



# VEVAY

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*Ingham County, Michigan*



2022-2026

## 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan

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# 1

# Executive Summary

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## Introduction

As a society, we are increasingly aware of the psychological and physical benefits provided by open space and recreation. It is Vevay Township's primary goal to actively promote these benefits for the public's well-being in the form of providing and developing recreational areas and activities. Doing this helps to increase Vevay Township's livability. However, there are many issues to consider when planning for these recreational areas and opportunities. This plan intends to be the guiding document for the promotion of these recreational opportunities in Vevay Township.

As ongoing health studies show, our society is becoming more conscious of healthy living and the opportunities that recreation provides to further healthy lifestyles and improve our quality of life. Health studies also reflect the alarming need for increased physical activity for people of all ages in order to achieve these healthier lifestyles. Finally, improvement to a community's quality of life through recreation also has the potential to better the local economy by drawing new business opportunities to the area. Studies have shown that businesses are drawn to communities that provide quality lifestyles for prospective employees.

Therefore, it is important to project the future parks and recreation needs of Vevay Township to ensure the availability of open space and recreational opportunities. To address these issues and opportunities, it is important for the Township to produce a plan to guide the decision-making process. When implemented, this plan will provide quality parks and recreation programs and facilities throughout the community.

## Purpose

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requires that community recreation plans be updated every five years as part of the criteria to receive funding from the State in the form of grants for park and open space acquisition, park development, and improvements to existing park facilities. The purpose of this procedure is to provide an opportunity to include changing needs and assets for the community. This Recreation Plan was developed by analyzing an inventory of issues and physical features for the area and tailoring development of recreation programs and facilities in a systematic manner, or plan, through the next five years; meeting the requirement (guidelines) of the MDNR.

## Scope

Vevay Township currently has one developed township-owned park, three cemeteries and one other non-developed park property. The Community Parks and Recreation Plan inventories these sites as well as existing recreation facilities and programs in the area. With this information, the needs for parks, supporting facilities, trailway/greenway systems, and recreation programs are analyzed for the next five years. The recommendations in this plan are provided through analysis of demographic projections, land-use trends, natural features inventory, citizen input, past and future recreational trends, state and federal grant funding requirements and potential land acquisition opportunities.



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Community  
Description



# 2 - Community Description

## Plan Jurisdiction

The 2022-2026 Vevay Township Community Parks & Recreation Plan has been developed to serve as a guide and decision making document for future recreation facilities and programs within Vevay Township. This plan focuses on parks, trails and natural areas. The plan includes an assessment of current facilities and programs, as well as the acquisition and development of new facilities and programs based on the current and future anticipated demands. It also considers linkages throughout the township to other communities.

Vevay Township is located in Ingham County, approximately 4.5 miles southeast of the City of Lansing. Vevay Township is approximately 31.64 square miles in area. The Township has easy accessibility to US-127, and M-36.

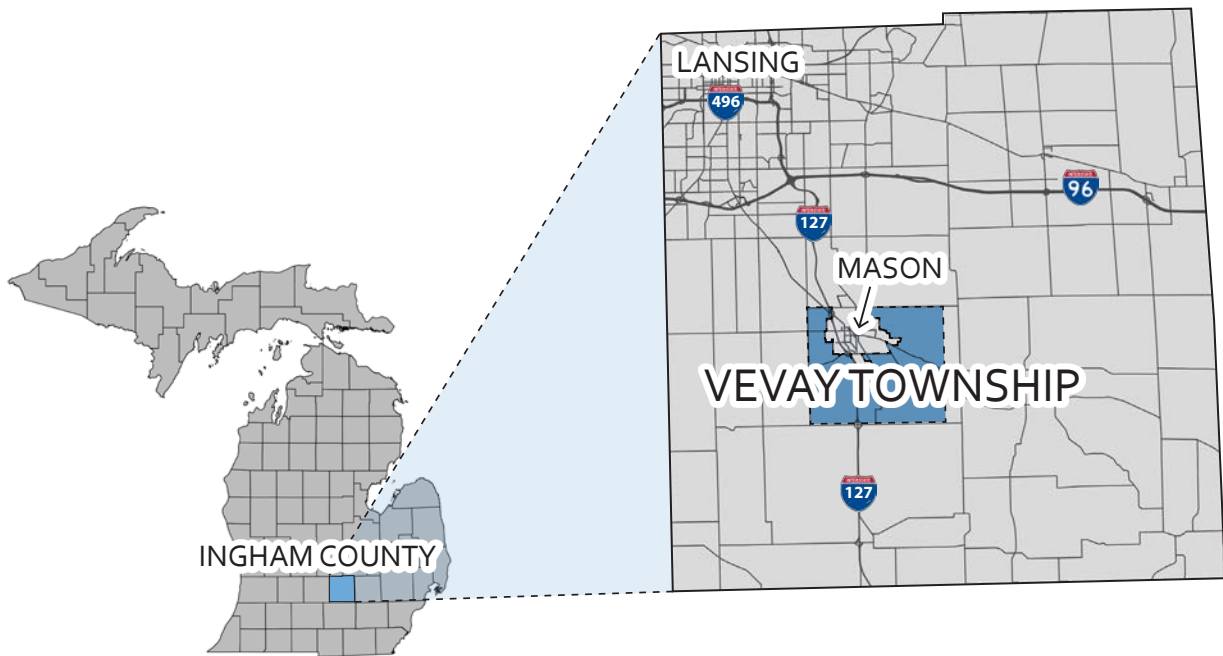


Figure 2.1: Township Location Map



## Social Characteristics

### City Population

According to the 2020 U.S. Decennial Census, the population of Vevay Township is 3,606, which represents a 1.9 percent increase in the number of people living in the Township since 2010. Vevay township has a population density of 114 people/ square mile.

**Chart of Population Change 2010-2020**

U.S. Census		
2010	2020	% Change
3,537	3,606	+1.9%

### Age Structure

Age characteristics are a useful demographic indicator for recreation planning purposes as a community’s age composition helps determine the appropriate mix of needed recreation services and facilities. The types and location of recreation facilities and programs will depend, in part, upon the age structure of the population. The following table breaks down the various age groups using data from the American Community Survey (ACS) 2018 estimate.

**Chart of Age Demographics**

Age Group	Percent of Total Population
Under 18	19.8%
19-39	27.3%
40-64	33.2%
65 and over	19.7%

**Median Age = 43.5 years**

The largest age category, representing over 33 percent of the population in the Township, contains those between the ages of 40-64. The senior citizen population represents 19.7 percent.

The age structure of Vevay Township indicates that there is need for recreation facilities that serve a wide range of ages from young children to senior citizens. Young children need diverse programming offering a wide range of activities and events. Children learn the fundamentals of sports through organized baseball, softball, basketball and soccer leagues. Day camps bring children together to create arts and crafts, go swimming or learn about nature. The 20-to-49 year old age group needs family-related programming that targets people their age. Organized softball leagues are popular in many communities. This group may also desire access to other forms of recreation like golf, hockey and basketball. In the future, demand for recreation facilities for senior citizens may increase due to the retirement of the “baby boom” generation, and translate into a need for more passive park areas. Bicycle and walking paths provide an excellent opportunity for an entire family to participate in a recreational activity. Providing greater accessibility to park facilities

for senior citizens may include providing parking or drop off areas closer to fields, large lettering on signage, and more seating and shaded areas.

*Race Demographics*

Chart of Population by Race

Race/Ethnicity	2020 Census	Percent of Population
White	3,253	90.2%
Black	35	0.97%
Indigenous	9	0.25%
Asian	9	0.25%
Pacific Islander	5	0.13%
Other	50	1.4%
Two or more races	245	6.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>100%</b>



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## Administrative Structure

# 3 - Administrative Structure

## Organization Chart

### *Parks and Recreation*

Figure 3.1 below shows an organizational chart for Vevay Township’s Parks and Recreation. The Recreation Committee oversees the administration of the park system and maintenance is performed by a part-time employee.

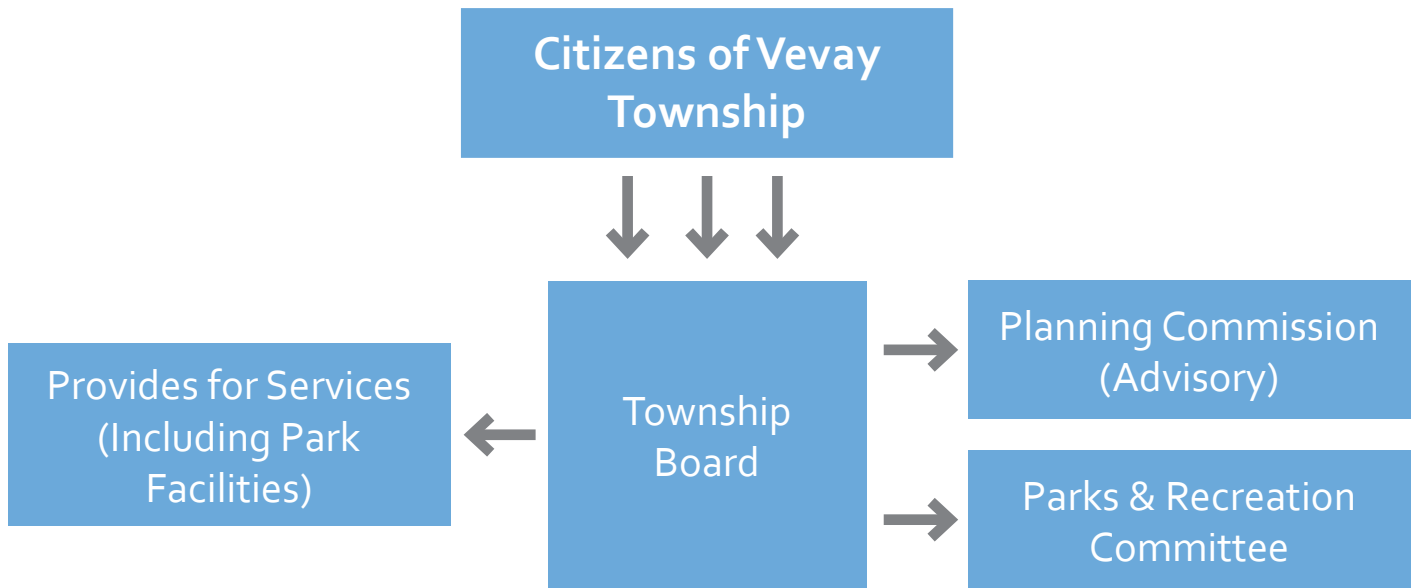


Figure 3.1: Parks and Recreation Organizational Chart



## Township Board

The Township Board includes the following officials:

*Township Board Members*

- Township Supervisor - John Lazet
- Clerk - JoAnne Kean
- Treasurer - Christopher Lewis
- Trustee - Richard Lacasse
- Trustee - Patricia McNeilly

## Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission includes the following individuals:

*Committee Members*

- Trustee - Patricia McNeilly
- Roger Cargill
- Coe Emens III
- John Fischer
- Mary Ruttan

## PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET

Below are the annual appropriations for maintenance of Township Hall Recreational Fields. These appropriations come from the General Fund as the township has no specific revenue or expenses related to Parks and Recreation above general maintenance.

2019	2020	2021
\$17,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00

\*In 2021 the DDA invested \$86,239.00 to improve Township Hall Park Soccer Fields, Playground and Pavilion.

## Funding Sources (Current)

### *General Fund*

The General Fund is the basic operating fund for Vevay Township. General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes, state-shared revenues, federal grants, license and permit fees, charges for services, interest on investments, and court fines or forfeitures. Recreation program user fees are usually channeled through the General Fund.

## Funding Sources (Potential)

### *User Fees*

The community can charge fees to the users of specific recreation facilities, or for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities. Other communities throughout Michigan have established user fees for swimming pools, tennis courts, the use of lighted athletic fields, and the use of indoor facilities. User fees are a promising source of funding in a municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services.

### *Ingham County Trails and Park Millage Grant Program*

In March 2020, Ingham County voters approved renewing the millage to support the development of a county-wide regional trails and parks system. The .5 mill levy will raise an estimated \$4 million per year over the next six years.

All government entities within Ingham County are eligible to apply for grant funding. The application must demonstrate a direct benefit to Ingham County residents and applications are accepted for the following categories:

- Trail
- Blueway
- Boardwalk
- Bridge
- Planning & engineering
- Small community grants up to \$300,000.00 for municipalities contributing less than 5% of total county millage revenue collected to date.
- The Park Commission and Board of Commissioners will consider any application even if it does not specifically fit the above categories.

### *Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants*

The following is a summary of the three viable recreation grant programs now available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR):

**Recreation Passport Grants:** PA 32 of 2010 created the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Money for this fund is derived from the sale of the Recreation Passport which replaced the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) — or window sticker — for state park entrance. Development grants of \$7,500 to \$150,000 are available to local governments with a focus on renovating and improving existing parks, although new parks are also eligible. The grantee must provide at least a

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### 3 - Administrative Structure

25% match. Projects are evaluated based on project need, site quality, project quality, applicant history, and, if two projects receive the same evaluation score, a criterion based on the project cost per capita.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):** Eligible projects include community recreation and trailway improvements. These are grants of \$30,000 to \$500,000 to local governments for development of facilities such as athletic fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, trails and picnic areas, including support facilities, and the renovation and retro-fitting of existing facilities to make them accessible to persons with disabilities. Funds are provided through federal appropriations from the National Park Service. The grant match basis is fifty percent (50%) MDNR grant and fifty percent (50%) local match. Projects are evaluated based on project need, applicant history, site and project quality, and a fourth criterion based on the type of proposed project.

**Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF).** Communities must have an approved recreation plan to apply for this grant. Eligible projects include acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or for protection of the land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, including additions to existing parks, forest lands or wildlife areas. Development of public outdoor recreation facilities is also eligible (such as picnic areas, beaches, boating access, fishing and hunting facilities, winter sports areas, playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, and trails). Funds are provided through the sale of oil and mineral leases on State land. Local contributions equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the project cost are required.

There is no minimum or maximum amount for land acquisition projects. The minimum allowable grant for development projects is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. There are six special initiatives approved by the Trust Fund Board of Trustees for 2013. Proposals will receive special attention if they:

- Acquire land or develop trailways that contribute to an overall state trail system; or
- Provide urban recreation opportunities; or
- Acquire lands open to hunting or development of hunting-related facilities, such as shooting ranges; or
- Acquire lands that provide for deer habitat with thermal cover; or
- Local shooting ranges or state/local shooting range partnerships; or
- Acquire projects that create, establish, and protect wildlife/ecological corridors by connecting to and/or buffering existing protected and managed state or local natural areas, forests or game area.

In 1998, voters approved \$100 million in bonds for parks and recreation development and renovations. \$50 million in grants to local units and development and renovation of public recreation facilities were approved, with the other \$50 million approved for extensive state park renovations. The MDNR supplements the bonds with a matching \$50 million from other funding sources, including state park user fees, the Waterways fund, the Federal Coastal Zone Management, and Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.

#### *USDA Rural Development Grants*

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. They offer loans, grants and loan guarantees to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing; health care; first responder services and equipment; and water, electric and communications infrastructure.



### *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*

Revenues obtained through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program can be used for a variety of community improvement projects, including development of recreation facilities or land acquisition for new parks or athletic fields in low and moderate income neighborhoods that qualify under the program.

### *Donations*

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, Parent Teacher Organizations and Associations, and community organizations will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

### *Foundations*

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The foundation board of directors disburses assets according to a predetermined plan. Funding for recreation facilities through foundations is very limited.

### *Lease or Contractual Agreements*

The Township could consider contracts with private entrepreneurs to provide services at township-owned park facilities, such as recreation programming, food service, or facility maintenance. Typically, the privatization of services can increase recreation opportunities available to residents, while maintaining the Township's administrative costs.

### *Public Use Conveyances*

Administered by the MDNR, this program provides state and lands acquired through delinquent taxes for local government units for public use. Acceptable uses of land acquired under this program include development of local parks.

### *Public Spaces Community Places*

Public Spaces Community Places is a collaborative effort of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the Michigan Municipal League, and Patronicity where local residents can use crowd-funding to be part of the development of strategic projects in their communities and be backed with a matching grant from MEDC.



# 4

# Recreation Inventory

# 4 - Recreation Inventory

## Overview

### Purpose

The recreation inventory is an essential item, it allows the Township to assess the quantity, type, and location of existing facilities. It also explains the variety of programs and events offered and where there may be opportunities for new programs and events. It serves to help identify where new facilities should be built and demonstrates where ADA upgrades are needed. The facilities inventory should be continually updated as renovations and additions occur so that the list is always up-to-date.

### Park Classification

The National Recreation and Parks Association published guidelines for park classification based on size and service area. These classifications are as follows:

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than a 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreation and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	1/4 to 1/2-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable – depends on function.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.
Regional Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, size varies based on use.

Figure 4.1: Table - NRPA Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails

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### *Accessibility Assessment*

Complying with accessibility standards and planning for universal design are two extremely important efforts that a municipality must undertake in its effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of its people. This is true not only for those disabled by birth or by accident, but also for the growing population of people entering old age who are finding normal tasks more and more challenging to do. Many able-bodied persons forget that disability is often an eventuality as one grows older. Therefore, Vevay Township should seek to improve the accessibility of its environment not simply to comply with law, but to think more broadly and take steps towards developing a compassionate, inclusive, and accessible community, unencumbered by physical barriers.

This plan rates the accessibility of its existing park facilities, both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. This rating system is from the Michigan DNR’s guidelines for recreation plans. It is intended to establish a baseline so that accessibility needs can be assessed and incorporated into capital improvement projects. This evaluation is not comprehensive and does not identify specific deficiencies.

**The following ranking system was applied to each park:**

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

*Figure 4.2: Accessibility Assessment Table*

### *Existing Facilities*

Vevay Township does not currently have any off-street non-motorized facilities however efforts are being made through this planning process as well as through discussions with Ingham County and other surrounding communities to help facilitate the creation of facilities such as a shared-use path to provide additional non-motorized transportation opportunities within the Township as well as providing connections to surrounding communities.

## Township Public Property Inventory

Vevay Township’s publicly-owned properties include the developed Vevay Township Hall Park, three cemeteries and two undeveloped properties.

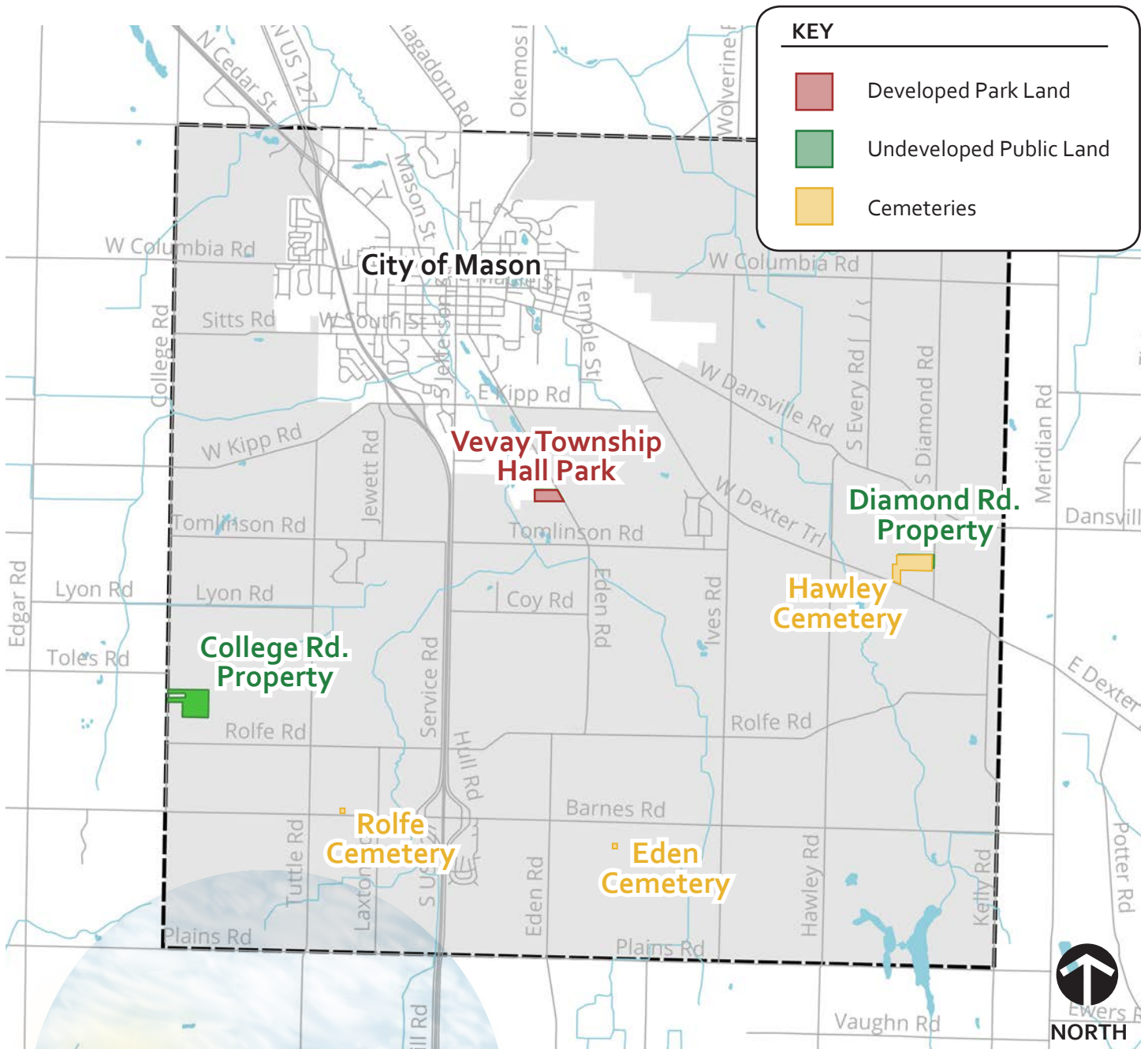


Figure 4.3: Vevay Township Park Map

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### Vevay Township Hall Park

Location: 780 Eden Rd. Mason MI 48854

#### Statistics

Type: Community Park

Size: 7.9 Acres

ADA Accessibility Assessment: 1

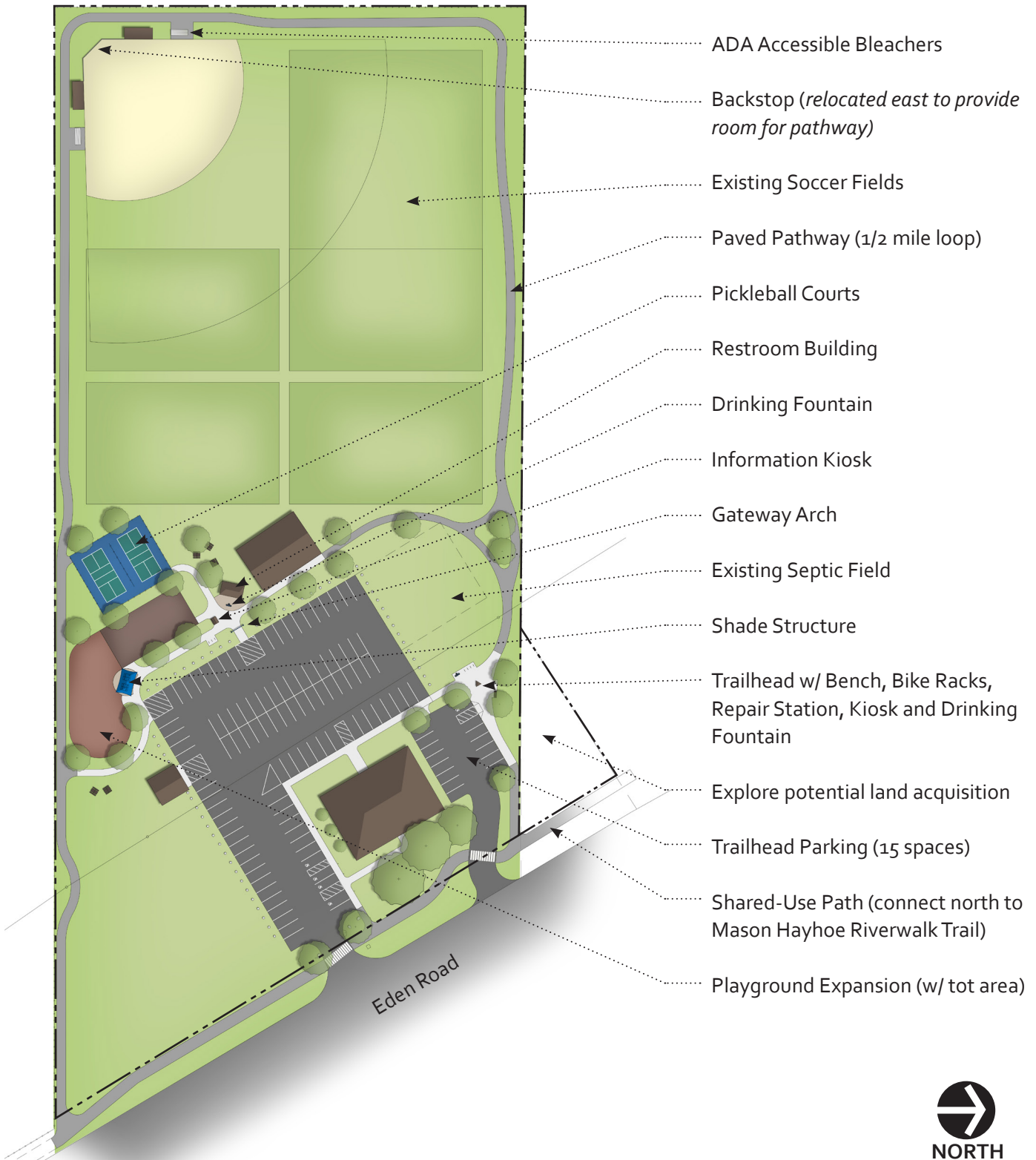


The Township Hall site is located approximately one mile south of the City of Mason on Eden Road. The hall occupies approximately 6,000 sq. ft. and the parking area occupies an additional 35,000 sq. ft. Together, the building and associated parking area occupy approximately one acre of the 7.9-acre site.

The grounds at the Vevay Township Hall give residents the opportunity to engage in many enjoyable recreational activities. The grounds house several small soccer fields as well as a baseball diamond with dugouts. The park also features a playground with a full play set and swings and a pavilion which is available for all residents to use at no cost.



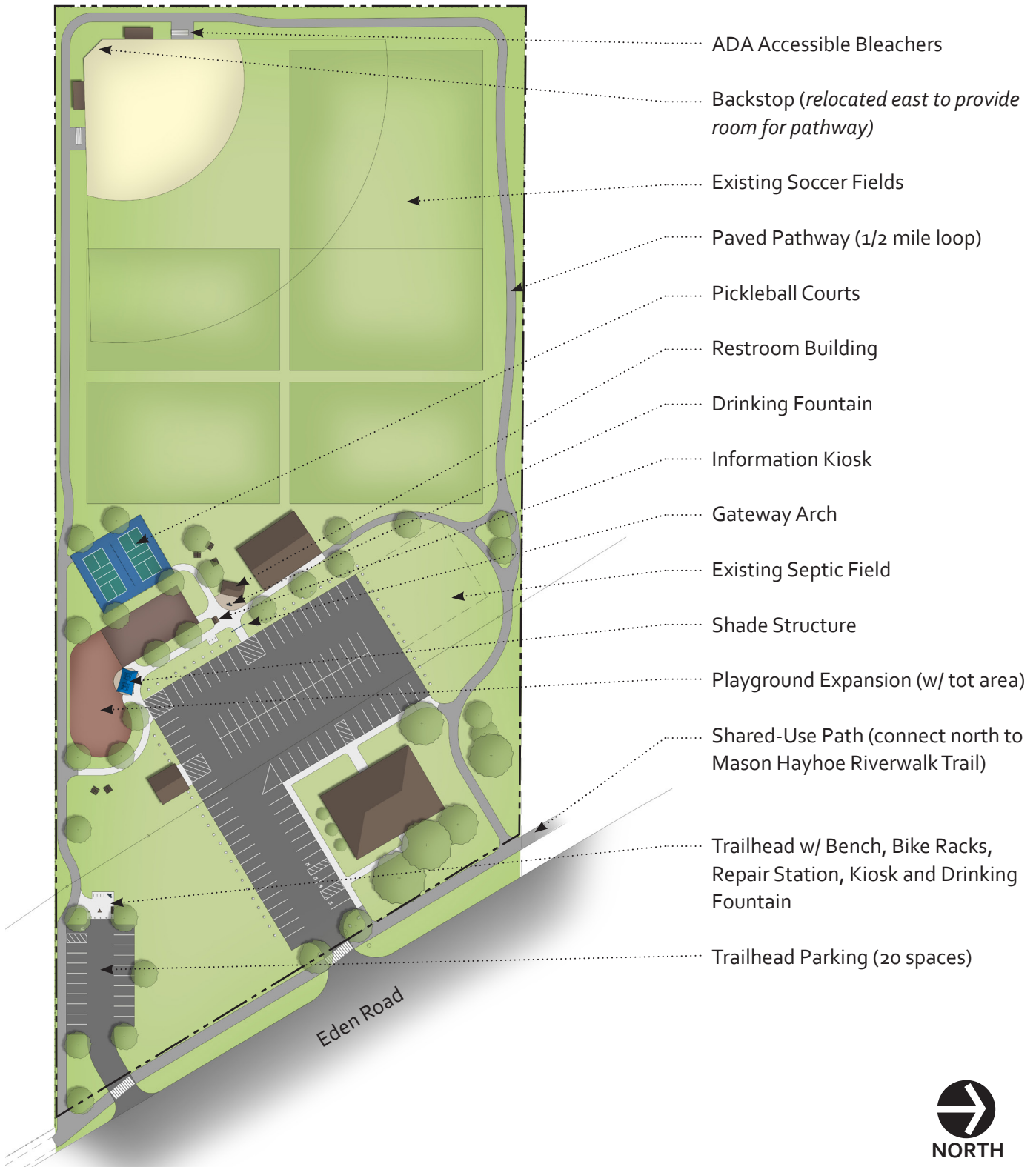
Vevay Township Hall Park Master Plan: **Concept 1**



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Vevay Township Hall Park Master Plan: **Concept 2**

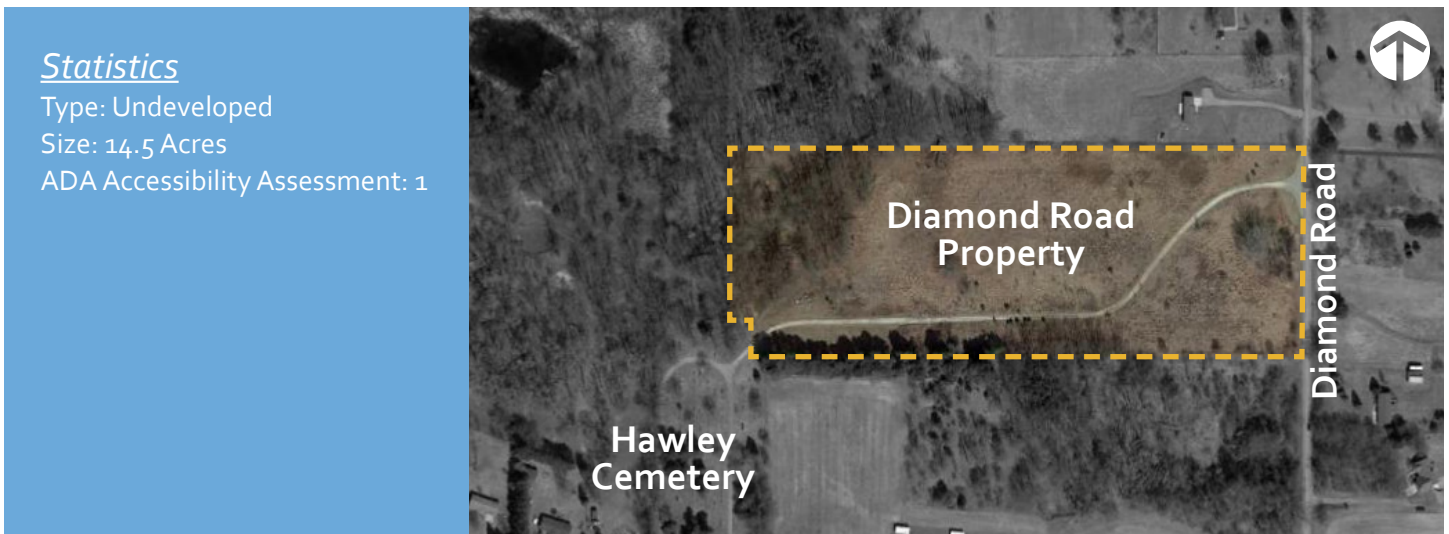




### Diamond Road Property

Location: Diamond Rd. Mason MI 48854

This 14.5-acre site is mostly undeveloped, with about one acre currently used for cemetery purposes. No development is currently planned for this site.



### College Road Property

Location: S. College Rd. Mason MI 48854

This 28.3-acre site is currently undeveloped. The property is dedicated for public use, however the future public use has yet to be determined.



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### *Hawley Cemetery*

3.8 Acres, located on Dexter Trail in the eastern section of the Township.



### *Rolfe Cemetery*

0.74 Acres, located on Barnes Road in the southwest section of the Township.



### *Eden Cemetery*

1.59 Acres, located on Barnes Road in the central/southern section of the Township.

## Maintenance and Replacement Schedule

### *Annual Maintenance Schedule.*

Maintenance Item	Annual Cost
Mowing of Township-owned properties	\$6,000.00
Township Hall Grounds Maintenance (1/2 inside Township Hall, 1/2 Park and grounds)	\$5,300.00
Maintenance supplies and items such as tree removal/trimming	\$16,500.00

## Regional Recreation Opportunities

There are many additional recreation facilities and opportunities available in the area surrounding Vevay Township and throughout Ingham County. Some of those facilities are listed here:

### *Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail*

The Hayhoe Riverwalk is a three-mile trail that runs through the City of Mason. The trail travels along the Sycamore Creek as well as on some of the historic rail bed. The trail was built by the Hayhoe family of Ingham County and donated to Mason in honor of their father, the late Richard Hayhoe.

### *Rayner Park, City of Mason*

this 60 Acre park is home to soccer fields, a baseball field, a basketball court, beach volleyball, frisbee golf, horse shoes, a large wooden playground, and a plethora of picnic tables and grills. The pavilion is great for large group picnics and get-togethers with plenty of protected and accessible tables as well as two larger grills. In the south end of the park there is a winding nature trail that connects to Mason High School. The trail features plant identification plaques along the route to provide greater interest and education. The park also includes two ponds which connect to the Ingham County Rayner Creek Drain.

### *Connect Sports*

A faith-based youth sports organization which features archery, basketball, cheerleading, flag football and soccer.

The ministries involved include:

- Mason First Church of the Nazarene
- Eden United Brethren
- Aurelius Baptist Church
- Mason Community Church

### *The ROC (Recreation Outreach Center)*

Built on 45 acres of property purchased by the Mason First Nazarene church opened in April of 2012. This 16,000 square foot structure includes a gym featuring a full-size basketball court, an activity room with large-screen

video monitors, a kitchen, and a room designed for use as a state-of-the-art computer lab.

### *Ingham County Fairgrounds*

The Ingham County Fair and Exposition Center hosts agricultural, educational, and entertainment events. Situated on a 72 acre, park-like setting, the Ingham County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center offer unique experiences to the Greater Lansing Community. Whether it is a wedding hosted in the newly renovated banquet facility or one of the nearly 70 events hosted on the Ingham County Fair and Exposition Center campus, there is something for everyone.

### *Hawk Island County Park*

A 100 acre park, located on Cavanaugh Road, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Aurelius Road, in south Lansing. Hawk Island offers rowboat and pedal boat rental, a swimming beach, Splash Pad, picnic areas and shelters, sand volleyball, horseshoes, paved accessible walkways (1.5 miles) and fishing docks and a concession stand.

### *Burchfield County Park*

With 540 acres of scenic woods, trails and beach, Burchfield Park is Ingham County's largest park. Ribboned throughout by the Grand River, this outdoor haven harbors some of the best bank and boat fishing available in Ingham County. Burchfield Park offers a beach, bathhouse, canoe & kayak rentals and trips, cross country skiing & rental, hiking trails, horseshoe pits, two 18 hole disc golf courses, mountain biking trails, nature day camp, pedal boat rental, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, sand volleyball courts, sledding hills, softball diamond, stocked fishing pond, winter snack bar, and a winter warming lodge.

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# 5

## The Planning Process

# 5 - The Planning Process

## Plan Development Process

The consultant reviewed Vevay Township’s current demographics, current budgets and revenues, past planning efforts and perceived initial priorities. The consultant met with the Township Supervisor and Township Board to establish some initial study parameters and planning direction. As part of the inventory gathering process, the consultant performed a physical inventory by visiting Vevay Township Hall Park as well as the two undeveloped Township owned properties.

The information gathered was then synthesized into the proposed goals and objectives of this plan. The goals and objectives were then further refined with the assignment of phasing and priority suggestions (actions), as well as estimates of probable cost (capital improvements schedule). Subsequent refinement of the plan was performed through various discussions with township officials, public comment, and investigation of funding strategies and sources to eventually produce the final 5-Year Community Parks and Recreation Plan.

## Public Participation

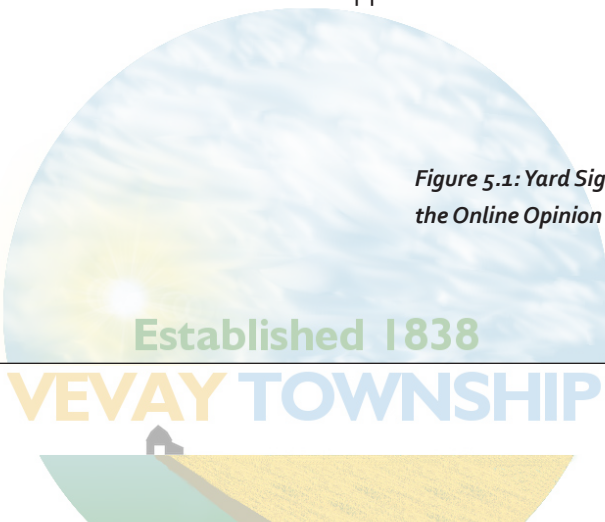
An effective means of obtaining public input is critical for the development of a Community Parks and Recreation Plan. Public input is also required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans.” For Vevay Township’s plan, several means of gaining input were used, including:

- Online opinion survey: 10/12/2021 - 12/1/2021
- Public input meeting: 10/12/2021
- Public hearing - 1/18/2022
- One Month Review Period – Posted on the Township’s website, hard copy at Township Hall - 12/13/2021 - 1/14/2022

Summaries of the public input activities are provided in the following section. A full compilation of all survey results, input, and public comments is contained in the Appendix.



*Figure 5.1: Yard Sign Used to Advertise the Online Opinion Survey*





## 5 - The Planning Process

### *Public Input Meeting*

A public input meeting was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Vevay Township Offices and Hall, 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held to discuss the Recreation Master Plan, including desired capital improvements for the township park and trail development over the next five years.

### *Public Hearing*

A Public Hearing was held 1/18/2022 at Vevay Township Offices and Hall, 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854 at 6:30 p.m.



### Online Opinion Survey

At the initial stage of the Recreation Master Planning process, an online survey questionnaire was developed to gauge public opinion on the future of Vevay Township’s Parks and Recreation.

The online survey was conducted using the web-based “Survey Monkey” opinion survey instrument. The survey was placed online 10/12/2021 and was closed 12/1/2021. It was publicized on the Township’s website and facebook page. Yard signs featuring QR code links were also placed throughout the Township to advertise the survey.

A total of 125 responses were received for the online survey. Details of responses are shown in the Appendix.

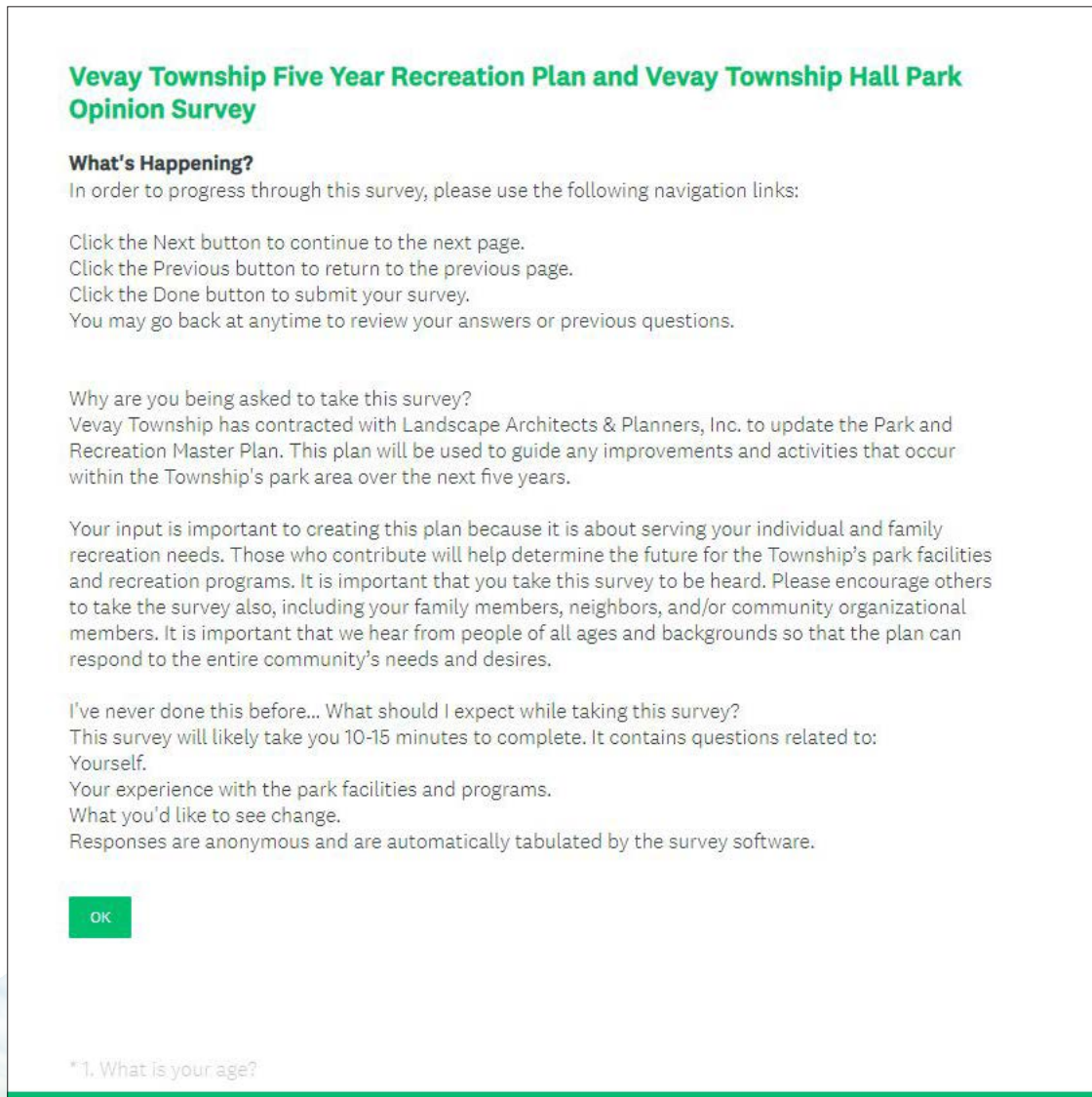


Figure 5.2: Screenshot of Online Survey

# 6

## Goals & Objectives



# 6 - Goals and Objectives

## Overview

In the broadest sense, a Parks and Recreation Plan should offer the community a series of guidelines or recommendations for making consistent and rational public decisions regarding the delivery of recreation programs and facilities. Goals and objectives, in the context of recreation and park planning, should be the guiding influence determining the nature and extent of future park acquisition, development, administrative, and programming actions. They should be idealistic to the extent that they provide a desirable condition to strive towards and be ready for opportunities that may not be evident today such as new grant programs, benefactors, donations etc that present themselves. However, in order to be reasonably capable of being achieved, the goals must be tempered by the recognition of financial, social, physical and political realities. Successful policy should further recognize the evaluation of the community's recreation system and the relationship of this system to relevant demographic characteristics.

Goals should be broad and address general needs and establish the basis for setting specific programmed objectives. Objectives are measurable results that the Township can work toward accomplishing. Both offer policy direction and the framework for recreation providers. The following policy statements reflect the Township's short and long-term recreation needs identified in the previous chapters. Specific methods for achieving these goals are described in the Action Program and Capital Improvement Plan in the following section.

## Township Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives provide the foundation of the Township's Community Parks & Recreation Plan, and are to be used as a framework for future implementation strategies.

### Overall

- I. **Enhance and increase the quality of life for the residents of Vevay Township by providing a full range of recreation programs, recreation facilities, athletic fields, and pathways to meet their recreational needs.**
- II. **Provide a consistent level of funding for improvements and continued maintenance for Vevay Township Hall Park and any future recreation facilities.**
- III. **Strengthen community image and sense of place. Parks, recreation facilities, programs and community events are key factors to achieve this goal.**
- IV. **Protect environmental resources. Natural resources and habitats are preserved by acquiring, managing, and restoring valuable resources as open space (rivers, streams, greenways, view sheds, forests, and other habitat areas).**

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- A. Provide superior and unique recreational activities and facilities, which emphasize the natural environment.
- B. Work with other surrounding communities to revive initiatives that promote each others' natural features and cross promote so people can better learn about the natural resources, ecological values and history.
- V. Foster human development. Parks and recreation services foster social, intellectual, physical, and emotional development of children, youth, and adults.
  - A. Work with the local schools to enable communications that will lead to enhancing the development of children and youth through after school facilities/programs.
- VI. Provide recreational experiences. A variety of benefits to individuals and the community are achieved through programmed and unprogrammed recreation.
- VII. Promote health and wellness. Participation in recreation significantly improves physical and emotional health.
  - A. Offer a wide array of classes and programs, specifically programs for school-aged children.
  - B. Provide recreational programs that emphasize fitness and staying healthy. Outdoor fitness stations or classes can provide places to exercise out of doors on their own or with groups.
- VIII. Continue to communicate with the public whenever possible through various means.

### *Administration and Organization*

- I. Investigate innovative ways to fund improvements and programming.
  - A. Apply for state, federal and local grants for recreation, athletic, leisure, and cultural arts programs.
  - B. Seek donations from foundations, corporations, service clubs and local businesses, as well as individual sponsorships.
  - C. Maintain a fair and reasonable user fee system for programming.
- II. Provide necessary staffing and an administrative infrastructure at levels commensurate to programming and maintenance needs to support the expansion of recreation opportunities.
- III. Continue to monitor and adjust program offerings to reflect changing recreation preferences and age characteristics.
- IV. Market recreation services to potential users:
  - A. Maintain the township website to provide up-to-date information to the public.
  - B. Maintain and build relations with senior citizens, local businesses and community groups.
- V. Continue and improve coordination with other organizations:

- A. **Maintain and foster communication between the Township and neighboring communities such as the City of Mason.**

### *Facilities*

- I. **Provide facilities that meet the community-wide recreation needs of Vevay Township residents.**
  - A. **Develop additional features at Vevay Township Hall Park to meet the needs of all activities, programs and users.**
  - B. **Ensure accessibility to recreation facilities and programs by creating barrier-free facilities and providing an opportunity for “inclusive and/or universal recreation.”**
- II. **Provide, promote and encourage the establishment and maintenance of a non-motorized system consisting of trails, pathways, bicycle lanes, shared roads other forms of active transportation that will connect with other facilities within the region.**
- III. **Maintain a balanced system of parks by having well-operated and maintained facilities:**
  - A. **Continue the scheduling of operations, including regular inspections, to ensure all parks and facilities are neat in appearance and well-operated and maintained.**
  - B. **Coordinate and assist in planned events in public spaces, parks, and facilities.**

### *Recreation Land*

- I. **Acquire recreation land to create community and neighborhood parks, which are appropriate, convenient and accessible to all residents:**
  - A. **Explore acquisition of properties that include natural features or recreational opportunities as they become available.**
- II. **Develop and expand the Non-Motorized system throughout the Township.**
  - A. **Explore the acquisition of land or easements that can be used to provide non-motorized connections between Vevay Township Hall Park and other amenities within the township and the surrounding communities.**
  - B. **Explore areas where on-road facilities or separated pathways can be added within existing public right-of-ways to improve non-motorized travel throughout the township.**
  - C. **Install wayfinding signs, interpretative kiosks, and respite stations throughout the existing and future non-motorized system.**
  - D. **Coordinate with surrounding communities and Tri-County planning efforts to create to facilitate a regional non-motorized connections.**

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### Regional Connectivity

Currently a non-motorized trail system exists between the City of Lansing and Delhi Township. Planning efforts and construction projects are currently underway that are working toward the goal of connecting the Delhi Township non-motorized trail system to the City of Mason's Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail. The Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail currently ends just beyond the Vevay Township border. Making a non-motorized connection from the Hayhoe Riverwalk trail to Vevay Township Hall is a crucial first step toward Vevay's regional connectivity. Next, efforts should be made with the goal of connecting Vevay Township south to the City of Leslie and eventually to the City of Jackson and beyond. Routes utilizing existing rights-of-way and the acquisition of easements along the former Interurban line, existing utility corridors, or from private owners are all options that should be explored.

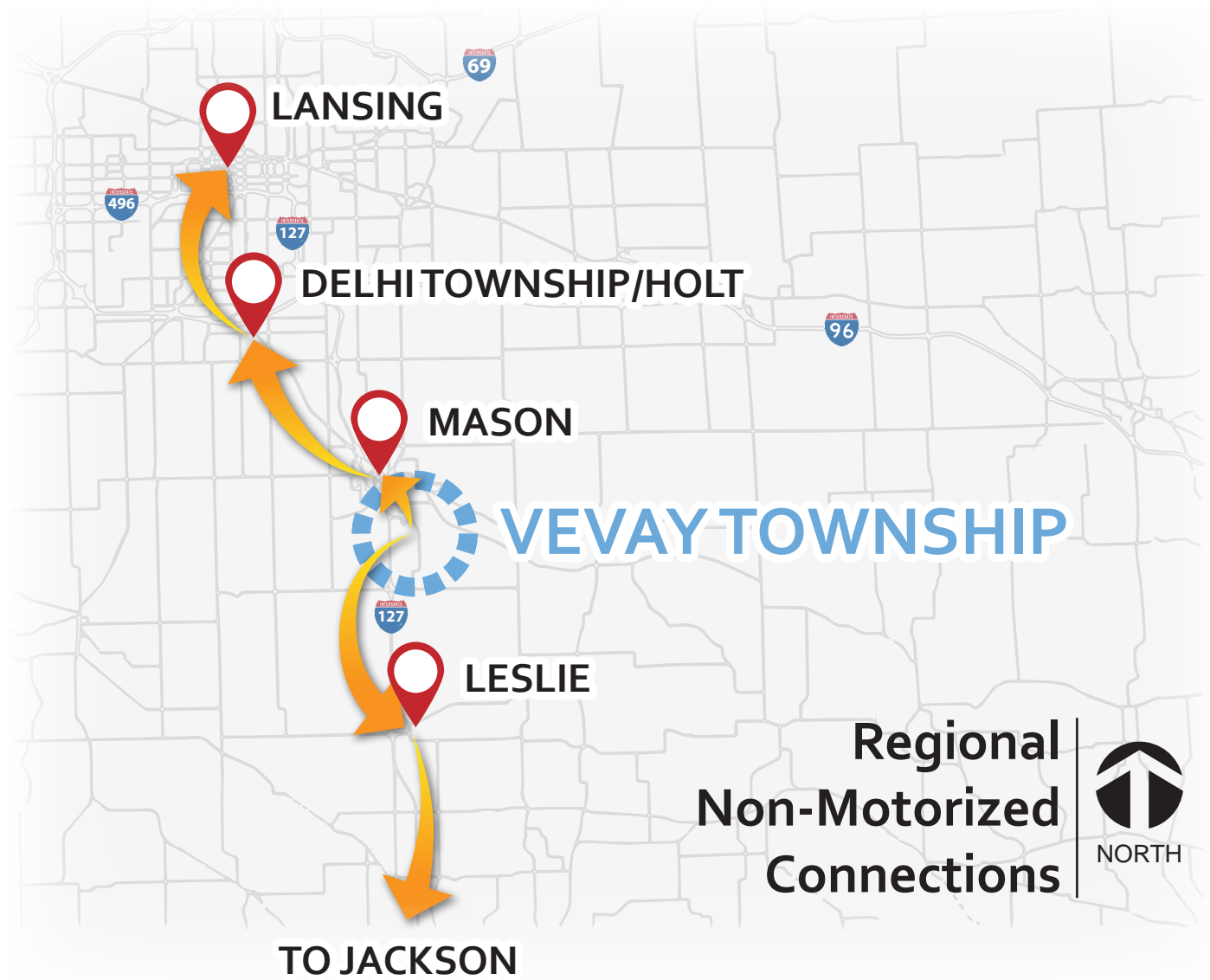


Figure 6.1: Map of Potential Regional Connections

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# 7 Action Plan

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## Actions

The following action plan or “Capital Improvement Plan” (CIP) was developed based upon information gathered from public input, interviews, demographic data, land use trends and efforts of adjacent communities. The plan covers the next five years. These projects may be funded through grant sources such as those provided through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, Waterways Program Grants, Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants, Invasive Species Grant Program, or Wildlife Habitat Grant Program. There may be grants available through private corporations, non-profit organizations, and other state and federal agencies.

**Please note:** The capital improvements are listed in no particular order. The matrix provides a target year, the project location, a description, an estimated range of likely costs, revenue sources, and goals. It is intended to be used as a guideline for planning.

## Capital Improvement Plan Schedule

Vevay Township  
Community Parks and Recreation Plan (2022-2026)

Target Year	Project Location	Project Description	Estimated Costs	Revenue Source
2022-2023	Vevay Township Hall Park	Feasibility and Engineering for Phase 1 Improvements	\$84,500.00	Ingham County Grant
2023-2024	Vevay Township Hall Park	Phase 1 Development	\$300,000.00	General Fund, Private Donations, County and MDNR Grants
2024-2025	Township Hall Park to Kipp Road	Feasibility and Engineering for the development of a trail connection between Vevay Township Hall Park to the south end of the Mason Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail	\$100,000.00	County and MDNR Grants
2025-2026	Township Hall Park to Kipp Road	Construction of a trail connection between Vevay Township Hall Park to the south end of the Mason Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail	\$1.3 million	General Fund, Private Donations, County and MDNR Grants

\*\*\* THIS DOCUMENT IS A LONG RANGE PLANNING DOCUMENT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND IS REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. ALL PROJECTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING THROUGH THE GRANT SOURCE, TOTAL OF PRIVATE DONATIONS AND THE GENERAL FUND AND THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

\*\*\* THE TOWNSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT OTHER SOURCES FOR FUNDS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

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## Establishment of Recreation Commission

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP  
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #21-21  
AND  
TO ESTABLISH THE VEVAY TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION #22-01**

**WHEREAS**, the Vevay Township Board of Trustees (Board) established a Recreation Committee in 2003 to develop a Community Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Committee has completed their obligation and the Committee dissolved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is committed to assuring Vevay Township residents are afforded opportunities for quality recreation facilities and trails in a safe and convenient setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is committed to establishing and maintaining a purposeful and realistic strategy to guide and improve recreation programs and facilities in Vevay Township to meet the recreation needs of area residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is in the process of developing a 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan (Plan) to not only guide the Township in its decision making, but to also enhance the Township's ability to obtain grants and private donations, especially the Ingham County Parks and Trails millage fund and various grant funds available through the state, such as the Natural Resources Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, at the end of July 2021, has submitted a planning grant application to the Ingham County Parks and Trails Commission for millage funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has sought public input in the formulation of the Plan, including a public hearing on October 12, 2021, and a widely publicized internet survey; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby establishes a Recreation Commission (Commission) to assess Township recreational needs and solicit public input in the formulation of a new Plan, as well as guide the Township through the various grant processes to leverage funds to maximize the effective use of taxpayer dollars in developing recreational facilities and possibilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board shall appoint a Commission consisting of five to nine members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board shall appoint members to three-year terms except that the initial appointment terms in 2021 shall be staggered at one, two, and three years, as determined by the Board, and all appointments in 2022 and after shall be for full three-year terms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that *unless declined by a member*, members appointed to the Commission shall *may* receive a ~~payment~~ *per diem* of \$70, Chairperson \$75, Recording Secretary *an additional* \$50 per meeting, and that the per diems will be reviewed by the Board as deemed necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, and Secretary to serve one-year terms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall meet at least twice annually and as often as deemed necessary to fulfill its duties, and shall submit an annual report to the Board of its actions for the prior year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission assist the Board in any pertinent manner in preparing grant applications, seeking public input and assistance, and communicating with the public; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission plan for future recreation possibilities, maintenance, and upgrades; make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for revisions to the Plan; and have open meetings to discuss issues relating to recreation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Resolution 22-01 is hereby adopted effective *January 12, 2022*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Lazet and supported by McNeilly.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Ayes: Lacasse, McNeilly, Kean, Lewis and Lazet

Nays: None

Absent: None

The resolution was declared adopted.

  
JoAnne Kean - Vevay Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Vevay at a meeting held on January 12, 2022.

  
JoAnne Kean - Vevay Township Clerk

**Appointments  
December 15, 2021**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BOARD/ COMMISSION</b>	<b>APPOINTED OR RE-APPOINTED</b>	<b>APPOINTED LENGTH</b>	<b>TERM START</b>	<b>TERM END</b>
Patricia McNeilly	Recreation Commission	Appointed	1 years	12/15/2021	12/15/2022
Mary Ruttan	Recreation Commission	Appointed	2 years	12/15/2021	12/15/2023
Roger Cargill	Recreation Commission	Appointed	2 years	12/15/2021	12/15/2023
Coe Emens III	Recreation Commission	Appointed	3 years	12/15/2021	12/15/2024
John Fischer	Recreation Commission	Appointed	3 years	12/15/2021	12/15/2024



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## **Advertisement of Public Input Meeting**

The public input meeting was advertised on the Township's website and facebook page.

### **Vevay Township Public Input Meeting 2022- 2026 Recreation Master Plan Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**

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Vevay Township is seeking public input for the 2022-2026 Recreation Master Plan. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Vevay Township Offices and Hall at 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854 at 6:30 p.m. The Recreation Master Plan consists of desired capital improvements for the township park and trail development over the next five years. For additional information contact Supervisor John Lazet at 517-676-9523 or visit our website @ [vevaytownship.org](http://vevaytownship.org)

## Notes from Public Input Meeting

### Vevay Township Input Meeting 10/12/2021

- Pickleball – 2 sets of 4-6 courts each (coordinate with City, Township)
- Township Hall – use – younger people
- Mason – Pickleball courts
- Walking – Hayhoe Trail
- Take grandkids to park in township – play area
- Update playground – more challenge, and for younger kids
- Disc Golf – for younger folks 30±
- Dog park, and walking their dogs
- Age distribution – multi-generational
- Soccer – need additional facilities
- Sanitary – hook up
- Toilets at Township Hall
- Irrigation system
- Don't want college fields to be developed – like it the way it is
- College Field – overland flow could be a challenge
- How to maintain facilities

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1. ...  
2. ...  
3. 2022 Debt Township Sidewalk Improvement Program  
4. Consent to Participate in the National Opioids Settlement  
5. 2022 Employee Compensation Schedule

Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. - Board of Trustees meeting minutes are available on the Township's Web Site: www.deltatownship.com. Copies of the minutes are also available upon request from the Township Clerk. Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday, except holidays.

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**VEVAY TOWNSHIP, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that the Vevay Township Board will meet on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at Vevay Township, 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854, phone: 517-674-9523, @ 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the 2022-2026 Recreation Master Plan for Vevay Township.

Vevay Township has been preparing a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan in accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When adopted, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

A paper copy of the Parks and Recreation Plan is available for public review until the time of the public hearing at the Vevay Township Office, and online at www.vevaytownship.org

All interested persons attending the hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to this matter. If you cannot attend this meeting, you may submit written comments by email to: supervisor@vevaytownship.org or letters to: Supervisor John Lazet, 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854 until 3 p.m. the day of the public hearing.

Supervisor John Lazet  
Vevay Township  
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## Public Hearing Agenda

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Special Meeting/Public Hearing**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2022**  
**Vevay Township Hall - 517-676-9523**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call/Excuse Absent Member**
- IV. Set/Amend Agenda (all members must be present for additions)**
- V. Recess to Public Hearing regarding:**
  - A. Review of 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan
  - B. Receive Public Comment – Plan Only
- VI. Adjournment of Public Hearing and Recommencement of Special Meeting**
- VII. Pending Business:**
  - A. Adoption of 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan
- VIII. Any Other Business**
- IX. \*Additional Public Comment**
- X. Adjournment**
  - \*Any person may speak for up to 3 minutes during the public comment period. Groups of 10 or more have the option of selecting a spokesperson, who may speak for up to 20 minutes.

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Vevay Township Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting/Public Hearing  
January 18, 2022, Minutes

the development of the draft 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan (“Plan”) to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, after many months of consideration and public input, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final *draft* Plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Vevay Township Recreation Commission is made up of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Vevay Township Recreation Commission highly recommended the adoption of the Plan to the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 18, 2022, at Vevay Township, 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854 to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Vevay Township has developed the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Vevay Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Vevay Township Board hereby adopts the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan.

**MOTION Kean, seconded McNeilly, to adopt the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan Resolution #22-02.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: Lacasse, Lewis, Lazet, Kean, & McNeilly  
Nays: None**

**Any Other Business.** Treasurer Lewis informed the Board that the counter computer, which is used for cash receipting, is nonfunctional. Frank Vargas from Vargas Computer Systems, Inc., recommends purchasing a refurbished computer for \$300.00. (The expense to be charged to Computer Services GL #101-101-802.000).

**MOTION Lewis, seconded Lazet, to authorize the expense and payment to Vargas Computer Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$300.00 for the purchase of a refurbished computer.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: McNeilly, Lacasse, Lewis, Lazet, & Kean  
Nays: None.**

**Additional Public Comment.** None

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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JoAnne Kean, Clerk

## Certified Resolution

**5-YEAR COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION PLAN  
VEVAY TOWNSHIP, INGHAM COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION #22- 02**

WHEREAS, Vevay Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2022 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, Vevay Township began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of Vevay Township were provided with well-advertised opportunities during the development of the draft 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan ("Plan") to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

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WHEREAS, Vevay Township has developed the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Vevay Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Vevay Township Board hereby adopts the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan.

Motion Kean, seconded McNeilly, to adopt Resolution #22-02.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Lacasse, Lewis, Lazet, Kean and McNeilly

Nays: None

Absent: None

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a Special Meeting held on the 18th day of January 2022.

  
JoAnne Kean, Vevay Township Clerk

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**VEVAY TOWNSHIP**

## Letters of Transmittal to Regional Clearinghouses



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January 27, 2022

Jim Snell, Executive Director  
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission  
3135 Pine Tree Road, Suite 2C  
Lansing, MI 48911

Phone: (517) 393-0342  
Fax: (517) 393-4424  
E-mail: [jsnell@mitcrpc.org](mailto:jsnell@mitcrpc.org)

**RE: Vevay Township, Community Recreation Plan, 2022-2026**

Dear Mr. Snell,

Please find, enclosed a copy of the Vevay Township Community Recreation Plan for 2022-2026. Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc. was hired by Vevay Township to develop the recreation plan, therefore if you have any questions please contact us at (517) 485-5500 or John Lazet, Township Supervisor at (517) 676-9523.

Sincerely,

Robert Ford, President  
Landscape Architect



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January 27, 2022

Tim Morgan, Director  
Ingham County Parks  
121 E Maple St., Suite 102  
Mason, MI 48854

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Sincerely,

Robert Ford, President  
Landscape Architect

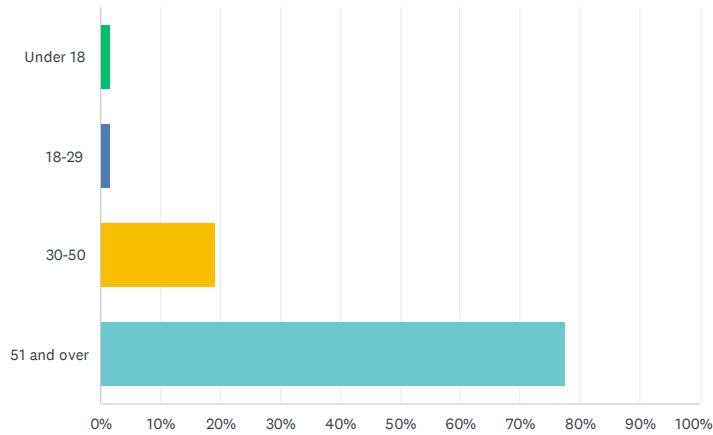
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## Results of Online Survey

### Q1 What is your age?

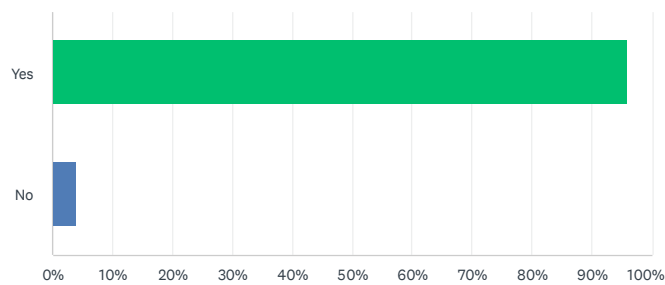
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	1.60% 2
18-29	1.60% 2
30-50	19.20% 24
51 and over	77.60% 97
TOTAL	125

### Q2 Are you currently a Vevay Township resident?

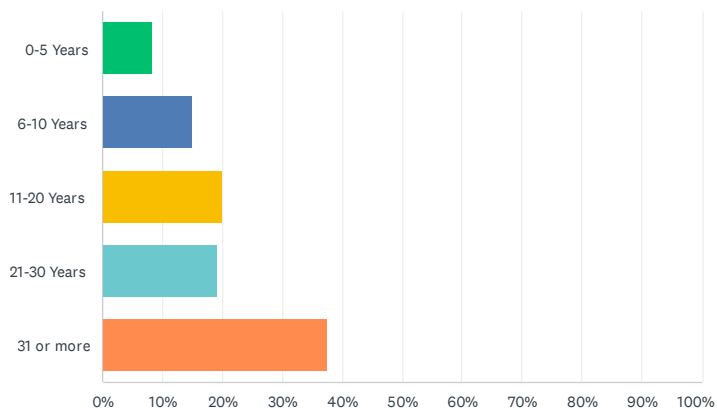
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	96.00% 120
No	4.00% 5
TOTAL	125

### Q3 If yes, how many years have you lived in Vevay Township?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5

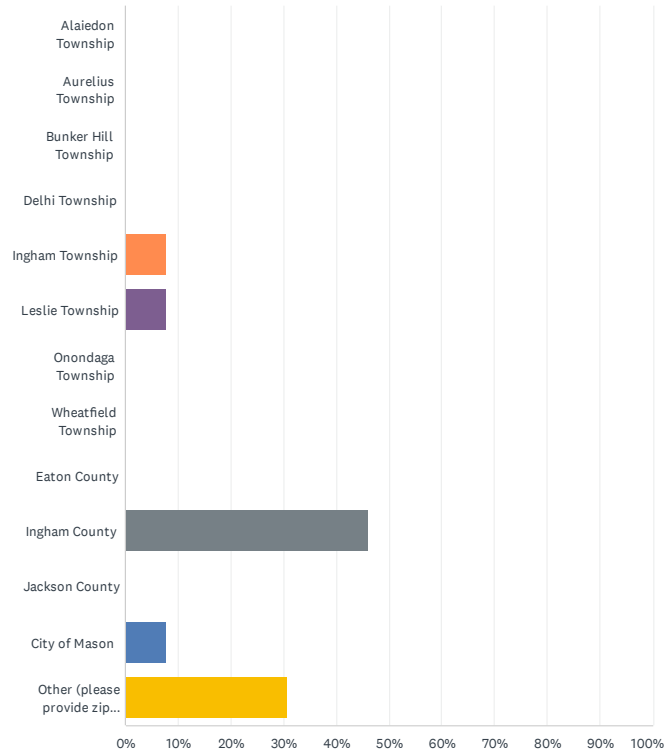


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 Years	8.33%	10
6-10 Years	15.00%	18
11-20 Years	20.00%	24
21-30 Years	19.17%	23
31 or more	37.50%	45
Total Respondents: 120		



### Q4 If no, in which city, township or county do you reside?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 112

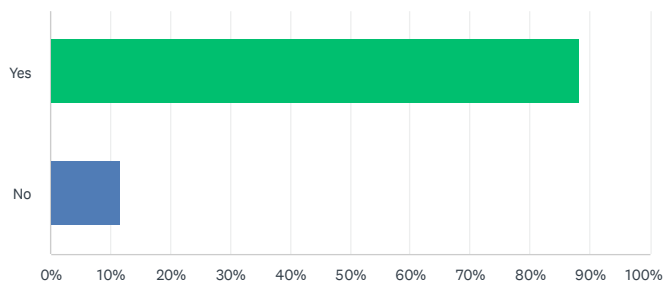


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Alaiedon Township	0.00% 0
Aurelius Township	0.00% 0
Bunker Hill Township	0.00% 0
Delhi Township	0.00% 0
Ingham Township	7.69% 1
Leslie Township	7.69% 1
Onondaga Township	0.00% 0
Wheatfield Township	0.00% 0
Eaton County	0.00% 0
Ingham County	46.15% 6
Jackson County	0.00% 0
City of Mason	7.69% 1
Other (please provide zip code)	30.77% 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>



### Q5 Are you in favor of extending the Hayhoe Trail to the Township Hall?

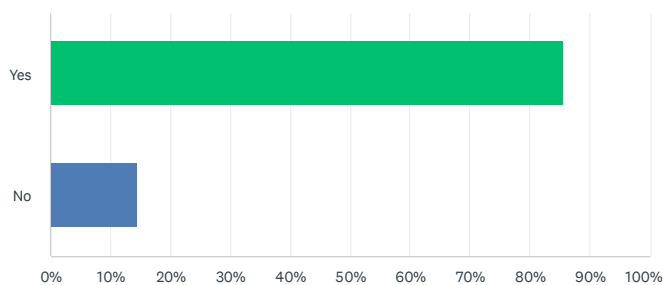
Answered: 103 Skipped: 22



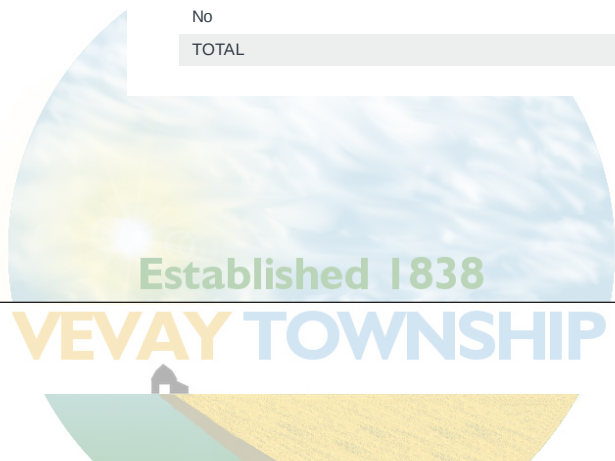
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.35%	91
No	11.65%	12
Total Respondents: 103		

### Q6 Would you like to see more trails connecting communities?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 22



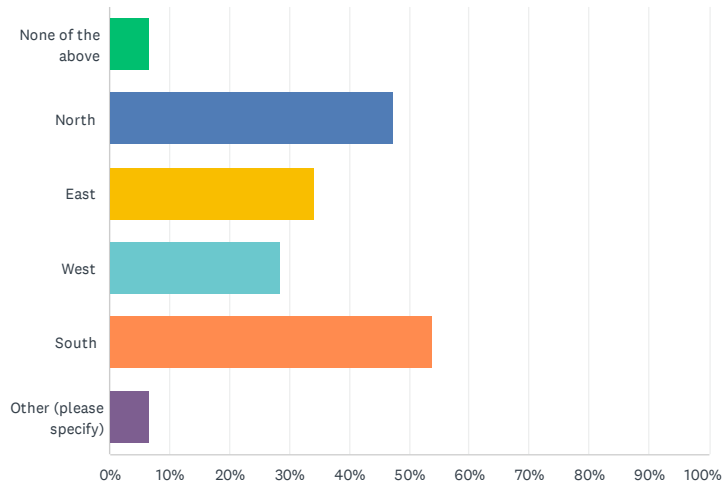
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.44%	88
No	14.56%	15
TOTAL		103



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### Q7 If you answered yes, where would you like additional trails? North, East, West?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 34

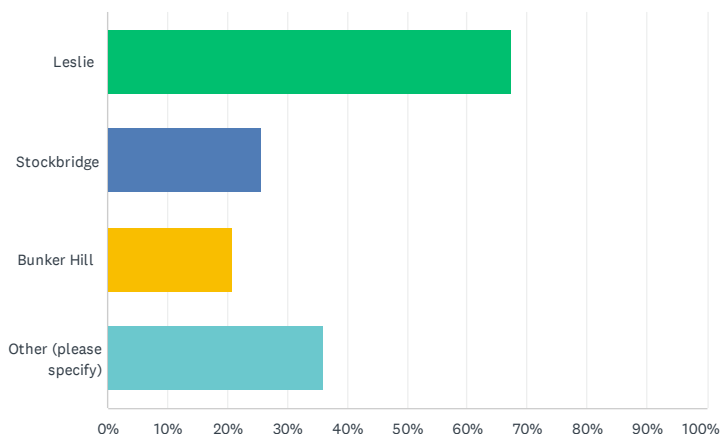


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	6.59%	6
North	47.25%	43
East	34.07%	31
West	28.57%	26
South	53.85%	49
Other (please specify)	6.59%	6
Total Respondents: 91		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	All directions	11/14/2021 5:29 PM
2	All of the above	10/29/2021 3:25 PM
3	South on the old interurban toward Leslie	10/22/2021 3:00 PM
4	All! Love the trails	10/18/2021 11:43 AM
5	Lone Oak subdivision to downtown.	10/16/2021 7:27 AM
6	Connect to Easker Landing Park, Holt	10/15/2021 3:50 PM

### Q8 If you answered Yes, to the question about more trails, what are some destinations these trails should reach?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Leslie	67.44% 58
Stockbridge	25.58% 22
Bunker Hill	20.93% 18
Other (please specify)	36.05% 31
Total Respondents: 86	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Eventually connect the Holt/Lansing projects	11/12/2021 9:15 AM
2	Through Mason to Holt	11/11/2021 3:44 PM
3	Through Mason to Holt	11/11/2021 2:52 PM
4	Delhi and S. Lansing	11/3/2021 4:46 PM
5	Dansville	11/2/2021 9:38 AM
6	Dansville	11/1/2021 5:49 PM
7	Rayner park, Hayhoe Riverwalk, Aurelius	10/31/2021 12:45 PM
8	Fairgrounds, Aurelius Township park	10/31/2021 12:09 PM
9	Connect to the existing Delhi, South Lansing Trails.	10/29/2021 3:37 PM
10	East Lansing	10/29/2021 3:26 PM
11	All of the above	10/29/2021 3:25 PM
12	Jackson, Ann Arbor	10/29/2021 2:52 PM
13	Pleasant Lake	10/28/2021 1:41 PM
14	East Lansing	10/24/2021 7:14 PM
15	mason	10/24/2021 8:27 AM
16	just like from the country to the city of mason	10/22/2021 3:58 PM
17	Dansville	10/22/2021 3:48 PM
18	Connect to Route 1, Mike Levine trail somewhere between Jackson and Stockbridge	10/22/2021 3:00 PM
19	Any-All	10/18/2021 11:43 AM

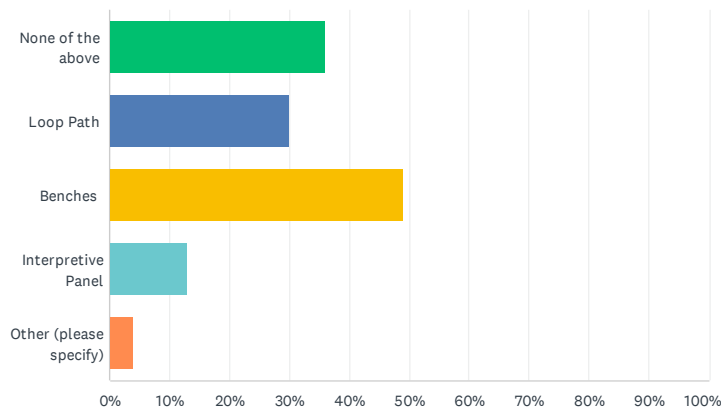
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20	Jackson	10/17/2021 7:38 AM
21	Ingham Soil conservation dist	10/16/2021 7:50 PM
22	Eagle View Golf Course	10/16/2021 8:47 AM
23	Lone Oak subdivision to downtown and the high school	10/16/2021 7:27 AM
24	Eaton Rapids	10/15/2021 4:13 PM
25	Ingham County Conservation District	10/15/2021 4:07 PM
26	Esker Landing Park in Holt	10/15/2021 3:50 PM
27	Esker Park in Holt	10/15/2021 3:46 PM
28	Holt	10/15/2021 3:14 PM
29	Delhi Twp	10/12/2021 9:08 PM
30	Holt,	10/12/2021 8:06 PM
31	Lansing	10/12/2021 6:55 PM

## Q9 Many people currently walk through Hawley Cemetery. Should Vevay Township add additional facilities to Hawley Cemetery? Select facilities below:

Answered: 100 Skipped: 25

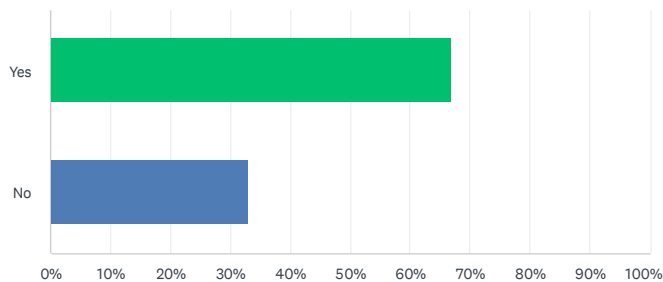


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	36.00% 36
Loop Path	30.00% 30
Benches	49.00% 49
Interpretive Panel	13.00% 13
Other (please specify)	4.00% 4
Total Respondents: 100	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Don't current drives adequately serve as walk paths?	11/12/2021 9:15 AM
2	I don't know where Hawkey Cemetery is located.	10/17/2021 7:38 AM
3	None	10/16/2021 8:53 AM
4	Map of cemetery at both entrances	10/15/2021 4:07 PM

Q10 The Township owns 28 acres on the east side of College Road between Toles and Rolfe Roads. Do you think this land would serve the community as a second park?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.00%	67
No	33.00%	33
TOTAL		100

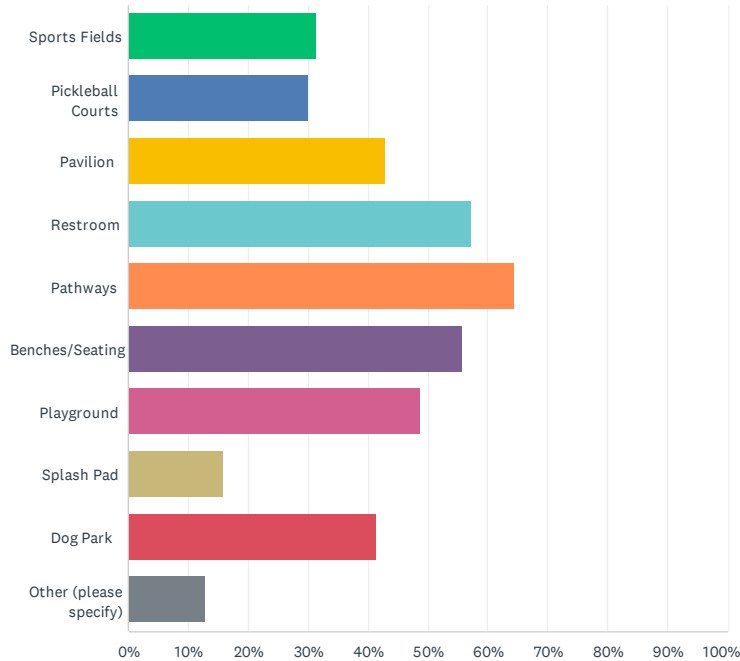


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### Q11 If you answered yes to College Road property question, what recreational facilities would you like to see developed in the potential park?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 55



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sports Fields	31.43%	22
Pickleball Courts	30.00%	21
Pavilion	42.86%	30
Restroom	57.14%	40
Pathways	64.29%	45
Benches/Seating	55.71%	39
Playground	48.57%	34
Splash Pad	15.71%	11
Dog Park	41.43%	29
Other (please specify)	12.86%	9

Total Respondents: 70

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Future cemetery with walking loop.	11/11/2021 2:52 PM
2	Pavilion for picnic tables	11/6/2021 6:49 PM
3	Cross country ski trails	11/1/2021 5:49 PM
4	Nature preserve, or left natural	10/25/2021 3:36 PM
5	None	10/22/2021 10:56 AM
6	Walking track, disk golf.	10/18/2021 1:03 PM
7	None	10/16/2021 4:12 AM
8	Nature Preserve, hiking trails	10/15/2021 6:05 PM
9	Fishing pond (does it have a natural spring to fill the pond?)	10/13/2021 1:43 PM

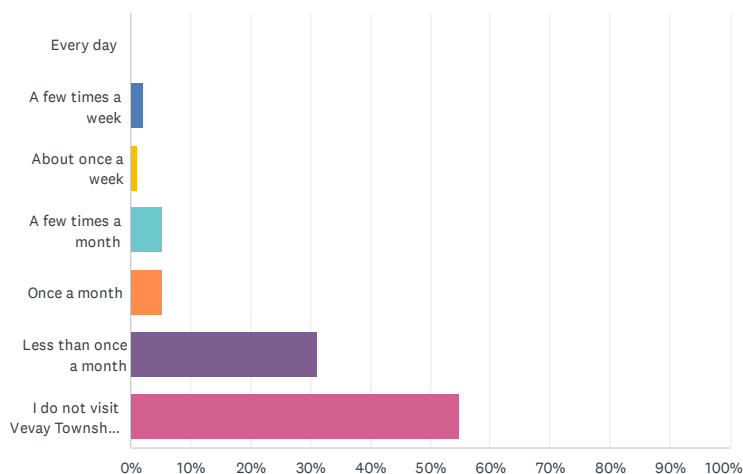
### Q12 What other types of recreation should be offered within Vevay Township.

Answered: 36 Skipped: 89

Responses included: Volleyball nets, frisbee golf, walking trails, dog park, senior center, swimming, ice rink, soccer fields, nature watching, restrooms and additional benches at the park.

### Q13 In the last year, how often have you visited Vevay Township Hall Park?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 32

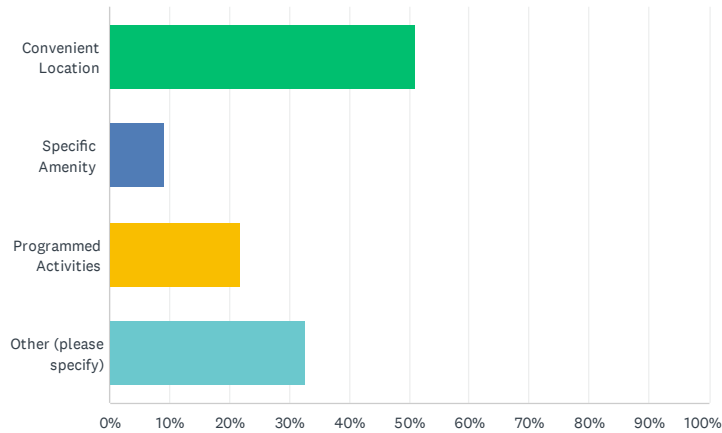


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	0.00%	0
A few times a week	2.15%	2
About once a week	1.08%	1
A few times a month	5.38%	5
Once a month	5.38%	5
Less than once a month	31.18%	29
I do not visit Vevay Township Hall Park	54.84%	51
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>93</b>



### Q14 Why do you choose to visit Vevay Township Community Park?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 70



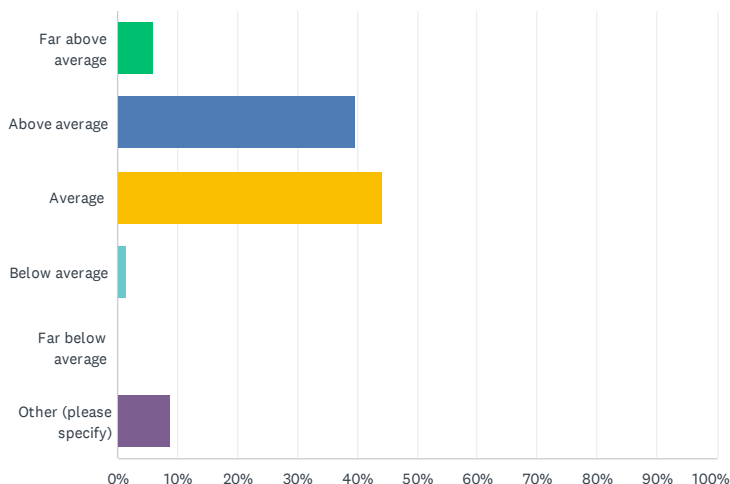
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Convenient Location	50.91% 28
Specific Amenity	9.09% 5
Programmed Activities	21.82% 12
Other (please specify)	32.73% 18
Total Respondents: 55	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Soccer practice	11/14/2021 5:33 PM
2	Don't use	11/1/2021 5:52 PM
3	Used to visit regularly for children's soccer	10/31/2021 12:48 PM
4	Have not visited the park.	10/29/2021 8:29 PM
5	To exercise the dogs.	10/29/2021 4:29 PM
6	When children were small it was often but they are grown now	10/29/2021 3:30 PM
7	I don't	10/25/2021 3:49 PM
8	Playground	10/25/2021 12:45 PM
9	used to for soccer	10/25/2021 10:52 AM
10	Grandkids play on play structures	10/24/2021 7:17 PM
11	pay taxes, vote and parties (grad, showers, anniversary etc)	10/22/2021 4:00 PM
12	None	10/22/2021 10:58 AM
13	Grandkids come over	10/18/2021 1:11 PM
14	Love the open field.	10/18/2021 11:45 AM
15	meetings	10/16/2021 7:53 PM
16	Vote, pay taxes, attend zoning meeting once	10/16/2021 4:22 AM
17	I don't know	10/15/2021 7:29 PM
18	I have not visited	10/12/2021 6:58 PM



### Q15 How do you rate the maintenance of the park?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 57



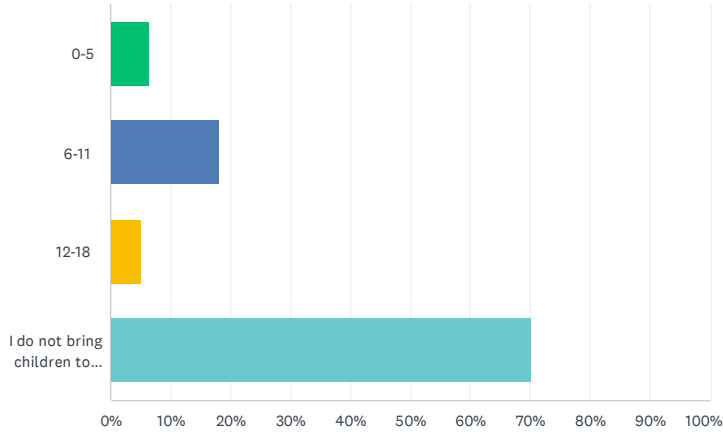
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Far above average	5.88%	4
Above average	39.71%	27
Average	44.12%	30
Below average	1.47%	1
Far below average	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	8.82%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>68</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Don't use	11/1/2021 5:52 PM
2	When driving by it looks pristine	10/29/2021 3:30 PM
3	Looks good from the Parking Lot	10/29/2021 3:28 PM
4	I don't go, so I don't know	10/25/2021 3:49 PM
5	I don't visit it. Don't know	10/16/2021 4:30 PM
6	Can't say. Don't use it.	10/16/2021 4:22 AM



Q16 If you bring children to the park, what are their ages?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	6.49%	5
6-11	18.18%	14
12-18	5.19%	4
I do not bring children to Vevay Township Hall Park	70.13%	54
TOTAL		77

## Q17 What are your children's favorite feature(s) in the park?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 98

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The soccer field	11/14/2021 5:33 PM
2	Play area	11/12/2021 9:25 AM
3	The playground	11/11/2021 3:57 PM
4	N/A	11/1/2021 5:52 PM
5	When they were young they used the soccer fields and playground.	10/31/2021 12:48 PM
6	N/A	10/29/2021 8:29 PM
7	It was the sports fields	10/29/2021 3:30 PM
8	N/A	10/29/2021 2:54 PM
9	Play structure	10/28/2021 1:44 PM
10	Playground	10/25/2021 10:23 PM
11	Na	10/25/2021 3:49 PM
12	Climbing structure	10/25/2021 12:45 PM
13	Soccer fields	10/25/2021 10:52 AM
14	Equipment	10/24/2021 7:17 PM
15	Slides	10/23/2021 7:57 PM
16	softball field	10/22/2021 3:03 PM
17	None	10/22/2021 10:58 AM
18	Sports (Baseball/Soccer)	10/18/2021 2:18 PM
19	Anything they can Climb	10/18/2021 1:11 PM
20	Fields	10/18/2021 11:45 AM
21	Don't visit	10/16/2021 4:30 PM
22	Fields	10/16/2021 8:58 AM
23	Don't use it	10/16/2021 4:22 AM
24	The climbing wall and features.	10/15/2021 6:39 PM
25	Slide	10/15/2021 4:53 PM
26	playground slides and swings	10/15/2021 3:17 PM
27	Playscape. Needs to be updated	10/13/2021 1:48 PM

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## Q18 What features do your children use the least?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 107

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The playground	11/14/2021 5:33 PM
2	N/A	11/1/2021 5:52 PM
3	N/A	10/29/2021 8:29 PM
4	All were used	10/29/2021 3:30 PM
5	N/A	10/29/2021 2:54 PM
6	Na	10/25/2021 3:49 PM
7	Ball field	10/25/2021 12:45 PM
8	Swings	10/25/2021 10:52 AM
9	Everything else	10/24/2021 7:17 PM
10	None	10/22/2021 10:58 AM
11	They like it all	10/18/2021 1:11 PM
12	don't visit	10/16/2021 4:30 PM
13	Pavilion	10/16/2021 8:58 AM
14	Don't use it	10/16/2021 4:22 AM
15	They use them all	10/15/2021 6:39 PM
16	NA	10/15/2021 4:53 PM
17	n/a	10/15/2021 3:17 PM
18	Swings	10/13/2021 1:48 PM

## Q19 What are your favorite feature(s) in the park?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 92

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nice area to sit with cover	11/27/2021 3:10 PM
2	Soccer field	11/14/2021 5:33 PM
3	Pavilion with easy access to parking	11/12/2021 9:25 AM
4	The pavilion	11/11/2021 3:57 PM
5	Shelter	11/3/2021 11:38 AM
6	Pavilion	11/1/2021 7:51 PM
7	N/A	11/1/2021 5:52 PM
8	Used to enjoy sitting in the pavilion watching kids play soccer	10/31/2021 12:48 PM
9	N/A	10/29/2021 8:29 PM
10	All	10/29/2021 3:30 PM
11	N/A	10/29/2021 2:54 PM
12	The used to use the soccer field.	10/26/2021 6:26 PM
13	Na	10/25/2021 3:49 PM
14	Nothing at present	10/25/2021 12:45 PM
15	Soccer fields. baseball diamond.	10/25/2021 11:15 AM
16	View	10/25/2021 10:52 AM
17	Playground equipment	10/24/2021 7:17 PM
18	softball field	10/22/2021 3:03 PM
19	None	10/22/2021 10:58 AM
20	Tunnels, swings,	10/18/2021 1:11 PM
21	Paths	10/16/2021 10:01 PM
22	pavilion & seating	10/16/2021 7:53 PM
23	Dont visit	10/16/2021 4:30 PM
24	Soccer fields	10/16/2021 8:58 AM
25	Pavilion	10/16/2021 8:49 AM
26	Dont use it	10/16/2021 4:22 AM
27	All of it.	10/15/2021 6:39 PM
28	NA	10/15/2021 4:53 PM
29	pavilion	10/15/2021 3:17 PM
30	Pavilion	10/13/2021 5:58 PM
31	peaceful setting outdoors pavilion for family reunion	10/13/2021 1:48 PM
32	Pavilion	10/13/2021 1:48 PM
33	Recycling	10/12/2021 6:58 PM

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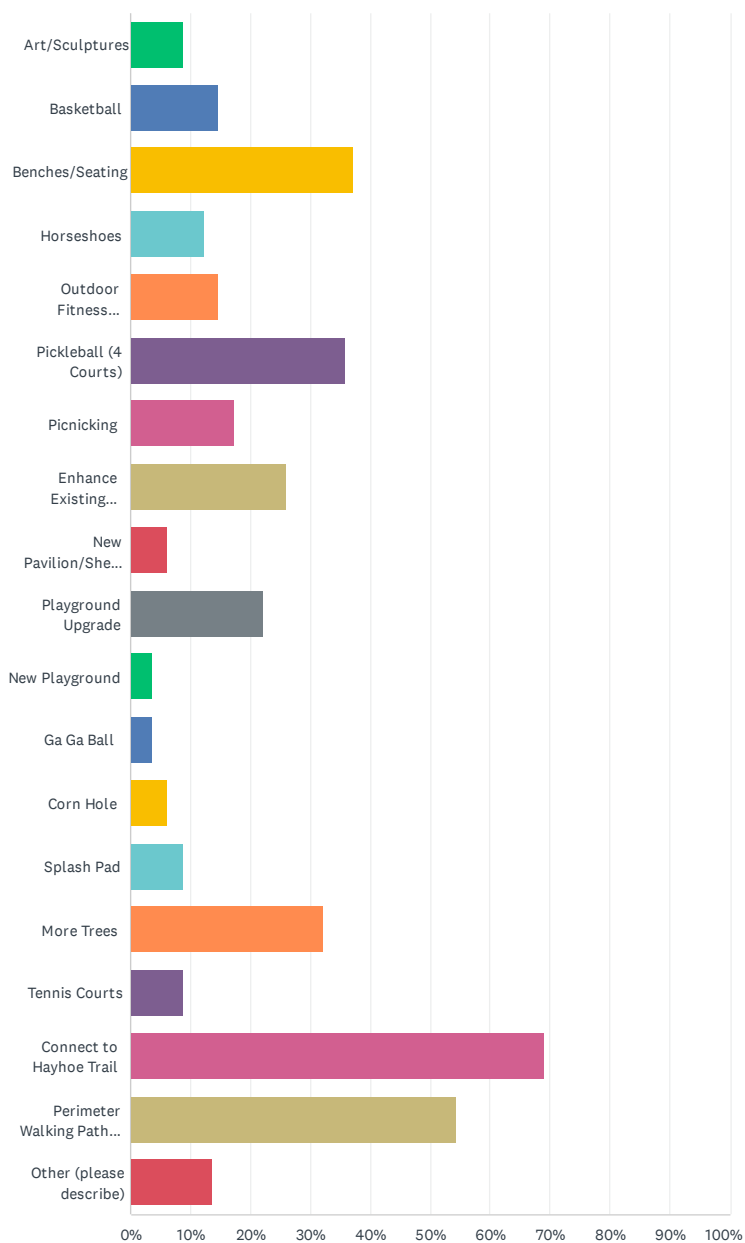
## Q20 What features do you use the least?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 101

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Playground	11/14/2021 5:33 PM
2	Most	11/12/2021 9:25 AM
3	Ball fields.	11/3/2021 11:38 AM
4	Playground	11/1/2021 7:51 PM
5	N/A	11/1/2021 5:52 PM
6	No longer visit because I have no children at home	10/31/2021 12:48 PM
7	N/A	10/29/2021 8:29 PM
8	Like I said I would bring my grandchildren to this park now	10/29/2021 3:30 PM
9	N/A	10/29/2021 2:54 PM
10	Jungle gym.	10/26/2021 6:26 PM
11	The entire park	10/25/2021 3:49 PM
12	Ball field	10/25/2021 12:45 PM
13	Don't use	10/25/2021 10:52 AM
14	Everything else	10/24/2021 7:17 PM
15	None	10/22/2021 10:58 AM
16	N/a	10/18/2021 1:11 PM
17	don't visit	10/16/2021 4:30 PM
18	Pavilion	10/16/2021 8:58 AM
19	NA	10/16/2021 4:22 AM
20	NA	10/15/2021 4:53 PM
21	soccer field	10/15/2021 3:17 PM
22	Playground equipment	10/13/2021 5:58 PM
23	portable toilet	10/13/2021 1:48 PM
24	Soccer fields	10/13/2021 1:48 PM

### Q21 What amenities would you most like to see at Vevay Township Hall Park? (choose up to 5)

Answered: 81 Skipped: 44



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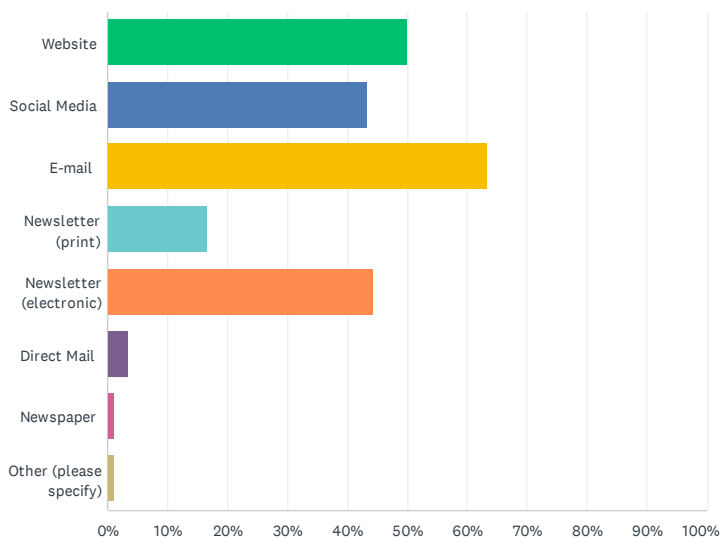
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Art/Sculptures	8.64%	7
Basketball	14.81%	12
Benches/Seating	37.04%	30
Horseshoes	12.35%	10
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	14.81%	12
Pickleball (4 Courts)	35.80%	29
Picnicking	17.28%	14
Enhance Existing Pavilion/Shelter	25.93%	21
New Pavilion/Shelter	6.17%	5
Playground Upgrade	22.22%	18
New Playground	3.70%	3
Ga Ga Ball	3.70%	3
Corn Hole	6.17%	5
Splash Pad	8.64%	7
More Trees	32.10%	26
Tennis Courts	8.64%	7
Connect to Hayhoe Trail	69.14%	56
Perimeter Walking Paths in the Park	54.32%	44
Other (please describe)	13.58%	11
Total Respondents: 81		

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Real bathrooms.	11/3/2021 11:38 AM
2	Don't use	11/1/2021 5:52 PM
3	Restrooms	10/31/2021 12:48 PM
4	Improved soccer fields and baseball diamond.	10/25/2021 11:15 AM
5	Ice skating rink	10/22/2021 10:58 AM
6	Need more playground equipment to play on	10/18/2021 1:11 PM
7	Exercise stations along a loop	10/16/2021 4:22 AM
8	Dog park	10/15/2021 6:17 PM
9	Nature Preserve	10/15/2021 6:07 PM
10	nothing additional	10/15/2021 3:09 PM
11	Bathrooms	10/13/2021 1:48 PM

**Q22 What form of communication would help you stay informed about activities and services offered at Vevay Township Hall Park? Choose as many as apply.**

Answered: 90 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website	50.00%	45
Social Media	43.33%	39
E-mail	63.33%	57
Newsletter (print)	16.67%	15
Newsletter (electronic)	44.44%	40
Direct Mail	3.33%	3
Newspaper	1.11%	1
Other (please specify)	1.11%	1
Total Respondents: 90		



## Q23 Please add any thoughts or ideas below.

Answered: 21 Skipped: 104

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need restrooms to enhance overall appeal. However that comes issues such as maintenance, who to lock and unlock as needed. Would need quite constant attention.	11/12/2021 9:25 AM
2	To expand on Question #5 - Yes, we would like to extend the Hayhoe Trail but crossing Kipp Rd. is a concern. #7 Answering North because Holt has a good connection to Lansing and is looking to expand South. Plus North would offer interesting stops along the way. #9 Maybe a couple of benches and Interpretive Panels.	11/11/2021 3:57 PM
3	We do need expanded recreational activities in the township.	11/3/2021 11:38 AM
4	Would be great if some of the property next to Vevay hall were available to purchase to expand current facilities	10/31/2021 12:48 PM
5	In the Mason area we are lucky to have many parks for the younger generations . I would like to see our community have more areas and amenities for the Seniors. Just saying for a friend.	10/29/2021 3:59 PM
6	It would be wonderful to use this park for daily walking exercise	10/29/2021 3:30 PM
7	No. Thoughts	10/29/2021 3:28 PM
8	The 28 acres on S College rd would be best left to farming, as it currently is. Or rip out the drain tiles, and let it go back to a natural lowland, marshy area to support wildlife. It's rolling nature and wetness would bode better to nature viewing and walking trails rather than sporting fields. Every surrounding neighboring property(all own acres)around this field actively hunts and target shoots year round. This would make a public park setting dangerous, and encroach on our hunting and shooting rights. We also have concerns about our own property being trespassed on, damaged, or stolen. Since parks attract all kinds of people, some of those can an will use the park property for illegal activity.	10/25/2021 3:49 PM
9	Pickleball growing in popularity and greater Lansing area still short on courts. Essentially none in Mason	10/25/2021 12:45 PM
10	I'm ambivalent about adding a park on College Road. That park would be on the extreme western edge of Vevay Township and would less than 3 miles from the park at Aurelius Township Hall (which already has nice facilities). It might be better to focus on facilities that are more centrally located, such as the park at Vevay Township Hall. It might be useful to work with the Ingham Conservation District since there are already trails and a natural area at their site.	10/25/2021 11:15 AM
11	None	10/22/2021 10:58 AM
12	Please continue to preserve agricultural land in the township and consideration of the impact of neighboring residents to any rec plans.	10/21/2021 7:25 PM
13	Need more walking area where seniors can go to walk and feel safe.	10/18/2021 1:11 PM
14	Don't waste money on the current park. People walk the roads. Enough trails in this county now.	10/18/2021 11:13 AM
15	I never knew it was called Vegas Township Hall Park. We have used the playground when we have rented the facilities.	10/18/2021 11:06 AM
16	The park is used mostly for soccer. I feel we should build on that.	10/16/2021 8:58 AM
17	At this time I only use the township hall when I vote. If the goal is to have more older adults use it, have different uses besides baseball and kids soccer. Have a township open house or picnic once a year. Encourage people to use or rent the township hall in the weekly email. Share ways the hall and park are used.	10/16/2021 4:22 AM
18	Different playground equipment, bigger climbing wall or bars..benches by the play ground adults can sit on.	10/15/2021 6:39 PM
19	Quit trying to spend money we do not have. We are a rural community, not a dang theme park. We DO NOT need a recreation plan. That's why people move out here to start out with!!!! We can keep ourselves occupied without a trail or a play ground!!!	10/15/2021 3:53 PM
20	Better bathroom facilites	10/13/2021 5:58 PM
21	Very little activities to do at the park. Park seems to be aimed at only soccer only	10/13/2021 1:48 PM

Q24 If you would like to receive updates about Vevay Township Hall Park and/or if you would like to be more involved, please provide your email address and tell us how in the space provided. Thank you.

Answered: 31 Skipped: 94

In order to respect the privacy of the respondents, responses from question 24 have been excluded from this summary.

## Additional Community Input

Vevay Township received email correspondence from four community members in response to these planning efforts. Two of the comments received included support for extending the Hayhoe Trail to the Township Hall with an emphasis on providing safe access and increased health opportunities.

A third correspondence expressed that the individual travels to East Lansing about four times per week to play pickleball and they described their excitement at the prospect of the two pickleball courts in the Township Hall Park Master Plan. This individual also expressed support for bicycle facilities.

The other correspondence received was from an individual who lives in close proximity to the Township's College Rd. property. This person expressed their desire for the property to remain undeveloped or used for agriculture, stating that they chose to build their home in the country and would like it to remain as such.



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