

Appendix E: Survey Results



City of Ypsilanti Recreation Master Plan Survey

June 8th through July 19th, 2012

The City of Ypsilanti's Recreation Commission is updating the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and needs your input! There are **22 questions** on this survey, and it should take about 15-20 minutes to complete. Survey responses will help the Recreation Commission understand how the parks and recreation facilities are being used and guide the City's plans for the future.

Please return the survey to City Hall by July 19th!

I. Park and Facility Use

This section will help the Commission determine how people are currently using the parks and recreation system, and help guide preservation and maintenance of existing amenities.

1. Which Ypsilanti parks do you visit most frequently? (check three)

Riverside Park	_____	Parkridge Park	_____
Frog Island Park	_____	Candy Cane Park	_____
Waterworks Park	_____	Prospect Park	_____
Peninsular Park	_____	Recreation Park	_____
Tot lot: _____	_____	Other: _____	_____

2. What activities do you use each of the following parks for? (check all that apply)

	Festivals & Events	Sports	Play-ground	Walking, Jogging, Biking	Dog-walking	Other (specify)
Riverside Park						
Frog Island Park						
Parkridge Park						
Recreation Park						
Prospect Park						
Candy Cane Park						
Peninsular Park						
Waterworks Park						
Border to Border Trail						
Tot lot: _____						
Other: _____						

3. How frequently do you visit the following recreation facilities in Ypsilanti? (check one for each facility)

	Never	Occasionally	Once a month	Once a week	Several times a week
Senior Center					
Parkridge Center					
Rutherford Pool					
EMU Rec/IM facilities					
Ypsilanti Public Schools facilities					

4. What organized or group activities do you participate in at city parks or recreation facilities?

(ex: Little League, neighborhood picnics, pick up soccer/basketball, community gardening, fitness classes)

5. When do you typically use the city parks or recreation facilities? (check all that apply)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		

6. How many days per week do you visit city parks and recreation facilities during each season?

(mark a number from 0-7 next to each season)

Spring _____ Fall _____
 Summer _____ Winter _____

7. When you go to city parks and recreation facilities, how do you get there?

	Never	Occasionally	Usually	Almost Always
Walking				
Bicycle				
Bus				
Car				

8. What do you enjoy most about the city’s parks and recreation facilities?

II. Planning

This section will help the Commission prioritize potential improvements to the parks and recreation system, as well as generate ideas for new ways to maintain the system.

9. What would encourage you to use city parks and facilities more frequently? (check all that apply)

- _____ Having more information about parks, facilities, and programs
- _____ Improvements in lawn mowing or other basic maintenance
- _____ New or different special events
- _____ New or different facilities
- _____ Better sense of safety at parks
- _____ Available restrooms
- _____ Other: _____

10. If money were available, how important would each of the following potential improvements be to you?
 (check one in each row)

	Most important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important
Maintenance, lighting, safety, and sign improvements				
Repairs to Freighthouse				
Repairs to Parkridge Community Center				
Repairs to Rutherford Pool				
Repairs to Senior Center				
Repair or replacement of playground equipment				
Repair or replacement of sports facilities (tracks, tennis/basketball courts, ballfields, etc)				
Repair or replacement of community facilities (pavilions, picnic tables, restrooms)				
Expand network of biking and walking routes				
Increase or improve access to Huron River for activities (fishing, canoeing, etc)				
Increase or improve visibility of the Huron River				
Build new indoor recreation/fitness center				
Build new off-leash play area for dogs				
Build new sports facility (track, tennis/basketball courts, ballfields, skate park, canoe livery)				

11. Would you be willing to participate in an ongoing “Adopt a Park” group?

Yes - For which park(s)? _____
 Not at this time

12. Would you be willing to participate in one-time or occasional park and facility improvement projects?

Yes - For which parks/facilities? _____
 Not at this time

13. What parks and recreational facilities do you use *outside* of the city?

14. How much do you spend per month on admission fees or program fees at regional parks or recreation facilities *outside* the City? (include Ypsilanti Township and state parks, private fitness centers/gyms, amusement parks, etc)

\$_____ per month total
 At which facilities? _____

15. What recreation facilities or programs would you be willing to pay a fee for in order to have them available *inside* the city?

16. How do you think the city could raise additional money to pay for park and facility maintenance, improvements, or programming?

III. Demographics

This section will let the Commission know who it has heard from – and who it hasn't heard from, helping to guide future public involvement efforts.

17. How or where did you receive this survey? (check one)

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|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| Neighborhood Association | _____ | Ypsilanti Public Library | _____ |
| City Hall | _____ | Parkridge Community Center | _____ |
| City Website | _____ | Senior Center | _____ |
| Other: | _____ | | _____ |

18. Which of the following describes you or someone in your household? (check all that apply)

- _____ Ypsilanti City resident
 - For how long? (circle one)
 - less than 1 year 1-5 years 5-10 years more than 10 years
- _____ Ypsilanti Township or Superior Township resident
- _____ EMU student
- _____ EMU faculty or staff
- _____ EMU alum
- _____ Ypsilanti Public Schools student
- _____ Work within Ypsilanti
- _____ Other (please explain) _____

19. Where do you live? (nearest major intersection or neighborhood, or city/ZIP if you're from out-of-town)

20. Does a member of your household have a sensory, physical/mobility, or other disability? (check all that apply)

- _____ nobody in my household has a disability
- _____ sensory disability _____ mobility disability _____ other disability

21. How many people in each of the following age groups live in your household? (put a number in each blank)

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Under 5 years old | _____ 25-44 years old |
| _____ 5-12 years old | _____ 44-65 years old |
| _____ 13-17 years old | _____ Over 65 years old |
| _____ 18-24 years old | |

22. What is the most effective way to inform you about the City’s parks and recreation programs? (check all that apply)

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| _____ By mail, with tax bill | _____ Online, posted on City website |
| _____ By mail, on its own | _____ Through neighborhood associations |
| _____ Online, by e-mail or RSS feed | _____ Through school or church |
| _____ Other: _____ | |

IV. Additional Comments

Please use the following lines to give us any additional information you feel would be valuable in developing the parks plan. Thank you!

**Please return your completed survey to the drop box at City Hall, or mail it to us at:
Planning & Development
City of Ypsilanti
1 S Huron
Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

Thank you for completing this survey! Your participation will help to ensure that the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan reflects the needs of Ypsilanti’s residents and visitors. A draft of the plan will be available for public review and comment this fall. Contact Bonnie in the Planning and Development Department with questions about the process at (734) 483-9646 or at wesslerb@cityofypsilanti.com.

Check the City’s website at www.cityofypsilanti.com/ParksPlan for updates!

I: Park and Facility Use

1. Which Ypsilanti parks do you visit most frequently? (choose up to three)

Ainsworth Tot Lot	Candy Cane Park	Carrie R Mattingly Tot Lot	Charles Street Tot Lot	Edith Hefley Tot Lot	Frog Island Park	Ometha Smith Memorial Park	Parkridge Park	Peninsular Park	Prospect Park	Recreation Park	Riverside Park	Waterworks Park
2	69	0	4	28	207	1	21	25	98	125	244	33

“Other” responses (33):

- [Tot Lot, not specified, checked]
- Ford Lake
- B2B Trail
- [wrote SK8 Park next to Prospect Park]
- [checked Tot Lot, didn't specify, also checked Other: North Bay]
- North Bay
- university park, ford lake park
- ford heritage
- Ford Heritage
- Border to Border Trail
- Ford Lake Park and North Bay Park
- WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
- Rutherford Park
- Burns Park, The park at Congress & Elm, The park behind Meijer/IHOP.
- The one on Congress with the Senior Center
- Border to Border trail segments
- Ford Heritage
- Rambeling park
- Ford Lake Park, Harris Park
- Water Street Trail
- I visit parks four or five times a week. But I do not visit the ones in Ypsi.
- Congress Park, ? name
- Ford Lake Park and the lovely park off of Textile near the soccer fields.

2. What activities do you use each of the following parks for?

Ainsworth Tot Lot						Candy Cane Park						Carrie R Mattingly Tot Lot					Charles Street Tot Lot					Edith Hefley Tot Lot							
Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other
3	0	3	6	1	0	9	46	47	24	21	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	4	1	1	0	4	25	12	8	2

Frog Island Park						Ometha Smith Memorial Park						Parkridge Park					Peninsular Park					Prospect Park							
Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Prospect Park - Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other
152	33	4	176	71	43	1	1	1	4	1	0	16	7	11	15	3	7	3	3	1	19	7	11	26	33	62	71	30	22

Recreation Park						Riverside Park						Waterworks Park					
Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other	Festivals & Events	Sports	Playground	Walking, Jogging, or Biking	Dogwalking	Other
49	63	69	80	42	30	195	27	10	171	73	41	4	7	4	26	13	17

“Other” responses (78):

- [B2B Trail = Walking, Biking, Jogging]
- [checked B2B Trail - Walking, Jogging, Biking]
- [Frog Island - Other = Sitting and Looking Around, Candy Cane - Other = Climbing Trees]
- [indicated Riverside for Festivals and Candy Cane for "Elementary School"]
- [Other - Parkridge Park = Mentor 2 Youth]
- [other for both Peninsular and Waterworks = Fishing]
- [Other in Prospect Park = Basketball]
- [Parkridge - Other = Garden, also B2B Trail - festivals and events]
- [Parkridge - Other = to play cards (?), Recreation Park - Other = on Friday nights (?)]
- [Prospect Park - Other = Girl Scouts]
- [Prospect Park other = hiking]
- [Prospect Pk Other = just sitting]
- [Rec Pk Other = Exercise]
- [Rec Pk Other = Fitness for Life class]
- [Rec Pk Other = Senior Ctr, also checked B2B Trail]
- [Riverside - Walking, Biking, Jogging = "Walking", Riverside, Frog Island, Peninsular - other = Nature]
- [Riverside Pk = Festivals; due to previous answer might have meant to put it under Frog Island?]
- [Riverside Pk Other = Just visiting, Waterworks Pk Other = Just use Bridge]
- [Riverside, Frog Island, Peninsular, Waterworks other = canoe. B2B Trail checked Walking, Jogging, Biking checked, Totlot checked Playground]
- [Waterworks Park - other = Pool]
- [Waterworks Park, Other = Canoe]
- B2B Trail - Walking, Jogging, Biking
- Border to Border Trail
- Border to Border Trail
- border to border trail events, walking/jogging
- Border to Border Trail: Walking, Jogging, Biking and Dog-walking
- canoeing, gardening in community gardens, compost
- community garden
- community garden
- Congress Park, Pool
- County Park for all of these.
- Disc Golf
- disc golf,
- enjoy and weed at Luna Lake, Litter pick up at Prospect Park
- Family time, picnics, photography, etc.
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fly Fishing
- ford heritage- festivals, sports, playground
- Ford Heritage, sports
- Ford lake park for dogwalking, Harris Park for playground
- Ford Lake Park-Walking, Festivals, Events & North Bay Park walking
- Free mulch/topsoil and canoeing
- Frisbee and Disc Golf
- frog island - picnics; university park: sports; ford lake: sports
- Gardening
- Gardening
- gardening
- gardening, reading, meeting friends, disc golf, etc.
- hammocking, photography, group meetings, cookouts
- I garden at Recreation Park.
- just sitting enjoying the view and the space and the people and, in the case of riverside and frog island, the water.
- kayaking, disc golf
- Kids' running space
- meditating and watching the river and surrounding nature.
- none

- none
- None of the above
- Other - [wrote Rolling Hills, checked Festivals & Events]
- Park on Congress at Senior Center for dog walking
- photography
- Picnic
- picnic, gardening
- Picnic/just hanging out/enjoying the river
- picnics
- picnics
- Picnics, relaxing, letting my toddler run around
- Playground & walking at each of the above mentioned parks.
- playing guitar in the outdoors
- Rec, Riverside, FI: picnic
- Rutherford Pool !!!
- Rutherford Pool @Recreation Park
- skateboarding at Prospect
- Swimming
- Swimming pool.
- visiting with neighbors
- Waterworks Park - disc golf
- Ypsi Sr Ctr

3. How frequently do you visit each of the following recreation facilities in Ypsilanti?

Senior Center					Parkridge Community Center					Rutherford Pool					EMU Rec/IM facilities					Ypsilanti Public Schools facilities				
Never	Occasionally	Once a month	Once a week	Several times a week	Never	Occasionally	Once a month	Once a week	Several times a week	Never	Occasionally	Once a month	Once a week	Several times a week	Never	Occasionally	Once a month	Once a week	Several times a week	Never	Occasionally	Once a month	Once a week	Several times a week
158	94	17	9	14	224	36	3	3	11	150	67	16	20	35	177	73	13	7	10	145	91	12	15	28

4. What organized or group activities do you participate in at city parks or recreation facilities? (examples: Little League, neighborhood picnics, pick-up soccer/basketball, fitness classes, etc) (176)

- fitness classes
- neighborhood picnics, also the skatepark at Prospect SK8 Park
- A group of friends meet regularly for social/exercise.
- AAU Basketball
- Are there any? What recreation facilities?
- As Ypsi citizens, we can use the EMU rec facilities???
- Band concerts.
- baseball, swimming, pick-up soccer
- Basketball
- Basketball and use to be karate.
- basketball, soccer, little league
- basketball, soccer, tball, fitness
- Beer Fest
- bike ypsi
- Bike Ypsi
- Bike Ypsi Bike rides
- Bike Ypsi events
- Bike Ypsi rides
- Bike Ypsi rides (from Rec Park)
- Bike Ypsi Rides. Clean ups

- picnics, concerts
- picnics, fitness, festivals
- picnics, frisbee, soccer, outdoor concerts
- Picnics, pickup frisbee
- Play ground/basketball hoop
- pre school baseball, soccer, gymnastics and basketball.
- Rec park community garden, bike Ypsi, Heritage festival, YMCA soccer at Ypsilanti HS, swimming lessons at Rutherford Pool (not this year), Swimming lessons for Otters and pups at Estabrook/HS.
- sales
- Senior Center
- Senior Center Activities
- Senior Center, Tai Chi
- senior excersize & music ypsi townshp ctr
- Skateboarding competitions at prospect park
- Soccer
- soccer, tennis
- Softball
- special events
- Summer Camp
- Summer Day Camp
- Swim classes, swimming,
- Swimming
- Various classes at Rec Center
- walk my dog
- Woods Road Annual Picnic, Water Aerobics Rutherford Pool
- YMCA camps, Girl Scouts
- youth sports through Ypsi Township parks/rec
- Ypsi American Little League, NPNA Events
- Ypsi Otters
- Ypsi P.R.I.D.E. and festivals.
- Ypsi twp soccer
- Ypsilanti American Little League
- Ypsilanti American Little League
- Ypsilanti American Little League (since the last 7 years and am still participating)
- Zumba classes

5. When do you typically use the city parks or recreation facilities?

Mornings		Afternoons		Evenings	
Weekdays	Weekends	Weekdays	Weekends	Weekdays	Weekends
115	166	141	248	221	196

6. How many days per week do you visit city parks and recreation facilities during each season?

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
MEAN	3.20	3.90	2.90	1.39
MODE	2	3	0	0

7. When you go to city parks and recreation facilities, how do you get there?

Walking				Bicycling				Bus				Car			
Never	Occasionally	Usually	Almost always	Never	Occasionally	Usually	Almost always	Never	Occasionally	Usually	Almost always	Never	Occasionally	Usually	Almost always
21	56	75	145	62	122	30	31	176	22	5	4	50	126	46	68

8. What do you enjoy most about the city's parks and recreation facilities? (246)

- a nice place to take a walk
- a place to meet people and have doggie dates
- access
- Access to playground and walking trails.
- Accessibility
- Accessibility
- Accessibility and convenience of being close to where I live. I like that the Huron River by Riverside and Frog Island. I also like that it's never too crowded, fairly open to do whatever.
- accessibility, pleasantness, steady use by others, classes, services of Sr Ctr
- activities
- Actually live in Township. We are Grove Rd folks. Locations are attractive to Bike Ypsi Events. The Festival add to depot town Value as well as Farmer markets.
- all
- Appreciate the ability for Little League to utilize the fields and work together to keep the parks going. Many L.L volunteer hours go in to keeping up the fields but they still need plenty of work. They are in poor shape.
- attractive grounds
- availability
- Availability, diversity of use and users, safety
- Basketball Courts
- beautiful get away, peaceful, well-kept
- Being able to excersize and not have to walk over trash or big cracks in the pavement
- Being out in Nature
- Being w/others who enjoy the outdoors
- bike paths, walking paths, and being surrounded by greenery. I enjoy the events hosted there like the classic car show, YpsiFest, and the Ypsitucky Jamboree
- Catching Fish
- Central locations, multiple uses, natural space
- City's willingness to allow Little League to have exclusive use during season.
- Clean space, nice walking paths, natural areas
- Clean usually & land taken care of
- cleanliness
- Cleanliness
- Cleanliness & activity. I love Ypsilanti. <3
- cleanliness and safety
- cleanliness, natural beauty
- Cleanliness, shade, nice landscaping, friendly community atmosphere
- Close and convenient to my home, they provide a pleasant place to walk.
- Close locations, nice grass and walkways, supporting Ypsilanti in general.
- Close to home
- close to home
- close to home always clean and open
- Close to home [also noted that car was used for little league]
- Close to home and convenient
- Close to home and free to use
- close to home, feel reasonably safe, garden area at Frog Island
- close to my house
- Close, clean, safe, friendly
- close, convenient, clean, available
- Closeness in proximity to my home and the river
- convenience, accessibility
- Convenient Local
- convenient location
- Conveniently located
- Conveniently located, with a variety of amenities & mostly safe
- dont know
- easy access to them
- Easy to access
- Everything and some
- exercising

- Family friendly, well kept
- family outings
- Family time
- Feasibility of use for recreational purposes
- Festivals
- festivitys and entertainment
- Free
- free activities, restroom, water fountain
- free and well-kept even with the budget cuts; nice way for people to get together
- free, clean, well-maintained, safe
- free, on the river
- Friendly atmosphere, cleanliness, and access. I also like having such a high number of parks in the area around my home.
- good to be around nature, feeding the ducks, good people to run into
- Great locations with convenient access, good fishing in (sometimes) natural settings.
- Great open space - so beautiful w/river @ Frog Island & Riverside; great for community gatherings
- Great!
- green space
- green space, space to exercise, community spirit
- Green spaces are nice to have. I've enjoyed the community gardens at Frog Island, festivals at Riverside and taking my little niece to the playgrounds.
- greenspace
- greenspace
- having easy-to-access, walkable parks
- Having wide open spaces to run and play. Knowing that there were good parks in easy walking distance from our Normal Park home helped sell us on living in the city, even though we have a small lot and very little yard.
- how beautiful they are! we are lucky to have some many and so large! it'd be

nice if in the winter there was an ice rink or maybe a small dog park

- How clean and well kept they are.
- how clean it is
- How integrated they are within the community. People are always using them and they are right next to the more urbanised areas.
- How scenic it is by the river and looking at the natural vegetation and birds. I also enjoy the large summer festivals.
- I actually enjoy the lack of structures. I enjoy being in the spaces that aren't filled with playground equipment and such. I enjoy being close to the river and having places to sit and just be.
- I enjoy the large amount of space and trees close together and open areas to sunbathe. Swimming. community gardens!
- I enjoy the plethora of parks and the organized events/sports.
- I enjoy walking away from traffic.
- I enjoyed the pool the most. Well managed and friendly environment. I will miss it this year greatly!
- I have two kids under five who play at candy cane park all the time. We enjoy getting out and engaging in physical activity and getting to meet other families and neighbors while doing so.
- I like how they connect.
- I like it that they are centrally located. The playground facilities are very nice. It would be nice to have a tennis net back at Prospect Park.
- I like that Candy Cane Park is a neighborhood park, right in my back yard and easily accessible.
- I like the setting along the Huron River.
- I like the wide open space to throw a frisbee and I like the layout of the Disc Golf course at Waterworks.
- I love living in a city with so much green space & access to the Huron

- i love rec park for its community garden and swimming pool, and the action and energy that all the little league games bring. i love riverside and frog island because it's a scenic and peaceful place to be by the river, and all the events are always tons of fun.
- I love the beauty of Riverside and Frog Island Park. I especially love the bridge, river and trees!
- I love the cleanliness of them
- I love the fact that at Recreation park there are so many people using the park for different things.
- I love Ypsi parks. The three I visit regularly are close to my home. I enjoy walking through, stopping to look at the water in Riverside/Frog Island, jogging past, seeing gardens/flowers thriving, and more. Their uses are diverse, but I do believe they are underutilized. I would love to see more events happening in the parks regularly. Also, it'd be great if there were more people simply picnicking and lounging on the green spaces.
- I wish the Charls Street Tot lot had a trash receptacle. My, my wife and daughter are always Bringing a bag with us.
- I would enjoy the Rails for Trails hook-up of the parks.
- Just being outside, sitting and enjoying
- Just being outside.
- Let the kids play, walk
- location
- Location - they are close
Visiting/enjoying/meeting neighbors
- Looking at trees
- Lots of open grassy areas, walking tracks, skateboarding parks, flowers, trees, water.
- LOVE Rutherford Pool and the Pool at Estabrook for Otters/pups
- Love the plantings and gardens, the community gardens at Frog Island- I would love to see those expanded- so

much fun to look at and enjoy. I'd like to see more bike racks for locking up, water fountains, receptacles for dog poo. I love hanging out in the parks in summer- reading on a blanket or picnicking with friends.

- lovely setting, access to river
- Mature trees, the river, community gardens!
- Meeting new people and keeping in touch with previous people that I know already. So does my kids.
- My daughter is tired and ready for bed after a visit!
- Natural beauty - trees and wildlife and the river. Peace and quiet.
- nature
- nature is great to be around
- Nature trails, playscapes for the kids
- near my home, safe and clean
- neighborhood feel
- nice assortment of locations, variety of activities available
- nice environment, clean
- Nice places to hang out.
- Nice scenery and playgrounds
- Nothing
- nothing
- open areas
- Open green space
- Open green spaces. Maintained services like trash pick up. Since there are trash receptacles there is less trash left on ground. The availability of free events.
- open, scenic areas for walking
- Opportunities given to the youth of Ypsilanti
- Our beautiful Huron, trials, playgrounds
- Our city's parks and recreation facilities are essential for our quality of life. While I may not use them as often as others, I still want my tax dollars to support them for the common good.
- Outdoor play spaces

- paths, trees, neighbors, dogs, the river, living in a community that values green spaces.
- Peaceful, beautiful, clean
- people
- play areas, exercising spots.
- play areas, green space, shade
- playground ball diamond
- playground at prospect park. the river at riverside park the track at frog island
- Playground, community gardens and meeting people to go biking.
- playgrounds, biking paths
- playgrund/sports
- Potential. Hope that they would be better. Easy access
- Pretty place for a meal or to read.
- Prospect very nice for Srs and for kids nice playground, nice native flowers at Luna Pond
- Proximity is the main reason I go. Lack of restroom facilities makes it difficult to spend long periods of time there.
- Proximity to my house
- Proximity to my house, beauty
- proximity to river and downtown/depot town
- proximity to the Huron River, natural wooded areas, footpaths, garden plantings, historic marker information, Huron River Watershed information, learning about historic uses of the area parks.
- Quantity of parks throughout the city, you're never very far from a park.
- quiet and the entertainment
- quiet, not on busy streets
- Relaxing at the park
- Rutherford Pool, Place to walk around with or without the dog
- Rutherford Pool, walking paths
- scenery
- scenery, events
- seeing other people
- sights and people
- sitting down enjoying the weather until the sun comes down watching the little children enjoy themselves
- So much is within walking distance. Also, Riverside and Frog Island Parks are hidden gems.
- That it is a nice clean environment
- That its clean place
- That there is a peaceful safe place to spend time at. I like the sense of community when I am able to stop and talk with people. I enjoy seeing others relaxing, walking their dogs and such.
- That they (the parks) are close and convenient.
- That they allow us to use them for Ypsilanti American Little League games and practices, which I am a coach for.
- that they are there and available when I want to visit.
- That they are there.
- That they are truly "community" assets-- different groups have made parts of them their own. Its also nice that there are diverse groups using them (Recreation Park, especially).
- That they exist.
- That, for the most part, they are well maintained.
- The baseball diamonds. They require some work but that's what we use most often. I would also include the path around rec park.
- the beautiful river and trails
- the beauty of them.
- the children/ toddler swings,. the shade the trees provide. the playgrounds
- the classes & people
- the cleaniess
- The cleanliness
- the cleanliness, the playgrounds/basketball courts for my sons to play on.
- The events they have for the children and playing with my kids.

- The facilities, they're close to home, and kept clean
- The fact that it is [can't read word] and is near the farmer's marker
- The fact that they are near my home and easy for my family to get to by walking and/or driving.
- the fact that they are there & kept up pretty well
- The fact that you get to see and feel the heart of the community with its good, bad and ugly. I love it.
- The festivals and being by the Huron River
- The green space in the city.
- The Huron River.
- The integration of Riverside/Frog Island with the river
- The laid back, friendly environment
- The locations and easy access.
- The nature is calming. Seeing families and friends playing together enjoying nature.
- the old trees and seeing friends
- The parks being clean.
- The people, scenery
- the playground for kids to have something to do
- the pool of course :-) the playground at Candy Cane for our kids
- the quietness
- the river
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- the river
- The river
- The river at Rvierside and Luna Lake at Prospect
- the serenity and not so crowed
- The surrounding landscape, especially the Huron river.
- The swings
- The upkeep; appropriate playground equipment.
- Their accessibility. Natural beauty.
- Their central location to downtown, scenery along the river
- Their convenience
- Their potential! Also, their proximity to downtown/Depot Town/EMU, which means they could be great points of interest for the city!
- There is always one nearby.
- these parks are close to home and allow me to experience the river, breezes, trees and nature without having to drive somewhere
- They are always clean
- they are available.
- they are clean and always good welcome places for people to go
- They are free, fun, and bring people together!
- They are in my neighborhood. I like having a community pool in my neighborhood.
- They are located close to our house and they are kept pretty clean.
- they are maintained very well
- They exist! Generally clean, people are nice.
- They have trees and a river.
- They offer free entertainment and functions and provide a nice place to walk around.
- They're clean and kept available to the community.
- They're nice green places to sit, read or think.
- They're numerous & in a variety of locations around the city offering a good selection of different activities & attractions.
- Things for kids to do
- Trails
- trees and natural features
- walk trails
- Walking along the river, shade trees for resting and reading, community garden, fields for frisbee, disc golf, just the aesthetic of a beautiful place to visit

- Walking and playing with my grandchildren. We sometimes have lunch and lay on our blanket.
- Walking and running trails, Rutherford Pool, having parks next to the Huron River.
- Walking, communing with outdoors and nature
- we have 2 young sons (ages 4 & 6 yrs); they play on the playground equipment A LOT.
- We have many jewels of parks and recreation facilities here in our City. Really, the walking trail is what I enjoy with my pet and children, and my children really love the playground equipment that is present for them to use.
- well kept, spacious, quiet [usually- also a downside, people oughta be USING the parks!]
- Well lit, attract a variety of people, the river for canoeing (now fly fishing too), swings, pretty clean/cared for
- Well maintained
- Well maintained, kid friendly, great communities
- Well maintained, nice to have in the community
- You can walk and enjoy picnics

II. Planning

9. What would encourage you to use city parks and facilities more frequently?

Having more information about parks, facilities, and programs	Improvements in lawn mowing or other basic maintenance	New or different special events	New or different facilities	Better sense of safety at parks	Available restrooms
122	111	132	80	93	182

“Other” responses (63):

- A play structure for kids at Riverside would be nice. Maybe a bag/disposal station to clean up after dogs.
- Ability to cross country ski
- Access to the parks (public transit as well as ease of entering/using the park)
- Add/fix baseball lights
- Additional garbage cans
- Adult recreation leagues, scavenger hunts, things i can participate in.
- and lower costs (i.e., gym rental)
- better trash handling!
- bike paths and late buses
- Bike racks.
- Candy cane's playground equipment is needing some basic safety improvements
- cleanliness
- Connected bike paths.
- Cyclocross races
- dig a pond in Riverside park and let the flooding be handled naturally!
- dog run or dog park
- Drinking Fountains, rec center with indoor pool
- Drinking fountains, seats in shaded areas next to play structures so parents can sit & watch children.
- enforcement of leash laws for pet owners.
- Fewer people letting their dogs off-leash. Connection between Water Street and Riverside park.
- Fireworks need to come back
- fix tennis courts

- free, available, and close parking
- group park maintenance gatherings, yoga classes!
- having more fitness classes
- I know it is being worked on but when the B2B is completed I will use that frequently. I like that so many beautiful places will be connected.
- I was attacked by a dog and accosted by a drunk in Riverside Park... I still go there, but would appreciate better security. Lots of random drunk people there.... at all hours.
- Improvements to seating, picnic tables, and better maintenance of walks throughout the parks.
- live closer to them
- maybe more benches or sitting areas
- more advertising of events
- more areas for skateboarders, more tennis courts
- more community gardens
- More Disc Golf courses!
- More garbage cans / dog waste bags
- more parking
- more places to sit
- More play equipment for kids
- more stuff for the kids they have nothing to do
- Need more police patrols in Riverside Park.
- new, safer playground equipment in the Tot Lot
- no use of tobacco products - less cigarette butt litter
- Not just "maintenance" but conservation and beautification of natural features.
- Not so much "other" but when it rains in Riverside the park floods. The flooding makes it hard to want to go down there.
- Off leash dog areas, with fences
- Open pool
- paths and trails to get there
- picnic tables, nets on courts, etc
- plants
- play ground in riverside park a MUST.
- playground at riverside park
- Relocate them to another city
- Removing the curb around the basketball court at recreation park. It can be dangerous.
- Rutherford pool being open
- something geared for seniors as well as toddlers at the same park
- Swimming Pools
- The baseball diamonds at Rec Park need better upkeep. It would be nice to have a play area in Riverside/Frog Island
- They are simply subpar for the amount of taxes paid. The citizens of Ypsi do a great job maintaining them, but there is only so much they can do.
- Trails
- Updated play structures at Candy Cane including one for kids under 5
- Want kids play equipment at Riverside. More bike racks!
- weeds, trash pickup

10. If money were available, how important would each of the following potential improvements be to you?

Build new indoor recreation/fitness center	Most Important	78
	Important	66
	Somewhat Important	65
	Not Important	76
Build new off-leash play area for dogs	Most Important	53
	Important	47
	Somewhat Important	79
	Not Important	104
Build new sports facility (track, tennis/basketball courts, ballfields, skate park, canoe livery)	Most Important	59
	Important	65
	Somewhat Important	83
	Not Important	70
Expand network of walking/biking routes	Most Important	121
	Important	79
	Somewhat Important	59
	Not Important	24
Increase or improve access to Huron River for activities (fishing, canoeing, etc)	Most Important	105
	Important	93
	Somewhat Important	58
	Not Important	30
Increase or improve visibility of the Huron River	Most Important	81
	Important	81
	Somewhat Important	60
	Not Important	59
Maintenance, lighting, safety, and sign improvements	Most Important	127
	Important	101
	Somewhat Important	50
	Not Important	13
Repair or replacement of community facilities (pavilions, picnic tables, restrooms)	Most Important	97
	Important	141
	Somewhat Important	45
	Not Important	9
Repair or replacement of playground equipment	Most Important	100
	Important	104
	Somewhat Important	53
	Not Important	25
Repair or replacement of sports facilities (tracks, tennis/basketball courts, ballfields, etc)	Most Important	78
	Important	96
	Somewhat Important	81
	Not Important	24
Repairs to Freighthouse	Most Important	55
	Important	78
	Somewhat Important	87
	Not Important	55

Repairs to Parkridge Community Center	Most Important	40
	Important	49
	Somewhat Important	100
	Not Important	72
Repairs to Rutherford Pool	Most Important	119
	Important	79
	Somewhat Important	53
	Not Important	29
Repairs to Senior Center	Most Important	52
	Important	92
	Somewhat Important	81
	Not Important	41

Three most popular “Most Important”:

- Maintenance, lighting, safety, and sign improvements
- Expand network of walking/biking routes
- Repairs to Rutherford Pool

Three most popular “Least Important”:

- Build new off-leash play area for dogs
- Build new indoor recreation/fitness center
- Build new sports facility (track, tennis/basketball courts, ballfields, skate park, canoe livery)

11. Would you be willing to participate in one-time or occasional park and facility improvement projects?

Yes	No
63	66

For which park(s)?

- | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • ? Idk | • Any | • candy cane |
| • All | • any | • Candy Cane |
| • All | • any | • candy cane |
| • all | • any | • candy cane |
| • any | • any | • Candy Cane |
| • Any | • Any Close | • Candy Cane |
| • Any | • Any I visit | • Candy cane |
| • Any | • Any off leash dog park | • Candy Cane |
| • any | • any park | • Candy Cane or Recreation Park |
| • Any | • Canday Cane, Rec Park | • Candy Cane Park |
| • Any | • Candy Cane | • Candy Cane, Frog Island, Riverside |
| • Any | • Candy Cane | • Candy Cane, other parks close by |
| • Any | • Candy Cane | • Candy Cane, Recreation Park |
| • Any | • candy cane | • Candy Cane, Riverside |
| • Any | • Candy Cane | |
| • Any | • Candy Cane | |

- Charles Street Tot Lot
- Charles Street Tot Lot
- dependent on dates
- Edith Hefley, Recreation park
- edith, rec
- Ford Lake or Heritage
- Frog Island
- Frog Island
- Frog Island Track
- Frog island, Prospect park, Harris park, Ford lake park
- Frog Island, Riverside
- frog island, riverside, prospect
- Frog Island, Riverside, Recreation
- frog or riverside
- hefley, rec park, riverside, frog island
- i have physical limitations
- I would happily work on any project that improved a park for my use. I would be unlikely to volunteer on any projects that were for improvements unimportant to me.
- little league parks
- many
- More info please
- multiple
- Need more information
- NO EXTRA MONEY OR TIME
- none
- Normal Parks
- Parkridge
- Parkridge
- Parkridge
- Parkridge
- parkridge
- Parkridge Park
- Parkridge Park
- Parkridge Park/Center
- PARKRIDGE, RIVERSIDE, THE REC
- Parkridge/Recreation
- Prospect
- Prospect and Riverside
- Prospect or riverside
- Prospect or Riverside
- Prospect Park
- Prospect, Riverside, Frog Island
- prospet
- Rec
- Rec
- Rec and riverside
- rec park
- Rec park
- Rec Park
- Rec Park & Candy Cane
- Rec Park, Candy Cane, Waterworks Park
- Rec Park, Riverside
- Rec Park, Riverside, Frog Island
- Rec Park, Sr Center, Edith Hefley,
- Rutherford Pool, Riverside Park
- Rec Park, Waterworks, Prospect
- Rec, Candy Cane, Waterworks
- Recreation
- Recreation
- Recreation
- Recreation
- Recreation and Candy Cane
- Recreation and Edith tot
- Recreation and Hefley
- Recreation Park
- Recreation Park or Edith Hefley or Riverside or Frog Island
- Recreation Park, Riverside
- Recreation Park, Riverside Park
- Recreation Park, Riverside Park
- Recreation, hefley
- Recreation, Prospect, Riverside, Frog Island
- Recreation, Riverside, Edith Hefley
- Recreation, Riverside, Frog Island
- Recreation, Riverside, Frog Island
- river side and frog island
- riverside

- riverside
- Riverside
- Riverside
- Riverside
- Riverside
- Riverside & Frog Island
- Riverside and Frog Island.
- Riverside or Frog Island
- Riverside or Frog Island
- Riverside or Frog Island--a performance shell
- Riverside or Peninsular
- Riverside, Frog Island
- riverside, frog island
- Riverside, Frog Island
- Riverside, Frog Island
- Riverside, Frog Island, Freight House
- Riverside, Frog Island, Prospect
- Riverside, Frog Island, Waterworks
- Riverside, Frog Island, Waterworks, Water Street, peninsular
- riverside, peninsular, frog island, rutherford, community center
- riverside, prospect, frog island
- Riverside, Recreation, Frog Island
- riverside/any
- Riverside/Recreation
- Rutherford, Edith Hefley, Riverside
- Rutherford, Frog Island, Peninsular Park
- Water Street Trail & Frog Island
- Water Works
- water works, frog island, rec park.
- Waterworks
- Waterworks
- Waterworks or Riverside
- Waterworks, Parkridge

12. What parks and recreation facilities do you use outside of the city? (251)

- 0
- A2 baseball, Cherry Hill Nature Preserve, Ellsworth dog park
- A2/work in the city limits
- All of the Pittsfield Township Parks
- All of them
- ann arbor
- Ann Arbor bike path
- Ann Arbor Canoe Liveries, state parks
- Ann arbor dog parks
- Ann Arbor parks (Gallup, etc.); Kensington and other Detroit metro parks -- these should be the models for how we do it in Ypsi.
- Ann Arbor parks, Kensington
- Ann Arbor pools, South Lilly Park, Gallup Park
- Ann Arbor resident so primarily Ann Arbor city parks, some county properties as well.
- Ann arbors
- anything around geddes/metroparks
- Arboretum Off leash dog parks various state parks in northern Michigan
- Arboritum
- B to B trail along Huron River to Ann Arbor and Gallop Park.
- Belle Isle
- Belleville Parks for fishing alot only when its night out but there is still no lightning
- Belleville, Ypsilanti Township, A2, Dexter
- bike trails
- biking trails to Ann Arbor, Parker Mills Park, Gallup Park
- Border to Border Trail, AA parks, Metroparks, county parks.
- border to border trail, state and national park campgrounds
- Border-to-border trail and surrounding parks in Ann Arbor.

- Buhr Park (Pool & Skating & Sledding)
- Fuller Park (pool & soccer fields) Wide
- World Sport Center, Ypsi Twp Rec Center, Pinkney Rec Area, Belle Isle
- Buhr Park, Ann Arbor Park System
- Burns Park, Clubview, and North Bay park. Montibeller
- Burns Park, The Arb
- Camping
- Canton splash pad
- Canton, Ann arbor, ypsi twp, metro parks
- Chapple Park, Play ground
- Children's Garden at Matthai; County Farm Park; Various trails in Washtenaw County.
- Chippewa, Rolling Hills mostly
- Clark Rd across from Comm Center, the coolest one by Westland Police Station (has Sprinkler Park), YTRD for Dance Classes and such.
- Clark road softball fields/park Nancy Park
- Clubview Park, Fuller
- County Farm Park in Ann Arbor
- County Farm Park, LaFurge Nature Preserve, Bird Hills Park, nature areas, Barton Nature Area, metroparks
- County Farm Park, Montibeller Park (Ellsworth and Carpenter)
- County Farm, Burr, Cobblestone Farm, Rolling Hills, Hudson Mills, Pickney Recreation area, Fitness Center at WCC
- County Parks & State Parks
- Cross-country skiing at Mill Creek, Dexter Huron Metropark, and Rolling Hills. Cycling/rollerblading at Gallup Park and in general along the Border to Border trail.
- Delhi
- Dexter M - Fit
- Dog runs and more rural hiking trails.
- Eberwhite Woods, Nichols Arboretum
- EMU RecIM, YPS tennis courts. Metro parks, Ann Arbor Canoe Livery
- Farm, bike, swim
- Flint, MI: Dye Elementary Park
- Ford heritage park
- Ford Heritage Park
- Ford Heritage Park
- Ford Heritage Park on Textile Road
- Kensington Metro Park boardwalk south of 94 off of Huron St.(don't know name)
- Ford Lake for walking Mary Lou Murry Rec Center Kensington Park Metro Park
- Ford Lake Park and the park at Textile and Whittaker.
- Ford park
- Gallop Park
- Gallop Park, Bird Hills park, Pinckney state rec area, the Arb in AA, Murray Lake (private), Island Lake State Park, Independence Lake, etc.
- Gallop Park, Cherry Hill Preserve, Botanical Gardens
- Gallop, Lilly A2
- Gallop, washtenaw county parks
- Gallup
- Gallup
- gallup canoe livery
- Gallup Park
- Gallup Park County Recreation and Fitness Center
- Gallup Park and the Arboretum
- Gallup Park and the metro parks
- gallup park ann arbor
- Gallup Park, all of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Island Lake State Park
- Gallup Park, Fuller Fields in A2
- Gallup Park, Kensington Park, Rolling Hills
- gallup park, Ypsi township rec
- Gallup, Argo, North Park, other county parks and preserves
- gallup, barton, hudson mills, island lake rec, brighton rec, waterloo, kensington
- Gallup, Buhr, Allmendinger parks in Ann Arbor
- Gallup, cherry hill nature preserve

- Gallup, Cty Farm
- Gallup, Delhi, Lily Park on Whittaker & Ford Lake
- Gallup, West
- HCMA - Lower Huron and Kensington; Independence Lake county park; and the township park next door to Eagle Crest
- Heritage
- Holmes Field, North Bay Park, Ford Heritage Park, Parker Mill, Bird Hills Nature Area.
- Hudson Mills
- Hudson Mills Metropark, Island Lake State Recreation Area
- Huron Meadows, Hudson Mills, Rolling Hills, Stinchfield Woods, and many State Parks.
- HURON METRO PARKS STATE PARKS
- Huron Metroparks State parks
- Huron-Clinton Metroparks, State Parks, County Parks
- I mostly recreate in Ypsilanti. I sometimes bike the B2B trail from Ypsi to Ann Arbor. In the summer, I drive to nearby lakes/state parks for swimming opportunities.
- I use the tennis courts on Stone School. Not sure if this is a formal park or not
- I USE TO GO WASH CO PARKS AND REC AT PLATT BUT CANNOT AFFORD IT NOW
- Independence (Whitmore Lake)
- Independence Lake, Zuki Lake, Grand Haven State Park
- indoor recreation facilities
- Kensington Metropark
- Kensington Park
- Kensington, Meri Lou Murray Rec Center
- Lilley Park Ford Heritage Park
- lillie park & dog park across the street
- Lillie Park, Pittfield Twp Pinkney rec area Ford Heritage Park, Ypsi TWP Many state parks in West Michigan
- Lilly park. Independence lake park
- Lily Park (Ellsworth & Platt - Ann Arbor)
- Loonfeather, North Bay, North Hydro, South Hydro, Lower Huron MetroPark
- Lots of Ann Arbor parks, especially Gallup Park and Fuller Pool. Washtenaw Country Rec Center. Rolling Hills.
- Lower Huron Metro Park
- Lower Huron Metroparks, Rolling Hills, Island Lake, Hewens Creek, Maybury, LeFurge Nature Preserve, LA Fitness
- M.L.Murry, Ann Arbor Parks, beaches on the east side of Michigan, metro parks
- Many Ann Arbor Parks (Buhr Park & Pool, Farmers Market, Gallup Park, County Farm Park, etc.)
- Many of the Metro Parks Gallop Vets Park Arboreteum Rolling Hills Independence Lake
- Many.
- Mary Lou Murray Rec/IM, Rolling Hills
- Matthai Botanical Gardens
- Maybury State Park, Argo Canoe Livery, Olson Park(Ann Arbor), Gallup Park(Ann Arbor)
- Metro
- Metro Parks, Gallup, Pinckney Rec, Mayberry, Island Lake, Brighton Rec
- Metro Parks. Hudson Mills, Lower Huron, Kensington. Gallop, Argo Parker Field. Ypsi High Track.
- metro, roller hills, nike court on Ellsworth
- Metroparks in the area, Buhr Park Pool
- Metroparks, gallup Park, argo livery& huron River
- METRO'S
- Michigan State Parks
- Montebellar
- Montibellar Park and Marsh View Meadows in Pittsfield twp.
- Montibeller
- Montibellor
- mounpeller
- multiple Michigan State Parks
- n/a
- n/a
- n/a

- National Parks, State Parks, Forest, Ann Arbor Parks
- Nichols Arboretum
- None
- None, except occasionally for lake access
- north bay
- North Bay
- North Bay and Gallup Park
- North Bay Park in Ypsilanti Twp., Rolling Hills County Park, Gallup Park, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and other state and county parks.
- Northbay
- not at this time
- Numerous ones throughout Washtenaw County, too numerous to mention.
- Numerous. Metro-parks system, state and national parks systems.
- oak openings metroparks
- Parks with pools
- Pickeral Lake, Husdon Mills, Rolling Hills
- Pinkney Recreation Center, Sherwood Pond in Belleville
- Pittsfield Parks
- Pittsfield Senior Center
- Planet Fitness or Washtenaw Rec Center
- Planet Rock, WCC, Lefurge Nature Proserve (might be in city limits, but I

think it's Superior Twshp), parks in Ann Arbor.

- Powerhouse Gym (Ypsi)
- Riverside Park
- Rolling Hills
- rolling hills
- Rolling Hills
- Rolling Hills
- Rolling Hills Textile playground
Montibeler Park Gallup Wooden play area in Saline EMU walking trail off Mansfield
- Rolling Hills and Independence Lake, Leslie Science Center, Bird Hills, Chelsea Rec Area, Washtenaw County rec building, on Washtenaw Ave.
- Rolling Hills County Park, Loonfeather Park, North Bay Park and I Disc Golf frequently at The Ponds at Lakeshore.
- Rolling Hills Waterpark Buhr Park Pool Independence Lake
- Rolling Hills, County Farm Park, Meri Lou Rec Center,
- Rolling Hills, County Farm, All Metro Parks and State parks
- rolling hills, gallup park
- Rolling Hills, Gallup park
- Rolling Hills, Independence Lake
- Rolling Hills, Lower Huron Metropark, UofM Arboretum, Merry Lou Rec Center, Botanical Gardens
- Rolling Hills, Parker Mill, Matthaei Botanical Gardens
- romulus athletic center state parks county farm park
- Romulus athletic center & various Ann Arbor Playgrounds. County Farm Park.
- Same Above
- senior center
- Several in Ann Arbor
- Several in Ann Arbor, Northville, Livonia
- Several parks in Ann Arbor, including B2B trail
- some township parks...

- Splash Park of Canton Center Rd, Camp Dearborn
- St. Joe's exercise facility. Walking paths in the city. Gallup park. Chippewa swim and tennis club 3-4 times per week. Ypsi High school tennis courts.
- State parks (metro beach, kensington, manistee forest)
- state parks, ann arbor parks, metro parks
- Swift Run Dog Park (Ann Arbor); Veterans Park & Buhr Park Ice Arenas (Ann Arbor); Canton Sports Center Softball Fields (Canton)
- Swift Run Dog Park, Lilly Park
- Swift Run Dog Park, Olsen Dog Park, Canton Dog Park, Mill Pond Park in Saline, Parker Mill on Geddes, Gallup Park, Marshall Park
- Swift Run Park dog leash-free park; bike trail through Ann Arbor; Gallup Park; Univ of Michigan facilities for exercise; camping at Waterloo Recreation Area; spinning at private studio in Saline.
- The Arb in Ann Arbor
- The Arb, Independence Lake Metropark, Border to Border trail, Green Oaks Golf Course
- the arboretum in Ann Arbor
- The Health & Fitness Center at WCC
- The park just south of 94.
- The Summit in Canton: Splash pad (free), beautiful play structure (free), lovely walking path around a pond (free)
- Township parks (Ford Lake and park on Textile with large playground...don't remember what it's called.)
- Township parks, county parks, community center
- UM Rec buildings, WCC Fitness Center, Gallup Park, Fustenberg Park
- Van Buren
- various parks in Township and Superior
- Variuos Ann Arbor parks
- Veteran's Park - Ann Arbor
- Veterans Park, West Park, Rolling Hills Park
- Vets. Bird hills. Olson. Poto.
- Volleyball, Basketball
- Washtenaw Community College gym
- Washtenaw County Rec Center
- Washtenaw County rec. center & parks & preservation lands & Ypsilanti Twsp. recreation center and parks
- Washtenaw Rec Center, Fuller and Vet's pool, Gallup park, Rolling Hills
- Washtenaw Rec off of Platt & Huron in Ann Arbor, Meri Lou Murray?
- Waterloo State Recreation Area, Ypsilanti Township & Ann Arbor parks.
- Waterloo, North Bay, Rolling Hills
- WCC Fitness Center
- WCC Fitness Center, Almost all of the area Metro Parks and several state parks.
- WCC health and fitness center
- WCC Health and Fitness Center
- WCC Health and Fitness, State Parks
- WCC Health Center, Ypsilanti Township parks on Ford Lake
- We do a lot of trail hiking at the botanic gardens, cherry hill, parker mill park, behind St Joe's hospital, at north bay park, and gallup park.
- Wendell Holmes baseball field, Ford Heritage Park baseball fields, Chippewa swim and tennis, Rolling Hills, Michigan State Parks
- West Park, Ann Arbor
- Willow Run recreation center
- Ypsi Township, Pittsfield, Ann Arbor
- Ypsi Twp Heritage, HCMA
- ypsi twsp parks
- Ypsilanti Township parks, ypsd schools athletic facilities, planet fitness gym
- Ypsilanti Twp Rec Center Willow Run Track Field

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How much do you spend per month, total, on admission fees or program fees at parks or recreation facilities outside of the city? (include Ypsilanti Township and state parks, private fitness centers/gyms, amusement parks, etc)	At which facilities?
varies	see above
varies	
USE TO SPEND MORE, NOW CANNOT AFFORD TO GO	WOULD SPEND TIME AT POOL IF IT WAS IF KNEW WHERE IT WAS AND IF IT WAS CLEAN WHICH I HAVE HEARD IT IS NOT.
unknown	unknown
Thousands	All of them outside of the city
Recreation Passport \$10, others \$30	Metroparks. If there is a fee because there is boat access, I will park and walk in, since I don't have a boat.
not sure	
none	n/a
None	
None	None
None	None
none	
None	n/a
None	Northbay
none	
none	none
none	
No fitness membership, no amusement parks -- just annual metroparks fee thru Sec of State	
N.A.	N.A.
Less than \$5	Botanic gardens- though we rarely go now that they have begun charging for parking, and independence lake
less than \$10	Rolling Hills has an admission fee for the waterpark. Merry Lou has a per use or per class fee. I buy a yearly pass for the state and county park access, so the monthly amount is minimal.
I have a state park sticker for local parks I walk will not pay to use	
avg of \$100 per month	chippewa, Ypsi Township
Average over the year is approx \$50/yr	State Park sticker, Rolling Hills, Cedar Point,
about \$25 per month average	Ypsi Studio, Michigan State Parks, Washtenaw County Parks, other county parks,
75-100	

6 dollars	annual passes for Metro parks, State and Federal parks
5-10\$	rolling hills, camping occassionally
40-120	Meri Lou Murray Rec Center, various state/county park entrance fees, various amusement parks out of state
30 at the gym. The remainder I park far and walk to avoid admission fees	Ford lake park, the park next to 94, Powerhouse gym...though if there were a community gym I would opt for that.
10 or less	Independence
10 dollar	
0-20\$	Gallup and Argo canoe liveries
0-20	metro parks or Gallup for admission, canoe rental or refreshments
0 to \$5	Either a Metro Park or Rolling Hills or Indp. Lake
<\$5 average over 12 months	Kensington Metro Park
<\$5	County, State, Metroparks
~\$30/month	Powerhouse Gym
~\$25	Argo Canoe Livery, Gallup Park concessions, private local fitness studios in Ypsi and Ann Arbor
?	no idea
\$70. to \$100	WCC Health Center
\$60/month	WCC Fitness Center
\$60-\$75	Waterloo Rec Area; Swift Run (fees for 2 dogs); UM exercise classes.
\$56/mo	Washtenaw County
\$50. or more ?	Planet Fitness, Rolling Hills, & Hudson Mills Metropark.
\$50 per month	Numerous. Mostly outdoor recreation related.
\$5?	We buy an annual metropark pass.
\$5-\$20	Rolling Hills Half Moon Lake
\$30-50	Rolling hills, rutherford pool
\$300-\$400 per month.	WCC Fitness Center, Metro Parks, Organized Running events, Organized Cycling Events, Organized Triathlon Events. Golfing
\$120 yr	Fitness
\$110/mo for health club, \$45/yr parking at parks - metro and county	
\$10-20 per month	Murray Lake (private) State campgrounds
\$10-15	Gallup Park County Recreation and Fitness Center
\$100+ including fitness center and state parks	WCC Health and Fitness Center, Rolling Hills
\$10/month	Michigan Adventure, state parks passport admission
\$10/month	fitness center/gym

\$10 for state park pass; occasionally \$5 to visit park such as Kensington Metro	Silver Lake Kensington, etc.
\$10 ANNUAL	METRO'S
05/25/2012	Michigan State Parks
900	Chippewa
500	Church gyms in Detroit
300	State parks and fitness gym
300	M.L.Murry, Fitness 19, Parks costs
300	Rec Park
300	Chippewa swim and tennis. This includes lessons. exercise classes at St. Joe's. Rolling Hills swim park. Camping at State Parks.
250	
200	Romulus athletic center
175	private fitness classes for posterior realignment
150	Detroit Zoo, state parks, other kid stuff
150	Pittsfield Senior Center (Trips)
100	State parks, County Parks, Rolling Hills, Ypsi Studio, Chippewa
100	BC Yu Gym in Ann Arbor
100	Chippewa, Rolling Hills
100	Water Parks
100	State Parks, Michigan Academy of Gymnastics, Rolling Hills, Independence Lake, Gym
100	Washtenaw Community College gym
100	MI Brewers Festival, Heritage Festival
100	Washtenaw Rec Center, Fuller and Vet's pool, Rolling Hills
100	Rolling Hills
80	Ann Arbor Y membership, Rolling Hills, some state parks, particularly up north.
80	Different ones... Wash. Rec. Center, Rolling Hills, health club.
75	Fuller Pool, Wide World Sport Center, Ypsi Twp Rec
75	Fitness Center at WCC, state park pass, daily entry fees to other parks
70	WCC Fitness Center
70	
65	WCC Health and Fitness Center, Huron-Clinton Metropark pass, State park fee
65	WCC Health & Fitness
62	THFC
60	Ymca
60	Health and Fitness at WCC
60	Gyms, Disc Golf courses (Waterworks Disc Golf course is horrible and husband got sever poison ivy all over his arms from playing there), walking at parks, bike riding

60	Ypsi Studio
60	WCC
50	Metro pass, ypsi pass, county pass, private gym, several indoor kids play centers
50	Ford Heritage Park, Rolling Hills County Park, Island Lake Recreation Area, various metroparks.
50	Ypsi twsp rec
50	Michigan State Parks
50	Independence Lake Rolling Hills Buhr Park
50	All of the above--organized sports team fees & yearly fee for the dog park.
50	WCC Health and Fitness Center
50	HCMA
48	WCC Health and fitness, state parks
42	Health and Fitness Center at WCC
40	Gym, EMU Pool
40	veterans, buhr and ice cube ann arbor
40	Ypsi Studio, LA fitness, Rolling Hills
40	
35	
35	County Park Water Park
30	Planet Fitness, state and metro parks.
30	
30	Buhr Pool
30	Ypsi Studio, Riverside Arts Center,
30	PArk passes, Water Parks, Pools State PARks.
30	
30	Planet Fitness, County Metroparks, nearby state parks
28	Fitness Center
25	ypsilanti parks
25	metroparks, state and national parks, beaches
25	rolling hills
25	EMU Rec/IM, mostly
20	Rolling hills silver lake
20	State Parks & Metro Parks
20	Matthai; Bishop Lake.
20	YTRD
20	Kensington Pass and MLMurry Rec Center entrance
20	That is an average of Huron Metro Parks, Cedar Point etc.
20	LA Fitness & Huron Metro & State Parks
20	Roller hills water park
20	Campgrounds, state parks, water parks, zoos.
20	rollin hills
20	Meri Lou Rec Facility, North Bay Park
20	
20	Rolling Hills

20	n/a
20	Mary Lou Murray
20	LA Fitness (gym)
20	LA Fitness (Bally's) (private fitness center) Barre Be Fit (private fitness center)
20	State park pass \$10.00 Planet fitness membership \$10.00
15	Washtenaw Co. Parks
15	
15	Planet Fitness & Washtenaw Rec Center
15	Independence Lake, Rolling Hills, North Bay Park
15	Planet fitness, amusement parks in the summer
13	YMCA
12.5	Ann Arbor Rec - Merri Lou Murray
12	
12	gym, county/state park stickers
12	ypsi township
12	Domino Farms, petting zoos, waterparks
10	Rolling Hills
10	ReclM winter membership, canoe rentals in A2
10	
10	Planet Fitness
10	Delhi, water park in Ypsi township
10	Planet Fitness
10	Planet Fitness
10	Cty Rec, sr. phs.
10	Planet Fitness
10	varies, all admission fees though.
10	state
10	state, metro parks
10	Dog permits for Ann Arbor/Canton, State Park car sticker
10	
10	Washtenaw County Park System
10	Planet fitness
9	Pickney
7	Rolling Hills
7	Rolling Hills
7	State and county pArks.
5	Clubview and Burns
5	Metroparks annual pass.
5	
5	All of them. This is 1/12 of the combined cost for the annual stickers to the Michigan state park system (\$10), the Huron-Clinton Metroparks (\$25), and the Washtenaw county parks (\$25).
5	
5	Rolling Hills, Independence Lake

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	none
	variable
	Sr Pass

15. What recreation facilities would you be willing to pay a fee for in order to have them available inside the city? (211)

- 0
- 0
- 0
- 10
- -
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- 0, I pay taxes that should support city parks
- 50 meter swimming pool
- A bowling alley, a Disc Golf course, an outdoor skate park, or a roller skating rink.
- A dog park! I'd gladly pay the \$40/year to Ypsi for one. I don't think there is much need for Ypsi to have an ice rink as Ann Arbor has several, and Canton has one.
- A family rec. center - like a YMCA.
- A new city recreation center that provided access to exercise equipment for middle to low incomes. Community and REC/ED courses for adults and kids.
- a nice disc golf course, an affordable fitness center (please!!!!), parks, music, etc)
- A nice, high quality fitness/rec center like the one at WCC, river access for tubing/canoeing.
- a skate park, gym with boxing equipment and wrestling mats
- A small fee such as \$10-20/month for an indoor rec center at Water Street.

- A well-equip fitness center that included classes. I would be willing to pay up to \$250/year if it had a lot of amenities.
- adult swim
- almost any
- an indoor fitness center
- An indoor fitness center, a children's water park.
- An outdoor city pool is essential for the community. A water park with a pool that can provide lessons would be ideal.
- And indoor rec center would be great. An ice skating rink and canoeing and kayaking on the river would also be worthwhile. I would be willing to pay for facilities where there are actually things to do.
- any as long as they were up to par.
- Any facility as long as the fee is not too expensive and family memberships would be nice.
- anything with a pool
- Athletic center with child care
- Attendance to a rec facility located in the city or twp of ypsilanti
- Boating on the Huron River
- canoe liveries - pool inside ypsilanti township
- Canoe livery
- Canoe livery
- canoe livery, adult recreation leagues (volleyball, basketball, Frisbee)
- Canoe/kayak liveries. Indoor recreation center. Camping grounds.
- canoe/kayak livery
- Canoe/kayak livery, disc golf.
- can't afford it right now
- canuing
- Community Center/Gym
- Correct e if I'm wrong, but EMU's presence in the city is part of the reason our homeowners taxes are so high. I will not vote for more tax \$ for building more facilities when we have EMU and WCC so close. I'd support a move toward special pricing and programs at EMU and WCC for city homeowners and residents. Rutherford Pool is an exception because it is a grassroots movement and I hope not government run.
- County Rec Center on Water Street!!! Rutherford Pool
- County Rec Facility
- Dog Park
- Dog park
- dog park, recreation facility
- dog park, skate park
- dog play area
- Dog run
- Dog run park; camping; canoeing/rowboat
- dont know
- excercise programs
- fitness
- Fitness @ Congress Center
- Fitness Center
- Fitness Center
- Fitness Center - pool facilities
- Fitness Center at Water Street -- I'd pay.
- fitness center like wcc
- fitness center, swimming pool
- Fitness Ctr
- fundraiser, park pass
- gym, pool, indoor track
- Gym, Pool, rec programs
- I am not adverse to a fee but your question is too broad
- I am not supportive of entry fees but would be happy to make a financial contribution in the form of a special collection or additional tax to improve public recreation facilities.
- I don't know
- I don't really like to pay, but when I do, it is to secure a reservation for a picnic shelter.
- I really only pay for access to large, undeveloped networks of wooded trails for hiking and cross-country skiing. If we had this inside the city, I would definitely

- pay for it. However, this is impossible because the city is too developed. Instead, I wholly support leaving some of the bike and walking paths (e.g. in the area around St. Joe Hospital and the border to border trail) partially unplowed in winter for skiers. This is a very efficient form of winter transportation.
- I would be willing to pay for things like swimming, or canoeing, or to use an actual recreation facility.
 - I would buy an annual user pass. Even though I ride, bike or run to location.
 - ice skate
 - Ice skating or rollerblading
 - I'd pay for any facility that was worth paying for.
 - If there were a fitness center, like the County one being planned in Water Street, I'd pay.
 - I'm open to suggestions, though I'm concerned that low income families would be left out.
 - Improved Rutehrford Pool
 - INCLOSED WATER PARK, ZOO, SOME FORM OF SCIENCE CENTER. MORE CULTURE MUSEUM
 - Indoor cardio/weight center, indoor pool, indoor basketball, better path system
 - Indoor exercise/rec center, Rutherford Pool, Canoe Livery
 - Indoor fitness
 - indoor gym, pool
 - Indoor pool
 - Indoor Pool with 24 hour access.
 - indoor pool, gym
 - Indoor pool, gym, annual pass to city parks with new equip and facilities.
 - indoor pools for my children
 - Indoor rec
 - indoor rec facility with pool and exercise equipment, outdoor pool, youth baseball (not Little League)
 - indoor recreation/fitness center, rental of water craft such as kayak or canoe.
 - Indoor swimming
 - It depends on what they were like. If the county built the fitness center downtown, I'd pay a fee for that.
 - low cost indoor pool
 - Maybe a community center.
 - Maybe something with disc golf
 - metro
 - N.A.
 - N.A.
 - n/a
 - n/a
 - N/A
 - n/a
 - na
 - new fitness facility
 - Nice tennis courts, dog park (not for me, but for neighbors so they stay out of the other parts of the parks)
 - None
 - None coming to mind currently.
 - None.
 - None. Our kids don't have much to do and its hard for moms with little to no income
 - Northbay
 - Not sure
 - Not sure
 - not sure
 - Not sure.

- Nothing we don't already have.
- Off leash dog park, concerts in the park, Fairs in the park, Farmer's Market
- Parking at Riverside, public gym, canoe in Riverside, Rutherford pool, community gardens
- parkridge prospect
- Pool
- Pool Nice facility like WCC for exercise
- Pool, a clean playground
- Pool, canoe and kayak
- Pool, Canoe Livery, Yoga/Pilates programming @ the Senior Center (early morning or evening classes)
- Pool, fitness center, youth activities.
- Pool, Gym/Recreation Center
- Pool, ice skating, rock climbing wall,
- Pool, livery, dog park
- POOL, WHIRLPOOL IF SEP WOMENS/MENS AVAILABLE. MAYBE TAI CHI OR SOMETHING IN EVENING FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE CHEAP
- Pool. Ice skating . Skate park. Gym like WCC.
- possibly a fitness center, but I don't think it should be a priority
- Puppy Park
- Rec Center
- rec center, pool
- rec center, pools
- Rec/IM, canoe livery
- Recreation Center
- recreation center
- recreation center and canoe livery and swimming pool
- Recreation Center, improved pool
- Recreation Park
- Recreation Park
- Recreation/Fitness Center
- Recreation/Fitness Center...particularly if there is a community component. Child care provisions would be great, too.
- Rutherford
- Rutherford Pool
- Rutherford Pool
- Rutherford Pool
- Rutherford Pool when re-opened
- Rutherford Pool, Freighthouse
- Skate park, water park
- soccer
- Something like the Meri Lou Murray Rec Center; ie, has a pool, etc...
- Sorry...I'm not sure what would qualify without some suggested possibilities. For example, a fitness facility? If so, yes. Also, I would pay for more water-related recreation facility usage.
- Splash pads pool
- Sports facility
- Swimming
- swimming
- Swimming classes, Karate 4 kids
- swimming pool rec ctr
- swimming pool for adults
- Swimming pool, indoor rock climbing, band shell.
- Swimming Pools
- Swimming, festivals or events
- Tennis courts
- tennis, canoeing, kayaking
- Tennis, racquetball, swimming, weights, track
- the biggest need is to upkeep what we already have... maintain the baseball diamonds! They're an embarrassment

when teams come visit and the infield is so overrun with weeds that ground balls can't make it to 3rd base!

- the pool
- trails
- unknown
- unsure
- unsure
- Water park perhaps
- water park!!
- water park, canoe livery, pools, community fitness&health center
- Water Park, Rutherford (Please stop fighting over this)
- water park/pool
- Water Parks,
- Waterpark
- We like *Free* or Low cost. Indoor Water

16. How do you think the city could raise additional money to pay for park and facility maintenance, improvements, or programming? (191)

- Kill the homeless and sell their body parts, 2. Host a bake sale with legalized medical marijuana brownies, 3. Have EMU pay for it, 4. NOT rely on revenue from parking or speeding tickets, 5. Sell admission to a "Hunger Games" Tournament where the homeless do battle in the parks, as for the losers, refer to suggestion #1
- Offer rental programs for parties. Even include packages with certain amenities included, such as plates/napkins/grilling amenities, etc. 2. Put donation boxes in the parks--granted theft may be an issue--maybe something like a parking meter type box, people could even donate a quarter at a time.
- A fee for the pool is reasonable.
- A program like the state's Recreation Passport
- Add to millage
- Adopt a Manhole Cover - and people paint them for a small fee 5-10 bucks. Another City does this and it looks great and is community centered
- adopt programs, pledges for bike races, 5ks, etc. ??
- Ask for donations
- Ask for donations, fundraising
- Ask various civic groups to contribute money toward the construction of a performance shell.
- Bake sales, car washes, fundraisers
- Benefit Concert
- Benefit concert or charity event.
- Better utilization of volunteers would save funds for other things
- Block Parties, Fundraisers to fix city parks up, donations from local businesses
- Bonds
- Build a Rec Center
- Build and Rent Rollerskating/ Roller Derby Rink
- Business sponsorships similar to "Adopt-a-Watt" model (www.adopt-a-watt.com); "KaBoom" playground model (www.kaboom.org); approaching fundraising like Charlotte NC model (<http://www.partnersforparks.org/#funds>).
- buy lottery tickets
- By having bake sale, lemonade stands, selling candy. Fundrasing in general
- cannot think of any at this time
- car wash, picnic for families, friends, games, raffle tickets for kids to win enjoy themselves
- car washes, bake sales, children clubs
- Carnival in the park, concerts, themed fairs (art, green living, farming, antiques, crafts, etc.) historical walking tours.
- Charge a fee just like it's done at Hudson Mills or Rolling Hills (Discounts for people who live in Ypsi City/ Township). If you

build something awesome you will have individuals and orgs volunteering to help.

- charge a fee or benefit concerts or fairs
- Charge events, Charge for use of facilities for family reunions
- Charge more for Festivals -- ticket sales
- Check with Secretary of state - they collect a fee for state parks - maybe they'd adopt a program for city parks since there aren't any state parks near us.
- collect donations and hold raffles at summer festivals, have people sponsor benches and skate park items (kickers, rails, etc), local businesses sponsor
- community events
- Community Rec & Ed
- Concession stand at Rec Park during Little League games
- county millage - appeal to broader community not just Ypsilanti residents - broaden appeal.
- create private consortium's to facilitate maintenance for each park.
- creative fundraisers, perhaps donations at certain events
- cut back on generous pension programs
- Default on the Water Street debt and renegotiate the bonds.
- Dismiss all non value-added payroll (City Council Members)
- Donation optional events that get various neighborhoods together to interact and raise money/awareness
- don't know
- Easy to donate donations. For example, when you buy a parkign permit make it a mandatory question if a person would like to donate a small amount
- Eliminate entitlement programs and waste inside of current programs. No additional money needs to be raised.
- Enforce the rules more consistently and fine the people that litter in the parks and otherwise break the law. Enforce local

ordinances and fine people (not enough, I know). Charge a bit more for events.

- Expand volunteer initiatives, coordinate with schools for service hours, coordinate efforts with corporations and businesses (free advertising on park benches for volunteer/service hours of employees.)
- fees special event fund raising
- Fees for Dog Walking. Annual user fee.
- fees to use services like tennis courts, indoor facilities, etc
- Fees, grants, community events. After the millage failed I am not optimistic about that as an option.
- fees, special millage
- festivals
- festivals, public movies, etc
- fund raisers, grants, ballot proposals
- Fund Raising
- fund raising through sponsors
- Fundraiser
- fundraiser
- Fundraiser events like picnics or such where we could sell tickets and then local performance groups could perform in the park(s).
- fundraiser or millage
- fundraisers
- fundraisers
- Fundraiser's
- Fundraisers at Local Businesses
- Fundraisers i.e. festivals, events at local parks.
- Fundraisers throughout the city. Various restaurants, bottle drives, etc
- Fundraisers, grants, donations, and volunteers.
- Fundraisers, special events? Charging fees.
- Fundraisers? Wealthy donors? ;)
- Fundraising events, such as dinners or related. For example, when restaurants donate partial proceeds to a particular cause. Perhaps a local group, such as the up-and-coming Supper Club space on the

- corner of Mich. Ave. and Washington would be willing to host such an event. Or Corner Brewery, Sidetrack, Beezy's, etc., etc....places that so many locals already frequent!
- Gala Event
 - Give the people something they want to use, something they are proud to have and they will come to it and will pay
 - Good Luck! Bring back Christmas Lights at Riverside
 - Got me.
 - Grant money. There are various DNR and national grants, private foundation grants, as well as grants from companies to repair parks and park equipment. Someone just needs to start looking for them.
 - Grants
 - Grants (health initiatives), donor/sponsor programs, raise a small millage.
 - grants and user fees
 - grants from public health department, partnerships with other local municipalities, schools, colleges and universities.
 - Grants,
 - Grants, millages/taxes (sorry, I realize this one still might be a little raw...)
 - Grants/corporate sponsorships
 - Grants? Fundraising campaigns.
 - Green Ypsi Fest at Riverside Park in partnership with Growing Hope & Transition Ypsilanti. 'Adopt a Park' option to donate \$ to a general fund for the maintenance of all Ypsi greenspace. Sales of trees from City Tree Nursery. Approach local business owners (&/or farmer's market vendors) about partnering with the city on a greenspace initiative that commits an annual sales percentage to park & facility maintenance. In return, the business owners could get some sort of 'green Ypsi' certification.
 - Have a day in park for Fund Raiser
- Have a paid dedicated development person or a volunteer committee of successful development people to coordinate and manage efforts to raise money for the Parks. Create an overall Goals and Objectives (aka strategic plan - didn't want to say strategic plan because most of the time people run in the opposite direction from the word) for such efforts. Have annual fundraisers, work with local businesses such as Beezy's that are involved in the community on creative ideas. Have a table at the Downtown Farmer's Market to raise money. I'm sure Growing Hope could help set something like this up. Create awareness at all of the festivals and events at our parks. Ypsilanti may not have a lot of money but we have a lot of creative and dedicated people who are willing to help if they have some guidance. Let's tap into that!
 - have bake sales
 - Have city officials each sponsor a cause/park/facility then have them compete in a mock Olympics. Take bets, sell tickets, whoever wins gets the majority of the money. Could be rolled into Heritage Festival for more exposure.
 - Have donation boxes or drives at the parks; especially the ones that need the most resources, upgrades or work.
 - Have the mayor do the talk show circuit.
 - Having a special event
 - Hold events at extant parks. What if you opened Water Street as grounds for those roving carnival things?
 - hold fun, family-friendly events in the parks and charge a registration fee and option to donate, and make it known that the purpose of the event is to raise money to improve the parks that we all know and love to use. invite local business to donate prizes for a raffle. invite more vendors to hold events in our

parks (the michigan brewer's guild festival and other music fests are a big hit) and make money from their reservation fees. work with local university students to develop a plan as part of a master's thesis or related project?

- How about an income tax or a millage?
- how about fundraising events held in the parks for specific projects in the park where the event(s) are held... just an idea
- How about walking trails and you sell a foot? You "buy" a foot of trail and you give donors a ruler with their name and Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation printed on it for recognition
- I don't know
- I honestly don't think they can unless it's a fundraiser event. 1 time. No taxes
- I supported the millage & tax increase. Otherwise I think rec sports leagues could generate funds [coed softball, kickball, etc], as well as hosting tournaments. Adopt a park ideas are good, as well. Help people connect & invest in the parks closest to them.
- I think the city could benefit from trying to take better advantage of adopt a park groups. Since residents are pretty much maxed out on taxes, maybe an event for fundraising? And support the building of a washtenaw county rec center at water street.
- I wish I knew. I voted for the income tax
- If it can bring in a net profit: Serve as a location for outside festivals (Beer Fest, Music fests, Elvis Fest, etc).
- income tax, that's why I voted for it
- Increase taxes, propose millage (both unlikely)
- It seemed like the Depot Town CDC was doing fine until City Council got all pissy about the "Ypsitucky Jamboree."

- kickstarter fundraiser? Grants for ecological development or health improvement? park bbqs/fairs? River race or some sort?
- Local park picnic fund raiser.
- look for corporate sponsorship Have a program for buying trees to plant around the city and in the parks. Perhaps \$100 per tree if we could provide a plant trees for say \$50/ea. Look for volunteers to run this program so we reap more of a profit.
- lottery
- Low millage levy in the city
- make the city more business friendly-- quit trying to get an income tax to fly.. attract more development in depot town--ie things to increase the tax base.
- make them safe but that would involve have a police force that is adequately funded
- maybe
- Maybe the park system could host an outdoor benefit concert or raffle donated products from local businesses.
- merchandise, sponsor a serious marathon
- Millage
- Millage
- Millage, bonds, taxes...
- millage, fund raising
- millage, grants, fundraisers
- millage, grants. I went to a park on the west side of the state and they had a sign with a QR code that said "If you enjoyed this park, donate here." I donated with my phone on the spot.
- Millage. Taxes. Grants. Donor programs.
- modest tax increases
- more advertisement of pavilion rentals, establish a Parks Foundation group that leads fundraising efforts, apply for grants and awards
- more festivals
- More race events, marathons, biking, tri-athalons
- more special events, Parks millage

- music or other admission events, craft shows, etc.
- n/a
- n/a
- Neighborhood and community fundraisers, partnering with large community organizations for sponsorship.
- no
- no idea
- none
- NOT PROPERTY TAX!
- Not sure - obviously an income tax did not work. Grants? County?
- not sure. maybe on a project by project basis?
- Once the B2B is finished, maybe putting up contribution boxes along the way. I would give.
- Organize sponsored trail walks/runs (similar to what the cancer society does)
- Other than fees, I don't know. But if the fees seem high, few people will come.
- Outside grants.. please don't cut any services!
- Outside of fees for park usage, maybe more (and smaller events) at different parks in Ypsi. Could you sell sponsorships? Instead of Rec Park, it could be Kroger Park or TCF Park or something else.
- Park admission fees/seasonal passes
- Parks millage
- Possibly build one casino in Ypsilanti. Or have more street vendors which could maybe generate tax dollars. (?)
- PR
- Pray
- programs w donations
- property tax
- Raise awareness and seek donations
- Raise money for one basic need at a time-
-do a drive for picnic tables, one for repaving tracks, etc.
- Raise taxes \$\$\$\$
- Raise taxes, Washtewan County Parks and Recreation
- Raise taxes. Hold Fundraisers. Get Grants. Private donations.
- Recreation millage
- recycle trash pick-up every other week
- Require pass to all parks with facilities.
- Runs for funds, community dinner/auctions, fundraisers
- Sell advertising space on the water towers, EMU's LED sign, maybe Kickstart, maybe have a fund raiser connected with YHS alumni gatherings, etc.
- Sell annual park passes.
- Sell food at outdoor park events, e.g. Beerfest, Elvis Fest, WV fest, and similar events at Riverside park. Fix city budget and allow for development on the Water Street Project (even if it's just a Burger King-you gotta start somewhere and get some momentum going!).
- Since there are no dog parks available, enforcing the leash law in Riverside could generate money from tickets - this could help pay for a fenced area for off leash dogs.
- Small fees for classes/programming to cover the cost of programming and bring in a bit of additional revenue.
- Small membership fee for maintenance of a dog park (once constructed), clear and easy program for donating trees, benches, etc., for the parks. Businesses outreach to adopt parks (Michigan Ladder, Aubrees/Sidetracks, etc)
- Solicit donations & hold fundraisers through a Friends of the Park organization. Apply for grants. Start a dog-friendly area and charge to register dogs.
- solicit donors
- sponsorship (e.g., billboards lining a fence of a baseball field) pledge drives percentage of proceeds from special events hosted in parks (e.g., festivals)

- Sponsorship programs.
- Sponsorship. Renaming the parks giving sponsors names, signage, etc... Festivals that run via non-profits, something similar to what CDC was doing. Charging organizers for events in the parks (of course assuming the parks are well kept and worth paying for). Market the parks. In my opinion they're marketing poorly and so are the activities (softball, soccer leagues, etc...)
- START OFF WITH FUNDRAISERS, MAYBE A CITY WIDE 50/50 RAFFLE TO BUILD A MORE ATTRACTIVE PARK, THEN CHARGE A ADMISSION. I WOULD MORE THAT WILL TO PAY FOR A NICE PARK..
- Stop wasting it and do what the people want and need most where it is needed most.
- Stop wasting it first of all.
- TAX BUSINESS NOT PEOPLE GET BUSINESS TO HELP DO FUND RAISES, PEOPLE CAN HELP BUT BUSINESS HAS THE CONTACTS,
- Taxes (sign!)
- Taxes or Pay per use
- taxes, donations, park fees, boat rentals
- Taxes, pool user fees, advertising at/naming for sports facilities
- Taxes.
- That's a great question. ?
- They should do community fundraisers. Such as bake sales or donations for different gatherings
- Through fundraising booths/campaigns associated with existing summer festivals and public events
- Tighten their budget.
- To have a carnival or car wash
- Unknown
- unknown
- Usage fees no capital intensive facilities, programming participation.
- Voluntary Donations
- Volunteers, this is the life blood of Ypsi, DIYers willing to improve this city! donations or something to get new/used things and get us citizens to help make it better!
- Work with other organizations like the YMCA to develop programming to enhance and increase programming. Work with the schools to allow public access to their facilities. City Tax???
- Never passes, so thats not an option. St. Joe's/EMU connections?? Grant funding applications.
- Work with some of the event providers in the area like Wheels in Motion, Running Fit, 3d Racing and host events that both use the area parks and attract people to see what Ypsilanti has to offer.
- you think of it all the time just act upon it

III. Demographics

17. How or where did you receive this survey?

Neighborhood association	City Hall	City website	Ypsilanti Public Library	Parkridge Community Center	Senior Center
59	12	21	14	8	9

Other (203)

- a friend forwarded me this email
- A friend made a facebook event to spread the word
- A friend on Facebook
- A friend posted it on facebook
- An email was sent to me.
- Bee on Twitter
- Bee Roll shared on facebook
- Beezy posted it on her FB page.
- Beezy's
- Beezy's AND Library
- Beezy's Cafe mentioned it on Facebook
- Beezy's Facebook
- Beezy's facebook page
- Beezy's Facebook page :)
- Bike Ypsi
- bike ypsi
- Bike Ypsi
- Bike Ypsi
- Bike Ypsi email
- Bike Ypsi list and Facebook
- BikeYpsi
- checked
- City email list
- city email list
- City email list serve
- city list serve
- City of Ypsilanti Facebook page
- City of Ypsilanti Facebook Page
- Clinic
- coach on the team sent it
- computer
- Computer Lab
- DDA post on Facebook
- Downtown Farmers Market
- Downtown Ypsi farmers market
- Dtw Farmers Mkt Ypsi
- dyfm (downtown ypsi farmers market)
- e mail
- EMAIL
- e-mail
- E-Mail
- email - city list
- email from city
- email from city and other sources
- email from City Hall
- E-mail from Emma Jackson ypsd.org
- email list
- email list for parents of YHS band students
- Email list serve for city
- Email via ypsd.org
- email Y.A.L.L.
- emailed by a friend
- e-mailed to me

- It was sent to me as a link.
- little league
- Little League
- Little League
- Little League
- market
- Michigan works
- Murph on facebook
- Murph posted it on Facebook.
- newspaper
- NPNA newsletter
- Online, Facebook
- posted on facebook
- Pubic Relations person for schools
- Saw the notice at Beezy's.
- school association
- School district
- school e-mail
- Schools
- several friends posted on facebook
- Someone shared it on facebook
- Through email
- thru our school district
- Tuesday Downtown Farmers Market
- tuesday farmers market
- VIA EMAIL
- via Richard Murphy on facebook
- Work at CH -
- YALL
- YHS
- YPS
- YPSD
- YPSD rep Emma Jackson
- YPSe-mail
- Ypsi Bank Assoc
- Ypsi Farmer's Market Downtown
- Ypsi Public Schools
- Ypsi schools band parent email group
- ypsicitylist email, Bonnie Wessler
- ypsilanti dda facebook page
- Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority Facebook page
- Ypsilanti Farmers Market
- Ypsilanti Health Coalition/Trudy Hall
- Ypsilanti High School
- Ypsilanti Little League
- Ypsilanti Public School email blast
- Ypsilanti Public Schools
- Ypsilanti Public Schools
- Ypsilanti Public Schools email list
- Ypsilanti Public Schools mailing list

8. Which of the following describes you or someone in your household?

Current City of Ypsilanti resident - less than a year	Current City of Ypsilanti resident - 1-5 years	Current City of Ypsilanti resident - 5-10 years	Current City of Ypsilanti resident - more than 10 years	Former City of Ypsilanti resident	Ypsilanti Twp or Superior Twp resident	EMU student	EMU faculty or staff	EMU alum	Ypsilanti Public Schools student	Work within Ypsilanti
13	61	47	116	10	62	35	20	43	28	61

Other (24):

- 32 year resident
- A.A. Area
- Ann Arbor
- Ann Arbor resident
- Business Owner in Ypsilanti
- Business owner.
- Citizen of Ypsi
- Co-own a small piece of vacant land in the city
- Former city resident until January
- former EMU administrator
- human
- I LOVE YPSILANTI!!!!!!!!
- Lincoln Schools Student

- Little League Volunteer outside of Ypsilanti
- local business owner
- Long time member of the Ypsilanti Food Co-Op, WEMU supporter, descendant of James Madison Chidester, Member of Ypsilanti Historical Society
- Mansfield and Washtenaw
- Pittsfield
- Resident of Pittsfield Township
- Township Resident Gault Village
- Volunteer in Ypsi
- YHS Grad.
- Lives in Augusta Twp
- Ypsi business owner
- Ypsilanti business owner

19. Where do you live? (nearest major intersection, neighborhood association, or city/ZIP if you're from out-of-town)

- 4190
- 48103
- 48104
- 48176
- 48197
- 48197
- 48197
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- 48198
- 48198
- 48198
- 48198
- 48309
- By the corner of Wallace St and N. Congress in Normal Park
- Woodward St.
- 48198 Gault Village
- A2
- A2 48108
- AA 48103
- Adams/Pearl
- Ainsworth Park
- Ainsworth Park
- Ann Arbor
- Ann Arbor - Downtown
- Ann arbor 48104
- Ann Arbor 48108
- Ann Arbor at Ellsworth and Carpenter
- Ann Arbor, 48103
- Aspen Ridge on the corner of Textile and Munger.
- Belleville
- Carpenter and Textile
- Charles St. and Holmes
- Chidester Place
- CHNA
- Clark
- clark & leforge
- Clark & Leforge
- Clark and Hewitt
- College Heights
- College Heights - East
- College Heights Neighborhood
- College Heights Neighborhood Association
- College Hgts - Kingwood Street
- Collegewood Heights
- collegewood/mansfield
- collegewood/roosevelt
- congress & hewitt
- Courtland between Cross & Washtenaw
- Cross & Adams
- cross & ballard
- Cross & Oakwood
- Cross and hamilton
- Cross and Mansfield
- Cross and North Huron St. Close to depot town. Back up to Frog Island
- Cross and Prospect
- Cross and Prospect
- Cross and Prospect
- Cross St
- currently on River street, renting
- Depot Town
- Depot town
- Depot Town
- depot town
- Depot Town area
- Depot Town area.
- Dexter, MI
- downtown
- Downtown
- E. Forest and N. River

- East Forest Ave between Prospect and Harris Rds
- East side
- ecorse @ michigan
- Elder st. Near mich ave and Mansfield intersection
- Emmet and Ballard
- Emmet St
- EPPNA
- EPPNA.
- Fairway Trails Apts, Ypsilanti Township
- Ferris and Hamilton
- ferris st
- ferris street
- First Ave Ypsilanti 48197
- First ave/ Michigan ave
- First/Harriet
- Florence and Hamilton
- Ford Blvd & Ecorse 48198
- Ford Blvd/Forest
- Forest & Prospect
- Forest & River
- Forest & River
- Forest and Adams
- Forest and Prospect
- Forest Ave, 48198
- forest/adams
- Forest/Prospect
- Forrest and River St
- Golfside and Clark 48197
- Golfside and washtenaw
- Golfside between Packard & Washtenaw
- Grant St & Owendale
- Grove & Rawsonville
- Grove and Georgina
- grove and harris
- grove and michigan ave
- Grove/Harris
- Grove/I 94. Gault village area
- Grove/I-94 sercvic dr Please fix Grove Rd
- hamilton & forest
- Hamilton & Forrest
- Hamilton & Michigan
- Hamilton and Olive
- Harris and Foley
- Harris Park (Harris & Michigan Ave)
- Hawkins & Harriet
- HESNA
- HESNA
- HESNA
- Hewitt & Washtenaw
- Hewitt and Packard
- Hewitt and Packard
- Hewitt and Washtenaw
- Hewitt/Packard
- Hewitt/Washtenaw
- Historic East Side Neighborhood
- Historic East Side Neighborhood
- Historic East Side Neighborhood Prospect and River
- Holmes and Charles
- Holmes and Prospect - EPPNA
- Huron and Hewitt
- Huron and Michigan
- Huron River and Textile
- Huron St. and Cross St.
- huron/michigan
- I live at aspen chase on golfside but looking for a house near downtown within the next 6 months.
- I-94
- Just outside city - Georgina near Grove
- Mansfield /Washtenaw
- Mansfield and Cross
- Mansfield and Cross
- mansfield and washtenaw
- Mansfield Washtenaw
- Mansfield/courtland
- Mansfield/Cross
- Mansfield/Cross
- mich ave, hamilton
- Michigan Ave & Hamilton
- Michigan Ave & Prospect
- Michigan Ave & Ridge Rd
- Michigan Ave and Forest Ave.
- michigan ave and huron
- Michigan Ave and Summit St.
- Michigan Ave. & Washington
- Midtown
- Miles and Prospect
- Munger and Textile
- N. Mansfield
- N. Normal
- Near EMU
- Near Park St and Michigan Ave.
- near prospect park
- Near Prospect Park

- Textile and Whitaker Rd
- Tuttle Hill & Textile
- W Mich & Adams
- W Michigan Ave & Adams
- W. Cross and Oakwood - Normal Park
- wallace/oakwood
- Washington/ Washtenaw
- Washinton and Washtenaw, downtown.
- Washtenaw & Cross
- washtenaw & cross
- Washtenaw / Mansfield
- Washtenaw and College Place
- Washtenaw and Hewitt
- Washtenaw and Hewitt, CHNA
- washtenaw, summit
- whittake/textile
- Whittaker and Huron
- whittaker rd & meritt rd 48197
- Whittaker Road
- whittaker/94
- Whittaker/Textile
- Woods Road Sub
- Woodward @ S. Adams
- Ypsi Housin Comm
- Ypsi township
- Ypsi Township, right outside of Normal Park
- Ypsilanti
- Ypsilanti 48198
- Ypsilanti Housing
- Ypsilanti Twp between Clark and Holmes Rds
- Ypsilanti/48198

20. Does a member of your household have a sensory, physical, or other disability?

Nobody in my household has a disability	Sensory disability	Mobility disability	Other
257	9	24	18

21. How many people in each of the following age groups live in your household? (put a number in each blank)

Under 5 years old	5-12 years old	13-17 years old	18-24 years old	25-44 years old	44-65 years old	Over 65 years old
76	128	86	80	308	193	31

22. What is the most effective way to inform you about the City's parks and recreation programs?

By mail, with tax bill	By mail, on its own	Online, by email or RSS feed	Online, posted on City website	Through neighborhood associations	Through school or church
31	89	182	70	102	38

Other (36):

- at senior center
- at the ypsilanti food cooperative or either farmer's market
- by mail with water bill, Facebook
- City Events/Farmers Markets
- downtown ypsi farmers market
- Email - neighborhood association
- email or Facebook
- Email, facebook
- e-newsletter!
- facebook
- Facebook
- Facebook
- Facebook

- Facebook
- Facebook
- facebook
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- Facebook :)
- Facebook page
- facebook!
- Facebook!
- flyers around town
- Flyers, Radio
- Go the cheapest route - save money whenever possible.
- Just tell Teresa; she's usually good about passing news on to me.
- Library
- Library
- mailed with tax bill doesn't work for escrowed taxes!
- Mailers are a waste of money.
- nonprofits
- online newspaper, AA.com, etc
- online, I'll follow you on facebook
- Posted signs around the parks
- sky-writing, singing telegrams, planes, information tattooed on the strippers at Deja Vu
- Social Media Channels, ie) Facebook
- Through the Ypsilanti Area Jaycees

Additional Comments

Please use the following lines to give us any additional information you feel would be valuable in developing the parks plan. Thank you!

- Advertise Rental Availability
- Americorps?
- An organized skate park
- Anything we can do to create space where trees, wildlife, the river and people can be together is vital for our well being physically and emotionally. Keeping our parks safe, clean and accessible should be the priority. Everything else is gravy.
- As part of the parks plan, I'd urge you to consider the Huron river and the natural environment surrounding it as a valuable community and economic resource.
- bike trail along huron river linking with ann arbor would be a big hit-- and likely to draw to depot town
- Candy Cane park is a wonderful park, but feels a little bit unsafe at night. It would be nice to have an increase in security (lighting, police patrolling, etc.) Even with the police driving around the park, they can't see what's going on in the pavilion or further toward the middle.
- Car shows in Riverside Park are overkill. The impact of these events on the wear and tear of the parks --- compared with our ability to upkeep the parks -- is considerable. We should be charging these events a lot more for their use, or else limit the number of car events.
- Clean park grounds are needed for children to play there. It is not uncommon to find drug paraphernalia and condoms on the ground at Recreation Park.
- Decisions should not be left to Non-profit boards with their own narrow agendas.
- Definitely keep the Huron River in mind when improving, people like the water.
- Develop a shorter survey [respondent also noted for question 7 that they walked to their neighborhood park]
- Do not use Tax Money for the Parks
- first things first, raising money to facilitate a place in ypsilanti for the homeless is key so that the parks have less people living in them. A lot of people don't like going back to a park they say a homeless man or man living in.

- Focus on high quality maintenance of what we have, except pursue joint venture with County on Rec Center. Plant some of those silly trees you got hanging out in that nursery!
- Get community involvement Adopt a park keep garbage cleaned up develop river banks areas raise the level of the river better fishing
- Go green! Please don't spray pesticides or poisons in our parks. Thank you.
- goodluck!
- Great job so far, keep it up. More 'useful' plantings, trees and shrubbery that make food, not just look pretty.
- Hire lawnmowing people that don't hate trees.
- I am a beekeeper and wonder if any of the parks would be interested in having a beeyard.
- I am glad there is a playground by the senior center...but it isn't as innovative or fun for my child as the ones at township parks. Sad, but true!
- I didn't realize Ypsi Citizens were allowed to use the EMU rec facility. How do I find out more?
- I don't want to see too many improvements; these might make the parks crowded and unpleasant. On the other hand, if my property values rise, then I could move somewhere else...
- I frequently walk in the evenings and will casually stroll through the city parks. However, the two outdoor activities that I truly enjoy are hiking and cross country skiing. I actively seek opportunities for these activities and am willing to pay for them. Unfortunately, the Ypsilanti parks are too small and developed to offer me any real enjoyment of these activities, as both require several miles of uninterrupted trail. As a result, I don't really use the park facilities, and probably never will if they remain as is. I would love it if there were trail networks similar to those made available to cyclists for skiiers. I do not require that the trails are groomed, only that they are left unplowed. That is my number one priority. If a project like this ever were proposed, I would certainly volunteer my time and labor to make sure it happened.
- I have grant information from the Game Time Inc company so that we can upgrade the playground equipment in the Charles Street Tot Lot. I would appreciate any guidance from the city as to how I can help get this playground updated. .
- I hope that the Water Street Trail is kept open to the public permanently, safeguarding our access to one of Ypsi's most beautiful parks & stretches of Huron River. I also think the Border to Border trail is a great initiative that should continue to be pursued.
- I participate in park clean ups at Prospect Park Sunday evenings. Sat mornings the park is already a mess, with overflowing trash receptacles and birds spreading it around. Imagine renting that space on a Sat. in such a mess, horrid display of neglect.
- I really appreciate access to our local parks. They are a huge blessing to me and the kids I nanny for :)
- I think maintaining clean & safe parks will go a long way in attracting & retaining residents. I feel that the general perception of Ypsilanti as a place filled with crime is lessening, but if the parks are neglected, I fear there will be more crime, less people out & about & it will hurt us in the long run. I love this town & would personally pitch in labor & small sums of money to keep it awesome.
- I think we should concentrate on taking care of the parks we have so they are usable and enjoyable by all before we consider adding new facilities like a fitness center.
- I think you all should open up a Peace Center for the children like the one in Ann Arbor, MI. A lot of these kids lack guidance, or someone to show the care. And the Teens need something to do on weekends to keep them out of trouble. I have a few ideas and would love to discuss them.
- I think Ypsilanti should do more summer park events, like movies in the park or live music, things like that. Those could be great fundraisers.

- I would like a pamphlet with the parks & maps in it because I'm not even sure where some of the toy lots are located. I would probably use them if I knew where they were.
- I would like to receive more frequent information (updates) on projects in the works and even those being dreamed up. It would be nice to know when I drive by a park where I see construction of some type to know what is going on.
- I would love to go and find the parks tag for OUR CAR
- I would love to see a playground at Riverside and would help maintain it. My biggest problem there is security. It would be great if the police could work it into their patrols... just an occasional pass through, even at night. I live close to the park... within earshot, and if you haven't lived near it, you wouldn't believe the noise... and I'm not talking about special events. Not long ago a small group had the shelter and was blasting music with non-stop profanity for 6 hours straight. No joke... it was a shame, and made me not only avoid the park, but want to leave the city. If you rent the facilities, have some rules, and then enforce them. If not, then someone should be passing through. There's a lot drug use going on in between Riverside and Frog Island too, and I'm leery of going there with my kids at times. That's my biggest concern.
- I would love to use the Ypsi parks, but they just really aren't all that good. There is a great love for them by the community, which can be seen in the amount of work people put in to keep them at their current level, but a complete lack of city or county money makes them unattractive. But spending too much money would also be a waste with Ann Arbor and the MetroParks in the area. There has to be a middle ground where the city actively seeks outside money to rebuild and re-equip the parks without breaking the bank.
- I'm very concerned about safety in the local parks. The one directly next to my home is lovely during the day but by night it's a hotbed for criminal activity & totally unlit. The recent addition of a surveillance camera has helped significantly but has just moved the inappropriate activity behind the camera. A little more Big Brother coverage could do a world of good.
- In taking the survey, still find the biggest issue is lack of rec programming, which wasn't an easy option in the survey. So just an fyi. Improvements I'm interested in are: dog park, canoe livery, trail repair in frog island (not sure how to do that!) and regular schedule for playground repair/improvements and addition of picnic tables, trash cans etc. Then, condition of ball fields and basketball courts. Of course - tree planting, particularly in more passive/picnic/event parks (Rec, Riverside, Prospect) the end!
- In the spring I mowed the Charles Street tot lot the first time (or VERY early in the season), Since then the City has done an excellent job of keeping it mowed. Thanks a lot!
- It would be also nice to get a sticker for each car in the household instead of just one per address...would be willing to pay additional amount if less than the first cost or a family plan sticker for each car, It would be nice to see a nice park or rec center developed on the land by Michigan Avenue and River Street. Looking forward to seeing new developments. Make Ypsilanti come ALIVE!
- Keep up the good work! Love this city! More trees in Riverside Park. Fitness Center in Water Street would be so great!
- Living down the street from Recreation Park was a major factor when considering my home purchase. I love being within walking distance of the park/pool/sr. center. A dog park would be a GREAT addition.
- Love the city parks, love the pool. I would happily pay more to keep them going. Also thin we should leverage the river with canoeing/boating.
- Love the POOL - keep it open.

- Maintain reasonable fees for Festivals such as MBG Summer Beer Fest - we do not want to lose such great influx of visitors!
- make them more presentable. Mow the lawn, plant flowers and maintain facilities
- Make things more accessible to more residents of the city and allow more awareness and promote more programs and people to join the programs too.
- Making the parks smoke free would model a healthy lifestyle for youth and provide a healthy environment for recreation use. I believe it would draw more people to the parks, particularly children with respiratory issues. They like park events too.
- many programs/event heavily promoted first few times, then it stops and is often difficult to learn about
- More households have dogs than have children, I would appreciate it if these demographic realities were reflected in our city parks. I will never use playground equipment, yet I have a dog that I would like to take to the parks.
- More information and monitoring to encourage people keeping dogs on leashes
- More paved biking trails and/or bike lanes would be great. Trails for cross-country skiing in the winter would also be appreciated.
- Most of the parks in the city are really nicely maintained and great! I would like to know how else I could help to keep them that way and to expand services! :)
- My organization, Ypsi American Little League, works hard to make sure maintain the fields we use on city property and are always looking for new ways to help.
- Need to add more mulch to playgrounds. City workers should pickup trash prior to cutting the grass. Remove basketball hoops or install 24hr monitoring to decrease illegal activity.
- On behalf of the Washtenaw Community Concert Band (formerly the Ypsilanti Community Band), as well as the YSO and other potential performing organizations, there is a great need for a performance shell in Riverside or Frog Island parks. In many communities, local civic organizations (as well as the potential performing organizations) have contributed the funds to construct and maintain such.
- Parks are an important piece of any community, but Ypsilanti in particular. They provide neighbors a space to interact, and create a shared space that we care for together. They are uniting spaces, and we can't take them for granted! Thank you for working to protect them. And thank you for asking for community input.
- Parks should be clean and maintained plus be safe to attract people of all ages.
- Perhaps having more and bigger events at Frog Island and taking a small percentage.
- Plan seasonal events to encourage more patrons
- Please contact the Ypsilanti Area Jaycees and ask for our help for any and all projects with the parks. A lot of members of our chapter/board don't know unless they are specifically asked.
- Please don't let a lack of money stop us from moving forward with making our parks great!
- Please fix Hamilton/Michigan Ave
- Please keep Senior Street open. I go there 3 times a week and don't want to give that up. Any senior center is very important to all the seniors
- Please let the fireworks come back!! Please
- Please let the public know why the lakes can not be filled in, in riverside park. or maybe a small decorative canal to drain them to the south.
- Please share the results with the community
- Prospect park needs monitoring because of all the drug activity.

- Put more money into the Prospect Skate Park. Also, please build a pavilion which has a place people can hang a heavy bag for boxing. Not everyone has space to hang one in their homes. I'd like to use mine at the park and take it down when I'm done.
- Right now the Border to Border trail is extremely weak in Ypsilanti, and I think it would be a real benefit to build up our segment so that we can attract people from Ann Arbor and the surrounding areas to see what Ypsilanti is all about.
- Roller Derby Rink, Rock Climbing Wall, Canoe Livery
- Roller Rink burned down (kids loved going there) Bowling Alley closed (other bowling alleys are doing well) Kids would go nuts for a big outdoor skate park Disc Golf is HUGE! Over 200 courses in Michigan alone! People will travel long distances to play. This will also bring in \$ to local business nearby. --Let's put YPSI on the map!--
- Safe outdoor play and recreation is a great way to attract families to the city!
- SAFETY!!
- Save the Brewer's Guild Summer Festival. Keep that in Ypsi! This is my first year doing outdoor soccer and I wish I knew about it sooner.
- Seriously. 1) The state of the baseball diamonds at Rec Park are directly affecting the self-image of our children. They see what other towns' facilities look like and they know our own don't match up. The diamonds are probably also one of the most important places where people from *outside* Ypsi make use of our parks--so it's not great PR. 2) How is there not a concession stand operated during little league games? Usually there are two games happening at a time, often with close to 50 people total. Many of these are children who would beg their parents for an ice cream, a soda or a hot dog. This is how other towns make money. If we can't get Little League parents to operate it, the City should
- Several Boy Scouts are doing projects around the city. They have received support and I suggest you continue to do so. Maybe a coordinator could assist the schools with volunteer efforts. Ypsi Pride is a wonderful organization, be sure to support what is already working and acknowledge those groups before recreating the wheel.
- Take advantage of the river and create recreation activities around that
- Thank you for asking these questions. Good luck!
- Thanks for a well-written & easy to use survey!
- Thanks for all you do
- Thanks for asking my opinion [smiley face]
- Thanks for conducting the survey!
- thanks for providing this survey through the neighborhood association
- Thanks to all for this fine survey and recent work with Tree Inventory and long term thinking!
- Thanks!
- Thanks! We need parks!
- The amount of trash near park fences like Peninsular Park & Riverside/Frog Island needs to be cleaned more often.
- The city's parks and recreation facilities are a crucial part of Ypsilanti. I am thankful that this survey is being done and I look forward to see what's cooking next! Thanks for all your hard work. Don't hesitate to call on the area's residents to pitch in!
- The fees for the indoor rec center would need to be afforded by low income but you could give people lower rates for working as (Associates, someone to help people and walking around looking for the mess somebody will make. Need evening or weekend classes for people who work. A 5:30

class most people could get to but a 5:00 would be too early and a 6:00 would be too late unless you have childrens groups at the same time. For instance, a adult tai chi and a boy and girl activities for the children. Provide a low cost fun class for younger kids and parenting classes would not hurt either.

- the park system is very important.in these trying times, emphasis on basic services(police,fire,street,etc.)are the priority,it is important to create and maintain community and private(business sponsorship) funds to keep our community resources up to par!
- The river is such a big part of the downtown parks (Riverside & Frog Island) that it needs to be more highlighted. I think the river should be the focus of those parks.
- The senior program needs trips as the other rec. programs have.
- the water tower should be opened and the small strip of land on which it resides should be declared its own park. The EMU president's home should be demolished with the labor of individuals currently incarcerated for white-collar financial crimes of the sort that Samuel Kirkpatrick committed, then the space freed from that can be used to make a park. Don't laugh, when you think about it, you know that's the best damn idea I've provided yet on this whole long drawn-out survey. Just be thankful people are willing to share their thoughts on the matter! [smiley face]
- Urban Farming areas are not evident in all parks Frog Island. Community farm plots at varied location. Compost is assume as is mulch. I would adopt. I pick up litter each and plant earthday items in the parks. weekend trash pickup. Picnics are held weekend swhen city works are off. Change the contracts 10 hr days and rotate weekends off.
- we are lucky to have the number of beautiful parks we have! it's sad to see Riverside have all the christmas lights/outlets that aren't being used and how great they'd make the park look, how much great space those parks have and how little they are used. WE ARE LUCKY!
- We are not fully familiar with many of the parks, but have the following suggestions regarding Recreation Park: -The grounds need more thorough care. There are limbs, twigs, and sticks lying around, and thick mulched leaves., which really look bad. It would be nice to actually have the leaves raked and removed, as well as the other debris. -The walking path, to our knowledge, has never been cleared - and it really needs to be. -Remove the tether ball pole as it has been sitting dormant for many years. -Remove the grills, as they are in very poor condition. -Remove the picnic tables that are secured into the ground. It would be good to chain down the free-standing picnic tables under the pavilion. Many of them are carried all the way down to the east side of the pool. The Ann Arbor parks keep the picnic areas in the pavilions, and have two-three grills available as well. - Add additional refuse barrels so that trash does not travel all through our neighborhood. -The trees all contain dead branches that are constantly falling to the ground. This is a real danger. Begin planting new trees to replace the ones that are dying. A few pine trees and flowering trees would add more appeal as well. -The area at the far west end of the park (against the fence) needs to be raked out and weeded. A few new flowering bushes would be nice as well- perhaps azaleas. -Ensure that the park is closed and quiet no later than 10pm, and that there is no car maintenance allowed. In addition, any music should not be able to be heard outside the park itself. -Not a good idea to add bathrooms since we all know what happened when we had them before. It was a disaster. I don't know how other cities manage to maintain them so well, but it just doesn't happen in Ypsilanti. During the busy season, a few Porta-Johns places in a discreet location should be sufficient. -The mulch that is used in the play area is sharp and fully of nasty biting things. It's not really safe for our children. -Burns Park would be a good exampe to follow. The township does a wonderful job in keeping it and their other parks looking nice. The lawns, equipment, tennis courts, etc always are in perfect condition. Thank you for the opportunity to make these suggestions.

- We have some great, beautiful, functional, and inviting park spaces in Ypsilanti. I think that maintaining them should be a high priority for the city as they will most certainly be a great asset to the city for years to come. A canoe livery and other outdoor rec area would be great. Also, programming small, exercise classes could be used to see if there is a desire for a larger indoor rec facility run by the city.
- We have to do SOMETHING with the Water Street parcel- anything is better than nothing!
- We love our parks!!!
- We LOVE the splash pad near Meijers in Canton. Forgot the name of the park... but it is GREAT! We drive to Canton for it. I'd rather walk/bike in Ypsi though.
- We need more trees and need to start replacing some of our older trees. It would also be nice to have some solar PV incorporated into park facilities.
- We put a huge value on the Ypsilanti parks, and probably would not have purchased a home in the city without them. We don't care much for perfectly maintained lawns or things like that, but would love to see all these parks remain safe, available, and public through the current economic difficulties.
- Wish to thank Paul Shrieber for all his hard work and efforts
- Work with housing agents, neighborhood groups, etc. to get the word out about where parks are located and what happens there.
- Your welcome
- Ypsi has some nice parks, parks that I've recently discovered on my own and some too late. As in the Rutherford Pool which is now closed for the Summer. I honestly don't think safety is an issue any longer and the more it's brought up the more attention it gets. If people know about the parks, they'll go, therefore eliminating opportunities for people to do bad things or they'll just do them elsewhere. Promote the positive aspects, not harp on the negatives. The "Tridge" and its surroundings could use updating.