



# Why an Parks Plan Update is Needed

- MDEQ requires 5 year plan to be eligible for grant funding
- Current Plan expired in 2015
- Guide for City operated recreational facilities & programs



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City of Rochester Hills

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

2016 – 2020



# Updated Contents

- Community description
- Administrative structure
- Inventory of facilities
- Public involvement
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## Mission Statement

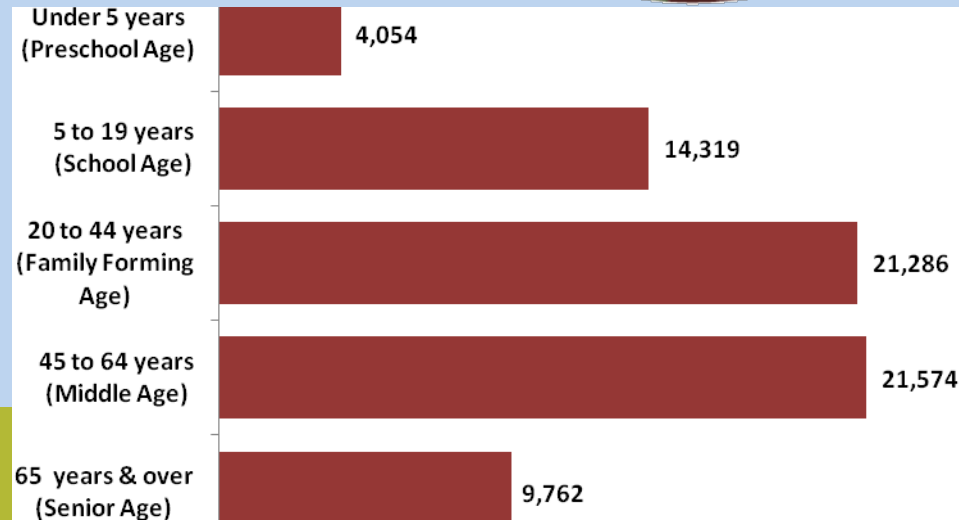
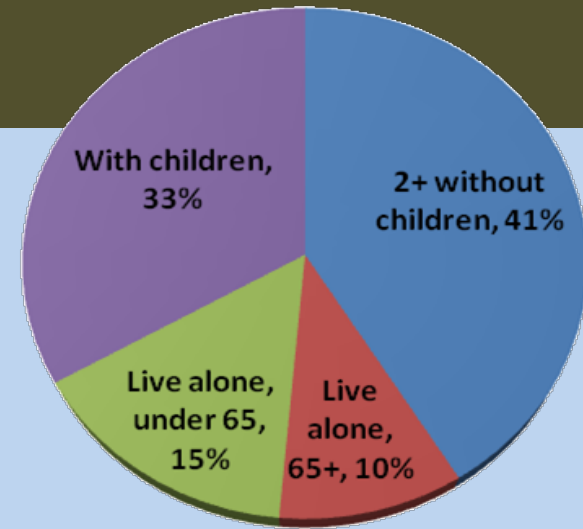
The purpose of the City of Rochester Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to ensure that a wide array of recreational opportunities, both passive and active, will be available in the most integrated setting, and for people of all age groups, interests and abilities of the community, while protecting and conserving the integrity of our natural and historic resources.





# Community Description

- Updated social characteristics
- Natural features inventory





# Administrative Structure

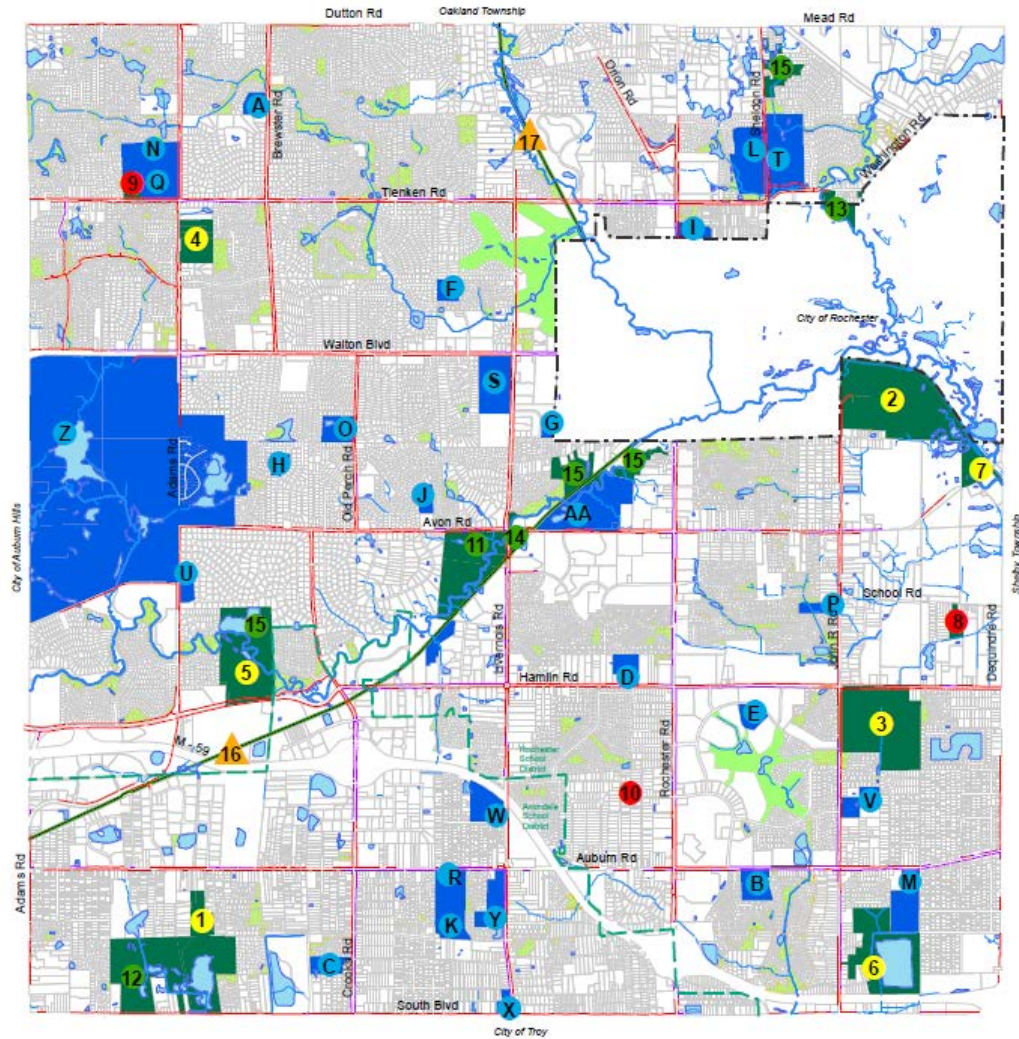
- City organizational chart
- Other agencies involved
- Budget & funding





# Inventory

- Over 1,000 acres City owned parkland in:
  - 7 Community Parks
  - 3 Neighborhood Parks
  - 4 Special Use Parks
  - 2 Linear Parks
  - Multiple Green Space Properties





# Public Involvement Process

- 30 day public review period
- Public opinion survey with nearly 550 responses
- Social media 25,000 people reached
- Public hearing at Planning Commission & at City Council meetings

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Public Hearing

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Elizabeth Reeve I was watching the newer Karate Kid movie - in the park they had wooden exercise machines that looked like a cross between Nordic tracks and elliptical machines. How about treasure hunt posts where the hunt instructions can be changed out monthly - our parks are amazing!  
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**Parks & Rec Master Plan Survey**  
Survey Open from Jan 11 to Feb 11

City Hall Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Weekdays



# Public Involvement Key Findings

- Clinton River & Paint Creek Trails are most commonly used parks
- Walking/biking trails ranked #1 facility that more money should be spent on
- Splash pad/water park & dog park were most popular type of new facilities desired
- Natural feature preservation/open space also a priority
- More paved walking/biking facilities, better maintenance, more diversity in programs & special events & more restrooms most cited improvements to increase participation
- Over ½ would support an operational millage dedicated to preserving the current levels of park services, ¼ unsure



# Goals & Objectives

- Maintain & enhance existing facilities
- Develop innovative new park facilities
- Improve pathways & connectivity
- Provide diverse programming
- All the while preserving significant natural features
- In a fiscally responsible fashion







# Action Program

- 5 year plan
- Recommendations totaling over \$5.8 million + \$480,000 annually (including pathways)
- Costs are anticipated to be from grants & private donors in addition to CIP, green space fund & general fund
- Order is fluid as funding becomes available





# 5 Year Action Program

<p><b>2016:</b> Riverbend Park Element 1 &amp; Sensory Garden, Avon Nature Area Stormwater Improvements, Borden Park Roller Hockey Improvements</p>	<p><b>2019:</b> Riverbend Park Element 4, Borden Park Stormwater Improvements &amp; Pathway Installations</p>
<p><b>2017:</b> Riverbend Park Element 2, Borden Park Office Relocation &amp; Maintenance Yard, Avon Nature Area &amp; Yates Park Clinton River Access &amp; Pathway Installations</p>	<p><b>2020:</b> Riverbend Park continuation, Pathway Installations &amp; P&amp;R Plan Update</p>
<p><b>2018:</b> Riverbend Park Element 3, Museum Barn Replacement, Paint Creek Trail Resurfacing, Yates Park Stormwater Improvements &amp; Pathway Installations</p>	<p><b>Annually:</b> Playground Upgrades, ADA Compliance, Green Space Stewardship &amp; Pathway Rehabilitation</p>





# Next Steps

- Planning Commission held public hearing & adopted the plan
- Tonight, City Council will hold public hearing, will make any desired modifications to the plan & adopt by resolution
- Submit plan to MDNR & start applying for grants to implement the plan!



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