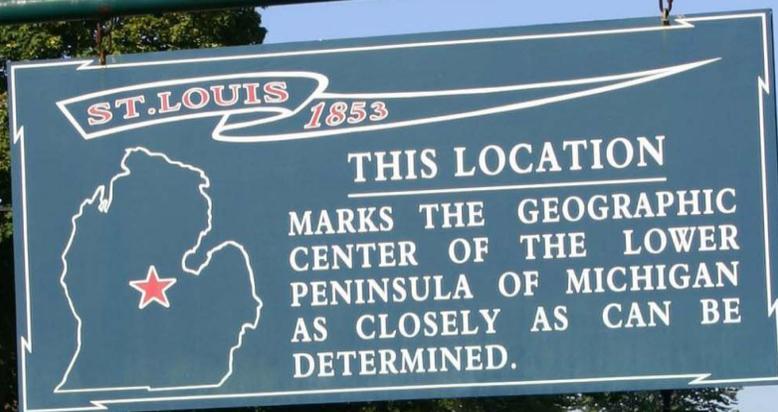




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# INTRODUCTION

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The City of St. Louis has developed this plan as a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to serve as a guideline to improve recreation facilities and develop new recreational opportunities in the community. To that end, this document forms the basis to guide policy for implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests for the City of St. Louis and its constituents. The plan was prepared with assistance from Spicer Group and with guidance from the City of St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission and School Superintendent. With the involvement of each of these agencies, this plan is the result of joint efforts between the City of St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission and the St. Louis Public Schools and should be used to guide evaluation and decisions for future park improvements, development, land acquisition or other community issues regarding recreation opportunities for community residents' leisure time activities.



*Mural painting at W.T. Morris Memorial Pool.*

Before any Park and Recreation Master Plan can be adopted and enacted, it is important to understand what the needs of the residents are, what recreational opportunities exist and what sort of programs and projects are needed for residents based on age, ability, population, density and the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities. This plan carefully considered input and suggestions via active communication from community residents, City officials and other community stakeholders. This input is a critical component to this plan and it was used to develop a thoughtful plan geared towards making public improvements that enhance the quality of life in the St. Louis community.

The foundation for the development of this plan was based on the following:

- Develop an overall Park & Recreation Master Plan
- Develop individual Plans for the development of a Community-wide non-motorized path system, the waterfront along the Pine River and conceptual site plans for Leppien and Barnum Parks and for the Velsicol Site.
- Involve the community in the process to develop the plan
- Identify and map existing St. Louis recreational facilities
- Build common ground among St. Louis stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the community
- Enable the City of St. Louis to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the plan
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreational goals, objectives and actions, and
- Support the implementation of improvements for barrier-free, universal access to the City parks and recreational sites.

Broadly speaking, St. Louis officials intend to use this plan, in conjunction with other plans, to guide their work on all future recreational and park projects in the community. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and park improvement projects.

This plan should be used in conjunction with the City’s Land Use Plan, the Velsicol Redevelopment Plan, Small Town Design Initiative, Riverfront Plan, Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, the Gratiot Regional Excellence and Transformation (GREAT) Plan as well as other related plans to guide decision making for the future community. These planning documents are discussed in the Goals and Objectives chapter of this document.

This Community Park and Recreation Master Plan is in accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements as stated in the “*Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans*”. For this purpose, the plan will be valid for a period of five years and will allow the community to pursue DNR-administered grants during that time frame.



View of the St. Louis Water Tower from the Pine River.

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a community's Park and Recreation Plan include physical characteristics and socioeconomic information that are significant to recreation. The following is a compilation of this information.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### Location

The City of St. Louis is located in Gratiot County, which is in the central Lower Peninsula. The City of St. Louis lies approximately twenty miles south of Mt. Pleasant and 30 miles west of Saginaw. The City is bordered by Pine River Township to the west, the City of Alma to the southwest, and by Bethany Township to the east. The St. Louis School District reaches well beyond the St. Louis municipal boundaries and includes portions of six other townships that are spread across Isabella, Gratiot and Midland Counties. A map of the school district is shown on the following page.

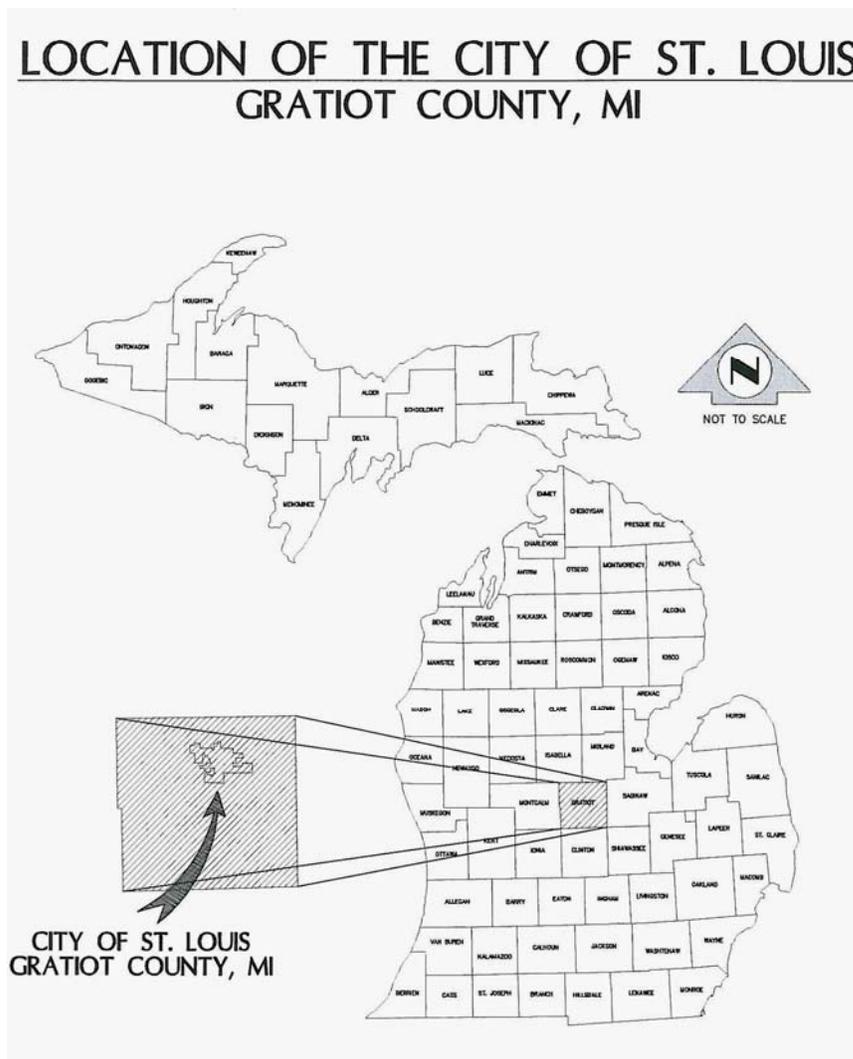


Figure 1. Location map.

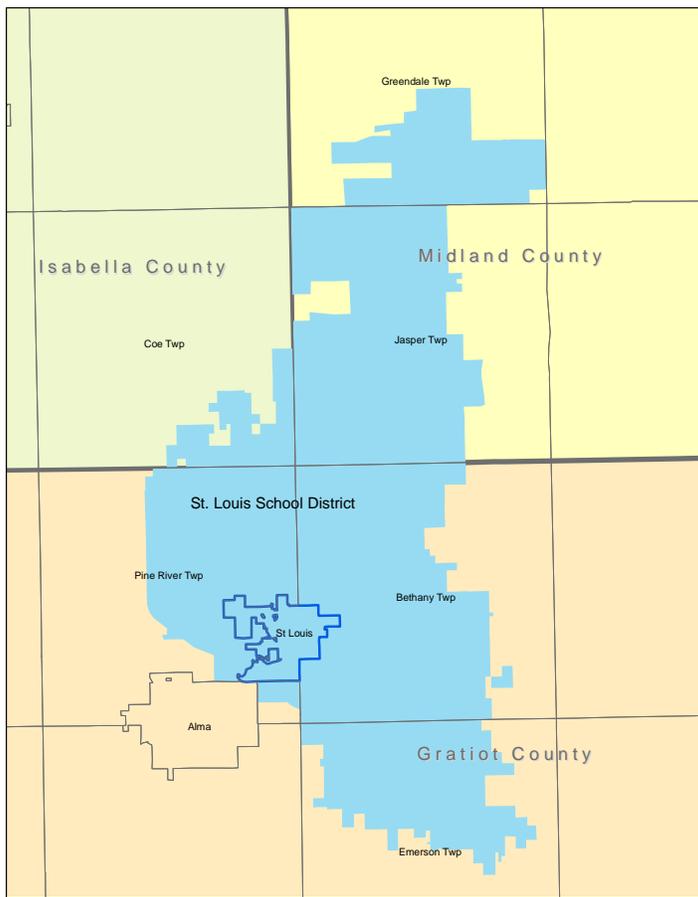
## Population

The non-institutionalized population of St. Louis has changed very little in the past 50 years; however the addition of the Michigan Correctional Facility in the 1990's has increased the overall population dramatically. This is shown in Figure 2. Regionally, the population for Gratiot County remained relatively stable from 2000 to 2010, with a growth rate of 0.5%.

St. Louis Michigan Population Trends						
	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
Non-Institutionalized	3,827	4,107	4,101	3,828	3,527	3,659
Institutionalized	0	0	0	0	967	3,823
TOTAL	3,827	4,107	4,101	3,828	4,494	7,482

**Figure 2.** Population trends, City of St. Louis.

The St. Louis School District boundaries extend far beyond the City of St. Louis boundary, into Pine River, Bethany and Emerson Townships, all in Gratiot County, into Coe Township in Isabella County and into Jasper and Greendale Townships in Midland County. With the lack of recreational opportunities for this entire area, the City of St. Louis provides recreational opportunities for a much larger population. The City's population for recreation includes the population of the entire school district. The school district boundaries are shown on the map in Figure 3.



**Figure 3.** The St. Louis School District includes the City of St. Louis and portions of six townships in three different counties.

### *Transportation*

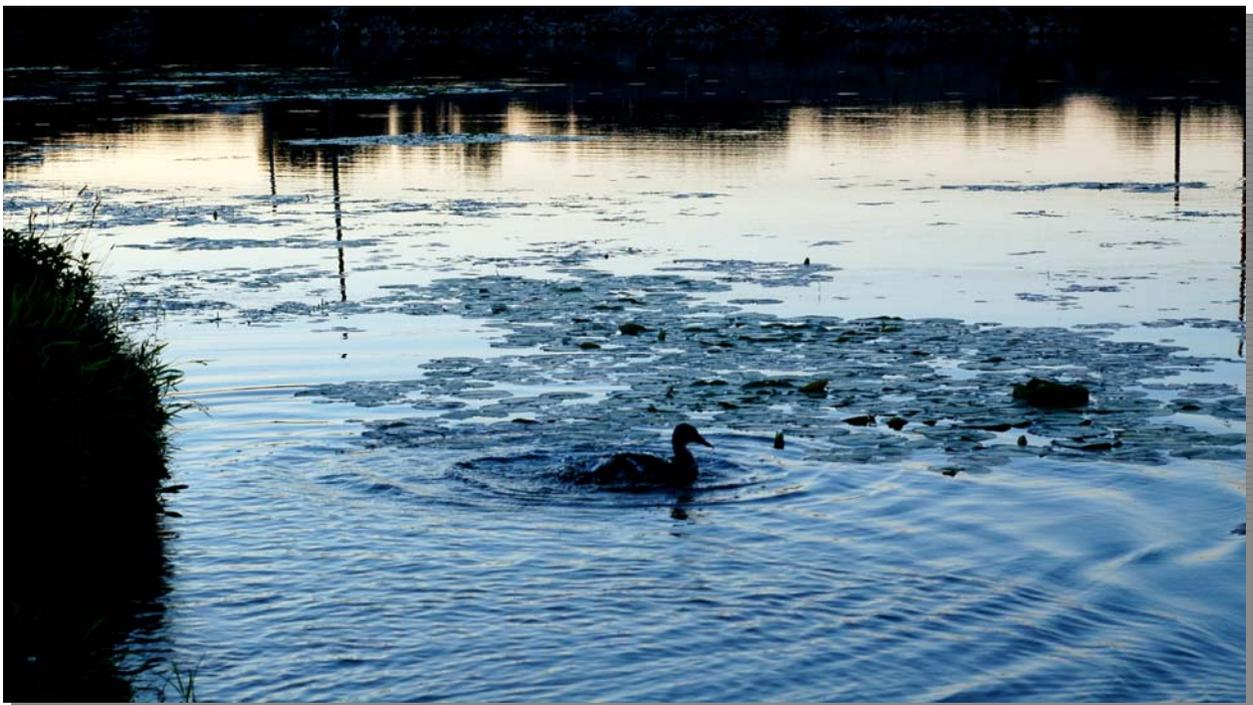
Major thoroughfares that impact traffic in St. Louis are US-127 and M-46. St. Louis is also along the historic US-27 corridor. US-127 is a major north-south expressway in Michigan that is located two miles west of St. Louis. It has an average 24 hour traffic volume of approximately 15,000 to 20,000 vehicles near St. Louis. M-46 is the area's major east/west corridor that traverses the state. Approximately 10,000 vehicles per day travel in downtown St. Louis on M-46.

### *Water Resources*

The primary body of water in the area is the Pine River, which flows through the City from the southwest and then east and northeast through the City. In recent years, the river has undergone an extensive cleanup and restoration effort by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as part of their Superfund Program in association with the Vesicol site remediation project. The river offers boating and fishing opportunities within the City as well as a scenic river walk located at Lions Park. The City would like to extend their river walk throughout the entire City along the riverfront and connect it with the City of Alma trail system, including the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, to the southwest, and the proposed MDOT trail system to the northwest.

### *Vegetation, Fish and Wildlife*

Tree species native to the City include elm, ash, sugar maple, oak, tamarack and aspen. The largest wooded area in the City is located in the northwest near and around the Hidden Oaks Golf Course. Native wildlife includes open-land wildlife such as sparrows, hawks, rabbits, woodchucks and field mice. Woodland wildlife includes owls, woodpeckers, squirrels, raccoons and white-tailed deer. Wetland wildlife includes ducks, geese and killdeer. Fish species found in the Pine River include salmon, pike, large and small-mouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, rock bass, carp and suckers.

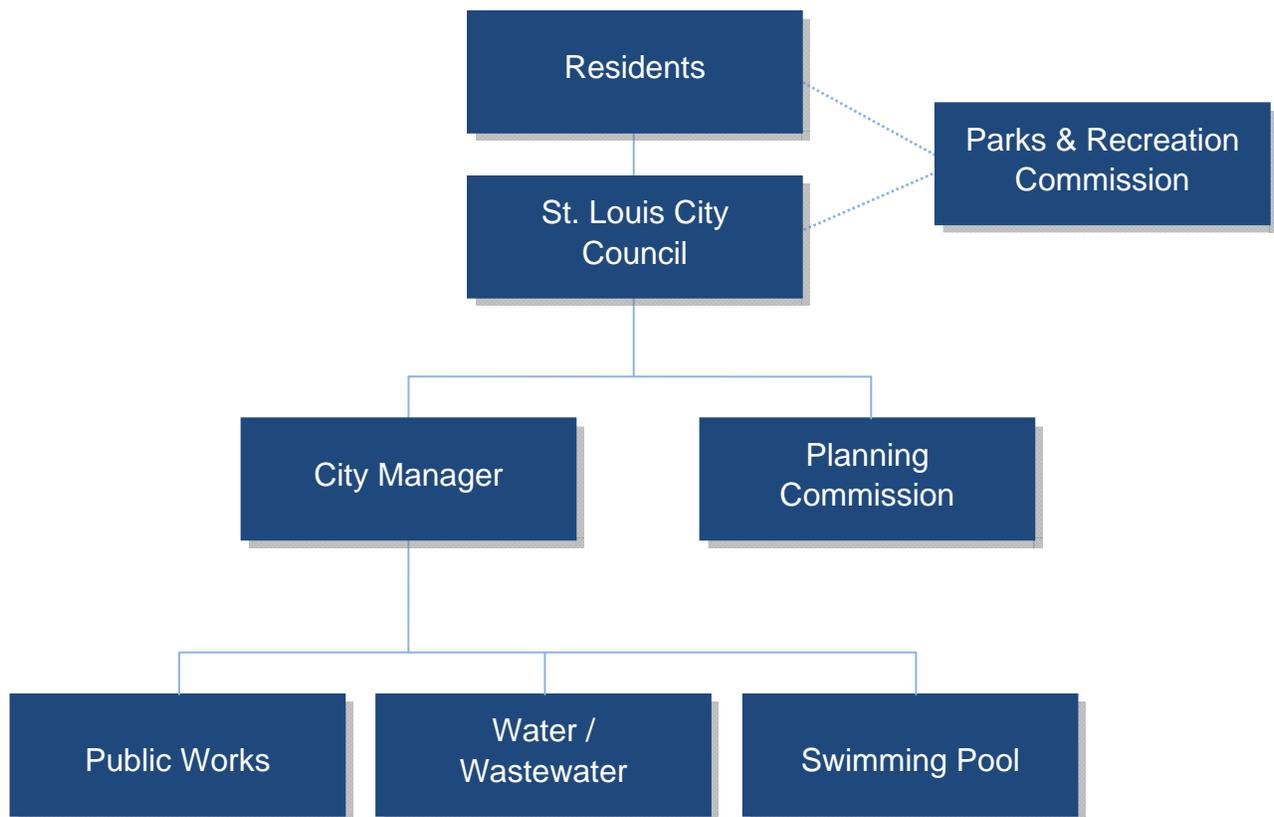


*Wildlife on the Pine River in St. Louis.*

# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and recreation functions in the City of St. Louis are handled by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Day-to-day management of the parks is handled by the City Manager. The seven members of the Commission serve on two-year terms and they serve as an advisory board to the St. Louis City Council. The Commission is responsible to make recommendations to the City Council for policy, planning and budgeting as it relates to the operation, maintenance and capital improvements of parks and recreation in St. Louis. Expenditures are approved by the City Council with recommendations from both the Commission and the City Manager. An organizational chart is shown in Figure 4.

**Figure 4.**  
**St Louis Parks and Recreation**  
**Organization Chart**



## BUDGETS

Sources of funding for parks and recreation functions in St. Louis are from the City general fund, user fees, facility rentals and local donations. Grants and donations have been used to assist with funding for Capital Improvements.

St Louis Parks and Recreation Budgets		
	2011	2012
Operations and Maintenance	\$59,200	\$60,915
Programming	\$42,550	\$43,450
Capital Expenditure	\$40,100	\$31,500

**Figure 5.** Budget Information.

The City of St. Louis budgeted approximately \$90,000.00 for parks and recreation in 2011-2012 in addition to a \$45,800 budget to maintain and operate the swimming pool. Capital Improvement projects in 2011 and 2012 included playground upgrades to Clapp and Penny Parks in 2011 and to Leppien Park in 2012. The playground upgrades included new playground equipment and safety surfacing to bring the playgrounds up to current standards and to make them ADA accessible. These capital improvements were made possible with support and generous community contributions.

### **ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS**

The St. Louis Garden Club helps with planting flowers and bed maintenance in the community. Volunteers also assist with organizing and running the Joe Scholtz Annual Free Fishing Derby. A local volunteer group built and maintains the gazebo in Clapp Park.

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS**

Many years ago, the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District recognized the importance of a close working relationship between recreation departments and schools. Each agency works together to provide the necessary facilities and recreational programs for the community. The City uses schools and schools' athletic facilities for many of its programs, but also works closely with the school district to run programs in City parks and facilities.

### **MDNR GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS**

The City has a proven track record for successful implementation of grant funded projects including the following Michigan Department of Natural Resources projects, as listed in MDNR records. All of the parks are still open, operational and using the amenities as described.

#### *W.T. Morris Memorial Swimming Pool*

LWCF Grant, 26-01592, 2002, \$90,000

This public swimming pool serves the City and school district with recreational opportunities in the summer months. The pool includes a bath house with



*W.T. Morris Memorial Pool.*

showers, restrooms and locker facilities. The outdoor pool is located at the north end of the Central Business District on Mill Street. In 2005, with the help of a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, the City replaced the existing 50-year old pool with a heated pool that is handicapped accessible, new deck and improvements to the bath house. This project included a \$200,000 community match. A Post Completion Self Certification Form for this project can be found in Appendix C.

#### *Westgate Park Development- Phase I (Now known as Leppien Park)*

DNR Trust Fund Grant, TF91-204, 1992, \$55,500

This project included a boat launch, boardwalk, parking and other amenities. A Post Completion Self Certification Form for this project can be found in Appendix C.

#### *Barnum River Park*

DNR Fisheries Grant

Dedicated in 2002, this half-acre park is located on Main Street, two blocks north of M-46 along the Pine River near the St. Louis Electric Department Dam. Easy fishing access is provided by a barrier free wooden platform constructed through the help of a DNR Fisheries Grant. Park benches afford residents the opportunity to relax viewing the water and enjoying the excellent fishing provided by the waters of the Pine River. Parking is available on the north side of the park.



*A view of Barnum Park during the Fishing Derby, along the bank of the Pine River.*

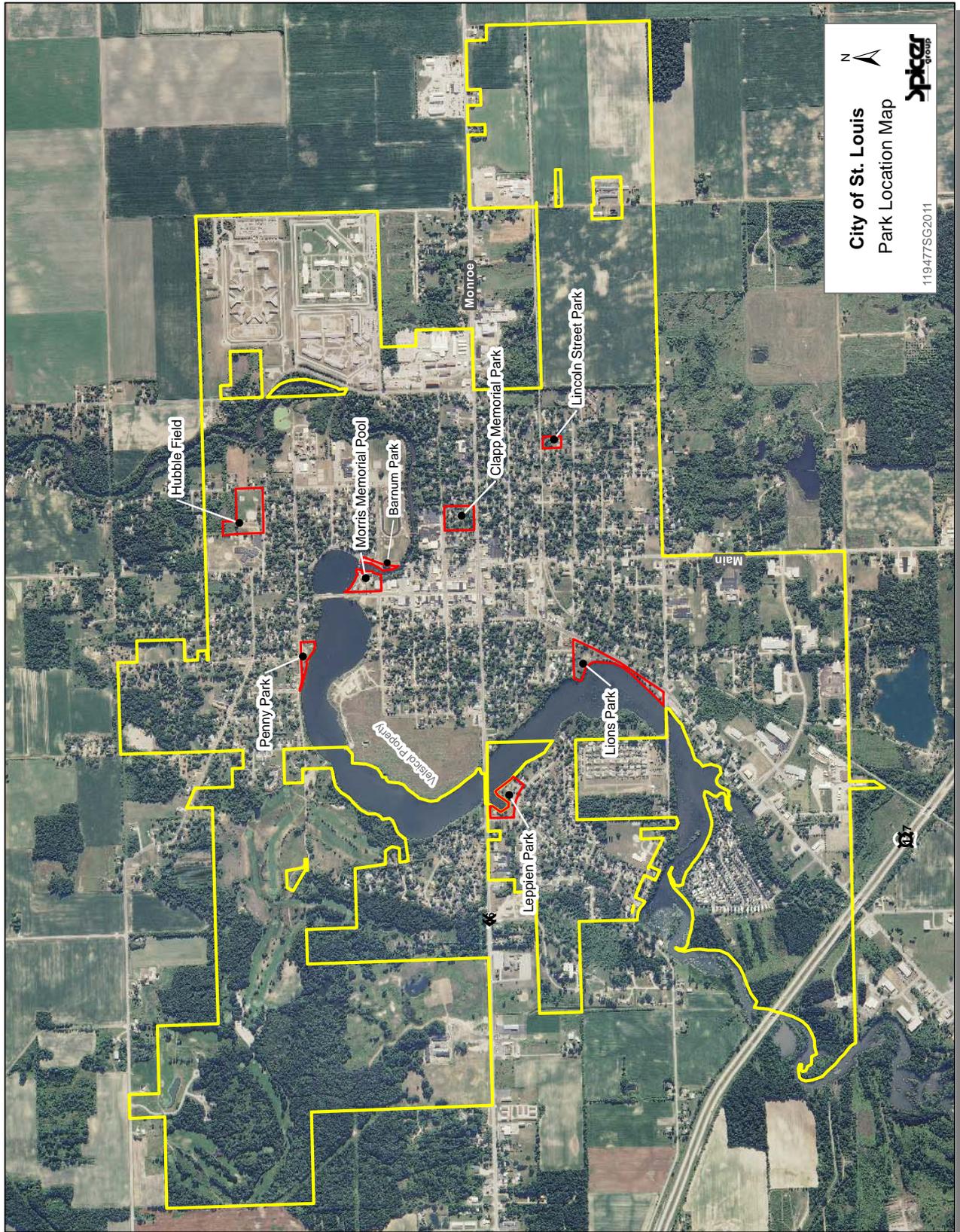
# RECREATION INVENTORY

St. Louis owns eight developed parks and one undeveloped parcel, totaling 17 acres of park land. Figure 6 is a summary of the City of St. Louis recreational facilities. This inventory was taken from the most recent St. Louis Recreation Plan and then updated by City Staff. A park location map is included as Figure 7.

Figure 6. St. Louis Recreation Inventory.

Park Type	Name	Service Area	Facilities Available	Acres
CP	Clapp Memorial Park	Entire City	Picnic Area Playground Equipment Playfield Shelter/Pavilion – Capacity of 30 Gazebo	4
CP	Penny Park	Entire City	Picnic Area/grills Playground Equipment Playfield Waterfront Property Shelter/Pavilion – Capacity of 60	1.2
CP	Lions Park	Entire City	Picnic Area/grills Walking/Bike Path Playfield Waterfront Property Shelter/3 Pavilions – Capacity of 15 each	3
MP	Lincoln Street Park	½ mile	Picnic Area Playground Equipment Playfield Basketball	1.1
CP	Leppien Park	Entire City	Picnic Area/grills Playground Equipment Playfield Waterfront Property Boat Launch	3.7
SU	W.T. Morris Memorial Pool	Greater St. Louis Community	Shelter Restrooms/showers Pool	1
CP	Barnum River Park	Entire City	Picnic Area Waterfront Property Fishing Pier	1
SP	Hubble Field (school owned)	Entire City	1 Softball Field/lighted 2 Peanut League Baseball Fields	1
NA	Undeveloped Parcel	NA	Future boat launch	1
<b>Total Acres, City park land = 17</b>				

Figure 7. Park Location Map



## OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The City of St. Louis has several other private and school recreational facilities that are listed in the table below.

**Figure 8.** Other Recreational Facilities in the City of St. Louis.

Name	Facilities	Acres
Hidden Oaks Golf Course	18 Hole, Public Course	300+
St. Louis High School	Baseball Diamond Basketball Football Tennis Courts Outdoor Track Gymnasium Showers	10
T.S. Nurnberger Middle School	Softball Diamond Basketball Football	6
Carrie Knause Elementary	3 Youth Baseball Fields Basketball Recreational area Playground Equipment Open Playfield	10
Westgate Elementary	Ball Diamond Basketball Football Playground Equipment	9
Nikkari Elementary	Ball Diamond Basketball Football/Soccer Playground Equipment	8
School Woods Property	Picnic Area Open Playfield Nature Trails Shelter Restrooms	20
Camp Monroe (school property)	Basketball Picnic Area Playground Equipment Open Playfield Nature Trails Shelter Restrooms	70
CSA Hall	Baseball Field	5
Total Acres, other park land = 438+		

## PROGRAMMING

The City of St. Louis provides swimming lessons and water aerobics each summer at the W.T. Morris Memorial Pool and it hosts the annual Joe Scholtz Free Fishing Derby at Leppien Park as well as an annual road race downtown. With the joint efforts between the City and School District, the Community Education programming is provided through the schools. The St. Louis School Public School District has an active Community Education Program that offers classes and events on a regular basis.



Local billboard advertising the Fishing Derby event in St. Louis.

## PARK CLASSIFICATION

The City of St Louis parks are classified using the following system which is adapted from one used by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The classification of each park can be found in Figure 6.

- **Mini Park (MP)** - Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs. It is typically located in a residential setting with a service area of ½ mile or less. The size of the park is usually one acre or less.
- **Neighborhood Park (NP)** - Neighborhood parks remain the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation. They are usually 3-10 acres in size. Since St. Louis is a small community, Neighborhood Parks typically serve the entire City.
- **Community Park (CP)** - Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. The focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. They are typically larger than neighborhood parks but can be the same size or smaller if meeting a specific community recreation need. Community parks serve the entire community and their special and unique facilities can attract visitors from beyond the community borders.
- **School Park (SP)** - Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use. The size can vary depending on facilities offered. The service area is typically the entire community.
- **Special Use (SU)** - Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. In St. Louis, the Morris Memorial Pool facility is an example of a Special Use Park.

The City of St Louis has approximately 17 acres of City park land and 43 acres of school property, for a total of 60 acres of recreational land for its 7,482 citizens. General industry standards would suggest 5 - 10 acres of regional park land per 1,000 citizens, or approximately 37 - 75 acres of regional park land for the City of St. Louis. If you reduce the population by the institutionalized prison population, or to 3,659 citizens, general industry standards would suggest only 18 – 37 acres would be recommended. This would suggest that St. Louis has adequate park land for its citizens.

Conversely, more recent park guidelines indicate that one must also consider the “Level of Service” desired by the community. If St. Louis residents’ needs are met with the existing 17 acres of City Park land, then that amount is sufficient. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. The Park & Recreation Commission needs to understand the wishes of the community it serves.

As a supplement to the recommended standards for park acreage, data from the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) is another way to help understand recreation trends. It is important to be aware of national recreation to be able to anticipate activities which will incorporate a large number of participants and which activities show the greatest growth in popularity. The SGMA conducts annual surveys that analyze the size of sports product markets in order to determine sports participation trends. The data in Appendix D shows the results of the latest SGMA survey which monitored sports and fitness activities.

### BARRIER-FREE COMPLIANCE

The City of St. Louis recognizes the importance of providing recreational opportunities to people with accessibility limitations. With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), along with the most recent update in 2010, all areas of public service and accommodation became subject to barrier-free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities and programs.



*Pool and accessible lift at W.T. Morris Memorial Pool.*

The following summaries address the accessibility of the City of St. Louis parks and recreation facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In general, all construction since 1991 has complied with these guidelines.

A general ranking for each park was based on the following scoring system, developed by the DNR, and each park score was determined through site visits as follows:

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility requirements
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility requirements
4	The entire park meets accessibility requirements
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

**Figure 9.** Accessibility Grading System (DNR).



### *Clapp Park*

Accessibility Grade: 3

Clapp Park is generally accessible, however; there are conflicts that could make it difficult for barrier free use.

Current ADA conflicts at this site include:

- No barrier free parking.
- No barrier free restrooms.
- Playground surface does not meet ADA standards.

### *Penny Park*

Accessibility Grade: 2

Penny Park is generally accessible, however; there are conflicts that could make it difficult for barrier free use. Current ADA conflicts at this site include:

- No barrier free parking.
- Parking area is not paved.
- Steep slopes are present near the playground.
- No good means of wheel chair access from parking area to playground.
- Sidewalk may be too steep in certain sections.
- Playground surface does not meet ADA standards.

### *Lions Park*

Accessibility Grade: 2

Lions Park is generally accessible, however, there are conflicts that could make it difficult for barrier free use. Current ADA conflicts at this site include:

- Steep slopes are present throughout the park including from the parking area to the trail and from the trail to the pavilion.
- A 100' section of the riverbank near the pathway is eroding towards the river.
- The parking lots are not paved and there is no barrier free parking.

### *Lincoln Street Park*

Accessibility Grade: 2

Lincoln Street Park is generally accessible, however, there are conflicts that could make it difficult for barrier free use. Current ADA conflicts at this site include:

- Sand under playground equipment doesn't meet ADA.
- Gravel parking lot may be difficult for barrier free users.
- No barrier free parking.
- No handles on playground equipment.
- No bathrooms.





### *Leppien Park*

Accessibility Grade: 3

Leppien Park is almost completely accessible, however; there are conflicts that could make it difficult for barrier free use. Currently there are only two barrier free parking spaces and more are needed. Accessibility improvements were made in 2011 with a contribution from the Leppien family, which included accessible playground equipment, safety surfacing and sidewalks.

### *W.T. Morris Memorial Swimming Pool*

Accessibility Grade: 3

Recently, there were several renovations made to the pool with the assistance of a grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Included in the renovations were the additions of a barrier free pool lift as well as barrier free restrooms. There is a protective lip around the pool and a barrier free drinking fountain. Future improvements to this site could include close proximity barrier free parking and better barrier free ramps. The replacement of this 50-year old bathhouse to a more modern facility has been a priority.

### *Barnum River Park*

Accessibility Grade: 3

Like the W.T. Morris Memorial Swimming Pool, Barnum River Park was a recipient of MRNTF grant funding for park improvements. This park was generally developed to ADA guidelines. Future improvements should include providing a paved surface for accessible parking spaces as well as adding handicapped signage for dedicated barrier free spaces and the possibility of adding an ADA restroom facility.



### *Hubble Field / Carrie Knause Elementary*

Accessibility Grade: 1

Current ADA conflicts at this site include

- No easy wheelchair access to ball fields or play ground equipment.
- No accessible parking near ball fields (gravel drive only).
- No handles on play ground equipment.
- Swing heights are high.
- Pea-stone gravel exists under play ground equipment as opposed to recommended ADA surface.
- Basketball court surface is not in good shape.

The City wishes to improve accessibility at all of its parks and it will continue to work to remove the barriers and conflicts that are described above.

# COMMUNITY INPUT

To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, the City of St. Louis offered two opportunities for public input along with a 30-day period for review and comment on the draft plan.

The first opportunity for public input was an online survey. The survey was available online for approximately eight weeks in the summer of 2012. Significant results are discussed below. The second public input opportunity was the public meeting held after the 30-day review period and prior to the adoption of the plan.



*Painted mural at W.T. Morris Memorial Pool.*

## ONLINE SURVEY

The City of St. Louis opted to conduct an online survey to gather community input for the recreation plan. The online survey was made available at [www.StLouisRecreation.com](http://www.StLouisRecreation.com) for approximately eight weeks in the summer of 2012. E-mails with the survey link were forwarded to many residents and visitors encouraging them to complete the survey and forward the link to others and a story about the survey ran in the local newspaper. A summary of the survey results follows this paragraph. The complete results of the survey are contained in Appendix A.



*Old US-27 Motor Tour in the City of St. Louis.*

### *About the Respondents*

104 people responded to the survey, with 62% residing in the City of St. Louis, and 25% in the St. Louis School District. Thirteen percent resided outside of the City of St. Louis and School District. Approximately 56% of the respondents were from households of three to five people. Another 30% were from households of two persons. The remaining respondents were from households of six or more (8%), or households of only one person (6%). The age of the respondent was distributed

across several age groups from 18 to 65 and older.

### *People with Disabilities*

Question 8 in the survey asked respondents about disabilities in their families and what types of improvements would make the City of St. Louis parks more user-friendly. Only 68 of the respondents answered this question with 36 people skipping it. Of the respondents who answered this question 66.2% have no one with a disability in their family. Of the improvements for the parks, pave trails received 25%,

accessible restrooms, 23.5%, accessible waterfront access, 14.7%, accessible parking, 14.7%, flatter, easier grades, 13.2% and accessible playgrounds with 8.8%.

### Visiting the Parks

Ninety-six percent of the respondents answered the question about which St. Louis parks they had visited in the past year. Over 96% of those who responded said they had used a St. Louis Park during the past year. Twenty-three percent reported that they had visited a park more than 15 times.

Respondents were asked why they visit St. Louis parks in Question 2. The two most common responses were for casual or informal use such as picnicking or using a playground and for fitness and exercise such as walking, hiking or bicycling.

ANSWER OPTIONS	Response Percent
Casual/Informal Use (Picnic, Playground, Geocaching)	59.6%
Fitness and Exercise (Walking, Hiking, Bicycling)	45.5%
Participation in a Community Event	42.4%
Enjoying Nature	32.3%
Swimming at W.T. Morris Pool	20.2%
Watching a Game of League Sporting Event	18.2%
Fishing	16.2%
Boating/Canoeing/Kayaking	10.1%
Participation in a Game w/ Friends or w/ a League	9.1%
Other (please specify)*	6.1%
<b>Answered Question</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Skipped Question</b>	<b>5</b>

Figure 10. Reasons for visiting St. Louis parks.

### Evaluating Existing Services

Question 6 asked respondents to evaluate the following four different aspects of St. Louis Parks as Very Good, Good, Neutral, Poor, or Very Poor:

- ✓ Variety of Facilities/Amenities
- ✓ Maintenance and Appearance
- ✓ Safety and Security
- ✓ Quality/Friendliness of Pool Staff

Respondents had quite favorable opinions about each of the aspects they were asked to evaluate. Over half of the respondents felt each aspect was either “very good” or “good”.

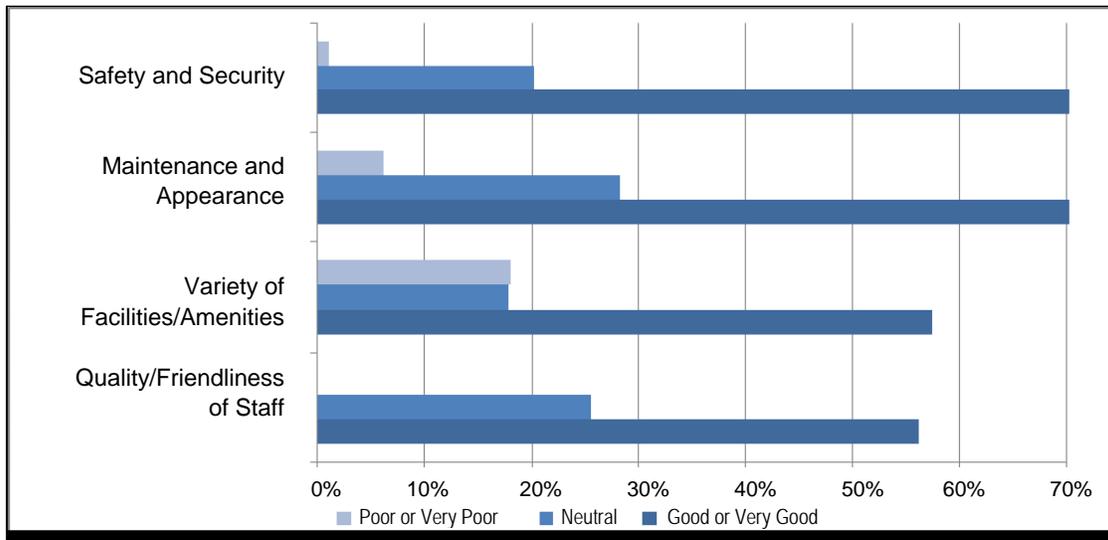


Figure 11. Evaluation of Existing Services.

### *Additional Facilities or Amenities*

Question 4 provided a list of recreational features and amenities. The respondents were asked to check those they felt were most needed in St. Louis and provide their own answers in the “other” box if applicable. A common theme among respondents was the desire for more Walking and Biking Paths. A graph of the responses can be seen in Figure 12 below. Question 7 further asked respondents if it was important to add more trails and non-motorized pathways in the City of St. Louis to which 93.2% responded with a Strongly Agree or Agree answer.



The gazebo at Clapp Park.

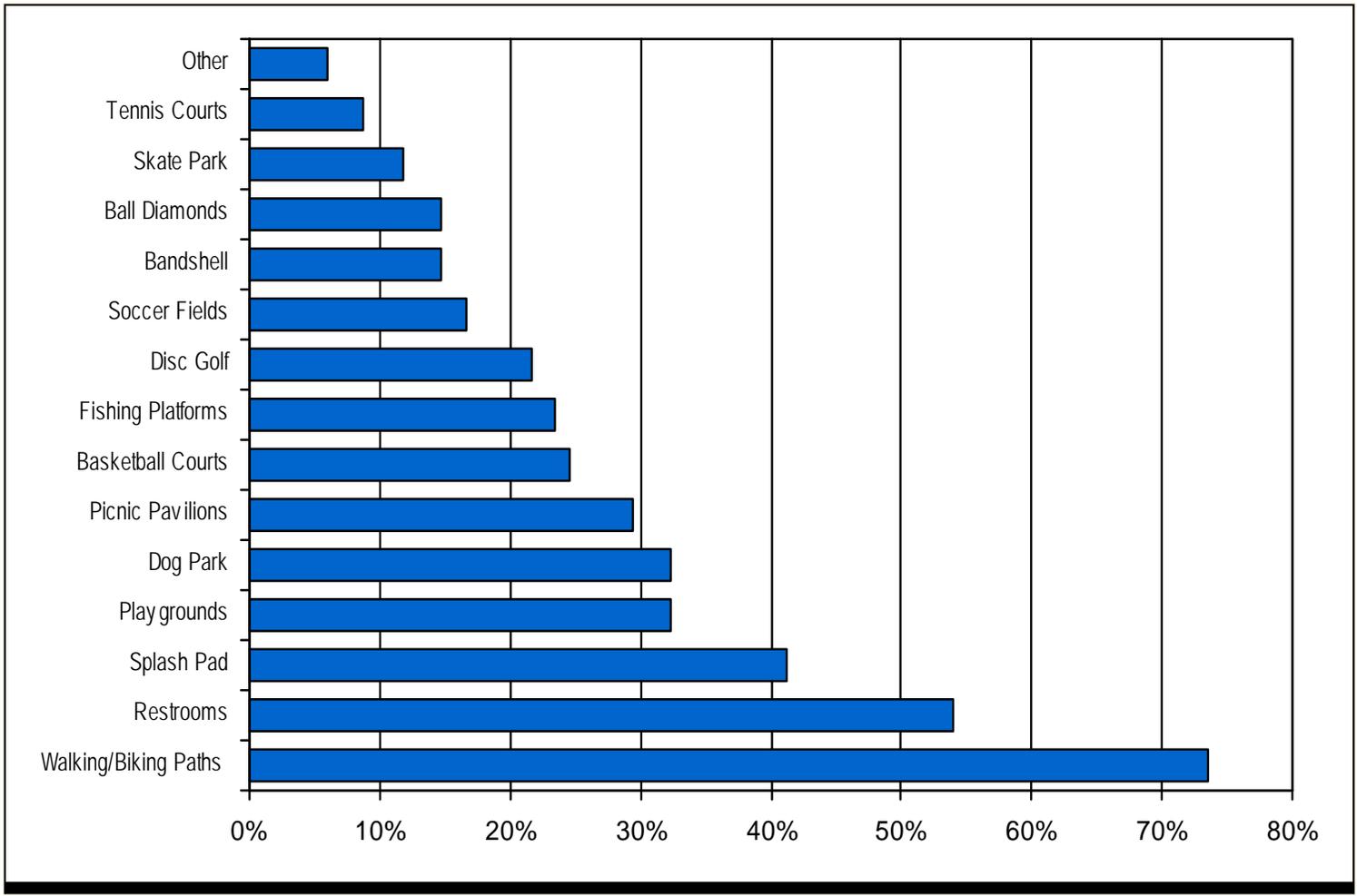


Figure 12. Needed Facilities and Improvements.

### Velsicol Site

Question 5 asked respondents about the redevelopment of the Velsicol site. Respondents gave their opinions on which of the items in Figure 13 could be added to the park. Written responses were also given and can be found in the complete survey, located in Appendix A.

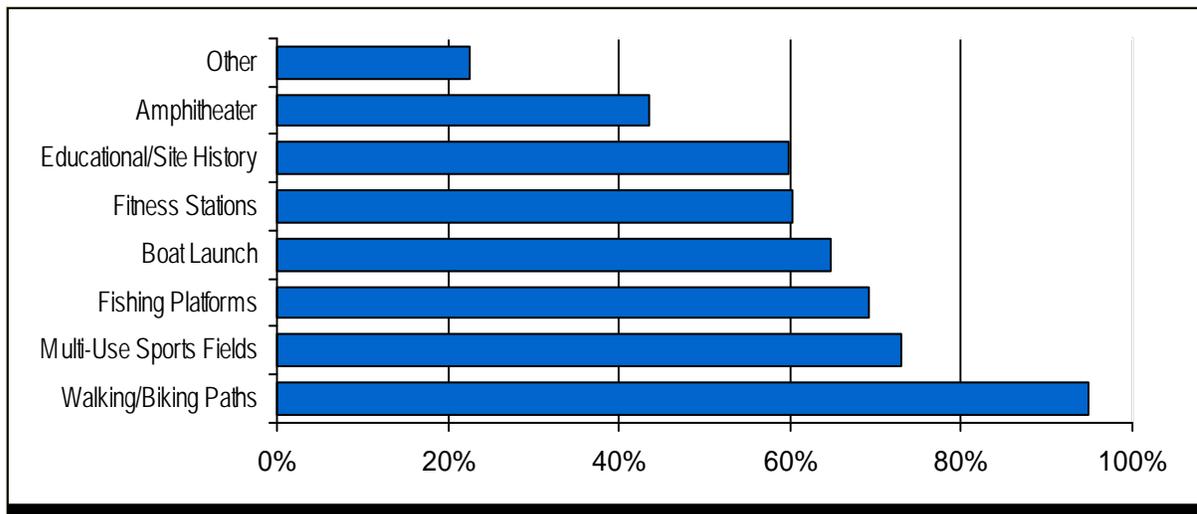


Figure 13. Velsicol Site Redevelopment.

### *Pine River and Natural Areas*

Question 6 asked respondents their feelings about the Pine River and natural areas in the community. Of the 104 who responded to the question, 91.3% felt the river and natural areas contribute a positive effect on their quality of life and 94.1% feel it is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities along the Pine River in the City of St. Louis.

### *Additional Written Comments*

Respondents to the survey were given the opportunity to give additional input on what they like best and what they would improve about parks and recreation in the City of St. Louis. The responses to these questions can be found in the complete survey in Appendix A.

## **DRAFT PLAN AND THE PUBLIC MEETING**

After the Park and Recreation Master Plan was completed, it was made available for public review for 30 days. Interested persons could view the plan in person at the St. Louis City offices. The 30-day review of the plan was advertised in the local newspaper, The Morning Sun, on December 12, 2012.

The final opportunity for public input was held on January 15, 2013 at the public hearing. The public hearing was held at the St. Louis City Hall. The hearing was advertised in The Morning Sun on January 8, 2013.

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of a parks and recreation department is, obviously, to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served, the physical and environmental characteristics of the area, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level. They are overreaching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. The Action Program is the last level and it identifies specific projects and programs. The Action Program can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information and operation and maintenance actions.

## FIVE OVERALL RECREATION GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

The City of St. Louis formulated the recreation goals and objectives listed below based upon the characteristics of the overall community and the input received at the community input session. The goals and objectives listed below represent a flexible tool that will guide where resources are focused on regarding park and recreation maintenance and development versus a rigid capital improvement schedule. This format will allow decisions to be made based on changing conditions and take advantage of opportunities as they are presented to the community.

### Top 10 Reasons Why Parks are Important

The National Recreation and Park Association maintains a top ten list of reasons why parks are important in the United States:

1. Public parks provide millions of Americans with the opportunity to be physically active.
2. Parks have true economic benefits.
3. Parks provide vital green space in a fast-developing American landscape.
4. Parks preserve critical wildlife habitat.
5. Parks and recreation facilitate social interactions.
6. Leisure activities in parks improve moods, reduce stress and enhance a sense of wellness.
7. Recreational programs provide organized, structured, enjoyable activities.
8. Community recreation services provide a refuge of safety for at-risk youth.
9. Therapeutic recreation is an outlet that individuals with disabilities have.
10. Public parks embody the American tradition of preserving public lands.

This list is from the article, *Top 10 Reasons Parks Are Important*, by Richard J. Dolesh, Monica Hobbs Vinluan, and Michael Phillips.

### ***Goal 1: Pursue grants and develop partnerships and advocates to serve park needs***

Continue to seek partnerships with other recreational providers and agencies and with neighboring communities to share ideas and provide non-competing programs and facilities. (Examples include but are not limited to civic groups, community groups, schools, etc.)

- Communicate with private developers on shared use arrangements or providing conservation easements, trail and park development as appropriate.
- Apply for grants to develop park facilities.
- Continue to utilize the Velsicol Property Re-Use Plan as well as pursuing other development options on the Velsicol Property such as a river walk.
- Partner with Gratiot County Parks on potential recreational improvements.
- Seek grant monies and funding opportunities for a new pool building.

**Goal 2: Increase development of park facilities.**

- Develop new recreational opportunities at the Velsicol Site, School Woods Property and other City/School owned parks and properties including the improvement of scarce or outdated playground equipment at existing parks.
- Create a historically themed tourist area to coincide with the City’s Historical Society Depot Museum, as well as identify other historical sites within the City for State designation as well as tourist purposes.
- Promote interaction between the T.A. Cutler Memorial Library and the Historical Society given their proximity to each other.
- Identify and develop potential recreational opportunities for younger residents.

**Goal 3: Promote non-motorized connections within existing facilities and neighboring communities.**

- Utilize and expand on existing sidewalk to provide linkages to parks.
- Maintain routes as appropriate for all season use.
- Develop the path route to create a river walk/non-motorized path through the City of St. Louis along the Pine River and throughout the downtown and to connect with the City of Alma.

**Goal 4: Establish key natural features / areas for conservation.**

- Complete an inventory, land-use overlay and policies for conservation easements.
- Developments should recognize: limits of flood plain and forested land, outdoor recreation and green space and scenic, historic, educational and environmental significance. Judicious development should allow a close relationship with natural features without destroying them.

**Goal 5: Pursue enhancement opportunities that are aesthetically and architecturally appealing throughout the Downtown and gateway areas of the City.**

- Pursue the “Safe Routes to School Program” when appropriate.
- Maintain and repair sidewalks as well as Victorian street lighting on an as needed basis to provide a safe and enjoyable environment to each user throughout the City.



*Installation of new sidewalks in Clapp Park.*

## COORDINATION OF PLANNING

The goals and objectives in this plan are considered to be consistent with and reflective of several other planning documents from the community and region. Significant portions of each of these plans as each relates to parks and recreation are described below. Documents are available for review at the St. Louis City Hall or on the City's web site.

### *City Master Plan*

A comprehensive Master Plan for the City was adopted during the summer of 2005. This Master Plan places a high value on park and recreational opportunities within the City. **Goal #5 of the Plan states, "Ensure that adequate land is reserved for parks open space and connecting trails."** This goal is followed by a list of several actions to take toward accomplishing the goal. They are as follows:

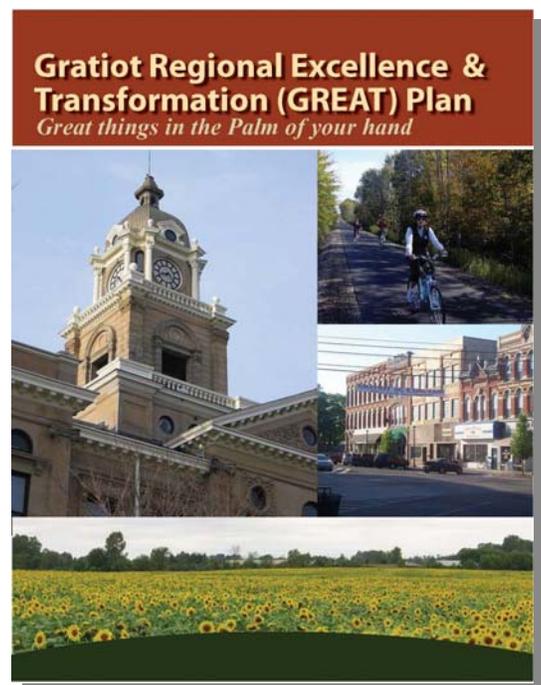
- work with existing recreation plan to implement plan
- create plan for trail system, including connection to City of Alma system
- rebuild W.T. Morris Memorial Swimming Pool and improve or replace bath house
- plan for placement of fountains in the Mill Pond and at Leppien Park
- ensure parks are developed to meet the needs of new residential areas by setting aside park lands prior to the development of residential areas
- encourage developers to include parks in their overall development plan
- plan and redevelop Smith Farm site
- work with St. Louis Area Historical Society on creation of Historic Park at Crawford Street train depot area
- progress with replacing and adding trees and improving landscaping in all park areas
- develop boat launch area on Michigan Avenue
- work with St. Louis Public Schools and St. Louis Little League to develop baseball/softball fields

### *Velsicol Redevelopment Plan*

In 2004, the City prepared a reuse planning report for the 54-acre Velsicol Chemical Corporation Superfund Site located along the south side of the Pine River in Downtown St. Louis. The Velsicol Plan suggests using a large portion of the Velsicol site for recreational use including 21.5 acres for community recreational fields, 5 acres for an amphitheater area, and 9 acres for a community park.

### *Gratiot Regional Excellence and Transformation (GREAT) Plan*

In 2011, Gratiot County completed a master plan that included all the units of government in Gratiot County. The resulting GREAT Plan took input from all the governmental units within the County, including the City of St. Louis and created one comprehensive plan. The 146



Cover of Gratiot County's GREAT Plan.

page document includes 7 broad goals, 39 objectives, and numerous strategies for achieving the goals and objectives. Goal 5 and its five objectives relate directly to recreation:

*Goal 5: Provide high quality of life opportunities, such as premier cultural and recreational resources, for the enjoyment of people of all generations*

Objective 5.1: Provide public access to the waterfront

Objective 5.2: Provide a system of parks and recreational opportunities that meets the needs of all segments of the population

Objective 5.3: Enhance the walkability of the cities

Objective 5.4: Ensure that adequate land is reserved for parks, open space and connecting trails.

Objective 5.5: Develop a Countywide Community Center



#### *Small Town Design Initiative*

In 2004-2005, the City of St. Louis worked with Michigan State University's Small Town Design Initiative on a conceptual improvement plan for a variety of physical improvements to the City. Several of these improvements relate to the parks, pathway system, and riverfront.

*Photo rendering by the MSU STDI, at Lions Park.*

#### *FERC Municipal Dam Recreation and Land Use Plan*

Because the City of St. Louis owns and operates the St. Louis Municipal Dam, it is required to complete a recreation and land use plan to satisfy the requirements of Article 412 of the City's Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) license agreement. It includes review of all St. Louis parks that are located on the Pine River. The most recent plan was completed in 2007. This document includes planned upgrades for:

- Improve ADA accessibility at Leppien Park, Barnum River Park, Penny Park and Lions Park.
- General improvements at Barnum River Park.
- Canoe Portage around the dam at Mill Street.
- Signage improvements in all the parks, including directional signs, fish consumption warning signs and no swimming signs.



*A view of the St. Louis Dam, near Barnum Park.*

# ACTION PLAN

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Following is a brief description of accomplishments over the past 5 years and a description of the projects that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has determined are recreational priorities for the City over the next five year period. On a broad scale, the Commission has developed a City Trailway Plan and a Waterfront Plan. Beyond that, it has developed specific desired actions for each of its remaining parks. Conceptual development plans have been drawn for Leppien Park, the Velsicol Site and Barnum Park and justification is provided for each project. All of the plans mentioned above can be found at the end of this chapter. A list of potential funding sources has been included in Appendix B.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the past five years, St. Louis has completed the following improvements to its park and recreation facilities. They were completed with the use of generous private donations from individuals and civic groups as well as City funds.

### *Leppien Park*

New accessible playground equipment, safety surfacing and sidewalks were installed.

### *Lions Park*

Repairs were made to the Riverwalk and unsafe playground equipment was removed.

### *Penny Park*

New accessible safety surfacing was installed in the playground area.



*Most recent playground improvements at Leppien Park.*

### *Clapp Park*

Installation of new play area equipment and safety surface; expansion of patio area around the pavilion; installation of sidewalk on north and east sides of the park leading to the pavilion and to complete the sidewalk around the perimeter of the park.

## NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL PLAN

The City of St. Louis developed a Non-motorized Trail Conceptual Plan as part of the update of this Recreation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify routes for future expansion of the pedestrian and trail system in the St. Louis community and adjacent communities. The expansion of this trail system into a regional non-motorized trail will provide non-motorized transportation and recreational opportunities throughout and beyond the community of St. Louis to a variety of destinations including neighborhoods, schools, commercial areas, civic uses, places of employment and parks and open space and nearby communities, particularly the City of Alma. The Trail Plan can be found at the end of this chapter.

## Research of Existing Trailways

In the development of the Trail Plan, the entire St. Louis community was looked at in terms of what trails and sidewalks existed and nearby communities were researched for their existing and proposed trail systems.

The only existing non-motorized trails in St. Louis are within existing parks and sidewalks along the more populated streets. Existing trails are developed in both Lions and Leppien Parks, with planned trails in Barnum Park and the Velsicol Site. Existing sidewalks currently exist along Washington Street (M-46) and many of the other major City streets, primarily east of the Pine River, leading to the schools.

The closest community with an existing trail system is Alma (to the southwest) where the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail has been developed east-west through Alma. This trail system extends further west from Alma to Edmore and south of Edmore to Stanton, and then southwestward to Greenville. There is also an inter-regional non-motorized trail system proposed to connect to Alma from the north, through Mt. Pleasant and Clare, where it would

connect to the Pere Marquette Rail Trail. The Pere Marquette Rail Trail is developed from Midland through Clare, and further westward to Farwell, with proposed connections heading west from Farwell. The Pere Marquette system also connects with City of Midland trail system and the proposed links to the Great Lakes Bay Region Trail system which will connect Midland, Bay and Saginaw Counties.



Map of Frederick Meijer Heartland Trail from Greenville to Alma.

## Trail Plan Development

With the most developed trail at Lions Park, it is a natural starting point for future development to expand



Park sign at Lions Park.

upon. The planned trail route through the City of St. Louis is proposed to follow the Pine River corridor north of and south of Lions Park, in downtown St. Louis area. Following the river and proposed trail route to the southwest, the proposed route can be developed along the Pine River, crossing under US-127 to the Alma Trail. An alternate location for this connection is shown on the plan, following Cheesman Road west to Begole Road south into Alma. To the north the trail is proposed to follow the eastern bank of the Pine River where it will connect with Leppien Park at the intersection of the Pine River and Washington

(M-46) and the Velsicol site on the eastern bank of the river just north of M-46. The proposed trail is proposed to cross the Pine River at Mill Street to connect with Penny Park, Barnum Park and Clapp Memorial Park. Existing sidewalks from this point already connect the proposed trail system to Hubble Field. The

proposed trail will also connect to the existing sidewalk system up through West Madison Road. The proposed sidewalk system is proposed to extend further along West Madison Road to Hidden Oaks Golf Course where it will turn south. The proposed trail will meander through the golf course to West Monroe Road (Washington/M-46). The proposed trail will cross over M-46 and head south to connect with the proposed route along Cheesman Road. In addition to these routes, supporting sidewalk routes are proposed along Michigan Avenue from State Street to US-127 and along South Main Street (US-127 Business Route) from State Street to East Crawford.

### *Development Priorities*

Extending the trail within the City and beyond is the City's top priority, with the connection from Lions Park to Alma as the primary focus. Once connected to the trail in Alma, the City of St. Louis will be regionally connected to existing and planned routes of non-motorized travel throughout the State of Michigan. The second priority for development of the St. Louis trail is from Lions Park northward, along the Pine River to City Hall, the pool and Barnum Park. The final priority for connection would be through the northwest section of St. Louis, along West Madison Road to the golf course, south through the golf course and connecting to Cheesman Road.



*Meijer-Heartland Trail in Alma.*

### *Implementation*

Planning is merely one step toward creating a comprehensive system of trails connecting a community within and beyond its borders. Implementing this plan will be a long and sometimes tedious process that will require cooperation among groups, tenacity in working towards goals and endurance in dealing with long time tables. There are many implementation strategies that can help turn much of this plan into a reality. The main strategies include acquisition of property, seeking funding for development and finally development of the trail.

#### *Acquisition of Property*

Many segments of the proposed trail will require acquisition of property. This would be the first step in the process. The property can be a donation, an easement, lease, license, fee simple purchase, or other form of use agreement. Depending on the price of the acquisition, the City may choose whether or not to pursue grant funding.

#### *Seek Funding*

The City of St. Louis will pursue grant funding to develop these non-motorized connections. Grant funds may also be sought to acquire property, depending on the cost of acquisition. Trail grants for acquisition and development can be sought from federal, state and local sources. For most grants, local match money is required and projects must be listed in the recreation plan.

#### *Development of Trail*

Three things must be in place to develop the trail: LAND must be acquired or secured; FUNDING must be in place; and PEOPLE must be on-board to support the project.

### *Maintenance*

Regular maintenance of the trail system, once developed, will be very important to ensure they function safely and efficiently for users. Considerations will need to be taken into account for both short-term and long-term maintenance. Short-term maintenance includes daily, weekly, or regular maintenance of the trail such as mowing grass, trimming tree branches, sweeping, snow removal or small repairs. With the trail along the river, there may also be some sediment removal or cleanup after a high water event. Long term maintenance are usually capital improvement items, such as repaving, redecking a boardwalk or other larger project which a typical maintenance budget cannot handle.

### **WATERFRONT PLAN**

The City of St. Louis wishes to capitalize on its Pine River waterfront area and has developed a waterfront plan that relates primarily to recreational use of the river. The purpose for producing the master plan for the Waterfront Planning Area is to:

- Maximize the success and impact of activities already underway.
- Connect key areas within the Waterfront Planning Area that are not adequately connected.
- Clean up and develop areas that have been underutilized.
- Maximize use and availability of existing parks and their opportunities for public access to the River.
- Overcome the image that the Pine River in St. Louis is not environmentally safe.



*A view of the St. Louis Water Tower from the Pine River.*

By orienting waterfront revitalization around public spaces, new development will enhance the quality of existing destinations and result in a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

The Waterfront Plan can be found at the end of this chapter and includes many of the City's park properties along the Pine River. Plans for improvements to some of these sites, as they relate to the waterfront, are included below. The Waterfront Development Plan can be found at the end of this chapter.

### *Trailways Along the Waterfront*

The proposed trail development will run along the Pine River corridor, primarily on the eastern bank. A more detailed description for the Trailways development can be found above in the description of the Trailways Plan with a Conceptual Development Plan at the end of this chapter.

### *Lions Park*

Bank stabilization is included along the waterfront at Lions Park to protect the park from scouring by the bend in the Pine River. The bank stabilization may include stone rip-rap, plantings, or a combination of the two.

### *Velsicol Site*

The Velsicol site is undergoing environmental remediation and cleanup to be used for recreational purposes. The proposed plan includes trailway along the riverbank and fishing platforms along the waterfront. A complete description of the proposed improvements of the Velsicol Site can be found starting on the next page, with a Conceptual Plan at the end of this chapter.



*An aerial view of the Velsicol site.*

### *Leppien Park*

Leppien Park is along the west bank of the Pine River at Washington / M-46. It is currently well developed, however there are additional improvements needed. A complete description of the proposed improvements to the site can be found starting on the next page, with a Conceptual Plan at the end of this chapter.

### *Mill Street / City Hall / Morris Memorial Pool / Barnum Park*

There is an existing floating dock along the south bank of the Pine River, just west of Mill Street. The waterfront plan introduces a new pedestrian bridge behind City Hall, near Morris Pool to connect with Barnum Park, across the Pine River. This would provide river access and connectivity to recreational land in this area. River access could be in the form of a boat launch, floating dock or other means of providing opportunities for boating and fishing.

### *Property Acquisition along the Waterfront*

The City of St. Louis desires to purchase additional waterfront directly across from Lions Park, directly south of Lions Park and east of the Velsicol site. The property south of Lions Park, once developed, would contain a trailhead area for the proposed trail. The other two properties would provide additional greenspace in the community to buffer the Pine River from heavier uses.



*A view of the Pine River in St. Louis.*

### *Other Types of Waterfront Improvements*

There are other elements to add to the recreational quality of the Pine River in St. Louis. Improvements might include:

- Interpretive signage depicting the natural features of the site, the history of the area or other educational subject.
- Picnic areas or benches for recreational enjoyment.
- Viewing platforms for observing wildlife.
- Bank stabilization along the river corridor which could help to improve the water quality, protect the riverbank and provide access to the river.

### *Implementation of Waterfront Improvements*

There are a number of projects listed to improve the waterfront of the Pine River. Each project will require funding that may be obtained through grants. A complete list of potential grants can be found in Appendix B.

### **LEPPIEN PARK**

This 3.7 acre park is located on the City's west side on the southwest corner of the intersection of M-46 and the Pine River. The park provides 350 feet of river access, a boat launch, two barrier free fishing platforms and serves the City's largest subdivision. The park has picnic and barbeque facilities as well as a children's play area with equipment. Walkers and joggers enjoy the trailways along the river as well. New and updated playground equipment was added in 2011 with ADA accessible surfacing. In addition, the piers have been repaired.



*Leppien Park*

A conceptual improvement plan for Leppien Park was developed as part of the Recreation Master Plan process. The proposed improvements include:

#### *Bank Stabilization*

This project is proposed to increase vegetation or other bank stabilization control measures along the Pine River shoreline within Leppien Park. This is a project that in theory will deter Geese and other waterfowl from coming on shore at the park to ensure that the park remains nearly free of waterfowl feces. Also, an erosion problem within the bay area needs to be addressed with bank stabilization and shoreline restoration.

#### *Park Entry Sign*

Because of Leppien Park's location along M-46, it makes it one of the City's most visible parks along the scenic Pine River. However, there is no signage along M-46 as a park identifier. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to purchase an identification sign to place along M-46 within the near future. With Leppien Park being one of the City's premier parks, it is felt that it should be promoted as such. The Parks and Recreation Commission would also like to see a yellow flashing warning light to notify traffic of possible pedestrian foot traffic going to and coming from Leppien Park.

#### *Pavilion / Parking*

With Leppien Park being one of the most frequented parks in the City, it was noted at the public open house that a larger pavilion would be appropriate to meet the needs of park users. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be looking at the costs for possibly expanding upon the existing pavilion or considering building a new, larger pavilion at a different location within the park. Additional parking would be needed closer to this pavilion. This project has been tentatively scheduled for 2013.

### *Boat Launch Improvements*

The City will be looking at the possibility of replacing or improving the existing boat launch within Leppien Park to provide a better service to launch users.

## **VELSICOL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The City intends to develop this property for recreational uses. This site is located along the Pine River and is



*An aerial view of the Velsicol site.*

currently undergoing an environmental remediation by the U.S. EPA. A Reuse Planning Report for the Velsicol Chemical Corporation Superfund Site was completed for the City of St. Louis in June of 2004. Based upon this document, the City has developed a conceptual plan for development at the site. It is included at the end of this chapter. The proposed improvements are described below:

### *Trailway Extension & Lighting*

The trail extension and lighting at this location will be a part of the larger trailway plan to connect the City of St. Louis with the City of Alma as well

as providing area residents and regional users the opportunity to enjoy a scenic, multi-use recreational trail way within the center of the state. Lighting the trail will extend the hours the trail can be used and will provide a sense of safety on the trail in the evening hours.

The proposed trailways through this site will run along the east and west sides of the property, looping together, with some intermediate crossings through the park. The trailways will connect all of the proposed elements of the park for ADA access. The trailways will also connect to existing sidewalks on North and West Center Streets on the west side of the Velsicol site and to M-46 on the south side. A more detailed description of the Trailway Plan can be found on pages 25 - 28.

### *Other Recreation-Based Improvements*

Along with the proposed trailways, the park plan also includes many other types of recreational improvements to the site. These include a boat launch, fishing piers, fitness stations, sports fields, basketball courts, an educational building, an amphitheater, parking, fencing and landscaping.

### *Other Service Improvements*

The Velsicol site has a proposed wastewater treatment plant on the site. It is to be located on the northern portion of the property. The proposed plan also includes a new fire station in the southeast end of the park. These service areas would have to be separated out and City control of property established in the legal descriptions for any recreational grants applied for.

### *Implementation of the Velsicol Site Development*

There are a number of projects listed. Each project will require funding that can be obtained through potential grants. A complete list of potential grants can be found in Appendix B.

For further information on this property, please reference the *Recognizing the Past, Looking to the Future: Reuse Planning Report for the Velsicol Chemical Corporation Superfund Site*, completed for the City of St. Louis in June of 2004.

## **BARNUM RIVER PARK**

Dedicated in 2002, this half-acre park is located on Main Street, two blocks north of M-46 along the Pine River near the St. Louis Electric Department Dam. This park is St. Louis' most active site for fishing. Easy fishing access is provided by a wooden platform constructed through the help of a DNR Fisheries Grant. Parking and benches are available on the north side of the park. A conceptual plan was completed in 2011 and can be found at the end of this chapter. The following is a list of proposed improvements for Barnum River Park:

### *River Walk Extension and Lighting*

The river walk extension at this location will be a part of the larger river walk project to connect the City of St. Louis with the City of Alma as well as providing area residents and regional users the opportunity to enjoy a scenic, multi-use recreational trail way within the center of the state.

### *Shoreline Restoration*

The City will be implementing measures to stabilize the shoreline at this location due to erosion from the fast current generated by the St. Louis Electrical Dam.



*The accessible fishing platform at Barnum Park.*

### *Improve Accessible Parking*

Currently there is a gravel lot at this park that can be muddy during the spring thaw and fall rains. The City would like to pave this lot to provide better ADA compliant parking as well as a better parking surface in general for all users.

### *Increase Vegetation or Other Control Measures Along the Pine River Shoreline*

This is a project that in theory will deter Geese and other waterfowl from coming on shore at the park to ensure that the park remains free of waterfowl feces.

### *Canoe Portage*

This area in the future will afford canoe portage for those using the Pine River for canoeing.

## CLAPP PARK

This large, wooded lot the size of a full City block provides open space in the City's center. A picnic shelter/pavilion (which received extensive renovation in 2003 to match the Victorian theme of the City), picnic tables and grills provide users with a central location for picnics and other non-physical activities. A replica of a historic gazebo for music performances was constructed in 1999 and Victorian lighting was added throughout the park in 2001. Parking is available on Franklin and Clinton Streets which border the park on the west and east sides. The park is bordered on the south by M-46 (Washington Avenue) and on the north by Saginaw Street. The park is in a residential area, only one block away from the Central Business District and is across the street from St. Louis High School. The following is a list of proposed improvements for Clapp Park:



*The Pavilion at Clapp Park.*

### *Shelter Improvements*

The City would like to add full service, ADA compliant restrooms to the pavilion/shelter facility.



*The gazebo/stage at Clapp Park.*

### *Improve Gazebo/Stage*

The Parks Commission has identified this as a project that would be a restoration and addition to the existing gazebo within the park. Currently, this facility is used for several community functions such as weddings, school pictures and music recitals and concerts within the park. The Commission has identified the fact that the current facility is not conducive to concerts; therefore, would like to add on to the existing structure providing a better stage area for musicians to perform.

### *Add New Playground Equipment*

Playground equipment at Clapp Park was significantly upgraded in 2010 to include a dome climber, swings and a merry-go-round to make it more adequate for the number of users of this park. This equipment is intended for use for children between four and nine. This was a priority, due to the fact that this is the City's most centrally located and largest community park, as well as one of the most frequented parks.

### *Add New Park Signage and Historical Marker*

In an effort to better promote Clapp Park as well as the geographical significance of the City of St. Louis, the Parks Commission is recommending to add new banner signs on each light pole along Franklin and Clinton Streets reading CLAPP PARK with the City's logo. Further, there is a geographical marker located within Clapp Park that signifies the geographical center of the Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The City would like to purchase a new historical plaque to place at this marker to clearly show the marker's intent and significance. This has also been identified as a priority project for this park. In addition, plans are to remove the existing raised flower bed on M-46 and replace it with a decorative wall and planters to welcome people to St. Louis as they enter the downtown area from the east or west.

## PENNY PARK

This park is situated on the north side of the Pine River. Located on Prospect Street, the 1.2 acre park provides open space for the area as well as a scenic overlook of the river. The park also has a childrens play structure, picnic tables, pavilion and benches. Parking is available along the north side of the park on Prospect Street and the park is in a residential area. The City recently installed additional safety surface material to meet MRPA and ADA standards. The following is a list of proposed improvements for Penny Park:



*The playground at Penny Park.*

### *Increase Vegetation or Other Erosion Control Measures along the Pine River*

This is a project that, in theory, will deter Geese and other waterfowl from coming on shore at the park to ensure that the park remains free of waterfowl feces.

## LIONS PARK

This park, located between the Pine River and Michigan Avenue, provides recreational resources to the City's south side. The park includes three picnic shelters, picnic tables and grills. Limited parking is available at the park. The three acre park includes over 1,500 linear feet of river frontage and is surrounded by residential uses. The following is a list of proposed improvements for Lions Park:



*The sign at Lions Park.*

### *Acquire Land near Intersection of Hazel Street and Michigan Avenue*

The City would like to acquire adjacent property to the north end of Lions Park for the purposes of developing an improved, ADA compliant parking area to increase parking and accessibility at this park. Currently the park is extensively used by non-motorized foot traffic because of its scenic river walk. The City would also like to use this land to install an improved playground area with new ADA accessible playground equipment.

### *Connection of River Walk North and South of Lions Park*

One of the assets of this park is that there is an extensively used river walk for non-motorized traffic. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to see this walk extended north and south of the property to connect with other existing parks, neighborhoods and the Downtown area. This work would be a small part of the overall plan to extend a river walk throughout the City and eventually connect to the south with the City of Alma and the Frederic Meijer Heartland Trail.

### *Stabilization of Park's Shorelines*

As part of the river walk and other various park improvements, the City has identified that the shoreline of the Pine River along Lions Park will need to prevent erosion damage.

### *Increase Vegetation or Other Control Measures along the Pine River Shoreline*

This is a project that in theory will deter geese and other waterfowl from coming on shore at the park to ensure that the park remains free of waterfowl feces.

### *Benches and Waste Receptacles*

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to add new benches and waste receptacles along the trailway at Lions Park as well as near play areas and parking areas. Another long term feature of this area should be to add period lighting and benches along the trailway.

### *Play Area*

Modern playground equipment and ADA qualified surface needs to be installed.

## **LINCOLN STREET PARK**

This 1.1 acre neighborhood park serves the needs of residents in the southeast quadrant of the City. The park has play structures, benches and picnic facilities and provides open space for the area's residents. The park is located on Lincoln Street two blocks south of M-46. Limited on-site parking is available as well as on-street. The following is a list of proposed improvements for Lincoln Street Park:



*The playground at Lincoln Park.*

### *Improve Parking*

Currently parking for this park consists exclusively of on-street parking along Lincoln Street and other surrounding streets. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to evaluate several parking alternatives to determine which parking model would be best suited to improving the parking at this facility.

### *Improvement of Basketball Court*

The basketball court at this park is not in very good condition. The Parks and Recreation Commission have identified this project as a task that would repair the surface of the basketball court as well as any improvements that would need to be made to the actual basketball hoop especially since this is currently the only park with basketball courts in the City.

## **W.T. MORRIS MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL**

This public swimming pool serves the City and school district with recreational opportunities in the summer months. The pool includes a bath house with showers, restrooms and locker facilities. The outdoor pool is located at the north end of the Central Business District on Mill Street. In 2005, with the help of a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, the City replaced the existing 50-year old pool with a heated pool that is handicapped



*W.T. Morris Memorial Pool.*

accessible, new deck and improvements to the bath house. The following is a list of proposed improvements for W.T. Morris Memorial Pool:

#### *Adding Additional Water Features*

The Parks and Recreation Commission recognize during the summer months, this pool is very busy. As part of the pool area, the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to add a wading pool for small children as well as adding a spray park for users of all ages. Further, the Park Commission would like to look into adding a slide into the deep end of the pool.

#### *Improve Existing Parking and Address Need for Additional Parking*

Currently there is on-street parking along Mill Street in front of this site, however due to the usage of this facility during the summer months, additional parking is necessary. The City is looking at a couple of options for a surface parking lot that would either construct a new lot to the north of the pool, and the second option would be to improve a surface lot to the south of the pool on Mill Street.

#### *Addition of Concrete Patio or Deck behind the Pool*

This project has been identified in the STDI study. The intent of this project would be to provided a seating area near the pool which could be used to sunbathe, parents could read or watch their children, and to provide a shaded picnic area for those who are ready to take a break from the sun without leaving the pool facility.

#### *Construction of New Bath House*

This project has been identified by the Parks and Recreation Commission as a long-term goal. While the existing bath house is functional, it is approximately 60 years old and should be replaced when funding becomes available.

## **HUBBLE FIELD / CARRIE KNAUSE ELEMENTARY**

Hubble Field is located at the site of Carrie Knause Elementary School in the northern third of the City and is intended for use as a softball diamond. Two Little League diamonds and one T-Ball diamond were recently constructed at Hubble Field/Carrie Knause Elementary School Complex. The following is a list of proposed improvements for Hubble Field/Carrie Knause Elementary School complex:

#### *General Park Improvements*

The Parks and Recreation Commission have identified several maintenance projects that they would like to complete at this park over the next five (5) years to improve upon the parks appearance and overall usability. These projects are as follows:

- Add new lighting to the park.
- Add new bleachers for spectators.
- Construct a fence north along Union Street to prevent balls from going into the street.
- Add additional parking to prevent people from parking on the lawn.
- Add ADA compliant restrooms to the facility.

This park currently receives a fair amount of usage since it is adjacent to an elementary school; however these are all improvements that the Parks and Recreation Commission feel will enhance the overall attractiveness of this park to youth and adult leagues as well as the general public.

### **MICHIGAN AVENUE BOAT LAUNCH**

The City currently owns a vacant piece of property along the Pine River on South Michigan Avenue. The property is fenced and is paved. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to investigate the feasibility of converting this vacant lot into a public boat launch along the river to provide an additional access point to the river within the City.

### **OTHER PROJECTS**

The City may desire to develop other facilities in St. Louis where a need was expressed in the community input. A description of those needs is as follows:

#### *Development of Soccer Fields and Programs*

Both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the St. Louis Area Schools identified the need for youth soccer programs within the City. Currently there are some areas that would be appropriate for soccer development including the schools and at Hubble Field. It is the intent within the next five years to determine the most appropriate location for soccer development and move forward with programming. Other possibilities are next to T.S. Nurnberger Middle School and at property on Cheesman Road.

#### *Dog Park*

There is an identified need for a dog park in the City of St. Louis. It is the intent of the Parks and Recreation Commission to explore this need further, identify an appropriate location for a dog park and then move forward with the development of a dog park.

#### *Park Signage*

It is the intent of the City to unify signage throughout all of the parks over the next five years.

### **ST. LOUIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

As in the past, the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Area Schools have agreed to mutually assist each other in providing the residents of the City and the school district with the best recreational opportunities available. This partnership has worked very well in the past, and both parties have expressed an interest in strengthening that bond so it can be even better in the future.

**NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL  
CONCEPT PLAN**

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NOT TO SCALE

**LEGEND:**

- EXISTING PATH
- PROPOSED PATH
- EXISTING SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED TRAILHEAD

**PROPOSED ROUTES:**

1. PROPOSED PATH ALONG RIVER TO CONNECT LIONS PARK PATH WITH M-46.
2. PROPOSED PATH ALONG CHEESMAN ROAD, POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO CITY OF ALMA.
3. PROPOSED PATH SOUTH FROM CHEESMAN ROAD, UNDER US-127, ALONG RIVER TO CITY OF ALMA.
4. PROPOSED PATH FROM M-46 TO CHEESMAN ROAD
5. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE VELSICOL SITE.
6. PROPOSED BRIDGE/PATH BEHIND CITY HALL.
7. PROPOSED PATH ALONG RIVER FROM PENNY PARK TO WEST PROSPECT STREET.
8. PROPOSED PATH THROUGH PENNY PARK.
9. PROPOSED SIDEWALK ALONG MADISON ROAD TO GOLF COURSE.
10. PROPOSED PATH THROUGH GOLF COURSE TO M-46.
11. PROPOSED SIDEWALK ALONG MICHIGAN AVENUE.
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13. PROPOSED SIDEWALK ALONG M-46.

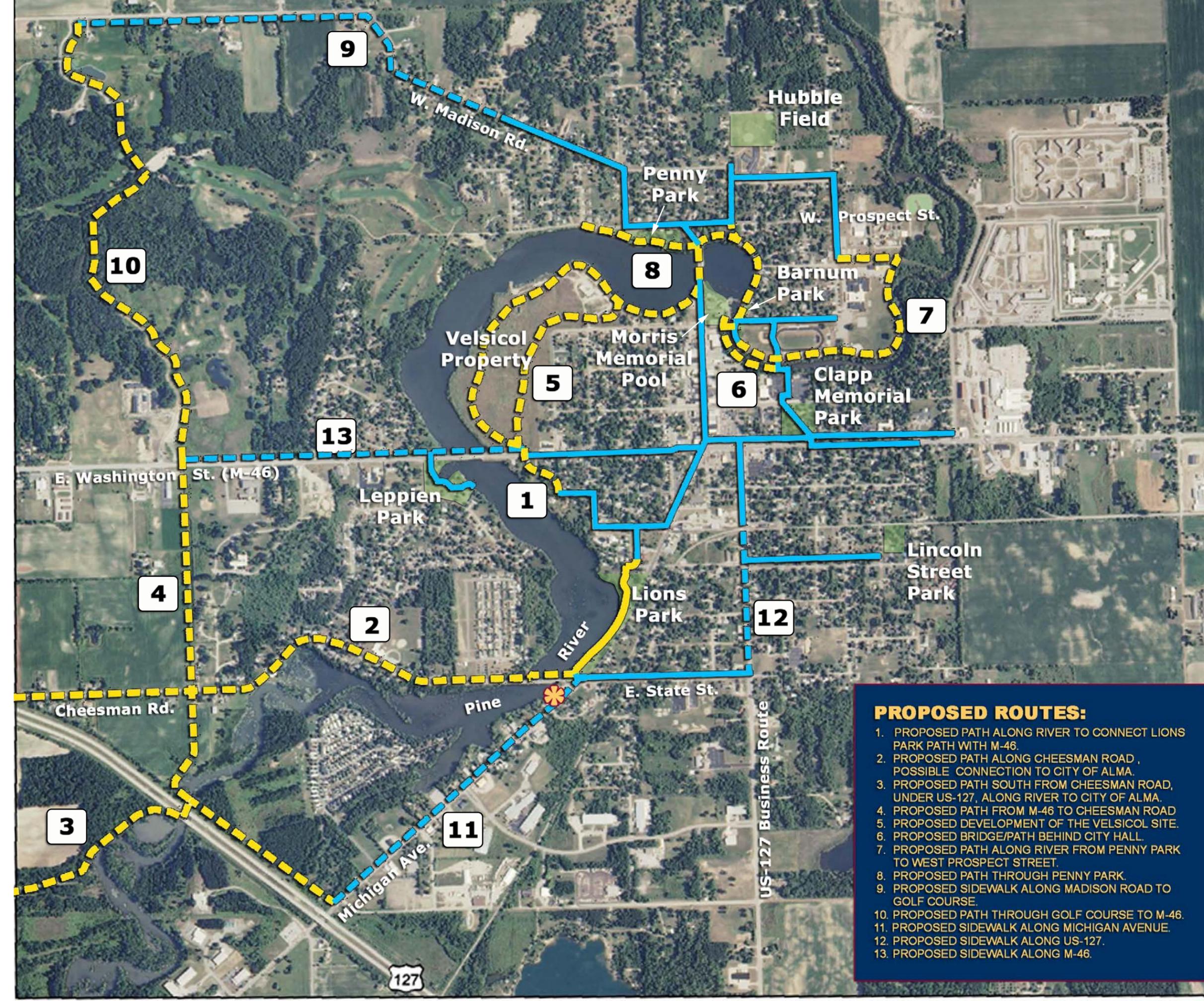


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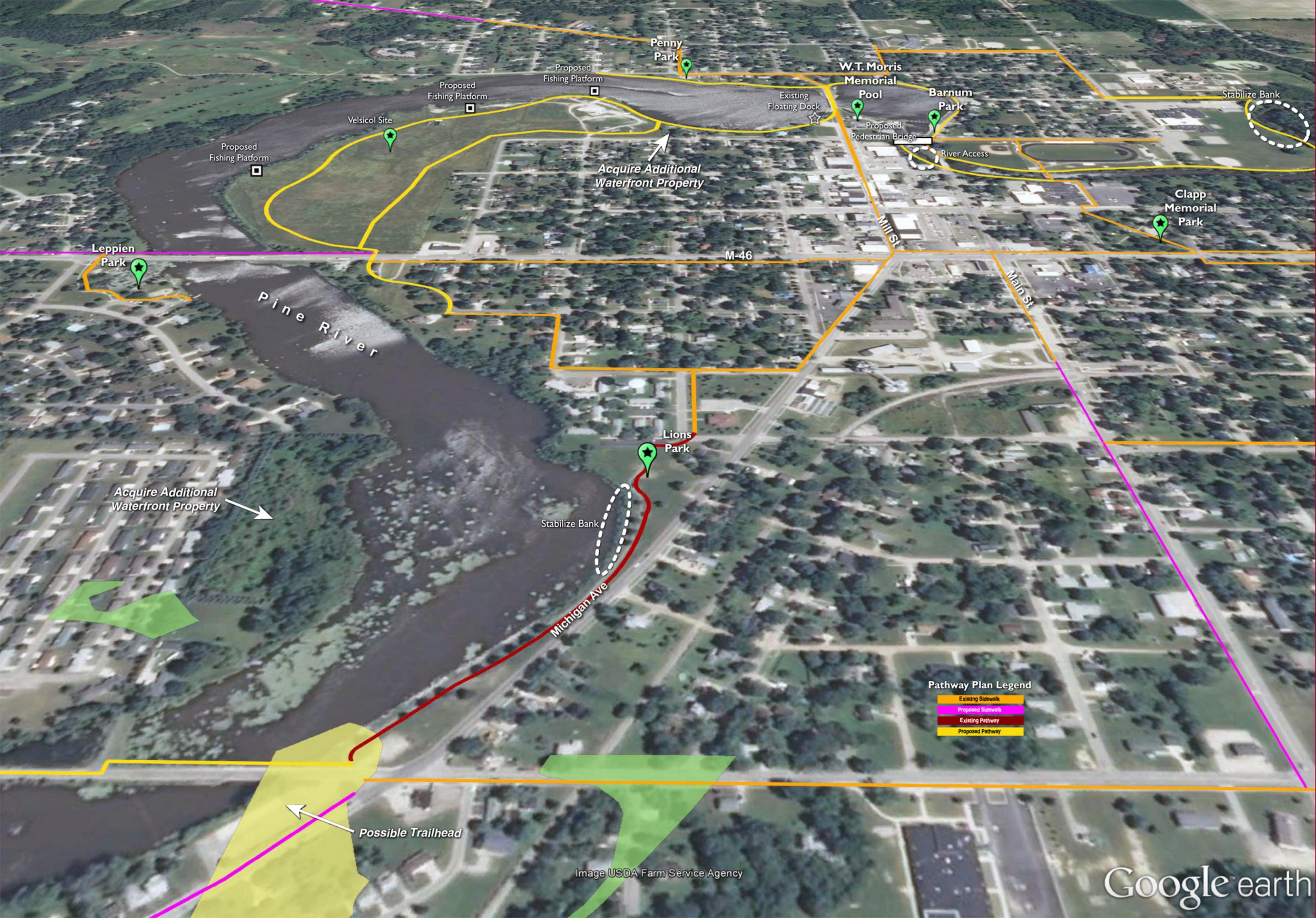
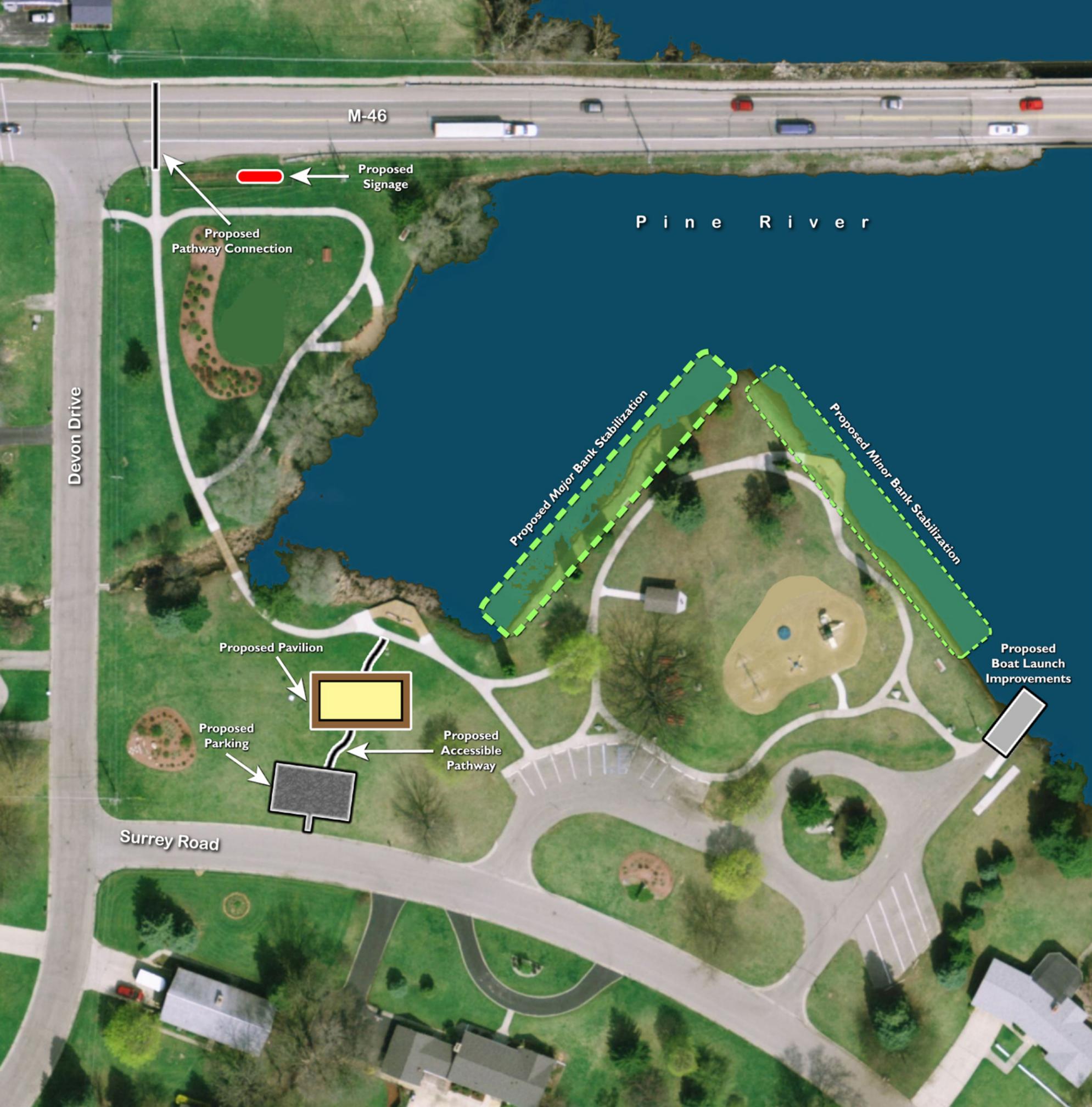


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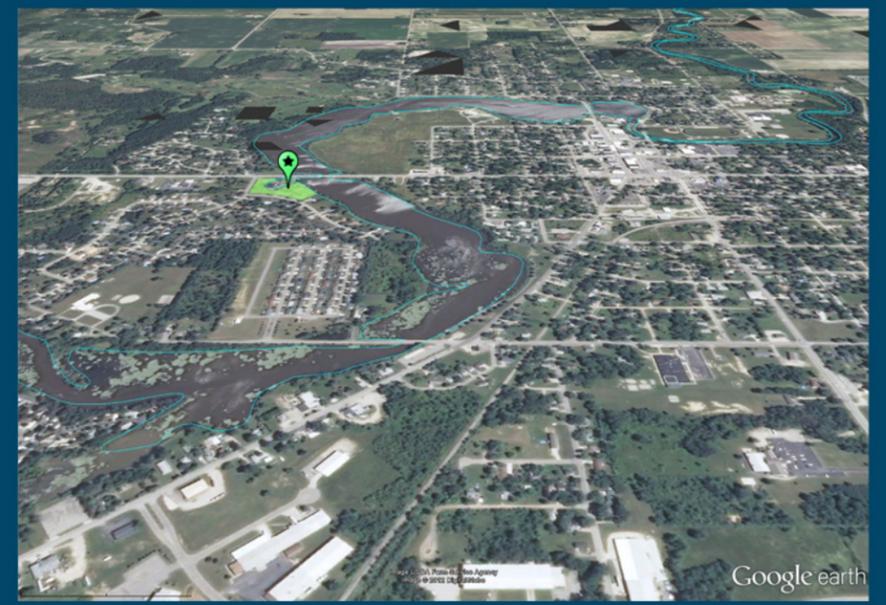
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# Leppien Park

## City of St. Louis Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan

Located on the City's west side on the southwest corner of the intersection of M-46 and the Pine River, Leppien Park is 3.7 acres in size and provides 350 feet of river access. In addition, the park has a boat launch, two barrier-free fishing platforms, and serves the City's largest subdivision. The park has picnic and barbeque facilities, as well as a children's play area with equipment. Walkers and joggers enjoy the pathways along the river as well. Updated playground equipment was added in 2011.



Location Map: Waterfront view of Leppien Park



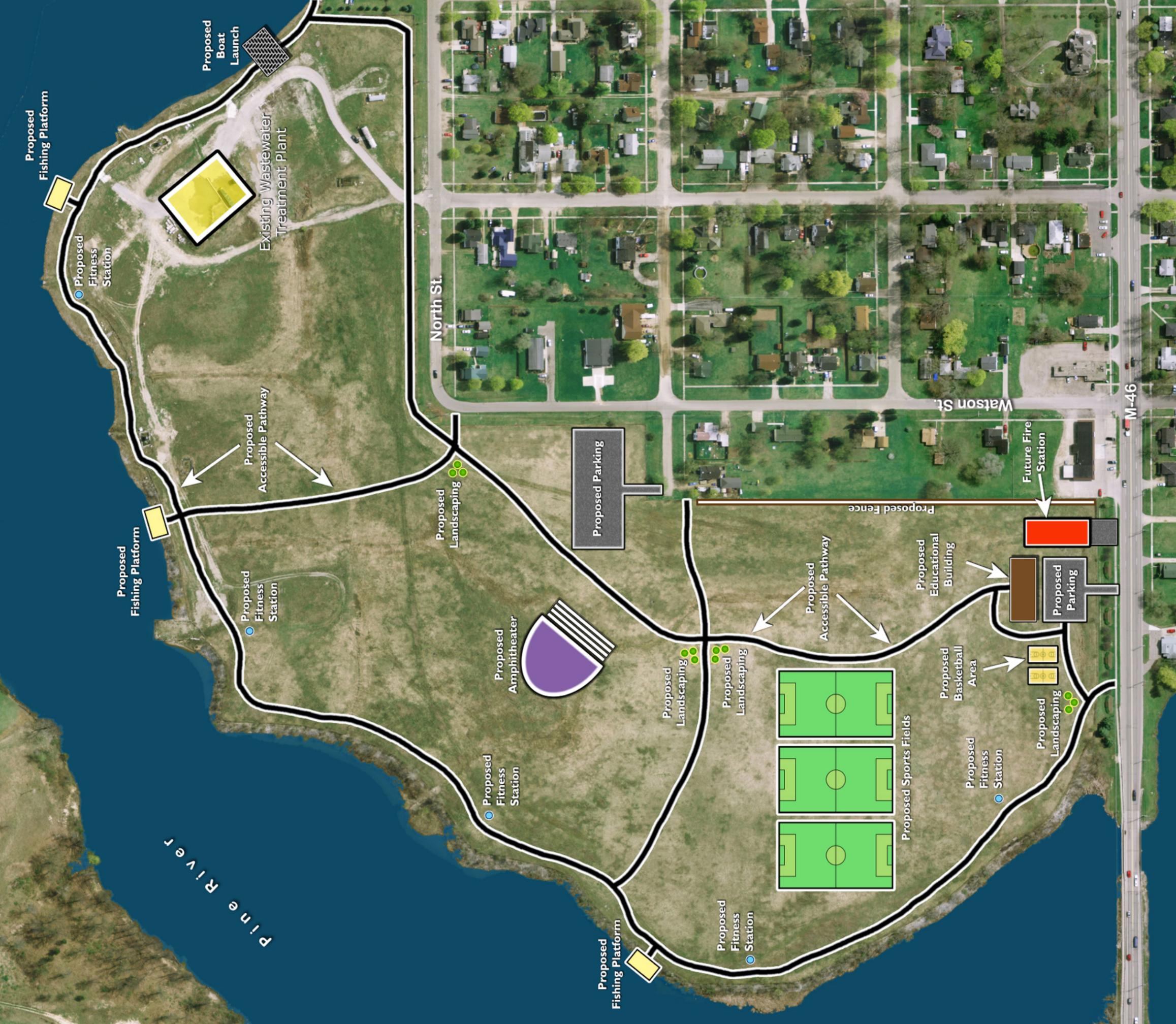
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# Velsicol Site

## City of St. Louis Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan

In 2004, the EPA completed a reuse planning report for the Velsicol Chemical Corporation superfund site. The report presented a number of guidelines that highlighted key reuse considerations and opportunities, a number of which were recreation improvements. The plan presented here incorporates those concepts, but as part of the Parks & Recreation Plan for the City of St. Louis, it furthers those ideas toward recreational amenities that are community-oriented and potentially eligible for MDNR grant programs.



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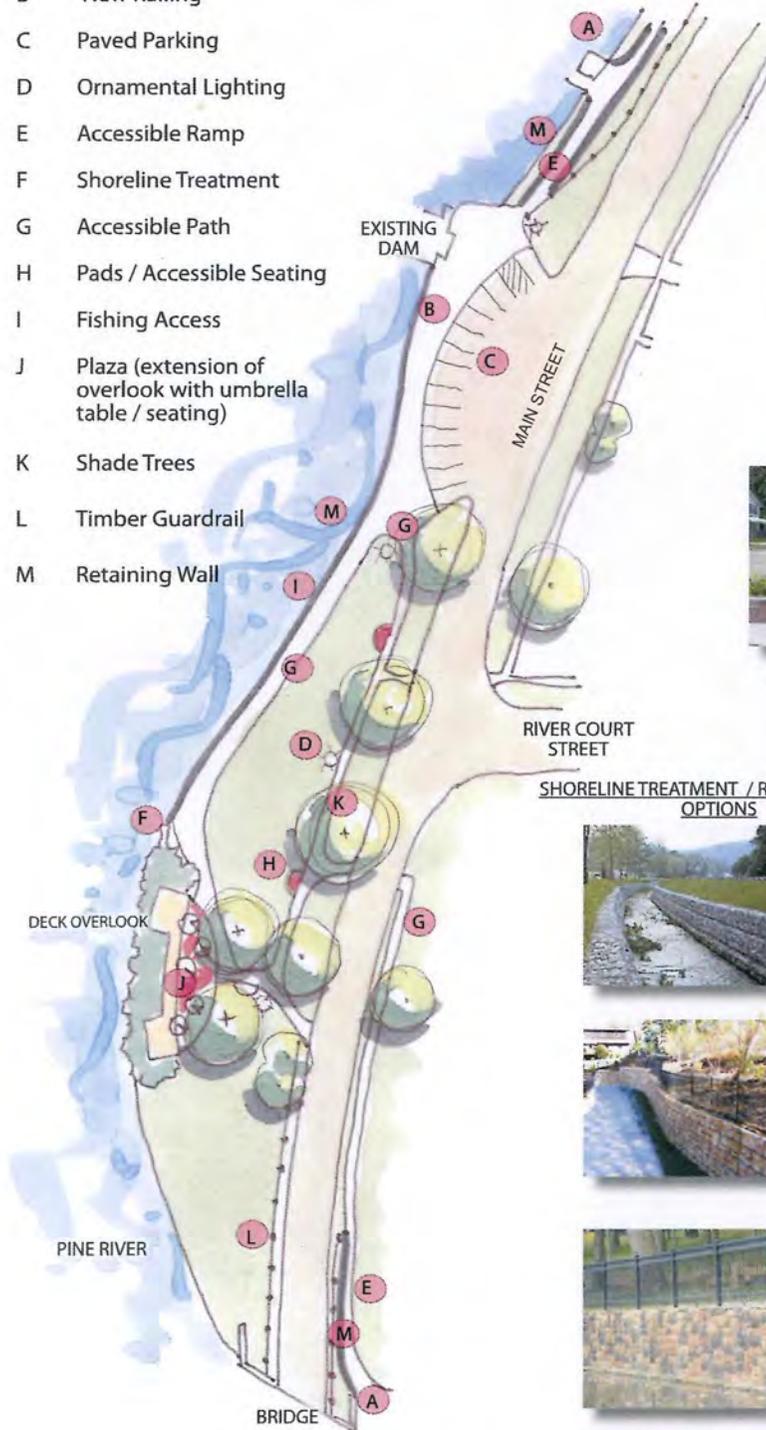
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# Barnum River Park

## Concept Plan

### Project Summary:

- A Accessible Pad / Portage and Future Riverwalk Extension
- B New Railing
- C Paved Parking
- D Ornamental Lighting
- E Accessible Ramp
- F Shoreline Treatment
- G Accessible Path
- H Pads / Accessible Seating
- I Fishing Access
- J Plaza (extension of overlook with umbrella table / seating)
- K Shade Trees
- L Timber Guardrail
- M Retaining Wall



Wayfinding signage



Accommodations for accessible portaging



Match streetscape details for lighting, decorative pavement, furnishings, etc



Wood guardrail to blend with park setting



Railing with accessible detail for fishing



Vegetated gabion basket for uniform / sustainable shoreline stabilization



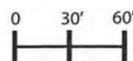
Redi-Rock modular concrete wall system



Poured-in-place concrete wall with formliner and acid / color stain



Painted steel sheet piling



# PLANNING PROCESS

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In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the City of St. Louis has developed this Parks & Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community parks and recreation over the next five years. This plan is the latest effort by the local governmental officials in the City of St. Louis to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide the City with eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

The City of St. Louis contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist them with completion of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, as well as concept plans for their Pathway, Waterfront, the Velsicol site, Leppien Park and Barnum Park. The consultant worked with the Parks and Recreation Commission through the course of the project.

Data was collected about the City including maps, demographics, park information and an inventory of existing facilities. This data was collected from a number of resources, including the past recreation plan and other documents such as other relevant planning documents, various websites, field observations and conversations with City officials.

## COMMUNITY INPUT

Community input was collected via an online survey conducted in late summer-early fall of 2012. Based upon the existing information and the community input, the City of St. Louis developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation. Then, action plan items were written that would work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives.

Spicer Group completed the Parks & Recreation Master Plan document and it was made available for review at the City of St. Louis for at least 30 days beginning on December 12, 2012. This reviewing opportunity was advertised in the local newspaper, *The Morning Sun*. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public meeting held prior to the adoption of the plan. This meeting was on January 15, 2013 at the City Council meeting held at the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:30 AM.

## PLAN ADOPTION

On January 14, 2013, the City of St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution adopting the recreation plan and recommended approval to the City Council. On January 15, 2013, the City of St. Louis City Council passed a resolution adopting the recreation plan and on January 21, 2013 the City of St. Louis Board of Education passed a resolution adopting the recreation plan. Copies of the advertisements and resolutions are included in Appendix E.



# APPENDIX A

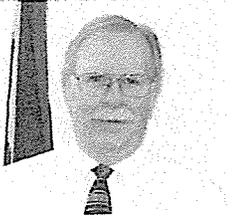
## Public Input Documentation



# City of St. Louis News & Views

September, 2012

## *Message from the Mayor*



This month's article will be a bit different. I will stress the importance of National Pride and our sense of patriotism. I started this article in late June just after

we celebrated National Flag day. We had a ceremony in front of City Hall celebrating our National Flag. Many people turned out and it was a great experience. Too many things have been in the papers and on the internet telling us that Americans simply do not care. This is not true! I would like to thank the many groups and individuals that made Flag Day so special. Thank you all.

Earlier in June, I spent time in Tennessee. We had a reunion with three couples, one from Oklahoma, one from Pennsylvania and Jackie and I from here in Saint Louis, Michigan. In the sixties we spent two years together in Germany. We were in the U.S. Army and somehow ended up in Germany instead of Viet Nam. We worked hard, but were not in the war zone. The military changed our lives, but all six of us were proud to serve. Now, many others are serving, some in the war zone, others, like myself, serving in other parts of the world. Wherever they are, they deserve our prayers and well wishes. We must never forget that freedom is not free.

Last evening, August 15, 2012, I was asked to attend a candle light ceremony honoring the people that died in Wisconsin last week. It was

held in Shields, Michigan at the Singh Sabha Gurdwara. It was deeply moving. I will never forget the experience.

Recently there have been a number of ribbon cutting ceremonies in and around Saint Louis. We want to commend these entrepreneurs and wish them well. Please seek them out and give them your business. More things are happening but we will discuss them after they have happened.

Once again, thank you for your kind words about my articles. I truly appreciate them.

Jim Kelly

## *New City Hall Office Hours*

### **Monday, September 17, 2012**

Beginning Monday, September 17, 2012 City Hall will have new open hours. We are operating with less staff and we need to make sure we are covering the payment window/reception area. Rather than hire a person, we think it will be more cost effective to reduce the hours that we are open.

New Hours will be 8am to 12:30pm and then 1:30pm to 4pm. We understand this may be an inconvenience for some, but hope for your understanding as we continually try to provide cost effective services to the public.

The drop box is always available for payments.

## Energy Smart Program



The City of St. Louis Energy Smart Program includes free compact fluorescent lamp (CFL's), refrigerator and freezer recycling and other efficiency incentives. Residential customers can pick up four free CFL's (per household) while supplies last at the City Offices starting September 1, 2012. CFL's use approximately 1/4 of the energy of incandescent bulbs and last 10 to 13 times longer!

City Hall is also a CFL recycle drop-off location. City electric customers may drop off unbroken, spent CFL bulbs for recycling.

## November 6 General Election

The last day to register for the November 6, 2012 General Election is Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the City Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m.

The registered voters of the City of St. Louis will be voting in the City Hall Council Chambers at 108 W. Saginaw Street for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballots should be available about September 24th and may be obtained for the City Clerk's office during regular business hours.

To inquire if you are registered to vote or have any questions please call City Hall at 681-2137 ext. 1.

## Park Plan Survey

### We want your input!

The City of St. Louis is updating its Recreation Master Plan. Please take a few minutes to take our survey so we know what you think about our parks and how we can plan for the future.

Go to [www.StLouisRecreation.com](http://www.StLouisRecreation.com) to take a brief survey—only 5 to 10 minutes of your time.

## Utility Shut-Off Information

Please note that on Shut-Off Day for utility bills, a \$35 fee is assessed on any unpaid bills scheduled for shutoff. Paying the bill on Shut-Off Day will not remove the \$35 fee. The fee helps pay for the extra costs associated with the shutoff process without putting extra burden on customers who do pay on time. Please don't wait until the last possible moment to pay your bill, as we will not be waiving these fees. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## Board & Commission Vacancies

The City Council is looking for civic minded persons to fill vacancies on various boards and commissions necessary for City operations. Currently the City has the following vacancies:

Housing Commission  
Cemetery Committee  
Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are interested in serving your community by serving on one of these boards, please send a letter of interest including a short description of your work or personal experience that may make you especially qualified for appointment to one of these boards. Please address your letter of interest to: City Clerk, 108 W. Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI 48880

## Important Information

The last day to pay  
Summer, 2012 Property taxes  
without penalty is  
Friday, September 14, 2012

## City Office Closing

City Offices will be closed  
Monday, September 3, 2012  
For your convenience a drop box is  
located outside City Hall.

1. How many times did you use a St. Louis park in the past year?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		8.0%	8
1 - 3 times		29.0%	29
<b>4 - 9 times</b>		<b>32.0%</b>	<b>32</b>
10 - 15 times		8.0%	8
More than 15 times		23.0%	23
<b>answered question</b>			<b>100</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>4</b>

## 2. Why do you visit parks in St. Louis? Please check all that apply.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Fitness and exercise (walking, hiking, bicycling)		45.5%	45
Participate in a game with friends or with a league		9.1%	9
Watch a game or a league sporting event		18.2%	18
<b>Casual/informal use (picnic, playground, geocaching)</b>		<b>59.6%</b>	<b>59</b>
Enjoy nature		32.3%	32
Fishing		16.2%	16
Boating/canoeing/kayaking		10.1%	10
Participate in a community event		42.4%	42
Swimming at WT Morris Pool		20.2%	20
Other (please specify):		6.1%	6
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>99</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>5</b>

### 3. Please evaluate the following general aspects of parks and recreation in St. Louis:

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Response Count
Quality/Friendliness of Pool Staff	28.8% (21)	27.4% (20)	<b>43.8% (32)</b>	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	73
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	18.1% (17)	<b>39.4% (37)</b>	24.5% (23)	17.0% (16)	1.1% (1)	94
Maintenance and Appearance	27.8% (27)	<b>55.7% (54)</b>	10.3% (10)	6.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	97
Safety and Security	28.9% (28)	<b>47.4% (46)</b>	22.7% (22)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (1)	97
<b>answered question</b>						<b>99</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>5</b>

**4. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the St. Louis park system? (Check all that apply.)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Splash Pad		41.2%	42
<b>Walking/Biking Paths</b>		<b>73.5%</b>	<b>75</b>
Picnic Pavilions		29.4%	30
Ball Diamonds		14.7%	15
Playgrounds		32.4%	33
Skate Park		11.8%	12
Basketball Courts		24.5%	25
Dog Park		32.4%	33
Drinking Fountains		34.3%	35
Restrooms		53.9%	55
Disc Golf		21.6%	22
Tennis Courts		8.8%	9
Bandshell		14.7%	15
Fishing Platforms		23.5%	24
Soccer Field		16.7%	17
Other (please specify):		5.9%	6
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>102</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>2</b>

**5. St. Louis is planning for the redevelopment of the Velsicol site (the large open area on the east side of the Pine River just north of M-46). Please provide your opinion on the following amenities that could be added to the park. If you'd like to see the conceptual plan for the Velsicol site in a new window, please [click here](#).**

	<b>Important to add</b>	<b>Not needed</b>	<b>Not sure</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Fishing Platforms	<b>69.3% (61)</b>	10.2% (9)	20.5% (18)	88
Walking Paths	<b>94.8% (92)</b>	2.1% (2)	3.1% (3)	97
Amphitheater	<b>43.5% (37)</b>	18.8% (16)	37.6% (32)	85
Educational/Site History Building	<b>59.8% (52)</b>	17.2% (15)	23.0% (20)	87
Fitness Stations	<b>60.2% (50)</b>	15.7% (13)	24.1% (20)	83
Multi-use Sports Fields	<b>73.0% (65)</b>	9.0% (8)	18.0% (16)	89
Boat Launch	<b>64.8% (57)</b>	18.2% (16)	17.0% (15)	88
		Other amenities you would like added?		23
		<b>answered question</b>		<b>102</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

**6. Please rate your feelings regarding the following statements concerning the Pine River and natural areas in St. Louis.**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
The preservation and restoration of the Pine River and natural areas in our community has a positive effect on the quality of my life.	<b>63.1% (65)</b>	28.2% (29)	6.8% (7)	1.0% (1)	1.0% (1)	103
It is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities on the Pine River in St. Louis.	<b>71.6% (73)</b>	22.5% (23)	3.9% (4)	1.0% (1)	1.0% (1)	102
<b>answered question</b>						<b>104</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>0</b>

**7. It is important to add more trails and non-motorized pathways in the City of St. Louis.**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>64.4%</b>	<b>67</b>
Agree		28.8%	30
Not Sure		4.8%	5
Disagree		1.9%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>104</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

**8. If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make St. Louis parks more user-friendly for you and your family member. Please check all that apply.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
No one with a disability in our family		66.2%	45
Flatter, easier grades		13.2%	9
Accessible playgrounds		8.8%	6
Accessible parking		14.7%	10
Accessible waterfront access		14.7%	10
Accessible restrooms		23.5%	16
Paved trails		25.0%	17
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>68</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>36</b>

**9. What do you like best about parks and recreation in St. Louis?**

	Response Count
	56
<b>answered question</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>48</b>

## 10. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation in St. Louis?

	Response Count
	56
answered question	56
skipped question	48

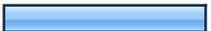
## 11. Where do you live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
In the City of St. Louis		61.5%	64
In the St. Louis School district - outside of the City of St. Louis		25.0%	26
None of the above		13.5%	14
	answered question		104
	skipped question		0

## 12. How many years have you lived in St. Louis?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1		4.0%	4
1 to 4		8.1%	8
5 to 10		13.1%	13
11 to 19		18.2%	18
Over 20		56.6%	56
	answered question		99
	skipped question		5

### 13. How many people live in your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		5.8%	6
2		30.1%	31
<b>3-5</b>		<b>56.3%</b>	<b>58</b>
6 or more		7.8%	8
<b>answered question</b>			<b>103</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>1</b>

### 14. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
under 18		0.0%	0
18-29		9.6%	10
30-39		22.1%	23
<b>40-49</b>		<b>31.7%</b>	<b>33</b>
50-64		28.8%	30
65 and older		7.7%	8
<b>answered question</b>			<b>104</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

**Q5. St. Louis is planning for the redevelopment of the Velsicol site (the large open area on the east side of the Pine River just north of M-46). Please provide your opinion on the following amenities that could be added to the park.**

**If you'd like to see the conceptual plan for the Velsicol site ...**

1	An area with sand & net for volleyball Playscape for the youngsters	Sep 7, 2012 10:55 AM
2	spray park,picnic tables, trees, flowers, sandy beach for sunbathing and children playing in the sand, childrens play ground, basketball court, horseshoe pits and putt putt golf. Maybe a concession stand with ice cream, drinks, pop corn, cotton candy and some healthy options like fruit or fruit smoothies etc.	Sep 5, 2012 5:21 PM
3	Dog park!	Aug 27, 2012 7:39 PM
4	Would love to hava a splash park like the one in Mt. Pleasant.	Aug 21, 2012 10:49 AM
5	I don't feel that adding anything to that area is a good use of money. Most people in the community are concerned with the health & safety of the area. I don't think anything added to that area will get much use. I feel like money would be better spent at another site or updating other parks/areas.	Aug 21, 2012 9:46 AM
6	Restrooms	Aug 16, 2012 8:38 PM
7	Biking or walking trails would be a nice addition to the community	Aug 16, 2012 5:36 PM
8	would love to see a spray park - Mt. Pleasant has a smaller size one that works great! Sandford Lake has a beautiful, large spray park - either would be great models and worth checking into.	Aug 16, 2012 4:45 PM
9	paddle boats, cafe, boardwalk, shops. Some of the ideas the 7th graders brought to the City Council meeting last year!!!!	Aug 16, 2012 4:38 PM
10	I live almost across from the velsicol site I would love to welcome any redevelopment plan.	Aug 16, 2012 3:41 PM
11	restrooms, drinking fountains, sprinkler/ water pads.	Aug 16, 2012 3:02 PM
12	Donate/sell the land to anyone who will create jobs in St Louis. 1- University/tech school 2-Manufacturing facility	Aug 16, 2012 2:49 PM
13	Canoe livery would be nice or kayaks	Aug 16, 2012 11:41 AM
14	Restrooms	Aug 16, 2012 9:04 AM
15	Im sorry but we would love for you to STOP bringin in all the low income its unfortunate but this is whats destroying St. Louis not the parks!!	Aug 16, 2012 7:20 AM
16	Is the property safe for permed ant buildings now? Is the pollutant gone?	Aug 15, 2012 9:07 PM
17	Splash pad for young children. A playscape like at Woodland and Wright Park.	Aug 15, 2012 9:05 PM
18	Bike paths	Aug 15, 2012 7:33 PM
19	put Baseball fields for little league, so the fields could be put in 1 location	Aug 15, 2012 6:23 PM

**Q5. St. Louis is planning for the redevelopment of the Velsicol site (the large open area on the east side of the Pine River just north of M-46). Please provide your opinion on the following amenities that could be added to the park.**

**If you'd like to see the conceptual plan for the Velsicol site ...**

20	Camp grounds with rustic to full amenity sites. Boat, canoe, kayak, paddle boat, and pontoon rentals. Numerous boat docks at the camp grounds as well as docks at Mill street bridge for campers to pull up and then go downtown. These and many other options as well as some, if not all of the above. This would bring outside new money into the city, thus ensuring new life for our current businesses, as well as promoting new business growth.	Aug 15, 2012 6:10 PM
21	Seating, to rest and to enjoy the view. Restrooms ( not Porta-Potties.) also, I'd like to see some "lookout" viewing areas built out over the water, perhaps with seating, to fully enjoy the river, the weather, seasons, and sunsets.	Aug 15, 2012 3:54 PM
22	Would love to have several baseball/softball fields similar to Alma's. Also basketball courts and walking/biking path along river!	Aug 15, 2012 3:27 PM
23	bike locking stations.	Aug 15, 2012 3:16 PM

**Q9. What do you like best about parks and recreation in St. Louis?**

1	Most are easy to access and are well located	Sep 7, 2012 10:55 AM
2	flowers and trees	Sep 5, 2012 5:21 PM
3	It's a nice to be able to get out of the house and exercise.	Sep 5, 2012 4:00 PM
4	River	Sep 5, 2012 2:11 PM
5	There are many activities at the playgrounds that my little ones are able to enjoy. The parks are beautiful and well kept.	Sep 5, 2012 1:44 PM
6	easy to access.	Sep 5, 2012 1:34 PM
7	Close locations	Aug 27, 2012 7:39 PM
8	They are clean and well maintained.	Aug 21, 2012 10:49 AM
9	Having somewhere fun to take my children to play.	Aug 21, 2012 9:46 AM
10	I generally feel very safe walking through, regardless of time of day.	Aug 20, 2012 3:01 PM
11	They are well maintained.	Aug 20, 2012 11:08 AM
12	Safe and well maintained.	Aug 17, 2012 2:33 PM
13	Quality and close proximity	Aug 17, 2012 11:48 AM
14	The difference in each park	Aug 17, 2012 11:04 AM
15	..	Aug 17, 2012 8:01 AM
16	Lots of parks	Aug 17, 2012 7:39 AM
17	They are clean and maintained.	Aug 16, 2012 8:38 PM
18	locations	Aug 16, 2012 6:31 PM
19	They make the most of their natural environment.	Aug 16, 2012 4:38 PM
20	There home	Aug 16, 2012 4:33 PM
21	We have enough throughout the town that most kids don't have to cross a busy road to use one	Aug 16, 2012 3:41 PM
22	They are all over the city.	Aug 16, 2012 3:02 PM
23	Availabilty and the constant attempts by the city to keep the parks clean and relaxing, but can't keep up with the geese and some people that have no respect for others.	Aug 16, 2012 2:50 PM
24	WELL MAINTENED	Aug 16, 2012 2:17 PM
25	Just the friendly atmosphere	Aug 16, 2012 1:54 PM

**Q9. What do you like best about parks and recreation in St. Louis?**

26	The ones we use are clean.	Aug 16, 2012 11:41 AM
27	The many choices we have. Usually the parks are clean. Bathrooms would be a huge plus.	Aug 16, 2012 11:41 AM
28	What little we do have, is kept up.	Aug 16, 2012 11:01 AM
29	typically they are clean and mowed at most times, I'd like to see some better lighting on the walkpath at Lions Park - it's dark over there and some wild animals!	Aug 16, 2012 10:11 AM
30	I appreciate that though we are a small town, we have beautiful parks, though I feel they are underused.	Aug 16, 2012 10:00 AM
31	They seem to be well maintained. This leads people to take better care themselves.	Aug 16, 2012 8:59 AM
32	they are clean and neat	Aug 16, 2012 8:06 AM
33	Like the rubber/tire filler they used in lippien park as opposed to the stones/dirt.	Aug 16, 2012 7:32 AM
34	I love that they are peaceful and well-kept	Aug 15, 2012 10:51 PM
35	Presently the swimming pool!	Aug 15, 2012 9:07 PM
36	They are spread out so many neighborhoods can enjoy them. I love that St. Louis has a pool.	Aug 15, 2012 9:05 PM
37	Westgate park is very nice to c as driving through st.louis	Aug 15, 2012 7:39 PM
38	Nice appearance to people travelling through, especially on M46	Aug 15, 2012 7:38 PM
39	Clean	Aug 15, 2012 7:33 PM
40	ALL ARE WITHIN WALING DISTANCE	Aug 15, 2012 4:08 PM
41	The "small-town" friendliness of the people. I like the close proximity of the facilities, too; it doesn't take long to get to a park.	Aug 15, 2012 3:54 PM
42	I like that they are not far from the center of town, easy to get to, the sidewalks are in very good condition.	Aug 15, 2012 3:54 PM
43	The beauty of Leppien Park	Aug 15, 2012 3:34 PM
44	Good facilities	Aug 15, 2012 3:32 PM
45	locations	Aug 15, 2012 3:18 PM
46	Availability	Aug 15, 2012 3:16 PM
47	They are clean and safe.	Aug 15, 2012 3:16 PM
48	The numerous parks that are available.	Aug 15, 2012 3:09 PM

**Q9. What do you like best about parks and recreation in St. Louis?**

49	The community pool is awesome to have. What a great place, friendly staff and a clean pool. Maybe things could be added to the pool.	Aug 15, 2012 3:04 PM
50	grounds were always well maintained,	Aug 15, 2012 3:04 PM
51	Brings a variety of people to the downtown area to create a sense of community, reinforce pride and ownership in community, and patron downtown businesses.	Aug 15, 2012 3:03 PM
52	# of parks St. Louis has for a small town.	Aug 15, 2012 2:59 PM
53	Pool	Aug 15, 2012 2:56 PM
54	They are usually clean and well maintained	Aug 15, 2012 2:18 PM
55	The number of parks and that there is one close to each neighborhood. A park is usually close enough for an elementary kid to get to.	Aug 15, 2012 12:00 PM
56	Clean and well kept	Aug 14, 2012 2:40 PM

**Q10. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation in St. Louis?**

1	More variety in tree species.....red maples are nice, but a little variety won't hurt. Sycamore trees are well adapted for urban plantings, and more Michigan native species would be nice (basswood, etc)	Sep 7, 2012 10:55 AM
2	Add more to do	Sep 5, 2012 4:00 PM
3	Connect to Meyer trail	Sep 5, 2012 2:11 PM
4	At Clapp Park, the crane is broken and has been for over a year.	Sep 5, 2012 1:44 PM
5	clean up the water.	Sep 5, 2012 1:34 PM
6	Dog park	Aug 27, 2012 7:39 PM
7	Add more attraction so there is a reason to bring people to the parks. Adding baseball diamonds, basketball courts, ect, would help to keep kids active. At the same time, adults who visit the park for scenery and relaxation would enjoy walking paved trails with a nice scenery. Also it would be a nice place for photographers to visit. Improving these parks would bring in a great deal of visitors, including myself who has only drove by and never stopped.	Aug 23, 2012 9:36 AM
8	More thins foe kids and teens. A skate park. A splash pad or shuffle board.	Aug 21, 2012 10:49 AM
9	Get better play equipment. More toddler friendly equipment is needed.	Aug 21, 2012 9:46 AM
10	Accessible restrooms	Aug 20, 2012 3:01 PM
11	Some how keep the geese out of Penny Park, It has the most equipment for children to use but is filthy.	Aug 20, 2012 11:08 AM
12	A sports complex! Baseball / Softball fields, basketball courts, Frisbee golf, River walk, complete with good restrooms and the option for concessions (for hosting tournaments). These allow the opportunity to bring in money into the community versus strictly expenses.	Aug 18, 2012 9:19 AM
13	Restroom availability	Aug 17, 2012 11:48 AM
14	..	Aug 17, 2012 8:01 AM
15	Offer a better variety of things to do. More family friendly. Right some parks are boring.	Aug 17, 2012 7:39 AM
16	Overall plan to connect the parks with bike paths or bike lanes on roads.	Aug 16, 2012 8:38 PM
17	put walking paths in more of the parks	Aug 16, 2012 6:31 PM
18	Restore Clapp park to the way it used to be in the mineral spring heyday	Aug 16, 2012 5:38 PM
19	Given the opportunity, I would like to see more paved walkways. Shepherd has a wonderful triangle that is full of families, childrens, elderly walkers, etc. It would be great to provide a similiar system within the St. Louis.	Aug 16, 2012 4:45 PM
20	More things for kids to do. We need to make St. Louis a destination, so people can say, "I'm going to St. Louis today" instead of "I'm going to Frankenmuth	Aug 16, 2012 4:38 PM

**Q10. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation in St. Louis?**

	today"!!! Let's get creative!!!	
21	maintenance sometimes gets lacking you hurry to prepare sometimes	Aug 16, 2012 4:33 PM
22	Leave the trees alone and let them grow in the parks and downtown. Towns that let the trees grow down the business district are so beautiful	Aug 16, 2012 3:41 PM
23	Put items in for the adults. Kids want and will play with mom and dad and vice versa if the parks can accommodate it. Need a better way for adults and kids to interact in the parks.	Aug 16, 2012 3:02 PM
24	Do everything in our power get politicians and DNR to help us get rid of the annoying/pooping/foul geese. the number one reason people do not go to the parks more. Impossible to clean up after them.	Aug 16, 2012 2:50 PM
25	IMPROVE PENNY PARK	Aug 16, 2012 2:17 PM
26	Don't really know, they are nice now	Aug 16, 2012 1:54 PM
27	Shuffle board and horseshoes for seniors.	Aug 16, 2012 11:41 AM
28	Bathrooms	Aug 16, 2012 11:41 AM
29	The kids need more variety so they stay active and out of trouble, especially the teens.	Aug 16, 2012 11:01 AM
30	put together a summer recreation program for youth, maybe grant based or partnered w/ a local youth church group.	Aug 16, 2012 10:11 AM
31	I would organize fitness programs that are community based and free or low cost.	Aug 16, 2012 10:00 AM
32	Create a bike trail along Cheesman Road from Westgate to Michigan Avenue.	Aug 16, 2012 9:04 AM
33	Anything you can within your budget.	Aug 16, 2012 8:59 AM
34	bathrooms the rent rate pottys are sick	Aug 16, 2012 8:06 AM
35	Love the idea of a splash pad!!!	Aug 16, 2012 7:32 AM
36	It is difficult to find a place to walk sometimes - I would love to see walking trails and maybe somehow connect with the Fred Meier Heartland Trail in Alma	Aug 15, 2012 10:51 PM
37	Restrooms, better accessibility from parking area, little larger roof space to cover picnic table area.	Aug 15, 2012 9:07 PM
38	I think an enclosed park (community built or splash pad) would be great as most of our parks are near a possible hazard (M-46, river).	Aug 15, 2012 9:05 PM
39	Improve Penny and Lincoln park	Aug 15, 2012 7:39 PM
40	More picnic tables, walking paths and biking paths.	Aug 15, 2012 7:33 PM
41	Promote recreational tourism into our city, our communities and our county.	Aug 15, 2012 6:10 PM

**Q10. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation in St. Louis?**

Recreation could be the largest employer in our county. We have the natural resources, thus the infrastructure to build it.

42	keep punk teenager out of there. my kids have had to leave several times due to teenagers saying bad things to them	Aug 15, 2012 4:08 PM
43	Upgrade play equipment for children, making it more interesting and including fitness activities that are both a challenge and yet are fun for children.	Aug 15, 2012 3:54 PM
44	More facilities: flush toilets instead of port-o-potties.	Aug 15, 2012 3:54 PM
45	Very concerned about graffiti on the gazebo in Clapp Park.	Aug 15, 2012 3:34 PM
46	Walking paths	Aug 15, 2012 3:32 PM
47	Athletic complex	Aug 15, 2012 3:27 PM
48	lighting	Aug 15, 2012 3:18 PM
49	Landscaping	Aug 15, 2012 3:16 PM
50	Not really sure	Aug 15, 2012 3:16 PM
51	Clean the river so people can fish and swim without fear.	Aug 15, 2012 3:04 PM
52	A fence around the play area at Leppien Park. It is very close to the river, and it could prove to be dangerous for children.	Aug 15, 2012 3:02 PM
53	City more involved in the recreation of our citizens. Recreation opportunities, support for little league	Aug 15, 2012 2:59 PM
54	More biking/hiking paths	Aug 15, 2012 2:56 PM
55	Create better pedestrain pathways to Alma and to the high density housing areas on Michigan Ave and M46.	Aug 15, 2012 12:00 PM
56	more paved trails	Aug 14, 2012 2:40 PM

# **APPENDIX B**

## Potential Funding Sources for Parks and Recreation Projects



## POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS

Funding for the projects described under the Action Program can come from a range of local, state and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. What follows is a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.

### Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 26%
- Development grants
  - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
  - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
  - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
  - Resource Protection – very important
  - Water Access
  - Community Recreation
  - Urban Recreation
  - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)

### Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF, applications due annually on March 1
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$75,000 (\$150,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)

### Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Enhancement Funds

- For non-motorized transportation and rehabilitation & operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a Township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) - Go to “Projects and Programs”.



## Other Programs to Consider:

### *Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service*

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- [www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm)

### *Specific sports and sports foundations*

- United States Tennis Association (USTA) –
  - funding for tennis courts and programs
  - [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com)
- Major League Baseball
  - Baseball Tomorrow Fund, more info at [www.baseballtomorrow.com](http://www.baseballtomorrow.com)
- United States Soccer - [www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org)

### *Safe Routes to School*

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
  - Sidewalks and off-street pedestrian facilities
  - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
  - Traffic calming and speed reduction
  - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
  - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
  - [www.saferoutesmichigan.org](http://www.saferoutesmichigan.org)

### *Trust for Public Land (TPL)*

- Conservation Transactions: TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- More information at [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

### *Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants*

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)

- [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq) - Go to “Surface Water” and then to “Non-point Source Pollution”.

*Community Forestry Grant Program*

- Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. Project categories are: Management and Planning, Education and Training, Library Resources and Tree Planting.
- 50% match required.
- <http://www.mi.gov/dnrucf> - Go to “Community Forestry Grants”.

*Community Foundations, Private Foundations, and Endowments*

# APPENDIX C

## Post Completion Inspections





### LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).*

GRANTEE: City of St. Louis

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01592

PROJECT TITLE: W.T. Morris Memorial Pool

PROJECT SCOPE: Pool, deck and bathhouse upgrades and improvements & ADA improvements.

PROJECT TYPE: Development

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee) City of St. Louis	Contact Person Bob McConkie
Address 108 W. Saginaw St.	Title City Manager
City, State, ZIP St. Louis, MI 48880	Telephone (989) 681-3842

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)  Yes  No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No  
Though not obsolete, the pool house/changing room is aged. The City desires to replace the facility and has prepared preliminary designs (see attached).

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.  Yes  No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

**POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)**

**SITE QUALITY**

Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Yes  No

See attached photo.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes  No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes  No

The facility is maintained daily during the season while it open and used.

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

In the 2012-13 fiscal year, the budget was \$46,400.

**GENERAL**

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

Yes  No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes  No

Fees are \$1.50 per session; \$2.00 per swim lesson; \$60.00 for an individual annual pass;  
and \$150.00 for a family annual pass.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Season: June 9th - August 26<sup>th</sup>; M-F 12-4pm, M-Th 6-9pm, Sat. 12-6pm, and Sun. 1-5pm.

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE**

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement:

"This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental federally-assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age and handicap?" If yes, specify which method(s) is used, including the location of same.

Yes  No

See attached flyer and web page.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

b. Is the following address included for the purpose of facilitating an individual's filing of a complaint?  Yes  No

DIRECTOR - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
PO BOX 37127  
WASHINGTON DC 20013-7127

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Multiple horizontal lines for entering comments.

CERTIFICATION

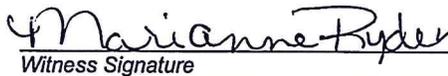
*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

Bob McConkie, City Manager  
Please print

  
Grantee Authorized Signature

2/13/2013  
Date

Marianne Ryder, City Clerk  
Please print

  
Witness Signature

2/13/2013  
Date

Send completed report to: GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925



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# W.T. Morris Swimming Pool (989) 681-2377



**Dates of Operation:  
June 9 – August 26, 2012**

## **Hours:**

<u>Monday - Thursday</u> 12—4 p.m. & 6—9 p.m.	<u>Friday</u> 12—4 p.m.	<u>Saturday</u> 12 - 6 p.m.	<u>Sunday</u> 1 - 5 p.m.
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\$1.50 per person/per session every day

## Special Friday Evening Events

July 6<sup>th</sup>                      5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## Swimming Lessons

Held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer beginning on June 19<sup>th</sup> and ending on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call 681-2377 to pre-register. Lessons will be held from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Cost is \$2.00 per person/per session.

## Season Passes

Single - \$60.00  
Family (limit of 6) - \$125.00

## OPENING DAY!

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## **FREE SWIM SPONSORED BY NEEDHAM'S HOME CENTER:**

<b>Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup></b> Noon - 6 p.m.	<b>Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup></b> Noon - 8 p.m.	<b>Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup></b> Noon - 6 p.m.
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This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulation of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental federally-assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age and handicap.

Complaints may be filed at the following address:  
Director-Equal Opportunity Programs  
National Park Service  
US Department of the Interior  
P.O. Box 37127  
Washington, DC 20013-7127





CITY OF ST. LOUIS  
PUBLIC POOL



MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT
This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANTEE: City of St. Louis

PROJECT TITLE: Westgate Park Development, Ph 1

PROJECT NUMBER: TF91-204

PROJECT SCOPE: Boat launch, boardwalk, parking

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of St. Louis, Bob McConkie, City Manager, 108 W. Saginaw St., (989) 681-3842, St. Louis, MI 48880, rmconkie@stlouismi.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [ ] Yes [X] No

Has project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. [ ] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [ ] Yes [X] No

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [ ] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a picture of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [ ] No

Are the facilities and the site being property maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [ ] No

**POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)**

**SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)**

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
Daily during the season when it is open and in use.

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?  Yes  No  
Part of annual budget, FY13 \$105,275; \$25,000 contribution from Leppien family for CIP.

**GENERAL**

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
March 15 - November 15, annually

**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

Bob McConkie, City Manager  3/12/2013  
Please print Grantee Authorized Signature Date

Marianne Ryder, City Clerk  3/12/13  
Please print Witness Signature Date

**Send completed report to: GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
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# APPENDIX D

## SGMA 2008 Sports and Fitness Participation Report



The Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association

**Sports, Fitness & Recreational Activities  
Topline Participation Report  
2011**



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## 10 PARTICIPATION DATA

Throughout the report significant changes have been highlighted in orange. Note: The population from 2000 to 2009 increased by 9% - so sports that have increased 9% have shown no significant change since the year 2000.

Aerobic Activities	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Aerobics (High impact)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	11,790	11,287	12,272	13,269	15,864	19.6%	34.6%
Casual	1-49 times		5,004	5,765	5,935	7,462	25.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		2,156	2,299	2,658	3,215	21.0%	
Frequent	100+ times		4,127	4,208	4,676	5,186	10.9%	
CORE	50+ times		6,283	6,507	7,334	8,401	14.5%	
<b>Aerobics (Low impact)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	21,384	22,397	24,168	25,685	27,177	5.8%	27.1%
Casual	1-49 times		9,341	11,021	11,034	12,415	12.5%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,523	5,064	5,313	6,013	13.2%	
Frequent	100+ times		8,533	8,083	9,338	8,748	-6.3%	
CORE	50+ times		13,056	13,147	14,651	14,761	0.8%	
<b>Aerobics (Step)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,867	8,528	10,318	10,784	11,283	4.6%	3.8%
Casual	1-49 times		4,454	6,021	5,475	6,203	13.3%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,647	1,891	2,340	2,291	-2.1%	
Frequent	100+ times		2,427	2,406	2,969	2,790	-6.0%	
CORE	50+ times		4,074	4,297	5,309	5,081	-4.3%	
<b>Aquatic Exercise</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,303	9,757	9,267	8,662	9,231	6.6%	-0.8%
Casual	1-49 times		5,993	5,794	5,027	5,663	12.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,789	1,809	1,853	1,681	-9.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		1,975	1,664	1,782	1,887	5.9%	
CORE	50+ times		3,764	3,473	3,635	3,568	-1.8%	
<b>Cardio Kickboxing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,765	4,812	4,997	6,002	6,571	9.5%	-25.0%
Casual	1-49 times		2,987	3,273	3,571	4,469	25.1%	
Regular	50-99 times		905	771	1,266	1,037	-18.1%	
Frequent	100+ times		920	953	1,165	1,065	-8.6%	
CORE	50+ times		1,825	1,724	2,431	2,102	-13.5%	
<b>Cross-Country Ski Machine</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,541	3,696	3,490	3,097	3,084	-0.4%	-52.9%
Casual	1-49 times		1,857	1,981	1,512	1,753	15.9%	
Regular	50-99 times		688	548	569	533	-6.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		1,151	961	1,016	798	-21.5%	
CORE	50+ times		1,839	1,508	1,585	1,331	-16.0%	
<b>Elliptical Motion Trainer</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	7,371	23,586	25,284	26,521	28,117	6.0%	281.5%
Casual	1-49 times		10,972	11,728	12,085	13,363	10.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,968	5,464	5,349	5,872	9.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		7,646	8,092	9,087	8,882	-2.3%	
CORE	50+ times		12,614	13,556	14,436	14,754	2.2%	
<b>Other Exercise to Music</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	16,065	22,294	21,893	22,045	22,960	4.2%	42.9%
Casual	1-49 times		9,661	9,504	9,740	11,115	14.1%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,560	4,620	4,423	4,603	4.1%	
Frequent	100+ times		8,073	7,769	7,882	7,241	-8.1%	
CORE	50+ times		12,633	12,388	12,305	11,844	-3.7%	

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Aerobic Activities (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Running/Jogging</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	31,398	41,064	41,130	43,892	49,408	12.6%	57.4%
Casual	1-49 times		16,824	17,728	18,333	21,744	18.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		8,237	8,428	9,113	9,326	2.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		16,003	14,974	16,446	18,338	11.5%	
CORE	50+ times		24,240	23,402	25,559	27,664	8.2%	
<b>Stair Climbing Machine</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	15,282	13,521	14,204	13,101	13,436	2.6%	-12.1%
Casual	1-49 times		7,107	8,017	7,004	7,462	6.5%	
Regular	50-99 times		2,651	2,702	2,581	2,516	-2.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		3,763	3,485	3,516	3,457	-1.7%	
CORE	50+ times		6,414	6,188	6,097	5,973	-2.0%	
<b>Stationary Cycling (Recumbent)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,810	10,818	11,389	11,208	11,709	4.5%	32.9%
Casual	1-49 times		5,261	6,020	5,550	6,146	10.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		2,331	2,090	2,230	2,426	8.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		3,226	3,279	3,428	3,137	-8.5%	
CORE	50+ times		5,557	5,369	5,658	5,563	-1.7%	
<b>Stationary Cycling (Group)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,709	6,314	6,693	6,831	8,876	29.9%	88.5%
Casual	1-49 times		3,371	3,868	3,820	5,251	37.5%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,221	1,078	1,316	1,555	18.2%	
Frequent	100+ times		1,722	1,747	1,695	2,070	22.1%	
CORE	50+ times		2,943	2,825	3,011	3,625	20.4%	
<b>Stationary Cycling (Upright)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	27,159	24,531	25,304	24,528	24,627	0.4%	-9.3%
Casual	1-49 times		11,581	12,653	11,795	12,571	6.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		5,210	4,738	5,097	4,588	-10.0%	
Frequent	100+ times		7,740	7,913	7,636	7,468	-2.2%	
CORE	50+ times		12,950	12,651	12,733	12,056	-5.3%	
<b>Swimming (Fitness/Competition)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	16,144	18,368	19,041	17,443	17,145	-1.7%	6.2%
Casual	1-49 times		11,131	11,741	11,024	10,620	-3.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		3,946	4,322	3,471	3,343	-3.7%	
Frequent	100+ times		3,291	2,978	2,948	3,000	1.8%	
CORE	50+ times		7,237	7,300	6,419	6,343	-1.2%	
<b>Treadmill</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	37,287	50,073	49,371	51,418	53,131	3.3%	42.5%
Casual	1-49 times		20,891	21,262	21,060	22,732	7.9%	
Regular	50-99 times		10,728	10,353	10,571	10,940	3.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		18,454	17,756	19,787	19,458	-1.7%	
CORE	50+ times		29,182	28,109	30,358	30,398	0.1%	
<b>Walking for Fitness</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	90,982	108,740	111,668	110,095	114,068	3.6%	25.4%
Casual	1-49 times		31,903	35,293	33,746	35,329	4.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		20,045	20,164	19,898	20,190	1.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		56,792	56,211	56,451	58,549	3.7%	
CORE	50+ times		76,837	76,375	76,349	78,739	3.1%	

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Conditioning Activities	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Abdominal Machine/Device</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	21,354	20,426	19,917	19,465	18,491	-5.0%	-13.4%
Casual	1-49 times		7,625	7,939	6,957	7,809	12.2%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,319	4,224	4,364	3,697	-15.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		8,482	7,754	8,144	6,986	-14.2%	
CORE	50+ times		12,801	11,978	12,508	10,683	-14.6%	
<b>Calisthenics</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	7,758	8,629	9,147	9,106	9,088	-0.2%	17.1%
Casual	1-49 times		2,041	3,037	3,226	3,138	-2.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,787	2,021	1,826	1,927	5.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		4,801	4,080	4,054	4,023	-0.8%	
CORE	50+ times		6,588	6,101	5,880	5,950	1.2%	
<b>Pilates Training</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	1,556	9,192	8,886	8,653	8,154	-5.8%	424.2%
Casual	1-49 times		5,085	5,348	4,805	4,920	2.4%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,920	1,516	1,839	1,505	-18.2%	
Frequent	100+ times		2,187	2,022	2,009	1,729	-13.9%	
CORE	50+ times		4,107	3,539	3,848	3,234	-16.0%	
<b>Rowing Machine</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,407	8,782	9,021	9,174	9,763	6.4%	3.8%
Casual	1-49 times		4,451	4,776	4,725	5,320	12.6%	
Regular	50-99 times		1,609	1,850	1,806	1,579	-12.6%	
Frequent	100+ times		2,722	2,395	2,643	2,864	8.4%	
CORE	50+ times		4,331	4,245	4,449	4,443	-0.1%	
<b>Stretching</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	24,613	36,181	36,288	36,310	35,129	-3.3%	42.7%
Casual	1-49 times		7,863	8,669	8,784	8,371	-4.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		5,906	6,106	6,105	5,831	-4.5%	
Frequent	100+ times		22,412	21,513	21,421	20,927	-2.3%	
CORE	50+ times		28,318	27,619	27,526	26,758	-2.8%	
<b>Tai Chi</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			3,424	3,205	3,180	-0.8%	
Casual	1-49 times			1,827	1,843	1,794	-2.7%	
Regular	50-99 times			520	489	578	18.2%	
Frequent	100+ times			1,077	873	808	-7.4%	
CORE	50+ times			1,597	1,362	1,386	1.8%	
<b>Yoga</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			17,758	20,109	21,886	8.8%	
Casual	1-49 times			10,736	11,549	12,541	8.6%	
Regular	50-99 times			2,808	3,786	3,817	0.8%	
Frequent	100+ times			4,214	4,774	5,528	15.8%	
CORE	50+ times			7,022	8,560	9,345	9.2%	

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Strength Activities	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Free Weights (Barbells)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	24,800	25,499	26,142	27,048	27,339	1.1%	10.2%
Casual	1-49 times		8,181	8,727	8,329	9,814	17.8%	
Regular	50-99 times		4,950	5,402	5,470	5,266	-3.7%	
Frequent	100+ times		12,368	12,013	13,249	12,259	-7.5%	
CORE	50+ times		17,318	17,415	18,719	17,525	-6.4%	
<b>Free Weights (Dumbbells)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	27,470	32,371	34,391	35,744	37,388	4.6%	36.1%
Casual	1-49 times		10,797	11,814	11,452	13,504	17.9%	
Regular	50-99 times		6,594	6,997	7,666	7,992	4.3%	
Frequent	100+ times		14,980	15,580	16,626	15,892	-4.4%	
CORE	50+ times		21,574	22,577	24,292	23,884	-1.7%	
<b>Free Weights (Hand Weights)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	33,784	43,821	42,997	45,934	45,922	0.0%	35.9%
Casual	1-49 times		15,635	16,070	15,563	17,228	10.7%	
Regular	50-99 times		8,819	8,884	9,562	9,655	1.0%	
Frequent	100+ times		19,367	18,043	20,809	19,039	-8.5%	
CORE	50+ times		28,186	26,927	30,371	28,694	-5.5%	
<b>Home Gym Exercise</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	20,626	25,823	24,514	24,762	24,581	-0.7%	19.2%
Casual	1-49 times		9,577	9,604	9,615	9,658	0.4%	
Regular	50-99 times		5,313	4,907	4,843	4,660	-3.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		10,933	10,003	10,304	10,263	-0.4%	
CORE	50+ times		16,246	14,910	15,147	14,923	-1.5%	
<b>Weight/Resistance Machines</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	32,144	39,290	38,397	39,752	38,618	-2.9%	20.1%
Casual	1-49 times		14,555	14,929	13,892	15,076	8.5%	
Regular	50-99 times		8,012	8,063	8,382	7,800	-6.9%	
Frequent	100+ times		16,723	15,405	17,478	15,742	-9.9%	
CORE	50+ times		24,735	23,469	25,860	23,542	-9.0%	

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Individual Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Adventure Racing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		698	920	1,089	1,339	23.0%	
Casual	1 time		257	185	501	367	-26.7%	
Regular	2-9 times		215	471	429	486	13.3%	
Frequent	10+ times		226	264	159	326	<b>105.0%</b>	
CORE	2+ times		441	735	588	812	<b>38.1%</b>	
<b>Archery</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,285	5,950	6,409	6,326	6,319	-0.1%	0.5%
Casual	1-25 times		4,839	5,300	5,371	5,402	0.6%	
Regular	26-51 times		687	548	534	540	1.1%	
Frequent	52+ times		424	561	421	377	-10.5%	
CORE	26+ times		1,111	1,109	955	917	-4.0%	
<b>Billiards/Pool</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	46,336	51,089	49,018	43,005	39,385	<b>-8.4%</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>
Casual	1-12 times		30,795	31,840	27,303	25,817	<b>-5.4%</b>	
Regular	13-24 times		6,824	5,823	5,574	4,861	<b>-12.8%</b>	
Frequent	25+ times		13,470	11,355	10,128	8,707	<b>-14.0%</b>	
CORE	13+ times		20,294	17,178	15,702	13,568	<b>-13.6%</b>	
<b>Bowling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	51,938	60,184	58,650	57,293	55,877	<b>-2.5%</b>	7.6%
Casual	1-12 times		44,762	45,167	43,997	43,467	-1.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		5,225	4,458	4,394	4,290	-2.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		10,197	9,025	8,902	8,119	<b>-8.8%</b>	
CORE	13+ times		15,422	13,482	13,296	12,409	<b>-6.7%</b>	
<b>Boxing for Fitness *</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					4,788		
Casual	1-12 times					2,495		
Regular	13-24 times					605		
Frequent	25+ times					1,688		
CORE	13+ times					2,293		
<b>Boxing for Competition *</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					855		
Casual	1-12 times					598		
Regular	13-24 times					104		
Frequent	25+ times					153		
CORE	13+ times					257		
<b>Darts</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		24,709	23,451	20,022	18,118	<b>-9.5%</b>	
Casual	1-12 times		16,106	15,584	13,281	12,053	<b>-9.2%</b>	
Regular	13-24 times		2,951	2,817	2,286	2,033	-11.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		5,652	5,050	4,455	4,031	-9.5%	
CORE	13+ times		8,603	7,866	6,741	6,064	<b>-10.0%</b>	
<b>Golf (9/18 Hole Course)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	28,844	29,528	28,571	27,103	26,122	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>
<b>Horseback Riding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		12,098	10,816	9,755	9,809	0.6%	
Casual	1-12 times		8,330	7,384	6,883	6,971	1.3%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,029	971	763	828	8.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,739	2,461	2,109	2,010	-4.7%	
CORE	13+ times		3,768	3,432	2,872	2,838	-1.2%	
<b>Ice Skating</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	11,835	11,430	10,999	10,929	12,024	<b>10.0%</b>	1.6%
Casual	1-12 times		9,514	9,598	9,361	10,273	<b>9.7%</b>	
Regular	13-24 times		770	556	668	679	1.6%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,146	845	900	1,072	19.1%	
CORE	13+ times		1,916	1,401	1,568	1,751	11.7%	

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Individual Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Martial Arts *</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,161	6,865	6,770	6,516	5,488	-15.8%	-10.9%
Casual	1-12 times		1,366	1,495	1,374	1,473	7.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		691	622	560	466	-16.8%	
Frequent	25+ times		4,808	4,653	4,582	3,549	-22.5%	
CORE	13+ times		5,499	5,276	5,142	4,015	-21.9%	
<b>Mixed Martial Arts for Competition</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					910		
Casual	1-12 times					528		
Regular	13-24 times					124		
Frequent	25+ times					258		
CORE	13+ times					382		
<b>Mixed Martial Arts for Fitness</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					1,745		
Casual	1-12 times					577		
Regular	13-24 times					219		
Frequent	25+ times					949		
CORE	13+ times					1,168		
<b>Roller Skating (2x2 wheels)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	7,746	8,921	7,855	8,147	8,126	-0.3%	4.9%
Casual	1-12 times		7,004	6,291	6,357	6,220	-2.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		675	456	546	576	5.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,242	1,108	1,244	1,330	6.9%	
CORE	13+ times		1,917	1,564	1,790	1,906	6.5%	
<b>Roller Skating (Inline wheels)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	21,912	10,814	9,608	8,276	7,980	-3.6%	-63.6%
Casual	1-12 times		6,094	5,909	5,234	5,280	0.9%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,365	1,228	1,090	1,119	2.7%	
Frequent	25+ times		3,355	2,471	1,952	1,581	-19.0%	
CORE	13+ times		4,720	3,699	3,042	2,700	-11.2%	
<b>Scooter Riding (Non-motorized)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,968	6,782	6,394	5,064	4,861	-4.0%	-51.2%
Casual	1-12 times		2,971	2,168	1,676	1,755	4.7%	
Regular	13-24 times		927	1,017	684	776	13.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,884	3,216	2,704	2,330	-13.8%	
CORE	13+ times		4,460	4,233	3,388	3,106	-8.3%	
<b>Skateboarding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,859	8,429	7,807	7,352	6,808	-7.4%	-30.9%
Casual	1-25 times		4,589	4,074	3,937	3,727	-5.3%	
Regular	26-51 times		1,491	1,444	1,130	1,188	5.1%	
Frequent	52+ times		2,349	2,289	2,285	1,892	-17.2%	
CORE	26+ times		3,840	3,733	3,415	3,080	-9.8%	
<b>Trail Running</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,167	4,216	4,857	4,833	5,136	6.3%	23.3%
<b>Triathlon (Non-Traditional/Off Road)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		483	602	666	929	39.5%	
Casual	1 time		121	288	219	192	-12.3%	
Regular	2-9 times		219	197	286	435	52.3%	
Frequent	10+ times		143	117	161	259	60.7%	
CORE	2+ times		362	314	447	694	55.3%	
<b>Triathlon (Traditional/Road)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		798	1,087	1,208	1,978	63.7%	
Casual	1 time		248	352	396	595	50.2%	
Regular	2-9 times		375	497	519	668	28.7%	
Frequent	10+ times		175	238	293	529	80.5%	
CORE	2+ times		550	736	812	1,197	47.4%	

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\* Martial Arts category was split into 3 to now cover Martial Arts, MMA for fitness and MMA for competition so this will have impacted the total numbers for the pure "Martial Arts" category.

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Racquet Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Badminton</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,769	7,057	7,239	7,699	7,590	-1.4%	<b>-13.4%</b>
Casual	1-12 times		4,785	5,089	5,156	4,789	-7.1%	
Regular	13-24 times		910	905	1,094	983	-10.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,362	1,245	1,449	1,818	<b>25.5%</b>	
CORE	13+ times		2,272	2,150	2,543	2,801	10.1%	
<b>Cardio Tennis</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			830	1,177	1,503	<b>27.7%</b>	
<b>Racquetball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,475	4,229	4,993	4,575	4,630	1.2%	3.5%
Casual	1-12 times		2,292	2,914	2,699	2,809	4.1%	
Regular	13-24 times		544	649	638	594	-6.9%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,393	1,430	1,238	1,228	-0.8%	
CORE	13+ times		1,937	2,079	1,876	1,822	-2.9%	
<b>Squash</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		612	706	885	1,177	<b>33.0%</b>	
Casual	1-7 times		323	456	567	811	<b>43.0%</b>	
Regular	8-14 times		66	98	140	74	-47.1%	
Frequent	15+ times		223	152	178	292	64.2%	
CORE	8+ times		289	250	318	366	15.2%	
<b>Table Tennis</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	12,712	15,955	17,201	19,301	19,446	0.8%	<b>53.0%</b>
Casual	1-12 times		10,865	12,196	13,351	13,139	-1.6%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,787	1,892	2,008	2,167	7.9%	
Frequent	25+ times		3,303	3,113	3,942	4,140	5.0%	
CORE	13+ times		5,090	5,005	5,950	6,307	6.0%	
<b>Tennis</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	12,974	16,940	18,558	18,534	18,903	2.0%	<b>45.7%</b>

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Team Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Baseball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	15,848	16,058	15,020	13,837	14,558	5.2%	-8.1%
Casual	1-12 times		4,493	4,854	4,424	4,856	9.8%	
Regular	13-24 times		2,780	2,422	2,352	2,318	-1.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		8,785	7,744	7,061	7,385	4.6%	
CORE	13+ times		11,565	10,166	9,413	9,703	3.1%	
<b>Basketball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	26,215	25,961	26,254	24,007	26,304	9.6%	0.3%
Casual	1-12 times		7,956	8,582	7,558	8,629	14.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		4,279	3,997	3,961	4,029	1.7%	
Frequent	25+ times		13,726	13,675	12,488	13,646	9.3%	
CORE	13+ times		18,005	17,672	16,449	17,675	7.5%	
<b>Cheerleading</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,634	3,279	3,104	3,036	3,232	6.5%	22.7%
Casual	1-25 times		1,144	1,357	1,260	1,664	32.1%	
Regular	26-51 times		649	724	650	581	-10.6%	
Frequent	52+ times		1,485	1,023	1,126	987	-12.3%	
CORE	26+ times		2,135	1,746	1,776	1,568	-11.7%	
<b>Field Hockey</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,127	1,118	1,066	1,298	21.8%	
Casual	1-7 times		550	570	415	662	59.5%	
Regular	8-14 times		62	165	171	254	48.5%	
Frequent	15+ times		515	383	480	383	-20.2%	
CORE	8+ times		577	548	651	637	-2.2%	
<b>Football (Flag)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			7,310	6,553	6,767	3.3%	
Casual	1-12 times			4,001	3,551	3,695	4.1%	
Regular	13-24 times			1,169	1,304	1,226	-6.0%	
Frequent	25+ times			2,140	1,698	1,846	8.7%	
CORE	13+ times			3,309	3,002	3,072	2.3%	
<b>Football (Touch)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times			10,493	8,959	8,367	-6.6%	
Casual	1-12 times			6,199	5,100	4,947	-3.0%	
Regular	13-24 times			1,562	1,401	1,052	-24.9%	
Frequent	25+ times			2,732	2,458	2,367	-3.7%	
CORE	13+ times			4,294	3,859	3,419	-11.4%	
<b>Football (Tackle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,229	7,939	7,692	6,794	6,905	1.6%	-16.1%
Casual	1-25 times		3,700	3,470	3,112	3,008	-3.3%	
Regular	26-51 times		1,578	1,740	1,205	1,251	3.8%	
Frequent	52+ times		2,661	2,482	2,477	2,646	6.8%	
CORE	26+ times		4,239	4,221	3,682	3,897	5.8%	
<b>Gymnastics</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,876	4,066	3,883	4,021	4,815	19.7%	-1.2%
Casual	1-49 times		2,262	2,379	2,542	2,926	15.1%	
Regular	50-99 times		822	804	766	910	18.8%	
Frequent	100+ times		982	700	713	978	37.2%	
CORE	50+ times		1,804	1,504	1,479	1,888	27.7%	

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Team Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Ice Hockey</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,432	1,840	1,902	2,134	2,145	0.5%	-11.8%
Casual	1-12 times		558	889	946	1,066	12.7%	
Regular	13-24 times		254	213	307	227	-26.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,028	800	881	853	-3.2%	
CORE	13+ times		1,282	1,014	1,188	1,080	-9.1%	
<b>Lacrosse</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	518	1,058	1,127	1,197	1,648	37.7%	218.1%
Casual	1-12 times		349	562	523	751	43.6%	
Regular	13-24 times		127	183	102	198	94.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		582	382	572	699	22.2%	
CORE	13+ times		709	565	674	897	33.1%	
<b>Paintball</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,615	5,476	4,857	4,552	3,655	-19.7%	1.1%
Casual	1-7 times		3,195	2,929	2,842	2,635	-7.3%	
Regular	8-14 times		735	785	800	363	-54.6%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,546	1,143	910	657	-27.8%	
CORE	8+ times		2,281	1,929	1,710	1,020	-40.4%	
<b>Roller Hockey</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,888	1,681	1,456	1,397	1,350	-3.4%	-65.3%
Casual	1-12 times		950	968	836	1,015	21.4%	
Regular	13-24 times		187	109	178	42	-76.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		544	379	383	293	-23.5%	
CORE	13+ times		731	488	561	335	-40.3%	
<b>Rugby</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		617	690	750	1,130	50.7%	
Casual	1-7 times		301	401	440	757	72.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		71	50	102	81	-20.6%	
Frequent	15+ times		245	239	208	292	40.4%	
CORE	8+ times		316	289	310	373	20.3%	
<b>Soccer (Indoor)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,237	4,737	4,913	4,927	0.3%	
Casual	1-12 times		1,866	2,099	2,002	2,309	15.3%	
Regular	13-24 times		805	847	1,046	825	-21.1%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,566	1,791	1,865	1,793	-3.9%	
CORE	13+ times		2,371	2,638	2,911	2,618	-10.1%	
<b>Soccer (Outdoor)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		13,708	14,223	13,691	14,075	2.8%	
Casual	1-25 times		7,342	7,742	7,347	7,488	1.9%	
Regular	26-51 times		3,536	3,647	3,376	3,544	5.0%	
Frequent	52+ times		2,830	2,834	2,968	3,043	2.5%	
CORE	26+ times		6,366	6,481	6,344	6,587	3.8%	
<b>Softball (Fast Pitch)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,693	2,345	2,316	2,636	2,389	-9.4%	-11.3%
Casual	1-25 times		1,013	1,096	1,236	1,397	13.0%	
Regular	26-51 times		570	528	581	463	-20.3%	
Frequent	52+ times		762	692	819	530	-35.3%	
CORE	26+ times		1,332	1,220	1,400	993	-29.1%	

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Team Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Softball (Slow-Pitch)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	13,577	9,485	9,835	8,525	8,429	-1.1%	<b>-37.9%</b>
Casual	1-12 times		3,415	3,929	3,388	3,597	6.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		2,121	2,104	1,898	1,799	-5.2%	
Frequent	25+ times		3,949	3,802	3,239	3,033	-6.4%	
CORE	13+ times		6,070	5,906	5,137	4,832	-5.9%	
<b>Track and Field</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,691	4,516	4,443	4,322	-2.7%	
Casual	1-25 times		1,977	2,204	2,145	1,869	-12.9%	
Regular	26-51 times		1,152	1,045	1,049	1,011	-3.6%	
Frequent	52+ times		1,562	1,267	1,249	1,442	15.5%	
CORE	26+ times		2,714	2,312	2,298	2,453	6.7%	
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,038	4,879	4,392	4,749	8.1%	
Casual	1-12 times		2,720	3,520	3,119	3,230	3.6%	
Regular	13-24 times		470	464	444	615	38.5%	
Frequent	25+ times		848	895	829	903	8.9%	
CORE	13+ times		1,318	1,359	1,273	1,518	19.2%	
<b>Volleyball (Beach)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	5,248	3,878	4,171	4,476	5,028	<b>12.3%</b>	-4.2%
Casual	1-12 times		2,439	3,091	3,215	3,529	9.8%	
Regular	13-24 times		625	430	549	617	12.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		814	651	712	883	24.0%	
CORE	13+ times		1,330	1,080	1,261	1,500	19.0%	
<b>Volleyball (Court)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,986	8,190	7,283	7,346	0.9%	
Casual	1-12 times		2,930	3,491	3,297	3,224	-2.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,182	1,206	1,115	1,129	1.3%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,874	3,493	2,871	2,994	4.3%	
CORE	13+ times		4,056	4,699	3,986	4,123	3.4%	
<b>Volleyball (Grass)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,940	5,086	4,853	4,574	-5.7%	
Casual	1-12 times		3,280	3,840	3,558	3,160	-11.2%	
Regular	13-24 times		771	407	586	443	-24.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		889	839	709	971	<b>37.0%</b>	
CORE	13+ times		1,660	1,246	1,295	1,414	9.2%	
<b>Wrestling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,743	3,313	3,358	2,982	2,089	<b>-29.9%</b>	<b>-44.2%</b>
Casual	1-25 times		1,736	1,877	1,756	967	<b>-44.9%</b>	
Regular	26-51 times		596	656	457	481	5.3%	
Frequent	52+ times		981	825	769	641	-16.6%	
CORE	26+ times		1,458	1,481	1,226	1,122	-8.5%	

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Outdoor Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Backpacking Overnight - More Than 1/4 Mile From Vehicle/Home</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,637	7,867	7,647	8,349	9.2%	
<b>Bicycling - BMX</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,213	1,887	1,904	1,811	2,369	30.8%	-26.3%
Casual	1-12 times		750	761	724	1,006	39.0%	
Regular	13-24 times		169	294	143	185	29.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		968	849	944	1,179	24.9%	
CORE	13+ times		1,137	1,143	1,087	1,364	25.5%	
<b>Bicycling (Mountain/Non-Paved Surface)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,892	7,592	7,142	7,161	0.3%	
Casual	1-12 times		3,051	3,491	3,296	3,476	5.5%	
Regular	13-24 times		1,003	1,274	1,015	1,141	12.4%	
Frequent	25+ times		2,838	2,827	2,831	2,422	-14.4%	
CORE	13+ times		3,841	4,101	3,846	3,563	-7.4%	
<b>Bicycling (Road/paved surface)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		38,940	38,114	40,140	39,320	-2.0%	
Casual	1-25 times		17,789	18,164	18,906	19,025	0.6%	
Regular	26-51 times		8,669	8,456	8,991	8,716	-3.1%	
Frequent	52+ times		12,482	11,494	12,243	11,505	-6.0%	
CORE	26+ times		21,151	19,950	21,234	20,221	-4.8%	
<b>Birdwatching More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		13,476	14,399	13,294	13,339	0.3%	
<b>Camping (Recreational vehicle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	17,893	16,168	16,517	17,436	15,865	-9.0%	-11.3%
Casual	1-7 times		7,942	8,019	8,782	8,146	-7.2%	
Regular	8-14 times		3,032	3,476	3,356	2,875	-14.3%	
Frequent	15+ times		5,194	5,022	5,298	4,845	-8.6%	
CORE	8+ times		8,226	8,498	8,654	7,720	-10.8%	
<b>Camping Within 1/4 Mile of Vehicle/Home</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		31,375	33,686	34,338	30,996	-9.7%	
<b>Climbing (Sport/Indoor/Boulder)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,514	4,769	4,313	4,770	10.6%	
<b>Climbing (Traditional/Ice/Mountaineering)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,062	2,288	1,835	2,198	19.8%	
<b>Fishing (Fly)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	6,717	5,756	5,941	5,568	5,478	-1.6%	-18.4%
Casual	1-7 times		2,923	3,113	3,084	2,960	-4.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		975	1,167	969	953	-1.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,858	1,661	1,515	1,565	3.3%	
CORE	8+ times		2,833	2,828	2,484	2,518	1.4%	
<b>Fishing (Freshwater-Other)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	43,696	43,859	40,331	40,961	38,860	-5.1%	-11.1%
Casual	1-7 times		20,145	18,916	20,082	19,071	-5.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		8,262	7,387	7,454	7,246	-2.8%	
Frequent	15+ times		15,452	14,028	13,425	12,543	-6.6%	
CORE	8+ times		23,714	21,415	20,879	19,789	-5.2%	
<b>Fishing (Saltwater)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	14,739	14,437	13,804	12,303	11,809	-4.0%	-19.9%
Casual	1-7 times		8,460	8,415	7,316	6,959	-4.9%	
Regular	8-14 times		2,169	2,050	1,741	1,953	12.2%	
Frequent	15+ times		3,808	3,339	3,246	2,896	-10.8%	
CORE	8+ times		5,977	5,389	4,987	4,849	-2.8%	

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Outdoor Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Hiking (Day)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	30,051	29,965	32,511	32,572	32,496	-0.2%	8.1%
<b>Hunting (Bow)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,633	3,818	3,722	4,226	3,908	-7.5%	<b>-15.6%</b>
Casual	1-7 times		1,718	1,742	2,133	1,810	<b>-15.1%</b>	
Regular	8-14 times		596	655	784	929	18.5%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,504	1,325	1,309	1,169	-10.7%	
CORE	8+ times		2,100	1,980	2,093	2,098	0.2%	
<b>Hunting (Handgun)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,595	2,873	2,276	2,709	<b>19.0%</b>	
Casual	1-7 times		1,572	1,776	1,451	1,710	17.8%	
Regular	8-14 times		449	495	306	499	<b>63.1%</b>	
Frequent	15+ times		574	602	519	500	-3.7%	
CORE	8+ times		1,023	1,097	825	999	21.1%	
<b>Hunting (Rifle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		10,635	10,344	11,114	10,150	<b>-8.7%</b>	
Casual	1-12 times		6,960	6,958	8,056	7,296	<b>-9.4%</b>	
Regular	13-24 times		1,742	1,848	1,712	1,544	-9.8%	
Frequent	25+ times		1,933	1,538	1,346	1,309	-2.7%	
CORE	13+ times		3,675	3,385	3,058	2,853	-6.7%	
<b>Hunting (Shotgun)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		8,545	8,731	8,490	8,062	-5.0%	
Casual	1-7 times		4,171	4,473	4,767	4,210	<b>-11.7%</b>	
Regular	8-14 times		1,797	1,835	1,635	1,788	9.4%	
Frequent	15+ times		2,577	2,423	2,088	2,064	-1.1%	
CORE	8+ times		4,374	4,258	3,723	3,852	3.5%	
<b>Shooting (Sport Clays)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,437	4,115	4,282	4,182	4,399	5.2%	-0.9%
Casual	1-7 times		2,596	2,773	2,674	2,941	10.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		525	652	546	728	33.3%	
Frequent	15+ times		994	857	962	731	<b>-24.0%</b>	
CORE	8+ times		1,519	1,509	1,508	1,459	-3.2%	
<b>Shooting (Trap/Skeet)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	3,416	3,376	3,669	3,368	3,610	7.2%	5.7%
Casual	1-7 times		2,051	2,212	2,171	2,414	11.2%	
Regular	8-14 times		462	611	421	501	19.0%	
Frequent	15+ times		863	846	776	695	-10.4%	
CORE	8+ times		1,325	1,457	1,197	1,196	-0.1%	
<b>Target Shooting (Handgun)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		11,736	13,365	12,473	12,497	0.2%	
Casual	1-7 times		6,222	7,305	7,253	7,437	2.5%	
Regular	8-14 times		2,090	2,342	1,886	1,924	2.0%	
Frequent	15+ times		3,424	3,718	3,334	3,136	-5.9%	
CORE	8+ times		5,514	6,060	5,220	5,060	-3.1%	
<b>Target Shooting (Rifle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,022	12,436	13,102	12,730	12,544	-1.5%	<b>25.2%</b>
Casual	1-7 times		6,743	7,399	7,530	7,678	2.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		2,097	2,057	1,854	1,952	5.3%	
Frequent	15+ times		3,596	3,646	3,346	2,914	<b>-12.9%</b>	
CORE	8+ times		5,693	5,704	5,200	4,866	-6.4%	
<b>Wildlife Viewing More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		22,974	24,113	21,291	21,025	-1.2%	

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## 2011, SGMA Participation Topline Report

Winter Sports	Definition		2006/2007 season	2007/2008 season	2008/2009 season	2009/2010 season	1 year change	3 year change
<b>Skiing (Alpine/Downhill)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		10,362	10,346	10,919	11,504	5.4%	<b>11.0%</b>
<b>Skiing (Cross-country)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		3,530	3,848	4,157	4,530	9.0%	<b>28.3%</b>
<b>Skiing (Freestyle)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,817	2,711	2,950	3,647	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>
<b>Snowboarding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		6,841	7,159	7,421	8,196	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>
<b>Snowmobiling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		4,811	4,660	4,798	5,116	6.6%	6.3%
Casual	1-7 times		2,814	2,917	2,995	3,177	6.1%	12.9%
Regular	8-14 times		799	541	861	709	-17.7%	-11.2%
Frequent	15+ times		1,198	1,202	942	1,230	<b>30.6%</b>	2.7%
CORE	8+ times		1,997	1,743	1,803	1,939	7.5%	-2.9%
<b>Snowshoeing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		2,400	2,922	3,431	3,823	11.4%	<b>59.3%</b>
<b>Telemarking (Downhill)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,173	1,435	1,482	1,821	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>55.2%</b>

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## 2011, SGMA Participation Topline Report

Water Sports	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Boardsailing/Windsurfing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	1,739	1,118	1,307	1,128	1,617	43.4%	-7.0%
Casual	1-7 times		796	969	864	1,027	18.9%	
Regular	8-14 times		121	122	112	320	185.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		201	216	152	271	78.3%	
CORE	8+ times		322	339	264	591	123.9%	
<b>Canoeing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,880	9,797	9,935	10,058	10,553	4.9%	-3.0%
<b>Jet Skiing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	9,475	8,055	7,815	7,724	7,753	0.4%	-18.2%
Casual	1-7 times		4,919	5,135	5,140	5,265	2.4%	
Regular	8-14 times		1,217	1,037	1,116	1,078	-3.4%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,919	1,643	1,468	1,409	-4.0%	
CORE	8+ times		2,727	2,680	2,584	2,487	-3.8%	
<b>Kayaking (Recreational)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		5,070	6,240	6,212	6,465	4.1%	
<b>Kayaking (Sea/Touring)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,485	1,780	1,771	2,144	21.1%	
<b>Kayaking (White Water)</b>								
Total participation	1+ times		1,207	1,242	1,369	1,842	34.6%	
<b>Rafting</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	5,259	4,340	4,651	4,318	4,460	3.3%	-15.2%
<b>Sailing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,405	3,786	4,226	4,342	3,869	-10.9%	-12.2%
Casual	1-7 times		2,264	2,640	2,733	2,475	-9.4%	
Regular	8-14 times		696	633	666	555	-16.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		826	953	943	839	-11.0%	
CORE	8+ times		1,421	1,586	1,609	1,394	-13.4%	

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## 2011, SGMA Participation Topline Report

Water Sports (cont.)	Definition	2000	2007	2008	2009	2010	1 year change	10 year change
<b>Scuba Diving</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,305	2,965	3,216	2,723	3,153	15.8%	-26.8%
Casual	1-7 times		1,947	2,183	1,847	2,180	18.0%	
Regular	8-14 times		445	542	386	489	26.7%	
Frequent	15+ times		573	491	490	485	-1.0%	
CORE	8+ times		1,018	1,033	876	974	11.2%	
<b>Snorkeling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	10,302	9,294	10,296	9,358	9,305	-0.6%	-9.7%
Casual	1-7 times		7,168	7,968	7,464	7,194	-3.6%	
Regular	8-14 times		1,142	1,232	1,106	1,201	8.6%	
Frequent	15+ times		984	1,096	788	911	15.6%	
CORE	8+ times		1,919	2,328	1,894	2,112	11.5%	
<b>Stand-Up Paddling</b>								
Total participation	1+ times					1,050		
Casual	1-7 times					819		
Regular	8-14 times					121		
Frequent	15+ times					109		
CORE	8+ times					230		
<b>Surfing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	2,191	2,206	2,607	2,403	2,767	15.1%	26.3%
Casual	1-7 times		1,256	1,559	1,298	1,548	19.3%	
Regular	8-14 times		402	263	398	482	21.1%	
Frequent	15+ times		548	785	707	737	4.2%	
CORE	8+ times		950	1,048	1,105	1,219	10.3%	
<b>Wakeboarding</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	4,558	3,521	3,544	3,577	3,645	1.9%	-20.0%
Casual	1-7 times		2,405	2,413	2,423	2,500	3.2%	
Regular	8-14 times		451	537	530	569	7.4%	
Frequent	15+ times		665	594	624	577	-7.5%	
CORE	8+ times		1,116	1,131	1,154	1,146	-0.7%	
<b>Water Skiing</b>								
Total participation	1+ times	8,765	5,918	5,593	4,862	4,836	-0.5%	-44.8%
Casual	1-7 times		3,811	3,781	3,308	3,248	-1.8%	
Regular	8-14 times		805	845	756	838	10.8%	
Frequent	15+ times		1,302	967	798	749	-6.1%	
CORE	8+ times		2,107	1,812	1,554	1,587	2.1%	

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## The SGMA Survey Says 'Social Networking' Has Significant Impact on Sports Participation

Date: 4/13/11

### 'Generation Y' Is Most Active Part of Population

**SILVER SPRING, MD – April 15, 2011** – 'Social networking' is having a major impact on sports participation patterns in the U.S. – particularly for those aged 12 to 30 ('Generation Y'). According to the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association's (SGMA) *Sports & Fitness Participation Topline Report* (2011 edition), the approach of 'Generation Y' toward athletic activity and exercise is changing because of the influences of Twitter, Texting, Facebook, and YouTube.

### The True Impact of 'Generation Y'

In all areas of exercise, those who are 'Generation Y' (born between 1980 and 1999) outnumber both the 'Baby Boomers' (born between 1945 and 1964) and 'Generation X' (born between 1965 and 1979) in every area of sports participation – individual sports, racquet sports, team sports, outdoor sports, winter sports, water sports, and fitness sports. The most popular category for 'Generation Y' is fitness sports where 51.3 million of them are engaged in some type of fitness-oriented pursuit. Those in the 'Generation Y' segment of the population have the strongest 'social' mindset which is influencing what they do with their free time. As a result of their strong 'social' attitudes, the 'Generation Y' portion of the population is strongly gravitating toward group exercise.

"The 'social' mindset of 'Generation Y' is the reason why health club memberships are picking up and group-oriented exercise classes are gaining in popularity. 'Generation Y' enjoys working out and exercising with friends, whereas 'Generation X' has been focused more on individual pursuits," said SGMA President/CEO Tom Cove. "For 'Generation Y,' it's as much about the socialization as it is the perspiration."

Since 2009, a few group exercise activities have experienced double-digit gains in overall participation. This growth has been affected by the 'Generation Y' philosophy on exercise:

Group Exercise Activities Showcasing Increases in 'Overall' Participation Since 2009:

- 1.) Group Cycling – up 29.9%
- 2.) Cardio Tennis – up 27.7%
- 3.) High Impact Aerobics – up 19.6%

### Team Sports News

In team sports, there is good news to report. Many traditional endeavors such as outdoor soccer, indoor soccer, tackle football, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, and court volleyball have experienced small degrees of growth in 'overall' participation since 2009 – reversing a recent trend in the other direction. The other good news on team sports is that 'overall' participation in some 'niche' team sports activities has showcased dramatic increases since 2009, such as rugby – up 50.7%, lacrosse – up 37.7%, field hockey – up 21.8%, and beach volleyball – up 12.3%. After analyzing team sports participation patterns at the 'core' level, four team sports have had double-digit percentage increases in participation since 2009. They are lacrosse (13+ times/year....up 33.1%), rugby (8+ times/year..... up 20.3%), ultimate frisbee (13+ times/year....up 19.2%), and beach volleyball (13+ times/year.....up 18.9%).

### Endurance Activities

There are two other sports which have risen in popularity: (1) triathlon and (2) adventure racing. Since 2009, 'overall' participation in traditional triathlons is up 63.7%, up 39.5% in non-traditional triathlons, and up 23% in adventure racing. Those who have made a commitment to triathlons and adventure racing are doing so for fitness, fun, and the thrill of the finish.

"It appears that this trend is tied to a basic desire to belong to a group and identify with a team or club," said Steve Furniss, founder of TYR Sport, a manufacturer of products and accessories for swimming and endurance sports. "The triathlon is unique in its ability to couple a person's fitness routine with a strong sense of community and social interaction, particularly for those not inclined to traditional sports. Other appeal factors include the fact that it is an adult sport, it appeals to both genders, it offers training diversity (swimming, cycling and running) and has the cachet of being the latest 'Everest' fitness endeavor, much like accomplishing a marathon was for many in the 1970s and 1980s. However, unlike a marathon, triathlons and adventure racing have so many formats that it can encompass a greater participant base. At the end of the day, triathlons and adventure racing offer social interaction and a sense of community while providing the ability to stay fit. That's a powerful formula."

### America's Top Ten Sports & Fitness Activities

The most popular sports and activities in the U.S. – as measured by people who participate at least once a year in any given activity, i.e. 'overall' participation – have a strong focus on fitness as seven out of the top ten activities are fitness-related:

RANK	ACTIVITY	# of PARTICIPANTS
1	Walking for Fitness	114.1 million
2	Bowling	55.9 million
3	Treadmill	53.1 million
4	Running/Jogging	49.4 million
5	Hand Weights	45.9 million
6	Billiards/Pool	39.4 million
7	Bicycling	39.3 million
8	Freshwater Fishing	38.9 million
9	Weight/Resistance Machines	38.6 million
10	Dumbbells	37.4 million

Finally, in a survey of non sports participants, they were asked which sports they would be most interested in participating.....and swimming and weight training were most frequently mentioned.

This year's *Sports & Fitness Participation Topline Report* has overall participation figures for 119 sports in 14 different categories (fitness activities, equipment exercise, team sports, racquet sports, outdoor activities, fishing, winter sports, personal contact sports, indoor sports, wheeled sports, hunting, shooting sports, water sports, and other sports/activities). Copies of the *Sports & Fitness Participation Topline Report* (2011 edition) are available from [www.sgma.com](http://www.sgma.com).

This year's study has been done as a joint effort of The Physical Activity Council, a collaboration of sports associations that have been doing participation research separately for a number of years: Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, Tennis Industry Association, National Golf Foundation, IHRSA, Snowsports Industries America, The Outdoor Foundation, and the United States Tennis Association.

The Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA), the #1 source for sport and fitness research, is the leading global trade association of manufacturers, retailers, and marketers in the sports products industry. SGMA helps lead the sports and fitness industries by fostering participation through research, thought leadership, product promotion, and public policy. More information about SGMA membership and SGMA's National Health Through Fitness Day can be found at [www.SGMA.com](http://www.SGMA.com).

# **APPENDIX E**

## Adoption Documentation



Notice of Review  
City of St. Louis  
DRAFT Five Year Recreation Master Plan

The City of St. Louis has developed a Draft Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that the City wishes to pursue. The plan has been written jointly for the benefit of the residents of the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District. A copy of the Draft Plan is available for review at [www.stlouismi.com](http://www.stlouismi.com). A copy can also reviewed at City Hall, 108 West Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI.

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please send written comments to Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk at the address above by January 13, 2012.

A public meeting to take input on the draft plan will be held on Monday, January 14, 2012 at City Hall, 108 West Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI, at 4:15 p.m.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of St. Louis shall conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Louis City Hall, 108 West Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed draft of the St. Louis Five year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that the City wishes to pursue. The plan will be considered for adoption by the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District. A PDF copy of the plan is available for review at [www.stlouismi.com](http://www.stlouismi.com). A copy of the plan can also be viewed at City Hall, 108 West Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI.

All comments, written and oral, will be noted for the record.

Mari Anne Ryder  
City Clerk

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
January 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert F. McConkie  
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder  
Police Chief: Pat Herblet

Others in Attendance: Phil Hansen, Mark Abbott, Dori Foster, Bobbie Marr, Mike Parsons

Member Allen led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## **Minutes.**

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting minutes of January 2, 2013.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 2, 2013 with the following correction: Remove "Kelly" page 264 from motion to reconvene Council Meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

Closed Session Minutes of January 2, 2013

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Closed Session held on January 2, 2013. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council discussed the Special Meeting minutes of January 9, 2013.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 9, 2013. All ayes carried the motion.

Closed Session Minutes of January 9, 2013.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the Closed Session held on January 9, 2013. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Financial Statements.**

City Council discussed the Financial Statements.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Shrum, to receive and place the Financial Statements on file. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$380,879.39 All ayes carried the motion.

### **Monthly Reports.**

City Council discussed the December, 2012 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to receive and place on file the December, 2012 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Public Hearing – Park Plan**

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing for the City of St. Louis Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan 2013-2017 at 7:53 a.m.

City Manager McConkie commended the Parks & Recreation Commission Members for the excellent job they did in drafting the plan.

The Public Hearing was left open in case the any residents attended.

### **Public Comments.**

None

### **Consent Agenda.**

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Consent Agenda items “a” and “b” as shown below.

- a. Payment to Applied Concepts, Inc. - \$7,699.00 for Speed Trailer - Approve.
- b. Payment to Rowe - \$24,500.00 for Professional Services - Approve.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” and “b”. All ayes carried the motion.

## **New Business.**

### **Request from City Resident.**

City Manager McConkie stated City Hall staff received a request from a City resident requesting the removal of \$14.27 off solid waste bill stating recycling has not been picked up.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to place the correspondence on file. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Biosolids Agreement.**

City Manager McConkie requested City Council Members extend the agreement between the City of St. Louis and Synagro for one year, commencing January 1, 2013 and continuing through December 31, 2013 for land application of biosolids, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to extend the agreement between the City of St. Louis and Synagro for one year, commencing January 1, 2013 and continuing through December 31, 2013 for land application of biosolids, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

### **School Election Agreement.**

City Manager McConkie requested City Council Members approve the Agreement between the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Public Schools. The agreement outlines the duties and responsibilities for conducting all elections for the St. Louis Public Schools for a four year period, expiring January 31, 2017.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the School Election Agreement between the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Public Schools and authorize the City Clerk to execute the agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Gratiot-Isabella Election Coordinating Agreement.**

City Manager McConkie requested Council Members approve the agreement between the City of St. Louis and the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service Agency for the conduct of the Gratiot & Isabella County School Districts' Elections.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Gratiot & Isabella County School Election Districts' Election Agreement and authorize the City Clerk to execute the agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

**Odd/Even Year Elections.**

City Manager McConkie stated he received attorney opinion regarding odd/even year City Elections.

City Council by Resolution can change to even year elections.

Council Members discussed changing City elections to even year.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church not to change to even year City Elections. All ayes carried the motion.

**Bid Award-Dam Retaining Wall Replacement.**

Public Services Director Kurt Giles stated a bid opening was held on Thursday for the Retaining Wall Replacement at Barnum Park. There were 12 bids received and Riverworks Construction, Inc. was low bidder at \$291,640.00. MDOT's background check turned out to be good. Rowe Inc. is familiar with the company and is recommending Riverworks Construction be awarded the bid.

City Manager requested Council Member award the bid to Riverworks Construction, Inc. for the Retaining Wall Replacement at Barnum Park in the amount of \$291,640.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the bid award to Riverworks Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$291,640.00. All ayes carried the motion.

**Confirm Verbal Approval – Prison Pump Station Pump.**

City Manager McConkie requested Council Members confirm verbal approval for the purchase of a 650 GPA Pump at the Prison Pump Station from Vaughan Company, Inc. in the amount of \$27,386.00 which would be reimbursed by the State of Michigan.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to confirm verbal approval for the purchase of a 650 GPA Pump at the Prison Pump Station from Vaughan Company, Inc. in the amount of \$27,386.00 which would be reimbursed by the State of Michigan. All ayes carried the motion.

**Resolution to Establish Bethany and Pine River Water Rate Schedule.**

City Manager McConkie requested Council Members approve Resolution 2013-03. A Resolution to establish Bethany and Pine River Water Rate Schedule.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Shrum, to establish rates for water usage to Bethany and Pine River Townships as follows:

**WHEREAS**, annual review of the user charge system dictates rates charged to the townships of Bethany and Pine River shall be adjusted as depicted below, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the following rates shall be effective for all bills rendered to the townships due and payable January 1, 2013, and thereafter:

- (a) Township commodity rate:
  - Bethany \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons
  - Pine River \$2.03 per 1,000 gallons

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Kubin, Shrum, Church, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing for the City of St. Louis Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan 2013-2017 at 8:30 a.m.

**Resolution 2013-02 Adoption of St. Louis Recreation Plan.**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Shrum, and supported by Member Church.

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals and objectives, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2013 and 2017 and,

**WHEREAS**, the plan is written for the benefit of the residents of City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District,

**WHEREAS**, an online input survey was made available to the public from in August and September of 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from December 13, 2012 to January 13, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on January 14, 2013 at 4:15 pm, at the St. Louis City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2013 the St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the City of St. Louis City Council adopt the Recreation Plan, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this day that the City of St. Louis adopts said Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District.

Yeas: Shrum, Church, Kubin, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

**City Manager Report.**

City Manager McConkie requested Council Members approve to replenish the advance to the Gratiot Area Water Authority in the amount of \$80,391.00, which was payment for work performed by FTC&H.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to replenish the advance to the Gratiot Area Water Authority in the amount of \$80,391.00. All ayes carried the motion.

**City Clerk Report.**

City Clerk Mari Anne Ryder informed Council Members ballots for the February 26<sup>th</sup> School Election have been received.

**Police Chief's Report.**

Chief Herblet inquired what security action Council Members would like him to take if a member of the public seems to be approaching the Council Chamber table.

Council Members discussed the possible actions.

It was the consensus of the Council that if a member of the public is seen trying to approach the Council table, Mayor Kelly will ask them to stop and state their business. At that point, Chief Herblet will intervene.

Chief Herblet stated talks continue with the School Superintendent regarding getting a Liaison Officer back in the schools full time. Currently the St. Louis Officers are visiting the schools throughout the day while they are on duty.

**City Council Comments.**

Member Allen inquired if contact has been made with any other cities that have remodeled buildings and turned them into City Halls.

City Manager McConkie stated no progress has been made yet, but will make contact soon.

Member Allen asked if the board vacancies have been published in the City Newsletter.

City Clerk Mari Anne Ryder stated they would be published in the February 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter.

Mayor Kelly suggested staff put a utility shut off policy in place, and he also requested utilities not be shut off on Fridays. If shut off day falls on a Friday he suggested the shut off day be the following Monday so residents don't have to go the weekend without utilities.

Treasurer Marr will put a Utility Shut off Policy together and distribute to Council Members.

Mayor Kelly recessed the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Mayor Kelly reconvened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Shrum to go into closed session to consider the purchase of real estate.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Kubin, Shrum, Allen, Church, Kelly.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church to return to open session at 10:25 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly to authorize the City Manager to offer \$250,000.00 for 10 acres with two wells and road access for the Peska property.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Shrum, Kelly

Nays: Allen, Church, Kubin.

Motion denied.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum to authorize the City Manager to offer \$225,000.00 for 10 acres with two wells and road access for the Peska property.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Church, Shrum, Kelly

Nays: Allen, Kubin

Motion Carried.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Shrum to authorize the purchase 321 Giddings Place property in the amount of \$30,002.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Kubin, Shrum, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: Allen

Motion Carried.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Shrum, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mari Anne Ryder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

# Resolution of Adoption

2013 - 02

## St. Louis Recreation Plan

St. Louis, Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City of St. Louis, City Council, held on January 15, 2013 at the City Hall, in the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot at 7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T Kubin, William E Shrum

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by member Shrum, and supported by member Church:

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals and objectives, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2013 and 2017 and,

**WHEREAS**, the plan is written for the benefit of the residents of City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District,

**WHEREAS**, an online input survey was made available to the public from in August and September of 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from December 13, 2012 to January 13, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on January 14, 2013 at 4:15 pm, at the St. Louis City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

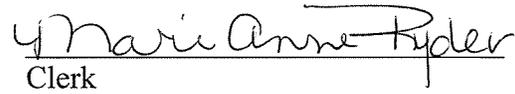
**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2013 the St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the City of St. Louis City Council adopt the Recreation Plan, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this day that the City of St. Louis adopts said Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District.

Yeas: Shrum, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

I, Mari Anne Ryder, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City of St. Louis at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 15, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.

  
Clerk

**Saint Louis, Michigan Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, January 14, 2013**

**4:15 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by President Kevin Palmer at 4:20 p.m..

**Roll Call:**

Members Present: Sally Church, Melissa Allen , Kevin Palmer, Mary Reed

Members Absent: Jeff DeRosia, Dorothy Trgina

Others Present: Robert McConkie, City Manager, Phil Hansen, DDA Director, Susan Whitford, Planning Commission Member

Approval of November 12, 2012 minutes. Motion by Melissa Allen, Seconded by Sally Church, to accept the Minutes with the following addition: DPW's Mark Abbott stated that the rubber mulch now used by the City was a bit lacking in quantity and that additional mulch of the same kind should be ordered for 2013. Motion Carried.

Motion by Melissa Allen , Seconded by Kevin Palmer, stated that the cover of the new City of Saint Louis Five-Year Parks & Recreation Plan be changed to include the dates 2012-2016. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

Motion by Sally Church, Seconded by Mary Reed, stating that a budget amendment must be done for the \$11,000.00 shortage in the Parks & Recreation Budget. Discussion. Motion Carried.

**Public Hearing:**

The Public Hearing for the proposed City of Saint Louis Five-Year Parks & Recreation Plan for 2012-2016 was closed at 4:45 P.M. by Kevin Palmer, there being no public present. Phil Hansen stated that a registered community planner did the oversight on this project, and that will hold us in good stead for grant opportunities, especially since it included a public survey of residents. Motion by Melissa Allen, Seconded by Sally Church at 4:50 P.M., to accept the final draft of the aforementioned 2012-2016 Plan. Motion Carried.

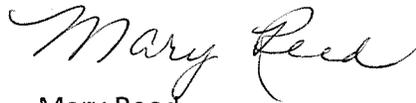
**Business:**

Suggestions for filling the Commission vacancy were discussed, with members urged to contact residents who might be interested to complete an application for the position.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

The next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2013, at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Reed".

Mary Reed

Recording for Dorothy Trgina, Secretary

Parks & Recreation Commission

City of Saint Louis, Michigan

# Resolution Recommending Adoption

## St. Louis Recreation Plan

St. Louis, Michigan

Minutes of the City of St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, at 4:15 P.M.

Present: Kevin Palmer, Melissa A. Allen, Sally Church, Mary Reed

Absent: Jeff DeRosia, Dorothy Trgina (excused)

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Church:

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WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that the St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the St. Louis City Council adopt the Recreation Plan

Yeas: Allen, Church, Reed, Palmer

Nays: None

Absent: Trgina, DeRosia

I, Mary Reed, Parks & Recreation Commission Recording Secretary, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 14, 2013 at 4:15 pm.

  
Mary Reed, Recording Secretary

Jan. 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the St. Louis Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jeff Baxter, President of the St. Louis Board of Education.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jeff Baxter.

Members present: Mrs. C. Beeson, Mr. D. Kelley, Mrs. C. Salladay, Mr. J. Baxter, Mrs. K. Wiles and Mrs. K. Bebow.

Members absent: Mr. D. Best

Others present: Superintendent S. Brimmer; Business Manager J. Pierce; Administrative Assistant Carol Salladay; District Administrators C. Macklin, C. Sztuczko, and E. Teall; Teachers Renee' Fabiano, Vicki Hammond, Erin Busch-Grabmeyer, Andrea Biehl, Ben Goward, Terri Reeves, and Beth Philson; Others Troy Anderson, Cailin Mikek, John Pavlik, Aaron Munderloh, and Katherine Ranzenberger, Morning Sun.

Troy Anderson asked to address the Board of Education. He requested to be able to have gym time on Sundays for the Community Education girls' basketball program. He sited lack of refs and gym time as reasons for this. St. Louis Schools has a policy for not holding Sunday events. After much discussion, it was moved by Member C. Beeson, supported by Member K. Bebow to allow this program to use our gyms on two (2) Sundays for this year. All ayes, motion carried.

Cailin Mikek gave the HS Student Council Report. They have implemented a Tireless Effort award for the HS staff. They are doing a Valentines Day fund raiser. They are planning a St. Patty's Day Dance.

Lexi Beeson gave the TSN Student Council Report. TSN helped with Toys for Tots, they participated in the Small Town Family Christmas. They are having a dance on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

It was moved by Member K. Bebow, supported by Member C. Salladay to approve the agenda with one change, adding letter F. Varsity Football Hiring Recommendation, under Regular Business instead of Personnel Matters. All ayes.

It was moved by Member K. Bebow, supported by Member C. Beeson to approve the revised minutes from the regular meeting of Dec. 17, 2012. Kelly Bebow abstained from voting on her letter of resignation and appointment to the board. All ayes.

It was moved by Member C. Beeson, supported by Member K. Bebow to approve the monthly financial reports as presented. All ayes.

It was moved by Member D. Kelley, supported by Member C. Salladay to approve and pay the claims and accounts in the amount of \$1,107,069.25 A roll call vote was taken.

C. Beeson	aye	K. Bebow	aye	
K. Kelley	aye	J. Baxter	aye	
C. Salladay	aye	K. Wiles	aye	All ayes.

The December receipts were presented for review and will be placed on file.

Mr. Chris Macklin, High School Principal, made a recommendation on behalf of Jennifer McKittrick, Athletic Director, to hire Aaron Munderloh as the Head Varsity Football Coach. It was moved by Member K. Bebow, supported by Member C. Beeson to hire Aaron Munderloh as Head Varsity Football Coach. All ayes. Aaron thanked the hiring committee and the Board of Education for giving him the opportunity to lead this program. He is excited about this new venture.

Mr. Brimmer handed out information on purchasing an entry system with monitors in each office. The cost to put a system like this in all of our buildings will be \$7900. Julie Pierce shared that this can come out of At Risk funding and would up use some of the carry over money from last year. It was moved by Member D. Kelley, supported by Member K. Bebow to purchase this system. A roll call vote was taken:

C. Beeson	aye	K. Bebow	aye	
K. Kelley	aye	J. Baxter	aye	
C. Salladay	aye	K. Wiles	aye	All ayes.

Purchasing new cameras for Nikkari, Carrie Knause, TSN and Westgate, at a cost of \$31,500, was discussed. For an additional \$2000. we could also do the bus garage. It was moved by Member C. Salladay, supported by Member C. Beeson to purchase the cameras for all of these buildings. A roll call vote was taken:

C. Beeson	aye	K. Bebow	aye	
K. Kelley	aye	J. Baxter	aye	
C. Salladay	aye	K. Wiles	aye	All ayes.

It was moved by Member D. Kelley, supported by Member C. Salladay to adopt the Best Practices Resolution. This will allow us to receive an additional \$52 per student. A roll call vote was taken:

C. Beeson	aye	K. Bebow	aye	
K. Kelley	aye	J. Baxter	aye	
C. Salladay	aye	K. Wiles	aye	All ayes.

Mr. Macklin gave a CRDC Update.

Mr. Wes Johnson wasn't present to give a technology update. Mr. Macklin did report that the new Smartboards are being used at the HS. He also reported that the FLIP training has been great at the HS.

It was moved by Member K. Wiles, supported by Member C. Beeson to accept letter of resignation from Paul Davis, golf coach and Rick Weisbarth, JV football coach, with regrets. All ayes.

It was moved by Member D. Kelley, supported by Member C. Salladay to approve the Parks and Recreation Resolution for the City of St. Louis. All ayes.

Ben Goward, Terri Reeves, and Andrea Biehl reported that we had 34 students qualify for the State BPA Competition in March. These students are highly qualified in business and technology. Several BPA students shared their projects and how much they have learned being a part of this great program.

Kathy Wiles shared that one of the officers at the prison had donated \$1000, that was raised by selling bottled water, to teachers at Nikkari.

Mr. Sztuczko thanked the Board Members for all that they do. Students from the schools made cards for the Board as January is Board Appreciation Month.

It was moved by Member C. Salladay, supported by Member K. Wiles to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All ayes.

Accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2013

Kathy Wiles, Secretary  
St. Louis Board of Education

# Resolution of Adoption

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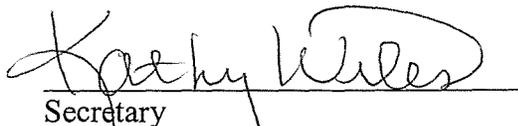
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that the Board of Education of the St. Louis School District adopt said Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

I, K. Wiles, Secretary, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the St. Louis Board of Education at a Regular Meeting thereof held on 1/21, 2013 at 7 pm.

  
Secretary

February 25, 2013

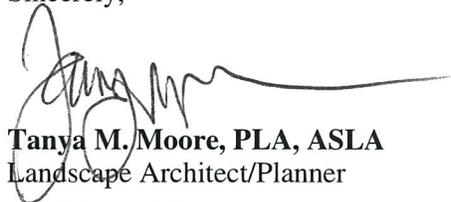
Gratiot County Planning Commission  
214 E. Center St.  
Ithaca, MI 48847

RE: City of St. Louis  
Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,



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Landscape Architect/Planner

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February 25, 2013

East Central Michigan Planning & Development  
3144 Davenport  
Saginaw, MI 48602

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## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: City of St. Louis Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan 2013-2017		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
St. Louis School District	Gratiot, Midland & Isabella	January 21, 2013
City of St. Louis	Gratiot County	January 15, 2013

PLAN CONTENT
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart</li> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Programming</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only</b></li> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participating Communities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>3. RECREATION INVENTORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</b></p>

**6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice December 12, 2012

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location City Hall, City Web site

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 35 days

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice January 8, 2013

Name of Newspaper Newspaper

Date of Meeting January 15, 2013

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

**9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 15, 2013

2. Official resolution of the Park & Recreation Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 14, 2013

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 22, 2013

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 22, 2013

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

City of St. Louis *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

Robert McConkie 2/7/2013  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

**DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL**

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants Management \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

April 8, 2013

Mr. Robert McConkie  
City Manager  
City of St. Louis  
108 W. Saginaw Street  
St. Louis, MI 48880

Dear Mr. McConkie:

SUBJECT: City of St. Louis Recreation Plan - **CORRECTION TO EXPIRATION DATE**

Please find attached your copy of the recreation plan checklist recently submitted to our office for approval. Your recreation plan has been approved.

**Your recreation plan will expire December 31, 2017.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Our address is: **Grants Management, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.**

Sincerely,

Tamara Jorkasky, Grant Coordinator  
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