

Catalpa Oaks County Park Improvements Frequently Asked Questions October 2, 2020

What improvements took place at Catalpa Oaks County Park?

Catalpa Oaks County Park was upgraded with approximately \$702,000 in enhancements including a .6-mile aggregate perimeter pathway that meets Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

A 2018 project survey and open house public engagement indicated multi-use trails as the highest requested development priority for the park. Historically, a landscape berm around the park perimeter had been frequently used by walkers and joggers resulting in an existing informal dirt path.

The perimeter pathway project also includes concrete pathways connecting into existing neighborhood sidewalks and the Greenfield Road sidewalk.



Additionally, two of the park's four soccer fields were graded to improve drainage and irrigation was installed to improve turf quality and increase playability of the fields.

The soccer fields were created prior to Oakland County Parks and Recreation's management. They were built from clay construction material from development of the 1-696 freeway.

The soccer fields host six-eight leagues per season that bring in more than 30,000 visits annually to the park.



When will the other two fields be upgraded?

That has not been determined. Due to the expense and other O CPR project commitments, only two fields were improved.

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and staff must assess needs across the 13-park system, and nearly 7,000 acres, to make decisions about investments of taxpayer dollars based on needs, fiscal sustainability, recreation trends and how to serve the most residents and visitors. The parks system hosts 2 million annual visitors in its parks and another 1.6 million visitors via outreach efforts.

What other projects were done?

A maintenance storage shed and two electrical pedestals, for park special events, were installed.



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