

## Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park Fact Sheet

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In October 2022, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved the *Healthy Communities Park and Outdoor Recreation Investment Plan*, a \$20.2 million program aimed at enhancing park and recreation opportunities utilizing *American Rescue Plan Act* funds, with additional funding from Oakland County Parks (OCP).

The dedicated funds support park improvement projects located in areas most disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Community Impacts of Healthy Communities Plan

- Transform and eliminate historic inequities in the distribution of the benefits of the Oakland County Parks system and significantly enhance our capacity to serve residents of densely populated and diverse urban areas.
- Expand accessibility and use of existing community park facilities to serve regional recreational needs.
- Make investments in park infrastructure that will have the greatest impact on improving the health and well-being of our residents.

### Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park

Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park is a 17-acre area located within David H. Shepherd Park in the City of Oak Park. It is jointly operated by OCP and the City of Oak Park and is owned by the City of Oak Park. The open space gateway will feature accessible trails, seating and gathering areas with picnic tables and benches, a large, nature-themed playground and updated pavilions.

### Additional Amenities at Oak Park Woods

- A new warming kitchen building
- Year-round restrooms
- Parking lot repairs
- Trail and boardwalk improvements
- Grills
- Bike racks
- Native plants and trees

### Funding Sources

Oak Park Woods at Shepherd Park received \$3.25 million from the *Healthy Communities Plan*, which included \$2.5 million from the *American Rescue Plan Act* and \$750,000 in Oakland County Parks' capital improvement fund. Additional Oakland County Parks' capital improvement funding was later added for a total investment of \$6,210,168.

### Questions or Comments

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