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Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2023 - 2027

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Mill Pond Park

Chapter 1: Executive Summary

The 2023 - 2027 City of Saline Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for parks and recreation in the City, building on the recommendations from the 2016 Recreation and 2017 Non-motorized Transportation Plans. The Saline Parks Commission used the planning process to re-evaluate the recreation needs of City residents, reaching out to a variety of stakeholders and offering multiple forms of public input platforms to obtain resident input. Officials also reviewed updated demographic data to help inform their decisions.

The purpose of this Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts in Saline over the next five-year period, through December 2027. Once adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. This Plan is also intended to meet the State's standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

Key Plan Findings

The citizens of Saline are fortunate to have access to an outstanding local park system with a variety of recreation programming options at their disposal. Residents are justifiably proud of the parks, and have a strong desire to see them maintained at the highest possible level. Continued maintenance and management of existing facilities and programming is a top priority. There did not appear a desire for a wholesale revamp of existing facilities; instead, residents asked for permanent bathrooms and upgraded playground structures.

One major exception was the request for a splash pad or outdoor pool. Both amenities can be expensive propositions, requiring significant up front capital investment with ongoing maintenance and staffing requirements. Residents indicated a willingness to support parks and recreation projects with some form of millage, however, and a dedicated source of funding could be beneficial to the park system as a whole.

The community also expressed a desire for continued expansion of trails or other forms of non-motorized facilities throughout the park system and beyond. Connections to surrounding townships and villages and beginning to form routes to major regional trail amenities were very popular. Interest in a blue water trail along the Saline River to the City of Milan also intrigued many of the survey participants.

There was also a desire to see recreation programming opportunities expanded. A common complaint was that programs were geared either towards children or seniors, with fewer opportunities for teens or adults. Varying the hours and/or program offerings were common requests.

A complete summary of community needs, survey data, and meeting responses can be found beginning on Appendix F on page 102.

What The Plan Contains

The Recreation Master Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (IC 1924, revised 4-26-2021).

- The plan begins with this **Executive Summary** and a description of the processes used to prepare the plan.
- **Goals & Objectives** were obtained by compiling input from community members, staff, and City officials. They provide a broad set of values which drive recreation development in the City.
- The **Action Program** then provides steps and strategies for implementing the Plan.
- The **Public Participation** portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents of Saline, which helped the Parks Commission formulate the Plan's goals and objectives.
- A detailed **Recreation Inventory** describes the existing parkland and recreational facilities of the community as well as those of the region and state.
- A description of the community's **Administrative Structure** follows, including information on funding and budgets.
- The Plan then presents a **Community Description**, providing information on both the social and physical characteristics of the community.
- Finally, the appendices include supporting materials, such as a copy of the public input survey, and resolutions and notices that document the Plan's adoption by the Parks Commission.

Planning Process

The process used to draft the Plan consists of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development. Each is described more fully below:

Background Studies. This phase involved gathering and updating data from the U.S. Census, existing documents and plans, and from field observations. The data is organized into two main categories: *community description* and *recreation inventory*.

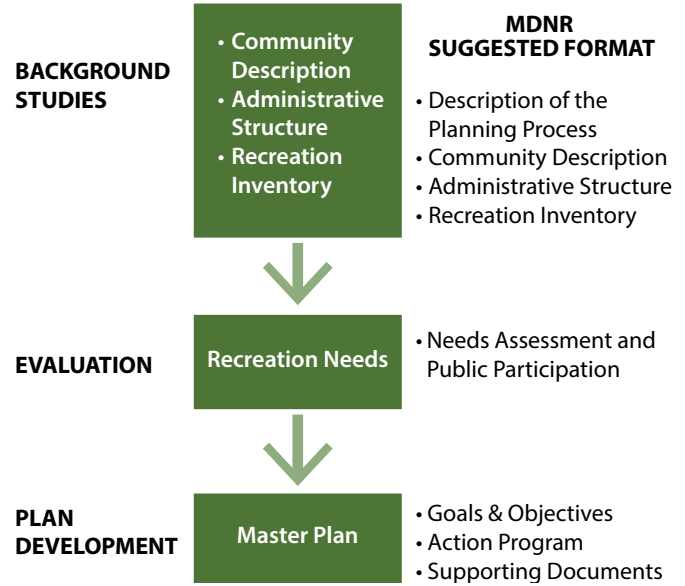
Evaluation. The second phase in the planning process evaluated and analyzed the data compiled to determine recreation facility deficiencies and needs. Public input to assess recreational needs was also sought at this level. A written survey and meetings held by the Parks Commission to receive residents’ opinions and ideas for the park and recreation system. Input from Parks staff and the Parks Commission were also used. A public hearing was also held towards the end of the planning process to receive final comments and suggestions.

Plan Development. The last phase in the process involves Plan development and adoption. Based on the deficiencies and needs, goals and objectives were formulated and a specific action plan developed. Strategies to implement the Plan were also discussed.

Table 1. Input Participation

Participants	Rec. Inventory, Resource Inventory, & Community Description	Public Input	Goal Formulation	Action Program	Public Hearing	Plan Adoption
Parks Staff	√	√	√	√	√	
Parks Commission		√	√	√	√	√
City Residents		√	√		√	

The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the MDNR suggested format described earlier:



This Plan was developed with input from local officials, staff, and residents. An online survey was made available to gather input on needed improvements to the community’s recreation facilities and programming. The survey was also available in hard copy form by request. Four separate meetings were held by the Parks Commission to receive input on each of the City’s parks. Input from local officials and the members of the Parks Commission were also used.

The Parks Commission passed a resolution recommending adoption of the plan on January 17, 2023. A Public Hearing was held in front of City Council on January 23, 2023, after which it was officially adopted by the City Council. The Master Plan was available for public review and comment electronically via the city website and by request in hard copy at the Recreation Center and City Hall for one month prior to the public hearing.



Mill Pond Park

Chapter 2: Goals & Objectives

The City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan identifies goals and objectives for the next five years. They are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from the public, City officials and staff, as well as to address the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources. They also consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources, and parks and recreation trends.

The primary goal for the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department is to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities that meet the needs and desires of the community.

While the goal of the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department expresses intent and purpose, the objectives that follow are more specific and address the manner in which the goal may be achieved. Five principal objectives are identified for achieving this goal:

1. Park maintenance
2. Park development
3. Shared-use pathway establishment
4. Recreation programming
5. Administration and communication

1. Park Maintenance: Maintain and upgrade parks

Park maintenance and upgrades must continue to be a priority to sustain high quality parks and recreation in Saline.

- Ensure park facilities and equipment are safe, functional, and clean;
- Replace/upgrade park equipment and facilities as needed;
- Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Remove barriers to accessibility and identify opportunities for inclusive play;
- Refurbish parking and pathway pavement and surfaces;
- Refurbish athletic fields and game courts as needed;
- Provide appropriate directional signs, lighting, and park furnishings;
- Establish a tree management program for the parks prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement;
- Develop stewardship management plans for the parks including natural areas with the goal of protecting environmentally sensitive areas, restoring natural ecosystems, and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education;
- Incorporate additional sustainability efforts into park development such as reverting select areas to a natural state, adding stormwater retention features such as rain gardens, adding pollinator gardens, and other actions; and
- Continue general park upkeep.

2. Park Development: Continue to develop and expand park facilities

There is a desire to continue developing and expanding park facilities in response to the changing needs of community residents. The establishment of design guidelines for park features would streamline both the design and maintenance of the parks and can create a unique identity for Saline. This would pertain to the design of architectural structures such as picnic pavilions, portable restroom enclosures, as well as site furnishings such as benches, signs, and other.

- Improve parks with enclosures for portable toilets, walkway/trail improvements, interpretive signs, seating areas, picnic pavilions, and other support facilities;
- Renovate Mill Pond and Curtiss parks focusing on river related improvements such as shoreline stabilization, fishing/observation deck installation, and more;
- Improve recreation opportunities in the parks with additional park facilities such as fitness trails, and splash pads; and
- Acquire land that may be available adjacent to existing parks, or land providing access to the planned non-motorized trail system, or providing a downtown community public space.

3. Shared-use Pathway Establishment: Support and participate in the implementation of the City-wide Non-motorized Transportation Plan

The implementation of shared-use pathways and bike lanes that connect the parks and form a continuous non-motorized trail system linking community facilities, schools, parks, and neighborhoods is recognized as a priority for the community. Saline Parks and Recreation should continue to support and participate in the effort to implement the Non-motorized Transportation Plan, focusing on the park connections.

- Place special emphasis on internal connections to parks and other City amenities;
- Place special emphasis on connections to regional trail systems;
- Coordinate with City Council, Planning Commission, and others to continue development and implementation of the non-motorized trail system; and
- Provide access sites and pedestrian/bicycle amenities such as parking, bike racks, bike repair stations, benches, picnic facilities, and a wayfinding and interpretive sign system.

4. Recreation Programming: Continue to improve recreation programs and services

The Saline Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide a variety of recreation programs which respond to residents' desires. The Parks and Recreation Department should continue to maintain a high level of services.

- Encourage health and wellness;
- Develop programs that build community;
- Continue to increase recreation program participation;
- Continue to collaborate with the schools and other recreation providers to share facilities, avoid duplication, and provide recreation opportunities; and
- Expand and develop new programs to respond to residents' interests.

5. Administration and Communication: Continue to enhance communications and financial sustainability

Improved communications in Saline can yield more effective recreation services that maximize the area's recreation potential. A means of generating revenues through grants, sponsorships, and donations where possible should continue to be a priority to provide park projects.

- Continue to update the park brochures and pamphlets for promotional purposes;
- Seek grant funding and donations;
- Continue to expand the use of web-based communication tools such as Facebook and Twitter for marketing purposes;
- Provide opportunities for volunteers and community stewardship projects;
- Evaluate fees and charge policies for programs and services and work to increase program cost recovery;
- Continue to participate in state and regional recreation planning organizations;
- Re-institute park talks to seek input on desired park improvements;
- Support development of a "Friends of" group to help with fundraising and other park-related efforts; and
- Communicate the goals, objectives, and action plan outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



Soccer at Tefft Park

Chapter 3: Action Program

The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of specific projects, as well as a schedule with suggested capital improvement projects along with a sequence and strategies for implementation.

Action Plan

The following outlines a list of specific actions and projects which are recommended to be accomplished during the planning period. Plans showing the parks improvements are also included to illustrate the proposed projects.

1. General Park Operation & Maintenance (All Parks)

- Ensure safety surfaces under play structures meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Maintain and upgrade play structures as needed;
- Maintain and upgrade park furnishings/facilities as needed (bike racks, benches, rubbish containers, etc.);
- Maintain and refurbish sports fields (ball fields, soccer fields, volleyball, and tennis courts) as needed;
- Add electrical access where feasible;
- Develop a forest stewardship plan with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

2. Maintain and improve Tefft Park & Saline Recreation Center

- Evaluate options for addition of a splash park and/or outdoor pool facilities;
- Upgrade play equipment near ball fields;
- Improve trail/walk connections on east side and to park amenities; and
- Maintain indoor recreation center and evaluate options for possible expansion.

3. Maintain and improve Brecon Park

- Update play equipment;
- Ensure accessible paths are available to all amenities;
- Add a picnic shelter at that location;
- Add solar lighting (bollard lighting) along path; and
- Evaluate feasibility of a dog park enclosure.

4. Maintain and improve Canterbury Park

- Upgrade playground equipment and park furnishings;
- Add walkways around the park and connecting to the activity areas;
- Add trees; and
- Add small picnic shelters or shade structures.

5. Maintain and improve Colony Park

- Replace play equipment with “natural play” style equipment;
- Add native plant species, stepping stones, and interpretive signage to allow the lower basin to function as a rain garden/basin while encouraging exploration and play;
- Add benches and shade structures; and
- Add trails through wooded area with interpretive/wayfinding signs and benches.

6. Maintain and improve Curtiss Park

- Refurbish walkway and trail surfaces and ensure the connections meet ADA standards;
- Upgrade picnic shelter. Add electrical access, add solar lighting, and add accessible picnic tables;
- Evaluate feasibility of permanent toilets;
- Add new play structure/equipment that reflects the natural features present in the park;
- Pave rear parking lot and add bumper blocks or split rail fence along the parking lot edge;
- Evaluate locations for canoe/kayak livery at Curtiss Park as part of Saline to Milan Water Trail;
- Work with the Washtenaw County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation to establish a mid-block crossing over Michigan Avenue/US-12 between Curtiss and Mill Pond Parks; and
- Continue to improve the Max Adler Trail. Add a trailhead from rear parking lot with trail map, benches, and interpretive signs along the trail.

7. Maintain and improve Marlpool Park

- Upgrade play structure;
- Add accessible routes from sidewalk to play equipment;
- Add a small pavilion or shade structure; and
- Add a historical marker providing information on the agricultural heritage of the area.

8. Maintain and improve Mill Pond Park

- Refurbish parking, walkway, and nature trail surfaces;
- Add fishing/observation deck along the river;
- Add enclosure for small dogs to dog park;
- Add park sign at south end of park near Michigan Avenue;
- Build a 10' shared-use pathway along the river from the parking lot to Michigan Avenue with pedestrian connections to the park's activity areas; and
- Evaluate feasibility of connection to a proposed rail-trail through a northbound shared-use pathway along Wood Outlet Drain.

9. Maintain and improve Peoples Park

- Establish pathway off Monroe with connections to existing park amenities; and
- Upgrade trail surface between Monroe and South Ann Arbor Street.

10. Maintain and improve Risdon Park

- Evaluate opportunities for placement of a small fountain, historical marker, or artwork;
- Add benches / seating circle towards back side of park; and
- Add small pollinator garden.

11. Develop and maintain Salt Springs Park

- Continue trail development and improvements along length of park; and
- Initiate discussions with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to establish a connection through the Fisheries Research Station Property to the Leslee Niethammer Saline River Preserve in York Township.

12. Maintain and improve Stonecliff Park

- Establish pathway around perimeter of park;
- Add benches, dog waste stations, and similar amenities;
- Add small picnic shelter or shade structure;
- Evaluate opportunities for river/park overlook; and
- Add play structure.

13. Maintain and improve Wilderness Park

- Provide a trailhead area with a permanent enclosure for portable toilet, benches, wayfinding signs, and a trail map;
- Refurbish nature trails with limestone fines material and add boardwalks in wet areas;
- Add rustic interpretive/wayfinding signs and benches along the trails; and
- Add new bird houses and bat homes in forest area.

14. Participate in the development of the City-wide pathway system

- Coordinate with City Council, Planning Commission, and others to continue development of the linear park system;
- Initiate discussions with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to establish a connection through the Fisheries Research Station Property to the Leslee Niethammer Saline River Preserve in York Township;
- Provide access sites and pedestrian/bicycle amenities such as parking, bike racks, benches, picnic facilities, and a wayfinding and interpretive sign system; and
- Participate in inter-jurisdictional discussions regarding connection to regional trail developments west in the Village of Manchester/ Manchester Township (Watkins Lake Trail), north through Lodi Township to the City of Ann Arbor and Scio Township (Border-to-Border), south to Tecumseh (Kiwans Trail), and east to Ypsilanti Township (Border-to-Border).

15. Participate in the establishment of Saline to Milan water trail system

- Coordinate with City Council, Planning Commission, City of Milan officials, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, and other stakeholders to establish the water trail system;
- Establish locations for canoe/kayak livery at Curtiss Park and develop plans for location; and
- Develop access site and pedestrian/bicycle amenities such as parking, bike racks, benches, picnic facilities, and a wayfinding and interpretive sign system.

16. Future parkland acquisition

- Acquire land that may be available adjacent to existing parks, land providing access to the planned non-motorized transportation system, or land for a community gathering place in the downtown area; and
- Work with City Council and Planning Commission to ensure parkland and open space needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage developers to set aside land appropriate for community outdoor space, parks, and trails.

17. Improve recreation programs

- Upgrade the “Promoting Active Communities” assessment from the State Department of Community Health, the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, and Health, MSU, and the Prevention Research Center of Michigan;
- Continue to evaluate and monitor programs and work to broaden the variety of activities offered and participation; and
- Strive to maintain core recreation programs including special events, youth and teen programs, teen and adult fitness, and aquatics.

18. Administration and communication

- Continue to update park brochures and pamphlets;
- Continue to seek grant funding, sponsors, and donations;
- Continue to expand the use of web-based communication tools such as the City’s website, Facebook, and Twitter;
- Continue to provide opportunities for volunteers and community stewardship projects;
- Continue to evaluate fees and charges for programs and services and work to increase program cost recovery;
- Continue to participate in state and regional recreation planning organizations;
- Continue to hold park talks to seek input on resident desires for park improvements; and
- Communicate the goals, objectives, and action plan outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Project Schedule

Table 2 lists the individual projects along with the specific tasks the City would like to accomplish, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. The projects would be implemented as funding and/or resources are available. However, to guide implementation, each project is assigned a time frame for completion.

It is important to remember that this schedule is aspirational. It is not expected that all projects will be completed in the next five years, but instead establishes priority projects for the community to consider as circumstances and funding allow. Short-term (ST) projects are recommended for completion within one to two years while long-term (LT) projects may take longer to be completed, within five to six years. Mid term (MT) projects fall in between, from two to four years. Ongoing (OG) items are activities that are not necessarily project-related but instead are part of standard daily practices.

Table 2. Improvement Schedule

Description	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
All Saline Parks			
Ensure that recycling and trash receptacles are provided and maintained at all parks	-	LF	OG
Add trees and/or shade structures as necessary	TBD	LF, D, G	OG
Address grading, turf condition, drainage, and accessibility issues	TBD	LG, D, G	OG
Add benches, bike racks, and drinking fountains	TBD	LG, D, G	OG
Continue to maintain parks and facilities in good working order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of users	-	LF	OG
Develop a forest stewardship plan with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and	-	LF	OG
Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.	-	LF	OG
Tefft Park / Recreation Center			
Evaluate options for addition of a splash pad and/or outdoor pool facilities near the Recreation Center	splash pad: up to \$1,000,000 pool: up to \$4,000,000	LF, D, G	ST
Perform feasibility study to evaluate Recreation Center operation, upgrades, and/or expansion	-	LF	ST
Upgrade play equipment near ball fields	\$ 40,000 - 60,000	LF, D, G	MT
Upgrade trail / walk connections on east side of park and to park amenities	\$ 230,000 - 275,000	LF, D, G	LT
Brecon Park			
Update play equipment	\$ 100,000 - 150,000	LF, D, G	MT
Ensure accessible paths to all amenities	\$ 35,000 - 45,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add small picnic shelter	\$ 30,000 - 40,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add bollard lighting along path	\$ 80,000 - 120,000	LF, D, G	LT
Evaluate feasibility of a dog park on the site	-	-	LT

*LF = Local Funds, D = Donations, G = Grants

Description	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Canterbury Park			
Upgrade play equipment and park furnishings	\$ 100,000 - 150,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add walkway around park with connection to all amenities	\$ 120,000 - 150,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add small picnic shelter or shade structure	\$ 30,000 - 40,000	LF, D, G	LT
Colony Park			
Replace play equipment with "natural play" amenities	\$ 60,000 - 90,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add native landscaping (pollinator/rain garden species)	\$ 150,000 - 200,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add benches and shade structures	\$ 30,000 - \$40,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add trails through wooded area	\$ 40,000 - 60,000	LF, D, G	LT
Curtiss Park			
Refurbish parking areas, walkways, and trail surfaces	\$ 300,000 - 500,000	LF, D, G	MT
Upgrade picnic shelter	\$ 100,000 - 120,000	LF, D, G	ST
Evaluate feasibility of adding permanent toilets	\$ 150,000 - 200,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add new play structures	\$ 150,000 - 200,000	LF, D, G	LT
Pave rear parking lot	\$ 200,000 - 300,000	LF, D, G	LT
Perform feasibility study to evaluate possible canoe livery location	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	ST
Establish mid-block crossing between Curtiss & Mill Pond Parks	\$ 50,000 - 70,000	LF, D, G	MT
Improve Max Adler Trail	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	LT
Marlpool Park			
Upgrade play structure	\$ 40,000 - 60,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add accessible routes to park amenities	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add small pavilion or shade structure	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add historical marker	\$ 5,000 - 8,000	LF, D, G	LT
Mill Pond Park			
Refurbish parking area and existing trails	\$ 250,000 - 300,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add fishing/observation dock on river/pond	\$ 40,000 - 60,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add separate small dog enclosure to dog park	\$ 40,000 - 80,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add park sign on Michigan Avenue	\$ 5,000 - 8,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add riverwalk from northern part of park to Michigan Avenue	\$ 1,000,000	LF, D, G	MT
Evaluate feasibility of connection to proposed rail-trail along Wood Outlet Drain	-	-	LT
Peoples Park			
Add signage along Monroe Street with improved walkway between Monroe and South Ann Arbor Street, beginning south of childcare center	\$ 150,000 - 200,000	LF, D, G	MT
Risdon Park			
Evaluate opportunities for placement of small fountain, historical marker, or artwork	-	-	ST
Add benches / seating circle towards northeast corner of park	\$ 10,000 - 12,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add small pollinator garden	\$ 4,000 - 6,000	LF, D, G	LT
Salt Springs Park			
Continue trail developments and improvements through park	\$ 10,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	LT

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Description	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Stonecliff Park			
Establish pathway around perimeter of park	\$ 100,000 - 120,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add benches, dog waste stations, and similar amenities	\$ 15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add play structure	\$ 150,000 - 200,000		
Add small picnic shelter or shade structure	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	LT
Evaluate opportunities for river overlook	-	-	ST
Wilderness Park			
Provide trailhead with enclosure for portable toilets, wayfinding signs, and trailhead	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	LF, D, G	MT
Improve trails to compacted limestone	\$ 15,000 - 20,000	LF, D, G	MT

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Implementation Strategies

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides only a limited amount of funds for park development and improvements. The amount is well short of the projected expenses involved in the project schedule. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended to proceed as planned.

Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities for community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the TE activities. Activities which may apply to Saline include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles such as walkways, curb ramps, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses; and
- Educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage.

A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis.

The *Safe Routes to School* program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for a healthy lifestyle. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's Safe Routes to School program made schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program, as defined in the federal legislation, is to:

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in school areas.

The program provides mini grants for programming and major grants to help communities build sidewalks, crosswalks, and other infrastructure. Up to \$200,000 per school is available for infrastructure projects, and \$8,000 to build programming around the project. Communities must undergo an in-depth planning process prior to submitting an application. Deadlines are ongoing and awarded on a rolling basis. SR2S funding is 100 percent federal; no match is required.

Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the *Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)* and the *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)* continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of parkland for natural resource based preservation and recreation. Goals of the program are to:

- Protect natural resources and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment;
- Provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes and facilitate their recreation use;
- Meet regional, county and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities;
- Improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban areas; and
- Stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation related tourism and community revitalization.

Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has been on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests are \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$500,000. The match percentage must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be in by April 1 to be considered for the following years grant funds.

The *Recreation Passport* grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests are \$7,500 and maximum requests are \$150,000. The local match obligation is 25 percent of the total project cost. Application are typically due on April 1st.

Local units of government may use the Forest Stewardship program to develop a management plan for a municipal forest which would include a component targeting outreach to private landowners. A total of \$2,000 may be granted with a 50 percent local match. Applications are due in September. Non-game Wildlife Fund Grants have also been offered in the past to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, and other natural features.

A new grant program released in 2022 and administered by the MDNR is the *Michigan Spark Grant*, a \$65 million dollar grant program of coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds was made available through Public Act 53 of 2022. The program is intended to help communities create, renovate, or redevelop public outdoor opportunities for residents and visitors. Eligible applicants must be local units of government or public authorities legally designated to provide public recreation, or regional or statewide organizations of such entities working together.

Individual grant amounts range from \$100,000 to \$1 million, and will be distributed in three rounds

- Round one: \$15 million by the end of 2022.
- Round two: \$25 million in the spring of 2023.
- Round three: \$25 million in the summer of 2023.

All projects must be completed by 2026. As of the writing of this plan, application forms and scoring criteria have not been established. Additional information on the program is available at <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/buy-and-apply/grants/rec/sparkgrants>.

Apply for Local Funding

The **Washtenaw Coordinated Funders**, a collaboration of the Office of Community & Economic Development (representing the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and Washtenaw Urban County), the United Way of Washtenaw County, the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and the RNR Foundation, offers funding for program operations and capacity building grants for projects involving Aging, Housing & Homelessness, Safety-Net Health & Nutrition, and Cradle to Career – including both Early Childhood & School-Age Youth.

The **Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation** Commission does not have a formal dedicated fund to allow distribution of grants, but it does partner with communities on a case-by-case basis to assist with development of parks and/or non-motorized trail facilities. Their **Connecting Communities Program**, dedicated to the development of regional non-motorized trail facilities, was re-instituted in 2017 and offers funding for a variety of initiatives including trail development. Funding from the program is provided via the four-year Road and Trails Millage which was renewed in 2020, meaning the program will remain active through at least 2024.

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Apply for Other Grant Funding

The **Detroit Edison Tree Planting program** began as DTE joined the US Department of Energy's voluntary Climate Challenge Program to address greenhouse gas emissions. Cost-share funds are available to municipalities in the Detroit Edison's service area on a competitive basis for tree planting projects. A total of up to \$4,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50 percent local match. Applications are typically due in February.

There are also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/pathways or greenway-related facilities such as **Bikes Belong Coalition**. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: Facility, Education and Capacity Building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Access to Recreation is a grant program available for universal access of people of all abilities to a wide variety of recreation opportunities, such as nature viewing and photography areas, hiking trails, scenic outlooks, waterfalls and water activities of all kinds, beaches, fishing and boating, playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, and much more. There are two primary grant programs under this source of funding:

Recreation Access Matching Grant provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities; and

Accessible by Design Awards is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.

Increase Support for Parks

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the City will be able to provide in the future. A specific park or project millage over a limited period could be considered in the future for particular projects such as park or trail acquisition, development, or maintenance.

Seek Other Sources of Funding

Saline Parks & Recreation should continue to search for additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting financial contributions, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park acquisition and development.



Chapter 4: Needs Analysis & Public Participation

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community to formulate an action plan for parks and recreation improvement. Needs provide the rationale for goals and objectives and identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends and an online survey was conducted to receive opinions and desires from residents. In addition, meetings were held with the Parks Commission during the summer of 2022 to receive the broadest possible level of input from community members. These varied sources of information helped to inform a strategic solution to meet Saline’s recreation needs.

Comparison to National Standards

According to a 1996 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) study, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves. Mini, neighborhood, and community parks are considered close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. Saline maintains twelve parks that are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of recommended close-to-home park land is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area (one hour drive or about a 45 mile radius) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. For Saline, County, State, and HCMA parks located outside of the City fill this role. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of park land per 1,000 people.

Other types of parks include the following:

- Schoolyards, areas that can fulfill the space requirements for other types of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex or special use which include the public school facilities located near the City;
- Greenways, areas that link parks together to form a continuous park environment such as the multi-purpose pathway included in the City; and
- Private recreation facilities, areas that are privately owned yet contribute to the City parks and recreation system.

According to these standards, local parks fall within the range for recommended acreage for close-to-home park land. Using numbers based on population estimates for 2045, the amount of existing parkland should continue to be adequate to meet the City’s recreation needs. Acreage provided by schools and private facilities further help meet resident recreation requirements. Saline residents are especially well-served by regional park facilities provided by the state and other recreation providers, despite the fact that no regional parks are actually located in the City’s borders.

Table 3. Parkland Acreage Standards

Type of Park	NRPA standard per 1000 population	Required - City based on 2020 population of 8,948	Existing	Deficiency / Surplus
Close-to-Home Parkland & Greenways	6.25 - 10.5 acres	56 to 93 acres	208.5 acres	+155.5 acres
Subdivision Parks	-	-	28 acres	-
Regional Parks	15 - 20 acres	134 to 178 acres	35,000 acres+	+34,872 acres
Schoolyards	-	-	400 acres	-
Private Recreation Facilities	-	-	996 acres	-

NRPA Metrics

Recognizing that a “one size fits all” approach to park planning is not practical for most communities, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) annually releases a set of park metrics which allow community planners to compare their facilities with those found in similarly sized communities. The list of amenities described in the 2019 report is by no means exhaustive, but it offers a starting point for Saline to consider as it looks toward the future park development.

The report describes the average number of facilities provided for communities ranging from small (under 20,000) to large (more than 250,000 residents). These comparisons are summarized in Table 4. Saline compares fairly well to its peers, falling above the median for miles of trails provided and number of residents served per park, but falling short of the median in terms of acres of parkland per thousand residents.

The report further describes specific outdoor and indoor recreation facilities for communities based on the number of residents per square mile. This comparison can be seen in Table 5 and Table 5. Where amenities are

Table 4. Park Facility Comparison for Communities with Less Than 20,000 Residents

Amenity	Saline	Median	Lower Quartile	Upper Quartile
Miles of trails	4 miles	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of residents per park	1,433	1,231	1,985	788
Acres of parkland per thousand residents	7.1	11.8	5.3	18.9

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

Table 5. Indoor Park Facilities for Communities with Greater than 2,500 residents per square mile

Amenity	% of agencies with amenity	# of residents served by amenity
Community Centers	57.9	33071
Rec Center (gyms, etc.)	56.9	34000
Senior Centers	39.9	77014
Amphitheater	32.9	85071
Nature Center	27.5	106644
Stadiums	18	97959
Ice Rink	16.3	57135
Teen Center	13.3	75000
Arena	8.7	54778

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

currently provided in Saline, the City offers an above average number of facilities. Lack of space within the City makes adding additional facilities difficult in some cases, and each of these amenities are available for resident use at school facilities and in surrounding communities.

Finally, the 2019 report describes typical programming options, providing the percentage of communities offering programs in a variety of categories. While Saline offers several community-wide events throughout the year, it does not provide any other forms of recreation programming. Typical program types and the percentage of communities offering these programs is provided in Table 7 and Table 8.

Table 6. Outdoor Park Amenities for Communities with Greater than 2,500 residents per square mile

Amenity	% of agencies with amenity	# per 1000 Saline	# per 1000 Average
Playgrounds	94.4	0.47	0.32
Basketball courts	86.1	0.93	0.14
Tennis courts	79.7	0.47	0.21
Baseball - youth	77.9	0.70	0.14
Softball - adult	66.5	0.70	0.07
Multi-purpose fields	66.1	0.23	0.11
Softball - youth	60.9	0.70	0.07
Dog park	59.3	0.00	0.02
Baseball - adult	54.7	0.00	0.04
Pool (outdoor)	52.3	0.00	0.02
Tot lot	48.1	0.23	0.09
Soccer field - youth	48.1	0.00	0.11
Community garden	46.3	0.00	0.03
Basketball/volleyball	42	0.23	0.06
Soccer field - adult	40.9	0.00	0.07
Football field	38	0.00	0.03
Skate park	26.2	0.00	0.02
Synthetic field	19.1	0.00	0.02
Ice rink (outdoor)	16.7	0.00	0.03
Lacrosse field	11.7	0.00	0.03
Cricket field	9.2	0.00	0.01
Overlay field	7.5	0.00	0.05
Field hockey field	4	0.00	0.02

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019



Table 7. Typical Program Offerings - All Agencies

Programs Offered	% of agencies with program
Themed special events	87
Team sports	87
Social recreation	86
Health & Wellness	80
Fitness enhancement	79
Individual sports	72
Safety training	71
Aquatics	71
Racquet sports	66
Trips and tours	62
Performing arts	61
Cultural crafts	60
Martial arts	60
Virtual arts	57
Natural/Cultural History	55
Golf	48
Running/cycling races	20

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

Table 8. Targeted programs for children, seniors, and people with disabilities in communities with less than 20,000 residents

Programs Offered	% of agencies with program
Summer camp	60.8
Specific senior programs	67.5
Specific teen programs	50.3
Programs for people w disabilities	30.5
After-school programs	46.8
Preschool	27.2
Before-school programs	14.7
Full daycare	3.4

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

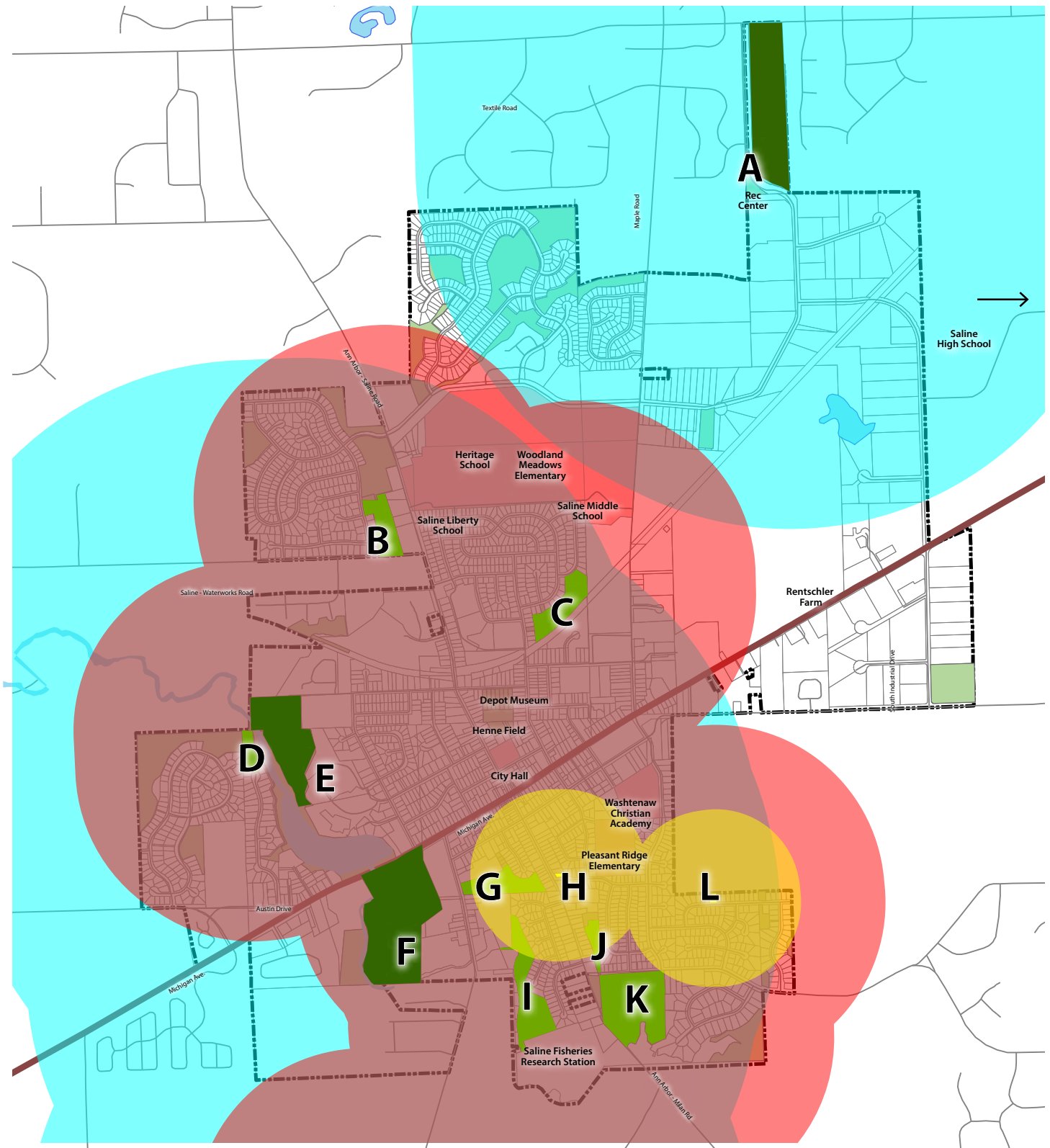
Ten Minute Walk Initiative

The NRPA, Trust for Public Land (TPL), other recreation advocacy groups, and communities across the country have embraced the concept of the “ten minute walk”, or the idea that every American should be within walkable distance to a local park or recreation facility. Numerous studies have shown the psychological, health, and general quality of life benefits provided by improved access to green spaces, but the likelihood of utilizing these spaces decreases as distance to the facility increases. For planning purposes, the traditional NRPA service radius of 1/4 mile for neighborhood parks and 1/2 mile for community parks is frequently used to demonstrate the effective reach of park systems.

As shown in Map 1, Saline residents have good access to local recreation facilities on the south and west sides of the City, but are somewhat underserved on the northwest side. The only areas of the community that might be considered under-served are the far east and northwest. The northwest corner is closely positioned to the school campuses and benefits from the playgrounds, fields, and other amenities provided at the schools. The eastern section is an industrial and commercial area; the only residential development is located along Bemis Road, and has a small open space located at the center of the units.



Map 1. Local Park Coverage Areas



- A: Tefft Park
- B: Colony Park
- C: Brecon Park
- D: Stonecliff Park
- E: Mill Pond Park
- F: Curtiss Park
- G: Peoples Park
- H: Risdon Park
- I: Salt Springs Park
- J: Canterbury Park
- K: Wilderness Park
- L: Marlpool Park

- Mini Park - 1/4 mile
- Neighborhood Park - 1/2 mile
- Community Park - 1 mile

Saline Park Service Areas



Source: Washtenaw County GIS Program, SEMCOG, City of Saline

Carlisle/Wortman Associates
March, 2022



National Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on a national and regional level provide insights into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 9 lists the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2016.

Table 9. Top Outdoor Activities - 2016

Activity	Participation (National)	Overall Rank	Participation (East North Central Region)	Overall Rank
Exercise walking	106.3 million	1	15.4 million	1
Swimming	46.3 million	3	6.3 million	7
Running / jogging	44.5 million	5	6.2 million	8
Hiking	42.0 million	6	5.3 million	12
Camping	40.1 million	7	6.4 million	5
Bicycle riding	36.0 million	9	5.8 million	9
Fishing	29.5 million	13	5.4 million	10

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the United States 2016

The 2016 study shows a continued trend towards individual-based outdoor activities, with open water sports, outdoor activities, and snow sports all showing increases in participation. Team related sports, with the exception of soccer and lacrosse, have showed a steady decline in popularity in recent years, while trail related sports continue to grow in popularity. The top growing outdoor activities between 2006 and 2016 were exercise walking (87.5 to 106.3 million), running/jogging (28.8 to 44.5 million), hiking (31.0 to 42.2 million) and kayaking (5.9 to 9.2 million).

Table 10. Outdoor Recreation Activities - Children under 18

Activity	Participation Rate
Visit parks or playgrounds	85%
Swimming outdoors	76%
Sledding/tubing	54%
Fishing	52%
Non-league team or individual sports	46%
Team or individual sports in a league	44%
Road biking	41%

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

These trends are consistent with those observed in Michigan. According to a survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2018-2022 Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, walking outdoors was identified as the most important outdoor activity by 26 percent of users statewide. A list of participation rates for the most popular activities is listed in Table 11 below. Participation rates for children under age 18 is provided in Table 11.

Table 11. Top Outdoor Recreation Activities in Michigan

Activity	Participation Rate
Relaxing outdoors	75%
Walking outdoors, including dog walking	74%
Visit parks or playgrounds	67%
Sightseeing and/or driving for pleasure	64%
Visiting nature centers or historic sites	56%
Swimming outdoors	54%
Picnicking	53%
Fishing	41%
Biking of any kind (on or off road)	40%
Camping of any kind (modern, RV, tent, rustic)	39%
Team or individual sports outdoors	37%
Wildlife viewing and/or photography including birding	36%
Hiking/backpacking	34%
Jogging/running	34%
Canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, or wind surfing	32%
Road biking	31%
Motor boating	31%
Sledding/tubing	30%
Tent or rustic camping	30%
Shooting sports, including archery	30%
Modern or RV camping	25%
Hunting of any kind	20%

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Some key findings from the southeast Michigan area include:

- Nearly 75 percent of residents feel that outdoor recreation is very important or moderately important to their household.
- Walking outdoors, including dog walking, was identified as the most important outdoor activity.
- 87 percent of participants went outside 52 or more days per year, with nearly 54 percent doing so for more than 100 days.

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of the area can be summarized as follows:

- While future recreation facility development should respond to the expected increase in seniors, developments should be designed to accommodate a variety of abilities and interests. Meeting or exceeding ADA standards for recreation uses will be critical.
- There is a need for more walk/bike ways to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable environment. The City should make efforts to connect with existing regional hike/bike systems in surrounding communities and facilities.



Public Input

Saline residents were provided multiple opportunities and a variety of platforms to provide input on parks and recreation services in the City. An online survey was available from June 1 to August 31, 2022, with hard copies available at the Recreation Center and City Hall for those who preferred a traditional survey format. 231 unique responses were received. Of the responses received, 79% were from City of Saline residents. 87% of respondents lived in single-family homes, and 52% had children under the age of 18 living at home. 22% of the households had seniors. These levels differed from the US Census demographic data, which shows 36% of Saline households with seniors and 27% with children, suggesting that the results may have a bias towards younger families.

In addition to the online survey, the Parks Department held a series of meetings were held with the Parks Commission to discuss the City's twelve parks. These meetings were open ended, and gave residents the opportunity to speak directly with park staff to express their opinions and concerns. Not surprisingly, the comments received at these meetings tended to focus specifically on issues at each individual park. Even so, many of the themes expressed at the meetings matched the overarching themes expressed in the survey.

Finally, residents were also able to attend Park Commission meetings and send emails directly to the Parks & Recreation Director. A summary of the survey responses, all emailed comments, and all comments from the local park meetings provided in Appendix F on page 102.

The primary areas of concern can be broken into four basic categories:

- Park and equipment maintenance and upkeep,
- Trails and other non-motorized facilities, and
- Recreation programming
- Funding

Percent describing each category as "Important" or "Very Important"

- **Maintain & Develop Existing Parks - 95%**
- **Protect Natural Resources - 90%**
- **Develop/Expand Trails & Sidewalks - 84%**
- **Maintain Existing Programming - 74%**
- **Access to Recreation Programs - 71%**
- **Develop New Programming - 70%**
- **Access to Active-use Facilities - 52%**
- **Acquire/Develop New Parks - 45%**

Park and Equipment Maintenance

Question 6 of the survey asked residents to describe the relative importance of eight different categories, using a four point scale ranging from "Very important" to "Not important at all". The clear priority for residents was maintaining and developing existing park properties and their related amenities. 78% of participants indicated this was very important, while 95% overall considered it "very important" or "important". This theme echoed throughout the survey.

It is difficult to provide a quantitative analysis of open-ended comments because comments tend to cover multiple concepts, and oftentimes are vague in nature, making it is difficult to determine exactly what the concern is. Even so, when reviewing the comments, general upkeep and/or the condition of existing play equipment was clearly the most frequently mentioned complaint. The total number of mentions for playground equipment upkeep nearly doubled that of the next highest category. Bee and hornet problems at the Mill Pond play structure was singled out by many participants, while general replacement and repair of older or dilapidated play structures at the City's other parks received multiple mentions as well.

The Mill Pond dog park received multiple comments as well. Many participants were unhappy that the park was open to the river, noting that dogs frequently ran into the river, and citing concerns about dogs escaping out into the surrounding park. Multiple comments requested a second dog park designed for smaller dogs, either adjacent to the existing facility or at another park altogether. Enclosing the dog park or adding a separate enclosed facility was also mentioned at the meeting regarding Mill Pond Park on July 19.

Most frequently mentioned issues in open-ended comments

- **Update play equipment (all parks) - 38**
- **Improve/add dog parks - 22**
- **Add splash pad - 18**
- **Add trails/sidewalks - 14**
- **Add outdoor pool - 13**
- **Address bees/hornets at Mill Pond - 13**

The Recreation Center received significant attention as well. There appears to be a desire to see the facility expanded and/or upgraded, with some participants noting that the facility is aging and has a general lack of space for equipment and use. Several participants requested an outdoor pool and/or splash pad be provided at the site. Splash pads have grown in popularity in recent years, primarily due to their smaller footprints and their lower up-front and ongoing maintenance costs in comparison to a traditional in-ground municipal pool. New pool construction typically has a price tag in the millions of dollars, and finding qualified lifeguards to oversee the pool has proven to be increasingly difficult across southeast Michigan.

Equipment upgrades at Marlpool Park and development of Stonecliff Park received more frequent mentions than the other park facilities. All of the parks were mentioned at one point or another, however, reflecting the age of much of the park equipment. Handicap accessibility was mentioned by a few residents, with poured-in-place surfacing (rubber surface) requested as a desired option. Other frequently requested features included:

- Pickleball courts
- Improved or new restrooms
- Shade structures and/or trees
- "Innovative" play structures

It should be noted that despite these complaints, on a four point scale ranging from "Very satisfied" to "Very unsatisfied", the majority of park visitors indicated they are "somewhat satisfied" with the facilities they have. While on one level this is not a glowing recommendation, it does suggest an appreciation of the existing facilities and a general recognition that there is room for improvement. Of all of Saline's recreation facilities, Wilderness (87%), Brecon (83%), and Tefft (83%) were the highest rated, while Risdon (56%), People's (54%), and Stonecliff Parks (52%) received the lowest ratings.

Trails and Non-motorized Facilities

Trail development is perhaps the most consistently-requested amenity across southeast Michigan, and Saline residents are no different. 90% indicated a desire to see trails expanded in the City, and 88% felt that the City should work with surrounding communities to develop regional trail systems with connections to the communities of Ann Arbor, Dexter, Milan, and Pittsfield Township, and to the Border-to-Border/Iron Belle Trails. Multi-use walk/bike trails were the most desired recreation amenity (67%), and walking and trail sports were the activity most participated in by survey respondents (85%). There was also interest in developing a water trail between Saline and Milan (90%). This is consistent with trends seen across the State.

Recreation property satisfaction levels: Percent indicating they are "Very Satisfied" or "Somewhat Satisfied" with each property

- **Wilderness Park - 87%**
- **Brecon Park - 83%**
- **Tefft Park - 80%**
- **Mill Pond Park - 76%**
- **Saline Recreation Center - 74%**
- **Colony Park - 71%**
- **Curtiss Park - 65%**
- **Canterbury Park - 61%**
- **Salt Springs Park - 59%**
- **Marlpool Park - 57%**
- **Mill Pond Dog Park - 57%**
- **Risdon Park - 56%**
- **People's Park - 54%**
- **Stonecliff Park - 52%**

Recreation Programming

56% of survey participants took part in programs and special events offered by Parks & Recreation. Among those who participated in programs, satisfaction levels were very high. 80% or higher indicated they were “somewhat satisfied” or “very satisfied” with each programming category. Where there were complaints, they tended to revolve around the following issues:

- Programs tended to focus too much on youth activities, with not enough attention on teen or adult programs. Where programs were available, they were often not at times convenient for working adults.
- Availability and access to programs was a problem for some, especially in popular programs like aquatics.
- Diversity of programs was mentioned, and suggests an opportunity to expand partnerships with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation to offer a wider range of programs at Saline facilities.
- Cost was also mentioned as a prohibiting factor for some, although 61% indicated prices were “about right”.
- Outdoor nature programs (46%), special events (44%), and adult, teen, & youth fitness (44%) were the most requested categories for program expansion.

Funding

Many of the desired amenities are expensive, and participants recognized a need for a dedicated funding source for recreation development and maintenance. 85% of participants indicated a willingness to fund recreation development and maintenance on at least some level, with 38% willing to support up to 0.25 mill, 26% up to 0.50 mill, and 20% up to 1.0 mill. A dedicated source of funding will be crucial to support large projects such as pools, recreation center expansion, splash pads, and ongoing trail development.

Public Review and Public Hearing

A draft plan was reviewed by the Steering Committee and later by the Parks Commission. The Commission considered input received through the survey and meetings, and reviewed the recreation trends, deficiencies, and other background information to establish the master plan goals and an action program for implementation.

The plan was then made available for public review beginning on December 14, 2022. Hard copies of the plan were available on a limited basis at City Hall, the Recreation Center, and the Saline District Library. The plan was also available online on the City’s website. The plan’s availability for public review was advertised via social media, on the city website, and in the local paper of record (see Appendix A). Public input into the plan culminated in an advertised public hearing and subsequent adoption by City Council on January 23, 2023.

**Recreation programming satisfaction levels:
Percent indicating they are “Very Satisfied”
or “Somewhat Satisfied” among individuals
who participated in the programs**

- Youth activities - 89%
- Adult activities - 80%
- Senior activities - 80%
- Special events - 84%

Chapter 5: Recreation Inventory

The residents of the City of Saline have a wide variety of local recreational resources at their disposal. Saline includes over 210 acres of public parkland and an indoor family recreation center which provides recreation opportunities for people of all abilities. In addition, the community school facilities play a strong supporting role in providing both outdoor and indoor recreation, while over 1,300 acres of county-owned parkland, 35,000 acres of parkland owned by the State, and 1,750 acres of Metroparks are all located in Washtenaw County. These recreation facilities are considered regional recreation resources.

This chapter details the recreation inventory of the City, schools, private, and regional recreation facilities using information compiled from previous recreation plans, a field survey, and City staff.

Local Recreation Facilities

City Parks and Recreation Facilities

Saline's twelve parks vary in size and activities from neighborhood or mini-parks to a community parks offering a wide range of recreational facilities including playgrounds, picnic areas, athletic fields, and natural areas.

Traditional NRPA guidelines categorize neighborhood parks as parks which range in size from 1 to 15 acres and which have a service area of 1/4 to 1/2 mile. Community parks are generally larger (15+ acres), service a larger area (up to 2 miles), and often offer facilities suited for more intense recreation (e.g. swimming pools or soccer fields). Neighborhood parks serve as a social and recreational focal points for neighborhoods and are the basic units of a park system. Mini-parks or tot lots tend to serve concentrated population areas with more of a focus on passive-use and/or social gather spots for families with young children. These categorizations do not always fit neatly with existing infrastructure, but do serve to provide a basic guideline for park planning purposes.

Saline maintains 3 community parks, 7 neighborhood parks, and 2 mini-parks/tot lots, providing open space and playground equipment. They are depicted on Map 2 on page 30 and described in the following pages.

Mini Parks or Tot Lots

Serve the surrounding neighborhoods with smaller, mostly passive uses such as playground equipment, pavilions, and seating areas. Typically under 1 acre in size, with a service area of 1/4 mile.

Examples:

- Marlpool Park
- Risdon Park

Neighborhood Parks

Serve the surrounding neighborhoods with a mix of open space, passive-use, and active-use equipment such as sports courts & playgrounds. 1 to 15 acres in size, with a service area of 1/4 to 1/2 mile.

Examples:

- Brecon Park
- Canterbury Park
- Colony Park
- Peoples Park
- Salt Springs Park
- Stonecliff Park
- Wilderness Park

Community Parks

May include areas suited for intense recreation activities such as athletic complexes, large play structures, or swimming pools. 16 to 100 acres in size, with a service area of 1 to 2 miles.

Examples:

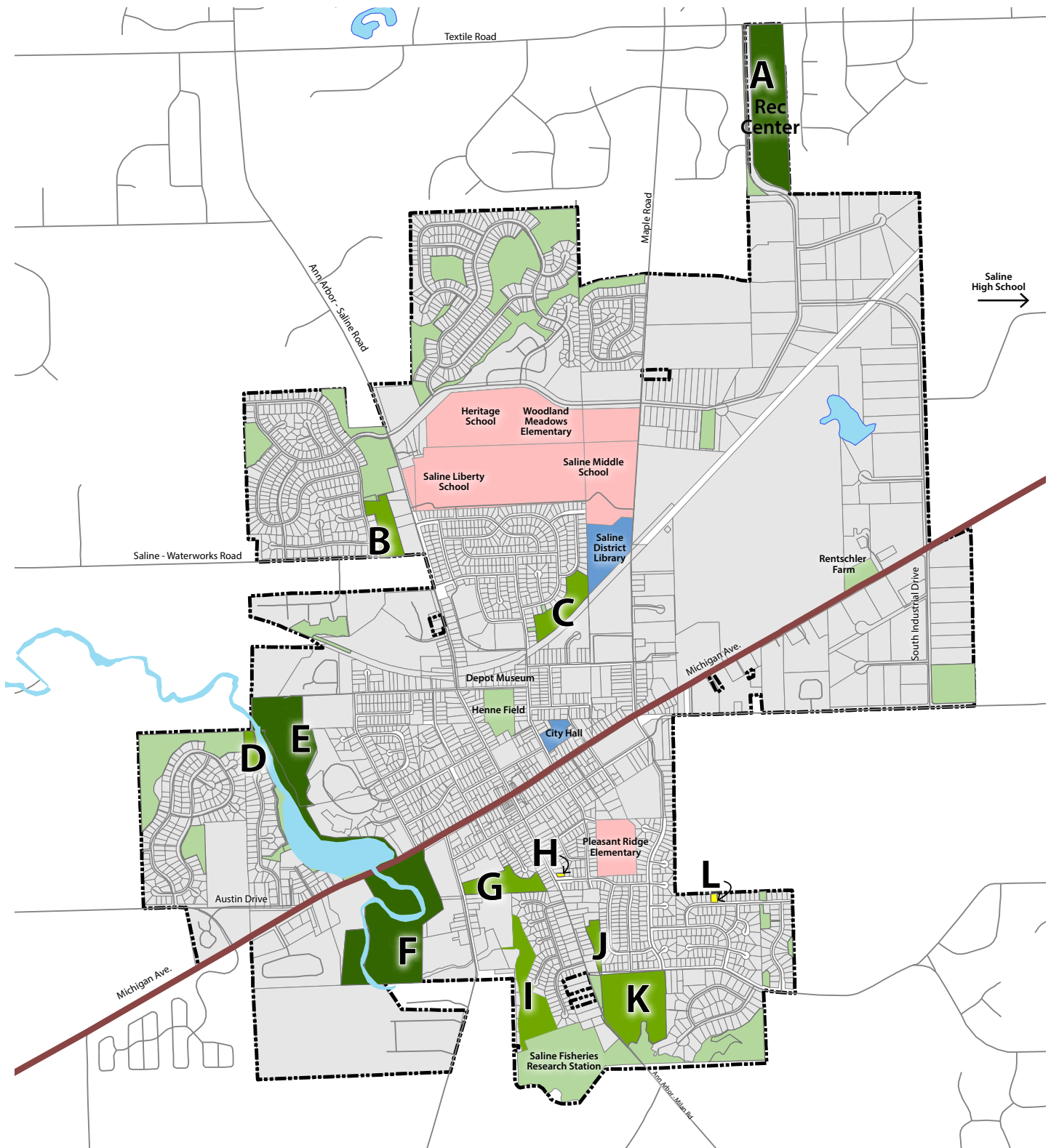
- Curtiss Park
- Mill Pond Park
- Tefft Park

Regional Parks & Special Use Areas

Regional parks are very large (100+ acres) facilities offering a mix of uses and services to multiple communities within an hour's drive. While there are no such facilities within the City, the state, county, and Huron Clinton Metroparks all serve this role.

Special use facilities are features such as dog parks, historical areas, nature centers, etc. The Mill Pond Dog Park, and Salt Springs and Wilderness Parks could be considered special use. Rentschler Farm, the Depot Museum, and Saline's trails could also be considered special use.

Map 2. Saline Existing Recreation Facilities



- A: Tefft Park
- B: Colony Park
- C: Brecon Park
- D: Stonecliff Park
- E: Mill Pond Park
- F: Curtiss Park

- G: Peoples Park
- H: Risdon Park
- I: Salt Springs Park
- J: Canterbury Park
- K: Wilderness Park
- L: Marpool Park

- Mini Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Other Open Space
- Schools
- Semi-public/Municipal Space

Saline Park Facilities
City of Saline
Washtenaw County



Source: Washtenaw County GIS Program, SEMCOG, City of Saline

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Table 12. Local Park Amenities

		Neighborhood Parks							Community Park			Mini Parks	
		Brecon Park - 8.7 acres	Canterbury Park - 3.5 acres	Colony Park - 8 acres	Peoples Park - 7.5 acres	Salt Springs Park 13.5 acres	Stonecliff Park - 3.3 acres	Wilderness Park - 22 acres	Curtiss Park - 47 acres	Mill Pond Park - 27 acres	Tefft Park - 40 acres	Marlpool Park - 0.3 acres	Risdon Park - 0.24 acres
Access	Parking Area	•	Street	Street	•	•	Street	Street	•	•	•	Street	Street
	Handicap Access	•							•	•	•		
Passive Use	Play Equipment	•	•	•					•	•	•	•	
	Gaga Ball Pit		•						•	•			
	Picnic Tables	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•
	Pathways	•			•	•		•	•	•	•		
	Pavilion / Shelter								•	•	•		
	Restrooms									•	•		
Court / Turf Games	Baseball/Softball	•			•				•		•		
	Tennis Courts										•		
	Pickleball (indoor)										•		
	Sand Volleyball										•		
	Basketball Courts	•			•								
	Soccer Field										•		
	Multi-use Field	•					•		•	•	•		
Misc	Recreation Center										•		
	Pool										•		
	Exercise Equipment										•		
	Indoor Courts										•		
	Disc Golf										•		
	Dog Park									•			
	Natural Areas			•	•	•		•	•	•	•		
	Historical Areas					•							



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Mini-Parks / Tot Lots

Marlpool Park

511 Marlpool Drive
0.3 acres - Passive Use

Amenities:

- Play structure
- Balance beams
- Funnel ball hoop
- Swings
- Picnic tables



Marlpool Park is a small tot lot located in a residential subdivision on the southeast side of Saline. The 0.3 acre park features play equipment aimed primarily at younger children, although older siblings will still be able to enjoy it. Marlpool is adjacent to a historic farm field. Adding a historical marker or other informational signage would provide a unique flair for the property.



Risdon Park

241 South Ann Arbor Street
0.24 acres - Passive Use

Amenities:

- Little Library
- Open Space
- Bench
- Historical Marker
- Picnic table



Risdon Park is a small (0.24 acre) open space located at the intersection of Pleasant Ridge and South Ann Arbor Street. Underground utilities run on a diagonal from the northwest corner through to the southeast, limiting the ability to add permanent structures on the property.



Figure 1. Marlpool Park



Marlpool Park



Figure 2. Risdon Park



Risdon Park



Neighborhood Parks

Brecon Park

397 Nichols Drive

8.7 acres - Mix of passive- and active-uses

Amenities:

- Climbing structures
- Swings
- Merry-go-round
- Slides
- Picnic tables
- Open fields
- Ball diamond
- Basketball Court
- Trails

Brecon Park is a 9-acre community park located between North Harris, Nichols, and Watson streets, west of Maple Road. It is also contiguous to the abandoned Ann Arbor Railroad corridor. The property is one of the more easily accessible neighborhood parks, with two parking lots, the Leslee Niethammer Memorial Trail, and connection to the City's sidewalk system ensuring that visitors can arrive via car, bike, or foot. A new accessible connection was added to the playscape in 2022, improving access for differentially-abled visitors as well.



Figure 3. Brecon Park



Brecon Park



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Canterbury Park

219 Willis Road

3.5 acres - Primarily passive Use

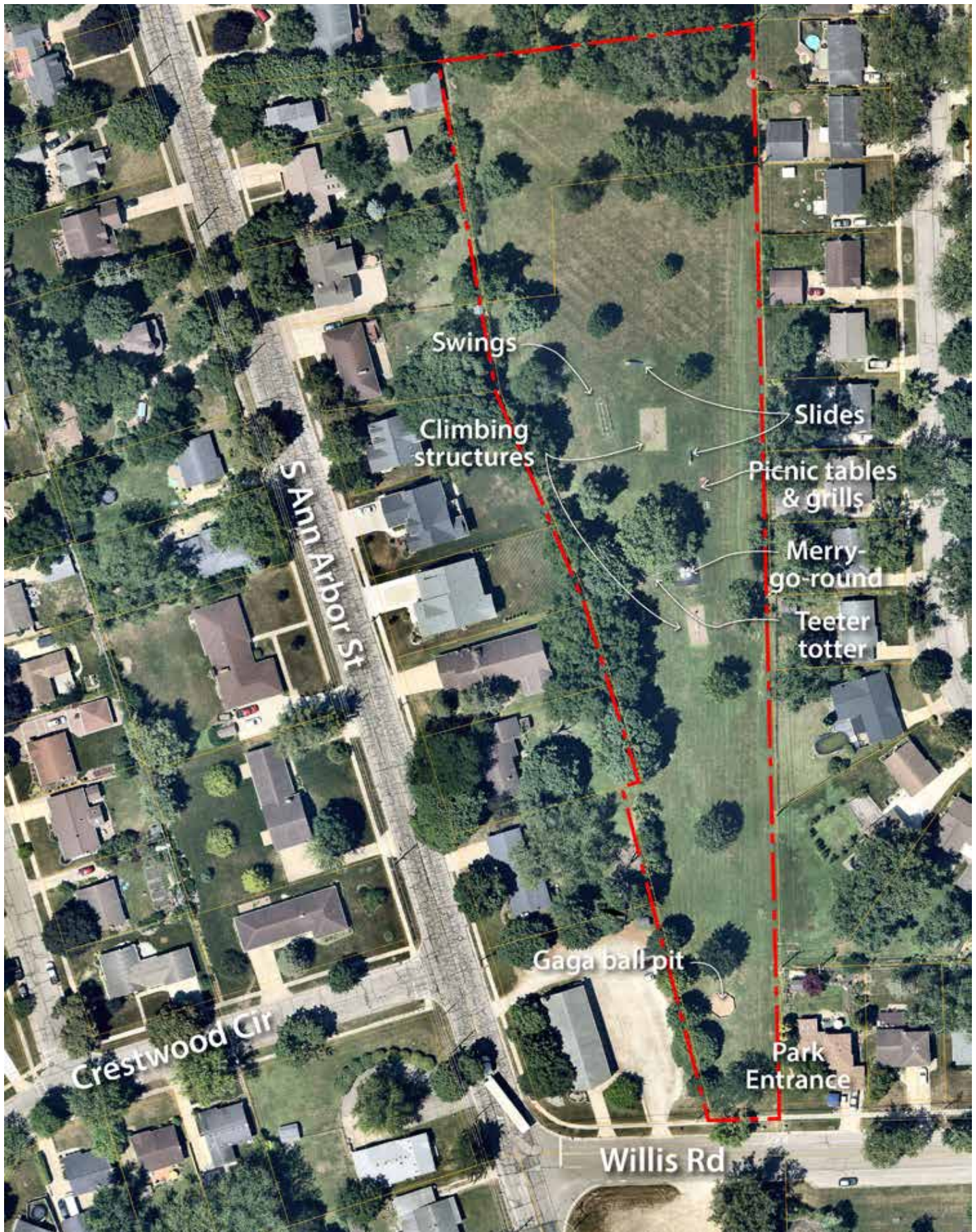
Amenities:

- Climbing structures
- Swings
- Merry-go-round
- Slides
- Gaga ball pit
- Portable restrooms
- Grills
- Picnic tables
- Open fields



Canterbury Park is located a 3.5-acre park accessible from Willis Road. The park includes a variety of traditional park play equipment, including whimsical stegosaurus and caterpillar climbing structures, swings, slides, a merry-go-round, and a four-way teeter totter. A Gaga ball pit was added in 2019. Picnic table, grills, benches, a portable restrooms are available for visitors to use as well. On-street parking is readily available along Willis, but Canterbury also shares a dirt parking lot with Wilderness Park on the southeastern corner of Willis and Saline-Milan Roads.

Figure 4. Canterbury Park



Canterbury Park



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Colony Park

1012 Colony Drive
8 acres - Primarily passive Use

Amenities:

- Climbing structures
- Swings
- Slides
- Rockers
- Picnic tables
- Open fields

Colony Park is located in a residential subdivision in the northwest part of Saline. The eastern portions of the 8-acre park are wooded and traversed by the Pittsfield #1 Drain. A small tot lot makes up a portion of the western section, and sits in at the base of the southernmost of three detention basins serving the nearby neighborhoods. While the third basin is not directly connected to the northern basins, it does tend to hold moisture and the grounds can be wet during periods of high precipitation. Amenities include benches, a play structure, swing sets, rockers, and picnic tables. Informal trails snake through the natural area. A easement along the drain limits the ability to make permanent improvements through the woods.



Figure 5. Colony Park



Colony Park



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People's Park

228 South Ann Arbor Street
7.5 acres - Mix of active- and passive-use

Amenities:

- Ball field
- Basketball
- Picnic tables
- Open field
- Trails



Figure 6. People's Park



People's Park



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Salt Springs Park

263 Monroe Street
13.5 acres - Passive Use

Amenities:

- Walking trails
- Historical signage
- Open space



Salt Springs Park is Saline's newest recreation facility, officially designated as a park in 2013. The park is a site of historical significance; the salt springs are the basis of the City's name, and salt has been an important commodity for humans and animals alike for thousands of years. Paleo-indian burial mounds are located nearby, and the Potawatomi tribes traded salt mined from the area as far back 500 years ago.

The first phase of the park included a construction of a 13-space parking lot, trailhead, and sidewalks to the rustic trails. Future plans include a kayak launch and additional trails.



Figure 7. Salt Springs Park



Salt Springs Park



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Stonecliff Park

450 Saline River Drive
3.3 acres - Passive Use

Amenities:

- Open fields
- Pathway

Stonecliff Park is an open space located in Stonecliff Subdivision at the western border of the City. It includes a paved pathway connecting to the Torwood Subdivision to the west, picnic tables, and three acres of sloping terrain to the Saline River overlooking Mill Pond Park.

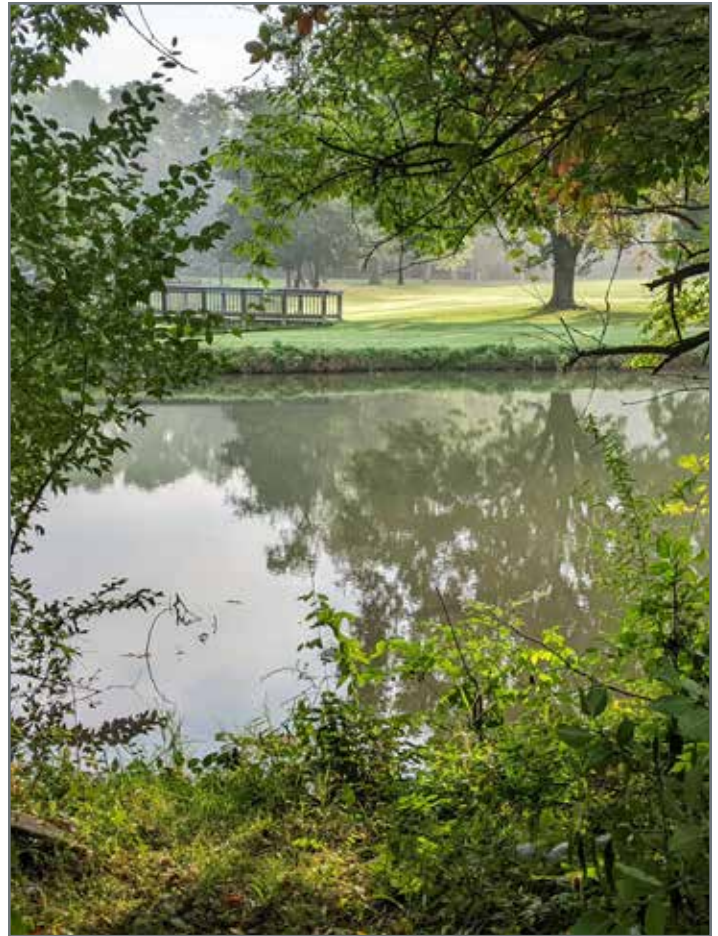


Figure 8. Stonecliff Park



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Wilderness Park

300 Willis Road
22 acres - Passive Use

Amenities:

- Water fountain with dog bowl
- Picnic tables
- Walking trails
- Open space
- Portable restrooms



Wilderness Park a natural area on the south side of the City, directly across from Canterbury Park. Compacted dirt trails cross the property, providing a serene setting for dog walkers and other visitors. On-street parking provides easy access for visitors. Picnic tables, portable restrooms, and a drinking fountain with dog faucet make the park a pleasant location for families to enjoy a picnic on a sunny day.



Figure 9. Wilderness Park



Wilderness Park



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Community Parks

Curtiss Park

440 West Michigan Avenue
47 acres - Mix of passive- and active-uses

Amenities:

- Drinking fountain
- Picnic tables
- Walking trails
- Open space
- Portable restrooms
- Ball diamond
- Parking
- River overlook/
fishing deck
- Play structures

Curtiss Park is 47-acre community park located in the southwest part of Saline across from Mill Pond Park and bordering Oakwood Cemetery. The Saline River winds through the park, providing an idyllic setting for park visitors to enjoy.

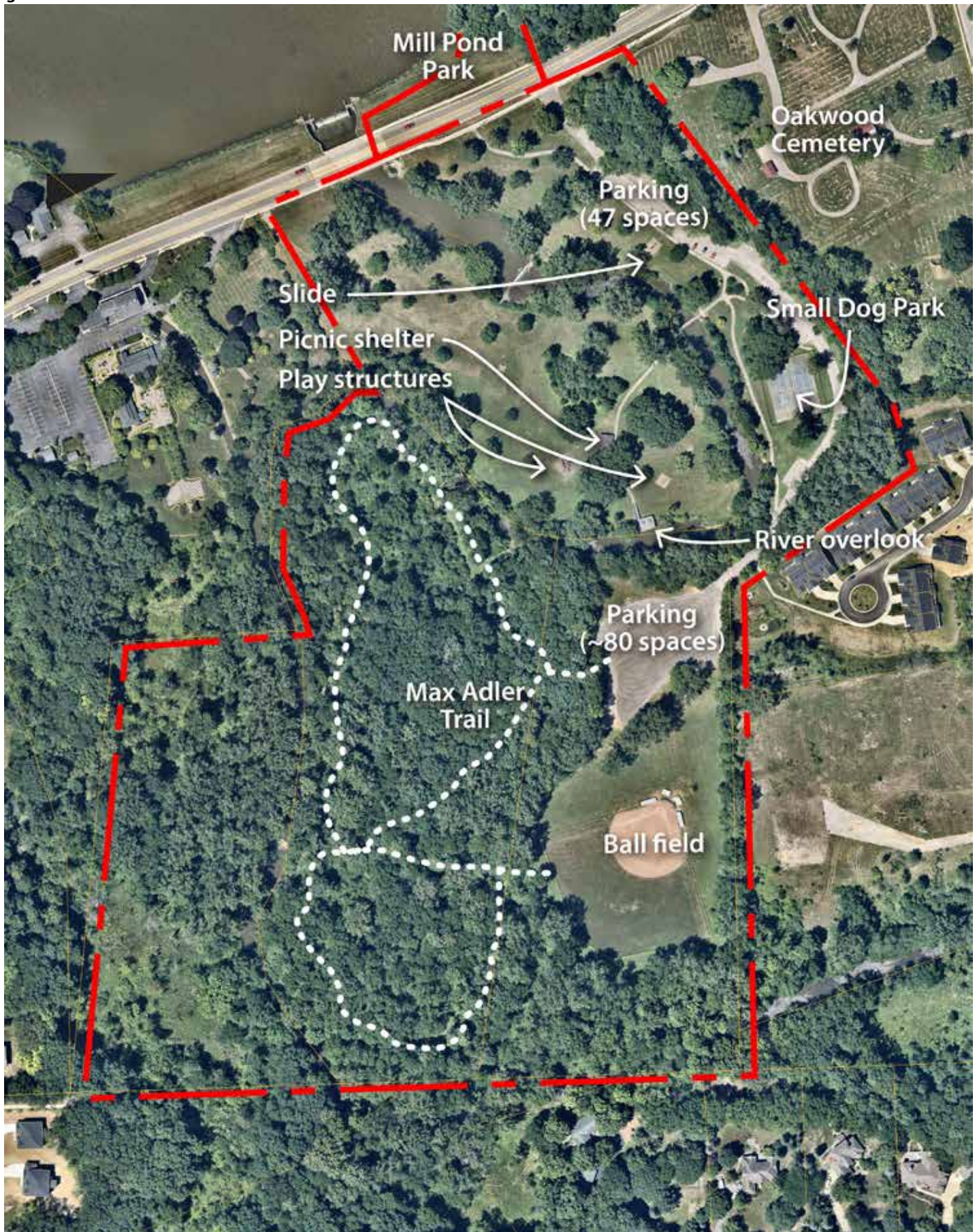
The park is split into three primary use areas:

- The northern section is primarily passive use, with a picnic shelter, river overlook, and play structures as the prime attractions. Two tennis courts were removed in 2022 for a small dog park.
- The southeast corner features a ball field and a roughly 80-spot gravel parking lot.
- The western section of park is densely wooded. The Max Adler Trail, a compacted earth walkway on the National Trail Registry, winds through the woods.

The park is downstream of the Mill Pond dam. Much of the facility falls within the floodplain of the Saline River and the remaining land was historically wetland. While these characteristics make for a beautiful setting, they can cause issues for park amenities due to period flooding events and soil/frost heave. These factors must be carefully considered when making plans for future park improvements.



Figure 10. Curtiss Park



Curtiss Park



Mill Pond Park

565 W Bennett Street

27 acres (54 with river/pond) - Mix of passive- and active-uses

Amenities:

- Drinking fountain
- Picnic tables
- Walking trails
- Open space
- Permanent restrooms
- Parking
- River overlook
- Play structures
- Gaga ball
- Sled hill
- Dog park

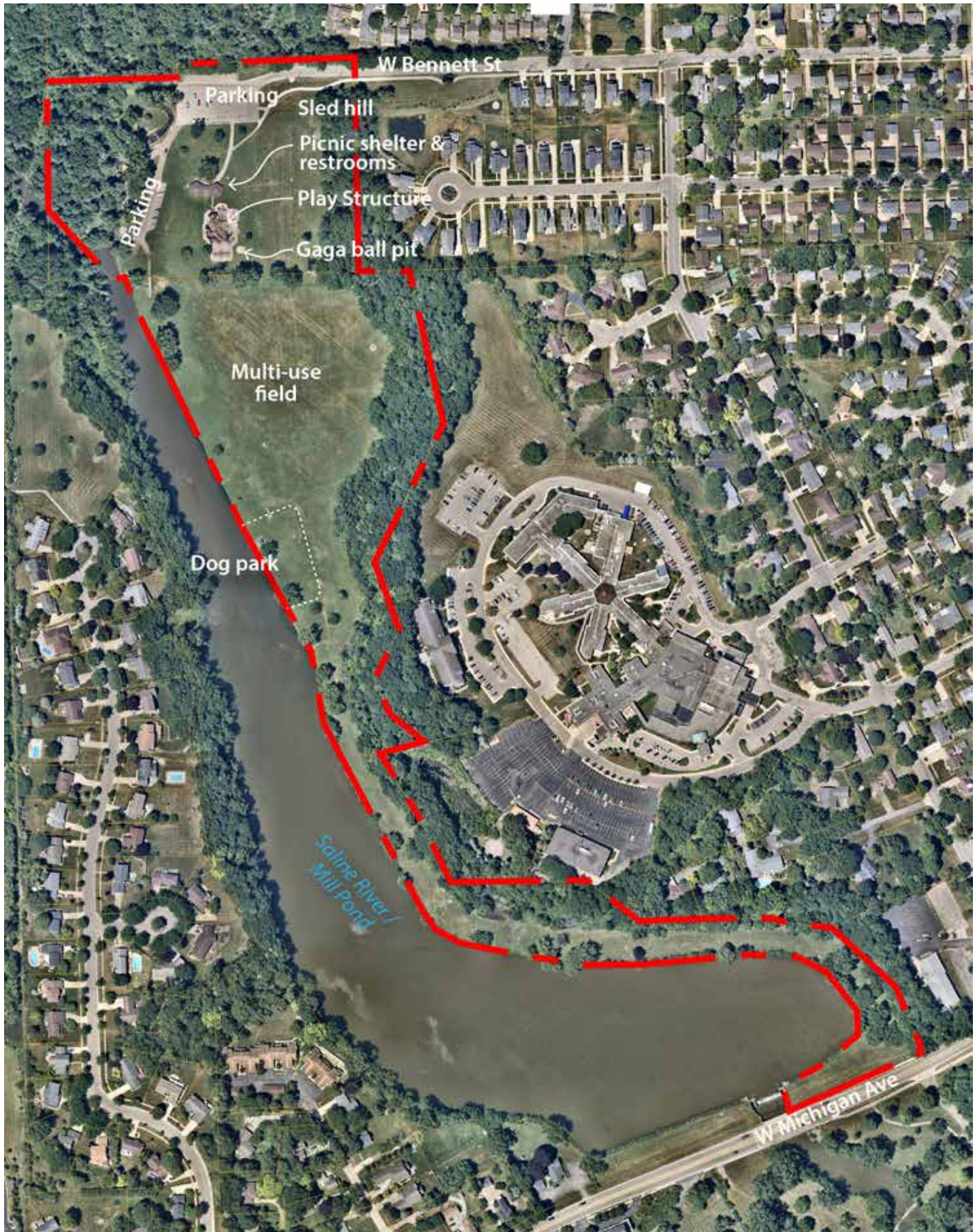


In many ways, Mill Pond Park is Saline's signature park. The 27-acre park borders the eastern edge of the Saline River spillway and dam. The park is host for a number of activities throughout the year, including the Saline Celtic Festival and the Movies-in-the-Park series in the summer.

The park includes the following facilities and activities:

- 68-space parking lot,
- Picnic pavilion with permanent restroom facilities,
- A highly popular wooden play structure (Recreate Our Mill Pond Park, ROMP),
- Open fields,
- Dog park with agility equipment,
- Picnic areas,
- Gaga ball,
- Bowley bridge with ADA access,
- Boat launch, and
- Shore fishing.

Figure 11. Mill Pond Park



Mill Pond Park



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Tefft Park

1866 Woodland Drive East
40 acres - Primarily active use

Amenities:

- 4 softball fields
- 4 lighted tennis courts
- Soccer field
- 2 sand volleyball courts
- Gaga ball pit
- Tetherball
- 5-hole disc golf course
- Picnic pavilion
- Wooded area with trails
- Picnic area with tables
- Portable restrooms
- 2 play structures
- Gymnasium
- Indoor volleyball and pickleball
- Racquetball court
- Aquatic center with lap pool, leisure pool, and spa
- Indoor track
- Free weights
- Nautilus room
- Cardio room
- Aerobic studio
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Family locker rooms



Tefft Park is a 40-acre community park located on Woodland Drive in the northeast part of Saline which incorporates the Saline Rec Center and a 5.5-acre nature area. Tefft is the primary active-use park in the City, offering a wide variety of amenities including:

- 4 softball fields (2 lighted),
- 4 lighted tennis courts,
- Soccer field,
- 2 sand volleyball courts,
- Gaga ball court,
- Tetherball, and
- a 5-hole disc golf course,

Ample parking is provided on the site, with lots located immediately adjacent to the Recreation Center and to the north and south sides of the park next to the ball fields.

In addition to the active-use amenities, Tefft offers a number of passive use facilities as well. Among the items offered are:

- A large picnic pavilion,
- A 5-acre wooded area with trails,
- Picnic area with tables,
- 2 portable restrooms,

- 2 play structures, and
- Walking paths.

The Recreation Center building is a critical component of Saline's recreation portfolio. The Recreation Center is home to many of Saline's program offerings, and includes the following features:

- Gym which hosts fitness classes, toddler play groups, volleyball and pickleball, tennis lessons, and open gym time,
- Racquetball court available for rental in 1-hour blocks,
- An aquatic center with ADA accessible pools including a 6-lane 25-yard lap pool and diving board, a leisure pool with a zero-depth entry point, a 7-person hot tub, water basketball, and a tot slide,
- An indoor track, selectorized strength equipment, cardio room, free weight room, and aerobic studio,
- Family locker rooms, and
- Multi-purpose rooms.



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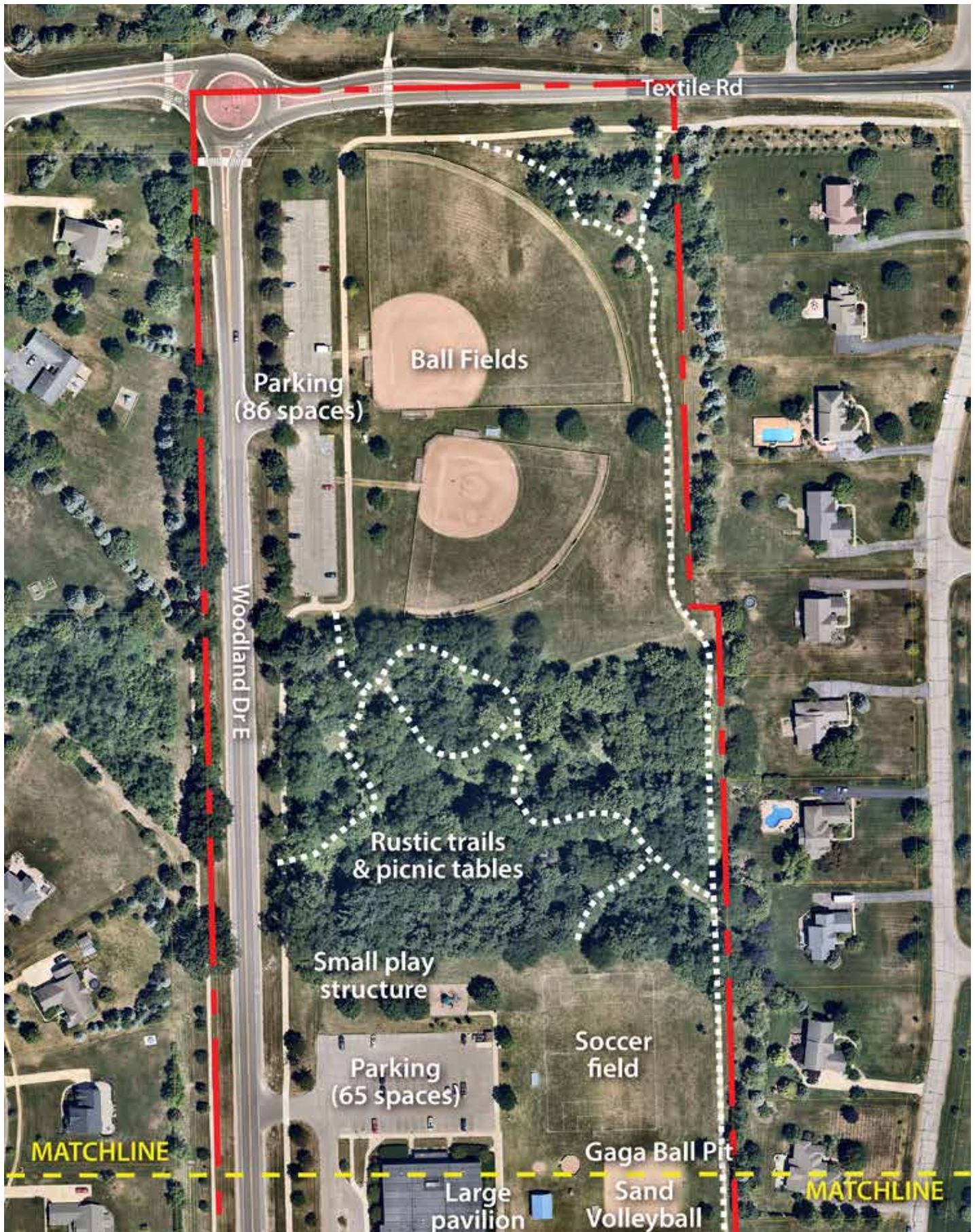
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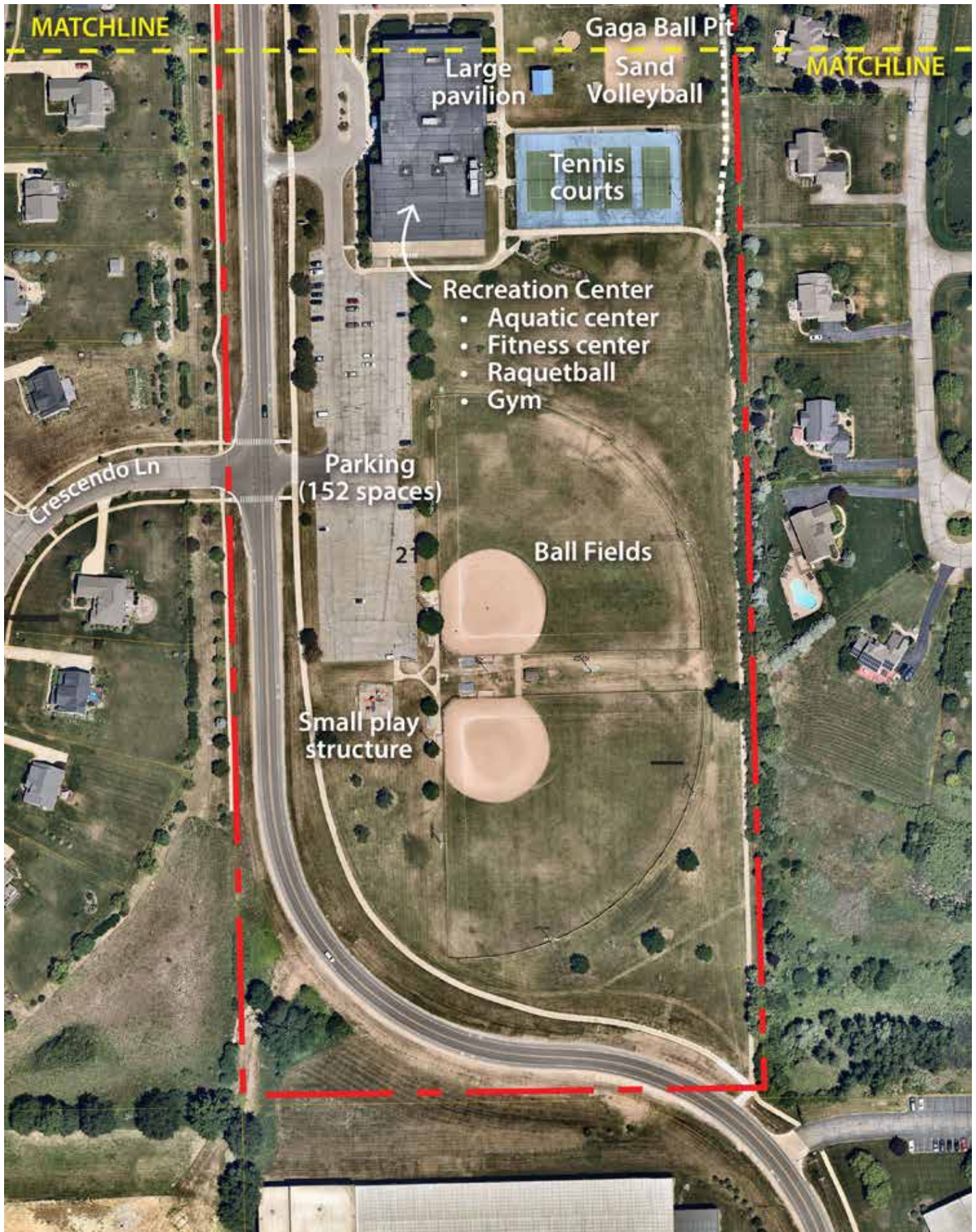
Figure 12. Tefft Park - North



Tefft Park - North



Figure 13. Tefft Park - South



Tefft Park - South



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Other Facilities

Although not a City facility, the **Saline Area Senior Center**, located in the Saline Middle School on Maple Road, provides activities and programs for persons 55 and over. It is operated by the non-profit Saline Area Senior Council. The activities include day trips, dances, meals, meals-on-wheels, craft classes, pot luck parties, outreach programs, and more. A list of available program opportunities is provided on page 60.



The **Rentschler Farm Museum**, a historic farm house and barns with working exhibits depicting an American farm family life during the first half of the 20th century, is owned and operated by the Saline Historical Society.



The City leases the Railroad Depot to the Saline Area Historical Society to operate as the **Saline Railroad Depot Museum**. The museum contains exhibits about the railroad and history of Saline. Although all the original surrounding buildings have been removed, the Depot still stands on its original site. During its heyday, the complex consisted of a depot building, storage barn, wool barn, livestock pens, loading facilities, water storage tank, and outdoor bathroom.



The Railroad Depot is also the starting point for the ¼ mile Depot Trail leading to Harris Street, which in turn connects to the roughly ½ mile Brecon-Library Trail.



School Facilities

The public school grounds in the City of Saline provide valuable recreation opportunities for residents. While the City uses the school facilities and grounds for some programs and events, public access to these facilities is dependent on the schools' policies. Saline Community Schools include five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The Weber-Blaess one-room schoolhouse is an historic resource owned by the schools which was moved from Lodi Township to Woodland Drive. Map 2 on page 30 depicts the location of the schools and the following describes the recreation facilities and activities they offer.

Harvest Elementary School (K - 3rd grade) is located on Campus Parkway in Pittsfield Township and includes about 18 acres of land with:

- Ball field,
- 2 small soccer fields,
- 3 basketball courts,
- Play structure, swings, and other play equipment, and
- Indoor gymnasium.

Henne Field, formerly part of Union School, was renovated in 2009 with the completion of construction phases 1 and 2. Existing amenities include:

- 58-space parking lot,
- Portable toilets,
- 2 little league ball fields,
- Paved trail,
- Open field for outdoor events, and
- pavilion

Heritage (4th - 5th grade) and Woodland Meadows (K - 3rd grade) Elementary Schools are located on Woodland Drive and include 40 acres of land with:

- 2 baseball fields,
- 2 softball fields,
- 2 four square courts
- 2 basketball courts,
- play structure and equipment, and

2 indoor gymnasiums.

Liberty School, located on Ann Arbor Street, houses the Saline Area School District administrative offices. The building hosts community education, adult education, young adult programming, daycare, and the Liberty Club,

and is the winter home for the Saline Farmers Market. The building is periodically used by a variety of other groups, clubs, and organizations.

Pleasant Ridge Elementary School (K - 3rd grade) is located on Pleasant Ridge Drive in the southeast part of Saline and includes 12 acres of land with:

- 2 basketball courts,
- 1 soccer field,
- 3 four square courts,
- play structures and equipment, and
- indoor gymnasium.

Saline Middle School is located on Maple Road in the north part of the City. It is adjacent to Heritage and Woodland Meadow schools and includes a total of 96 acres of land with:

- 1 baseball field,
- 2 softball fields,
- 1 soccer field,
- 2 basketball courts,
- football stadium with track and field,
- football practice field,
- 8 tennis courts, and
- Indoor gymnasium.

Saline High School is located in Pittsfield Township on Campus Parkway on more than 200 acres of land and includes a number of recreational facilities:

- 5 baseball fields,
- 3 softball fields,
- 8 soccer fields,
- football stadium and football field with track,
- practice fields for soccer, football, and baseball,
- 10 tennis courts,
- cross country trails, and
- 4-court gym with second floor running track, auxiliary 2-court gym, wrestling/aerobics room, a gymnastics/multi-use room, weight lifting rooms, a training room, and a swimming pool with 8 competition lanes and diving area.

Adjacent Communities Recreation Facilities

Pittsfield Township has well over 800 acres of parkland and a Parks and Recreation Department offering a variety of recreational services and amenities. York Township has two parks with both passive and active recreation, while Lodi and Saline townships do not offer any public local parks or recreational facilities. Table 13 the facilities available in Saline’s surrounding communities and Figure 11 depicts their location.

Private Recreation Facilities

A number of private recreation facilities can also be found in the Saline area including a bowling alley, golf courses, movie theaters, a golf/driving range, and indoor fitness centers. It is beyond the scope of a recreation plan to list every possible private recreation provider in an area, but some of the services offered in Saline by private firms include:

- Archery & Shooting Ranges
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Dance
- Gymnasiums & Fitness
- Martial Arts
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Yoga

Table 13. Adjacent Community Parks

Name	Acres	Facilities & Activities
Pittsfield Township Parks		
Hickory Woods Park	47	Parking, picnic areas/pavilions, play structures, and trails. ADA accessible.
Lillie Park	124	Nature trails, fishing docks, picnic areas, observation areas, picnic pavilions, parking lot, restrooms, 2 soccer fields, benches, wildlife observation, 2 lakes, a bog, and woodland areas. ADA accessible.
Marsh View Meadows Park	54	Picnic pavilion, restroom, play structures, playfield, nature trails, interpretive signs, boardwalk, observation deck, bike trail, and t-ball field. ADA accessible.
Montibeller Park	52	Baseball, softball, 4 tennis courts, picnic pavilion, play structures, swings, slides, whirl, jungle bars, sledding area, wooded area with nature trails, open space, and 2 parking lots.
Pittsfield Preserve	535	Parking lot, trails, wetlands, connection to greenway. Recently incorporated former Palmer Park.
Pittsfield Township Park & Community Center	7	Pavilion, restroom, parking lot, 3 t-ball fields, playground structures, and open space
Prairie Park	10	2 play structures, walking trail, parking
Wall Park	28	Part of the Stony Creek Watershed Conservation Easement; 8 soccer fields, parking
Wooley Park	50	Soon to include new parking and upgraded boardwalk facilities. Currently includes basketball court, soccer field, pavilion, disc golf course, two play structures, walking/fitness trail, plus significant wetland areas.
Lohr-Textile Greenway		4.2 mile trail connecting West Ellsworth and Textile Roads via Lohr Road.
Platt Road Greenway		2.5 mile trail connecting Lillie Park with Rolling Hills Park in Ypsilanti Township.
York Township Parks		
Saline River Preserve	16	Nature preserve at the intersection of Saline-Milan Road and South Maple Road in York Township. The preserve includes walking trails and nature areas.
Sandra Richardson Park	115	Nature area, picnic area, 5 soccer fields, and trails
Mary McCann Park	38	Walking trail and nature areas

Recreation Programs and Services

The City of Saline offers outstanding youth and adult team and individual sports opportunities and special events to City residents and non-residents. The programs listed below are offered by the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department.

Special Events:

- Park Clean Ups
- Movie in the Park
- Family Campout
- Movie Nights
- Family Dances
- Bowling Events
- Halloween Events
- Nerf Wars
- Spring Fest
- Holiday events

Tot and Preschool Programs:

- Tennis
- Swimming
- Drop-in Play Groups
- Tumbling Tots

Youth and Teen Programs:

- Kids' Night Out
- Kid's Camps
- Fun Days
- Martial Arts
- Rec on the Go
- Tennis Lessons
- Swim Lessons

Camps:

- Winter Kids' Camp
- Mid-winter Break Kids' Camp
- Spring Break Kids' Camp
- Summer Kids' Camp
- Fun Day Mini-Camps

Aquatics:

- Parent & Infant Swimming
- Parent & Toddler Swimming
- Parent & Preschooler Swimming
- Young Swimmer or Parent & Preschooler
- Young Swimmer - Level 1 through 3
- American Red Cross Swimming - Level 1 through 6
- Private Swim Lessons
- Teen/Adult Beginning Swimming
- Teen/Adult Stroke Development
- Lifeguard Training
- Junior Swim Instructors
- Low Stress Water Aerobics
- Deep Water Aerobics
- Scout Group Aquatic Badges

Adult Programs:

- Softball Leagues
- Tennis Lessons
- Pickleball
- Soccer Leagues
- Basketball Leagues
- Co-ed Volleyball Leagues
- Racquetball Leagues
- Sand Volleyball Leagues
- Dodgeball Leagues
- Swimming Lessons
- Drop-in Swimming
- Drop-in Basketball
- Drop-in Wallyball

Teen and Adult Fitness:

- Body Conditioning
- Get Fit Stay Fit
- Interval Training
- Martial Arts
- Personal Training
- Spin Classes
- Total Fitness
- Womens Self Defense
- Work Out With Weights
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Shine

Saline Area Senior Center

The Saline Area Senior Center (SASC) is a 501c3 non-profit offering a wide selection of programs throughout the year. SASC's mission is to enrich the lives of Senior Citizens through programs and activities that will be beneficial in promoting good health, education, referral services, community outreach and social programs. Programs available to area seniors include:

- Billiards
- Walking Group
- Fitness Programs
- Bounce Volleyball
- Tech Lessons
- Line Dancing
- Educational/History Programs
- Floral Arrangement
- Crafts
- Massage Therapy
- Painting Classes
- Bridge, Euchre, Pinochle, & other card games
- Scrabble
- Zumba
- Yoga
- Pickleball
- Bingo
- Photography Group
- Ping Pong
- Tai Chi
- Music Lessons
- Writers Group
- Special Events
- Meal on Wheels
- Day Trips



Other Recreation Providers

Several additional non-profit and private organizations provide recreation programs in Saline. They include:

- Saline Community Education
- Saline FC
- Saline Area Youth Baseball and Softball
- Saline Twirlettes
- Dark Horse Wrestling
- Huron Valley Volleyball Club
- Michigan Sports Academy



Regional Park Facilities

In addition to local recreation facilities, there are hundreds of parks and over 35,000 acres of state-owned parks and recreation areas, 1,700 acres of Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) metroparks, and over 1,300 acres of Washtenaw County parks and preserves around the City of Saline. These regional facilities incorporate large areas and provide opportunities such as swimming, boating, hiking, hunting, camping, and golfing, which are typically beyond the ability of a local municipality to provide. Map 3 on page 63 depicts the location of the regional parks and Table 14 on page 64 lists the recreational activities they offer.



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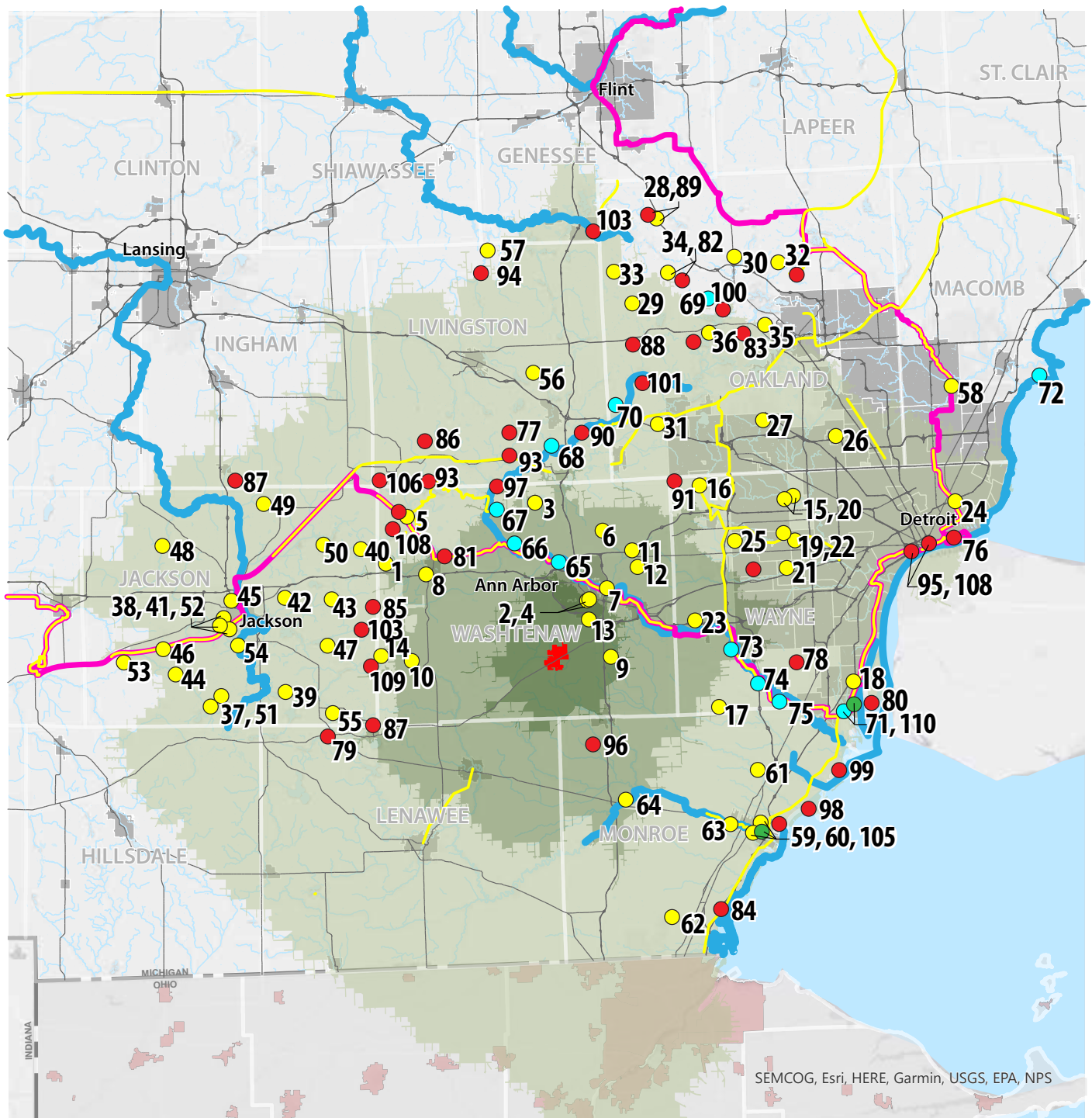
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106. Waterloo State Recreation Area
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108. William G. Milliken State Park And Harbor

Federal Facilities

109. River Raisin National Battlefield Park
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Map 3. Regional Recreation Opportunities



Approximate Drive Time Radius

- 0 - 14 minutes
- 15 - 29 minutes
- 30 - 60 minutes

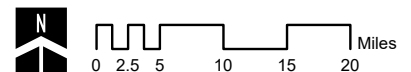
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Regional Recreation Opportunities

City of Saline, Washtenaw County



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Table 14. Regional Recreation Facilities

Key	AGENCY: HCMA = Huron Clinton Metroparks, MDNR = Michigan Department of Natural Resources, OC = Oakland County Parks & Rec	Property Name	Acres / Miles	ACTIVE SPORTS										PASSIVE ACTIVITIES													
				Baseball / Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Golf	Horseshoes/shuffleboard	Sand volleyball	Skate park	Soccer / multipurpose field	Tennis / pickleball	Cricket	Banquet / Special Events	Visitors Center / Nature Center / Museum	Comm. Center / Meeting space	Fairground / Major event space	Fitness Center / Gym / Exercise Equipment	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Park / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter
1	MDNR	Bald Mountain Rec. Area	4,637			•													•	•			•	•	•	•	
2	MDNR	Belle Isle State Park	982									•						•	•				•	•	•		•
3	MDNR	Brighton Rec. Area	4,947			•										•			•	•		•	•	•	•		•
4	MDNR	Dodge #4 State Park	139																			•	•	•	•		
5	MDNR	Highland Rec. Area	5,900											•						•	•			•	•	•	•
6	MDNR	Holly Rec. Area	8,000			•										•			•	•		•	•	•		•	
7	MDNR	Island Lake Rec. Area	4,000																		•		•				•
8	MDNR	Lakeport State Park	565													•			•			•	•	•			
9	MDNR	Maybury Rec. Area	1,000																			•	•	•			•
10	MDNR	Metamora-Hadley Rec. Area	723													•			•			•	•	•			
11	MDNR	Ortonville Rec. Area	5,340																	•			•	•	•		
12	MDNR	Pontiac Lake Rec. Area	3,745															•					•	•	•	•	•
13	MDNR	Proud Lake Rec. Area	4,700															•				•	•	•			
14	MDNR	Seven Lakes State Park	1,434																				•	•	•		
15	MDNR	Sterling State Park	1,300															•		•			•	•	•		•
16	MDNR	Wetzel St. Rec. Area	900																							•	•
17	MDNR	William G. Milliken State Park	31															•						•	•		

Table 15. Regional Non-motorized Trail Facilities

Key	Trail Name (* = part of Iron Belle Trail)	Location	Distance
60	Border-to-Border*	Washtenaw Cty	40+ miles
61	Clinton River Trail*	Oakland Cty	16 miles
62	Downriver Linked Greenway	Wayne Cty	75+ miles
63	Freedom Metro Trail*	Macomb Cty	19.3 miles
64	Hines Park Trail	Wayne Cty	17.5 miles
65	Huron Valley Trail	Wayne Cty	25 miles
66	I-275 Metro Trail	Wayne Cty	35 miles
67	Lakes Community Trail	Oakland Cty	8.9 miles

Key	Trail Name (* = part of Iron Belle Trail)	Location	Distance
68	Macomb Orchard Trail*	Macomb Cty	23 miles
69	M. Levine Lakelands Trail	Livingston Cty	34 miles
70	Michigan Airline Trail	Oakland Cty	7.8 miles
71	Paint Creek Trail	Oakland Cty	8.9 miles
72	Polly Ann Trail	Oakland Cty	14.2 miles
73	River Raisin Heritage Trail*	Wayne Cty	8 miles
74	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	St. Clair Cty	12 miles
74	West Bloomfield Trail	Oakland Cty	6.8 miles

TRAILS					WATER SPORTS					WINTER SPORTS					CAMPING										HUNTING/FISHING									
Hiking	Biking	Bike Rental	Mountain Biking / BMX	Equestrian	Swimming / Beach	Splash pad / Pool / Water slide	Paddlesports	Boat Rental	Boat launch	Designated Water Trail	Snowshoeing	Cross Country Skiing	Snowmobiling	Ice Skating / Hockey	Sledding	Equestrian Camping	Electrical Service	Winter Camping	Concession Store / Food	Cabins and lodges	Rustic site	Group Use Area	Walk-in / Paddle-in sites	Yurts	Vault or Portable Toilets	Modern restrooms	Sanitation station	Shooting range	Archery Range	Hunting	Fishing	Fishing pier		
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Table 16. Major Water Trails

Key	Water Trails	Location	Distance
80	Clinton River	Oakland and Macomb Counties	81.5 miles
81	Detroit Heritage Trail	Wayne County (Belle Isle, Rouge River, Huron River, and Lower Detroit River)	33 miles
82	Huron River	Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties	104 miles
83	Lake St. Clair Coastal	St. Clair County / Lake St. Clair	33+ miles
84	Monroe County / River Raisin / Lake Erie	Monroe County (six segments)	11+ miles
85	Rouge River	Wayne County (four segments)	14.4
86	Shiawassee River	Oakland, Saginaw, and Shiawassee Counties	85.3
87	Flint River	Genesee, Oakland, and Saginaw Counties	104

Accessibility Assessment & Grant-Assisted Projects

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access in order to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment Guidelines was used to evaluate the parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 and is described as follows:

- None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines,
- Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines,
- Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines,
- The entire park meets accessibility guidelines, and

- The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

Each of the parks was evaluated using this ranking system. The specific elements considered include parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, support facilities such as restrooms, and surfacing. Table 9 provides the results of this assessment.

Current and future park projects are designed to comply with or exceed accessibility guidelines and standards of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Current deficiencies regarding accessibility are mainly the result of older equipment or facilities which pre-dates ADA standards. It is the intent of the City of Saline to retrofit these facilities with park upgrade and renovation projects.

Table 17. Accessibility Assessment

Park	Rank	Description
Brecon Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible walkway provided from sidewalks and barrier-free parking available. • Accessible routes to play equipment and but not to all park activity areas.
Canterbury Park	1	No accessible routes from sidewalk to benches, picnic tables, or play equipment. Play equipment not considered accessible.
Colony Park	2	Play structure includes an accessible component, but there are no accessible routes from sidewalk to benches, play structure, or other play equipment
Curtiss Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible parking and paved pathway provided from parking area to picnic shelter. • No accessible routes to play structure and other park activity areas. Play equipment not considered accessible.
Marlpool Park	2	Play structure includes an accessible component, but there are no accessible routes from sidewalk to benches, play structure, or other play equipment
Mill Pond Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible pathway provided from parking to picnic shelter and play structure, and barrier-free parking available. • No accessible routes to other park activity areas.
Peoples Park	2	Accessible parking provided, but no routes to park activity areas.
Risdon Park	n/a	No park facilities or play equipment
Salt Springs Park	2	New parking area and sidewalk are accessible, but rustic routes within park are not.
Stonecliff Park	3	Accessible walkway provided from sidewalks to open field; no other amenities.
Tefft Park	3	Accessible routes provided to most amenities on south side and barrier-free parking available. No accessible routes to some play equipment and park activity areas, especially on north side.
Wilderness Park	2	Limited accessible routes to some park amenities.

MDNR GRANT FUND STATUS

The City of Saline received five Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grants for parkland acquisition and development since 1973. Table 11 presents a description of the MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted parks and facilities.

Table 18. Grant History

Grant Number	Application Year & Source	Description	Grant Amount	Current Use / Condition
26-00413	1973 LWCF	Saline Community Center: Acquire 3.4 acres, develop 5 acres with ball field, 2 tennis courts, 2 shuffleboard, 5 horseshoe pits, and add hard surfaced area with backstops	\$32,540	Park was split and a portion sold, ball field and game courts have since been renovated and are in good condition
26-01104 Q2	1980 LWCF	Mill Pond Park: Site preparation, shelter/restroom facility with sewer and electrical, walkway, landscape, LWCF sign	\$35,513	Still in use and good condition
26-01386	1985 LWCF	Ice skating facility (outdoor), children's sledding hill, & improvements to drives and parking areas	\$44,000	Still in use and good condition
BF89-289	1989 RBF	Tefft Park: 4 tennis courts, 2 softball diamonds, miniature golf, exercise trails, picnic area, 2 soccer fields, restrooms, parking, bleachers, landscaping	\$200,500	Still in use and good condition
BF91-070	1991 RBF	Tefft Park: Construct restrooms, irrigation system, landscaping, and playground equipment	\$70,125	Still in use and fair condition. Play equipment is reach end of usable life.
TF99-016	1999 MNRTF	Curtiss Park Improvements: Paving of the drive, parking areas and pathways, fishing and observation decks, shoreline stabilization and pointing rocks in spillway along the Saline River, play area and landscaping	\$99,470	Driveway and parking in poor to fair condition. Observation deck in good condition. Play areas are reaching end of usable life.
26-01814	2018 LWCF	Salt Springs Park Development: provide parking and add a trail	\$75,000	Park is now open for use and is in excellent condition.



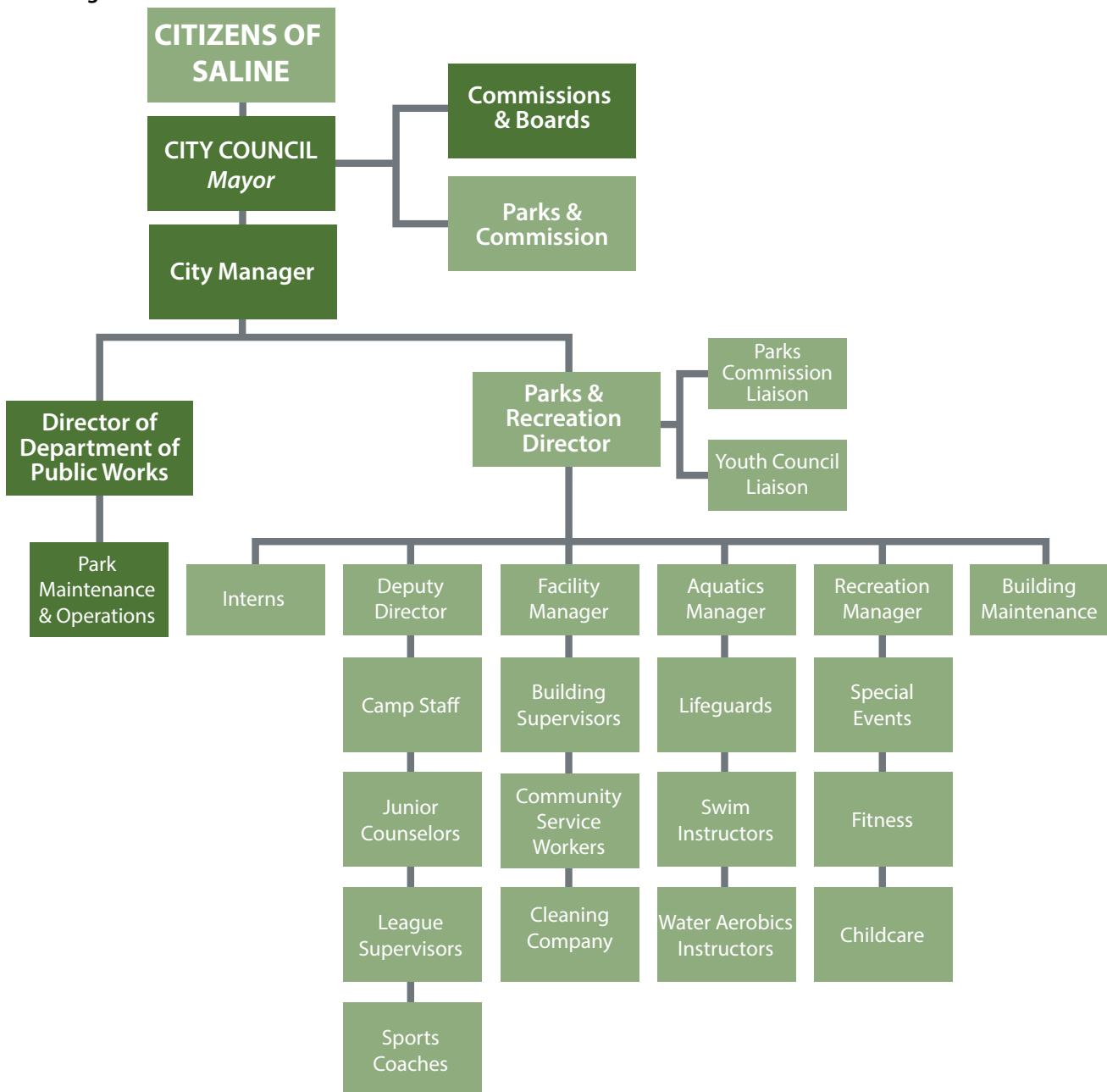
Chapter 6: Administrative Structure

The administration of parks and recreation services in Saline is the responsibility of the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department.

The Saline Parks and Recreation Department strives to be considered an essential and valued service for the community by sustaining and developing quality programs. This is demonstrated by the staff's commitment to excellence and ability to grow and change with the community. The mission statement of the Saline Parks and Recreation Department is:

Mission Statement:
 "To provide a variety of recreational opportunities to meet the needs and desires of our community. We promote health & wellness through creative collaborations and we bring value to Saline by creating a sense of community."

Figure 15. Organizational Chart



Administration

The Parks and Recreation Director is responsible for all City park activities and programs and the administration of the Saline Rec Center. The Department of Public Works Director is responsible for all park maintenance and operations. The Parks and Recreation Director and the Department of Public Works Director report to the City Manager who, in turn, reports to the City Council.

The Parks Commission is a nine person volunteer board appointed by the Mayor with consent of the City Council. It is an advisory body to the City Council regarding park planning, construction, and maintenance.

The Parks and Recreation Director supervises several full-time personnel, including an Aquatics Manager, Recreation Manager, Facility Manager, Deputy Director, and Facility Maintenance. Each full-time position is responsible for various programs and/or activities and for the supervision of a number of part-time employees. Including the Parks and Recreation Director, there are six full-time staff and 60 part-time employees associated with the Parks and Recreation Department. Figure 15 on page 69 illustrates the organizational structure of Saline with regards to Parks and Recreation.

Funding & Budget

The Parks and Recreation Department administers over 50 year-round programs and over 32 seasonal activities.

Parks and recreation facilities and services are supported by the Saline general fund, user fees, and charges. Parks and Recreation and Public Works are responsible for the park improvements, maintenance, programs, equipment, and staff. A variety of sources are also utilized for funding capital improvement projects. Grants are aggressively pursued and donations or contributions are also solicited.

The City's 2022 - 2023 budget is provided in Figure 16 on page 71.



Figure 16. General Fund Budget Summary



General Fund Revenues & Expenditures FY 2022-2023 Budget

Description	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Projected FY22	Proposed FY23	Increase/ (Decrease) FY22 to FY23	Percent Change
Revenues by Source:						
Property Taxes	\$ 6,341,228	\$ 7,063,023	\$ 6,997,091	\$ 7,036,804	\$ 39,713	0.6%
Licenses & Permits	304,737	383,095	557,171	493,600	(63,571)	-11.4%
Federal Sources	0	197,447	490,928	488,959	(1,969)	-0.4%
State Sources	1,453,064	1,517,729	1,382,631	1,409,779	27,148	2.0%
Charges for Services	900,667	921,867	1,009,358	1,004,810	(4,548)	-0.5%
Fines & Court Costs	43,597	37,576	40,350	40,350	0	0.0%
Interest	52,851	5,399	8,000	20,000	12,000	150.0%
Land Sales Collections	0	0	450,443	0	(450,443)	-100.0%
Other	673,422	632,100	711,872	729,245	17,373	2.4%
Other Financing	249,445	1,567,973	0	0	0	0.0%
Transfer/Component Units	41,840	55,359	278,290	604,212	325,922	117.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 10,060,851	\$ 12,381,568	\$ 11,926,134	\$ 11,827,759	\$ (98,375)	-0.8%

Description	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Projected FY22	Proposed FY23	Increase/ (Decrease) FY22 to FY23	Percent Change
Expenditures by Activity:						
Administration	\$ 2,117,609	\$ 2,520,200	\$ 2,775,562	\$ 2,460,655	\$ (314,907)	-11.3%
City Clerk	357,022	307,349	281,890	288,610	6,720	2.4%
Treasurer	602,475	624,020	610,351	545,550	(64,801)	-10.6%
Assessing	204,879	127,177	139,730	140,425	695	0.5%
Municipal Building	179,982	255,808	218,211	205,995	(12,216)	-5.6%
Service Center	62,930	109,227	121,933	100,020	(21,913)	-18.0%
Motor Pool	247,893	253,716	298,361	367,155	68,794	23.1%
Legislative	58,647	59,881	63,049	75,649	12,600	20.0%
Police/Public Safety	2,364,595	2,351,170	2,560,799	3,043,422	482,623	18.8%
Department of Public Works	945,414	871,796	1,182,501	1,267,281	84,780	7.2%
Health and Welfare	59,036	62,807	76,556	110,055	33,499	43.8%
Community/Econ Develop	448,755	588,637	665,839	748,084	82,245	12.4%
Recreation and Cultural	289,348	345,813	446,590	665,642	219,052	49.0%
Misc. Capital Improvements	355,885	313,023	1,703,782	1,873,163	169,381	9.9%
Debt Service	333,621	367,867	433,914	456,813	22,899	5.3%
Contributions & Advances	45,423	45,423	46,330	46,330	0	0.0%
Transfers Out	1,030,884	729,563	1,186,729	710,707	(476,022)	-40.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,704,398	\$ 9,933,479	\$ 12,812,127	\$ 13,105,556	\$ 293,429	2.3%

CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 356,453	\$ 2,448,089	\$ (885,993)	\$ (1,277,797)	\$ (391,804)	-44.2%
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,198,085	\$ 4,554,538	\$ 7,002,627	\$ 6,116,634	(885,993)	-12.7%
Assigned/Committed	2,292,928	2,805,202	4,616,757	4,234,077	(382,680)	-8.3%
Unassigned	1,905,157	1,749,336	2,385,870	1,882,557	(503,313)	-21.1%
END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,554,538	\$ 7,002,627	\$ 6,116,634	\$ 4,838,837	(1,277,797)	-20.9%
Assigned/Committed	2,805,202	4,616,757	4,234,077	2,867,370	(1,366,707)	-32.3%
Unassigned	1,749,336	2,385,870	1,882,557	1,971,467	88,910	4.7%

Volunteers & Partnerships

Saline Parks and Recreation works cooperatively with the Saline Community Schools and the area's volunteer sports organizations to offer recreation services to area residents.

While the Saline Parks and Recreation Department runs successful athletic programs for pre-schoolers, the Saline Area Youth Baseball and Softball (SAYB&S), Saline FC, and Saline Community Education run recreational and competitive sports leagues for school age children. They use and maintain the fields at the schools, parks, and other locations. They are responsible for all expenses related to field maintenance and the programs.

Service clubs and community groups play an important role in providing volunteer labor and financial support for park facilities and programs. There are many service clubs and organizations that actively support Saline Parks and Recreation. They include:

Local service clubs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiwanis Club • Lions Club • Rotary Club • Saline American Legion • Saline Main Street
Scouting groups:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Scouts of America • Great Sauk Trail Council • Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
Recreation use groups:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saline FC • Saline Area Youth Baseball & Softball
Land conservancies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washtenaw Land Conservancy • River Raisin Watershed Council
Other organizations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Saline District Library • Friends of Henne Field • Saline Area Chamber of Commerce • Saline Area Historical Society • Saline Main Street • CARES (Saline Area Schools - Cultural Arts, Recreation, Enrichment, Seniors)



Chapter 7: Community Background

Saline is located in south-central Washtenaw County. Its main thoroughfare is US-12, the historic Chicago-to-Detroit road. It is supported by a wide variety of business and industry, a large automobile plant, and its proximity to the Ann Arbor area.

Saline was first settled in 1824 by Orange Risdon, a military surveyor who purchased a 160-acre parcel. It was officially platted in 1832 and named for the salt springs found in the area. The town was incorporated as a village in 1866 and later as a city in 1931.

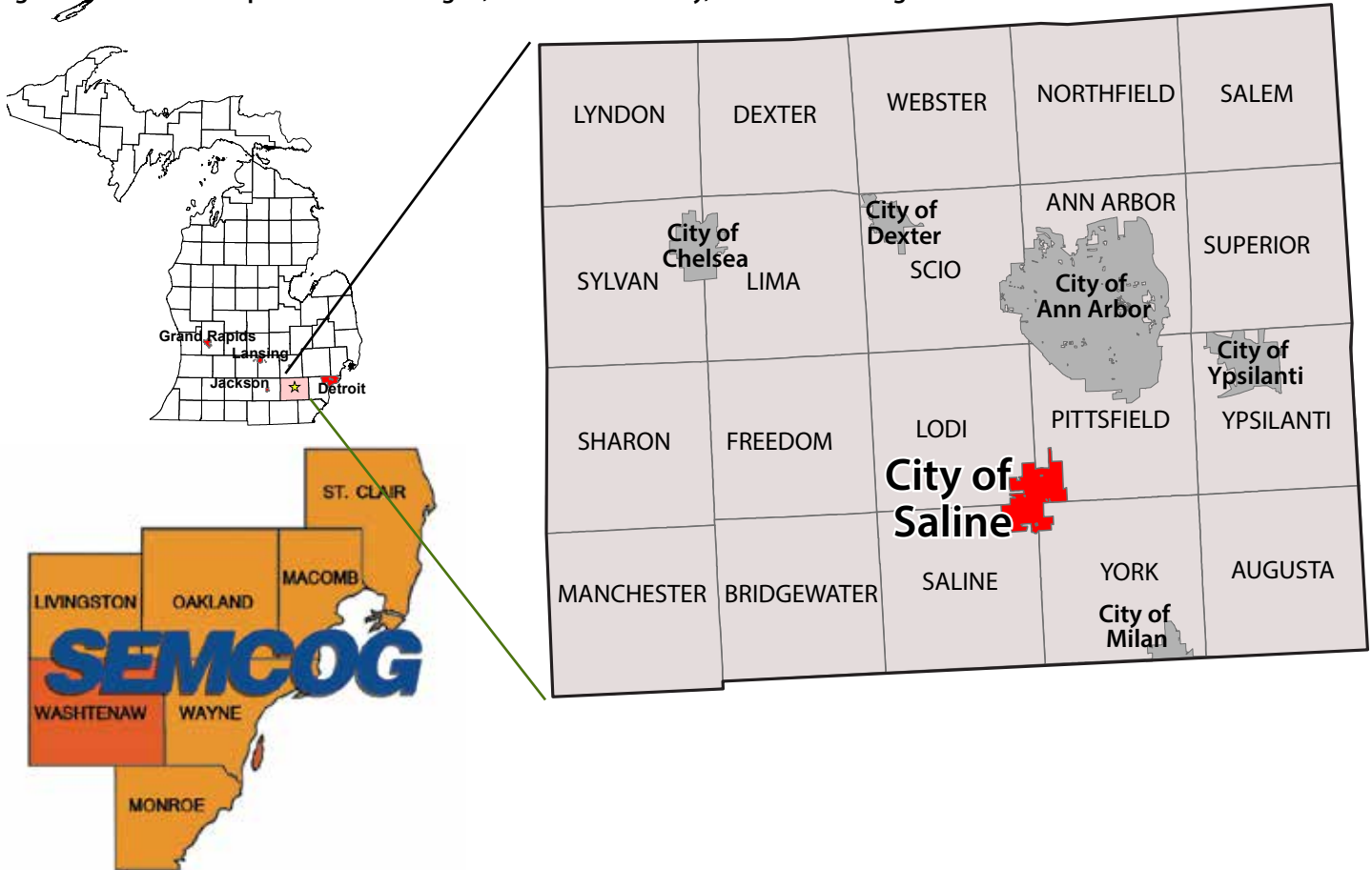
- Saline offers a unique mix of land uses, including the following:
- Historic and newer residential neighborhoods,
- A traditional downtown centered at the junction of Ann Arbor Street and Michigan Avenue, and
- Four large industrial districts located on the east side.

The City's transportation network provides direct connections to outlying communities. The east-west US-12 provides access to Ypsilanti and Detroit, while the north-south Ann Arbor Road connects the City to Ann Arbor and Milan. These routes also link to Michigan's major highways such as I-94 and US-23, which provide access to Jackson, Flint, Detroit, Toledo, and places beyond.

Washtenaw County is located in the western area of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) region. SEMCOG is the regional planning agency that conducts planning studies and maintains a comprehensive database of information about each community it serves. It is a source for some of the population and land use related data included in this report.

The first part of the Master Plan provides an overview of Saline's population and physical and recreational resources with the goal of understanding the unique features and opportunities the community offers.

Figure 17. Context Maps - State of Michigan, Washtenaw County, and SEMCOG Region



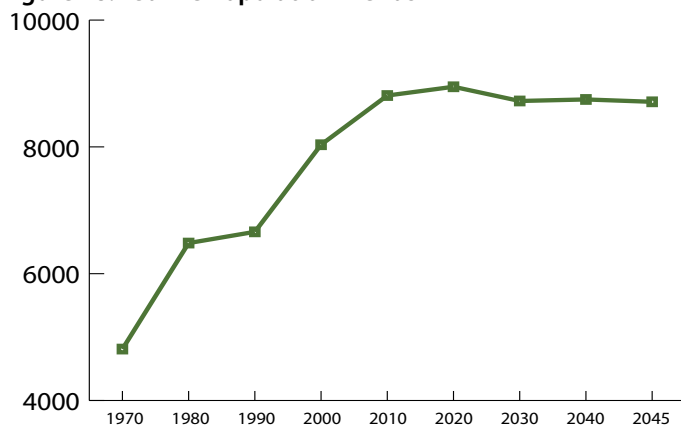
Population

Table 19. Median Age, Saline & Region

Year	City of Saline	Washtenaw County	State of Michigan
2010	41.1	32.8	38.1
2011	42.9	32.8	38.5
2012	42.3	33.1	38.8
2013	42.3	33.3	39.1
2014	42.8	33.3	39.3
2015	43.7	33.4	39.5
2016	43.7	33.4	39.6
2017	43.3	33.4	39.6
2018	43.6	33.4	39.7
2019	43.2	33.6	39.7
2020	44.3	33.9	39.7
2021	44.5	34.0	39.7

Source: American Community Survey, 2010 - 2020

Figure 18. Saline Population Trends



Source: US Census, SEMCOG

From 2010 – 2020, Saline grew at a rate of 2 percent, with the 2010 Census showing a population of 8,948 persons. This is a fairly significant decrease in growth rate from the previous decade, falling from nearly 10% between 2000 to 2010. The drop could be attributed to a number of different factors, including the built-out nature of the City. The growth rate percentage of surrounding townships, where there are less space constraints, were much higher, especially in Saline Township which grew by almost 30%. In terms of actual numbers of residents, Saline was surpassed in population by York Township in 2020. Population growth in the area is projected to be very high through 2045, with Pittsfield Township over 40% and Saline and York Townships projected to see over 90% growth each. The City of Saline, in contrast, is expected to lose population, falling by nearly 3%.

Age is another factor in the slowdown in growth. The number of households with seniors grew by 54% between 2010 and 2020, while the number of households with children fell by 16%. At the same time, the median household size fell from 2.34 to 2.26 residents. This is a common trend in an aging community; as the family ages, children leave the home and, depending on circumstances, may move to new communities, while the parents “age in place”. The result is a net loss of population. Saline is not unique in experiencing this phenomena. The SEMCOG region as a whole saw a similar drop in household size and increase in median age.

Table 20. Household Size, Saline & Region

	2010	2020	2045
Saline	2.34	2.26	2.20
Washtenaw County	2.39	2.36	2.35
SEMCOG Region	2.52	2.46	2.41

Source: US Census, SEMCOG

Table 21. Population Data, Saline Area

Community	1990	2000	2010	2020	% change 2010 - 2020	SEMCOG 2045 projection	% change 2020 - 2045
City of Saline	6,660	8,034	8,810	8,948	1.7%	8,711	-2.6%
Saline Township	1,276	1,302	1,896	2,277	29.3%	4,377	92.2%
Lodi Township	3,902	5,710	6,058	6,417	6.3%	7,138	11.2%
Pittsfield Township	17,650	30,167	34,663	39,147	14.9%	55,486	41.7%
York Township	6,225	7,392	8,708	9,108	5.4%	17,334	90.3%
City of Ann Arbor	109,608	114,024	113,934	123,851	8.7%	132,325	6.8%
City of Milan	4,040	4,775	5,836	6,079	5.1%	5,474	-10.0%
Washtenaw County	282,937	322,770	344,791	372,258	8.0%	452,791	21.6%
Southeast Michigan	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,830,489	2.7%	5,104,922	5.7%

Source: US Census, SEMCOG

According to the 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) data, the general profile of Saline residents can be described as follows:

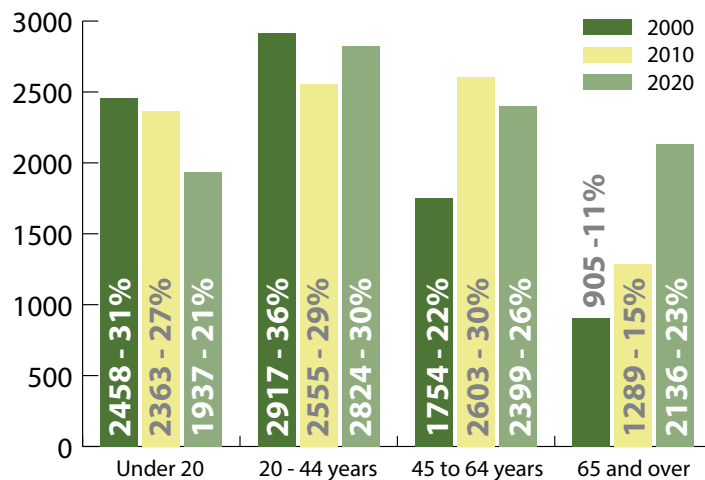
- Children (under the age of 18) make up 21% of the total population of Saline with 1,937 persons, a decrease of 21% from 2000, and
- People 65 years and over make up 23% of the total population with 2,136 persons, an increase of 136% since 2000.

Projections by SEMCOG indicate that by 2045 the proportion of children and seniors will change as follows:

- The number of children under 18 will continue to decrease, falling from 1,760 to 1,636, which will represent 18% of the population; and
- Conversely, the number of people 65 years and older will increase from 2,096 to 2,776, representing 32% of the total projected population.

These numbers have significant implications for recreation planning. Recreation amenities and programs should be tailored to accommodate the needs of an aging population, providing physical, intellectual, and social enrichment. Ensuring that parks and equipment meet ADA standards can help to achieve these goals. At the same time, the facilities should be structured in a way to be appealing to children, helping to attract younger families to the community.

Figure 19. Age Distribution Comparison 2000 - 2020



Source: US Census, ACS, SEMCOG

Table 22. Household Characteristics

Household Types	Census 2010	ACS 2020	% change	2045 SEMCOG
With seniors 65+	883	1358	53.8%	1849
Without seniors	2816	2402	-14.7%	1950
Live alone 65+	490	578	18.0%	530
Live alone, under 65	699	455	-34.9%	818
2+ persons with children	1229	1030	-16.2%	1028
2+ persons without children	1281	1697	32.5%	1423

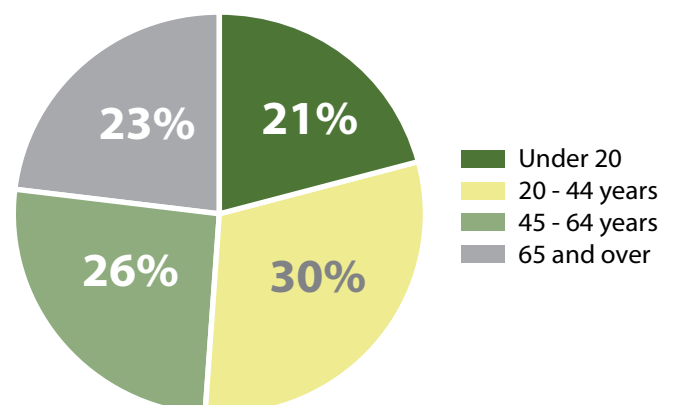
Source: US Census, American Community Survey, SEMCOG

Table 23. Saline Age Ranges 2000 - 2021

Age group	Census 2000	Census 2010	ACS 2020	% change 2000 - 2020
Under 5	598	425	376	-37.1%
5 - 9	678	574	622	-8.3%
10 - 14	665	711	516	-22.4%
15 - 19	517	653	423	-18.2%
20 - 24	299	420	674	125.4%
25 - 29	482	425	531	10.2%
30 - 34	631	447	385	-39.0%
35 - 39	778	603	541	-30.5%
40 - 44	727	660	693	-4.7%
45 - 49	612	782	766	25.2%
50 - 54	559	737	511	-8.6%
55 - 59	337	553	648	92.3%
60 - 64	246	531	474	92.7%
65 - 69	184	312	720	291.3%
70 - 74	164	218	496	202.4%
75 - 79	185	211	256	38.4%
80 - 84	160	209	184	15.0%
85 and up	212	339	480	126.4%

Source: US Census, ACS

Figure 20. Saline Age Distribution 2020



According to the 2010 Census, there are 3,862 housing units in the City, a decrease of 61 units from 2010. Saline's housing units are primarily single-family detached units (68%). The number of multi-family residential units (1,155) fell by 345 between 2010 and 2020, and now makes up 30% of the housing in the City. The remaining 2% of homes are described as mobile homes or other.

Ninety-four percent (97%) of Saline's housing units are occupied, with 74% owner-occupied and 26% renter-occupied. The number of vacant units dropped from 6% in 2010 to 2% in 2020. Residential property values remained relatively stable between 2010 and 2020, with a less than 1% fall to \$257,800. Gross rents increased by \$19/month during that same period, a 2% increase.

Building permits for the city peaked in 2003 and began to slowly recover in 2016. New housing starts in 2021 and 2022 are beginning to approach pre-recession levels.

Table 24. Housing Permits

Year	Single Family	Attach Condo	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	77	0	0	77	3	74
2001	84	29	0	113	0	113
2002	118	0	0	118	1	117
2003	138	0	0	138	0	138
2004	38	0	0	38	0	38
2005	16	0	0	16	0	16
2006	2	0	0	2	0	2
2007	2	0	0	2	0	2
2008	2	0	0	2	1	1
2009	0	4	0	4	1	3
2010	10	0	0	10	0	10
2011	14	0	0	14	0	14
2012	7	0	0	7	0	7
2013	2	0	0	2	0	2
2014	4	0	0	4	0	4
2015	8	0	0	8	0	8
2016	26	3	0	29	0	29
2017	8	0	16	24	0	24
2018	33	20	0	53	0	53
2019	9	31	0	40	0	40
2020	8	8	0	16	0	16
2021	30	16	11	57	0	57
2022	18	8	35	61	0	61
Totals	654	119	62	835	6	829

Source: SEMCOG



Land Use Patterns

The City of Saline’s total land area has more than tripled since the 1950s. Annexations have occurred primarily with the eastern portion of the City where there is an agreement between the City of Saline and Pittsfield Township. As Table 26 illustrates, Saline consists primarily of residential land uses, with industrial zones in the northeast and a commercial area located along US-12 and centered on the Michigan Avenue and Ann Arbor Street intersection.

Single-family land uses occupy just under a third of the City’s land acreage (31.3%). Historic homes are concentrated in the central area while newer homes are located in the outlying areas of town. Duplexes are primarily located on the south side of the City center in close proximity to Michigan Avenue. Multi-family residential uses include a small amount of apartment complexes. There is one mobile home park in the City, which is located on North Maple Road.

Commercial land uses occupy less 10 percent (7.4%) of the City’s land area, with the greatest concentration located along Michigan Avenue. Many of the avenue’s historic buildings and homes have been converted to office, commercial, and related uses. Commercial strips are found at the eastern and western edges of the City. Mixed uses can also be found in the southern portion of town as well as within the industrial parks located in the northeast and southeast quadrants.

Public/quasi-public land uses include churches, cemeteries, utilities, union halls, and other similar uses. Schools and their associated grounds and playing fields cover a relatively large portion of the City’s land area (12.5%). There are four public elementary schools and a middle school located within City limits. Saline High School and Harvest Elementary School are located east, just outside the City limits in Pittsfield Township.

Industrial land uses occupy 21.6% of the City’s land area and include light and heavy industrial uses in four industrial parks located north, east, and southeast of the Faurecia plant.

Open space and recreation land uses account for only 10.2% of the City’s total land area, totaling approximately 210 acres. The largest parks are Curtiss and Mill Pond parks along the Saline River, and several community and neighborhood parks are scattered throughout the City. Tefft Park, a 40 acre site in the northeast corner of the City, includes the Saline Rec Center and outdoor recreation facilities.

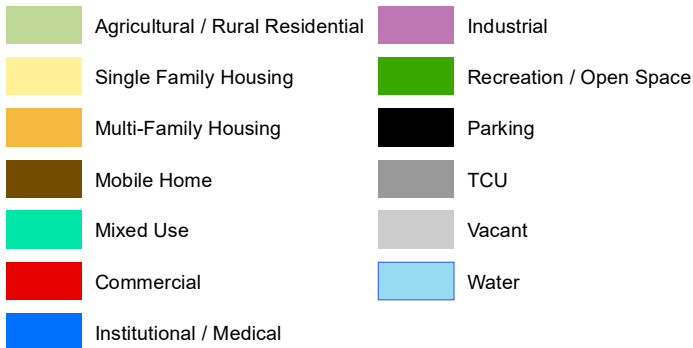
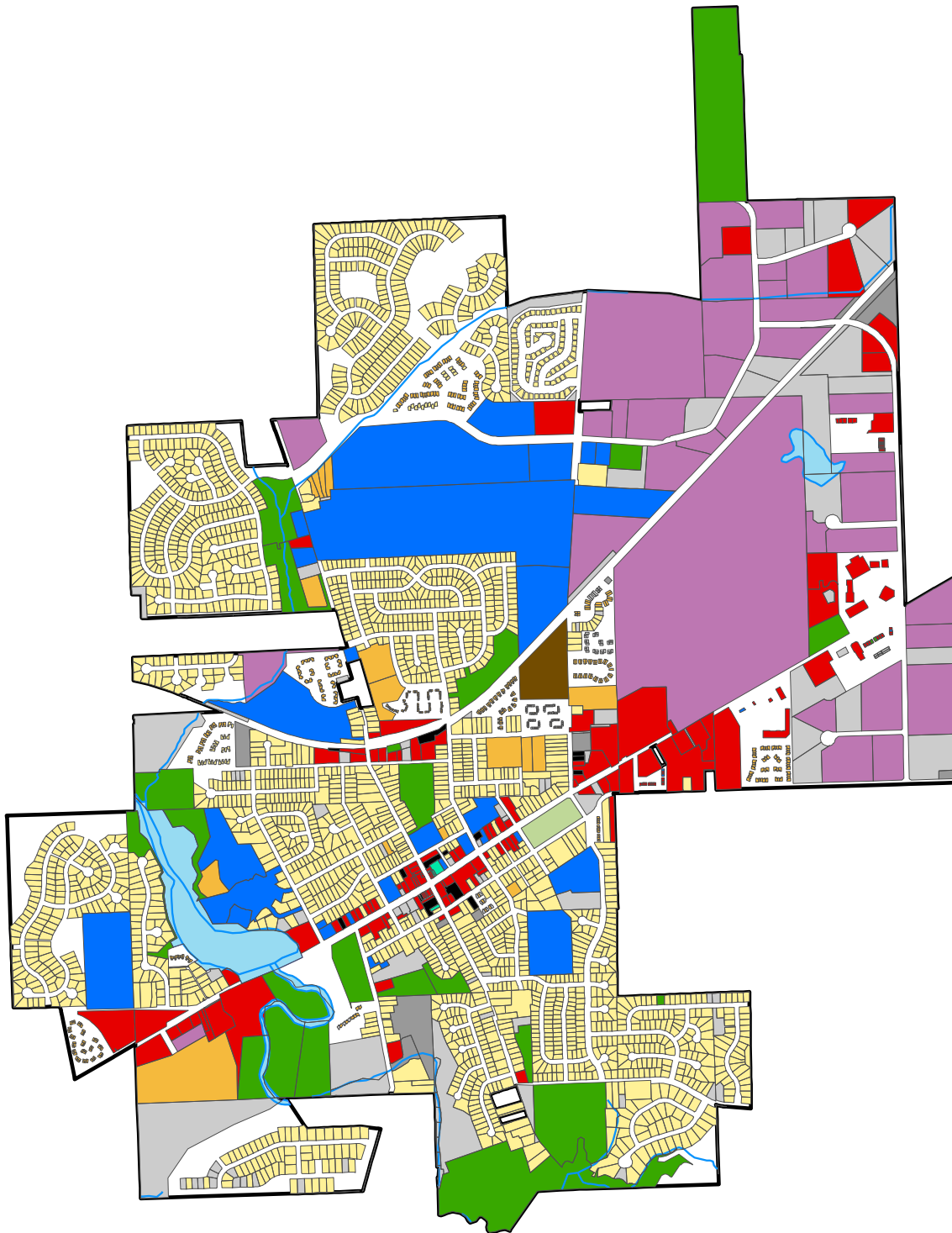
Table 25. Existing Land Use

Parcel Land Use	Acres	Percent
Single Family Housing	672.9	31.3%
Industrial	463.6	21.6%
Institutional / Medical	269.3	12.5%
Recreation / Open Space	219.1	10.2%
Vacant	213.9	9.9%
Commercial	159.2	7.4%
Multi-Family Housing	66.2	3.1%
Water	40.1	1.9%
TCU	22.7	1.1%
Mobile Home	11.9	0.6%
Agricultural / Rural Residential	6.1	0.3%
Parking	4.9	0.2%
Mixed Use	0.7	0.0%
Total	2150.6	

Table 26. SEMCOG Land Use Analysis

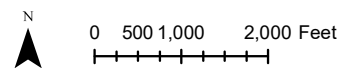
Parcel Land Use	Acres 2015	Acres 2020	% change 2015 - 2020
Single-Family Residential	649.3	672.9	3.6%
Attached Condo Housing	18.9	19.8	4.9%
Multi-Family Housing	49.1	50.8	3.4%
Mobile Home	11.9	11.9	0%
Agricultural/Rural Residential	140	77.5	-44.6%
Mixed Use	0	1.1	-
Retail	95.1	89.6	-5.8%
Office	27.6	39.6	43.6%
Hospitality	28.6	29.2	2.1%
Medical	59.4	59.5	0.1%
Institutional	248.5	225	-9.5%
Industrial	386	446.3	15.6%
Recreational/Open Space	204.1	208.5	2.2%
Cemetery	7.5	7.5	0%
Parking	4.9	4.9	0%
TCU	22.7	22.7	0%
Vacant	225.6	212.8	-5.7%
Water	53.3	53.3	0%
Not Parceled	580.2	579.9	-0.1%
Total	2,812.7	2,812.7	0%

Source: SEMCOG Leaf Off Analysis



Existing Land Use

City of Saline, Washtenaw County



Source: Washtenaw County GIS Program, SEMCOG, City of Saline

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Natural Features

Geology & Topography

The existing terrain in and around the City of Saline was shaped by the Wisconsin ice sheet, which retreated from the region about 13,000 years ago. Saline is characterized by gently rolling topography in the southeast and by nearly level land in the north.

The Saline River has carved out a steep sided valley which meanders along the southern portions of the City. Figure 4 depicts the City's general natural features.

Soils

Two soil associations are identified in the Washtenaw County Soil Survey for the City of Saline. The well drained to poorly drained Boyer-Fox-Sebewa Association is found in the northwest corner of the City. The Morley-Blount Association, sometimes high in clay content, occupies the remainder of Saline.

Vegetation

The pattern of vegetation is influenced by topography, soils, and human impact. The representative vegetation communities include forests, streamside, meadows, abandoned fields, and roadside.

The City's streets and parks include a large number of planted trees, while areas along the Saline River and on the north part of Saline include some wooded areas left relatively undisturbed because they remain undeveloped.

Water Resources

The Saline River is the City's largest waterway. Primary drains include the Wood Outlet Drain in the north, and the Pittsfield No. 4 and Koch Warner drains in the south. The three tributaries flow in a southwesterly direction toward the River. In a broader context, the Saline area is part of the River Raisin watershed, the second largest watershed in Washtenaw County draining into Lake Erie.

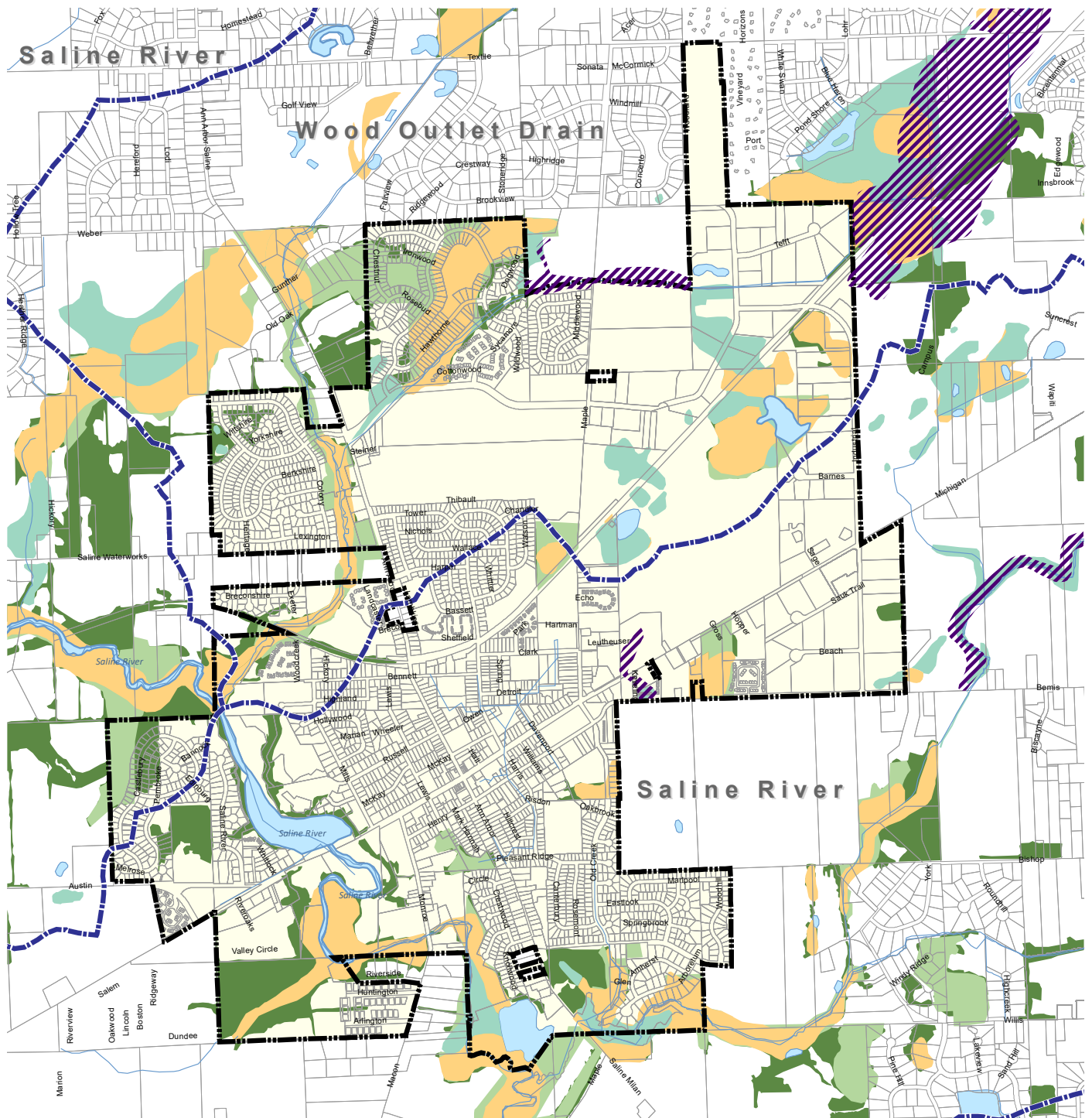
Small, seasonal wetlands are scattered throughout the City and are most often found in association with the River and its tributaries.









The Saline River is used for recreational fishing. A number of public access points have been provided at Mill Pond and Curtiss parks. Canoeing and kayaking along the River are also possible.



Friends of the Saline River cleaning snags downstream from the City

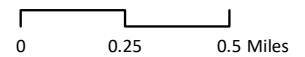
Map 4. Natural Features



-  Floodplain
-  Major Watershed Subbasins
-  Rivers, Streams, and Drains
-  Open Water
-  Freshwater Emergent Wetland
-  Scrub-Shrub Wetland
-  Forested Lowland
-  Forested Upland

NATURAL FEATURES

City of Saline, Washtenaw County



Source: Washtenaw County GIS Program, SEMCOG, City of Saline

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Related Planning Initiatives

Saline is committed to managing its future to enhance economic benefit, recreational activities, and overall quality of life for its residents. Several significant planning and development efforts have taken place at local levels which have relevance to parks and recreation in Saline.

Saline Non-Motorized Transportation

The City of Saline first prepared a Non-motorized Transportation plan in November 2009 to provide a clear direction for the implementation of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the City. The City last updated the Non-motorized Transportation plan in 2017. The updated plan, shown in Map 5, renews the call for establishment of bicycle lanes on major roadways, on- and off-road shared-use pathways, and pedestrian improvements at identified crosswalks.

The concept of a pedestrian and non-motorized transportation network has been an adopted goal for Saline since the early 1990s. The development of a linear park network was originally addressed as a priority in the 2004 Recreation Master Plan and re-emphasized in the 2010 plan. A number of possible segments were identified, including:

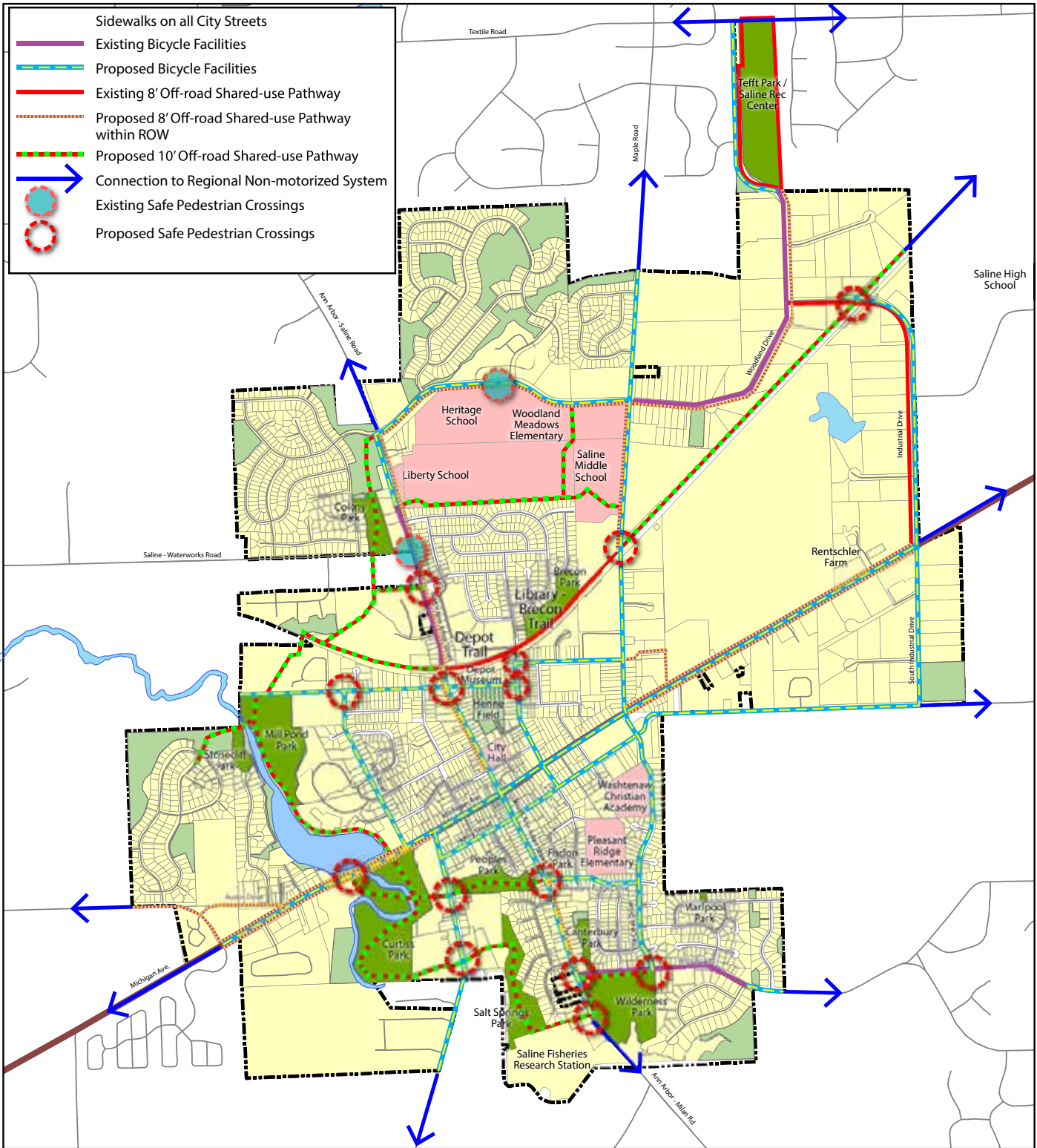
- Mill Pond Park to Stonecliff Park
- Maple Road to Ann Arbor Street on the abandoned railroad
- Ann Arbor Street to Mill Pond Park
- Mill Pond Park to Curtiss Park crossing Michigan Avenue
- Curtiss Park to Peoples Park
- Maple Road to City limits on railroad right-of-way
- Woodland Drive to Colony Park on City sewer easement,
- Peoples, Salt Springs, and Wilderness Park connector system, and
- Connection to proposed nature preserve at Saline-Milan Road and South Maple
- Connection to Pittsfield Township path system
- Future connection to the Border-to-Border Trail

Saline Area Sustainability Circle

The Saline Area Sustainability Circle consists of community leaders concerned about issues and growth in the Saline area. It includes representatives from the City of Saline and the townships of Lodi, Pittsfield, York, and Saline as well as Saline Area Schools, the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Coalition for a Quality Community. The group discusses land use and community issues from a regional perspective and has developed the 2004 Regional Planning Guidelines which addresses transportation, growth management, natural features protection, and quality of life issues. Parks, recreation, and non-motorized transportation alternatives are important issues the group has identified for the communities. The plan is available for download here:

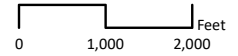
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Map 5. Non-motorized Transportation System



**City of Saline
Non-Motorized Transportation System**

City of Saline
Washtenaw County



Source: Washtenaw County GIS Program,
SEMCOG, City of Saline

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Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

The 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is a follow-up to the county-wide non-motorized transportation plan developed for Washtenaw County in 2006. The new plan places a heavy emphasis on equity, safety, environmental impact, and strategic investments, and identifies the use of \$748 million in projects to address the deficiencies in the transportation network. Over \$110 million is earmarked for non-motorized facilities. Non-motorized system gaps are identified as regional priorities.

The plan identifies a number of deficiencies in the pedestrian and bicycle networks in Saline (see Figure 21), perhaps most notably a lack of bike lanes along Michigan Avenue. Scheduled road reconstruction along North Ann Arbor Street between Bennett and Henry could offer an opportunity to incorporate bike lanes and/or off road paths shown in the Non-motorized Plan, and a similar project on Clark has the potential for new bike facilities as well. City officials should continue to work closely with WATS to identify both the location and form of any desired improvements.

SEMCOG Parks & Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan

The SEMCOG plan, adopted in 2019, was developed to highlight available recreation resources and ensure that the region’s recreation system meets the needs of residents and visitors. The Plan notes that with over 2,300 parks covering 214,000 acres, over 400 miles of trails and greenways, and 450 miles of designated water trails, the region is well served by local, state, regional, and federal recreation authorities.

The plan provides several regional policy recommendations to address recreation development. Among the recommendations, prioritization of investment in land acquisition is viewed as necessary to address gaps in access to outdoor recreation facilities. Fostering collaboration among outdoor recreation stakeholders speaks to the need for ongoing cooperation between local and regional recreation authorities. Utilization of universal design principles ensures that facilities are accessible to residents of all abilities. Supporting conservation and stewardship of natural resources recognizes the value of open space and the desire of the region’s residents to have access to natural areas in reasonable proximity to their homes.

Figure 21. WATS Bike and Pedestrian Facility Deficiencies

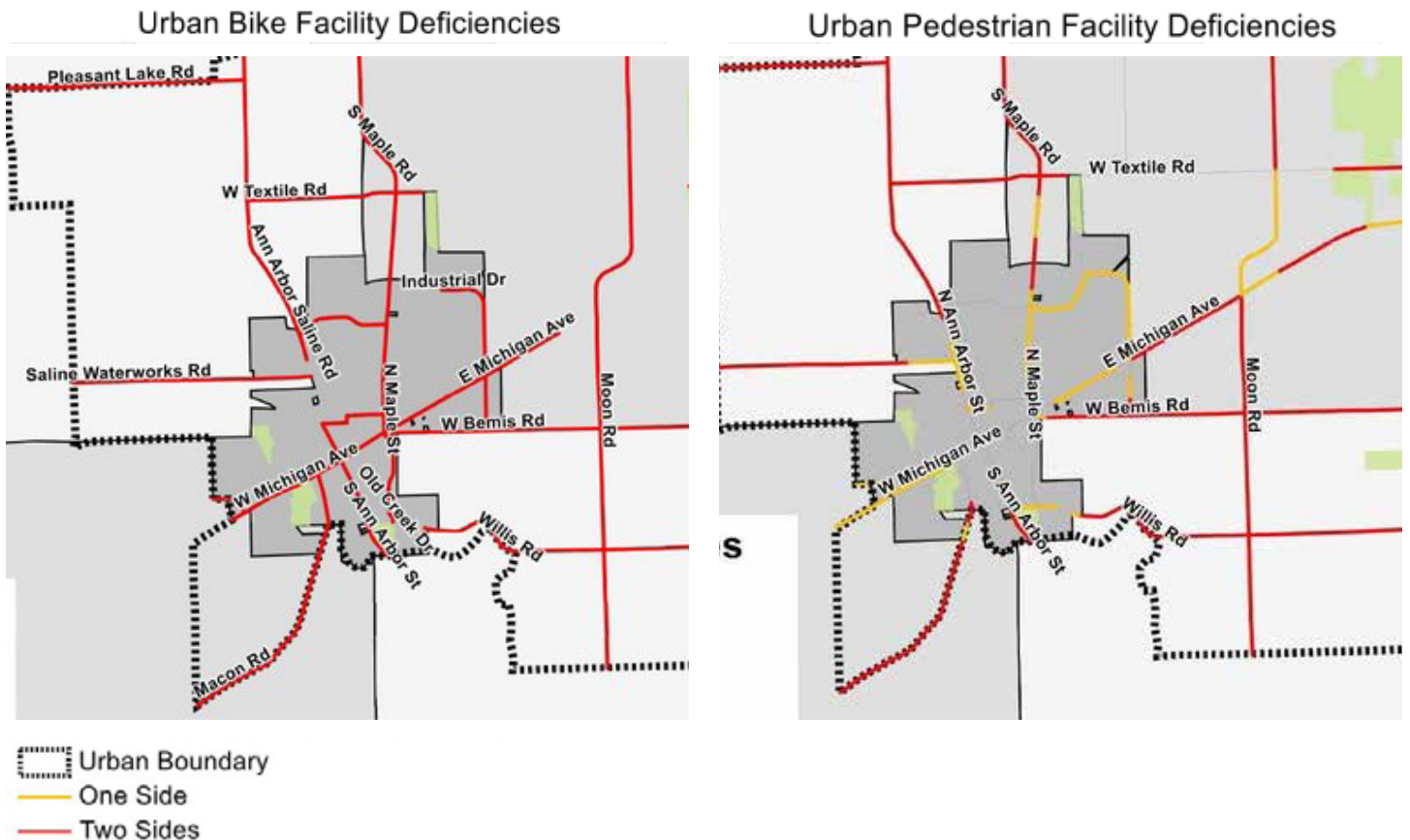
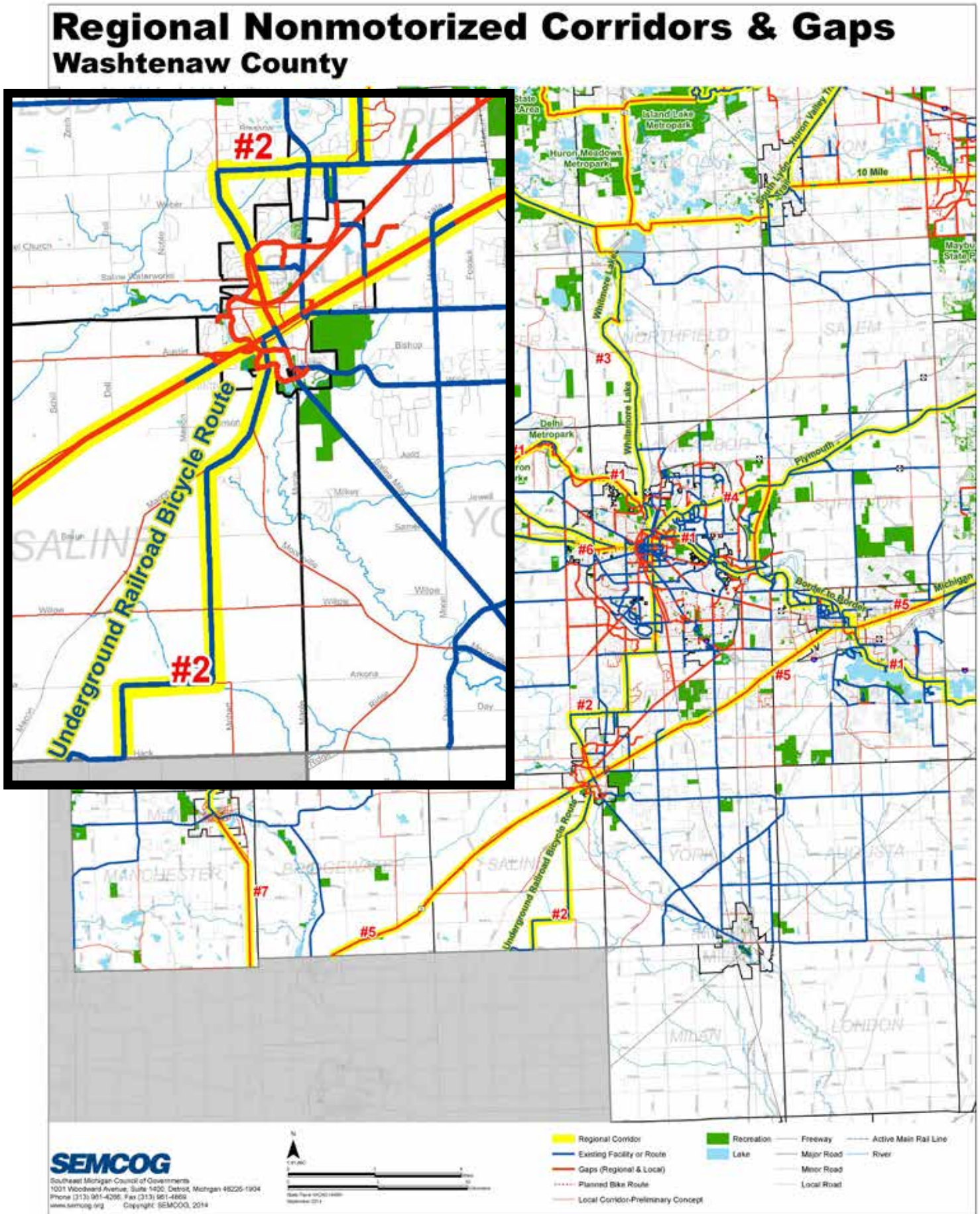


Figure 22. SEMCOG 2014 Bicycle & Pedestrian Travel Plan Detail



SEMCOG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan / 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan for Southeast Michigan

The 2040 Regional Transportation Plan is a joint effort between Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The plan provides recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities across 10 regions and incorporating 60 different action items. SEMCOG's larger regional focus places more emphasis on existing non-motorized transportation options, and details several larger trail efforts that overlap efforts in other regional plans.

SEMCOG's 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan identifies a number of existing primary and secondary routes in Saline (see Figure 22 on page 84), including regional corridors along Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor Road, and the Underground Railroad Route along Macon Road. These routes are generally consistent with those identified by local planning efforts, but characterization as "existing facilities" is sometimes questionable and does not take into account on-the-ground challenges and impediments. Again, it will be important for Saline officials to work closely with regional planning authorities to ensure that long-range visions accurately reflect the desires of the community.

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPRC) has made significant progress toward developing non-motorized transportation facilities in Washtenaw County. Their efforts have focused on the development of the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) along the Huron River connecting the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

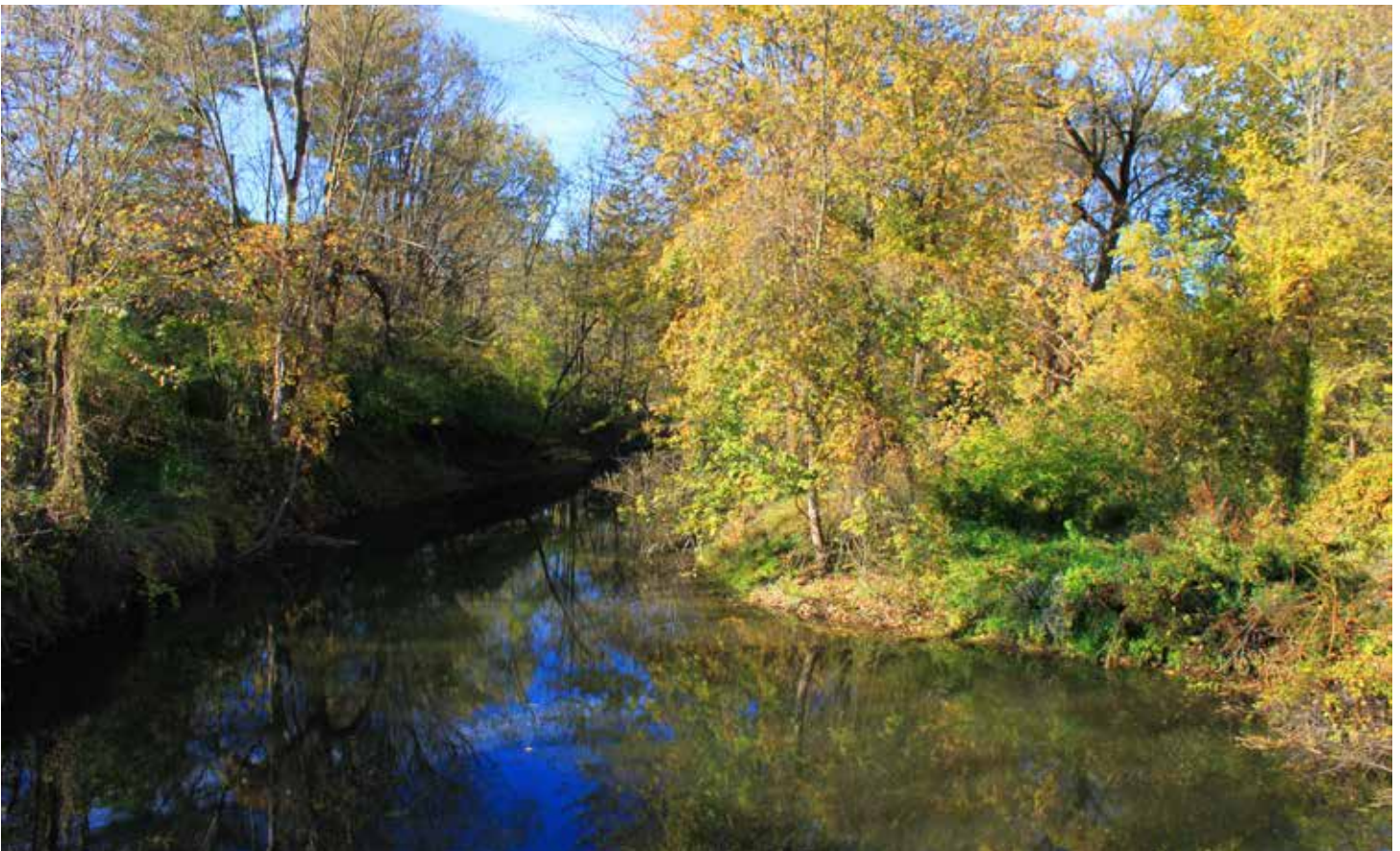
When completed, the B2B will travel from the northwestern corner of Lyndon Township to the southeastern corner of Ypsilanti Township. For much of its length, the trail follows the Huron River and utilizes trails through several riverside parks, including the Waterloo and Pinckney Recreation Areas, the Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron, and Delhi Metroparks, and several smaller municipal parks. It will ultimately connect the cities of Stockbridge, Pinckney, Chelsea, Dexter, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti as well as Ingham, Livingston, and Van Buren Counties. The B2B is a key component of the Iron Belle Trail network.

Beginning in 2009, the WCPRC established the "Connecting Communities" initiative, which provides funds to assist local communities in constructing non-motorized trails. Additional funds were made available again in 2020 through the Washtenaw County 4-year road millage. As of 2022, more than 14 miles of trail have been constructed through the assistance of this program.

Michigan Blueways & Water Trails

The State of Michigan currently boasts of more than 3,000 miles of water trails along the Great Lakes and inland lakes and rivers. Like traditional land-based trails, water trails bring visitors to the community and offer recreational and educational opportunities for residents. By improving the overall quality of life for residents, these trails make the community more desirable place to live, work, and play.

While the Saline River has not officially been designated a water trail by the state, it is considered a navigable river and there has been interest expressed by residents in both Saline and Milan in developing a trail between the two communities. The Friends of the Saline River are a group of supporters who volunteer their time to clear snags from the river to make it safe for use. With major parks located at either end of the route, the river has the potential become a beautiful recreation amenity and a major tourism draw for the region.





Appendix A. Public Notices

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Thursday, October 26, 2023
Have a question? Today, you can send us a text message of 734-429-4907 and we will reply to you as soon as we can. You can also [read more](#) alerts for timely City information. Go to cityofsaline.org to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE! Master Plan Town Hall
Friday, October 26, 2023
Thursday, October 27 - 6 p.m. & Tuesday, November 13 - 6 p.m.
[Read More](#)
Both meetings will take place at Liberty School

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Parks And Recreation Master Plan

The City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public input regarding the Saline 2023 - 2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the master planning process. A formal public hearing for adoption of the Plan will be held upon completion of the 30-day review period.

[City of Saline P&R Master Plan](#)

A hard copy of the draft master plan is available for review at the following locations:

- The Saline Recreation Center, 1888 Woodland Drive East, Saline, MI 48176
- Saline City Hall, 100 N Harris Street, Saline, MI 48176

For questions or comments, please call (734) 429-3502 x 2508

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Saline Recreation
June 1 at 1:00 PM · 🌐

The Saline Parks and Rec department along with our Saline Parks Commission are collecting responses to a community survey.

We are seeking input from our residents regarding recreation opportunities in the community.

You can click this link to complete the survey online or you can visit the Parks Commission page on the City of Saline website to download a hard copy. Copies are also available at the Saline Rec Center.
<https://survey.sogosurvey.com/survey1.aspx...>



Saline Parks & Recreation Community Survey

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Parks and Recreation Community Survey

The Saline Parks Commission along with the Parks and Recreation Department are collaborating on a community survey. We are seeking input from our residents regarding recreation opportunities in the community via an online survey. The results of this survey will be used to inform the recommendations of the 2023 - 27 Recreation Master Plan.

To take the survey, visit the [Parks Commission page](#).

Parks and Recreation Mission

Saline Parks & Recreation **provides a variety of recreational opportunities to meet** the needs and desires of our community. We promote health & wellness through creative collaborations and we bring value to Saline by creating a sense of community.



Saline Parks and Recreation welcomes all people to participate in its programs regardless of abilities. It is the intent of the City of Saline to comply with the Americans Disabilities Act and all state and federal nondiscrimination legislation. For information regarding reasonable accommodations or grievance procedures, please contact Carla Scruggs, (734) 429-3502 x 2509, TDD (734) 429-7911.

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 **City of Saline Government**
 December 21, 2022 · 🌐


The City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public input regarding the Saline 2023 – 2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The hearing will take place as part of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on January 23, 2023 at 7 p.m.

You can view a copy of the plan on the City website: https://www.cityofsaline.org/_T2_R34.php







SALINE PARKS AND RECREATION

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We are looking for public input regarding the Saline 2023 – 2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the master planning process. A formal public hearing for adoption of the Plan will be held upon completion of the 30-day review period.

A public hearing will take place as part of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on January 23, 2023 at 7 p.m.

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**SALINE CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Saline City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at the Saline Municipal Building, 100 N. Harris Street, Saline, MI. If attending in-person all persons must adhere to the MDHHS Gatherings and Face Mask Order and all persons not of the same group must maintain 6 feet separation to the fullest extent possible. This notice is for the purpose of hearing all objections to, and support of, the application from Guste Shukeireh of Exclusive Brands, LLC, for a special land use application to allow a medical marijuana provisioning center, located at 121 Sage Ct., Saline, Michigan 48176, parcel number 18-12-31-470-034.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the office of the Saline City Clerk during regular working hours. Written comments on the above application will be received at the office of the Saline City Clerk prior to the closing of said public hearing. The City of Saline will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) business days' notice to the City of Saline. Individuals requiring these services should contact the City of Saline, by writing or calling the following: City Clerk, City of Saline, 100 N. Harris Street, Saline, MI 48176-1642 (734) 429-4907, ext. 2209, TDD (734) 429-7911.

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.04 of the Saline City Zoning Ordinance.
SALINE CITY COUNCIL
Terri Royal, City Clerk

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January 4, 2023



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COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
My Commission Expires 01-13-2028

**DECEMBER 14, 2022
CITY OF SALINE
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A hard copy of the draft master plan is available for review at the following locations:

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* The draft plan is also available online on the City's website at www.cityofsaline.org , or can be directly accessed at <https://www.calameo.com/read/00510767366e8ebf97791> .

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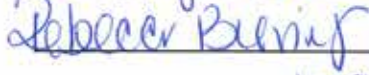
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**JANUARY 2, 2023
CITY OF SALINE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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Appendix B. Parks Commission Resolution

CITY OF SALINE PARKS COMMISSION RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF SALINE 2023 – 2027 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, The City of Saline has undertaken the update of its five-year recreation plan which describes the City’s physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve our system of parks and recreation facilities during the period of 2023 through 2027; and

WHEREAS, City residents were given the opportunity to provide input through an online survey which was made available from June 1 through August 31, 2022, at four meetings held on May 17, June 21, July 19, and August 16, 2022, and at a Public Hearing to be held on January 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline’s Parks Commission reviewed the 2023 – 2027 Parks & Recreation Master Plan for completeness and accuracy and deemed that the Plan meets the desires and needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was made available for public review in a manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saline Parks Commission recommends the adoption of the 2023 – 2027 Saline Parks & Recreation Master Plan by the City Council on January 23, 2023.

Motion by: Jim Peters

Supported by: Chuck Lesch

Votes in favor: Chuck Lesch, Jim Peters, Scott Rentschler, Angie Zill, Dan Burgess, Claire Warden, Nicole Rice

Votes opposed: none

Abstained: none

Absent: Chris Elenbaas

I hereby certify that the above is true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City of Saline Parks Commission at a public meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2023.

Angie Zill, Chairperson
City of Saline Parks Commission

Appendix C. Minutes of Public Hearing

**MINUTES
SALINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
7:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Members: Camero-Sulak, Ceo, Dell'Orco, Girbach, Rice, Mayor Pro Tem Dillon, Mayor Marl

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager O'Toole, Clerk Royal, Assistant City Manager Getschman, Community Development Director Harrington, Treasurer Cole, Police Chief Radzik, Parks & Rec Director Scruggs, DPW Director Siris

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Dell'Orco
To approve agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were (3) three citizen comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Washtenaw METRO-Dispatch - Rochelle Noonan

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Dillon
To approve approve the Consent Agenda as amended. (Removing 23-22 and 23-23)

MOTION CARRIED

MINS - Minutes of the January 9, 2023, City Council Meeting

To approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 City Council Meeting

Bills consisting of 120 payees in the amount of \$826,804.94

To approve bills as submitted.

23-21 GIS Services

23-24 Appointment of Stuart Collis to Zoning Board of appeals

To appoint Stuart Collis to the ZBA

23-25 Establishment of a City of Saline and Saline Main Street Working Group

To approve the creation of the work group and the members to be appointed.

PUBLIC HEARING

23-14 Saline Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Girbach
To open the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments: None

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Girbach
To close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Dillon
To **acknowledge** receipt of the 2023 through 2027 Saline Recreation Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Camero-Sulak
To **approve** Resolution 2023-14 the 2023-2027 Saline Recreation Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

23-15 Fee Book Resolution - Meter Surcharge

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Rice
To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from City Manager O'Toole and to **adopt** Resolution Number 23-15.

MOTION CARRIED

23-16 Ordinance No. 847 An amendment to Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate Building Story Regulation

MOVED Rice SECONDED Girbach
To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from Community Development Director Harrington and to **adopt** the new Ordinance No. 847 amending Article IV, Section 4.05.

MOTION CARRIED

23-17 Ordinance No. 848, Amending Article V of the Zoning Ordinance to Allow for Increased Density

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Dillon
To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from Community Development Director Harrington.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Camero-Sulak
To **postpone** Ordinance No. 848 amending Article 5, Section 5.07(1)(2).to February 27, 2023, City Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

23-18 Oakwood Cemetery Retaining Wall Along US 12

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Ceo
To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from Clerk Royal and the minutes of the January 12, 2023, Cemetery Board.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Dillon
To **approve** option two (2) estimate from Fleis & Vandenbrink in the not to exceed amount of \$89,390.00.

MOTION CARRIED

23-19 DPW Truck Purchase

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Dillon
To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from Director Sirls.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Dell'Orco
To **approve** the purchase of a new 2024 tandem axle truck from Tri County International Truck of Jackson, Michigan at an amount not to exceed \$139,000.

MOTION CARRIED

23-20 In-Line Sewer Treatment

MOVED Dillon SECONDED Girbach
To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from Director Sirls.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED Ceo SECONDED Camero-Sulak
To **approve** an annual service agreement with Eganix, Inc. for in-line sanitary pretreatment in the amount of \$76,476.

MOTION CARRIED

23-22 Resolution on Dam

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Rice
To **acknowledge** receipt and to **adopt** Resolution 23-22.

MOTION CARRIED

23-23 Saline Youth Council By-Law Amendment

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Camero-Sulak
To **acknowledge** receipt.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Rice
To **approve** the recommended Saline Youth Council By-Law amendment regarding excused and unexcused absences Article V-Meetings Section 5.

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION

Commissions, Committees, and Task Force Reports from Council members

- Council Member Rice reported on the HDC and Parks Commission
- Council Member Dell'Orco reported on the Environmental Commission
- Council Member Girbach reported on the Planning Commission
- Mayor Pro Tem Dillon reported on the Cable Commission
- Council Member Ceo reported on the Saline Senior Citizens and Cemetery Board Meeting
- Council Member Camero-Sulak reported on the Youth Council

Reports and Other Announcement

Council Member Dell'Orco reported on a meeting he attended regarding funding
Council Member Girbach reported on inspection notification

207 Monroe Street
Police Department Staffing
Maple Ave Crosswalk

Discontinuing of Passport Services

Curb stop Ownership

Waste Management Contract

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was (1) one public comment.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 6, 2023, Work Meeting at 6:00 pm (Community Event Applications) and Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

February 27, 2023, Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

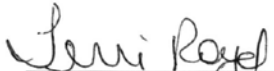
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Dillon


SECONDED Rice

To adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Terri Royal, City Clerk



Brian D. Marl, Mayor

Appendix D. City Council Resolution

CITY OF SALINE
(Washtenaw County, Michigan)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held on January 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Members

ABSENT: Members

The following resolution was offered by Member Ceo and supported by Member Camero-Sulak:

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

SALINE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALINE

WHEREAS, the City of Saline has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2023 through 2027, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held January 23, 2023, at Saline City Hall, Council Chambers, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Saline City Council voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Saline City Council hereby adopts the Saline Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Saline.

AYES: Camero-Sulak, Ceo, Dell'Orco, Dillon, Girbach, Marl, Rice

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Resolution declared adopted at a regular meeting of the Saline City Council held on January 23, 2023.



Terri Royal

Terri Royal
Saline City Clerk

Appendix E. Letters of Transmittal



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ASSOCIATES, INC.

117 NORTH FIRST STREET SUITE 70 ANN ARBOR, MI 48104 734.662.2200 734.662.1935 FAX

January 27, 2023

Tyler Klifman
Regional Review Office
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Klifman:

The Saline City Council adopted the attached Parks & Recreation Master Plan at a meeting held on January 23, 2023. The plan has been uploaded to the MDNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the City Council and Parks Commission.

Please feel free to contact Carla Scuggs, Saline Parks & Recreation Director, or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.

Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA

Landscape Architect

cc. Carla Scuggs, Parks & Recreation Director

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January 27, 2023

Coy Vaughn
Director
Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
PO Box 8645
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

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Appendix F. Public Input Summary



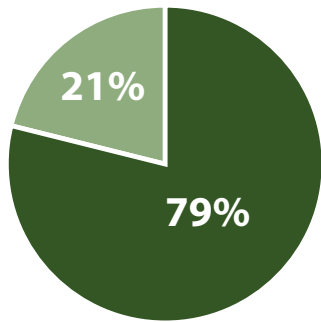
Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Survey Results

Saline Parks and Recreation provided an online survey to area residents from June 1 to August 31, 2022, as part of an outreach program for the community's 2023 - 2027 Recreation Plan update. The survey was advertised on the Park and Recreation website, on social media, and on flyers posted at the Recreation Center. 231 unique responses were received.

Responses were analyzed to determine if entries were human generated, i.e. not bots. Where duplicate IP addresses were found, all appeared to be either the result of two people from one household entering their opinions.

The following pages provide a summary of the results. For open-ended questions, responses are provided verbatim; no edits have been made for grammar or spelling errors. The top result for each question is highlighted in yellow.

Q1: Are you a Saline resident?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	183	79.22%
No	48	20.78%
Total Resp.	231	

■ Yes ■ No

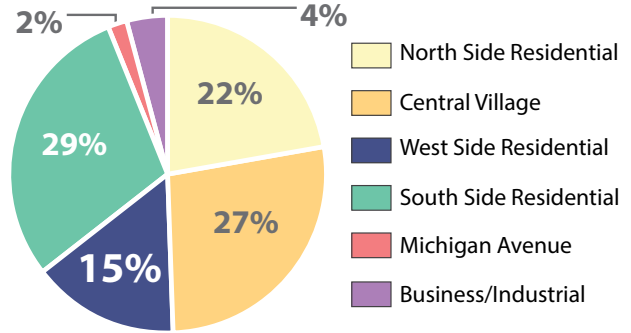
Q3: If you don't live in the City of Saline, please tell us where you reside.

Sub Areas	Number	Percent
Saline Township	5	10.42%
Lodi Township	15	31.25%
Pittsfield Township	17	35.42%
York Township	7	14.58%
Other (Please specify)	4	8.33%
Total Responses	48	

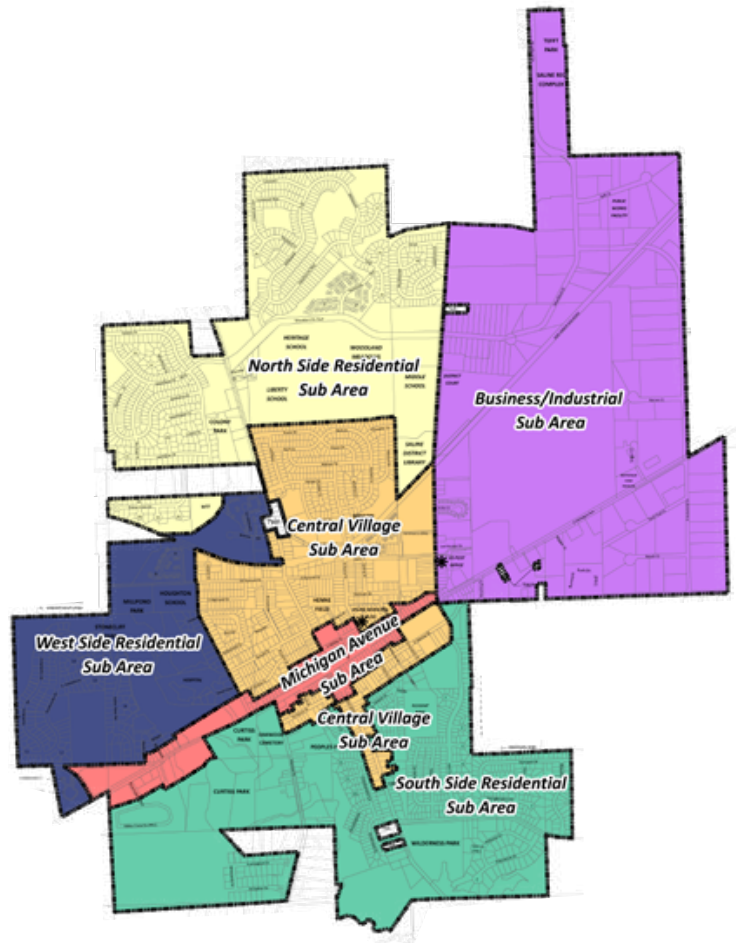
Q4 - OTHER RESPONSES

- Augusta Township (2)
- Brighton
- I live in Florida but we are building a house in Saline and will move in the spring/summer.

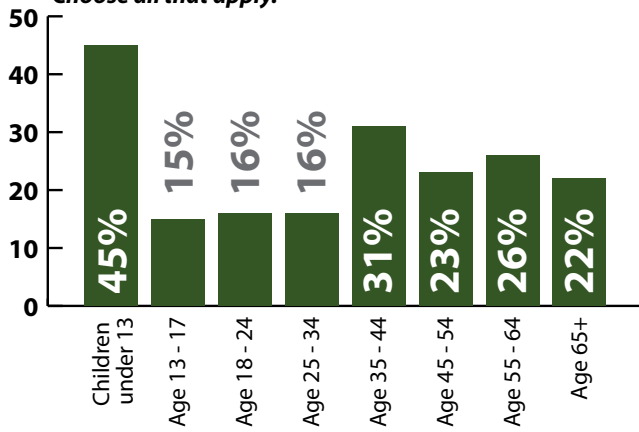
Q2: Which neighborhood do you live in? (See map to below)



Sub Areas	Number	Percent
North Side Residential Sub Area	40	21.98%
Central Village Sub Area	50	27.47%
West Side Residential Sub Area	28	15.38%
South Side Residential Sub Area	53	29.12%
Michigan Avenue Sub Area	3	1.65%
Business / Industrial Sub Area	8	4.40%
Total Responses	182	



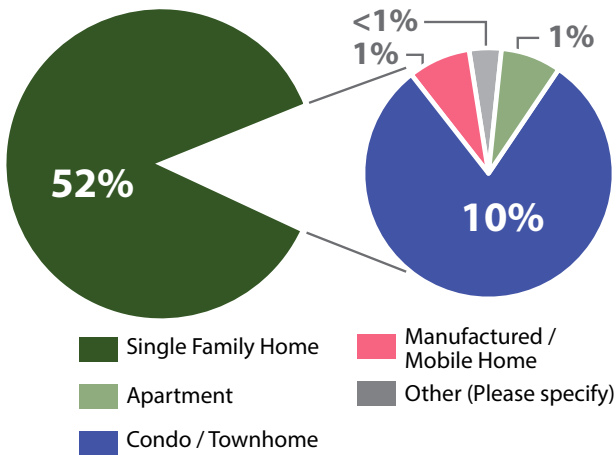
Q4: Please indicate the ages of members of your household. *Choose all that apply.*



Response	Number	Percent
Children under 13	103	44.59%
Age 13 - 17	35	15.15%
Age 18 - 24	37	16.02%
Age 25 - 34	36	15.58%
Age 35 - 44	72	31.17%
Age 45 - 54	53	22.94%
Age 55 - 64	59	25.54%
Age 65+	50	21.65%
Total Unique Responses	231	
Total Responses	445	

Note: Because multiple answers per participant are possible, the total percentage may exceed 100%

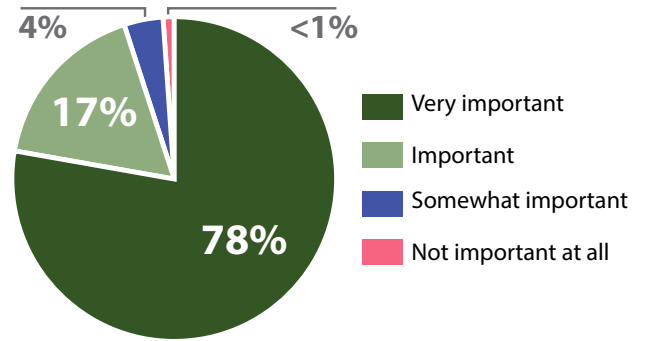
Q5: Please describe your current living situation.



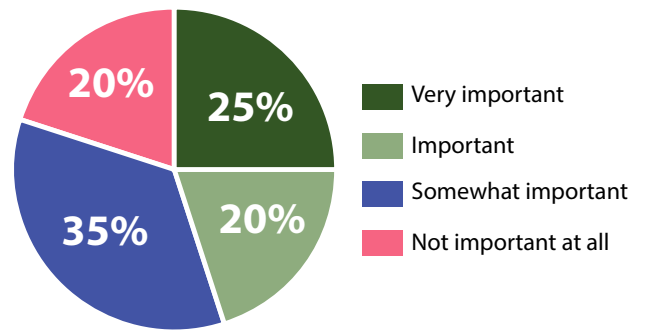
Response	Number	Percent
Single family home	202	87.45%
Apartment	2	0.87%
Condominium / townhome	24	10.39%
Manufactured / mobile home	2	0.87%
Other (Please specify)	1	0.43%
Total Responses	231	

Q6: How important are the following items to you and your family?

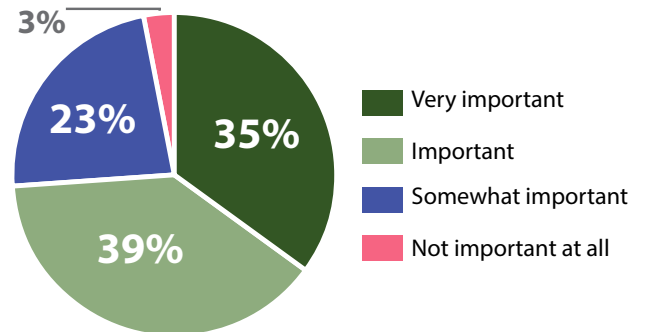
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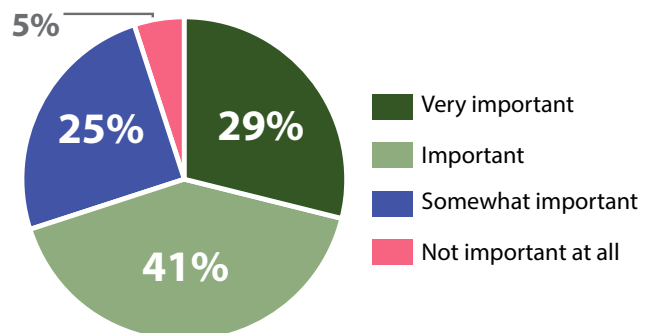
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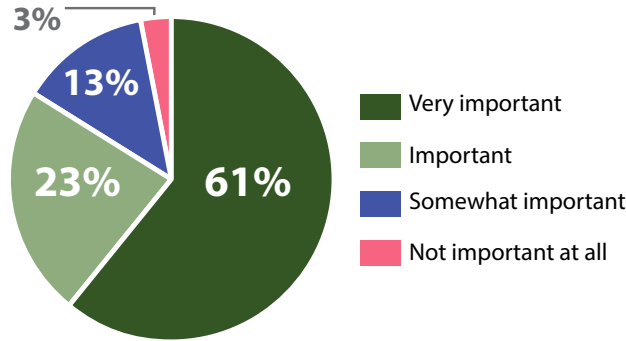
C. MAINTAIN EXISTING PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS



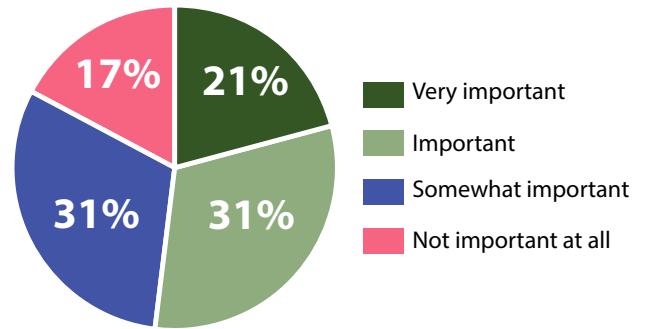
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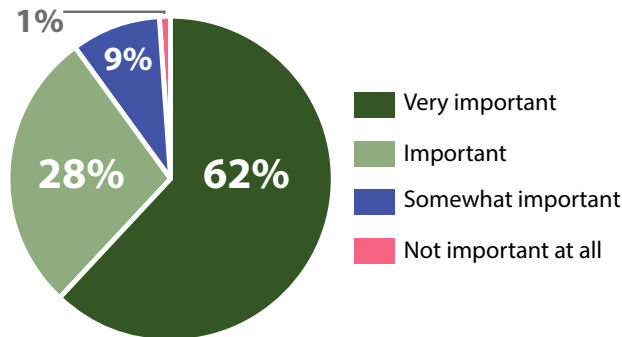
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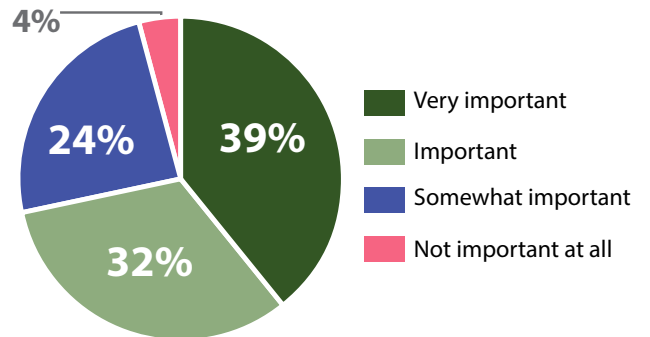
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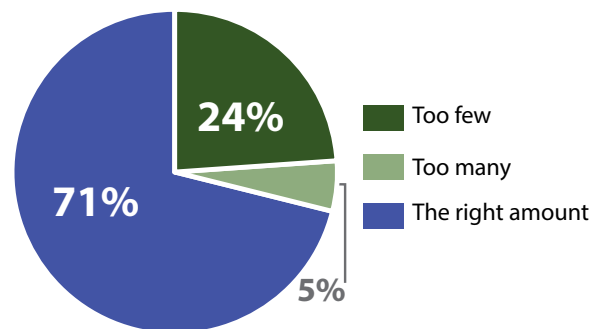
H. ACCESS TO RECREATION PROGRAMS



Response	# of responses	Very Important		Important		Somewhat Important		Not Important At All	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maintain and develop existing parks	230	180	78.26%	40	17.39%	9	3.91%	1	0.43%
Acquire and develop new parks	228	57	25.00%	46	20.18%	80	35.09%	45	19.74%
Maintain existing programming and events	227	80	35.24%	88	38.77%	52	22.91%	7	3.08%
Develop new programs and events	224	65	29.02%	91	40.63%	56	25.00%	12	5.36%
Develop or expand community-wide trails and sidewalks	229	139	60.70%	53	23.14%	29	12.66%	8	3.49%
Access to active-use facilities (e.g. soccer, football, etc.)	227	48	21.15%	70	30.84%	70	30.84%	39	17.18%
Protecting natural resources	229	142	62.01%	64	27.95%	21	9.17%	2	0.87%
Access to recreation programs	228	90	39.47%	73	32.02%	55	24.12%	10	4.39%

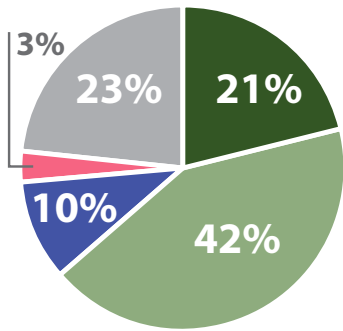
Q7: Does Saline have too few, too many, or about the right number of parks?

Response	Number	Percent
Too few	55	24.02%
Too many	11	4.80%
The right amount	163	71.18%
Total Responses	229	

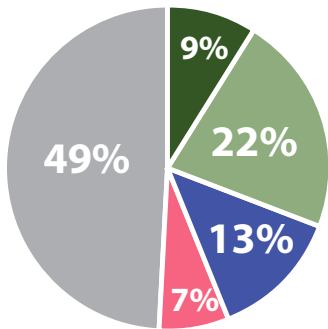


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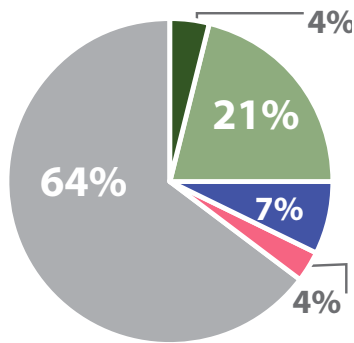
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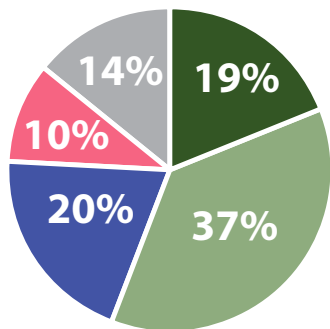
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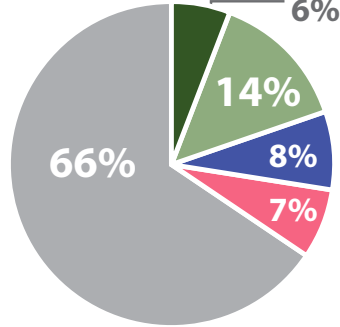
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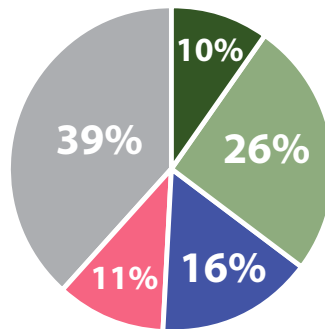
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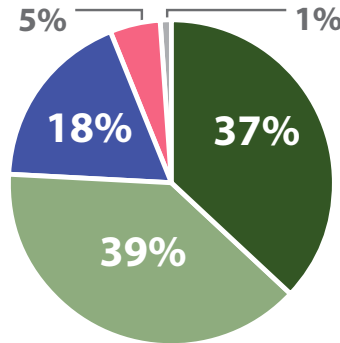
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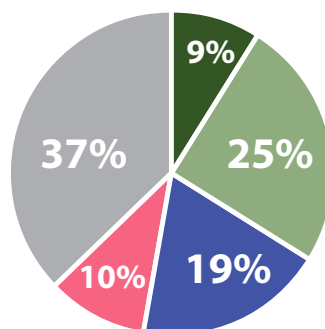
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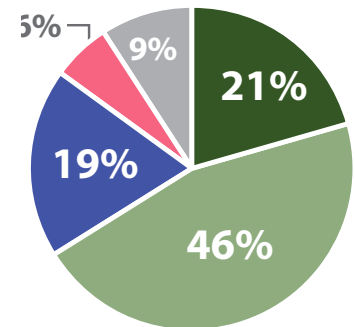
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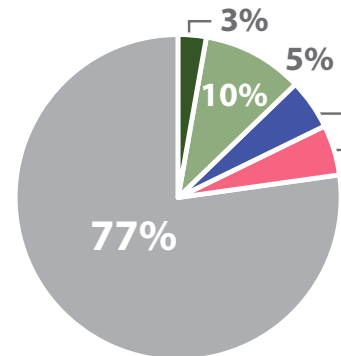
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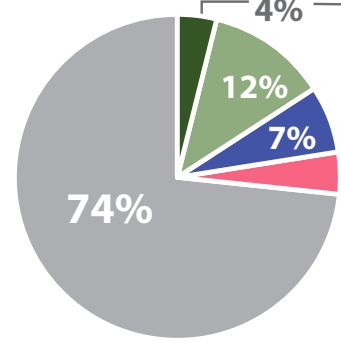
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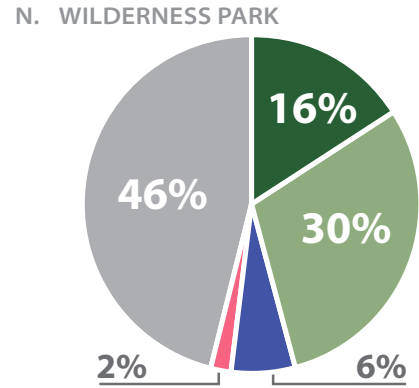
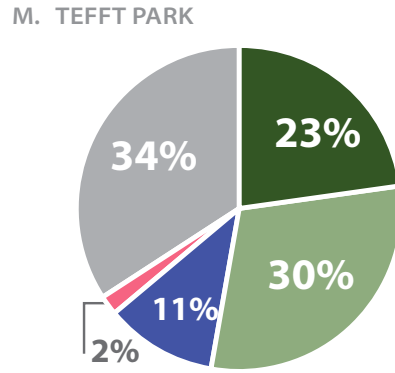
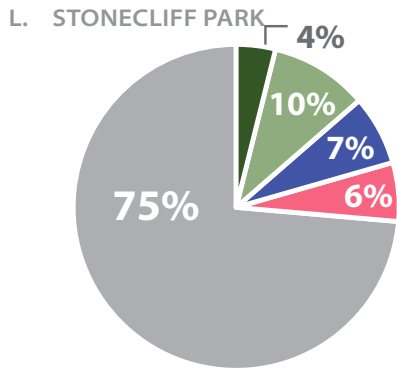


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K. SALT SPRINGS PARK





Only Responses by Facility Visitors				
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Brecon Park	27.95%	55.28%	13.04%	3.73%
Canterbury Park	17.82%	43.56%	25.74%	12.87%
Colony Park	12.33%	58.90%	19.18%	9.59%
Curtiss Park	22.40%	42.62%	23.50%	11.48%
Marlpool Park	16.18%	41.18%	22.06%	20.59%
Mill Pond Dog Park	15.57%	41.80%	25.41%	17.21%
Mill Pond Park	37.21%	39.07%	18.60%	5.12%

Only Responses by Facility Visitors				
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Peoples Park	14.29%	39.68%	30.16%	15.87%
Recreation Center	22.96%	50.51%	20.41%	6.12%
Risdon Park	13.33%	42.22%	22.22%	22.22%
Salt Springs Park	13.73%	45.10%	27.45%	13.73%
Stonecliff Park	14.00%	38.00%	26.00%	22.00%
Tefft Park	34.56%	45.59%	16.91%	2.94%
Wilderness Park	30.19%	56.60%	10.38%	2.83%

Facility Name	Number of Responses	All Responses (including "Haven't Visited")									
		Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Haven't Visited	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Brecon Park	210	45	21.43%	89	42.38%	21	10.00%	6	2.86%	49	23.33%
Canterbury Park	198	18	9.09%	44	22.22%	26	13.13%	13	6.57%	97	48.99%
Colony Park	202	9	4.46%	43	21.29%	14	6.93%	7	3.47%	129	63.86%
Curtiss Park	212	41	19.34%	78	36.79%	43	20.28%	21	9.91%	29	13.68%
Marlpool Park	199	11	5.53%	28	14.07%	15	7.54%	14	7.04%	131	65.83%
Mill Pond Dog Park	199	19	9.55%	51	25.63%	31	15.58%	21	10.55%	77	38.69%
Mill Pond Park	218	80	36.70%	84	38.53%	40	18.35%	11	5.05%	3	1.38%
Peoples Park	200	18	9.00%	50	25.00%	38	19.00%	20	10.00%	74	37.00%
Recreation Center	215	45	20.93%	99	46.05%	40	18.60%	12	5.58%	19	8.84%
Risdon Park	199	6	3.02%	19	9.55%	10	5.03%	10	5.03%	154	77.39%
Salt Springs Park	199	7	3.52%	23	11.56%	14	7.04%	7	3.52%	148	74.37%
Stonecliff Park	199	7	3.52%	19	9.55%	13	6.53%	11	5.53%	149	74.87%
Tefft Park	205	47	22.93%	62	30.24%	23	11.22%	4	1.95%	69	33.66%
Wilderness Park	198	32	16.16%	60	30.30%	11	5.56%	3	1.52%	92	46.46%

Q9: If you were unsatisfied with any of Saline's recreation facilities, what can we do to improve your experience?

- Outdoor pool needed. Splash pad needed
- Update equipment
- Maintain playgrounds at Rec center, consider adding shade.
- taking care of the equipment and repair, mowing.
- The rec center is really outdated.
- Playground equipment needs maintenance updating, better restroom facilities. We would love a splash pad.
- We need a splash pad or outdoor pool
- Splash pad, fencing around the wood play structure so kids can't run off, need a Central Park in the city as a place to gather, update play structures.
- Investing in the Rec Center to upgrade the gym facility
- Needs major updating.
- Put something in Risdon
- Need to expand the pool and update interior. I would benchmark the Holland aquatic center.
- Add trails more access points
- Multi use trails / bike lanes connecting parks and to other multi use trails
- More bike trails
- I appreciate that Saline has multiple parks, but I think we need some innovation (add Mill Pond bike/run trail/ splash pads, integrate more small festivals/music/food trucks/etc...). We need to improve beyond basic movie in the park night, and the celtic festival. What can be done to bring people in?
- They need to be updated, the tennis courts at Curtis are awful, play equipment needs improvements, the Rec Center needs a landscaper, Saline has parks but they don't appear to be well maintained.
- Some of the playground equipment is really aging. Additionally, I wish there were rubber surfaces under the playground equipment, rather than mulch.
- lack features (natural, play or other)
- Basically all of the parks need better upkeep. Landscaping, repairs, attention to detail. Don't add more structures, or more parks, but start enhancing what's already there. Look at the parks in Dexter, and Chelsea for examples.
- Access to river at stone cliff park
- update all. how can stonecliff be called a park? It is a field.
- Needs upgrades
- Update playground equipment at Marlpool park
- Add or improve rest room facilities
- Sell them and move on. Like the Rec center and small useless parks.
- Colony: Too wet and muddy . Swings broken. Brecon: Hoops old and broken. Needs a better court. Needs a dog park. Mill: wooden structure is outdated. Bathrooms are disgusting. Dog park horrible and too small. Canterbury needs more things to do. Also gets wet.
- Keep it clean and in great shape. Paint, repair all features. More dog parks.
- Pickle Ball Courts please
- Having a dog park open to the river makes it unusable at best or dangerous (animals running free/unleashed outside a safe area). There is so much room to create safe/usable spaces for dogs (large and small).
- A second dog run that does not open to the river at Mill Pond. Or if temporary fencing could be put up in the winter to keep the dogs from running into the water/ice.
- too far away from parking lot and access to river is a problem
- We like to walk/hike and many of our parks are too small so we go to other parks within Washtenaw County.
- Mill pond park needs upgrade to play structures.
- Colony park is sad and underutilized. Plenty of space for added experience (play structure, ball field, enclosed dog area. Mill Pond Dog Park could be renovated for water/non-water access. Definitely need more dog park area-I wish I didn't have to go to AA when I want a dog park w/o water access.
- Mill Pond is a huge park that should have amenities added to make it more accessible and a point of interest
- Dog park needs to be fenced in on all sides.
- Open the permanent restrooms at Millpond and Curtiss Parks. Provide restrooms year round in active park areas. Cleanup Monroe Street entrance to People's Park. Turn the "hole in the ground" up town on W. Michigan Ave into a park and make it available for farmer's market, public restrooms, programs
- More shade, more trees, variety of play equipment (not just basic structure)
- More/cleaner/better restrooms
- Saline rec is old and needs major updating. it's also expensive for what it is.
- Add more dog run areas/ Put a fourth wall on the current one, update play equipment, add trash cans, return little free library to Risdon!, maintain trails in Peoples/ Wilderness, add crosswalk from Curtiss to Mill Pond, get rid of the dam
- walkway to dog park,
- Update existing play and pavilion structure
- Update play structures! Most of Saline's playgrounds are very dated and look dirty/dingy.
- Improve parking, access via sidewalks and to each other
- More hiking trails. Off leash dog parks.
- Rec center is too expensive and facility needs major updating. Rules are insulting.
- Rec center needs modernization
- Some parks and facilities do not get much attention.

QUESTION 9 - CONTINUED

- All our parks are very run down. We need new innovated equipment. Something to draw people to saline. Mill Pond is under utilized. add a great fishing spot. Develop a walkable path. Fix the bathroom. Maybe a splash pad? Take a look at dexter's river walk .
- Please consider installing new, larger BBQ grills by gazebos at Mill Pond Park
- Il the parks should be connected with a city-wide off-road bike & walking trail.
- Provide a walking path/bridge between Stonecliff and Mill Pond. This was discussed 10 years ago and 1 family was successfully able to shut it down against the wish of many. If not develop Stonecliff park! The WEST side needs a park or a connection to other parks via a walkway/bridge.
- Have a totally fenced in dog park for small dogs
- Looking for path or walkway into Millpond Park from Michigan Avenue sidewalk,
- Upgrade play structures, swings, slides, and spray for weeds
- Some parks are under developed and could use more play grounds, pathways or seating.
- Most of the parks appear rundown. Mill Pond, which could be gem for our community, needs a lot of work.
- I wish there was more safe play equipment for children under 5. The only option for small children at Brecon Park are two baby swings. I would love a playground with a smooth finished surface not woodchips with inclusive equipment for toddlers and special needs kids.
- Bigger area and more/better aerobic and weight lifting machines at Rec Center. Also, maybe a sauna at rec center. Much improved trail around Tefft Park
- Please consider making at least one park accessible. Our child uses a wheelchair and can't access any of the parks. I am not even aware of any parks that have a swing that can support his head/trunk.
- Rusting play equipment
- Some of these parks are not easy to get to or have enough public knowledge to make them important.
- Better walking paths, cleaner restroom facilities, more play structures.
- Mill Pond Park pavilion needs to be renovated or replaced and would also benefit from a circular walking path
- The Mill pond dog park needs to be enlarged, updated and removed access to the muddy water. I wish saline had a better dog park. My dog is a swimmer and mill pond water is not good.
- The dog park is very muddy. The equipment at Brecon could be friendlier for little ones.
- Very few playgrounds appropriate for toddlers. Poor accessibility for children with physical impairments.
- Brecon needs shade and an eating area. Millions we can't use because we have bee&hornet allergies it'salways infested . Teft needs updates to its Disc Golf course, better defined holes. All of the parks need to be more accessible, including the playgrounds!!!! Need more 4 preschool and toddler
- Canterbury and marlpool park need updated playground equipment.
- New playground equipment. Rusty looking sharp edges, faded on the structure at Marlpool park.
- The playground at Marlpool park is pushing an unsafe level. There are sharp pieces of plastic that have worn away. My toddler absolutely loves the park and we are so hopeful it can get an update - even if just correcting the safety issues.
- Modernize your check in system to reduce congestion
- Salt Springs needs an easy access
- There is nothing at Stonecliff. No walking path, no equipment, no view of the river (except in winter), and the park isn't even flat enough for children to play a game of pick up soccer, baseball, etc.
- Improve access to pickleball, as simple as painting lines on tennis courts
- Please add pickleball courts and/or at least add pickleball lines onto the tennis courts. It is thee fastest growing sport and we do not have enough courts in the area to accommodate all who want to play.
- Pickleball lines need to be added to half of the tennis courts at Tefft Park. There is a huge pickleball following in Saline, and we deserve quality courts. Liberty School is unsafe to play outdoors.
- Parks need playground equipment. Also most equipment in parks is poorly maintained.
- Spray for weeds, dandelions, mosquitos, ticks . Cut grass more often so doesn't look bad after cut. Stop cutting it in the rain or totally wet, looks awful.
- Stonecliff Park is only a field and a table. West side residents could use so much more if there was a play structure, tennis or basketball court. It is unsafe for west side residents to walk as far as Mill Pond Park (crossing US 12 twice to get there!)
- Reduce the amount of parks you need to maintain, and build out the Rec Center instead - with an outdoor pool!
- mordernize the playground equipment. Add a small dog park-and/or dog park with no access to water
- Mill pond needs more shade at playground, dog park needs to be fully enclosed, Curtis park needs updated play structures, salt springs smells so bad due to WWTP
- Better demarcation at Peoples park, maintained or new playground equipment
- More play areas for small children

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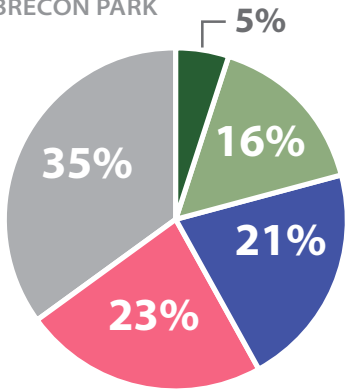
- More dog parks at Brecon or Henne field. Mill Pond site is unsafe due to water access and inundation with geese poop. Ppl avoid it due to giardia concerns. Hardly any1 uses that dog park. HUGE NEED for one @Brecon Park. PLEASE. It's a simple fence project. PLEASE.
- I live near Stonecliff. I'd like to see some easy improvements that would improve the park such as a clearing down by the river where you can fish or launch your kayak. Or simply skip stones and watch the water. It is very overgrown down by the river--can you imagine if Millpond had no water access?
- We need pickleball lines on all existing tennis courts! This growing sport is outpacing tennis so the parks are not serving community needs.
- Most of the parks have outdated or lack of playground equipment. The benches/tables are old and there aren't pavilions for picnics or events. Milan's splash pad playground is fantastic, it would be nice to have in saline. The rec center is awful for anything more than casual exercise, outdated
- It is time to get a pool outside. With picnic tables, with a food vendor, let's wake up and get something going in the city.
- Playgrounds are not well maintained
- I am highly disappointed in the parks we have in Saline. The parks that have playground equipment are extremely outdated. I am confused by the amount of seemingly random small parks with no amenities. There seems to be a lack of priorities in designing and maintaining our parks.
- Desperately need outdoor and indoor pickleball courts!!! Also need outdoor swimming pool!!!!
- The equipment at Curtis park is old, rusty, and dangerous, and the tennis court unusable. Mill Pond playground is covered in weeds and there are hornets living in the wooden playground to the point that it feels dangerous. Both playgrounds would benefit from shade to prevent burns
- Close off the dog park from the river. It's unusable for many of us who have dogs that will swim out and take off around the fence
- Updated playground equipment.
- Too many class cancellations
- Outdoor pool and splash pad would be awesome
- Should have a splash park for children. More walkways paved for older people.
- More maintenance of trails updated play structures
- Outside swimming or water park at recreation center.
- Saline Rec Center needs to make membership more affordable and offer more classes.
- New not wood playground and splash pad
- To me, the rec center feels dated and depressing. That's why I never joined although I had hoped to when I moved to saline.
- Dog park opens to the river. Would like to a dog park at Brecon. More trails would be great
- Risdon Park has been impacted by storm sewer drain, rendering the park unusable for most of the summer. I understand this and await what the park will look like after it is restored.
- Update and expand the play equipment. It would be great to have something similar to Plymouth Township Park or County Farm Park. A splash pad/ outdoor public pool would also be great addition to Saline.
- Dog park is not closed. Can't let my dogs loose in a fenced area. open
- I would love to see more/better play equipment
- Marlpool Park play scape needs repair- the plastic covering the metal, to protect the kids is coming off and rusting through. My kids have to be extra careful while playing.
- Build an outdoor pool
- Rec center needs to expand to make the different areas bigger! Want to take classes but don't like size of rooms to not feel you are right on top of the next person!! Offer more classes at rec, both early morning and evenings for those that work! Mill pond needs improvements to dog park
- Rec center should have an outdoor pool, more daytime classes that don't have Heidi as the instructor. We should have a spray splash park installed at one of the existing parks with adequate parking and access
- Splash pad and outdoor pool somewhere would be lovely. Dog park could be easier to access and a little larger. Brecon park needs a picnic shelter or splash pad it's so close to library and schools it would be nice to have close by.
- Curtis need more playground systems
- I would love a place to play pickleball that is on par with the Leslie courts in Ann Arbor.
- Put a sidewalk to be able to push a stroller (especially Canterbury and Peoples park), add more tot play to Marlpool tot lot, make millpond not have bees
- I have been following the local Facebook pages and hear that Mill Pond Park has wooden structures that are often filled with bees. Also I did not see any outdoor water activities for kids in the area like an outdoor splash pad.
- Update the swings, slides, etc and maintain the areas.
- Add more walking trails, add splash pad or outdoor pool
- Add a splash pad and restrooms off Peoples park in the failed construction area. Improve mill pond dog park dogs can swim around barrier. Improve millpond play area, renovate the rec center so it is more open and nicer, add walk ways to park south of town.
- Improve the maintenance of the existing facilities and add elements to engage children under 13
- Several of the play equipment is SUPER old and dangerous; splash pad would be great

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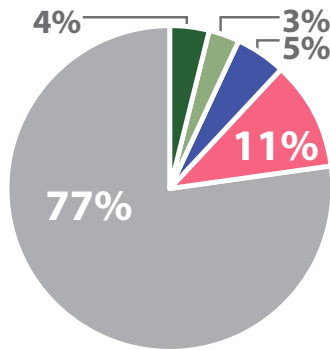
- Mill pond park needs to be upgraded not safe with all the wasp nests. We also need a splash pad
- Spray for wasps at mill pond, more playground equipment at most of the others.
- Splash pad. Help with wasps / bees at mill pond. Update needed at Curtis
- Upgrade facilities and maintain grounds to reflect a more pleasing appearance.
- Assuming that Mill Pond Park is the most popular and used park. It would be nice to see an upgrade to the pavilion and bathrooms. It is the same as when I was a kid and it wasn't great then. Prioritizing updates to the two most popular parks. Mill pond and then Curtis.
- Bee problem at Mill Pond Park play set
- Old, rusted and ,dated equipment at parks needs to be replaced. Rec center needs an outdoor pool and better amenities like Liberty Athletic in AA.
- Remove structures no longer in use and repair areas around structures that are worn

Q10: How frequently do you visit Saline's parks and recreation facilities?

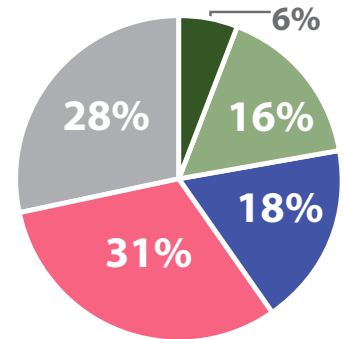
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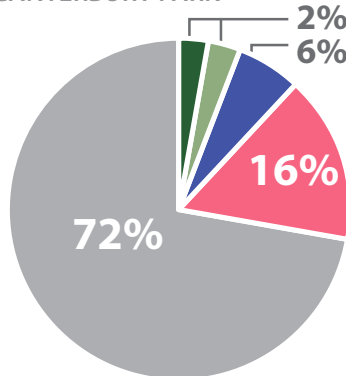
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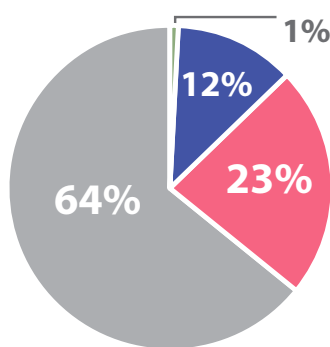
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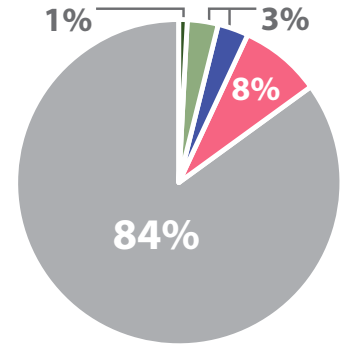
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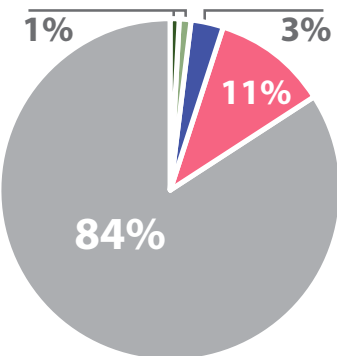
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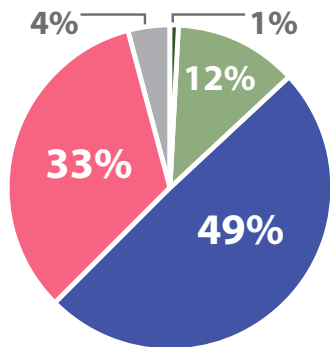
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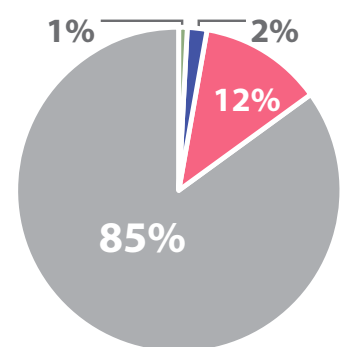
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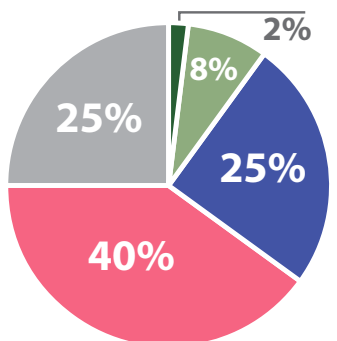
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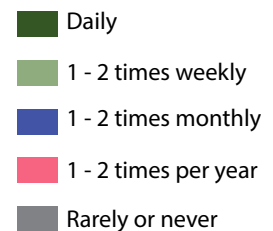
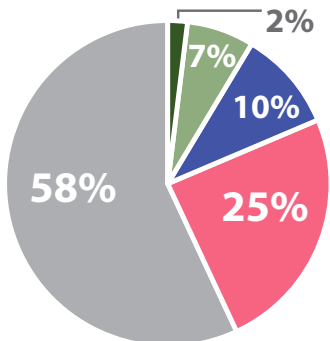
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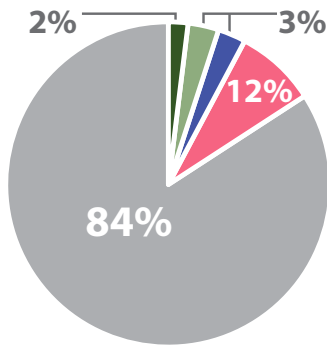
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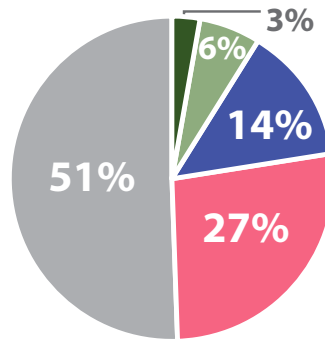
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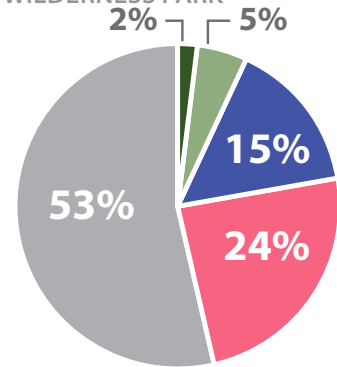
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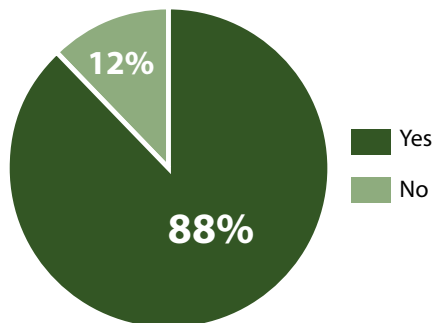


Only Responses by Facility Visitors				
	Daily	At least 1 - 2 times weekly	At least 1 - 2 times monthly	At least 1 - 2 times per year
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Canterbury Park	10.00%	10.00%	22.00%	58.00%
Colony Park	3.45%	6.90%	20.69%	68.97%
Curtiss Park	2.11%	10.56%	33.80%	53.52%
Marlpool Park	16.67%	14.29%	21.43%	47.62%
Mill Pond Dog Park	0.00%	3.03%	33.33%	63.64%
Mill Pond Park	1.52%	12.69%	51.27%	34.52%

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Salt Springs Park	0.00%	7.41%	14.81%	77.78%
Stonecliff Park	10.71%	21.43%	17.86%	50.00%
Tefft Park	5.49%	12.09%	27.47%	54.95%
Wilderness Park	4.82%	10.84%	32.53%	51.81%

Facility Name	Number of Responses	All Responses (including "Rarely or Never")									
		Daily		At least 1 - 2 times weekly		At least 1 - 2 times monthly		At least 1 - 2 times per year		Rarely or never	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Brecon Park	185	10	5.41%	29	15.68%	39	21.08%	42	22.70%	65	35.14%
Canterbury Park	179	5	2.79%	5	2.79%	11	6.15%	29	16.20%	129	72.07%
Colony Park	177	1	0.56%	2	1.13%	6	3.39%	20	11.30%	148	83.62%
Curtiss Park	189	3	1.59%	15	7.94%	48	25.40%	76	40.21%	47	24.87%
Marlpool Park	182	7	3.85%	6	3.30%	9	4.95%	20	10.99%	140	76.92%
Mill Pond Dog Park	184	0	0.00%	2	1.09%	22	11.96%	42	22.83%	118	64.13%
Mill Pond Park	206	3	1.46%	25	12.14%	101	49.30%	68	33.10%	9	4.37%
Peoples Park	179	3	1.68%	12	6.70%	17	9.50%	44	24.58%	103	57.54%
Recreation Center	195	12	6.15%	32	16.41%	35	17.95%	61	31.28%	55	28.21%
Risdon Park	173	2	1.16%	5	2.89%	6	3.47%	14	8.09%	146	84.39%
Salt Springs Park	177	0	0.00%	2	1.13%	4	2.26%	21	11.86%	150	84.75%
Stonecliff Park	176	3	1.70%	6	3.41%	5	2.84%	14	7.95%	148	84.09%
Tefft Park	184	5	2.72%	11	5.98%	25	13.59%	50	27.17%	93	50.54%
Wilderness Park	177	4	2.26%	9	5.08%	27	15.25%	43	24.29%	94	53.11%

Q11: Do you and your family visit parks in neighboring communities or county or state parks?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	197	88.34%
No	26	11.66%
Total Responses	223	

Q12: If yes, which facilities do you visit and what do you like or dislike about them?

- Rolling Hills access to a Waterpark, cost
- Outdoor pools, dog parks, bird watching trails
- Outdoor pools, Waterfront parks
- Ann Arbor ,Dexter
- County Farm and Gallop. Very clean and safe playground equipment for many age levels.
- Manchester & Pittsfield- awesome modern playgrounds, Milan spray park
- clean nice facilities and maintained. Offer amenities
- Ann Arbor parks
- Plymouth Township Park - I like the Splash Pad
- Kensington farm center and brightons imagination station for enclosed play area.
- Rolling Hills, walking trails
- I really like to hike/walk with my dogs in all the dog friendly locations
- Nice maintained trails, bathrooms and water park.
- I like wooded trails with access
- Gallop Kensington/Island Lake and Metro parks down river and in Dexter Chelsea
- We visit the ones with the most bike trails.
- Having walking trails and water access. Cabins and beaches, canoeing and kayaking.
- Plymouth splash pad (facilities and water are good), Ann Arbor County Farm Park (facilities, equipment are great)
- Metro Parks. Bike trails
- Hudson Mills
- Lillie Park, Gallop Park, Saginaw Park, Textile Road parks, walking trails, nice play equipment
- Mayburry state park and Rolling Hills park in ypsi for the hiking trails
- State parks for trails, County parks for water activities
- dislike distance to travel to them; enjoy: hiking trails (ideally shaded) and water park features

- Livonia Rec Center, Metroparks,
- Kensington park near Brighton. It's well maintained, and it has a lot to do. Saline has Mill Pond park and Curtis park, but the city doesn't offer any options to enjoy the water. Maybe boat rentals, or something to get people into the parks. Something as silly as swan boats (like they have in Boston, and National Harbor near DC) would be awesome on Mill Pond. Imagine driving down Michigan avenue, and seeing a bunch of swan boats or similar on Mill Pond.
- County farm park, metro parks, Lilly park
- Trails
- Lille Park, Pittsfield preserve, Wilson park- like the shaded walking trails near bodies of water
- Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Twp. Like the size, cleanliness, rest rooms
- Trails
- Kensington metropark.
- I like local nature-based programs, stewardship programs that offer volunteer opportunities, and any commitment to naturalize our spaces
- State and county parks
- Too many to list. We visit parks all over the county, state, and country. Check out Cascade Township Park for one of our favorites. Near us: the park Milan has a splash pad. We go to the dog park in Ann Arbor but that's also a muddy mess, but at least it's big enough for dogs to run . Ford township park is another nice one.
- Kensington metro park and Brighton Recreation area
- trails for walking and biking, kayaking, splash pads, good picnic facilities
- Ball Hockey Rink in Livonia and Taylor
- We love multiuse paths for running/biking and trails for hiking.
- Walking trails. I like having shaded in the summer (with low tick exposure) and cleared paths in the winter places to walk my dog.
- hiking and biking trails
- We like walking paths and dog friendly parks
- Longer hiking trails. Unfortunately the Saline parks are very small.
- Better dog park options.
- County Farm Park- has large playground area and nice gazebo and community garden with walking trails and convenient parking, Marsh View Meadows- multiple play structures, pavilions and large open field
- Walking paths , restrooms, pavilions, events
- Rolling Hills, Hudson Mills, Oakland County parks
- Metro Parks have wonderful trails and facilities. Pittsfield Parks and AnnArbor parks have good trail accessibility.
- Lyndon Township B2B Trailhead, Lillie Park have hiking, restrooms, parking and benches.
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QUESTION 12 - CONTINUED

- Parks with a lot of shade usually get us to visit. We like swings and free standing play equipment, as well as open spaces for running in. Water features are also high on our list. (We frequent parks in Milan, Canton, and Tecumseh)
- Ann Arbor skatepark, Buhr Park/Vets Pool.
- The two parks along Textile Rd (I forget the names). I like that they have a lot of walking trails, but I don't like how narrow some of the trails are.
- Hudson Mills, Pinckney Rec area, Waterloo Rec area. Lakes, trees, camping
- Gallup Park, it has an awesome (and very inclusive) play structure for kids of all abilities)
- Metro Parks. Bike trails
- Lillie Park - like the restrooms and trails, Delhi Mills - for the river access
- Pittsfield preserves closer to home
- Gallup Park - proximity of water
- Gallup Park, County Park, like great play structures and trails
- Gallup Park in Ann Arbor. All of the playgrounds at the surrounding metro parks. Eberwhite playground in Ann Arbor.
- Pittsfield township preserves, City of Ann Arbor Paris-well maintained trails
- State parks-camping & hiking
- Lillie Park to walk dog. Paths in woods.
- Splash parks in other communities. Outdoor pools that don't cost a small fortune.
- Walking trails
- Metro parks
- Rolling Hills, Huron Metro parks, Hudson Mills. We like the biking, trails, and playgrounds
- New/modern playground equipment, Curtis Park trail drainage work, modern rec facilities in other locations
- Water options
- Ann Arbor's Gallup Park 2-3 times/year. Like layout and river proximity near many of city's amenities
- Area Metro Parks, other city parks, county parks (we explore a lot). What I like is a clean park with a mix of natural features, hiking trails, and picnic areas + something for the younger kids.
- Sharon Mills Metropark and the metroparks along the Huron River are simply beautiful. The Border to Border Trail is wonderful as well, particularly the boardwalk area near Dexter.
- Hiking and kayaking
- Metro Beach in Harrison township. Dexter river walk. Gallup Park.
- Walking trails, access to waterfronts
- The bike paths around Chelsea and Dexter
- Many parks that have walking paths or biking trails
- Splash pad in summer. Different park features.
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- Huron metro, Dexter Delphi, we love to use the Huron river, for kayaking and local splash pads. Saline really needs a splash pad and or outside public pool
- Dexter has a great path connecting Hudson Mills to their downtown. What a great facility! After visiting that park and trail, we have begun to look for a home in Dexter instead of Saline.
- Swiftrun Dog Park - huge!
- Gallup Park and County Farm Park - equipment for toddlers and a finished soft play surface with no wood chips.
- Pickney for hiking. We like long trails with variations in difficulty.
- Ann Arbor Argo, Gallup, Arboretum for walking and nature viewing
- Gallup Park Ann Arbor-accessible
- Marsh View Park in Pittsfield. It has nice play equipment for little kids, a lot of local parks are made for larger children only.
- Dexter - has amazing trails that connect the town to the recreation.
- Visit parks in Ann Arbor because they usually have better walking paths and cleaner facilities. More options within the county parks as well.
- Owen Dog Park in Ann Arbor, there are no mud holes, no water. I just wish the area my dog could run around in was slightly bigger.
- Gallup Park
- Play equipment, splash pads, trails, flowers/foilage, dog park, water
- Gallup Park has preschool-appropriate playground. County Farm Park also has a lot of preschool age appropriate equipment. Milan's new splash pad has also been a family favorite.
- Accessible Playgrounds, playgrounds that have spaces to change older kids, splash pads, shaded areas, activities for all aged children in one location, playgrounds that have safer surfaces than woodchips, sensory play areas (water, sand, climbing walls, rockers, bouncers, spinners. Playgrounds completely surrounded with fences. We have a special needs child, not a single park in Saline has a playground that totally fits her needs. Her friends need Accessible playgrounds too. Please!
- County farm park, Hayes state park, Ann Arbor city pools are all wonderful and clean
- Rolling hills, Hudson Mills, Pittsfield township. Bike paths and large play structures.
- Hiking trails
- Hudson Mills- I like the paved closed loop trail (no cars) restrooms on site not porta johns
- We like the Manchester Preserve for walking & hiking.
- Ford Lake Park
- Vets and Calzorn splash pad/ outdoor pool

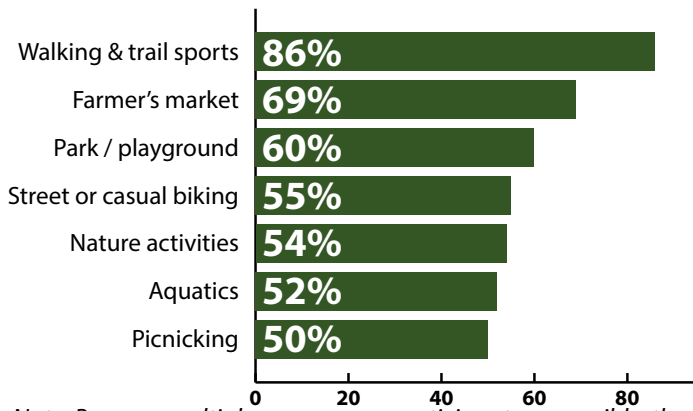
QUESTION 12 - CONTINUED

- Facilities with usable equipment for children. Many parks in saline are little more than a lawn to mow.
- All splash pads in neighboring communities. Always visit state parks . Saline needs a splash pad - the rec center has plenty of space for one. We pay such high taxes and get nothing for it.
- B2B Trail in Dexter is AWESOME, and we often wish we had something like it in Saline.
- Fuller Park Pool in Ann Arbor - fantastic outdoor pool facility for the community.
- I enjoy milan's splash pad
- Milan Wilson park and nature park-they have a splash pad and great play structures and many child events, County Farm park in A2, soft play pad and water feature
- Marshview Meadows and Prairie Park in Pittsfield. Like bike path, open grassy field, nature trails, separate playgrounds for ages
- Pittsfield preserve very well maintained and natural
- Bird Hills park in Ann Arbor - very wooded/natural
- Fenced in dog parks. Ample benches with shade. Walking and hiking trails. Car charging stations. Kayak rentals. Fitness equipment.
- We like to hike at the Manchester Reserve.
- Pickleball
- Milan- splash pad and playground, pickney- hiking, beach, picnic; Milan highschool pool, Ann Arbor public pools, county farm park (trails, great playground equipment); bird hills nature area, Gallup park (playground, walking paths, boat rental);
- Nature and healing surroundings
- Independence lake; rolling hills. They are larger, have more of a nature feel, and offer trail hiking, cross country skiing
- Wilson Park in Milan is a favorite. We love the challenging play area for the older kids and the variety of activities in the play area for the younger kids. It is well-maintained and welcoming. We especially love it now that the Sprayscape has been added. The proximity to the play area is perfect, and the size is just right for the under 10 age group. And best of all, it's free!
- Kensington, lower huron, great playground for young children
- Lakes, outdoor swimming pool, pickleball courts
- Michigan State Parks - beauty and location
- Sugarbush - Shaded playspace with age specific play spaces. Gallup Park - padded, shaded, accessible playgrounds. Plymouth Twp Park - spraygrounds!!!
- Northville - like that the dog park is attached to soccer fields, Ann Arbor - love the variety of parks - bike trails, water activities, Milan/Plymouth splash pads
- Fuller Park in Ann Arbor- outdoor pool.... Bohn pool in Adrian- outdoor pool.... rolling hills in Ypsi- water park/pools.....chelsea ice skating rink
- Splash pads, shade, bathrooms
- Paved walking trails and playgrounds
- Veterans park the pool
- Area Metro parks and I go to Dexter often to enjoy walking trails along the Huron River
- Rolling hills - love the water park and bike trails!
- Dexter bike trails. Rails to trails bike path in Clare county
- Huron-Clinton Metro Parks. The Metro Parks are well maintained and offer many amenities such as bike paths, canoe rentals, etc.
- County Farm Park and Plymouth Township Park. Love the play structures and ground covering. The trails are also great.
- Gallup park is really nice. Good biking connected to other parks
- Gallop Park in Ann Arbor
- Metroparks, Ann Arbor Parks
- Blue Heron
- County farm park, Blue Heron Bay Splash park
- Other parks that have splash pads like Wilson park in Milan, other water features
- Would love an outdoor ice rink!! We visit Milan splash pad we love it and picnic shelter for play dates and picnics. We also love their toys for little ones 2-5 years old. We visit argo to paddle boat and canoe.
- Leslie Courts in north Ann Arbor are great for pickleball and we are lacking that on the south side. Ford Heritage Park has a fantastic playground.
- Out door pools in Ann Arbor
- Stroller friendly, large hiking areas
- We visit parks in ann arbor, the surrounding areas, and state parks. Depending on why we are visiting that park, I like when they either have stuff for the kids, or walking paths for adults. Some of my favorite local parks include County Farm, Gallup, Bird, Vets, Fuller and Argo.
- Hike in Scio and Ann Arbor
- Sandra Richardson - like the nature trails; Lillie park - nature trails and nearby play structure; prairie park - play structure; marshview meadows - play structure, trails, covered picnic space
- Ann Arbor's Gallup & County farm-updated play equipment & nice foliage; Ypsilanti's Ford Heritage Park- good play equipment and fields; Milan's Wilson park-pavilion splash pad good play equipment and close to downtown eats and shopping.
- County farm park and others in ann arbor
- Dexter riverwalk, Marshview meadows, Freedom park in Ypsi
- Milan splash pad. The park in textile rd Tecumseh paddle
- Ann Arbor parks, Dexter parks and paved paths (biking), surrounding towns with bike lanes for road riding and mountain bike trails.

QUESTION 12 - CONTINUED

- Tate park in Clinton, Michigan. The park is very well kept from the grounds to the play structures and sports fields. The bathrooms are nicer than the ones at Mill Pond. The park also has a very nice and well maintained path that allows easy access to the entirety of the park.
- Gallup Park - large children play area. Rolling Hills Water Park.
- Metroparks...biking trails, playgrounds, disc golf

Q13: What types of activities do you or your family members participate in? Note that this can include any facility, not just Saline's. *Choose all that apply.*



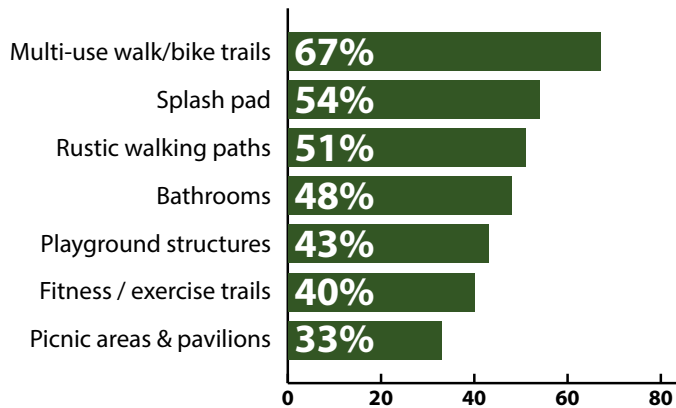
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Q13 - OTHER RESPONSES

- Accessible activities and rec programs for special needs children.
- BALL HOCKEY
- Cycling on off-road paved trails
- Events
- Hockey
- letterboxing, flying drones & model rockets
- Library Programs
- Pokemon Go
- Quality pickleball courts
- Water sport: water polo

Response	Number	Percent
Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, jogging, rollerblading, etc.)	197	85.65%
Farmer's market	159	69.13%
Outdoor park activities / playground	138	60.00%
Street or casual biking	127	55.22%
Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing, etc.)	125	54.35%
Aquatics (e.g. swimming, splash pad)	120	52.17%
Picnicking	116	50.43%
Canoeing / kayaking	111	48.26%
Dog park / dog walking	102	44.35%
Sledding	84	36.52%
Movie nights or concerts in the park	84	36.52%
Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.)	83	36.09%
Off-trail / rustic hiking	79	34.35%
Golf	70	30.43%
Court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	69	30.00%
Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature ID, etc.)	55	23.91%
Painting / photography / sculpture	53	23.04%
Skiing (cross country or alpine)	42	18.26%
Kite flying	39	16.96%
Mountain biking	34	14.78%
Figure skating / hockey	31	13.48%
Senior programs	29	12.61%
Disc golf	26	11.30%
Horseback riding	20	8.70%
Geocacheing	19	8.26%
Community gardening	15	6.52%
Other (Please specify)	12	5.22%
Skateboarding	11	4.78%
Total Unique Responses	230	
Total Responses	2,050	

Q14: Which of the following amenities would you like to see more of or improved in Saline parks? *Choose all that apply.*



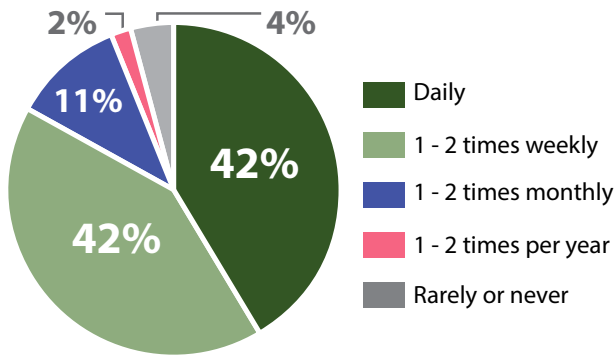
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Q14 - OTHER RESPONSES

- Accessible things for the children in our community time for parks and rec to meet the inclusiveness of their local school system.
- Ball hockey rinks
- Ball Hockey/Roller Hockey Rink
- bike repair stations
- Hammock Park!
- Indoor and/ or Outdoor roller hockey rink
- Indoor tennis courts
- indoor walking area (esp. during winter)
- Make more use of the river
- Multiple pools and updated rec center. Benchmark Holland aquatic center.
- Outdoor pool (5 identical responses)
- Outdoor pool at the Rec Center
- Outdoor pool with lap lanes and a shallow area for children.
- Outdoor pool-so many subdivision do not allow pools
- Outdoor public swimming pool
- Playground equipment accessible to those with physical impairments
- Pool!!!!
- Quality pickleball courts, then organized pickleball leagues
- Sidewalk all the way down Michigan ave please toward Pittsfield admin building
- Time Saline gets an outside pool, let's wake the city up, get some picnic tables get some pavilions, bring a food cart, get the teens involved and run outside food at picnics.
- Trash cans along bike paths

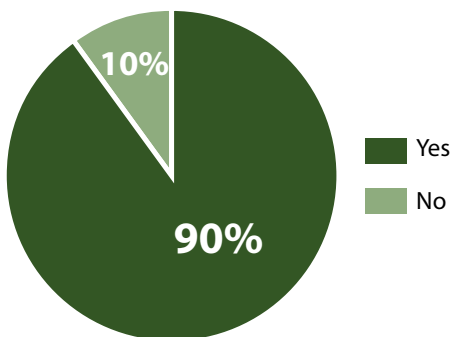
Response	Number	Percent
Multi-use walking/biking paths (i.e. 10'-wide paved pathways)	153	67.11%
Splash pad	123	53.95%
Rustic walking paths (i.e. 6 to 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths)	116	50.88%
Bathrooms	109	47.81%
Playground structures	98	42.98%
Fitness / exercise trails	92	40.35%
Picnic areas and pavilions	76	33.33%
Natural areas	72	31.58%
Drinking fountains	68	29.82%
Dog parks	68	29.82%
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	63	27.63%
Amphitheater / stage	61	26.75%
Pickleball courts	47	20.61%
Linear parks/trails	46	20.18%
Indoor gym & fitness facility	44	19.30%
Community gardens	43	18.86%
Community Center	40	17.54%
Bike racks	38	16.67%
Cross-country ski trails	36	15.79%
Mountain biking trails	29	12.72%
Disc golf	28	12.28%
Other (Please specify)	26	11.40%
Demonstration gardens	24	10.53%
Pocket parks	21	9.21%
Tennis courts	21	9.21%
Basketball courts	18	7.89%
Skate park	17	7.46%
Sand volleyball courts	16	7.02%
Soccer fields	13	5.70%
Baseball fields	8	3.51%
Total Unique Responses	228	
Total Responses	1,614	

Q15: How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle for exercise or recreation?



Response	Number	Percent
Daily	95	41.67%
At least once or twice weekly	96	42.11%
At least once or twice monthly	24	10.53%
At least once or twice a year	4	1.75%
Rarely or never	9	3.95%
Total Responses	228	

Q16: Should Saline continue to expand its sidewalk and trail network?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	205	90.31%
No	22	9.69%
Total Responses	227	

Q17: If yes, are there any routes you would like to see developed?

- North Maple Road, N Ann Arbor Saline Rd
- Ann Arbor-saline and Wagner area
- Around Mill Pond Park
- along textile road to maple.
- Brassow road down maple too woodlawn
- I would love easy connections between as many parks as possible so they're easy and safe to walk between
- Routes from Milan to saline with stops in York. Would be nice to connect to boarder to boarder trail.
- Extend the Depot trail WESTWARD!! Forever
- Connect to existing surrounding trails to create longer routes
- Textile Rd. West of maple rd tonties into Travis Point and Brookview Highlands. Textile Rd. Is too fast for safe riding.
- Michigan Ave, Maple/Textile
- Connect neighborhoods to shopping areas near Michigan Ave.
- Mill Pond
- Fill the gaps on AA-Saline. Fill the gaps on Maple
- Connect the sidewalks on 12
- Providing connectivity throughout the city. There are many islands that have no sidewalk.
- I tend to walk downtown because it is well-lit in the evening and (hopefully) free of ice in the winter. Ideally new routes would have lighting and not be icy (e.g., mulch is fine if area drains)
- Definitely start the millpond trail, make the whole city more bike friendly
- Improve Saline-Milan sidewalks. Improve sidewalks on Maple north of US12
- Access from west side across the river through stone cliff park
- North side of michigan ave. from austin to mill.
- Something out Beni's Road to Platt
- Maple, Ann Arbor Saline Rd,
- West
- I would prefer to see more trails with natural substrates used (i.e. less concrete)
- Saline to Bridgewater
- A bridge connecting Stone Cliff to Mill Pond or a sidewalk from Austin on Michigan Ave. on the Mill Pond side.
- Rails to trails-Austin Road to Manchester
- millpond to stonecliff, continue bike trail from library
- A direct safe route to Ann Arbor and maybe Milan?
- Completion of multi-use paths along US12, Maple, and AA Saline Rd.
- Textile Road between Ann Arbor Saline to Maple to connect to the Rec center and downtown paths
- Better connect Colony Park to the rest of the park for little kids biking
- willis road to york township

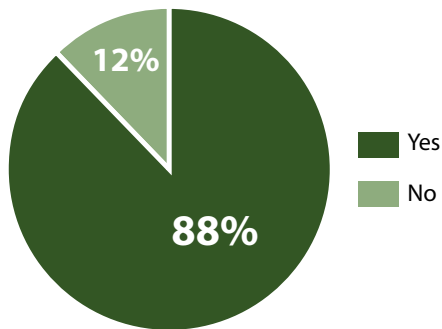
QUESTION 17 - CONTINUED

- Any than make the trails longer
- Wilderness park to Salt Springs Park - too dangerous right now with no crossings or walkways across the bridge
- Sidewalks connecting all of Saline
- Maple Road on the East side between Woodland and Clark.
- Connecting parks
- Salt Springs, Millpond to Curtiss,
- Not sure if it counts since it's not in a park, but a sidewalk on both sides of Mills Rd would be nice (it's only one side for the last bit before Michigan Ave).
- Sidewalk from Maple Road to Industrial
- Walkable path along Bemis road from Industrial to Downtown, crosswalk from Peoples park over Monroe to Curtis condos, crosswalk from Curtiss park to Mill Pond, Continue rail trail across Maple through industrial area to the High School, Bridge from Mill Pond to Stonecliff, Walkable path on Northside of Michigan Ave from Andelina Farms into Downtown, Walkable up Maple to Textile
- Connect all the parks
- Connecting Saline to Milan.
- Connection between mill pond and Curtiss- cannot safely cross michigan ave. Better sidewalks across the entire city, connecting the west side of town safely with mill pond park.
- Sidewalks along Maple and also on Textile, linking more areas to downtown Saline and the greenways
- A path in Millpond park that can connect to downtown
- 1. Need full sidewalk accessibility! Don't even have them on east side of N. Maple opposite library & school. Live on east side of Maple? Then be prepared to cross dangerous street with no Hawk Crossing or even sidewalks all the way. 2. Fix sidewalks, as lots of trip hazards & broken sidewalks from Echo to library area. Pay high taxes. What are we getting except schools and emergency services?
- Path down Michigan from Pittsfield to saline
- Connect existing routes to allow more walking across and through the city.
- Has the city considered connecting Stonecliff and Mill Pond?
- Sidewalks and crossings on Mich Ave
- Mill Pond!
- Sidewalk from Torwood sub to connect to sidewalk at Mill Dam on Michigan Ave.
- I would love to see a path/walkway/bridge connection from Stonebridge to Mill pond. This would open up an expanding side of town to one of the best parks in Saline and allow for an alternate path in to town that does not take you down Michigan Ave. Access to an alternative route from the west would be a huge addition for the Saline.
- Millpond park trail to Michigan Ave
- In town sidewalk maintenance
- Saline is very disconnected outside of the historic core.
- Along Mill Pond/Saline River; Dexter removed their damn and made the former pond into a great park.
- Railroad between Maple and Industrial. And sidewalks along the east side of Maple rd with better bike routes and cross walks along Maple rd.
- Tefft Park, Michigan Ave from from Industrial to Maple, rail trail from Curtis to Mill pond. Library to Industrial
- I would like to see it connect from one end of town to the other
- Circular path around the border or Mill Pond Park and/or connector to Curtiss Park
- Accessible from downtown
- None specifically
- Connect mil pond, salt springs and curtiss parks
- The north side of Michigan avenue needs a sidewalk from the bridge between Curtiss and Millpond to Austin Road.
- Millions to Curtiss.
- North side of Michigan avenue sidewalk on west side of city.
- West side subs to Mill Pond and downtown
- South side of Willis Rd sidewalks completed.
- Any
- Bike lanes/trails connecting to Ann Arbor
- Unsure.
- The north side of Michigan Avenue needs a sidewalk from Lafontaine to Millpond!
- Saline to AA, saline to dexter,
- 'Hook up to other systems
- More trail access from Saline Township
- Maple Road bike path from Textile to Michigan Ave.
- Along Textile and Woodland
- None in particular
- There should be a sidewalk on the north side of Mich Ave connecting western area subdivisions. There should be a wide paved path through Millpond (crossing Mich Ave) and connecting to Curtiss Park.
- Complete Maple Road sidewalk - Please. Too dangerous to walk, run or bike as is.
- Connected parks, schools, libraries and downtown
- Complete the railroad trail down to mill pond as well as mill pond to Curtiss
- A Safe way to get from town to Pittsfield township/ York township - both Wisis and Bemis are not safe for bikes. Sidewalks from the south side of town to the high school
- Saline Ann Arbor rd to golf course.
- Yes! From downtown to Pittsfield admin building
- Salt springs Park. Monroe St to connect to Curtis and salt springs
- Maple Rd
- Along maple road

QUESTION 17 - CONTINUED

- Yes maple road side walk on the far side or improved side walk on the school sides. Better cross walks on Maple. Possible trail to connect Maple to industrial along the Raif road track.
- Contiguous connections with Pittsfield trail and Border 2 Border network
- Not specifically but better bike paths in the south would be welcome.
- Connection from bteacon to mill pond
- Improve Michigan Ave on the west side
- On Moon south of MI Ave
- Maple Road - Saline to Ann Arbor
- Willis Rd.
- Extend sidewalks down textile btn a2-saline rd/by rec center area
- Where ever the professionals think it would work best.
- Railway trail
- A paved trail would be great at existing parks
- South Ann Arbor st to connect to park south of town
- Willis Road into the city and connection from middle school to northern subdivisions.

Q18: Should Saline coordinate with surrounding communities to develop an interconnected regional trail network?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	191	87.61%
No	27	12.39%
Total Responses	218	

Q19: If yes, which communities / routes would you like to connect to?

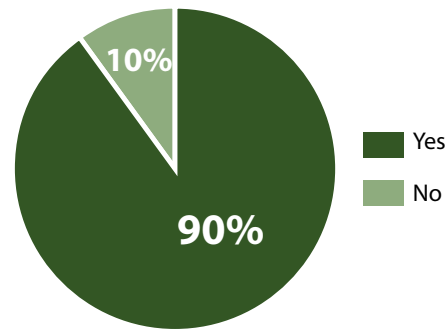
- AA, Milan and Manchester. B2B trail
- All of them (2 identical responses)
- All surrounding communities
- Ann Arbor (8 identical responses)
- Ann Arbor , Milan, Manchester
- Ann Arbor and Dexter and Milan
- Ann Arbor and Milan (5 identical responses)
- Ann Arbor and Pittsfield bike system
- Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.
- ann arbor to saline, saline to clinton not on 12 or designated lanes
- Ann Arbor, Bridgewater, Milan?
- Ann arbor, Dexter and Milan (2 identical responses)
- Ann Arbor, Dexter, Chelsea, Clinton
- Ann Arbor, Milan, and Ypsilanti
- Ann Arbor, Milan, Clinton
- Ann Arbor, Milan, Pittsfield township
- Ann arbor, Milan, Tecumseh
- Ann arbor, pittsfield
- Ann Arbor, Pittsfield township,
- Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Twp
- Ann Arbor, pittsfield, ypsilanti
- Ann Arbor, Pittsfield, Milan
- Ann Arbor, Pittsfield, Ypsilanti
- Ann Arbor, Pittsfield/State Rd
- Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti
- Any (3 identical responses)
- Any all
- Any rural, not city.
- Any than make the trails longer
- Anyone who would like to connect with Saline.
- Anything that would help the west side of the city obtain better access.
- As above
- B2B Trail (3 identical responses)
- Bike trail on Ellsworth, to connect Lohr road to Platt to connect to existing trail.
- Border to Border trail-when I want a bike ride I usually drive out to Dexter to the BtoB
- Border to Border, Ypsilanti, Milan
- Bridgewater, Scio Twp., Ann Arbor
- connect Tecumseh, A2, milan and manchester
- Connect to Pittsfield township trails
- Dexter (3 identical responses)
- Dexter, Chelsea, AA
- Don't care, something so you can hike more than 1 mile
- Geddes Park
- I am not sure.
- I don't care as long as it's safe and doesn't cost a huge millage lol
- Lodi
- Lodi township up Ann Arbor saline and maple roads
- Lodi, Pittsfield, Scio

QUESTION 19 - CONTINUED

- manchester, ann arbor, tecumseh, milan, dexter and Chelsea
- Maple Road to Textile Trail
- Milan (6 identical responses)
- Milan
- Milan and Ann Arbor (2 identical responses)
- Milan and Clinton
- Milan or Manchester--the country!
- Milan seems like a likely choice because of the Saline River.
- Milan, Ann Arbor (2 identical responses)
- Milan, Ann Arbor, Bridgewater, Manchester
- Milan, Bridgewater, Pittsfield township, ann arbor
- Milan, outside the city limits to the surrounding townships
- Milan, Pittsfield, Ann Arbor
- Milan, Scio
- Non-motorized pathway system providing safe cycling routes between Saline, A2, and Pittsfield
- Not an immediate need but saline shouldn't ignore these discussions either
- Path down Michigan from Pittsfield to saline
- Pittsfield Township (6 identical responses)
- Pittsfield admin building
- Pittsfield and Ann Arbor
- Pittsfield and York township
- Pittsfield greenway, Border to Border
- Pittsfield parks, Milan with the Saline river for kayaking
- Pittsfield textile road
- Pittsfield township and Ann Arbor
- Pittsfield Township and Bridgewater Township.
- Pittsfield township and preserve
- Pittsfield Township has some great walking paths connect to one of them
- Pittsfield Township routes
- Pittsfield Township, Lohr
- Pittsfield trails
- Pittsfield Twp. is doing a great job. Coordinate with them io build a stutter county trail system
- Pittsfield, Ann Arbor (2 identical responses)
- Pittsfield, Lodi
- Pittsfield, Saline, York Twps
- Saline to Bridgewater
- Saline twp, Ann Arbor
- The more the better.
- To the B2B river trail in A2
- Whatever is closest!
- Would like more sidewalks and bike paths along main roads, to connect Lodi Twp
- york and pittsfield township
- York charter township, Pittsfield, Ann Arbor and Milan
- York Township
- York Township and Saline Township
- Ypsi, Ann Arbor

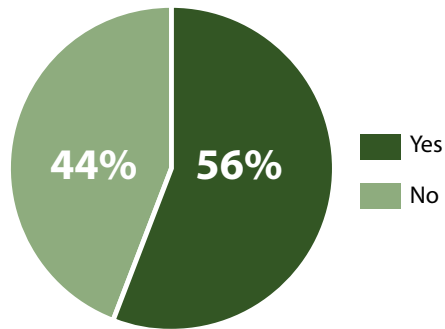
Frequently mentioned connections	Number
Ann Arbor	48
Pittsfield	39
Milan	32
Dexter	9
Border-to-Border Trail	8
Pysilanti	7
Bridgewater Township	6
York Township	6
Lodi Township	5
Manchester	5
Clinton Township	4
Chelsea	3
Scio Township	3
Tecumseh	3
Saline River	2
Saline Township	2

Q20: Should Saline work with Washtenaw County and the City of Milan to develop a water trail along the Saline River?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	195	90.28%
No	21	9.72%
Total Responses	216	

Q21: Do you participate in programs and special events offered by Saline Parks & Recreation?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	125	55.80%
No	99	44.20%
Total Responses	224	

Q22: If yes, which programs or events do you participate in?

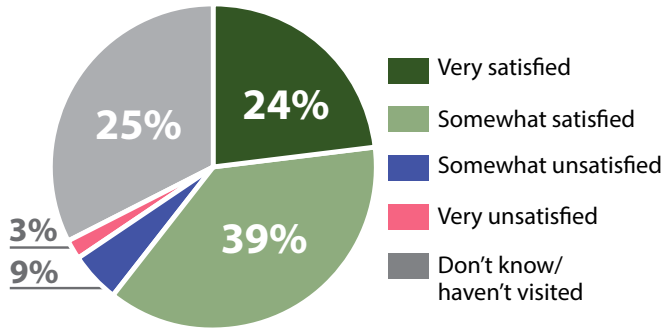
- All the holiday kids programs, Easter, Santa, Halloween, deep water aerobics, daddy daughter dance,
- Baseball yoga in park
- Camps
- Daddy Daughter Dance, Basketball camp,
- Daddy daughter dances, Easter events, Christmas events, doll tea party, swimming lessons, rec on go, tennis, t ball
- Daddy/daughter dances, Halloween and Christmas events
- Downtown events and kids sports
- Easter bunny was our first. Moved in December.
- Exercise Celtic Festival
- Farmers Market
- Fitness classes (3 identical responses)
- Halloween and Christmas events at Rec center, kids summer camp, easter egg hunt, summer fest, Oktoberfest, summer music series, farmers market, mini mastodon
- Kid camps, movie nights, daddy daughter dance, youth programs, swim lessons,, etc.
- Kids Summer Camp, Youth Tennis
- Land fitness classes, Community Activities (Mini-mastadon), Kid's programs (Tennis, tc)
- Mom2mom
- Mostly kids events and casual adult sports.
- Movie in park, using rec center taking a class
- Movies in the park (2 identical responses)
- Movie in the park, lots of childrens sport camps/leagues
- Movie in the park. Easter Egg hunt, trick or treat
- movie int the park, some of the summer programs, yoga in the park
- Movies in the park, activities at the Rec center.
- Movies in the park, mini mastodon, summer camp, nerf nights, 5Ks/ mile runs, holiday events
- Movies, Easter, Halloween
- Movies, rec center events (Easter, Christmas, Halloween, mini mastodon, nerf wars)
- Nature programs, Rec Center pograms
- Nerf wars, mini mastodon, yoga
- Pajamas with Santa,
- Rec center programs
- Rec on the go
- Rec on the Go, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Activities, Movies in the Park, Little Mastedon
- Saline Celtic Festival
- Senior Center and Saline Rec Center
- Special Events
- Summer music series, Oktoberfest, parades
- Summerfest, celtic fest, farmers market, yoga
- Summerfest, egg hunts, last day of school
- Swim
- Swim classes
- Swim classes, exercise at the Rec Center
- Swimming class
- Swimming lessons for my child
- Swimming, exercise
- Swimming, Holiday events for children
- Swimming, movies in the park, soccer
- Virtual Exercise
- Yoga and youth activities
- Yoga class
- Yoga in the park

Q23: If no, are there any specific reasons that keep you from participating?

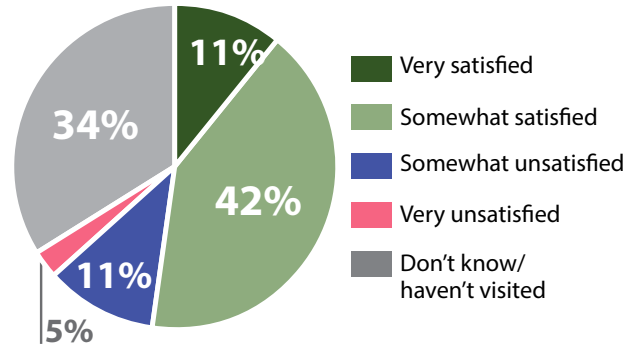
- all geared towards young kids
- Can't take classes during the day and it's out of my means. The rec needs a rec millage or something like Washtenaw county parks.
- Cost
- COVID
- Crouds
- Have not been able to line up schedules yet.
- Haven't seen any specials events other than Yoga in the Park.
- Hiking trails, volleyball
- Homebody
- I don't have little kids and yet I'm not retired yet. So I'm busy working or the programs are for younger families.
- I participated in prior years, but ceased due to a volatile work schedule. Though settled now, I've not returned largely due to volunteering and family commitments.
- I review the schedule.
- If organized pickleball would participate.
- It seems like the Rec Center just offers softball/baseball games and activities for very young kids. Those are not activities we need/enjoy.
- Lack of Accessible programing. Better facilities and amenities offered at other rec centers near by. Program at the rec are geared to a gender specific parent and child. Nothing for me, Mom, and my Daughter offered.
- Lack of time
- Moved to Brighton, MI
- No
- No child care that works or young childrens events besides swimming lesson or parties; not nice outdoor playground
- No kids at home
- No kids.
- No small children, and not very social
- Not aware of thw programs
- Not interested
- Not really (2 identical responses)
- Old and crotchety
- Price for the amount you get out of the membership quality of programs
- Seems like a lot of things I'm interested in are during the day-and I'm not retired yet
- Seniors can't afford the Rec Center and they will not participate in Silver Sneakers
- The Rec Center needs updating, I love the Chelsea Center, it's modern and well kept
- They seem to be meant more for families with children opposed to adults
- Time (2 identical responses)
- Too busy
- Traveling
- unaware of them
- Work travel

Q24: How satisfied are you with Saline's program offerings?

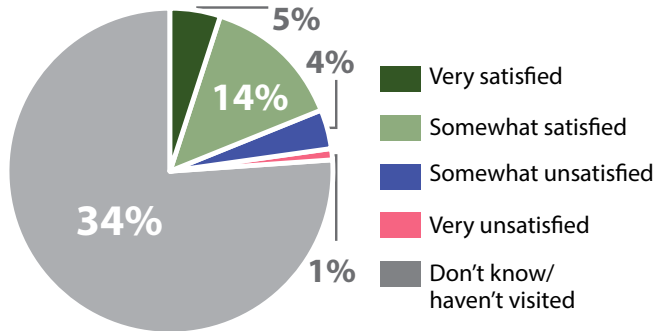
A. YOUTH ACTIVITIES



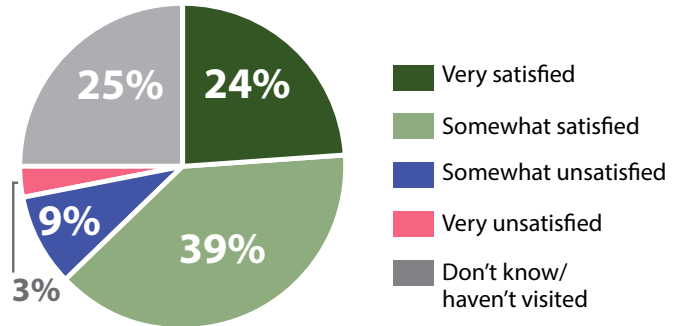
B. ADULT ACTIVITIES



C. SENIOR ACTIVITIES



D. SPECIAL EVENTS



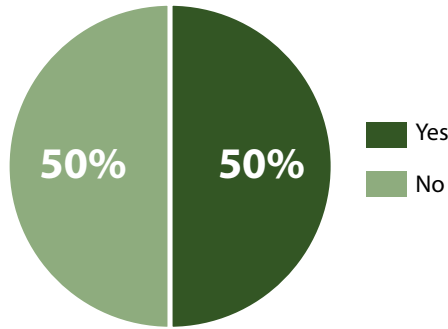
Only Responses by Program Participants				
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Youth Activities	34.40%	54.40%	8.00%	3.20%
Adult Activities	16.67%	63.49%	15.87%	3.97%
Senior Activities	22.73%	56.82%	15.91%	4.55%
Special Events	31.39%	52.55%	12.41%	3.65%

Program Category	Number of Responses	All Responses (including "Don't know / Haven't used")									
		Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Don't know / Haven't used	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Youth Activities	184	43	23.37%	68	36.96%	10	5.43%	4	2.17%	59	32.07%
Adult Activities	190	21	11.05%	80	42.11%	20	10.53%	5	2.63%	64	33.68%
Senior Activities	184	10	5.43%	25	13.59%	7	3.80%	2	1.09%	140	76.09%
Special Events	183	43	23.50%	72	39.34%	17	9.29%	5	2.73%	46	25.14%

Q25: If you were unsatisfied with any of Saline's programs, what was the problem and what can Parks & Recreation do to improve them?

- Needs more teen programs
- Difficult to sign up for or find
- Add classes like cooking, baking, computer skills
- Hire more staff and add more classes. Employ swim coaches that are good with children.
- More special events for families: 3 v 3 soccer tournaments, more races like the mini mastodon (it fills up every year), 1 mile runs or 5Ks,
- Have adult events?
- Instruction was terrible we had to go to goldfish swim school
- I don't use the Rec Center any more
- more variety, different times
- I don't like that a church will sometimes proselytize before movie in the park
- We used to do the Mastadon Challenge at Mill Pond. It was awesome for the whole family. What happened to that?
- movie in the park, the sound needs to be louder and maybe captioned, too much ambient noise to hear sometimes
- No Hockey
- quality of programs
- Gym was quite small and segregated between weights and cardio, no open area to stretch or warm up
- Maybe more winter events
- Affordability for Seniors, limited pool open hours due to youth programming
- Rec center is too expensive with too many limitations and very dated facilities.
- More swim lessons and maybe a summer outdoor pool
- Return free swim in the lanes to first come, first served so appointments don't have to be made
- There is no downtown venue
- Again, the Parks and Rec caters to softball/baseball and activities for very young kids. There doesn't seem to be much outside of that.
- Offerings for toddlers/new moms/babies
- More activities to include disabled adults in recreation. Social nights, movies, dances, bowling, field trips. Like they have for seniors.
- expanding access to programs ie: Rec on the Go, make programs accessible for students who receive special education services
- Seem unorganized
- More of a city issue but food trucks should be allowed at baseball tournaments and other park events
- Gender specific parent and child events leave my child out. No adaptive programs offered for special need kids.
- Pickleball Courts!
- Lack of pickleball courts
- Wished some programs would start before 3rd grade for youth.
- There isn't enough children programs, the day passes at the rec center are so expensive
- Are there any P&R Programs? If so please announce these to citizens. Kayaking? Star gazing? Adult intramural sports? Rain Garden demonstrations? Plant swaps? Climate Change programming? Learn from Ann Arbor.
- Not enough
- Get an outside pool
- Very few choices of time slots, not friendly to working parents
- Swim lessons are hard to schedule and the quality of swim lessons was poor; wish there was more variety in fitness classes types and times offered.
- For such a small town saline's park and rec dept is great, but the parks need some love and trails would be amazing
- More athletic events - love the mini mastodon would love to see that offered for older kids. Also more sports tournaments
- Too many class cancellations
- Cost prohibitive
- More late evening classes
- I feel like most of the classes at the rec center are overpriced for the condition of the facility.
- I would like Saline programs to include recreational programs for disabled adults in the community. Like bowling, dinner/cooking class, movie night, exercise
- Time scheduling
- More diverse daytime rec center programs, organized walking groups during daytime, couch to 5k program, kayak or canoe trail and hub
- Little/No baby or infant activities for working parents
- Do not always offer class options that fit working parent schedules
- Splash pad; outdoor pool; update playground equipment; better child care and facilities
- Limited options and waitlists. Also no summer activities for toddlers
- There are a pathetic amount of youth programs for the under 5 crowd. You used to have lots, gym time, art classes, etc. Now just swimming and gymnastics
- There could be more options of rec soccer. Upgrade the field at the rec center or even add a small 5 vs 5 court to one of the parks.
- Rec center classes need more variety and times

Q26: Do you participate in any special events or programs held in surrounding communities?

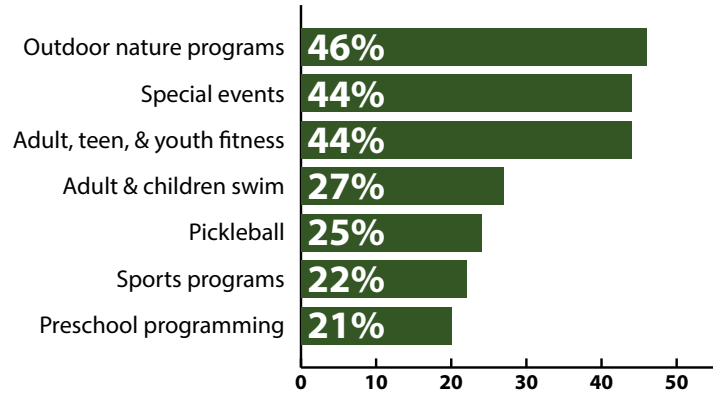


Response	Number	Percent
Yes	195	90.28%
No	21	9.72%
Total Responses	216	

Q27: If yes, which community, which program, and what do you like or dislike about it?

- Dexter, Chelsea
- Ann Arbor has more choices and offerings.
- Mountain Biking in Brighton
- metro parks activities, ypsilanti- would be nice to have bike trail to ypsi
- ann arbor
- Movie in the Park
- Milan....community events that genuinely engage community and residents.
- Ann Arbor farmers market
- The bike paths in the Dexter/Chelsea area.
- Ann Arbor canoe livery, The Arb, and some of the road races they host in Ann Arbor.
- Ann Arbor - first steps has lots of programming for toddlers, babies, and young children
- We enjoy Dexter's city center Park and the activities they offer
- Adaptive kids sport programs and other activities. They are inclusive and staff is knowledgeable about my child's needs.
- Stonebridge/Pickleball
- I live in town so try to participate in what I can.
- Ann Arbor's multiple children's sport and art camps
- Rain garden installations, kayaking/canoe rentals/launch sites, plant swaps, community gardening to name a few.
- The Manchester chicken broil
- Ice Cube, more choices for programs
- A2 downtown festivals
- Ann Arbor
- Ann Arbor
- Ann Arbor outdoor pools, inexpensive, clean, comfortable area, chairs shaded pavilions
- Ann Arbor. They have so many more classes.

Q28: Which programs do you like or would you like to see more of? *Check all that apply.*



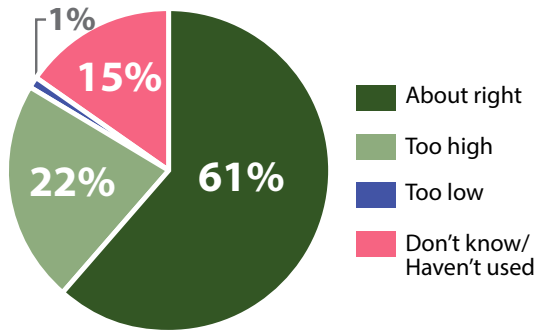
Note: Because multiple answers per participant are possible, the total percentage may exceed 100%

Response	Number	Percent
Outdoor Nature Programs	86	46.24%
Special events (Movies in the Park, Holiday events, etc.)	82	44.09%
Adult, Teen, & Youth fitness classes (Yoga, walking, classic cardio, Zumba, etc.)	82	44.09%
Adult & Children's swim lessons	51	27.42%
Pickleball	46	24.73%
Sports programs (Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, etc.)	41	22.04%
Preschool age programming	39	20.97%
Teen programming	34	18.28%
Youth Camp	32	17.20%
Senior programming	27	14.52%
Other (Please specify)	10	5.38%
Total Unique Responses	186	
Total Responses	530	

QUESTION 29 - OTHER RESPONSES

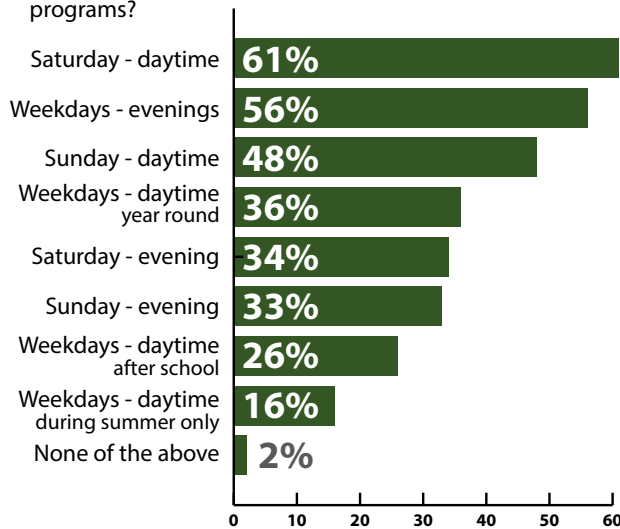
- Adaptive and inclusive offerings for children.
- Ball and roller hockey
- Ball hockey rinks
- BALL HOCKEY/ROLLER HOCKEY
- Disabled adult programs
- Elementary childrens programs
- Infant
- Integrated sports for all abilities
- Stargazing
- Virtual classes

Q29: How do you feel about the fees charged for recreation programming?



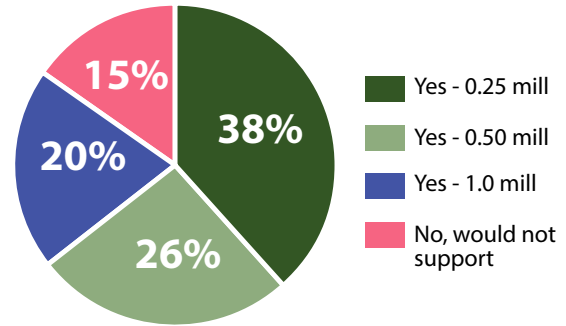
Response	Number	Percent
About right	130	60.75%
Too high	48	22.43%
Too low	3	1.40%
Don't know/Haven't used	33	15.42%
Total Responses	214	

Q30: What times work best for you to participate in recreation programs?



Response	Number	Percent
Saturday - daytime	126	61.46%
Weekdays - evenings	115	56.10%
Sunday - daytime	99	48.29%
Weekdays - daytime year round	74	36.10%
Saturday - evening	70	34.15%
Sunday - evening	67	32.68%
Weekdays - daytime after school	54	26.34%
Weekdays - daytime during summer only	33	16.10%
None of the above	4	1.95%
Total Unique Responses	205	
Total Responses	642	

Q31: Maintaining and developing quality parks and recreation facilities requires adequate financing. Would you support a bond or millage to help finance Saline's parks and recreation programs and facilities?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes, up to 0.25 mill (\$25 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	86	38.39%
Yes, up to 0.50 mill (\$50 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	59	26.34%
Yes, up to 1.0 mill (\$100 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	45	20.09%
No, I would not support an additional millage	34	15.18%
Total Responses	224	

Q32: Are there any other recreation-related items you would like to bring to our attention?

- Would love to join a city fitness co-op, that had a juice/coffee bar and wellness programs
- We need a community pool
- We need a splash park & outdoor pool!
- Water-based classes should be included in membership fees. Women's locker room at the Rec Center is not kept clean enough. There is often a bad smell in the shower area. Showers are not clean enough.
- Splash pad and outdoor pool
- I don't live in saline but work in town and utilized the rec with the group rate but it's still out of my means. I don't think the rec can be self-sustaining like the mayor thinks. You guys need a millage. I wouldn't be able to vote but would support it. It works for Washtenaw county. Mill pond park also needs some love. The pavilion is janky. Tables and bathrooms are gross. Instead of adding new parks please revitalize them.
- Need an updated rec center. Please benchmark the Holland aquatic center
- Would support a outdoor pool or splash pad
- Traffic needs more attention from police department.
- Saline proper has very high tax rate (request would be to limit any tax increases)
- Members should pay for Rec related programs at the Rec Center, not the public. general public

QUESTION 32 - CONTINUED

- I do NOT support sinking more resources into the rec center
- Washtenaw County has ZERO ball hockey/roller hockey rinks - and we just keep trying provide more of what everyone else offers.
- Like I said, don't add anything new to the parks. Get the existing parks up to par first! Put money into landscaping, and repairs and just start maintaining what's already there. Grass needs to be mowed more than once a week to look nice. Let some of these landscaping companies sponsor a park, and put some advertising up for their service. Have them mow etc. and free up the DPW for more important things.
- I feel we need to develop non motorized transportation methods that link to existing networks in washtenaw county
- I object to subsidizing the recreation center for non-Saline residents. It should have been sold to a private party years ago
- Saline preserve is nice but is not mowed frequently enough
- I have additional thoughts about certain parks but will respond directly. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our opinions! I really appreciate the effort being given to improve our parks.
- Close the Rec center and use the money saved to fund all the other things besides that building and grounds. It no secret that the Rec center is always in the hole. Also, a pool or splash pad won't fix the financial issues either. Just add to the bleeding.
- There are grants for dog parks, we desperately need a better one. All of our outdoor basketball courts are old and need updating. We need an outdoor pool, even a community as small as Blissfield has one .
- no
- bike trails and splash pad, it somehow could acquire Henne Field would help with communtiy programs and be a central spot
- Please have a hockey rink for ball hockey or inline hockey!
- biking trails connecting the townships to the city. Make Saline city the core for the trails
- Roller/ball hockey rink
- Outdoor pool or at least a large splash pad
- Henne Field should really be a city park
- Making fitness am achievable goal for ALL Saline residents. Access should be available and a city wide campaign should promote possibilities.
- Outdoor pool
- I believe Saline should purchase the abandoned area on W Michigan Ave uptown for a community gathering park with restroom and water facilities, covered pavilion and benches.
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- A splash pad for kids would keep residents in the area for summer fun, as well as draw visitors from neighboring communities. Preserving green spaces in Saline would make for a welcoming community and a healthier environment to live in, encouraging outdoor recreation by all residents
- I think there needs to be more signage in parks advising people to keep their dogs leashed (unless in a dog park of course). People letting their dogs run uncontrolled does concern me when I visit parks with my dogs (who don't care to have a strange dog rush up in their face). I have had this happen several times in Brecon and at Henne field.
- Get some decent pickleball courts outside.
- Love living in such a walkable city,its important to link the downtown with subdivisions and townships, to support businesses and promote a sense of Place
- More craft fairs
- Washtenaw County doesn't have a SINGLE outdoor ball/roller hockey rink where people can just show up and skate and play. An indoor or outdoor rink like they have at the Rec Center in Livonia, or outdoor rinks in Rochester or Allen Park would be huge for the community and drawing other communities of people here.
- New rec center!!
- I would like to see an outdoor ball/roller hockey facility. An old tennis or basketball court can serve this purpose with a little renovation. There is not a facility like this anywhere in the area, including AA. Most other amenities mentioned here can easily be found in AA already. With the proper development, a facility like this would be rented by youth ice hockey teams for off-ice training.
- Splash pad or water feature in several parks
- Before I support a tax increase I would like to see specific plans for the money (5-10 year plan). Overall, Saline parks are very good but with some creative thinking I am sure we can make them even better for all. Perhaps focus on the park facilities rather than running a lot of programs.
- I'd like to add that the city is fortunate to have someone like Carla Scruggs.
- Dexter, Chelsea, and Pittsfield Twp. are leaving Saline behind on bike trails. They are a big draw to their areas. Saline has several parks that could be connected as well as making connections to present and future Pittsfield trails. Secondly, Saline made a mistake when it did not acquire Henne Field when it was offered. With the Council's recent actions, Saline more than ever need a downtown venue location for Oktoberfest, Summerfest, Summer Music, etc.
- adding a splash pad would be a great asset
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QUESTION 32 - CONTINUED

- Rec center landscaping is horrible in back....just needs to be weeded. A swing set at teft Park would be awesome! We go there everyday but would love swings.
- If the millage supported connecting parks and park development (trails, bathrooms, parking, etc...) I would support the millage increase. If it were to be spent on more softball/soccer fields or poured into the Rec Center, I would not be likely to support the millage.
- Please consider hammock posts at Wilderness Park! There is plenty of land before the trails and plenty of parking.
- Brecon park does not have trash cans near the play structure and picnic tables and consequential there is frequently a lot of litter
- I think an outdoor pool and sauna facilities would be a nice addition.
- My daughter will be inconsolable if there are no more swings in the Marlpool Park update. We swing on those swings multiple times per day! Please consider the drainage in that park too, it is unusable at certain points.
- I would like to see a large playground structure similar to Ninja Warrior---we have been to playgrounds in other states that have similar structures and kids love them
- Splash pad would be excellent as well as some "central park" type area like Dexter has.
- More circular walking paths (the addition to Brecon Park was great!) and ball hockey rinks
- Just the dog park issue
- Fencing or gates around a playground make it more accessible for young kids!
- I would only support a millage if adaptive programs and playgrounds are seriously looked into
- This community with being so close to major health systems should try and get sponsorship of these health systems to help update our Rec Center and put in a community pool. Perfect example is "The MAC" in East landing. They were sponsored by Sparrow Health System and they were able to finance large amounts of the project.
- Please fix up Marlpool park :) Thanks for all of your work to create amazing parks for our community!
- An outdoor swimming pool would be awesome.
- The wooden play structure at MillPond should be replaced with a current and safer structure. The wooden structure is unsafe, dirty, attracts bees, splitters, hot, missing boards AND did I mention DIRTY and full of bees/wasps. Very unsafe environment for young children. Should be two structures based one age.
- Look at other communities! Saline lacks in areas that others offer..and they are even smaller in size. Pool, Splash pad, skate park, ice skating (outdoors), pickleball. This all can be done. And this topic isn't something new. Citizens would utilize these items and spend time/ money here versus going to Liberty or Vets ...ect...
- The type of structure at millpond park have been removed from communities throughout the state due to carcinogens and other safety concerns. Is our structure safe?
- Now is not the time to add additional taxes to an already very high mileage rate. Would love to see the results of these surveys used to reconfigure and redistribute existing funds in an updated way according to todays community's needs!
- I walk SE Saline almost daily. I have noticed in recent years the decline in tree trimming of city trees. Saline used to do it every summer before school started in the fall. Now it is almost never done. Many trees are hanging over the sidewalks. (Take a look at the north side of Willis Rd.) Also, Marlpool Park needs upgraded! And why is there no longer a garbage can there?! The "park" at Pleasant Ridge and S Ann Arbor is a joke. A small plot of land with a bench does not make a park.
- We need more basketball courts, an outdoor pool, splash pad
- SPLASH PAD, More accessible, modern playgrounds
- There are significant number of homes with dogs near Brecon and Henne field, far more than Mill Pond. We really need a dog park over here. I walk my dog daily here at both and there are dozens of dogs that use the parks daily. But it's only a sidewalk trail. Many pet parents refuse to use the MillPond, so many dogs jump in the river and get giardia there, and the grass there is completely covered in geese/deer poop. Dog run there is unusable.
- Access to the river at Stonecliff and possibly a rustic walking trail there would be huge improvements that would increase neighborhood usage by residents of Saline River Drive and Torwood.
- Camping, overnight parking stargazing . Appreciate p& r keeping as much green as possible
- Pickleball please
- I think I've mentioned, it is Time for an outdoor pool. I love Curtiss Park, I am sitting outside in my car right now, and the whole tennis court is bust it up and it looks like a gravel pit.
- Saline needs a free splash pad option for the younger kids. It also needs more inclusive playgrounds
- Bring adaptive sports for special needs children
- The community needs an outdoor pool
- better maintenance

QUESTION 32 - CONTINUED

- Pittsfield Township parks (playground equipment, wide paved paths, and trails) are beautifully designed and maintained. I would love to have fewer parks of higher caliber in Saline - designed similar to the ones in Pittsfield Township. The amount of taxes we pay in Saline is way too high in comparison to most other areas, it's such a disappointment to have parks that are in poor condition, with no decent restroom facilities, and out of date play equipment.
- Saline rec center offers now indoor pickleball for members only. Most pickleball players are not members and paying \$12 is too high so no one shows up. Also, the lighting in the gym is awful. You cannot see anything and is very depressing.
- Splash pad!
- Development of the empty lot on Monroe St to become a park and connect with vvvs Park
- Disc golf course!
- A splash pad or outdoor pool would bring people into the community for sure.
- Marlpool Park improvement
- outside pool
- Outdoor pool, spray park, water trail
- Splash pad would be awesome!!
- Please put a splash pad (mill pond) and skating rink (Brecon) somewhere
- We need an outdoor pool
- Playground equipment is unsafe in so many of the parks since they're so old; too many wasps at millpond but the only good play structure
- Area of events or food truck space like little fleet would be awesome
- We love your youth sports offerings but by 2nd grade they are lost to travel teams. As a parent of a very competitive and athletic child I hate travel sports and would love to see a little league for saline. SAYBS had the kids but they leave to go elsewhere. Save our teams from travel!!
- Saline needs a splash pad and Millpond Park is the perfect location. There is plenty of room for additional parking and it would be a beautiful setting on the River . There is also room to incorporate an Amphitheater in that location. With the tall cliffs on both sides of the river, it would help reflect the noise/ music from some of the neighborhoods.
- Outdoor pool!

The Saline Park Commission held monthly meetings throughout the summer of 2022 and received comments from residents regarding specific parks. Additionally, comments were sent to the the Parks Director for consideration. The following summarizes the comments received during the planning process.

COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

- Mountain bike trail somewhere in a park
- Pickleball courts – multiple courts in multiple locations
- Keep parks accessible to bikes and pedestrians
- More places to sit in all parks – benches need armrests to help elderly push up

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION MAY 17, 2022

PEOPLES PARK

- Install a dog waste station
- Invasive plant control ex: honeysuckle, Buck thorn, wild grape, Chinese sumac
- Pickleball courts
- Plant native species
- Replace benches
- Stream restoration ex: waterflow, debris removal
- Narrow the walking pathway so not as much to mow
- More picnic tables
- Portajohn
- Play structure
- Trail connection to Salt Springs Park
- Expansion of park to north (if the City were to purchase the property)

RISDON PARK

- Pollinator garden
- Labyrinth
- Drinking fountain
- Bench
- Rain garden (east end)

SALT SPRINGS PARK

- Digital narration of the area history (QR code)
- Viewing area around the salt springs
- Connection to DNR Fisheries all the way to Leslee Neithammer preserve in Saline Township
- Dog waste station
- River viewing deck

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION JUNE 21, 2022

CANTERBURY PARK

- Upgrade equipment
- Construct a pathway through the park
- Shade and picnic shelter
- Rules board
- Replace the park sign with new
- Porta john enclosure
- Address drainage on the east side of the park near residents?
- More benches for seating
- Butterfly garden or native plantings
- Where does the park end and private property begin?

MARLPOOL PARK

- Historical marker about the Braun Farm
- Replace the play structure
- Replace the safety surface
- Native plantings to create natural boarder around the park
- Walkway from sidewalk to the play structure
- Park rules sign
- New park sign
- More trees

WILDERNESS PARK

- Pave the parking lot at the corner of S. Ann Arbor St./ Willis road
- Replace wooden benches
- Improve viewing areas around the pond (work with DNR to create observation decks)
- Trail head near the parking lot
- Porta john enclosure
- Directional signage throughout the park along the trails-rustic signage
- Boardwalks along wet trails
- ADA compliant trails?
- Updated bird houses and bat houses throughout the park

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION JULY 19, 2022

COLONY PARK

- Install additional benches on the south side of park (under the shade)
- More trees around the perimeter of the park
- Improve access for wheelchair users and walkers
- Pavilion for shade
- Clear and maintain pathways/trails through the woods
- Add safety surface under the play equipment
- Port a john enclosure
- Spaces for teens
- New tire swing
- Bike rack
- Soccer goals
- Swings
- Prettier space

MILL POND PARK

- Enclosed dog park
- Paved trail for running through park
- High trail along bluff (not city park property)
- Erosion control on west bank

STONECLIFF PARK

- Clearing to access water for fishing
- Love the open field
- Dog waste station

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION AUGUST 16, 2022

BRECON PARK

- Dog Park
- Waste can at both ends of the park
- Refurbish walkway from Watson to Harris
- Cement apron around backstop and into dugouts of the ballfield
- Lighting along the pathway
- Exercise stations along the pathway
- Bicycle repair station

CURTISS PARK

- Improve safety in back parking lot (too much rif raf)
- Roller hockey in back parking lot
- Electricity run to the pavilion

TEFFT PARK

- Upgrade south play structure
- Electricity to the pavilion
- Pave the bike path from tennis courts to Textile road and connectors to sidewalks
- Domes