

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program 2018

Organization: City of Rochester Hills

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Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information: Earl E. Borden Park

*Name of Applicant (Government Unit) City of Rochester Hills			*Federal ID Number 38-6006880	*County Oakland County
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*State House District District 45		*State Senate District District 12	*U.S. Congress District District 8	
*Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters) Borden Park Tennis/Pickleball Court Renovations				

***Proposal Description**

Renovation of Earl E. Borden Park's four existing tennis courts, turning the space into three full-sized courts and a pickle ball area with four pickle ball courts including fencing. Also includes the development of rain gardens around the site to catch runoff, the addition of recycled plastic timber benches and bottle recycling containers and improvements to the existing pathway to increase accessibility.

*Address of Site 1400 East Hamlin Road	*City, Village or Township of Site Rochester Hills	*Zip 48307
*County in which Site is located Oakland	*Town, Range and Section Numbers of Site Location <i>Letters must be upper-case: (examples: T02N, R13E, 22)</i> (Town)T03N (Range)R11E (Section)25	*Latitude/Longitude at park entrance 42.652954 -83-105950
*Park Name Earl E. Borden Park		

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SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS

PROJECT COST AMOUNTS

*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)	\$150,000.00
Total Match (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)	\$200,000.00
Total Project Cost (Must equal the total estimated cost on Section D1 Project Details page)	\$350,000.00
Percentage of match commitment (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)	57%
Value of any Land Repurposed to Recreation as Part of the Project (2xSEV)	
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)	\$200,000.00
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)	
c) Federal or State Funds	

You have entered a value for item c). Please provide the information below for each federal or state program from which matching funds will be provided.

*(1) Program Name	*Administering Agency	
*Contact Name for Administering Agency	*Telephone	*Amount

*Type of Funds

Grant funds awarded

Date grant funds approved

Grant funds applied for, not yet approved

Estimated approval date

Appropriated funds

Date appropriated

Other, explain

*Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

Yes No

*Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

Yes No

Check to add program information for additional State or Federal funds that will be used as Match.

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(2) Program Name	Administering Agency	
Contact Name for Administering Agency	Telephone	Amount

Type of Funds

Grant funds awarded	<i>Date grant funds approved</i>
Grant funds applied for, not yet approved	<i>Estimated approval date</i>
Appropriated funds	<i>Date appropriated</i>
Other, explain	

Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

Yes No

Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

Yes No

Check to add program information for additional State of Federal funds that will be used as Match.

(3) Program Name	Administering Agency	
Contact Name for Administering Agency	Telephone	Amount

Type of Funds

Grant funds awarded	<i>Date grant funds approved</i>
Grant funds applied for, not yet approved	<i>Estimated approval date</i>
Appropriated funds	<i>Date appropriated</i>
Other, explain	

Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

Yes No

Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

Yes No

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d) Cash Donations

You have entered a value for item d). Please list the individual sources and the amounts to be donated below.

SOURCE	AMOUNT
* <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Total</i>	\$0

* Is a letter of intent from each donor included with the application?
 Yes No

e) Donated Labor and/or Materials

You have entered a value for item e). Please include each item to be donated, the source, dollar value, and how the dollar value was determined.

ITEM	SOURCE	DOLLAR VALUE	VALUATION METHOD
* <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Total</i>		\$0	

* Is a letter of intent from each donor included with application?
 Yes No

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Section C: Project Details

* **Applicant's current control of the site:**

- Fee Simple
- Lease
- Easement

Project Cost Estimate Table

List the specific development scope items (play equipment, parking lot paving, landscaping) rather than aspects of project execution (materials, labor, equipment, site clearing). Do not include ineligible items such as engineering costs beyond 15% of the subtotal and contingencies. Facilities must be designed to be in compliance with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design.

<u>SCOPE ITEM</u>	<u>DNR ONLY ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</u>
Pickelball Court		4	\$78,000.00
Tennis Court		3	\$234,000.00
Bench(es)		4	\$4,000.00
Fence		1	\$20,000.00
Rain Garden with Native Plants		1	\$3,000.00
Recycle Bin(s)		2	\$1,000.00
Access Pathway 5' - 6' wide		1	\$10,000.00

Other:

Do not list the aspects of project execution, such as labor, construction equipment, contingency or raw materials.

Permit Fees	
Subtotal	\$350,000.00
Engineering (These fees may not exceed 15% of subtotal)	
Total Estimated Cost (Much equal Total Project Cost amount on Section B page)	\$350,000.00

- 1) What is the expected life of the facilities constructed as part of the project?
(Please note: Program requires commitment of minimum 20 years if no enclosed structure and 40 years with enclosed structure). 20 years

- 2) If you are submitting multiple applications, what is the priority for this application?
(1 = highest) 0

- 3) Is unimpeded access to the project site secured through ownership or easement or lease of term no less than the length of time that control of the project site is secured? No Yes

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- 4) Will the project be used for the viewing of professional or semi-professional arts, athletics or intercollegiate or interscholastic sports? ✓ No Yes
If yes, what percentage of normal operating hours will be used in this capacity? %
- 5) Will fees be charged at the park? ✓ No Yes
If yes, what will be the fees for residents?
What will be the fees for non-residents?
- 6) Has applicant received DNR recreation grant(s) in the past? No ✓ Yes
- 7) Is there an entrance sign identifying the site as a public recreation site open to all users? No ✓ Yes
- 8) Has applicant closed, sold, or transferred any parkland or recreation facilities in the past 5 years? ✓ No Yes
- 9) Does applicant have a "residents only" policy for this park or other parks or recreation facilities? ✓ No Yes

If 'Yes' was selected for any of the questions, please explain here:

#3 - ownership by Rochester Hills through Fee Simple

#5 - see list of DNR Grants (attached)

#7 - see entrance sign photo (attached)

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Section D: Site Conditions

	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>
*1) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any portion of the property is or has been used for industrial purposes, including manufacturing and/or mineralsâ€™ processing or extraction (sand, gravel, oil, or gas) at this time or in the past?	✓		
*2) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any portion of the property is currently being used or has been used in the past for a gas station, motor vehicle service or repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing lab, junkyard, landfill, waste treatment, storage, processing or recycling or disposal facility?	✓		
*3) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any of the following are or have in the past been stored, discarded, or used on the property â€“ automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides or other chemicals used in agricultural practices, paints, industrial waste, or other chemicals in drums or other containers?	✓		
*4) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that fill dirt or other fill material of unknown origin is on this property or has in the past been placed on the property?	✓		
*5) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge of any evidence of leaks, spills, or stains from a substance other than water at this time or in the past?	✓		
*6) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that there are or have in the past been waste disposal pits, lagoons, or ponds on the property?	✓		
*7) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that there are at this time or have in the past been registered or unregistered storage tanks on the property?	✓		
*8) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminated groundwater lies below the property?	✓		
*9) If there is a water well on the property, does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminants have been identified in the well that exceeded legal standards or has the well been identified as contaminated by a government agency?	✓		
*10) Has the landowner been notified about any current violations of environmental laws pertaining to activities on the property or does applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge about past violations?	✓		

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- *11) Has the landowner been notified of any environmental assessments of the property that identified a) the presence of hazardous substances, petroleum products, or contamination; or b) the need for further assessment? ✓
- *12) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any hazardous substances, unidentified waste materials, tires, or automotive or industrial batteries have been dumped above ground, buried, or burned on the property? ✓
- *13) Is the property listed on any federal or state list of contaminated sites, including the site of a leaking underground storage tank? ✓
- *14) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any of the adjoining properties are currently being used or have been used in the past for the purposes listed in the previous questions 1-13? ✓
- *15) Has an environmental assessment been completed for the site?
If yes, provide the most current. ✓
- *16) Is this proposed project part of the Iron Belle Trail (Governor's Showcase Trail)? ✓
- *17) Are permits required for the development of the site?
If yes, please complete the following table: ✓

TYPE OF PERMIT	PERMITTING AGENCY	EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR DETERMINING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

If 'Yes' or 'Unknown' was selected for any of the questions on this page, please explain here:

#15 - Phase I Environmental Liability Assessment and Hydrogeologic Investigation October 1989: Conclusion was that it did "not appear that past practices on the site have created an adverse environmental impact."

Application Narrative

1. Need for the Project:

This project is being requested because 1) These courts were initially developed in 1990 using a CMI grant (BF 90-255).and have gone significantly past the useful life and is becoming a safety concern, 2) These are the most utilized tennis courts on City property, 3) The aging population is creating a dramatically increasing demand for pickle ball. 4) This renovation will make the courts even more accessible.

This project will renovate four existing tennis courts, turning this space into three full-sized courts and a pickle ball area with 4 pickle ball courts. There are no outdoor pickle ball courts in the City of Rochester Hills and this will satisfy this need as well as create an opportunity for pickle ball players to play for free. In addition, the Older Person's Commission (OPC) has expressed a need for outdoor pickle ball courts, with members of the public presenting at our CIP presentation in 2017 about the need for courts. The OPC has staff that teaches pickle ball and it is one of their larger programs.

It is difficult to determine the likelihood of completion of this project without grant funding , as that final decision is up to City Council and our 2019 CIP process is currently underway. This project is scheduled in our CIP for 2019, however Rochester Hills has several competing projects going against this, including significant road construction projects, as well as a significant continuing investment in developing a new regional park (Innovation Hills). Additional funding for other parks projects is limited at this time.

The park is well utilized, bringing in 186,000 vehicles per year on average

2. Site Quality:

Purchased by the City in 1989 using City funds, Earl. E. Borden Park (Borden Park) is a 143-acre park for active recreation with four irrigated and lighted ball fields, eleven irrigated soccer fields (one lighted), two roller hockey rinks, four tennis courts, three basketball courts, a five-acre multipurpose field, a seven-station batting cage, and playground. In addition there is a 30-acre wooded natural area.

The proposed grant project will be a renovation of 28 year old tennis courts. This will be at least 75% renovation, as we are replacing three of the four tennis courts with the same activity and adding the new activity of four pickle ball courts to replace the fourth tennis court. The courts will be universally designed, with accessible routes to all courts, larger than normal entrances, and supporting accessible seating (benches, no risers). Site will consist of fencing around courts, between pickle ball and tennis areas as well as wind screening. Courts will be developed to USTA and US Pickle Ball Association Standards.

3. Project Quality:

Site Features and Design:

Project site is perfectly suited for the proposed use as it has been used successfully for this purpose for 27 years. It is close to parking inside a very active sports park (soccer, roller hockey, and baseball) and the courts are easily visible from a variety of angles and areas around the park to prevent vandalism. Borden park is attached to the City's 98-mile sidewalk and pathway system, within visible site of the park's main bathrooms and drinking water, and on the main thoroughfares of John R and Hamlin Roads. In addition, the site is far enough from the natural woodlands that construction will not cause any disturbance. Courts will be developed to USTA and US Pickle Ball Association Standards.

Environmental Features:

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Working in partnership with the Clinton River Watershed Council's Water Towns program, we will be developing rain gardens around the site to catch runoff, using recycled plastic timber benches, and adding bottle recycling containers (none exist in the park currently).

Universal Design:

The renovation project will be designed to universal design standards. It will include accessible benches in multiple viewing areas and court entrances will be wider to allow for easier access. Routes to all courts (not just the edges) will be accessible to provide universal access.

Site Safety:

The site is within Borden Park, whose borders are clearly defined by berms. Fencing around the courts will discourage user conflict, with inside fencing between pickle ball and tennis. Signs will be posted forbidding unauthorized use, such as skateboards, bikes, etc. The courts are visible from across the park at many different angles and are visible from the park office. The park is staffed daily during open hours. One full-time Ranger is based in this park, as well several seasonal employees throughout the year. Restrooms and drinking fountain are visible from the courts for customer use.

Promotion:

The City will list and promote the courts on the City website. In addition, the City will list facilities on printed brochures and utilize Facebook to announce the completion of the project. City staff will work with OPC pickle ball staff to encourage utilization of the courts by pickle ballers. In addition, courts are utilized for children's games during the City's Festival of the Hills, a regional fireworks event in June that pulls between 30,000 to 50,000 people into the park that day.

4. Applicant History:

The Parks and Natural Resources Department (previously Parks and Forestry) has a strong history of developing and maintaining park facilities. We were given Bloomer Park in the 1990 through an agreement with State of Michigan and have continued to develop and maintain new facilities since then, using grants and City funding. We have been 100% compliant with the original agreement with the State for Bloomer Park as well as all grant criteria within all of our grant assisted parks.

We have a record of maintaining facilities past their useful life, to get as much use as possible. This proposed tennis court/pickle ball renovation is no exception, having built the tennis courts in 1990 through a CMI grant, we then proceeded to put tile on them, extending their useful life by more than ten years.

Our current parks budget is approximately \$2.5 million, and the maintenance crew garage for the entire park system is onsite at Borden Park, ensuring strong attention to maintenance at these courts. Since this is a renovation, we expect less maintenance costs to maintain these facilities as the need for large repairs will no longer be a need on this facility. The City maintains a three year budget, and we will maintain this court operation within this budget without additional funds.