for important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. Grants up to \$10,000 will be considered and matching funds are highly encouraged.

Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI)

The CMI provides funding to implement physical improvements identified in approved watershed management plans that are intended to restore impaired waters and protect high quality waters. Practices must address specific sources of nonpoint source pollution identified by Michigan's Nonpoint Source Program Plan. Physical improvements are structural and vegetative best management practices. Approximately \$1-\$2 million has been available most funding rounds. There is no maximum for proposals submitted. The minimum project amount is \$25,000 and requires a minimum 25% match.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund is administered by the DNR for trails on State land or linked to a trail on State land. The DNR division must always be the applicant, but can be developed as a joint application with a local unit of government. Applications are typically due in June of each year. Additional information can be found on the DNR-Grants website.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

In Michigan, most pedestrian and bicycle improvements have been traditionally funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program, or Transportation Enhancements as they were known under the previous federal transportation bills. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have set allocations of funding, however they use the same application process, coordinate on funding and sometimes jointly fund projects.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

In Michigan, most CMAQ funds have traditionally gone to traffic signal optimization projects due to the way projects are currently evaluated in the state. However, pedestrian and bicycle projects that are not exclusively recreational are specifically mentioned as typically eligible along with bike lanes on existing streets. If there is a safety component of the proposed project this allows a 100 percent federal share of the project. Also, construction engineering costs of up to 15% of the construction costs may be considered. The call for local CMAQ projects corresponds to MDOT and SEMCOG's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development schedule. This funding source will require substantial work with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), SEMCOG and MDOT.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

In Michigan, the Safe Routes to School program is administered by MDOT in collaboration with the Michigan Fitness Foundation. Total infrastructure grant amounts vary greatly each year, but tend to average a little over \$4 million a year since 2008. The SRTS program uses the same application process as the Transportation Alternatives Program and they are accepted on a rolling basis. There are multiple award rounds made each year. Schools or school districts seeking funding are required to develop a safe routes to school plan, which is a fairly involved process.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

CDBG grants originate with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are administered in Oakland County through Oakland County's Economic Development & Community Affairs Division. The program targets activities that benefit low and moderate income individuals.

Dedicated Millage

Local municipalities can levy a dedicated tax for recreation purposes. Because the levying of a new or increased millage typically requires a popular vote, a community marketing campaign is often necessary to demonstrate the benefits to the community.

Private Donations

Donations can be obtained from local citizens, businesses, philanthropic foundations and other groups that may be in the form of cash donations, material donations, technical services, advertising, etc.

Public-Private Partnerships (P3)

P3 is any partnership between a government agency and private-sector company that can spark reinvestment in parks and open spaces.

Neighborhood Empowerment Program (NEP)

NEP is open to organizations and citizen groups in Pontiac to make a positive, sustainable impact on the City. Many park improvement projects have been submitted for NEP grant funding and range from installing picnic tables to resurfacing basketball courts and installing playground equipment.

Patronicity

Patronicity has partnered with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to create the Public Spaces Community Places initiative. This collaborative effort allows municipalities and non-profits to submit community-based projects and use crowdfunding to leverage funds. If the campaign is successful in raising funds, the project will be backed with a matching grant from MEDC of up to \$50,000.

The Skatepark Project

The Skatepark Project aims to promote high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States, and to support International programs that enrich the lives of youth through skateboarding.

KaBOOM!

KaBOOM! is a national non-profit dedicated to bringing balanced and active play into the daily lives of all kids, particularly those growing up in poverty in America.