



Oakland County Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022

Appendix C: Recreation Plan Public Comment

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Summary of public comment

Number and type of public comment

A total of 140 people submitted comments during the public comment period between November 20 and December 20, 2017. 133 people used the online survey. 2 people submitted comments in writing using printed surveys provided at one of the community locations. 4 detailed email comments and 1 telephone comment were received.

Age of survey respondents

The survey asked respondents to provide their age. The average age of survey respondents was 45 years of age. The age range was 20-85 years of age. Age was not provided by persons who emailed or telephoned their comments.

Where survey respondents live

The survey asked respondents to provide their home zip code. The communities where respondents live was identified using the zip codes. One fourth of the respondents reside outside of Oakland County. This corresponds with previous calculations of the percentage of park users from outside Oakland County. Zip code was not provided by persons who emailed or telephoned their comments.

Table 1: Home counties of survey respondents (based on zip codes)

Geographic location	Responses per County	Percent per County
Oakland County	98	72.1%
Genesee County	9	6.6%
Macomb County	14	10.3%
Muskegon County	2	1.5%
St Clair County	1	0.7%
Tuscola County	1	0.7%
Washtenaw County	2	1.5%
Wayne County	9	6.6%
TOTAL RESPONSES	136	100%

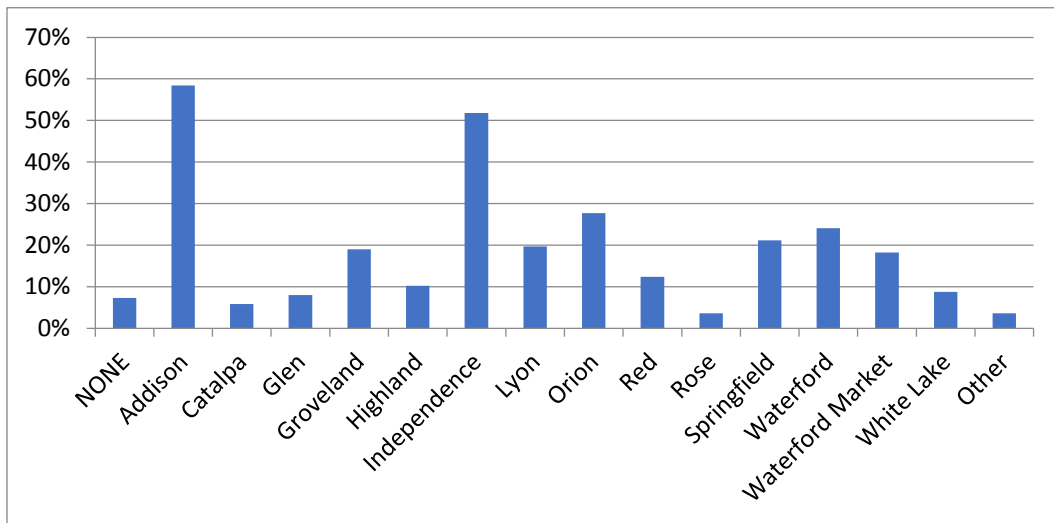
Table 2: Home communities of survey respondents from Oakland County (based on zip codes)

Oakland County community	Responses per Community	Percent per Community	Oakland County community	Responses per Community	Percent per Community
Auburn Hills	2	2.0%	Madison Heights	3	3.1%
Bingham Farms	1	1.0%	Milford	1	1.0%
Bloomfield Hills	1	1.0%	Novi	1	1.0%
Clarkston	16	16.3%	Oak Park	2	2.0%
Clawson	2	2.0%	Oakland	3	3.1%
Commerce Township	7	7.1%	Ortonville	3	3.1%
Davisburg	1	1.0%	Oxford	7	7.1%
Farmington	4	4.1%	Rochester	1	1.0%
Ferndale	2	2.0%	Royal Oak	5	5.1%
Hazel Park	2	2.0%	Walled Lake	1	1.0%
Holly	3	3.1%	Waterford	16	16.3%
Huntington Woods	1	1.0%	West Bloomfield	2	2.0%
Keego Harbor	1	1.0%	White Lake	2	2.0%
Lake Orion	3	3.1%	Wixom	2	2.0%
Leonard	3	3.1%	Oakland County Total	98	100%

Which parks survey respondents visit

The survey asked respondents which parks they have visited in the past 12 months. The two most visited parks were Addison and Independence. 60% and 50% of respondents, respectively, indicated they had visited these two parks in the past 12 months. 5 respondents indicated “Other”. Three respondents provided detail: “dog park”, “Bald Mountain”, “I have been in contact with individuals involved in the proposed off-road park in Oakland County,” and two indicated “Orion Oaks Dog Park specifically”. The chart below shows the percentage of total survey respondents that indicated they had visited each park.

Figure A: Parks that survey respondents have visited in the past 12 months (percent of total survey respondents)



Public comments on the Recreation Plan and the Oakland County Parks system

Most of the comments regarding the Recreation Plan document were positive and said that the plan was well-presented and reflective of the county’s needs. A few commenters found the plan to be too complicated, too vague or in need of clearer metrics. There were many positive comments about the overall shape of the parks system, maintenance of the parks, and the contributions of staff and volunteers. Concerns were expressed about level of fees for residents and the need to invest taxpayer money carefully.

Public comments summarized by topic

The comments were reviewed for recurring topics. Table 3 below shows the number of comments that contain each topic and a brief summary of the comments on that topic. This is a general review of all the comments and is not intended to be exhaustive. Staff will continue to work through the comments for information on public opinion about specific features and proposed changes to the park system. For more detail, see the full text of individual topics – these are provided in Table 4 in the next section. Table 5 is a cross-referenced guide to the comments that will assist with locating each topic.

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Table 3: Summary of public comment topics and content

Comment topic	Number of people commenting on this topic	Content of comments
Accessibility, adaptive programs	3	Commenters encouraged OCPR to continue investing in making parks more accessible and approved that we perform an accessibility review on all projects. One person noted that unpaved walking trails were challenging for seniors and handicapped persons and asked OCPR to improve surfaces to be compacted better.
Beach, swimming	10	Several commented on the poor conditions of the (now closed) beach at Addison Oaks, several commented on how they enjoyed swimming at the parks, especially at Groveland and Independence
BMX	1	One commenter asked for upgrades to the Waterford BMX facility
Camping	10	Several commenters listed camping as a favorite part of OCPR parks with the majority calling out Addison specifically as their favorite. One person indicated that camping and disc golf was a good combination. One person loved camping at Addison but was camping less now due to poor quality of beach (now closed) and problems with the reservation system, including not being able to reserve online. Another person wanted to see basketball courts added at Addison. Another camper had experienced a problem with the 2 tents per campsite limitation because their bicycle touring group used multiple one-person tents. One commenter was looking forward to combining use of the proposed ORV park with camping at Groveland.
Conference centers, grill rooms, concessions	1	One person wanted to see better concession choices and prices at the golf courses
Court games	6	Commenters asked for court games to be added – specifically basketball at Addison and Independence, tennis at Groveland, and pickleball at Waterford. One commenter said the volleyball courts at Waterford were too close to the path, with players sometimes obstructing the path.
Cultural, historic	2	One person approved of the inclusion of more cultural/historical recreation in the Recreation Plan. Another noted that the historic buildings at Addison were a lovely backdrop for picnicking and other activities in the park.
Disc golf	51	The disc golf community made a very strong response to the call for public comment. Staff has been engaged for several months with members of this group and has reviewed a proposal to install disc golf at Orion Oaks. This location was determined to be not feasible due to restrictions per the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Implementation Plan with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, planned trail development and potential user conflicts with dog park. Communication continues and plans are in place to meet with disc golfers and partners later this winter to review

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		<p>needs and opportunities.</p> <p>Most of the comments were related to developing more disc golf courses in the system, especially championship-level courses. Many commented on the quality and beauty of the Addison Oaks course and had suggestions for improvements to the course. Others commented on the value of family time playing disc golf and that disc golf at Addison was their introduction to other features at the park. One commenter indicated willingness to pay for play when improvements are made.</p>
Diversity, equity	1	One person expressed concern about the lack of economic and racial diversity in the parks
Dogs, dog park	15	<p>Most commenters on this topic identified dog parks as a favorite part of OCPR parks. Specific comments included concerns about mud (parking lots, dog enclosures) and aggressive dogs; and the need for more shade and flowing water in the dog parks. One commenter wanted a “real dog park” in south Oakland County. Comments asked for new dog parks at Addison and Waterford.</p>
Equestrian, horses	2	Comments asked for more equestrian access and improvements to the equestrian trails at Rose.
Events and programs	6	Commenters were positive about events and programs, citing them as a reason to visit the parks
Farmers market, greenhouses	3	<p>The farmer’s market was cited as a favorite part of OCPR parks. Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority is researching opportunities for farmer’s markets and programs, suggesting a potential for collaborative planning. One commenter suggested removing one-way signage from the farmers market and was disappointed that the community garden program at the greenhouse had stopped.</p>
Golf	13	<p>Commenters listed golf as a favorite part of OCPR parks and most indicated that the courses were well-maintained and staff was doing a great job. There were a few suggestions: add 9 or 18 holes at Lyon, improve drainage at courses, add a driving range at White Lake, cut the roughs more often at White Lake. A couple commenters called for one or more golf courses to be eliminated. An emailed comment was positive regarding Lyon Oaks golf course but indicated the course was a bit expensive for frequent golfers and suggested selling annual memberships to boost revenue for the golf course and provide an opportunity for a discount for frequent players.</p>
Lakes, fishing, boating	5	Commenters listed lakes, boating and/or fishing among their favorite parts of OCPR parks. There were a couple suggestions: fix fishing docks to extend beyond grass areas and increase hours that kayak rentals are available

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Nature, wildlife, natural areas, woods	19	Natural areas, scenic views and wildlife were often identified as favorite reasons commenters enjoyed the parks. Commenters wanted OCPR to preserve natural areas, control invasive species and refrain from cutting trees along trails.
Nature centers	3	One commenter asked for Red Oaks Nature Center schedule to be available earlier for planning family activities. Other comments were about Wint Nature Center and suggested improvements.
ORV	13	Commenters expressed support for the proposed ORV park and hope that the project would move forward soon.
Parks Commission	4	Commenters asked for Parks Commission meetings to be recorded and available to view on cable or internet for greater transparency and so they could stay informed about the decisions being made.
Picnicking, pavilions, barbecue	3	Picnicking was a favorite activity. Commenters asked for another pavilion at Catalpa and more pavilions in general.
Playgrounds	7	Playgrounds were cited as a favorite part of OCPR parks. The need for upgraded playground equipment was noted.
Safety, security, comfort	5	Commenters liked the Oakland County sheriff's deputy patrols and felt safe and comfortable in the parks. One commenter noted that "The Fridge" was dangerous and needed to be removed from Waterford.
South Oakland County	6	Commenters called out the need for more recreational facilities and activities in south Oakland County. One person recognized Red Oaks as a valuable resource in the south part of the county and another approved of including a strategy for south Oakland County in the plan.
Trails, hiking, biking, mountain biking, equestrians	49	Trails were frequently cited as a favorite part of OCPR parks, with many asking for more trails and more connectivity to regional trails. More mountain biking choices for various skill levels was suggested. Trail system at Independence and the mountain biking trails at Addison were specifically noted as a favorite by many. Need for improved trail signage was a frequently cited concern. Trail user conflicts was also cited, including concerns about proposed increased bicycle use and closing cross-country ski trails to walkers in winter – both at Independence.
Volunteering	2	Commenters thanked volunteers for their work in the parks and noted volunteer opportunities from new recreational development.
Waterpark	7	Commenters cited the waterparks as a favorite part of OCPR parks. More shade was cited as a need for the waterparks.
Wi-Fi, internet	2	Commenters wanted improvement to internet speed

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<p>Winter, skiing, sledding, ice skating, hockey</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Cross-country skiing at Independence was noted. One commenter cited it as a favorite and wanted Independence to grow as a premier ski destination, but noted that ski rental gear needed to be upgraded. Another commenter did not want cross-country ski trails to be closed to walkers in winter. Other comments included wanting sledding at Independence, more lights at dog parks at night for visits after work in winter, wanting disc golf tee pads to be salted at Addison, and wanting snow to be cleared from trails at Red.</p>

Compiled public comments

All public comments are provided here verbatim and without edits, as they were entered by the commenter in the online survey, on the paper survey, by email or telephone. To locate the comments about specific topics, see Table 5 which cross-references the survey number with the topics.

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Public comment using online or paper survey

Table 4: Compiled survey response tables

#	Zip Code	Age	Parks visited in the past 12 months?	Favorite parts of the parks visited?	What can we do to improve these parks?
1	48017	38	Addison Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks	The waterpark! The playground at Catalpa.	More shady areas at waterpark.
2	48335	28	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks	I have mainly visited Oakland County parks to play the great disc golf courses. I have also spent time picnicking with family (often before a family round of disc golf) at these parks.	Additional disc golf courses would be great
3	48036	42	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks	Disc Golf	
4	48317	36	Addison Oaks, Glen Oaks, Groveland Oaks	I frequent Addison Oaks to play disc golf and have spent time at other Oakland county parks for various family outings. I LOVE how well maintained the parks are and appreciate the effort put in to make Oakland County parks beautiful.	Maximizing park potential by utilizing it's property to add activities/sports such as disc.golf.
5	48095	32	Addison Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks	I am a golfer and love some of the golf courses that are ran by the oakland county park program. they are some of the best maintained courses in Metro. I am also an avid disc/frisbee golfer and wish more of your parks would install a higher level disc golf course so my family and I can play together. I would love to get my sons involved in golf but due to cost and the time it takes for a young family to golf it is not worth it. Which is one reason we have turned to the game of disc/frisbee golf, as it is something our entire family can do together while being outside enjoying nature together.	The work that is done at Addison oaks this past year has been phenomenal. The park is looking better than ever. I have been going to this park for the past 15 years and i have never seen it in the conditions that it was this past year. The staff, and people are extremely friendly and all deserve a rather large pat on the back because the work they have put in is amazing.
6	48071	32	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Red Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Addison Oaks has a really decent disc golf course. Needs some new baskets and a redesign into a real championship level course like the ones popping up all over the country.	The disc golf community desperately needs a real gold (championship) level course. Something that could bring pros from all around the world to Michigan.
7	48768	31	Addison Oaks	Hole 10 add is one my favorite. Love how clean the parks are.	Need more benches for the disc golf course

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1	Better trail signage.		
2	Higher concentration of quality disc golf courses		
3			
4	Continued dedication to park maintenance. Developing a vision that looks to enhance parks alright utilizing his property for sports such as disc golf and hiking.		No.
5	I hope that you can free up some land for installing a couple new disc golf courses. It is not an extremely large expense to install and can be installed in many different types of parks from wooded to open courses. Also by the looks of the money that the metro parks brings in it is worth the investment in the long run.		
6	Put Will Freed in charge of designing and redesigning all of the disc golf courses.	Will Freed has great ideas and huge potential as a course designer. Please give his proposals a chance and watch the Michigan disc golf scene explode!	There needs to be at least 1 championship level disc golf course put in the ground. Michigan is in dire need of at least one.
7			

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8	48036	26	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks	Disc golf courses!	Install championship level disc golf courses or update the courses already in the ground to meet the standards of today's game
9	48382	24	Addison Oaks, Lyon Oaks	Disc Golf keeps me coming back to the parks.	Quality Disc Golf courses in more parks.
10	48371	20	Addison Oaks	Disc golf!!	Disc golf
11	48030	40	Addison Oaks, Orion Oaks	Disc golf.	It would be really nice to have a higher level disc golf course in the area.
12	48073	34	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Typically I go for either the disc golf activities or trail walking.	Add a disc golf course of course. Improve existing courses with more challenging holes. Organize community clean-up days.
13	48329	24	Addison Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks	I love the disc golf course at Addison Oaks. At the moment, it is my main reason for visiting an Oakland County Park.	I would love to see more disc golf courses in Oakland County Parks. We need a championships level course in the area!
14	48462	40	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	Disc Golf at Addison is some of the best Disc Golf you can find in the state. As for the other parks, we like to hike and swim.	Adding Disc Golf would be great!
15	48529	32	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks	The disc golf courses	Create more disc golf courses or better maintain the ones you have.
16	48506	34	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks	Disc golf, year round	Salt tee pads in winter time on disc golf courses
17	49337	28	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Just beautiful pieces of property for disc golf.	Expand disc golf into other areas.
18	48048	31	Addison Oaks	Disc golf course was my original reason to go, but then I saw the other amenities and visited other times for trails, etc.	
19	48220	23	Addison Oaks, Glen Oaks, Independence Oaks	Disc golf	More disc golf courses

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8	Install disc golf courses on as many properties as possible.		
9	More Disc Golf would be wonderful.		
10	Disc golf	Disc golf	Thank god its gunna do nothing but bring tons and tons and tons of people to the area.. Just build it!!!the community is on board and are willing to keep the course amazing and help with installation I have at least 8 friends with power tools to help just saying.
11	Championship level disc golf course.		
12	Hold more disc golf events.		
13			
14	The parks are great, and of course it would be awesome to see more Disc Golf!	You can't go wrong with Disc Golf. It's an amazing sport that gets people and whole families off of the couch and into the parks on a daily basis. Michigan has so many wonderful courses and adding more is a great idea.	The draft is very well presented and looks like it would benefit the parks. William Freed's Disc Golf proposal would be an amazing addition to Orion Oaks or any other parks.
15			
16	install championship level disc golf courses	We have enough par 54 amateur courses and need a couple championship caliber gems. Michigan should not be in the bottom third of the country on pro layout courses, not to mention losing out on all the huge revenue making tournaments.	William Freed has been a true pioneer in raising the caliber of disc golf courses so that Michigan is no longer behind the times.
17	Please more disc golf		More disc golf please.
18			Disc golf was a gateway to see what other options were at the park.
19	More, and well put together disc golf courses		

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20	48439	55	Addison Oaks	Disc Golf Course - would love to see additional parks add disc golfing.	Continue to expand and develop additional disc golf courses.
21	48030	30	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks	Stoney Addison, and Hudson mills. Independence oaks is nice too but a hike for me now.	Make a pro style course on stoney and drop the green course layout.
22	48328	34	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Wooded areas, fishing, disc golf courses	A little clean up, add disc golf if applicable, hold more events
23	48317	31	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks		
24	48348	51	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Springfield Oaks	Walking and biking trails	Would like to see access to more beginner and intermediate mountain biking trails. Addison has a very good mountain bike trail that is enjoyable for beginner through expert riders. Would like to see a mountain bike trail at Independence Oaks since the terrain is very good for a multi loop trail system. Also since Independence Oaks is adjacent to Clintonwood Park on to the south, is there a way to connect the parks with walking / riding paths for easier access.
25	48334	55	I have not visited an Oakland County Park		
26	48439	55	Addison Oaks	Disc Golf Course - would love to see additional parks add disc golfing.	Continue to expand and develop additional disc golf courses.
27	48382	36	Addison Oaks, Lyon Oaks	Disc golf!!!! We need more champ level courses in Oakland county, Washtenaw has far more courses and I'm tired of driving out tgere	Add more champ level did gold courses
28	48067	53	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Red Oaks	Trails. Nature.	Trail and trail signage improvements Invasive species reduction

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20			Would like to see an expanded opportunity for disc golf. Add a disc golf facility similar to a ball golf course with pro shops, banquet facilities, etc.
21	I'd like to see more disc golf courses because they are great community organizers.		Love to see a pro style course so Michigan can hopefully hold a major event on pdga tour.
22	From what I've seen the park system is in VERY good shape, I'd say keep it up! It appears that we've been successful with improvements, let's continue to clean build and maintain the wooded areas and hiking trails, upgrade play structures and sporting event equipment, and possibly add additional attractions to other parks to increase usage a little more.	I would like to thank all personnel and volunteers for all the hard work and wish all a wonderful holiday.	I feel adding a permanent pro - level disc golf course in this area would truly attract thousands to the area each year.
23			
24	Some of the walking trails are somewhat challenging for seniors and handicapped due to not being paved. Understanding that paving is a very expensive process, perhaps using a crushed gravel that can be compacted into a very hard surface might be a good alternative. It may also reduce the amount of maintenance on the trails to keep them smooth from washout, etc.		It seems to be very well done and complete. Continue to address need for new and improved programs getting residents out to the parks. Advertisements on radio or in schools might help.
25			
26			Would like to see an expanded opportunity for disc golf. Add a disc golf facility similar to a ball golf course with pro shops, banquet facilities, etc.
27	More disc!!		
28	Increase access for all.	I enjoy the outdoor opportunity (nature observation) at Red Oaks in Madison Heights. Valuable natural space in south Oakland county.	Fantastic work. Very thorough.

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29	48393	73	Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks, White Lake Oaks	The golf courses. The dog park .	Continue to maintain the facilities .
30	48197	32	Addison Oaks	Disc golf Course	Add a championship level disc golf course.
31	48329	557	Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	golf and dog park	improve trails in Waterford walk area
32	48382	68	Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks, White Lake Oaks	Golf courses	They are fine as is.
33	48091	69	Red Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Red Oaks	Stop cutting down trees on the sides of the trails
34	48329	78	Springfield Oaks, White Lake Oaks	Golf Course	Improve the drainage
35	48044	33	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	Disc golf at Addison!	More disc golf, please! We need more courses to play and enjoy our sport with others!
36	48317	29	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks	Disc Golf courses and excellent park upkeep.	
37	48348	61	Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Red Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Nature Center, Wave pool, Fishing, Bike paths, Hiking trails, Playgrounds with grandchildren	Fix fishing docks by extending them beyond grasses and improve playgrounds.
38	48329	52	Addison Oaks, Glen Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market, White Lake Oaks	Discgolf and getting out in nature with my Children and Grandchildren.	We need more discgolf courses. One to attract PDGA sanctioned tournaments would be great for Our county.
39	48071	76	Red Oaks	the trees, wildlife, and trails	Clear walkways of snow (many people walking on snow- covered asphalt trails create hazardous ice-covered trails.) Many people do walk all year long in the park on a daily basis.

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29	Maintain the facilities at or above current standards . Better concession choices & prices . Would like to see another 9 or 18 holes added to Lyon Oaks .	Very pleased with the golf course grounds . White Lakes Oaks restaurant was very disappointing.	No
30			
31	just maintain		looks fine
32	Leave them alone. They don't need improvement. Save our money.		Haven't read it yet.
33	I think the parks I have visited don't need any improvement. the parks are doing too much to the parks that already exist.		
34	Continue your current efforts		Seems a bit complicated, but if it can be effectively implemented, it is fine
35	More disc golf, please! We need more courses to play and enjoy our sport with others!	Keep up the great work!	More disc golf, please! We need more courses to play and enjoy our sport with others!
36	Stay open to the idea of creating new disc golf courses in the area. Disc Golf is an excellent, low-cost physical activity that can generate interest in Oakland Count Parks.		William Freed has proposed a disc golf course design for Orion Oaks County Park. This course could bring Michigan disc golfers something it has been lacking for some time, a championship-level course. If installed, events could be held to draw players from all across the country.
37	More winter activities.Sledding at Independence Oaks would be nice.	The renovation at Independence Oaks Nature Center is beautiful!	
38			Love it!!!
39	more trails would be nice	thanks	

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40	48310	24	Addison Oaks	The disc golf course is beautiful and well maintained at Addison Oaks. I go to Addison probably 20-30 times a year solely for Disc golf.	The Disc golf course designed by Will Freed at Orion Oaks would definitely give me incentive to go to that park also.
41	48025	85	Glen Oaks, Springfield Oaks	I only play the golf	?
42	48382	26	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks	Disc Golf parks and the beauty of nature.	All of the parks that I have been to were in great shape
43	48168	38	Addison Oaks	Disc Golf	Adding more disc golf courses would be nice. A long and professional course, something in the par 72 range for 18 holes would be unique to the area.
44	48442	37	I have not visited an Oakland County Park		Open ORV park in Holly
45	48197	53	Addison Oaks, Orion Oaks	I visit Addison Oaks to play disc golf. Visited Orion Oaks to look at the prospective layout for a disc golf course I heard about.	More disc golf!
46	48393	51	Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	The dog Park at Lyon Oaks	We need more shady areas. I know many new trees were planted in the past two years, many did not survive the winter. It would be nice to have flowing water within the dog park for the dogs to hydrate, but mostly for cleanup, especially in the summer when it's so hot.
47	48329	50	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Red Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market		
48	48346	70	Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Watching the black slaves in the Trustee shirts work while your employees smoke. Brings back visions of the Alabama Chain gang!	Lower the fees! The economic and racial segregation of the parks is staggering! It has to be by design!

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40	Addison Oaks being one of the more beautiful parks around, I think the best thing would be a few more trash receptacles.		As I said above I believe the disc golf course designed by William Freed at Orion Oaks would alone make me come out to that park regularly. I hope the DNR decides to reconsider the course there.
41	?		
42	We could use more championship level disc golf courses. Some courses that would really bring people from all over Michigan to play.	None	I do not.
43	More disc golf, lower rates for out of county visitors perhaps?	no	no
44	Open ORV park in Holly		Complete planning and open ORV park in Holly.
45	I like all the parks and enjoy them. Sometimes when I go to Addison we camp too which is a great combination with the disc golf course.	Keep up the good work!	Bill Freed posted a plan for a disc golf course and a dog park. I really liked it and hope that if it will not work at Orion Oaks, you guys can find somewhere that it will work.
46		For the most part, I think the parks are great!	
47			Add another Disc golf course.
48	Hire a more diverse population. It is obvious that Jim Crow is alive and well!		

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49	48329	44	Addison Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Glen Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Rose Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market, White Lake Oaks	Trails and Waterpark	Make bike path longer and Make pools larger
50	48150	26	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	Disc golf courses	Championship level disc golf courses
51	48073	32	Addison Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Addison	Disc Golf courses
52	48348	27	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Addison oaks	More disc golf courses
53	48390	32	Addison Oaks	Disc golf	Add more courses to draw us discgolfers to them, if other parks were closer might visit them for other family activities
54	48323	33	Addison Oaks, Glen Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks	The discgolf course at addison.	Add more discgolf course
55	48193	30	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks	Disc golf, gathering of friends, BBQ, basketball.	I would love to see a course refresher-- better detailed fairways and roughs, longer, tougher holes.
56	48519	50	Groveland Oaks		
57	48067	61	Orion Oaks, Red Oaks, Dog park	I love the woods, birds and nature center and the staff there.	Just keep the awesome programs you have now and keep the woods!
58	48326	What?!?	I have not visited an Oakland County Park		
59	48065	35	Addison Oaks, Lyon Oaks	Disc golf, beautiful lake (kayak and fishing), and trails.	Additional disc golf courses.
60	48226	35	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Integrating paths, sports and activities into natural space, without ruining the beauty.	More disc golf.

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49	More patrols by Oakland Co Police		No
50	Stop messing around and five us championship level disc golf courses.	DISC GOLF COURSES	You know what we want.
51	Add Disc Golf courses c:	Thanks	
52	Doing great	That is all.. thank you	Try to permit more ideas like, or similar to, the Orion oaks pro disc golf course and pro shop.
53			
54	More discgolf		
55	A drop box with cards and pencils for daily improvements at the course so that issues can be noted on a day to day basis.	Freed for Oakland County Disc golf course redesign!	I did not see William Freed's course design go through; was it not adequate? He is full of fresh ideas, and will become irreplaceable in the disc golf community in the very immediate future. I foresee the disc golf Hall of Fame in his future.
56			
57	Keeping the parks as natural as possible and the dog park is awesome!		No
58	Have more programming at the parks.		I have yet to review it.
59	Nothing.	Thank you for providing a wonderful outdoor/park experience.	
60	More disc golf	More disc golf	More disc golf

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61	48371	59	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	Walking trails	Provide a parking lot surface that is not muddy when wet/in winter. I walk my three dogs several times a week at Orion, Independence and Addison Oaks - I have to drive to these parks - my dogs end up muddy and I have to walk through the mud to lift them into the car - even though I have car seat covers to absorb/handle the mess and even though I have to bring a towel with me to wipe them down - it would be so much more pleasant an experience if they didn't get so muddy from the parking lot to begin with - they are not getting muddy from the trails.
62	48348	70	Glen Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Red Oaks, Springfield Oaks, White Lake Oaks	golf courses	check in redo(why cant inde oaks have the same check in procedure as glen oaks)
63	48325	46	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks	Disc golf courses	

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61	I think you have it figured out already - the parks are awesome!	First, I want to commend everyone involved with the planning and maintenance of our parks - they are an invaluable asset to me personally. I live on Baldwin Road, just north of East Seymour Lake with no access by foot to any park or trail system. I ride over a 1000 miles a year on my bike (on trails) and walk - I don't know how many miles a year with my dogs. I also camp a couples times a year at Addison and participate in Boo Bash. Access to these parks (by car for me) is so important to my health and overall mental well-being, I don't know what I would do without them. I have lived at this residence for 10 years now and I have used an Oakland County Park at least twice a week and a local park at least once a week every year during this time. I have the opportunity to see plants, birds, insects and wildlife in these peaceful settings and that allows me to maintain my mental and physical health. Last week I saw a flock of turkeys, a deer and a pheasant on the habitat trail at Independence Oaks, all in one walk - I love that! Thank you to everyone! You are doing an awesome job!	Concerned about the planned bikes on the west side of Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks, however I do believe that that would provide a greater cycling experience there, particularly now as the new safety path outside of the park provides greater access by bicycle - cyclists want to ride more miles than what Independence allows for now. However, I believe the current, limited access provides for a safer walking experience on the paved trails and if there are more trails to bike, it could become congested and as a result, less safe for walkers/hikers. I use that park about 3 times a week and it is mostly used by walkers/joggers/dog walkers. Even through I am an avid cyclist myself, I can't access the park by bike and I would never drive there with the intention to bike - I use the park mostly to walk my dogs. Love the idea of connecting the North park with the south park via internal trails at Independence - I always love discovering a new trail.
62	not much		no
63		We disc golfers in Michigan need several high caliber courses in our area.	Would've like to see several new disc golf courses put in!

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64	48423	60	Addison Oaks	The disc golf course	<p>Please consider adding additional disc golf courses to the parks. The cost for an individual for an individual to play disc golf is very low, especially so when compared to ball golf or other sports. A single disc can be bought for \$8 brand new. Often we see groups of people playing courses where many in the group are carrying only 1-3 discs. These people are walking 3-4 miles typically for a single round of disc golf. We often see families enjoying a round of disc golf. The low cost is great for young families who cannot afford costlier forms of recreation.</p> <p>I have traveled 3 times in the last year to play disc golf courses in other states. One of the biggest reason I travel to play courses in other states is to play courses that are challenging. Many of the courses we have in Michigan are quite similar in design and length. What we need in this area are courses that could be considered championship caliber courses. I would hope the park would include individuals from the disc golf community to look at how to expand the presence of disc golf in the Oakland County Parks. Thank you.</p>
65	48430	34	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Disc golf hiking and the farmers market	More coarse and better maintained
66	48442	52	I have not visited an Oakland County Park		
67	49461	30	Independence Oaks, White Lake Oaks	Disc golf	

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68	48462	48	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks	Trails to run on, beaches, playground equipment	Independence Oaks needs to basketball hoops and exercise stations along the trails. I was sorry to see the Wint Nature Center being gutted (at least so it seems).
69	48301	46	I have not visited an Oakland County Park		
70	48152	36	Addison Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Disc Golf, hiking trails	More porta-potties for females
71	48367	58	Addison Oaks	Campgrounds	The swimming area is horrible. And the internet is also much to be desired.
72	48329	50	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Red Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market		
73	48346	35	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Disc golf and hiking trails!	More disc golf and longer hiking trails.
74	48346	50	Addison Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	hiking trails (paved and dirt), woodland and lake views, Crooked Lake and Buhl Lake for kayaking	Additional hours for kayak rental

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68	Allow for people to add passes at a discounted rate later. It's poor to make people decide right at the moment given how expensive the choice is.	<p>Overall, I like the parks.</p> <p>Maybe have some random free days, so residents can see what their missing.</p> <p>Also, we are only close to Independence Oaks (and even that one is not exactly in our backyard). We asked someone about basketball hoops and were told that Groveland has them. It doesn't work as a drive for our children, and it's an inconsiderate answer on more than one level.</p>	A lot of the stuff is vague -- calling for improvements, without saying precisely what the improvements are (at least what I read). That's not a plan; that's merely a general goal.
69	invest more in southern Oakland County where your taxpayers live; give taxpayers a large break on passes/admission; consolidate with Huron-Clinton Metroparks; create a combined pass for State Parks, Metroparks, and County Parks.		
70	More disc golf please. So much amazing land, we could really make this a hub for the entire planet	Love all the parks! More disc golf where it is feasible	
71	Clean up the water and make swimming area more recreational for all ages. Improve the internet speed dramatically.		
72			
73	More disc golf.	Thanks for all of the amazing parks.	Nope.
74	More rural areas for hiking trails, paths, etc.	No	No

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75	48367	41	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	I visit these parks with my family for day trips and I play disc golf at Addison Oaks. These parks are always very well maintained	Disc Golf course redesign is a big issue. While i love the courses at the parks, they are in need of updating. newer baskets and updated layouts to fit growing population and skill of disc golfers
76	48359	63	Addison Oaks, Orion Oaks	At Orion Oaks we visit the dog park. I have a 20 lb. dog so i love there are areas for smaller dogs to run and play without having to worry they might be hurt by large dogs. At Addison Oaks it is the campground. We love camping there although recently there have been a few things that make us visit less than we have before. It was common for us to visit up to 3 times a year now it's usually once.	At Addison Oaks do something with the beach! 2 years ago my granddaughter had her knee sliced open by a shell. There was so much debris and seaweed in the water I made sure we all had water shoes on but she kneeled down and that was the end of her visit with us. This has kept us from visiting in the warmer summer months. If my grandchildren are with us they want to swim and it has been unsafe in my opinion or the beach has been closed for health reasons. The other thing that has kept us from camping as much as we used to is the reservations. I loved that most of the park was non reservable and we always knew if we came out on a mon, tues or wed we would have a nice pick of a lot of great sites including our favorite 5 or 6. Now it seems every year more and more sites are becoming reservable. Okay that is fine but if it is mostly reserveable let us do it online. This year I had a list of 7 sites and we were planning on camping sat til the following monday, 9 days in total. When I called to reserve not one was available for the entire time the worker said let me give you the sites that are available. It would have been a whole lot easier if I could just have gone online and saw what was reserved and what wasn't to make my own reservation. This was just for time in August, no boo bash nothing special going on in the cg. If there was online reservation I could have seen earlier that it was filling up and made my reservation sooner.

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75	<p>Personal I love your park system, my family and friends love coming to your parks,</p>		<p>Disc golf can increase your revenue with pay to play, while i enjoy playing for free. I would gladly pay if the parks are willing to improve the courses and work with the disc golf community.</p>
76	<p>The parks are some of the cleanest parks I have visited including the restrooms at the cg. The people are very friendly and I love how the sheriff dept. drives through the cg regularly. I feel very safe with the entry system and the sheriff staying there by myself or just with my grandkids. the only issue i have with the parks are the ones i stated above and that is specifically addison oaks.</p>		<p>I really think the beach at addison oaks needs to be on the front burner, not somewhere between 2018-2022. It is just unsafe and to me is much more important than making sure there are concrete pads in section A.</p>

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77	48382	56	Highland Oaks, Lyon Oaks	The open land and hiking areas.	Maybe add more scenic benches and floral.
78	48348	48	Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Springfield Oaks	Independence Oaks	
79	48371	46	Addison Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Independence Oaks	Golf courses and special events	keep up the level of programming at each park
80	48237	29	Addison Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Glen Oaks, Independence Oaks, Red Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Catalpa Oaks is a nice and functional family park, ie restrooms, playgrounds.	Red Oaks Nature Center is offering some more events, but I wish the schedules came out earlier to plan ahead. (When the calendar goes from October to December, the January calendar needs to be out by late November)
81	48363	34	Addison Oaks	The mountain bike trails are fantastic!	Addison Oaks is very well groomed and maintained; no suggestions.
82	48073	54	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	trails	
83	48362	27	Addison Oaks, Orion Oaks, Bald Mountain	Addison Oaks and Bald Mountain	Great parks for mountain biking. We love Orion Oaks Dog park as well.
84	48348	48	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Rose Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Independence Oaks- We ride the bike trails.	Rose Oaks – Trail improvement is vital to this park and this area. We have our horses in this area and would love to utilize this park but the footing is so bad we are afraid to keep taking them there. I did see someone TRY to ride a bike through the trails and he was bouncing all over. Something needs to be done soon to make these trails useable or why have the land. Thanks for your concern.

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77	I've enjoyed only a few of the parks and have felt comfortable and the feel of the parks are very inviting.		
78		Keep doing the great job that you are doing - wonderful resource.	
79	doing a fine job		no
80			Do you have plans to add more pavilion space at Catalpa Oaks? Its great to see it always busy, but it would be nice to have some more tables by the playground to be able to pack a picnic lunch even when there is a pavilion rental going on.
81	I'd say promoting what the parks have to offer would be awesome. The more people that know, the more use, and the more support.		No
82	Get the Road Commission for Oakland County to build roads that are safe for bicycling. Most County Parks are for those who own cars or have drivers available.	Create more park opportunities in Southeast Oakland County. Take a leadership role in creating trails outside of parks.	Seems rather status quo.
83	How can we improve the safety of the Paint Creek Trail especially near the Rochester entrance? Lots of congestion causes dangerous situations for running and cycling.	Keep up the great work. We moved to Oakland County (Lake Orion) specifically for the parks.	Dog friendly area in Addison Oaks would be incredible!
84	Ask the residents for their input, just like you are doing. Great Job!		I have not gotten through the whole document, but I will keep at it.

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85	48329	61	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks	<p>Cross country skiing at Independence Oaks, and the mountain bike trail at Addison Oaks. I have also camped at Addison Oaks via bicycle touring, using local dirt roads and the Paint Creek Trail.</p> <p>I also think that the Oakland County Volunteer program is a neat way to get involved in the parks and maybe helps keep infrastructure costs down.</p>	<p>At Independence Oaks: Thank you to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department for their continued support of cross country skiing. The recent winter weather has not been great for this type of activity, but in thinking that it is just a short term decrease in snow depth, I am hoping that the park can continue to be used as a premier ski destination without having to resort to the long drive up north. One recommendation might be to dispose of the old three-pin ski boots and bindings and use a more modern boot and binding interface in the rental gear. Some of the ski rental gear is getting pretty dicey when taken to Rochester for Fire and Ice Festival.</p> <p>At Addison Oaks: keep up the great work on the care and maintenance of the mountain bike trails.</p>
86	48386	33	Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Springfield Oaks, White Lake Oaks	trails at Ind and Orion	
87	48348	49	Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	The BMX track at Waterford Oaks.	Update the BMX track (change the jumps) plant grass on the infield at the BMX track, renovate the waterfall / fountain in the pond, upgrade the PA speakers and update the irrigation system for the infield.
88	48071	22	Addison Oaks, Lyon Oaks	I enjoy the disc golf courses at oakland county parks.	Not the biggest fan of the park at Lyon oaks, but at least there is a course to play.
89	48328	39	Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	All of it	Nothing

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85	Maybe plant some markers in the woods for Orienteering similar to Pontiac Lake Recreation Area? reference - Southern Michigan Orienteering Club	One thought - I am not sure where the proper forum for this comment, but I would ask for more leniency with respect to bicycle tourists at Addison Oaks campground, and this policy might also be in place at other parks. Bicycle tourists typically sleep in single tent units due to being flexible for different tour requirements. We ran into an issue last summer at Addison Oaks where we had five bikers in five tents on one tent site, and were forced to get additional tent sites at considerable cost. If we had a giant tent, we could probably pack ten people into the tent site legally, but since the our tents were separate, we needed additional tent sites. The obvious goal is to not have huge groups on each tent site, and we would have been fine with our five small tents on that site. Limiting the number of tents on each site does not necessarily achieve the goal of limiting the number of people on each site. The campground rule of two tents per site does not really work well. It causes groups to split up unnecessarily.	Obviously the ORV park in the Groveland Oaks area will require a shift in resources although this report did not address those shifts, or maybe the intent is to move forward with the park and have outside concerns largely manage ORV events? Or maybe new volunteer opportunities?
86			
87	I feel the parks are well run and maintained. Update the facility's a little more often.		
88	Put in more disc golf courses. And a championship level course would be an amazing addition for the Oakland county disc golf community.		
89	Make a deal for the orv park	An orv park would be a great addition. Thanks	No

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90	49444	43	I have not visited an Oakland County Park, I have been in contact with individuals involved in the proposed off-road park in Oakland County.	I was involved in both Dixie Gulley run off road events that took place. I really enjoyed the experience and look forward to visiting Oakland County in the future when the proposed park is a success.	Make the Oakland County off-road park a reality! Due to the fact there are limited areas for full size off-road enthusiast, the Oakland County offroad park would be a great success.
91	48359	40	Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	Dog park, trails, the lakes for fishing and hopefully soon the ORV park at groveland oaks	Put in the ORV park at groveland oaks. Thanks
92	48327	68	Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Shooting range	Continue development of the ORV park.

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90	Based on the few parks I've visited, I see little need for improvement.	<p>My name is Terry Carlson. I live in Muskegon County, Michigan. Unfortunately, I am not able to make the December 6th Oakland County parks meeting due to an audit at my place of employment.</p> <p>With that said, I would like to make my voice heard as a supporting advocate of the proposed Oakland County off-road park. If Oakland County decides to move forward with the proposed off-road park, I plan to support the park by making multiple trips annually to the park. Because I do live on the west side of the state, my trips to Oakland County would more than likely be overnight trips. The overnights would also be supporting other local Oakland County businesses.</p> <p>In closing, Please vote Yes on the proposed Oakland County off- road park. I as well as others feel it would be a great success.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion in this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Terry Carlson</p>	
91	More off road parks so we can wheel them	ORV PARK.PLEASE.AND THANK YOU . Feel.free.to.email.me.if I can help.in any way.	Please add in all the required wording to build the sweet org park at groveland oaks. Thanks
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93	48346	47	I have not visited an Oakland County Park		
94	48167	72	Addison Oaks	Camping facilities are nice, clean. Access to beach, swimming, nice playground facilities for kids (2-6 year old)	Nothing, they are clean, staff is friendly, occasionally see Oakland County Sheriff on patrol (a good thing)
95	48371	50	Glen Oaks, Red Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Red Oaks is the best waterpark.	Expand Red Oaks' parking lot. Get rid of the golf course. There are plenty of other golf courses in the area.
96	48439	40	Groveland Oaks	Beach, hiking/biking trails	Add additional mountain biking trails
97	48326	53	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Camping	I would LOVE LOVE LOVE to see Tennis Courts at Groveland Oaks.
98	48350	39	Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Rose Oaks, Springfield Oaks, White Lake Oaks	Trails & scenery	

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93			I would love to see the ORV park open as soon as possible. The plan sounds good. I would like to see from novice to expert or (locker) type trails to give a wide variety of options. I am sure it is discussed, but I would recommend that the trails for over 50" be wide enough for jeeps and trucks to not rub against the trees, branches, and shrubs to avoid paint scratches. A lot of people like to go off road, but constant scratch possibilities could detour people for using the trails for new jeeps and trucks.
94	Looking forward to camping at Groveland Oaks and bringing 4x4 Jeep along when the ORV park opens, if it does. Would still camp at Addison a few times a year, but would also add in Groveland to use ORV Park with Jeep.	No, Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and I'm looking forward to having the ORV Park open for use to the public. Merry Christmas!!	No, just looking to see it approved and opened for use. There are few options for 4x4, ORV users in Michigan, most namely Silver Lake Sand Dunes which is much further away. I would be able to use Grove Park a few times a year since it is closer, would make "day trips" up from home as well.
95	Add a county park in Oxford Township		
96	Move forward with the development of the offroad park around Mt. HOLLY. This would be a good addition to the offerings of the parks system.		
97			
98	Combine with or copy metro parks.	My wife and 3 young kids can't wait for the proposed ORV park. This is very important to us! I was surprised to see the priority investment rating so low for off-road vehicle areas.	Lots of really good info. Thanks!

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99	48442	56	Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Orion Oaks, Rose Oaks, Springfield Oaks	Rose Oaks	It seems the parks are well maintained and each year are improving.
100	48371	58	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	hiking/ biking	signage on trails , levels of difficulty variety
101	48363	62	Addison Oaks, Orion Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	The natural beauty and multi-use trails. You all do a great job. Love the park staff at Addison oaks. This master plan was very well executed. learned a lot from it!	More equestrian access. Better signs on trails.
102	48212	27	Independence Oaks, Red Oaks	Nature Trails.	Improve restoration and invasive species removal efforts.
103	48430	61	Lyon Oaks, Rose Oaks, Springfield Oaks, White Lake Oaks	golf at Springfield Oaks- great course and well maintained hiking at rose oaks	Nothing
104	48167	48	Waterford Oaks - Park	My family goes to the Waterford Oaks Waterpark once every summer, it is very popular with my sons.	
105	48320	41	Glen Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market, White Lake Oaks		
106	48237	44	Catalpa Oaks	play scape	
107	48336	28	Addison Oaks, Glen Oaks	Addison Oaks	
108	48367	64	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Each park has distinguishing features, that offer different opportunities for enjoyment. My selection hinges on what I would like to do and where I have to go to find it.	Cookie Cutter parks should not be the goal. Parks should maintain their individuality while services to users be of high quality regardless of location.
109	48070	64	Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks	Water park	Create a real dog park in South Oakland County. Eliminate golf course or two. Invest in more local programming in South end of County. More trails
110	48462	61	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks	trails	

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99	Keep working with local groups and local governments to help to preserve, protect and manage natural resources.	Parks are doing a good job. Would like to see the parks acquire more land for the future. Good job on the plan. Good job managing the parks. Keep at it and keep listening to Oakland County residents.	I just completed going through the Recreation plan for 2018-2022. I really like the goals. I also liked seeing the inclusion of more cultural/historical recreation. Seems these would lend themselves well to citizen science type activities (a great way to engage the community).
100	Camping options Get onboard with the proposed ORV park in Groveland Twp.		
101	More trail connectivity between parks.	Correction needs to be made on page 6.22: Trails. I think the Paint Creek Trail should be listed as the Polly Ann Trail in one instance. The connection between Addison Oaks and the Polly Ann Trail North is not mentioned here. Nor is the possibility of a connection through Bald Mountain Recreation area. These are both potential trails on your Oak Routes Plan. You also show stoney Creek metro park as having equestrian activities. Is that accurate?	Really excited about the possibility of a multi-use connection north up Lake George Road between Addison Oaks and the Polly Ann Trail. How about a connection west through Bald Mountain Recreation Area to the Paint Creek Trail? That would make for an incredible loop!
102	The adaptive recreation aspects of Parks is a great start - keep investing energy and resources into making the parks more accessible.		
103	joint /combined pass with HCMA.		not at this time
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106	More activities on the southern end of the county.		
107			
108	Preserve areas of the parks in their native state as much as possible. Don't overdevelop the land to provide campsites or activities at the expense of the loss of habitat.	The Park and the gems of Oakland County, and represent the foresight needed to keep the County at the forefront of the image and goals that a superior place to live has to have.	As always seems to be the case, the draft 5 Year plan for the County is well done and well presented. I think the goals are consistent with past goals and reflect the needs of County residents for active and passive recreational opportunities.
109	See above comment		
110			It was very comprehensive.

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111	48331	59	I have not visited an Oakland County Park		Implement the ORV park PLEASE.
112	48371	55	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	walking/biking/hiking/camping	enforce leash laws, too many dogs off leash!
113	48328	68	Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	I enjoy the natural beauty of the parks that I have visited. I enjoy the biking and walking trails.	I, along with many others, enjoy playing pickleball. I live in Waterford and there is no outdoor pickleball courts close by. Many of us, in the warm weather, play outdoors at Clintonwood park in Independence Township, Auburn Hills, Hartland, Royal Oak, and other places. Can we have pickleball courts in the Waterford Oaks?
114	48348	49	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Orion Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	I hope the new orv park will support orvs of all sizes and shapes over time. Please allow easy access from across Dixie for orv's that are not street legal to venture from the camp grounds, and local gas station.	
115	48047	42	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks	Disc golf	More disc golf
116	48124	30	Addison Oaks	Addison Oaks, primarily for the Disc Golf course.	Since I am in Wayne county, I usually only travel to parks outside of Wayne county for Disc Golf courses. Washtenaw County in particular has several beautiful courses that bring in a lot of traffic to the park system.
117	48363	29	Addison Oaks	Addison Oaks - park has great trails and disc golf	More disc golf at more parks - give more people an excuse to visit your parks

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111			
112	enforce leash laws, too many dogs off leash!	Love all the parks, love to walk my dog at all of them. Only concern is that too many people have dogs off leash and it freaks my dog out. My daughter is terrified of dogs off leash as well and she doesn't like to come to parks because of this.	
113	I suggest that suggestions from the public be solicited. This is the first time that I am aware that I can have any input into what can be done to improve the parks. This needs to be more well known.	There are many senior citizens in Oakland county that play pickleball or are looking for the opportunity to learn how. Please consider offering something for them. I am hoping that the fact that the five year plan has been completed does not mean that we have to wait five more years to address this idea.	Everything seems to be well organized but I still think more input from the public concerning what they want should be sought. There should be an easy process for the average citizen to give their thoughts concerning the Oakland county parks.
114			
115	More disc golf	Disc golf	Add more disc golf
116	Add more disc golf courses!	Disc Golf is a growing sport which can help bring young people and young families out to parks, especially in any areas there is unused wooded land. It's a great way to add value to your park system!	
117	Addison Oaks really needs to do something with the beach and the concessions building. Utilizing it as a campground store / disc golf pro shop could generate revenue and satisfy lots of guests		Haven't read it yet

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118	48094	29	Addison Oaks		
119	48220	34	Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Red Oaks	My family and I love the hiking trails and natural areas of the Zoakland County Parks the best.	We love the underwater area at the Independence Oaks Nature Center, but we would love it even more if it were better maintained and we were able to see through the plexiglass. Please continue to promote the eradication of nonnative plants and the introduction of native species.
120	48309	50	Addison Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Red Oaks	Disc Golf	Disc Golf
121	48328	58	Waterford Oaks - Park	the PAVED trails	All at Waterford Oaks Dog Park Take down the Fridge structure. Kids are climbing all over it. very dangerous. Set volley ball courts a little further away from the walking path as players tend to crowd close to the path making it difficult to pass by
122	48328	58	Orion Oaks	3 seperate areas of dog parks. would like it if they were all open or at least 2 were open at once. people bring in dogs that just dont get along it would be nice to go to a different corral until the problem dog leaves. Humping is not playing.	Stopped going in 2013 becasue of no evening lights. If you actually advertized that there were lights on certain evenings I think you would have had a better turnout on those evenings.

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118		<p>More sports fields - soccer, football, baseball. Utilize youth and adult tournaments. Outdoor skating rinks in the winter for ice hockey. All this land and not many athletes (outside of bikers / runners) utilize it. No basketball courts at the campgrounds. These are easy to build and easy to maintain. Offers an opportunity for more jobs to upkeep fields but employees are rarely kept busy as is.</p> <p>Expand the available amount of cabins and yurts at the campground.</p>	
119			
120	More disc golf		More Disc Golf Courses
121	<p>Come winter it becomes difficult to get to the park after work with the short days and all. Lighted paths and open longer into the evening both summer and winter. Big dogs cant go for a walk until after dark or they'll overheat.</p>		
122			

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123	48386	60	Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market, White Lake Oaks	The golf courses and the wave pool.	I would like to see a golf driving range at White Lake Oaks. I am the president of the Super Egos Tuesday golf league and it would be nice to be able to practice at the course. There are not many driving ranges in the area and you have to pay to get into Indian Springs. Also at White Lake Oaks, the grass gets pretty long in between cuttings in the summer. It would be nice if they cut the roughs more often. It would make for a better game. Mark Meuwissen
124	48006	38	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Disc golf and nature trails	More disc golf courses

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123	The parks are nice. White Lakes Oaks is a great facility and the people who work there are awesome! That is the main reason that our golf league returns there every year.		I have not reviewed it but I will look at it
124			

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125	48348	51	Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks	Hiking the trails	<p>Independence Oaks: Revise the trail usage during cross-country ski season. Independence Oaks has 12.34 miles of trails, designated for hiking, biking, skating (paved trails only), cross-country skiing (groomed)</p> <p>The only trail open to visitors wishing to walk or hike during the winter is River Loop, at 2.2 miles. This represents 18% of the total trail system. If we assume cross-country skiing activity from mid-December through mid-March, we have 3 months of the year that 82% of the trail system is off limits to visitors that prefer to walk or hike.</p> <p>Independence Oaks is the most popular, fastest growing park in the system, with the majority of current and potential visitors wishing to hike or walk for exercise, and for 25% of the year 82% of the trails are unavailable for these visitors.</p> <p>The survey data, paired with ESRI’s demographic data, indicate that your current trail usage plan runs counter to your goals of increasing the number of annual visitors and visitor satisfaction.</p> <p>Additionally, the current plan causes friction between visitors competing for use of the trails. I’ve observed this firsthand.</p> <p>I suggest that park management consider revising trail usage to allow more of the current trail system for walking and hiking during the winter months, and advertise this on Twitter and Facebook. You will increase user satisfaction, and likely drive up winter visitor numbers.</p>

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125	<p>More trash receptacles at strategic points along trails.</p> <p>Visitors tend to drop dog waste bags on the ground due to the distance between trash receptacles.</p>	<p>Love love love Oakland County Parks!</p>	<p>Add measurable targets for objectives. Instead of "increase visitor satisfaction" consider "Increase CSAT scores by 20% over the previous year survey results".</p>

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126	48348	49	Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Orion Oaks Dog Park specifically		
127	48348	49	Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Orion Oaks Dog Park specifically	Independence Oaks - Back woods trails. I walk my dogs there daily. Orion Oaks - Dog Park	Independence Oaks - Keep the back woods trails open to everyone all year long. Do NOT restrict most of the trails for cross-country skiing during the winter months. Place more trash receptacles for dog feces along the back wood trails. (Spring Lake, Rock Ridge, Ted Grey) Orion Oaks Dog Park - While some of the black mud areas in Run A are fenced off, not all of them are. There's a black mud area along the west fence closer to the south side of the run that is still accessible and dogs come out of there with mud up to their bellies. Devise a system for reporting and restricting aggressive dogs.
128	48329	70	Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Independent Oaks pavilions and water access. Waterford Oaks lovely grounds.	Get rid of all the one-way signs at the farmers market! They're an eyesore! The entrances/exits are not difficult to figure out for people going to the market. It's so ugly to drive by now. There also should be less flea market type tables in the summer. Allow vendors to give it a try-out without long term commitments to see how it goes for them.
129	48348	45	Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Kids playground - Independence Oaks	More/better trail system for bikign and/or hiking
130	48327	67	Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Beach Nature Center	

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127	<p>Park users should have a way of easily contacting the park staff by cell phone during the park's hours of operation. At Independence Oaks, the office closes at 4pm, so no one answers the phone. There is an option to be transferred to the maintenance department, but no one has ever pick up on the 3 different occasions I've tried.</p> <p>Hire responsible, mature employees; not kids. I've seen the difference in their quality of caring for the park and it's users first hand.</p>	<p>Overall, the parks are well run and well maintained, and I very much appreciate having such easy access to them. Thank you all for the hard work!</p>	
128	<p>The greenhouse used to be available to the public to lease tables in the winter. We introduced my grandson to gardening there where he developed a love for growing things. Don't know why it was discontinued but any chance to bring it back? Waterford Oaks used to have dog training classes. Can't find anything in Waterford like that anymore. I heard a rumor about development at corner of Watkins Lake and Scott Lake road as a new entrance to the wave pool. This is a TERRIBLE idea! The current entrance is beautifully landscaped and the park is unobtrusive, concealed parking and activity. Moving the entrance would create traffic congestion at the corner where so many cars are turning from one lane on Watkins Lake Road to both directions on Scott Lake Road while waiting for traffic to clear coming out of the wave pool. Accident heaven, not to mention traffic turning right from westbound Watkins Lake Rd. If there is a problem with traffic exiting the wave pool where it is, reroute the exit to run behind the property to exit on the road where the Elks Club is.</p>	<p>Hope you can develop some more programs to take advantage of Waterford Oaks. A public ice skating rink would be a really nice thing to have. I learned to ice skate at a rink on school grounds in Pontiac that only had some benches around it to sit on and it was plowed off when it snowed. That's all and it was great!</p>	<p>I really tried to read it but don't have the background to understand the technical terms and wish I had the time but Christmas is next week!</p>
129	<p>see above - trail system</p>	<p>We wish there was a YMCA closer than Rochester. Not a lot to do in the winter!</p>	<p>I love that you have a plan. Keep it up!</p>
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131	48371	71	Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	Trails, Pavilions	<p>Keep the Nature Centers open longer - seem like whenever I happen to be at Independence Oaks, the Nature Center seems to be closed. Maybe use more volunteers to add to the staff.</p> <p>Bigger BBQ grill for Lyon Oaks Pavilion - like the ones available at Independence Oaks.</p> <p>Keep the entrance stations manned. How do you get an accurate count of visitors if you don't see who enters the park.</p>
132	48017	38	Addison Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Independence Oaks, Red Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	My kids love the little beach at Independence Oaks. We love the trails, and the waterpark!	Better signage so people know what trails are available and how long the different loops are.
133	48381	41	Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market		

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131	<p>Be sure that resources are used to improve the parks. After all, it's my tax dollars at work!!</p> <p>I don't see where adult fitness and wellness programs fit into the goals of the parks, and they are available through many other sources.</p> <p>If craft shows, food truck rallies etc will bring in a LOT of NEW park visitors, then use them. However, I doubt they will. Even though I attend the Car Show almost every year at Independence Oaks, I wonder if it is really worth the bother of doing it with so many other shows available.</p> <p>One item talked about in the plan is improving park roads and parking lots. I'm concerned that the survey responders may have been commenting based on public roads instead of park roads. Most of the roads at the parks I visit are generally very acceptable as far as dirt roads go. After all, many of the survey responders incorrectly identified the parks incorrectly.</p>	<p>I don't think the Pond at the Wint Nature Center needs replacement unless it is leaking and cannot be repaired. It's the right size to use as an educational aid for smaller children who need to see aquatic wildlife up close.</p> <p>As for the Trellis replacement in the plan, if you are talking about the Gazebo, it looks solid and removing it could kill the plants that are on the structure.</p> <p>The sprinkler system is in need of repairs and should be included in the plan.</p>	<p>The Plan appears pretty good but it's too long. For example, the park descriptions in chapter 8 should be in an appendix so that less time is spent skipping info and more time digesting the meat of the plan. Other sections also have details that belong in an appendix.</p> <p>For what it's worth, a 5 year plan should forecast the next 5 years and be updated every year so that plans can be adjusted due to economic or other factors. The first year is reported and summarized, 2-5 updated if needed and a new 5th year is added.</p>
132	<p>I love the parks and would like to better understand the decision-making process for what gets done, when. I find it hard to comb through meeting minutes and agenda documents (which are very large!) to know the current status of projects. I was surprised to learn that the board meetings are not televised the same way all the other county meetings are televised? I would like to see the meetings televised so those of us who can't get to meetings can still hear the discussion and understand.</p>		<p>Very well done. Very thorough!</p>
133		<p>I'd like more transparency from the parks board of commissioners. It would be really helpful if the in the commission meetings were televised the same way all the other county boards of commissioner meetings are televised.</p>	

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134	48382	34	Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Park	Trails and activities	More parks!
135	48065	60	Addison Oaks, Independence Oaks, Waterford Oaks - Oakland County Farmers Market	I love the beautiful natural areas and the trail network in the parks. The historic buildings at Addison are a lovely backdrop for picnicking and enjoying the park.	Please build the dog park at Addison!

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134		Would love to see commission meetings televised. Minutes don't give me a clear enough picture of what has been discussed. Thanks!	
135	<p>Eliminate fees to enter the parks - they are tax-supported. It may be an opportunity to pass a tax raise - in exchange for free entry - like the Detroit Institute of Arts did.</p> <p>Most local board and school board meetings are recorded and available on the internet or public access cable - the parks commission meetings should also be recorded so the public can understand what decisions are being made and so they can keep track of issues of interest.</p>	Thank you for being an awesome park system!	

Public comment by email

136: On November 22, 2017, Kevin Harkness of Wixom provided the following comments on the Recreation Plan:

Hi Donna - I read the planning docs you have published and thought I would respond to your request for feedback.

The park I use most often is Lyon Oaks – specifically the golf course. My wife and I live in Wixom.

I think one area that the golf course has opportunity is in selling annual memberships to the golf course. My brothers and I have been utilizing this arrangement at area courses for many years now and consider it a way to play a bit more often and if we play often enough, experience a discount in cost.

Our experience tells us that Lyon Oaks is among the better golf courses in the area – and seems to be priced competitively, albeit a bit on the high side. Annual memberships to similar quality courses in the area range from \$1,000 to \$1,800 per golfer per season. For the last several years we have called Lyon Oaks to inquire about this type of arrangement, only to be told that you do not offer annual memberships. If you offered an annual membership (unlimited golf with cart and range) for \$1400, you would find yourself in a very competitive situation with comparable courses. Introducing this option at the Novi Golf Show would provide terrific exposure and likely net you a great start to the year.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this recommendation – have a great holiday!

137: On December 13, 2017, Lee R. Petrimoulx provided the following comments on the Recreation Plan:

Thank you Donna for reaching out to me regarding Oakland County Parks.

I have already filled out the online survey and appreciate the opportunity to try to help in any way possible.

Obviously my personal recreational choices are just a small fraction of everything provided by your organization so I always try to think of others when planning forward.

Biking is my passion and I would very much like to see additional choices at Independence Oaks for mountain biking, especially for beginners and intermediate riders.

Addison Oaks, DTE Foundation Trail, Bald Mountain and Glacial Hills are all great examples of trails that allow riders of all ages and abilities to enjoy the outdoors.

I recently spent an afternoon at DTE and there were at least 50 cars in the parking lot at all times. That is great to see and would be even better if it were here in Clarkston.

If there is anything that I can do to assist, please do not hesitate to reach out again.

138: On December 14, 2017, Jason Bibby, System Planner at Huron Clinton Metro Parks provided the following comments on the Recreation Plan:

Hi Donna-Congratulations on a great job with your parks plan. We have compiled some comments below following our review and are here if you have any questions. Thanks!-Jay

Page 1.5, Great to hear your goal of the southeast Oakland strategy to ensure adequate resources to the communities in this heavily populated area.

Our parkwide public input survey had similar results with a strong interest in farmers market programs. We have been looking into ways to address opportunities in the future and should make sure we do not develop in conflict with future projects by the County. We will be looking at developing a marketing plan for potential farmers market locations in the park system for the next step.

Great to learn you apply a formal accessibility design review for all capital and maintenance projects. Lyon Oaks (Kensington), Springfield Oaks (Indian Springs), and Addison Oaks (Stony Creek) should all continue seeking partnerships on projects with the pairing of these parks in close proximity to each other.

OCPR staff note: the following corrections have been made

Pages 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, and 6.15 please add hyphen between Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

Page 6.4, HCMA was established in 1939 not 1940.

Page 6.17 on Table 6. Facility Inventory of HCMA parks, the sizes of parks are off slightly based on our parks plan.

For consistency, please note Kensington acreage is 4486 not 4489

Stony Creek is 4435 not 4418, and Indian Springs is 2509 not 2548

The discovery study on brand recognition offers insight into the confusion of park visitors and the park system they are visiting. 29% of the time respondents thought the HCMA park they were visiting was an OCPD park, this is a good takeaway from your plan for us as well to position and brand our own parks better.

139: On December 17, 2017, Daniel Olsen provided the following comments on the Recreation Plan:

Thank you so much for reaching out to me - I really appreciate your team's efforts to collect input from park users like myself.

I apologize for my delayed response to your email. I did take the time to read the following documents:

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Independence Oaks Baseline Assessment (updated 4/24/2017)

Independence Oaks Park Vision and Facility Concepts

I also apologize for the length of this email. My aim here is to present some idea based on the data I found in the documentation; I want to make sure I am accurate and detailed in my use of the data to make my points.

I promise it is worth the read. As I read the documents, I kept in mind my overall thoughts and impressions of OCPD, and specifically Independence Oaks, as that is the park that my wife and I visit nearly daily. I will complete the survey you pointed out, but I wanted to respond first here via email in case the survey doesn't provide me the means to highlight a few points.

OCPD in General: It is encouraging to see such comprehensive and thorough planning processes and documentation. I had no idea that OCPD was comprised of so many parks.

Objectives and Performance Indicators: Looking at some of the objectives and performance indicators, I found a lack of quantifiable values. Example: "Increase customer satisfaction with the amenities and services at the park" What are the current and historic CSAT scores for each park? What is the target improvement you are hoping to achieve? (Example: Increase Independence Oaks CSAT scores to an average of 4.5) What will you do to reach it? Perhaps this data is available elsewhere, I just didn't see it in the documents mentioned above.

CRM: In the report on accomplishments from the 2013-2017 plan, OCPD had a goal of P: "Implement the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM)", and have recorded this as being 100% complete. I work for the world's largest CRM company, Salesforce.com, so I am really interested in what type of CRM system you've implemented. Not that I'm trying to sell OCPD anything; I'm more of a technologist in this space, focusing on implementation and utilization. I'm curious how the CRM implementation is being used and what type of benefits it is providing. Who can I talk to about this?

Social media: I've seen metrics related to social media throughout the documentation, mostly related to increasing Facebook likes or Twitter followers. What plans does OCPD have to leverage social media to drive park visits or awareness of programs?

There is a technology that leverages social media (and other platforms) called a Data Management Platform, that allows for gathering of internet user activity, and tying their devices together under an anonymized profile. This information allows entities like OCPD to better understand and target potential visitors across a broad spectrum of media.

Think about when you browse Amazon.com on your laptop and look at shoes, and then you look at Facebook on your phone and find an ad for shoes embedded. How does Facebook know you were looking at shoes on another device? This is where DMP technology comes in. OCPD can leverage this to target potential park visitors and tailor

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messaging across platforms to drive visitor numbers up. Sorry if that's a little technical, but I really think OCPR could be getting better value from their social media spend beyond increasing Facebook likes and Twitter followers. I can elaborate on this topic if there is any interest.

Independence Oaks County Park: My wife and I live very close to the Shappie Road Non-Motorized entrance and use the park on average of 6 days per week. On October 11th of this year my wife and I met with DJ Coffee and Sue Wells to discuss an email I had sent on September 29th suggesting some improvements to the park. We learned a great deal during the meeting and very much enjoyed the conversation. As you know from my email, one of our major concerns was the cross-country ski_trail designation, and the lack of walking/hiking trails during that time. As I read the documentation I mentioned above, I found some data that helps illustrate this concern.

Most Visited, Fastest Growing: Independence Oaks seems to be the most popular park in the system. Visitor counts increased from 70,000 visitors 2015 to 110,000 visitors in 2016, for an increase of 37%, the largest increase of any park. The annual survey revealed that the top visited park in 2016 was Independence Oaks, with 17% of households surveyed saying they'd visited the park in 2016. You've got quite a popular park here!

Park Usage Demographic Data: In order to better serve the changing needs of visitors, OCPR used demographic data to better understand who visits the park, and their needs. Using the home zip codes of park visitors collected at the point of sale, the median drive time of park visitors was found to be 16 minutes. The Baseline Assessment document uses data from ESRI (a popular data aggregation and visualization service) to detail the demographics of people within this "16 minute drive" service area. This data (found in the 2015 Annual Dashboard and Data Book) shows that 30% of people within a 16 minute drive of the park prefer to walk or hike for exercise. This was the most preferred activity, easily double that of any other stated preference. Additionally, an 1994 survey of vehicle permit owners in the park showed 63% of people preferred to walk or hike.

Independence Oaks County Park Objectives: Two of the stated Objectives of the park are to "Increase customer satisfaction with the amenities and services at the park" and "Increase annual number of visits to facilities in the park".

Data Driven Analysis of Current Trail Usage Plan: Independence Oaks has 12.34 miles of trails, designated for hiking, biking, skating (paved trails only), cross-country skiing (groomed). The only trail open to visitors wishing to walk or hike during the winter is River Loop, at 2.2 miles. This represents 18% of the total trail system. If we assume cross-country skiing activity from mid-December through mid-March, we have 3 months of the year that 82% of the trail system is off limits to visitors that prefer to walk or hike. Independence Oaks is the most popular, fastest growing park in the system, with the majority of current and potential visitors wishing to hike or walk for exercise, and for 25% of the year 82% of the trails are unavailable for these visitors. The survey data, paired with ESRI's demographic data, indicate that your current trail usage plan runs counter to your goals of increasing the number of annual visitors and visitor satisfaction. Additionally, the current plan causes friction between visitors competing for use of the trails. I've observed this firsthand.

Suggested Approach: I suggest that park management consider revising trail usage to allow more of the current trail system for walking and hiking during the winter months, and advertise this on Twitter and Facebook. You will increase user satisfaction, and likely drive up winter visitor numbers. There are four parks in the OCPR system that explicitly call out cross country skiing as a listed activity, with Independence Oaks being the only park with groomed trails.

I am happy to discuss this and any other points I've made here whenever you like. I would very much like to contribute however I can to help with the success of the park! Thank you again for reaching out, and I hope you find this reply useful.

Public comment by telephone

140: On November 22, 2017, the following comment was provided via phone call to Supervisor of Planning Melissa Prowse

She purchases an annual pass every year, but she does NOT like having to stick it on her window of her car. Last year she laminated it and had it sitting on her dashboard and she got a “warning” from a sheriff’s deputy that this was not allowed. She doesn’t mind buying the sticker and being required to have one per vehicle, but doesn’t like that you have to physically stick it on your windshield, where it is very difficult to get off at the end of the year. She suggested having your license plate number printed on the sticker so it was clearly identified as yours, so you could put it on your dashboard and not have to stick it to your windshield. She was aware that we don’t allow this currently because we suspect people of moving it between vehicles.

Cross-referenced list of comments and topics

The tables on the following pages cross-reference the comment numbers to the comment topics. If a specific topic is of interest these tables will assist the reader in getting a fuller understanding of the interests and concerns expressed in the comments.

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Table 5: Comment / comment topic cross-reference tables

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