

Department of Parks & Forestry



Parks and Forestry Department

Developing community quality of life - Innovative by nature

Enhancing Community pride

- Local History
- National Tree City for 26 Years
- Regional Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Rail-Trails

Building Green Infrastructure

- Green Space Stewardship
- Clinton River
- 1,200 acres
- Environmental Programs
- Tree Plantings



Connecting Neighbor to Neighbor

- Paint Creek & Clinton River Trails
- Sport Leagues
- Reunions
- Festival of the Hills, Wet & Wild, Fishing Tournaments, Winter Boy Scouts Event
- Graduation Parties
- Playgrounds
- Weddings
- International Velodrome



Green Space Fund & Tree Fund

- Continuing stewardship based on Management Plan
- Continuing Free Tree Planting program to residents



Forestry Division



- Storm Clearing
- Stump Removal
- Tree Trimming
- Tree Planting
- Arbor Day



We maintain over 20,000 right-of-way trees throughout the city



Museum Division



- Archives
- School Programs



- Calf Barn
- Dairy Barn
- Events
- Red House
- The Farm House
- Tours

- Broomfield Leadership Center
- Community Meetings
- Stony Creek Schoolhouse



Parks Division

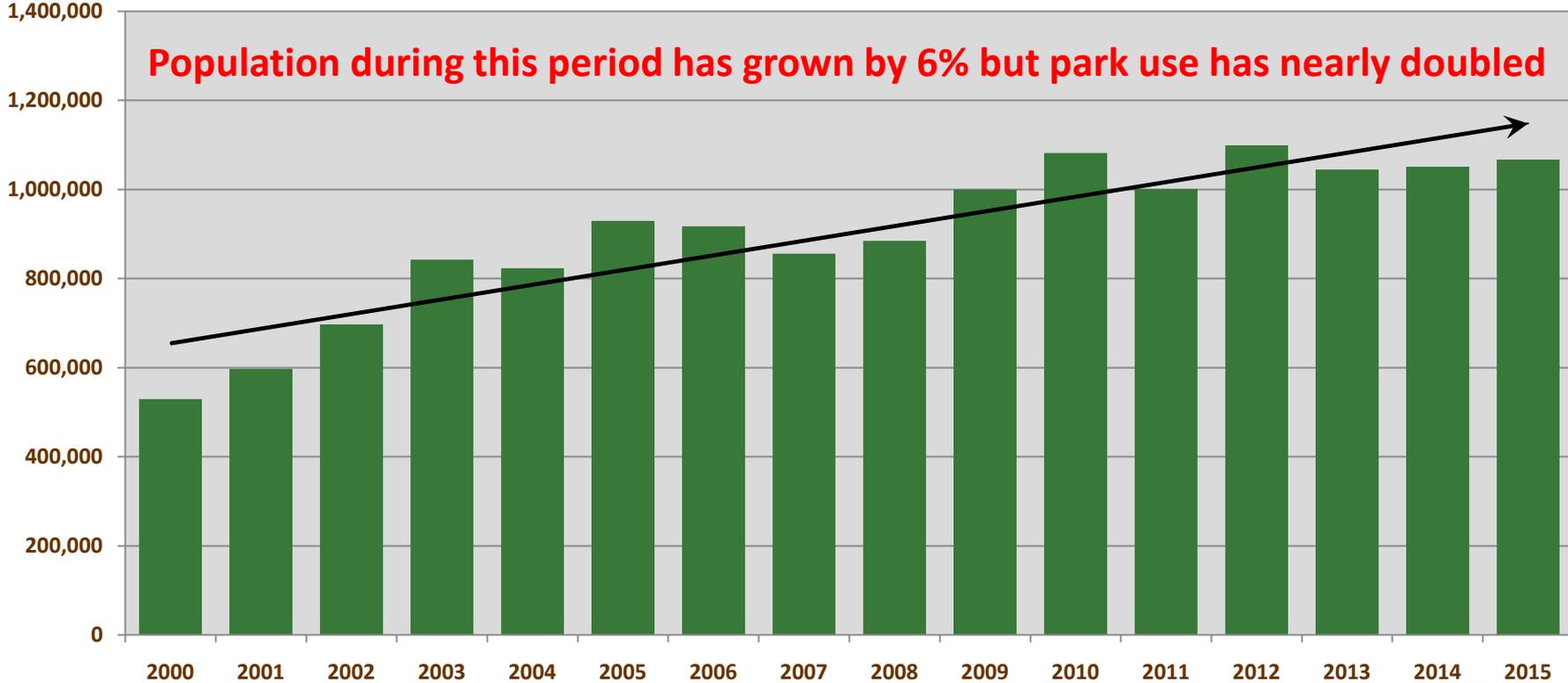
- Biking
- Sports
- Trails



- Family Parties
- Nature
- Picnicking
- Special Events

Park & Museum Attendance 2000-2015

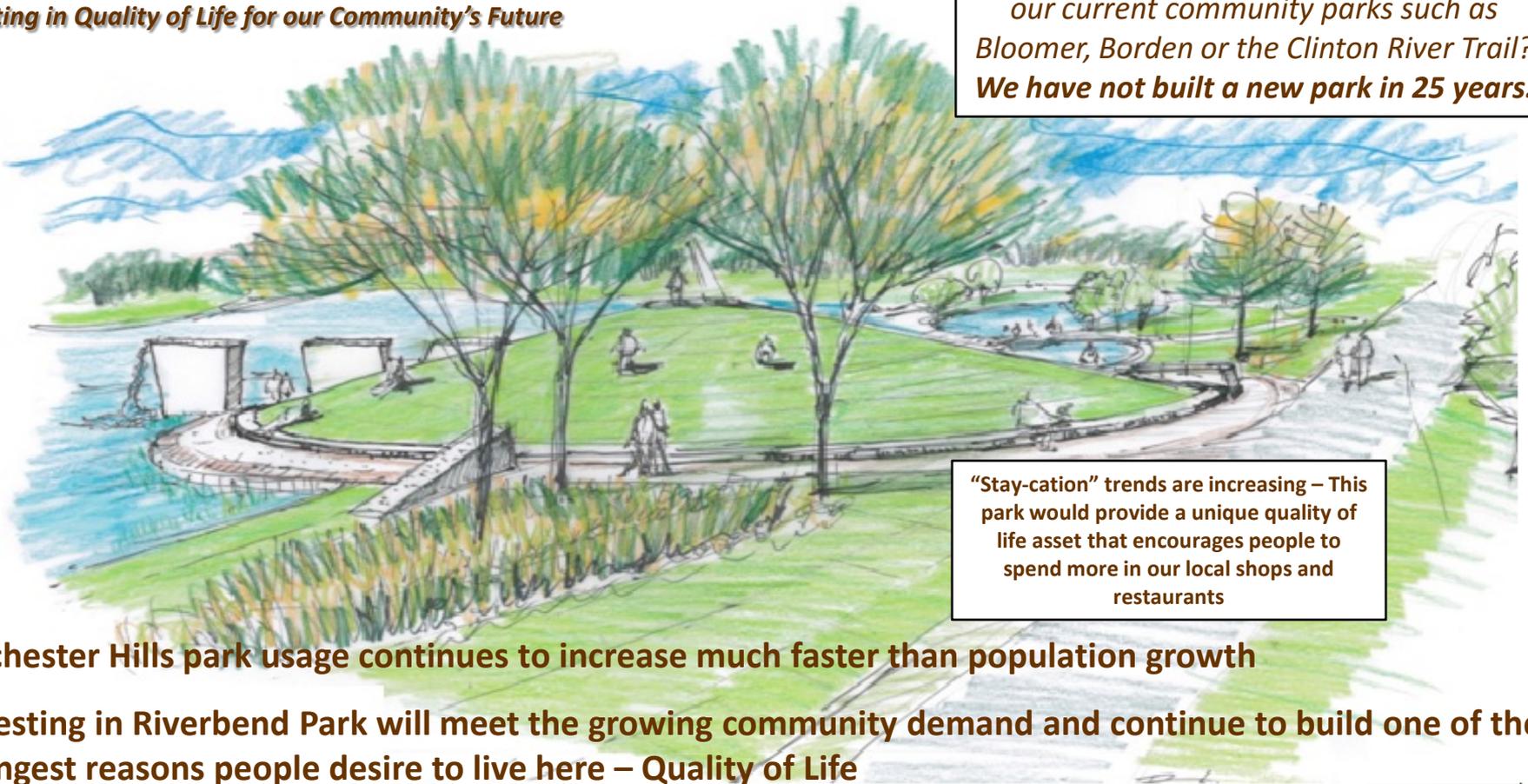
Increasing Quality of Life Connections In a Growing Community – Innovative by Nature



Riverbend Park

Investing in Quality of Life for our Community's Future

Where would Rochester Hills be without our current community parks such as Bloomer, Borden or the Clinton River Trail? We have not built a new park in 25 years.



“Stay-cation” trends are increasing – This park would provide a unique quality of life asset that encourages people to spend more in our local shops and restaurants

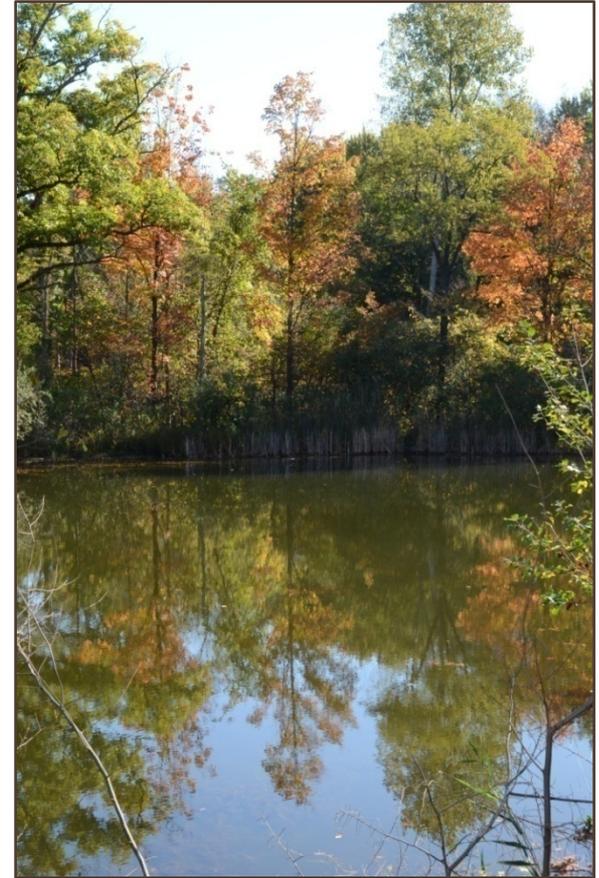
- **Rochester Hills park usage continues to increase much faster than population growth**
- **Investing in Riverbend Park will meet the growing community demand and continue to build one of the strongest reasons people desire to live here – Quality of Life**

Riverbend Park

Going Forward

The Plan - Six Phases Over 5-Years

- Phase I – Trails & Plantings (expected 2016-2019)
- Phase II – Water Feature area (expected 2016-2017)
 - Including sun dial mount, waterfall, waterwalk bioswale, and pathways
- Phase III – Play Areas & Sensory Garden (expected 2017-2018)
- Phase IV – Observation Areas & Art (expected 2018-2020)
- Phase V - Community Structure (expected 2018-2020)
- Phase VI - Bridge Connections (expected 2020)



Riverbend Park

Where We are Now

INVESTMENT TO DATE:

City Investment (\$170,000)

\$100,000 - Community engagement, concept research and development of Riverbend Strategic Framework

\$70,000 - Design and engineering (Phases I and II)

Partnerships Received (\$400,000)

\$400,000 of in-kind services to construct portion of parking lot and paved trails

Partnerships in Process (\$750,000)

Estimated \$100,000 of in-kind construction services to complete parking lot

\$150,000 grant from Land and Water Conservation Fund for boardwalk and restrooms

\$500,000 of in-kind construction services to develop Water Feature area



Riverbend Park

How to Proceed

- Community partnership goal: 50% for community investment in park
- Current partnership status: 70% = On target ✓



To build Rochester Hills' future Quality of Life, we are requesting an average City investment of \$850,000 (50% of the estimated cost) per year for four years





Thank You For Your Support