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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME & BACKGROUND

Welcome to the Village of Vicksburg 2015 - 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This Plan reflects a vision for the future of Vicksburg's parks and recreation facilities, operations, and maintenance for the next five years. In addition, the Plan is intended to form the basis for future application for recreation grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and other granting agencies and foundations. The Plan was prepared in accordance with the MDNR's *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans*.



PLANNING PROCESS

This analysis is the most recent planning document pertaining to parks and recreation in the Village of Vicksburg. The Village's Parks and Recreation Committee and Planning Commission are responsible for guiding existing and future conditions of parks and recreation facilities and programs for Village residents and visitors. The previous Vicksburg Parks and Recreation Plan was prepared in 2002 by the Recreation Committee and the Vicksburg Community School District, with assistance from a planning consulting firm. Since 2002, various needs to improve and expand the parks and recreation opportunities within the Village have been identified.

The 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was prepared with the technical assistance of McKenna Associates, a planning and design consulting firm with expertise in recreation planning, and with the active involvement of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Planning Commission.

Citizen input through a survey and a public hearing also contributed to this Plan. Following initial reviews by the Parks and Recreation Committee and Planning Commission, the Plan was submitted to the Village Council for adoption. Throughout the process, all meetings were open to the public. Notices were posted beforehand, and advertised in the newspaper, as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Major steps in the development of the Vicksburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan were as follows:

- **Kick-off Meeting** between the Parks and Recreation Committee and McKenna Associates to discuss existing parks and recreation facilities and future recreation needs.
- **Kick-off Meeting** between the Planning Commission and McKenna Associates to discuss major objectives for the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- **Site Visits** by McKenna Associates to inventory existing facilities and determine changes since the 2002 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted.
- **Public Participation** via a community wide survey, available during the months of August and September, 2014.
- **Weekly Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings** with McKenna Associates on the various chapters of the Plan.
- **Meeting with the Planning Commission** and McKenna Associates on the formulation of the goals and objectives, and review of the action plan.
- **Initial Draft of the Plan** issued on November 4, 2014 which was followed by a published notice of the 30-day review and comment period.
- **Public Comments** received during the 30-day review and comment period.
- **Meeting of the Village Council**, held on December 15, 2015 to hold a public hearing on the 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and to adopt the Plan.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DOCUMENT

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TASK ONE: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & RESOURCE INVENTORY

The first task was to obtain a description of Vicksburg's physical and social features. These features include existing land use, community facilities, environmental and natural features, as well as population characteristics. The community description is found in Chapter 2.

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TASK TWO: PARKS & RECREATION INVENTORY & PARK SYSTEM ANALYSIS

The parks and recreation inventory includes descriptions of facilities within the Village, including both Village parks and facilities, and recreational amenities operated by other entities, such as the Vicksburg School District. The information includes the acreage, barrier-free accessibility rating, types of recreation amenities, and other descriptions of the physical attributes of the area's facilities and is found in Chapter 3. Based on the data collected through the inventory process, the information was analyzed in accordance with national and state guidelines.

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TASK THREE: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE & FUNDING

Chapter 4 includes the Village's administrative and organizational structure for its parks and recreation facilities, a review of the parks and recreation expenditures and revenue sources, and the grant history of funding received from the MDNR.

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TASK FOUR: GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Chapter 5 details the public engagement process which included a community wide survey and public hearing. From the survey results, the seven recreational goals and objectives of the Village were affirmed.

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TASK FIVE: ACTION PLAN

Taking into account the analysis, goals and objectives and public input results, a five-year action plan was created. The action plan provides the Village a checklist of what projects are to be accomplished, when and where they will occur, who will accomplish them, how much they will cost, and potential funding sources.



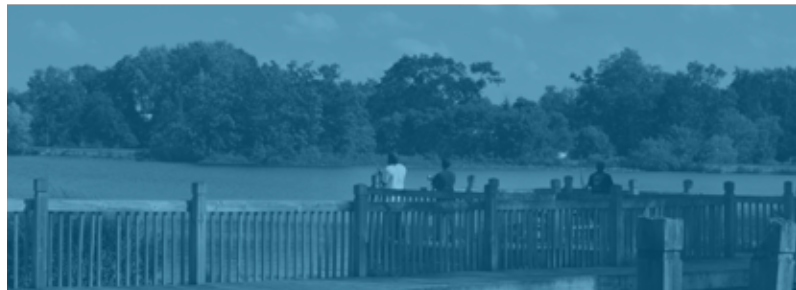


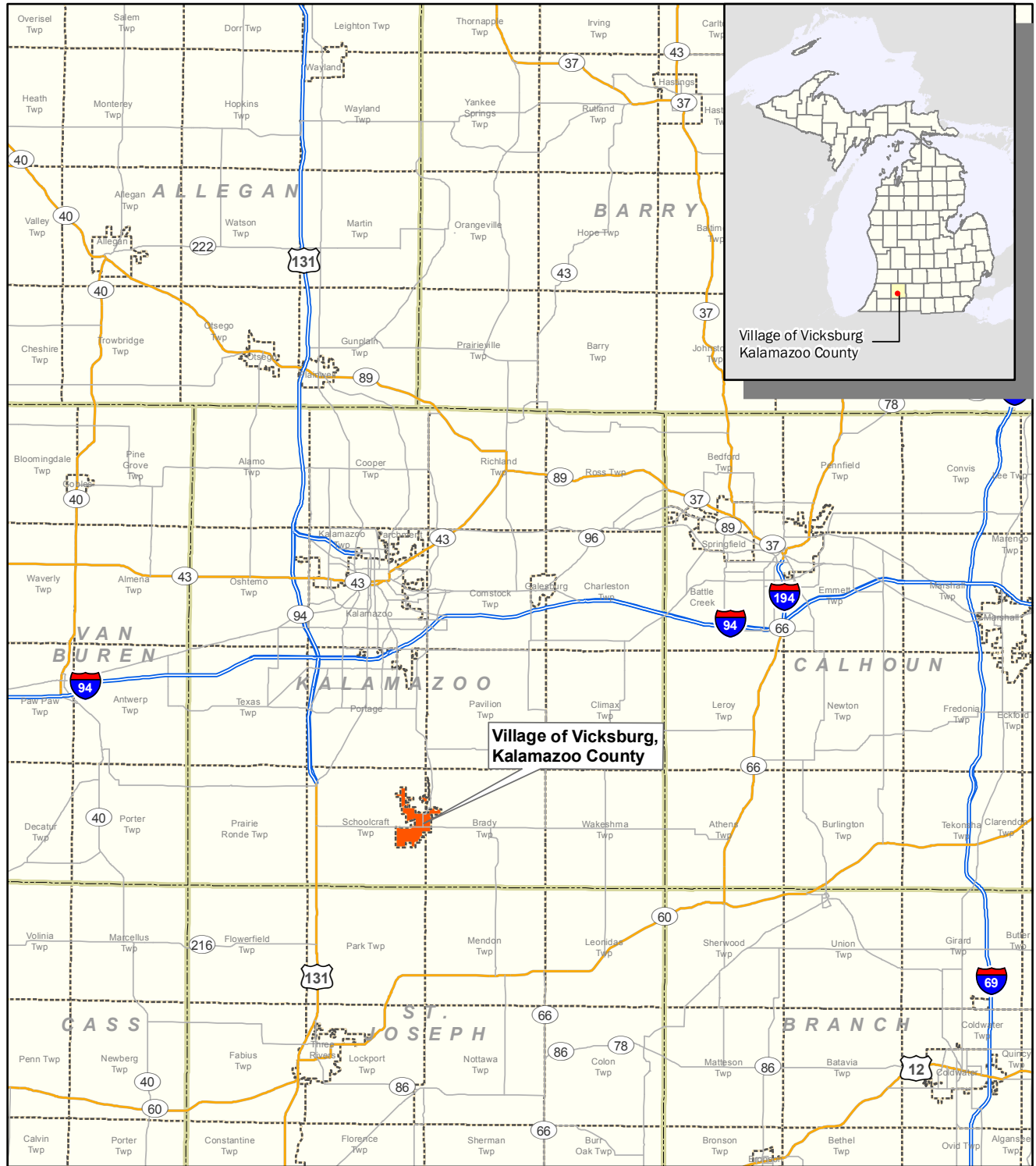
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COMMUNITY PROFILE & RESOURCE INVENTORY

REGIONAL SETTING

The Village of Vicksburg is located in southern Kalamazoo County (as shown in Map 1: Regional Location) and encompasses approximately 3.15 square miles. Vicksburg is surrounded by Schoolcraft Township on the west side and Brady Township on the east side. The largest city within the county, Kalamazoo, is approximately 15 miles north.





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Map 1 Regional Location

Village of Vicksburg
Kalamazoo County, Michigan

LEGEND

- Interstates
- US Highways
- State Highways
- County Boundaries
- Surrounding Municipalities
- Village of Vicksburg



Data Source: Michigan Geographic Framework, Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 8a

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

Vicksburg was settled in the mid-1800s as a local mill town to serve the surrounding agricultural economy. In the early 1900s, the Lee Paper Company mill facility was founded in Vicksburg, presently known as Fox River Paper Company (currently closed). The location was selected as the mill needed a steady supply of water and one of the first activities was the impoundment of Portage Creek. Consequentially, the water's impoundment also provided recreation opportunities for children in the community and today, Sunset Lake remains a focal point of the community.

One of the first recreational facilities, Tourist Park, was founded adjacent to one of the ponds created from the mill impoundment. Today, this park is known as Clark Park which is located in the west central portion of the community and acts as a western gateway into the downtown.

EXISTING LAND USE

Historically, the surrounding land uses were predominately agricultural but the adjacent Townships of Brady and Schoolcraft have become increasingly developed. Likewise, the Village has seen several new developments in the last decade, in particular contemporary residential neighborhoods.

Today, Vicksburg contains a diverse mix of land uses with parks and open spaces occupying a critical component of the land use framework. Approximately a quarter of all land in the Village is devoted to public parks and recreational facilities. This percentage alone excludes public and quasi-public facilities such as the Vicksburg Community School District.

A description of each land use category is provided below.

TABLE 2.1:
VICKSBURG EXISTING LAND USE

LAND USE CATEGORY	AREA (ACRES)	AREA (%)
Single Family Residential	390.77 ac	22.60%
Single Family Residential Attached	28.56 ac	1.65%
Multiple Family Residential	16.68 ac	0.98%
Commercial	33.32 ac	1.93%
Medical	23.24 ac	1.34%
Industrial	224.33 ac	12.97%
Public Parks & Recreation Facilities	397.46 ac	22.98%
Public / Quasi-Public	160.15 ac	9.26%
Undeveloped Land / Open Space	454.69 ac	26.29%
TOTAL	1,729.37 ACRES	

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

This land use category consists of single family residential structures. While all single family areas in the Village have the same land use, the character of these areas is defined largely by the age of housing and the size of the lots. In general, there are three classifications of single family structures: historic, traditional, and modern.

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ATTACHED

This land use includes the residential parcels which contain more than one single family residential structure. The majority of these types of homes are located in the recently developed subdivisions in the northwest portion of the Village and adjacent to the Angel's Crossing Golf Club.

MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Included in this land use category are those residential buildings that typically have more than four units. In the Village of Vicksburg, these are typically apartment buildings.

COMMERCIAL

These uses include those parcels used for wholesale, retail, office, entertainment, or services, plus related contiguous accessory uses such as parking areas and service drives. In Vicksburg there are two types of commercial land use, neighborhood commercial and downtown commercial. Neighborhood commercial uses are those that serve the Village and surrounding community residents. These are commercial uses that are not located downtown and are more accessible to vehicular traffic with on-site parking facilities. Downtown commercial uses are those uses located within the downtown and can be characterized as a traditional “main street” style building where the buildings are located close to the street and parking is provided in on-street areas or in lots on the side or rear yards.

MEDICAL

Included in this land use category is Bronson Healthcare Center and ancillary medical office uses. This land use category plays an important role in providing medical services to residents and the surrounding community as well as jobs.

INDUSTRIAL

This land use designation includes Vicksburg’s manufacturing and distribution uses. While the Village has a relatively healthy amount of industrial land area available, it is not being used to its fullest potential. The completely vacant former paper mill located on West Highway is a significant redevelopment opportunity for the community.

PUBLIC / QUASI-PUBLIC

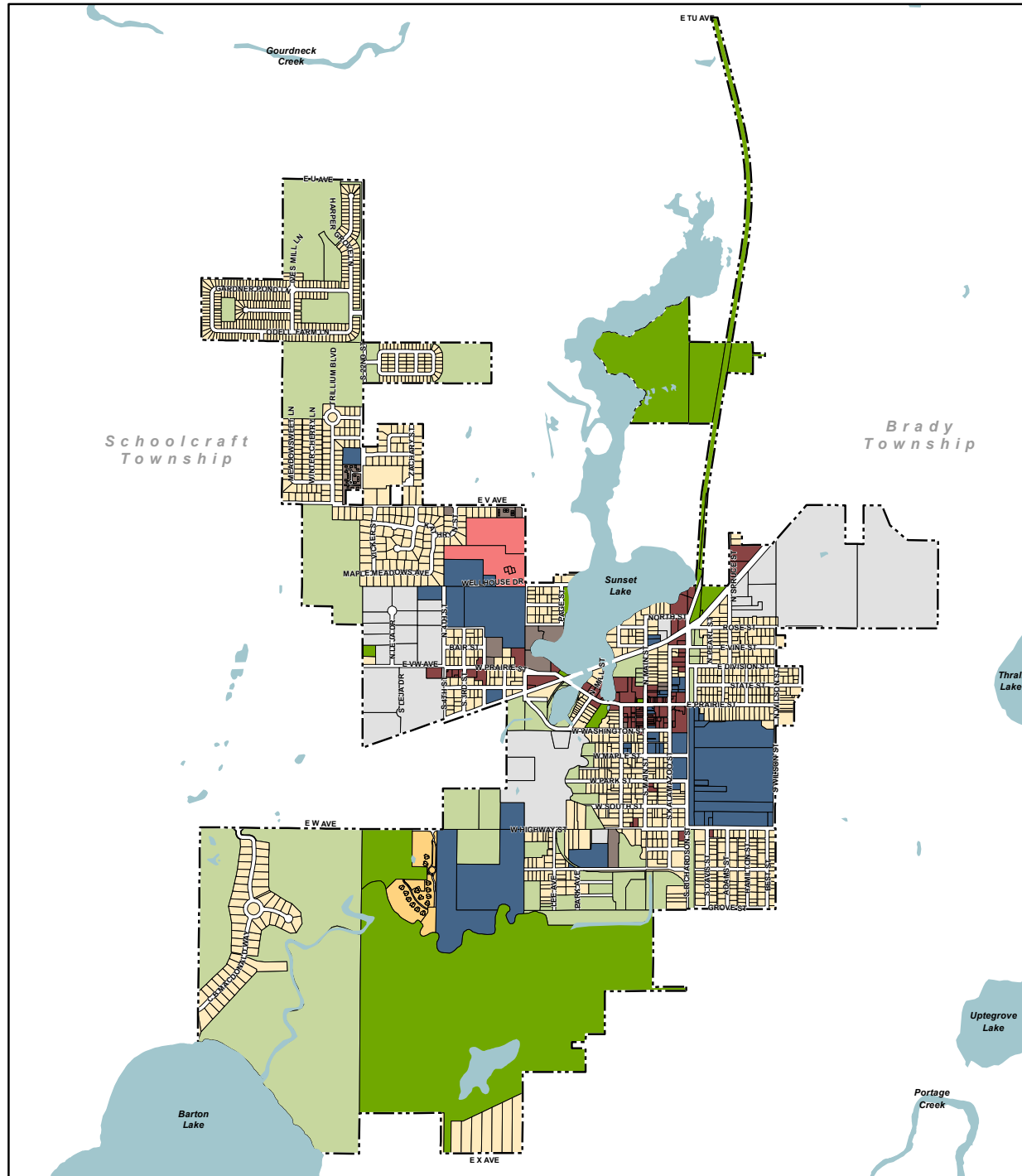
Public / Quasi-Public facilities include the Vicksburg Community School District campus, the District Library, and utilities. In Vicksburg, several major civic institutions are located downtown, including the Village Hall, the Post Office, and the Community Center. Also included in this category are religious institutions and public / private organizations.

PUBLIC PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

This land use category includes all active and passive parks, including the non-motorized trail system. The inventory of Vicksburg’s parks and recreation facilities are detailed in Chapter 3.

UNDEVELOPED LAND / OPEN SPACE

This category includes all undeveloped land or vacant land within the Village that is available for preservation or future development into a recreational area, commercial, or residential use.



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Map 02 Existing Land Use

Village of Vicksburg
Kalamazoo County, Michigan

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Single Family Residential | Industrial |
| Single Family Residential Attached | Public Parks & Recreation Facilities |
| Multiple Family | Public / Quasi Public |
| Commercial | Undeveloped Land / Open Space |
| Medical | Village Boundary |

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Base map Source: Kalamazoo County, 2013
Data Source: Michigan Geographic Framework,
Michigan Center for Geographic Information,
Version 8a.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

The environmental description of an area is important when planning for a community's recreation facilities. The location, weather, topography, and types of environmental features all influence the types of facilities that can be built or programs that can be implemented. The following sections describe the benefits and challenges associated with Vicksburg's location and existing environmental features.

TOPOGRAPHY

The topography in Vicksburg has relatively little change in the overall elevation: the entire area of the Village has a terrain slope of less than five percent. The steepest slope areas are located predominately along the lakeshore of Sunset Lake and along Portage Creek. Land with slopes of less than five percent are generally considered ideal for recreational development requiring minimal, if any, grading. Local topography should not present an impediment to recreational development.

SOILS

The two primary soil series found in the Village are the Kalamazoo-Schoolcraft and the Kalamazoo-Oshtemo series.

The Kalamazoo-Schoolcraft series is the most common soil type and consists of nearly level to rolling, well drained soils that have a loamy subsoil or a loamy and sandy subsoil. The general slopes found in this series range from 0 to 12 percent.

The Kalamazoo-Oshtemo series is the other major soil type and also consists of nearly level to rolling, well drained soils that have a loamy subsoil or a loamy and sandy subsoil. The general slopes found in this series range from 0 to 12 percent. The soil types found in the Village should not have an impact on future planning considerations.

VEGETATION

The soils in the area are ideal for a variety of plant life. Kalamazoo soils are rated as fair for grain and seed crops; good for grasses and legumes, wild herbaceous plants, hardwood trees, and coniferous plants; and very poor for wetland plants.

WOODLANDS

Given the numerous benefits that woodlands offer the Village, the few areas with significant stands of trees are to be protected from the impacts of development. Woodlands positively contribute to the quality of life for residents, animal habitats, clean air, and the character of the community.

WATER RESOURCES

Open water (lakes and ponds), riparian corridors (rivers, streams, and drains), and a variety of wetland types comprise the Village's drainage network. One of the primary functions of this network is the drainage and collection of runoff of stormwater. Wetlands play a particularly important role in the management of stormwater. When stormwater runoff volume exceeds the capacity of the natural drainage system, the excess collects in the floodplain.

In Vicksburg, the majority of open water, wetland, and floodplain areas are located along Portage Creek and Barton Lake in the southernmost portion of the Village.

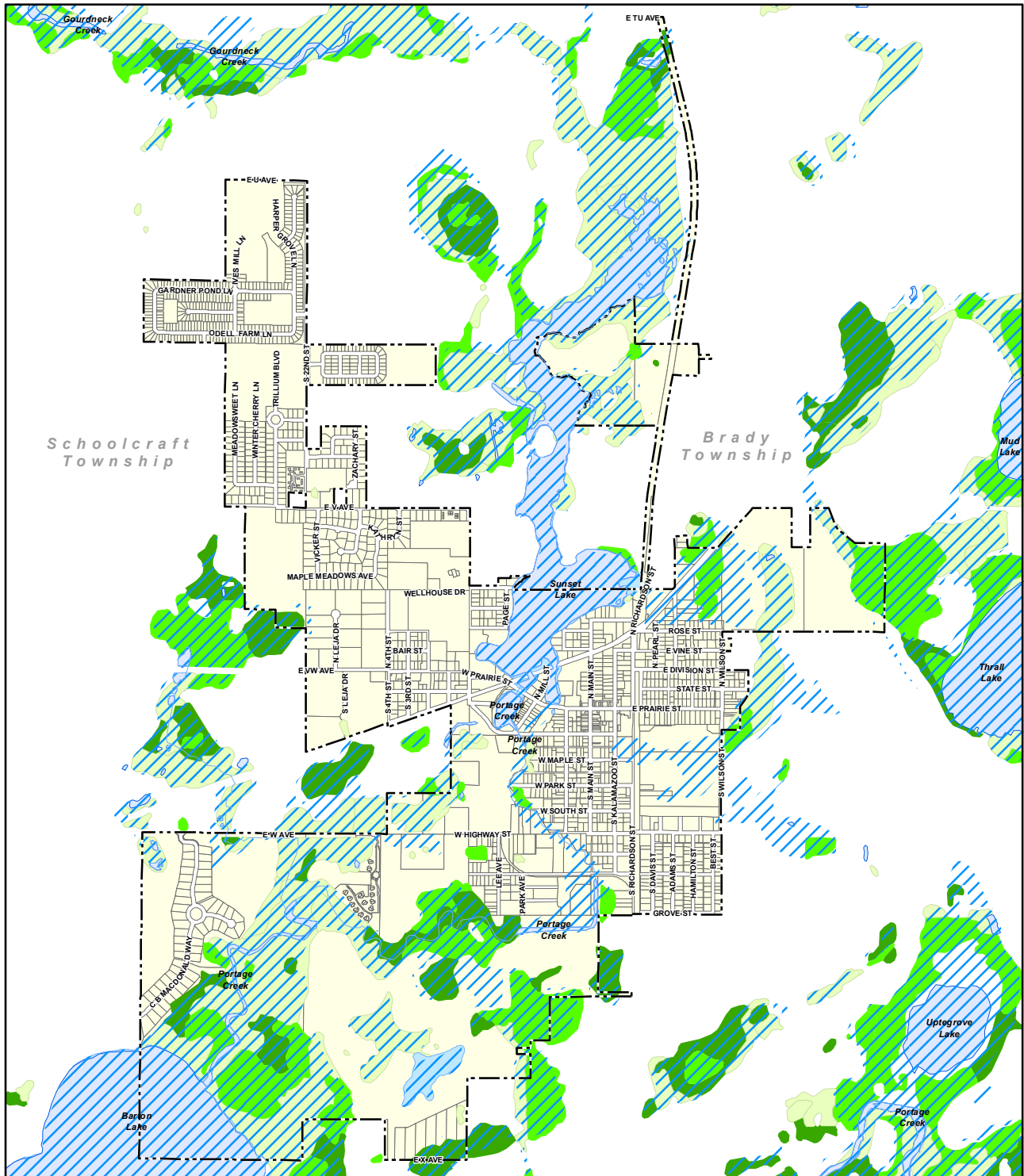
The main water feature within Vicksburg is Sunset Lake which remains an important aesthetic and recreational feature of the Village. Sunset Lake, approximately 140 acres, is located within both the Village and Schoolcraft Township. The portion of the lake located in Vicksburg accounts for approximately 40 acres of the lake's surface and is drained by the Portage Creek that runs through Clark Park.

CLIMATE

Vicksburg's climate is ideally suited for a variety of recreational activities due to the full range of seasons experienced in Michigan. For this reason, additional winter-based activities are explored in the action plan.

WILDLIFE

Sunset Lake is available for fishing; most fish are bluegill but bass are also present. No wildlife resources are available in the Village but several State game areas are located nearby, including the Gourdneck State Game area (seven miles northwest of Vicksburg) and the Fulton State Game area (12 miles east of the Village).



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Map 03 Natural Features Map

Village of Vicksburg
Kalamazoo County, Michigan

LEGEND

National Wetlands Inventory

- Emergent
- Forested
- Shrub

Flood Hazard Area

- Flood Plain
- Lakes and River
- Village Boundary



Base map Source: Kalamazoo County, 2013
Data Source: Michigan Geographic Framework,
Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 8a.

TRANSPORTATION

Vicksburg has a well established transportation network with streets primarily laid out in a grid pattern and all under the jurisdiction of the Village. The intersection of two major national highways, US-131 and I-94 occurs within Kalamazoo County and not far from the Village. US-131 is a major north/south highway that connects Michigan to Indiana, located approximately five miles west of the Village. Interstate-94 is located nine miles north of the Village, accessed via Sprinkle Road and Portage Road, and provides residents and visitors with easy access to both Detroit and Chicago.

The Village also has an extensive pedestrian network system with sidewalks located on most streets and the installation of new sidewalks as a component to new development. Currently, non-motorized trails exist in the Vicksburg Recreation Area in the northern portion of the Village. However, the creation of a more comprehensive, linked non-motorized pathway system to major focal points in the Village is priority, as identified by the DDA. Projects for this expansion are discussed in greater detail in Chapter 6.

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

To analyze the types of recreation facilities and amenities that are needed in a community, it is important to have a thorough description of the area's demographic features. Differences in demographic characteristics may indicate issues or areas in recreation planning; may identify strengths or assets that can be further developed or emphasized; or may identify weaknesses or problems that need to be addressed. Both Brady Township, Schoolcraft Township, and Kalamazoo County were used in this analysis for comparison purposes. It is important to note that figures for both Brady and Schoolcraft Township include a portion of the Village of Vicksburg's population.

POPULATION

Part of the recreation planning process is to analyze population characteristics and trends to gain insight into the Village's future, and to see how these characteristics compare with those of neighboring communities and the County.

As shown in Table 2.1, Vicksburg's population experienced a significant increase between 2000 and 2010. However, between 2010 and 2012, there was a small decline in Vicksburg's population. In comparison, Brady Township has remained stable from 2000 and 2012; Schoolcraft Township experienced a similar growth and slight decline pattern to Vicksburg; and Kalamazoo County and the State of Michigan have steadily gained an increase in population throughout the years.

TABLE 2.1: POPULATION, 1990 - 2012

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2012
Vicksburg	2,224	2,216	2,320	2,906	2,884
Brady Township*	3,111	3,834	4,263	4,248	4,270
Schoolcraft Township*	3,593	6,728	7,260	8,214	8,197
Kalamazoo County	212,378	223,411	238,603	250,331	250,704
State of Michigan	9,262,078	9,295,297	9,938,444	9,883,640	9,897,264

Source: U.S. Census: 1980, 1990, 2010, and 2012 ACS 5-Year Estimates

*Include a portion of the Village of Vicksburg's population.

AGE STRUCTURE

Table 2.2 identifies the median age of the Village and surrounding comparison communities. Vicksburg has a similar median age to Kalamazoo County but it is significantly lower than the surrounding Townships. This is a positive sign given the growing need to attract young professionals and the creative class. The median age indicates that young professionals and family forming populations are concentrating in the Village, in contrast to the more rural, outlying areas. A younger population also indicates a need for outdoor, active recreation opportunities, such as non-motorized pathways.

TABLE 2.2: MEDIAN AGE, 2012

	Vicksburg	Brady Township	Schoolcraft Township	Kalamazoo County	State of Michigan
Age	35.3 years	42.5 years	40.7 years	34.0 years	38.8 years

Source: 2012 ACS 5-Year Estimates

TABLE 2.3: AGE STRUCTURE, 2012

	Vicksburg	Kalamazoo County
Pre-School	8.3%	6.1%
School Aged	21.3%	20.4%
Family Forming	34.0%	36.6%
Mature Families	25.8%	24.6%
Retirement	10.4%	12.3%

Source: 2012 ACS 5-Year Estimates

AGE STRUCTURE CLASSIFICATIONS

Pre-School	Under 5
School Aged	5 - 19
Family Forming	20 - 44
Mature Families	45 - 64
Retirement	65+

Vicksburg's age structure is also similar to that of Kalamazoo County. However, it does have a slightly greater number of pre-school and school aged individuals and a lower number of those within the retirement age category. This age structure breakdown is consistent with Vicksburg's younger median age.

Age structure data plays an important role when considering the types of recreation services and facilities Vicksburg should focus on offering its residents. Due to the larger percentage of age structure classifications with children, recreational amenities which focus on children's and family oriented activities are important to maintain and plan for in the community. While much of the recreation needs of these age classifications are provided through the Vicksburg Community School District, it is important to have a variety of activities that are oriented towards the Village's youth, especially during the summer months when schools are not in session.

Additionally, although Vicksburg has a smaller percentage of those in the retirement age classification than the County, planning for the Village's senior population is essential so that facilities and programs are available to meet their needs. This includes pedestrian linkages to key destinations in the Village, passive recreation opportunities, park amenities such as benches, pavilions, lighting, and public restrooms, and ADA accessibility in all designs.

DISABILITIES

In 2012, 15.3 percent of Vicksburg's civilian population reported having a disability. Only 3.2 percent of youth under 18 reported having a disability while 18.7 percent of the population between 18 and 64 reported having a disability. However, approximately 30 percent of residents over 65 years of age reported a disability. These numbers call attention to the need to design recreational facilities with universal access. Existing facilities should be retrofitted and upgraded when possible and new facilities designed to permit universal access for all.



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PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INVENTORY

INVENTORY OVERVIEW

A physical inventory of existing local and regional recreational facilities was conducted by McKenna Associates in August of 2014 with additional input from members of the Parks and Recreation Committee. An inventory of park amenities and equipment was recorded and reviewed with regard to location, acreage, quantity, quality, accessibility, and condition.

Eight parks and recreational facilities are located within the Village, including a regional park with non-motorized trails, a public golf course, and parkland with waterfront amenities. The facilities detailed on the following pages are owned and operated by the Village.

The regional inventory consisted of the review and compilation of regional park facilities, including county parks, metro parks, state parks, state game and wildlife areas, fairgrounds, and nature centers.



PARKS & RECREATION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

For planning and management purposes, recreation professionals classify parks and recreation facilities based on the type of facility and expected usage. Frequently, a six-tier classification system is used, as follows:

- ① **MINI-PARKS**
Mini-parks are small, specialized parks, usually less than an acre in size, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini-park may serve a limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Mini-parks usually serve people within a radius of a 1/4 mile.
- ② **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**
Neighborhood parks are the basic unit of the park system and typically provide a multi-purpose facility. These parks serve a population up to 5,000 residents located within a 1/4 mile to 1/2 mile radius.
- ③ **COMMUNITY PARKS**
Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from several neighborhoods and may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, picnic pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities. Community parks serve a 1/2 mile to 3 mile radius.
- ④ **REGIONAL PARKS**
Regional parks typically offer recreational amenities that service several communities within one hour of driving and can focus on preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks are often 200 or more acres in size but can vary depending on the recreational uses.
- ⑤ **GREENWAYS**
Greenways are developed for one or more modes of recreational travel, such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing. Greenways link other parks or components of the recreation system, community facilities, commercial areas, and other focal points, although in smaller towns like Vicksburg they sometimes merely provide recreational access to natural areas.
- ⑥ **PRIVATE & SPECIAL USE FACILITIES**
Special use recreation facilities are typically single-purpose recreation facilities, such as historic amenities, golf courses, nature centers, outdoor theaters, interpretative centers, or facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment.



ACCESSIBILITY

Each recreation area in the Village has been evaluated on how well it serves people with disabilities. Parks and other facilities are rated on a 1-5 scale, according to the following criteria:

- 1 None of the facilities/park areas meet ADA accessibility guidelines.
- 2 Some of the facilities/park areas meet ADA accessibility guidelines.
- 3 Most of the facilities/park areas meet ADA accessibility guidelines.
- 4 The entire park meets ADA accessibility.
- 5 The entire park was developed / renovated using the principles of universal design.

MINI-PARKS

OSWALT PARK

Classification:	Mini-Park
Area:	0.14 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	4

Located in the heart of the downtown core, Oswalt Park is a passive park with brick sidewalks, benches, and plantings. It is also outfitted for electricity to accommodate activities such as music, food vendors, etc. for community events and festivals. This mini-park enhances the central intersection of Main and Prairie Street and is an ideal space for community gatherings given its location.

VETERANS PARK

Classification:	Mini-Park
Area:	0.21 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	1

Located at the south end of Sunset Lake, Veterans Park is a triangular-shaped parcel that is currently undeveloped. The location of Veterans Park makes it a popular site for fishing but there is limited access and no amenities or signage to direct users.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

CLARK PARK

Classification:	Neighborhood Park
Area:	1.70 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	3

This area, formerly known as Tourist Park, is bisected by the Portage Creek that flows from the north to the south. A small impoundment of the Creek created a small pond at the northern end of the property. The area is primarily undeveloped but contains a boardwalk with an observation deck, playground equipment, several picnic tables, a portable toilet, and a paved driveway and parking lot. Additionally, a paved pathway extends from the parking lot to the boardwalk, providing uninterrupted access to Prairie Street.

The central location of Clark Park and its proximity to Sunset Lake and the downtown core make it an ideal community gathering space and area for active recreation, including open space activities. However, during heavy rains, many areas become waterlogged and unusable.



COMMUNITY PARKS

SUNSET LAKE PARK

Classification:	Community Park
Area:	1.01 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	3

Sunset Lake Park is located on the west side of Sunset Lake at the end of Frakes, Scott, and McKain Streets. It contains 120 feet of beach frontage with boardwalks along the waterfront, a portable toilet, and parking spaces for up to 30 vehicles. It also features a picnic shelter with picnic tables and small playground equipment.

To the south of the site, at the end of Frakes Street, is a concrete boat launch. This launch serves small fishing craft and non-motorized recreational craft such as canoes, kayaks, rowboats, and paddleboats.

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY PAVILION AREA

Classification:	Community Park
Area:	2.46 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	2

The Community Pavilion is owned by the Village and is primarily used by the Farmers Market Association and home to several summer events, including the Lions Club Summer Festival. The shelter was recently constructed in 2013, is outfitted with electrical power and lighted, and contains picnic tables. A portable toilet and parking lot are also located on the site. The pavilion is rentable for events by the public for a minimal user fee.

The Heritage Garden (a community garden) is also located on the property and maintained by the South County Community Garden Network. A second community garden, the Pantry Garden, is also operated by the Network and located behind the Leja House at the western edge of the Village where individuals can grow fresh produce.

REGIONAL PARKS

VICKSBURG RECREATION AREA

Classification:	Regional Park
Area:	86.16 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	3

The Vicksburg Recreation Area is the Village's largest park and is located north of the Village between Sprinkle Road and Sunset Lake. The Recreation Area contains open spaces, wooded areas, four small ponds, and a large marshy area which surrounds the uplands. The park also features an extensive network of improved trails. An 1.8 mile asphalt trail runs south from the Recreation Area into Vicksburg along an abandoned railroad right-of-way and north 1.4 miles to TU Avenue.

In the center of the Recreation Area is a large parking lot and modern handicapped accessible restroom facilities. An asphalt trail extends west from the parking area to Sunset Lake to a boardwalk overlook.

The Vicksburg Recreation Area is also home to an 18-hole disc golf course, approximately 8,000 feet in length. The course is utilized by the Kalamazoo / Battle Creek Basket K'Acres disc golf group for league games. In 2015, the course will host the Professional Disc Golf Association's amateur world championship.



SPECIAL USE FACILITIES

VICKSBURG HISTORIC VILLAGE

Classification:	Special Use Facility
Area:	1.03 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	3

The Vicksburg Historic Village is located between North Richardson Street and the Grand Trunk Railroad. The Village of Vicksburg owns the site and maintains the grounds year-round.

The Historic Village provides residents and visitors with an idea of what the Village might have looked like in the early 20th Century. Construction and additions to the Historic Village are ongoing and the interiors of the structures are maintained by the Vicksburg Historical Society. Current structures include the depot museum, caboose and boxcar, schoolhouse, print shop, gazebo, township hall, garage, farmhouse and barn, and cemetery.

A general store / sweet shop is currently under construction. Future planned additions to the Historic Village include a church, additional shops, doctor's office, and town square.

ANGELS CROSSING GOLF CLUB

Classification:	Special Use Facility
Area:	350 acres
Accessibility Assessment:	4

Angels Crossing Golf Club is an 18-hole public golf course and one of the top highly ranked public access golf courses in Michigan. The scenic course, surrounded by woodlands, lowlands, and rolling prairies, was designed by architect W. Bruce Matthews III, A.S.G.C.A. to capture the area's natural beauty. During winter months, the course is closed but open to the public for winter, non-motorized outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing and walking / snowshoe trails.



VICKSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

The grounds of the schools are operated by the Vicksburg Community Schools District and provide a variety of recreation opportunities for Village residents. However, since the facilities are primarily designed for educational and other school-related purposes, they are not always open to the wider community. No major expansion of the Vicksburg Community Schools District facilities within the Village is expected in the next five years.

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Vicksburg Community Schools' main campus within the Village is comprised of a high school, middle school, and the historic administration building and occupies approximately 25 acres of relatively, low, flat land. There are a variety of facilities on site, including 12 lighted tennis courts; an all weather track; MHSAA regulation baseball diamond; MHSAA regulation softball diamond; MHSAA regulation soccer field; three and one-half practice fields for football, marching band, and soccer; and MHSAA regulation football field with bleachers, a press box, and concession stand / restroom facilities. The football field underwent renovations in 2005 and now features an artificial turf field and stadium seating for up to 4,000 spectators. Indoors, the high school contains fitness gyms, a wrestling room, and basketball / volleyball courts. Also, the administration building contains a small indoor gym and is adjacent to two outdoor multipurpose practice fields for football, soccer, etc.

The outdoor track and tennis courts are generally open to the public, aside from when school-related activities are taking place. During the winter, the High School is open in the mornings for walkers. Other facilities at the High School are available to rent for an organized meeting or activity and a minor user fee is applied.

VICKSBURG LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITIES

Vicksburg Community Schools' Sunset Lake Elementary (located on the west side of the Village), offers a variety of recreation amenities. There are seven Little League diamonds, one practice diamond, modern play equipment, a large multi-purpose field for soccer and football, a half mile walking track, and open space for other recreation.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Vicksburg Community Schools District provides a variety of recreational programs including the following: Kids Club (before and after school child care), a dance / tumbling program, boys basketball, Busy Bodies Aerobics, and karate. Summer camps for youth are also offered. Currently no recreation programming is offered directly by the Village. However, a wealth of facilities for resident defined activities (such as fishing, swimming, ice skating, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, picnicking, golfing, disc golfing, gardening, hiking, and bicycling) are provided by the Village. The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to increase programming opportunities through collaboration with other entities and as funding becomes available. Specifically, the Village is interested in developing areas to host seasonal and cultural community events, such as outdoor movies in the park and concerts, and to develop an outdoor obstacle and ropes course for organized runs / challenges. Opportunities for collaborative recreation programming are discussed in Chapter 4.

UNDEVELOPED OPEN SPACE

The Village also has identified several areas of undeveloped open space that could be developed to meet increased demands for parkland or provide additional recreational amenities. These include:

FORMER WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Situated on five acres, the former wastewater treatment plant is located on the south side of the Village, directly south of W. Highway Street. This site is a mix of open space, wooded areas, and overgrowth, with over 1,000 feet of waterfront along the Portage Creek. The site has the potential to be divided into two areas: one area for the public and one area to remain as a natural feature. The public area is approximately three acres and could be developed into a dog park and non-motorized trail which would run along the abandoned rail corridor.

FORMER TRANSFER STATION

The former transfer station is located off W. Highway Street in the southwest corner of the Village and occupies approximately 10 acres. The site is over an abandoned landfill which currently consists of a large hill, wooded areas, and open spaces. The site is used informally for sledding in the winter months and has the potential to be developed into a more formal recreation space with an emphasis on winter activities.

LEE PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Village is interested in acquiring land along W. Washington Street for the future development of Lee Park. Prior to the development of the park, clean up of the shoreline is necessary. Planned amenities for Lee Park include picnic tables and a bridge extension and fishing boardwalk over the existing dam.

VILLAGE GREEN: WATER TOWER PLACE DEVELOPMENT

A component of the DDA's *Downtown Redevelopment and Design Plan*, the Village would like to acquire additional land adjacent to the current Village Hall offices (126. N Kalamazoo Avenue) for the development of a village green. The space would be surrounded by a new joint Village Hall and community center and flanked by a new fire and police station across Richardson Street. The green could feature amenities such as a covered pavilion, public art, bicycle rental facilities, a tourist information booth, water feature, and landscaping.

COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION RESOURCES

There are several parks and recreational facilities close to the Village of Vicksburg (i.e. within a 30 mile radius) including seven County Parks:

KALAMAZOO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

This recreation area contains over 100 acres of parkland and features amenities such as the County Center Building, livestock barns, horse rings, and camping facilities. Many events are held at the fairgrounds including trade shows, 4-H exhibits, and the annual fair.

COLD BROOK COUNTY PARK

Approximately 276 acres, Cold Brook Park contains two lakes that provide boating, swimming, and rustic and improved camping facilities, hiking trails, playgrounds, and an 18-hole disc golf course. During the winter, the park is also open and provides a host of wintertime activities including ice fishing and cross-country skiing.

MARKIN GLEN COUNTY PARK

Developed in 2004 from the former estate of the founder of the Kalamazoo Checker Motors corporation, this recreation area is a popular camping and hiking site. The 160 acre park contains 38 modern campsites, fishing and swimming lakes with a beach, picnic shelters, playgrounds, tennis courts, volleyball courts, softball fields, and hiking trails.

PRAIRIE VIEW COUNTY PARK

210 acres in size, Prairie View is located on the shores of Gourdneck and Hogsett Lakes and offers amenities such as boat ramps and row boat rental facilities, swimming beaches, picnic shelters, playgrounds, a dog park, soccer fields, volleyball courts, and softball fields. A series of hiking trails also traverse the park.

RIVER OAKS COUNTY PARK

Over 300 acres, River Oaks is located on Morrow Lake and contains one of the area's major soccer facilities with 20 fields. In addition, the park offers boating and fishing facilities, playground equipment, interpretative nature facilities, softball fields, hiking trails, dog parks, and volleyball courts.

SCOTTS MILL COUNTY PARK

Scotts Mill is a 110 acre recreational area which features a historic 1870s waterwheel powered mill. With its historic structure, pond, and lush landscaping, the park is often used for events such as weddings. The park also features picnic shelters, playgrounds, fishing spots, and a series of hiking trails.

KALAMAZOO RIVER VALLEY TRAIL

The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail is a planned 35 mile, 12 foot wide, asphalt non-motorized trail. Once complete, it will connect to the trail systems reaching Battle Creek, Lake Michigan, and Portage. To date, 17 miles have been completed.

STATE PARKS & RECREATION RESOURCES

Residents within the Village also have access to a wealth of State recreational amenities within a 50-mile radius, including the following:

FORT CUSTER RECREATION AREA

This recreation area consists of approximately 3,000 acres of three lakes, forests, prairie restoration areas, and open space. Amenities include a 219 site campground and a multi-use trail system for activities such as horseback riding, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and dog-sledding.

KAL-HAVEN TRAIL STATE PARK

Constructed on a former railroad bed, this 33 mile trail runs between Kalamazoo and South Haven. With a crushed limestone surface, the trail is ideal for mountain biking, hiking, jogging, and cross-country skiing.

VAN BUREN STATE PARK

Located along Lake Michigan, Van Buren Park offers one mile of sandy beaches with high dunes, woodland trails, and campgrounds with amenities such as picnic shelters and playgrounds.

COMPARISON TO STATE & NATIONAL STANDARDS

It is also essential to consider the type of parks, their location and number of amenities, and their distribution throughout the Village. The following comparisons are made between the Village's population and state and national standards for service areas, acreage, and the number of facilities.

SERVICE AREA ANALYSIS

When evaluating parks and recreation service areas, it is important to closely consider where residents in the Village live. The MDNR establishes a recommended service area for each park classification to determine the areas in the community that are lacking easy access to parks and facilities. The service area boundary for each type of park is as follows:

Mini / Neighborhood Parks	0.25 – 0.5 miles
Community Parks	0.5 – 3.0 miles
Regional Parks	30 minute driving time

For the purpose of measuring the service area, a radius of one-quarter (1/4) mile was used for mini-parks, a one-half (1/2) mile radius was used for neighborhood parks, and a one mile radius was used for community parks. A 30 minute drive time (10 mile radius) was used for the regional park, the Vicksburg Recreational Area. The Historic Village and Angels Crossing Golf Club are considered special use facilities and not represented with a radius on the map as they offer specific attractions and are regional in nature. Additionally, there are recreational facilities located in the northwest portion of the Village as part of the subdivision. All of Vicksburg is serviced by at least one type of park, especially when the Vicksburg Community School District recreation facilities are taken into consideration.

ACREAGE ANALYSIS

Table 3.1 below evaluates Vicksburg park acreage in comparison to national guidelines for communities throughout the State of Michigan. However, the standards are general in nature and do not reflect the quality of the facilities, the character of the community, or other local differences that impact community recreation facility needs. Thus in evaluating the results, the actual conditions and trends present in the Village must be taken into account.

Although Vicksburg is under the recommended acreage for mini, neighborhood, and community parks, the Village has a tremendous amount of regional parkland, especially given its 2012 population size of 2,884. In addition, there are other private and special use facilities within the Village, such as the Historic Village and Angels Crossing Golf Club, which provide additional opportunities. A wealth of recreational amenities are available to Village residents and visitors and often exceeds the amount suggested by MDNR standards based on Vicksburg's population size, as noted on the following page. Developing additional pocket parks, expanding existing parks, and adding amenities are all key areas to direct future improvements.

TABLE 3.1: VICKSBURG PARK LAND ACREAGE ANALYSIS

	NRPA GUIDELINE ACREAGE PER 1,000 RESIDENTS	VICKSBURG RECOMMENDED ACREAGE*	VICKSBURG ACTUAL ACREAGE	MINIMUM SURPLUS / DEFICIENCY
Mini Parks	0.25 acres	0.72 acres	0.35 acres	- 0.37 acres
Neighborhood Parks	2.00 acres	5.76 acres	1.70 acres	- 4.06 acres
Community Parks	5.00 acres	14.40 acres	3.47 acres	- 10.93 acres
Regional Park	10.00 acres	28.80 acres	86.16 acres	+ 57.36 acres
Private & Special Use Facilities	Variable	Variable	353.50 acres	n/a

* Based on the 2012 ACS population count of 2,884 individuals.

FACILITIES ANALYSIS

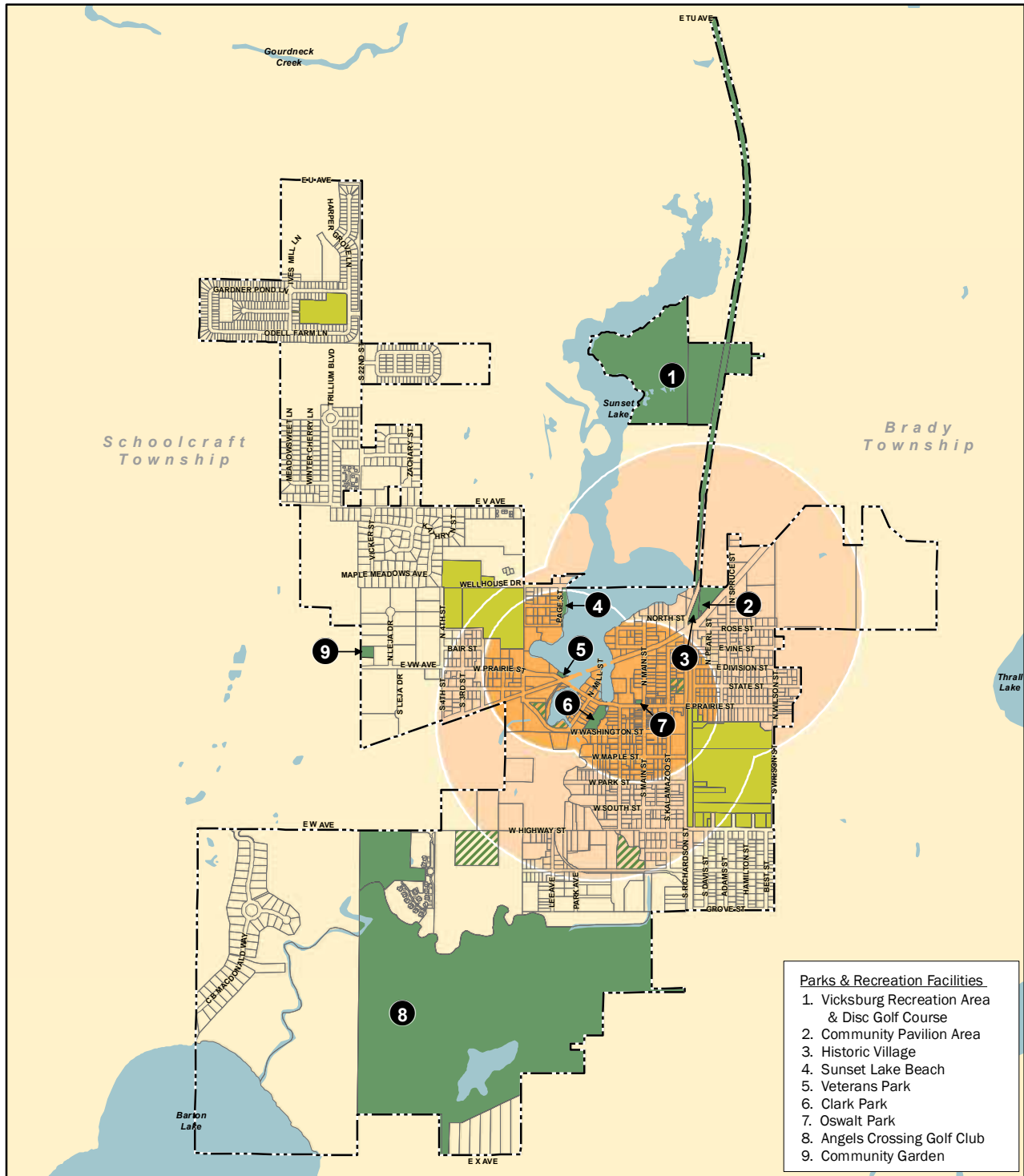
MDNR also publishes standards for the recommended number of various recreation facilities based on the population of a community. Table 3.2 compares Vicksburg's recreation facilities (including the Vicksburg Community School District facilities) to the MDNR standards.

Overall, the Village meets or exceeds MDNR standards for most types of facilities, especially considering Vicksburg's 2012 population of 2,884. However, many of these active recreation facilities are located on the Vicksburg Community School District campus and have limited public access (i.e. MHSAA regulation football and soccer fields). It is recommended that continued collaboration with the Vicksburg Community School District occurs to provide residents with greater access to site facilities. Additionally, the Village may consider the development of new recreational facilities at existing parks, including volleyball courts, outdoor basketball courts, and multi-purpose athletic fields.

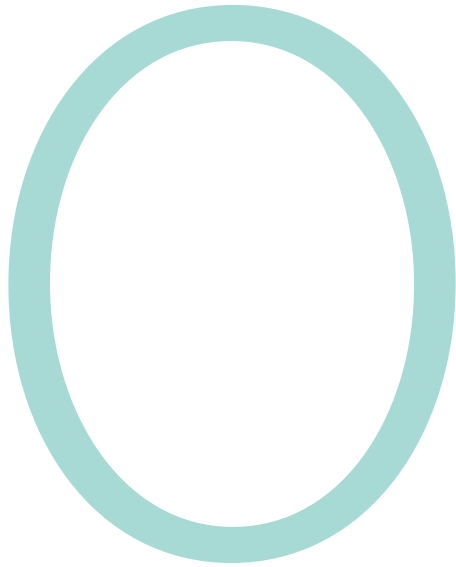
TABLE 3.2: MDNR RECREATION FACILITY STANDARDS

	MDNR STANDARD	VICKSBURG RECOMMENDED AMENITY COUNT*	VICKSBURG ACTUAL AMENITY COUNT	SURPLUS / DEFICIENCY
Badminton	1 per 5,000	0	0	+/- 0
Baseball (Little League)	1 per 5,000	0	7	+ 7
Basketball Court (indoor)	1 per 2,000	1	2	+ 1
Beach Areas	varies	-	1	+ 1
Disc-Golf Course (18-hole)	varies	-	1	+ 1
Field Hockey	1 per 20,000	0	0	+/- 0
Football Field	1 per 20,000	0	1	+ 1
Golf-Driving Range	1 per 50,000	0	1	+ 1
Golf (18-hole standard)	1 per 50,000	0	1	+ 1
Handball (3-4 Wall)	1 per 20,000	0	0	+/- 0
Ice Hockey (Indoor)	1 per 100,000	0	0	+/- 0
Multi-Purpose Athletic Field	varies	-	4	+ 4
Soccer Field	1 per 10,000	0	1	+ 1
Softball Field	1 per 10,000	0	1	+ 1
Swimming Pools	1 per 20,000	0	0	+/- 0
Tennis Court	1 per 2,000	1	12	+ 11
Trails	1 system per region	0	1	+ 1
Volleyball Court	1 per 5,000	0	0	+/- 0
1/2 Mile Running Track	1 per 20,000	0	1	+ 1

* Based on the 2012 ACS population count of 2,884 individuals.







ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE & FUNDING

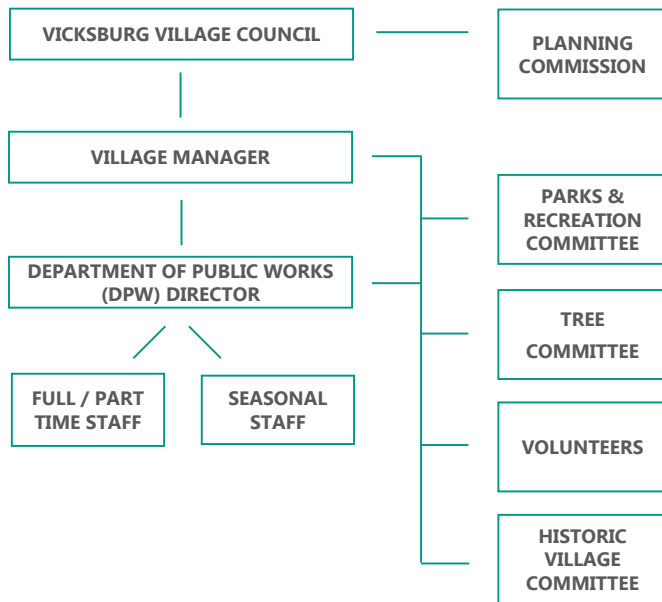
ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

Daily operations and maintenance of Vicksburg's parks and recreation facilities are the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Director. The DPW Director is responsible to maintain the parks, streets, and the municipal water sewer system, and supervises a staff of three full-time personnel. In addition to permanent staff, the Director would supervise other seasonal workers, as needed.

The Parks and Recreation Committee works with the DPW Director to facilitate the development of recreation policies, facilities, programs, and services. The Parks and Recreation Committee meets several times a year, as needed, and is comprised of ten members. Vicksburg also has an established Tree Committee.



ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION CHART



VOLUNTEERS & COLLABORATION

As is common in smaller communities, the Village relies heavily on volunteers and service organizations in order to maintain a quality parks and recreation system. Volunteer citizens and service organizations often assist with the planning and organization of community-wide events and festivals and are a critical component of the upkeep and development of parks and recreation facilities.

A sample of the service organizations active in parks and recreation efforts include the following:

- Athletic Boosters;
- Boy Scouts;
- Chamber of Commerce;
- Generous Hands;
- Historical Society;
- Little League;
- Lions Club;
- Rocket Football;
- Rotary Club;
- S. County Community Services Garden Network;
- Various Girl Scout Troops;
- Various Religious Organizations;
- Vicksburg District Library;
- Vicksburg Farmers' Market;
- Victorian Garden Club;
- Vicksburg Foundation.

Additionally, the Village is interested in collaboration on the development, operation, and maintenance of future parks and recreation projects. The Village would like to continue to work with the Vicksburg Community School District, the Downtown Development Authority, surrounding municipalities, non-profit organizations, and volunteers to achieve greater parks and recreation opportunities and improve access.

Potential future partnerships include collaboration with the Vicksburg Community School District on the expansion of existing non-motorized pathways at the high school campus and collaboration with municipalities in the region on the development of the South County Swan Park Trail and the Gourdneck Creek Trail.

PARKS & RECREATION FUNDING

The funding for parks and recreation facilities in Vicksburg is a sub-account of the Village's General Fund and is annually adopted by the Village Council. The Village has actively pursued alternative funding sources for additional capital improvements through grant programs and private donations.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Parks and Recreation budget was \$10,288.60. Major expenditures included weed control, operating supplies for the DPW Department, and electrical utilities.

It is important to note that in-kind contributions from service organizations are also a critical funding source for the Village with volunteers offering their time and expertise on projects. Previous in-kind contributions from various groups have resulted in the construction of the pavilion at the Farmers' Market, picnic tables at the Vicksburg Recreation Area, Lions Club clean up days, and the addition of trees and landscaping in many park areas, to just name a few.

Table 4.1 summarizes the Vicksburg Parks and Recreation budget from 2009-2010 through 2012-2013.

The Village has invested considerably in land improvements and has put forth a strong effort to maintain and upgrade parks and recreational facilities when possible.

PARKS & RECREATION GRANT HISTORY

According to MDNR, the Village of Vicksburg has been the recipient of three grants in the past. These grants are described in detail in Table 4.2 below.

TABLE 4.1: VICKSBURG PARKS & RECREATION ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, 2008 - 2014

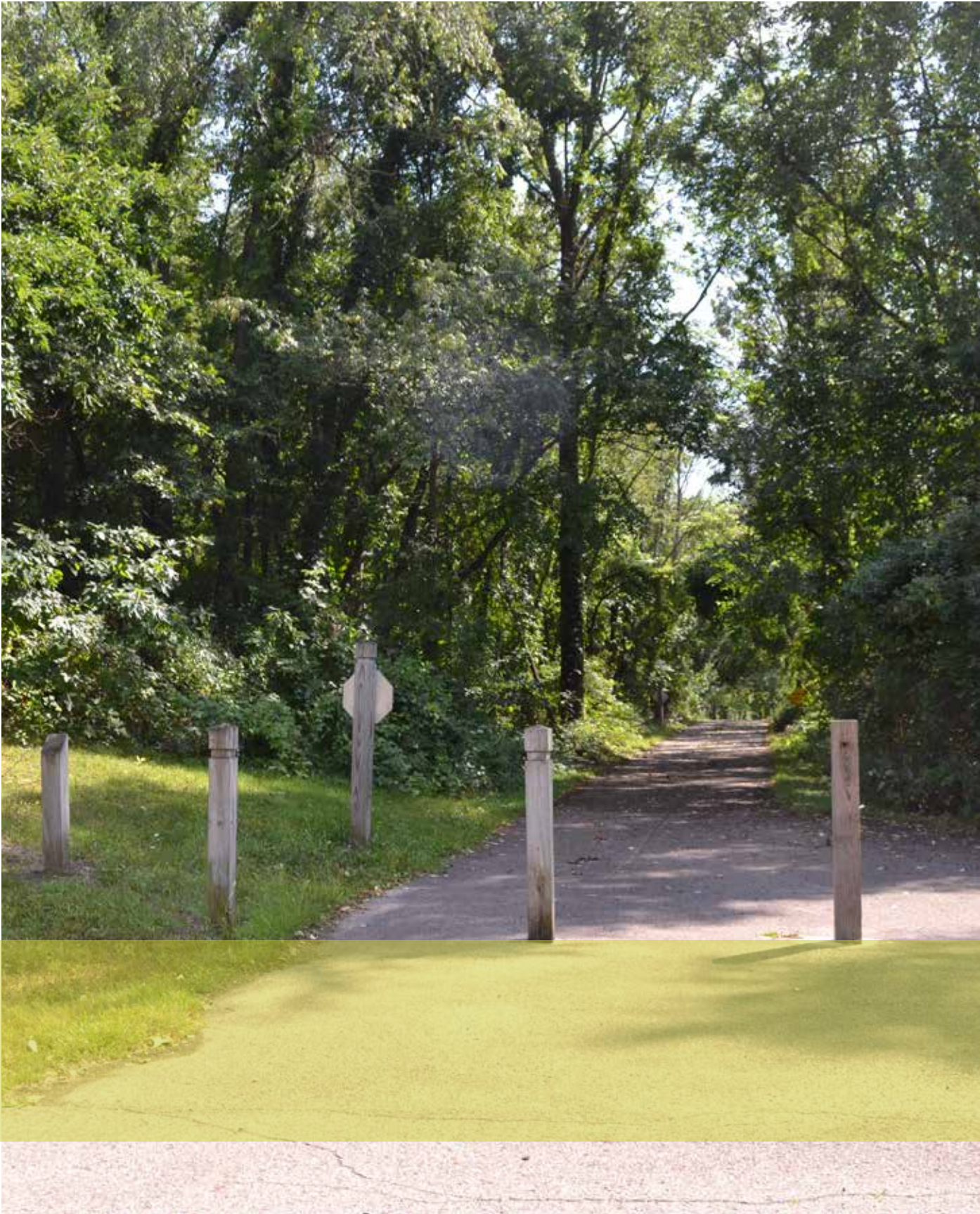
FISCAL YEAR	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
2008 - 2009	\$12,566.87
2009 - 2010	\$10,840.72
2010 - 2011	\$6,907.53
2011 - 2012	\$5,839.30
2012 - 2013	\$12,308.78
2013 - 2014	\$10,288.60

Source: Village of Vicksburg General Fund, 2014

TABLE 4.2: PARKS & RECREATION GRANT HISTORY

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT YEAR (PROJECT NO.)	GRANT SOURCE	GRANT AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT CLOSED?
Sunset Lake Improvements	1989 (BF89-134)	Bond Fund	\$133,125.00	Installation of 25 parking spaces and lighting, handicapped restrooms and fishing shelter, boat launch ramp with a handicapped fishing area and wood guard posts, picnic tables, barbecues, playground equipment, plantings, and grading and seeding of the site.	Yes
Vicksburg Recreation Park	1994 (TF94-155)	Trust Fund	\$131,300.00	Purchase of 88 acres for the future development of a recreational facility.	Yes
Vicksburg Recreation Park	1996 (TF96-155)	Trust Fund	\$183,000.00	Development of the Vicksburg Recreation Area Park and Trailway with a paved entrance drive, a gravel parking and asphalt walkway, 1,100 foot nature trail and lake overlook observation pier/deck, and the construction of a public facilities building.	Yes

Source: Grants Management, Department of Natural Resources



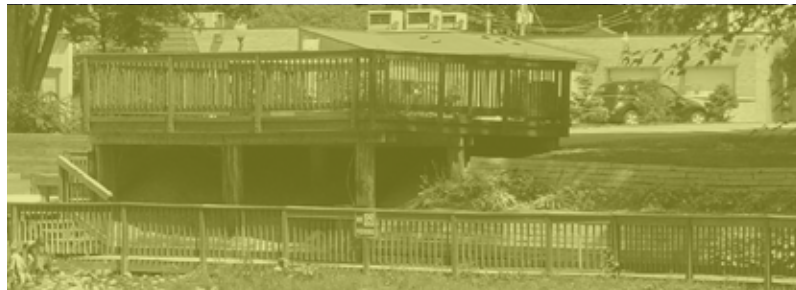
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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

COMMUNITY ATTITUDES, GOALS, & OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives formulated by the community are the cornerstone of the recreation planning process as they form the framework for public and private decision-making. The purpose of this Plan is to provide a basis for public policy decisions and technical coordination in recreational development and to inject long-range consideration into the determination of short-range actions.

The goals and objectives, as outlined in this chapter, were developed through the Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning Commission, and parks and recreation best practices, and confirmed by the results of the public engagement process.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

In order to solicit public input into the goals and objectives process, the Village developed an on-line survey (via Survey Monkey) regarding parks and recreational usage, conditions and maintenance, and future amenities. The survey was publicized by the Village on its website and inserted into *The South County News* and made available at the local grocery store, Family Fare. Paper copies of the survey were also made available at the Village Hall and Vicksburg District Library. The survey was available from August through September of 2014 and over 30 individuals participated.

KEY SURVEY RESULTS

Respondents were asked a number of questions dealing with the existing and future of Vicksburg's parks and recreational facilities. The majority of respondents were Village residents with an equal number of respondents from Brady and Schoolcraft Townships. Key results of the survey are detailed below with full results included in the Appendix.

Major themes which emerged from the public engagement results and are embodied in the goals and objectives section. They include a priority on maintenance, the development of non-motorized pathways, preservation of natural features and the lakefront, and the creation of public spaces for community events.

VISITS TO FACILITIES IN THE LAST YEAR AND CONDITION RANKING

The most popular visited parks and recreation facilities within the Village in the past year are listed below, along with the most frequent rating of their current condition (excellent, good, fair, or poor):

• Historic Village	94%	Condition: Excellent
• Vicksburg Recreation Area and Trailways	82%	Condition: Good
• Clark Park	75%	Condition: Good
• Community Center	75%	Condition: Fair
• Sunset Lake Beach	53%	Condition: Fair

IMPORTANT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The following recreational facilities received the highest frequency of "importance" rankings for respondents:

• Paved walking / bike trails	88%
• Playground equipment / play areas	79%
• Small neighborhood parks (i.e. playgrounds, pocket parks)	73%
• Park shelter / picnic areas	67%
• Large community parks (i.e. sports fields)	61%

PARK AND RECREATION EXISTING CONDITIONS

Respondents felt that parks and recreation facilities need improvements to the following, in order of the highest importance:

- Trash accumulation and collection;
- Cleaning and upkeep of restroom facilities;
- Condition of buildings in general;
- Better lighting;
- Maintenance of landscaping; and the
- Condition of the beach and waterfront area.

Respondents also commented that the boardwalks, decks, and railings along the waterfront need regular attention and repair. Even though the repair and maintenance of several parks and facilities is a concern, over 84 percent of respondents felt satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of park facilities overall. However, the continued maintenance of existing parks should remain a high priority for the Village to ensure the quality of these areas.

Participants indicated that the main reasons preventing them from using the Vicksburg parks, recreation facilities, or programs are not maintenance related. The fact that a facility or program is not offered, or is offered in another nearby community, were listed as the top reasons. Facilities lacking the right equipment were also mentioned.

FUTURE RECREATIONAL AMENITIES AND PROGRAMS

Participants indicated they would prefer to see more of the following types of community events / festivals:

• Music events (i.e. concerts)	70%
• Art festivals	55%
• Cultural programs	49%
• Children / family oriented events	42%
• Racing / athletic events (i.e. runs, bicycle rides)	40%
• Holiday events	36%
• Senior events	30%

Respondents also listed the following events they would like to see in Vicksburg:

- Kids fishing contest;
- Kayaking in Sunset / Gourdneck Lake to Portage Lake;
- Teen events;
- Food festivals; and
- Continue the Farmers' Market.

In the future, respondents definitely want to see the Village pursue the following policies / objectives:

• Develop new walking / biking trails that connect to the regional trail systems	81%
• Repair / replace older park facilities and equipment	58%
• Develop the beach front and improved waterfront access	47%
• Acquire land to preserve open space and protect the environment	40%
• Expand the Historic Village	33%

Popular programs that respondents indicated they would like to see added in the Village, or expanded and enhanced if currently provided, include the following:

- Adult wellness and fitness;
- Adult / senior swim;
- At risk-programs for youth;
- Bicycling (road);
- Cultural / historical programs;
- Nature programs;
- Hiking / walking trails;
- Special events / festivals; and
- Swimming pool (indoor).

“Add more mile markers and benches on the trailways and a disc golf layout map to the disc golf course at the Vicksburg Recreation Area.”

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goals address general needs and establish the basis for setting specific programmed objectives. Objectives measure results that the community works towards accomplishing. The following goals and objectives are numbered for identification purposes only.

Each goal is considered to carry an equal degree of importance.

GOAL 1:

MAINTAIN EXISTING COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

- 1.1 Maintain all recreation-related buildings, structures and parks.
- 1.2 Repair and replace worn out and damaged equipment and amenities as necessary.
- 1.3 Improve barrier-free access to parks to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the principles of universal access.
- 1.4 Create an "Adopt-A-Park" program for all Village parks.

GOAL 2:

EXPAND AND DEVELOP NEW PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES / PROGRAMS

- 2.1 Acquire equipment and facilities to keep pace with current design and regulatory standards, as well as the recreation needs of the community.
- 2.2 Respond to the desires of residents with regards to developing park facilities.
- 2.3 Add public art and gardens within the parks.
- 2.4 Promote activities and special events sponsored by the Village and other recreational organizations in the area.



GOAL 3:

DEVELOP FACILITIES FOR NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

- 3.1 Create a continuous non-motorized path through the Village to tie into the Recreation Area pathway system.
- 3.2 Continue to improve sidewalk connections throughout the Village and promote non-motorized transit as a healthy transportation option.
- 3.3 Develop bike lanes throughout the community to provide access to recreational facilities and other points of interest in the Village.
- 3.4 Develop an interconnected regional bike trail system with emphasis on Portage Trail System connections.
- 3.5 Ensure sufficient bicycle, kayak, and canoe racks are located within parks to accommodate trail users and visitors who cycle to the parks.

GOAL 4:

PARTNER WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 4.1 Partner with the Vicksburg Community School District to ensure public access to school campus facilities.
- 4.2 Partner with the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA), the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS), and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on trail and bike lane creation.
- 4.3 Continue to collaborate with the Downtown Development Authority to provide bike lane and non-motorized trail connections through the downtown core and the Village's recreation sites.



GOAL 5:

DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PARK IDENTIFICATION / SIGNAGE PROGRAM

- 5.1 Create a uniform park identification signage design for consistency throughout the Village park system.
- 5.2 Add instructional / directional park signage, consistent with main identification signs, to direct park users to activity areas at larger parks, particularly at the Vicksburg Recreation Area.
- 5.3 Install watershed identification signage.
- 5.4 Incorporate wayfinding signage at park and recreation facilities to link to other communities focal points and destinations.
- 5.5 Provide educational and interpretative signage along pathways, water bodies, and nature corridors.

GOAL 6:

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE NATURAL AND AESTHETIC QUALITIES OF PARKS

- 6.1 Develop resources and collaborate partnerships (i.e. academic and non-profit organizations) for design assistance so natural features are incorporated into park design.
- 6.2 Preserve open space, water bodies, and natural features through a land conservancy or other non-profit.
- 6.3 Enhance and expand the views to water bodies, woodlands, and wetlands from rights-of-way and non-motorized pathways.
- 6.4 Link open space areas to maintain wildlife corridors and emphasize native planting projects.
- 6.5 Clean and maintain the shoreline of Vicksburg's lakes, streams, and ponds, including algae removal and shore naturalization.

GOAL 7.

MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 7.1 Seek additional funding from outside sources for capital improvements, such as state and federal agencies and foundations.
- 7.2 Continue to incorporate volunteers in projects when feasible to help maintain and monitor park and recreation facilities.
- 7.3 Continue to review and expand the maintenance program, as needed, to keep the parks and facilities aesthetically appealing and functional.
- 7.4 Consider the long-term maintenance costs associated with park and non-motorized trail acquisitions and improvements.
- 7.5 Review and update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years, not only to maintain eligibility for grants, but to provide a guide for parks and recreation improvement efforts.





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ACTION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The action plan serves as a template for future projects as directed by the Parks and Recreation Committee and is intended to be a flexible year-by-year list of improvements from 2015 - 2019.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. Proposed cost estimates are in 2014 dollars and are strictly preliminary. Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming elements, and engineering plans are developed if applicable, as well as through further analysis of the proposed improvement. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.





ACTION PLAN & PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Table 6.1 presents each of the proposed project titles and their prioritization by year. Some park facilities contain various projects that are planned to occur over multiple years and involve time and coordination with other agencies. Other park and recreation facility projects involve targeted improvements the Village can implement quickly within one year and with the help of volunteers.

The following project titles, as identified in Table 6.1, are described in detail below and grouped together under each Vicksburg park and recreation facility.

FUNDING SOURCES KEY:

GF	=	General Fund (Vicksburg)
D/P	=	Donation or Partnership
LSC	=	Local Service Clubs
CS	=	Corporate Sponsor
G	=	Grants (i.e. MDNR, CDBG, MEDC)
DDA	=	DDA TIF Funds
F	=	Foundations
KC	=	Kalamazoo County
MDOT	=	Michigan Department of Transportation
KCTA	=	Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority
KATS	=	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
DEQ	=	Department of Environmental Quality

TABLE 6.1: PARKS & RECREATION ACTION PLAN, 2015 - 2019

YEAR	PROJECT (PRIORITIZED WITHIN EACH YEAR BY LIST ORDER)	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE(S) & COLLABORATION
2015	Recreation Area: Disc Golf Improvements	See page 47.	\$200,000	CS; G; GF
	Recreation Area: Parking Lot Improvements	See page 47.	\$20,000	G; GF
	Sunset Lake Park: Structural Improvements	See page 47.	\$35,000	LSC (Lions); G; GF
	Uniform Park Signage	See page 48.	\$100,000	G; GF; D/P
	Veterans Park: Clean Up	See page 48.	\$5,000	GF; LSC (Boy Scouts)
	Angels Crossing Golf Club: Junior Program	See page 42.	\$15,000	CS; D/P
	Clark Park: Promenade	See page 42.	\$350,000	MDOT; DNR; G; KATS; GF
	Historic Village: Maintenance	See page 43.	\$20,000	F
2016	Sunset Lake Park: Expanded Recreation Amenities	See page 47.	\$250,000	LSC (Lions); G; GF
	Clark Park: Water Quality Improvements	See page 42.	\$50,000	G; DEQ; GF
	Historic Village: Additional Amenities	See page 43.	\$110,000	DDA; GF; DNR; MDOT
	Oswalt Park: Design Improvements	See page 47.	\$200,000	LSC (Rotary); DDA; F; D/P
	Non-Motorized Pathways: Phase I	See page 44.	\$250,000	DDA; KATS; DNR; MDOT; KCTA
2017	Sunset Lake Park: Parking Lot Improvements	See page 47.	\$100,000	LSC (Lions); GF
	Lee Park: Development	See page 43.	\$350,000	LSC; D/P; GF; G
	Veterans Park: Development	See page 48.	\$125,000	LSC; D/P; GF
	Historic Village: Parking Lot Improvements	See page 43.	\$10,000	GF; D/P
	Community Pavilion: Parking Lot Improvements	See page 42.	\$20,000	LSC; D/P; GF
	Angels Crossing Golf Club: Additional Amenities	See page 42.	\$350,000	CS; D/P
	Non-Motorized Pathways: Phase II	See page 44.	\$250,000	KATS; DNR; MDOT; KCTA
2018	Sunset Lake Park: Structural Amenities	See page 47.	\$250,000	LSC (Lions); G; GF
	Non-Motorized Pathways: Phase III	See page 44.	\$250,000	KATS; DNR; MDOT; KCTA
	Community Pavilion: Additional Amenities	See page 42.	\$250,000	LSC; D/P; GF
	Programming	See page 47.	Varies	D/P; GF; DDA
2019	Angels Crossing Golf Club: Course Expansion	See page 42.	\$625,000	CS; D/P
	Non-Motorized Trails Pathways: Phase IV	See page 44.	\$250,000	KATS; DNR; MDOT; KCTA
	Water Tower Place Development	See page 49.	\$15,000,000	GF; G; D/P; LSC; F
	Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update	Update 5 Year Plan.	\$10,000	GF

ANGELS CROSSING GOLF CLUB

ANGELS CROSSING GOLF CLUB: JUNIOR PROGRAM

Creation of a youth golf program.

ANGELS CROSSING GOLF CLUB: ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

Expansion of the Golf Club amenities to include a storage building at the driving range, a spring / fall driving tee, and a covered teaching area adjacent to the driving range.

ANGELS CROSSING GOLF CLUB: COURSE EXPANSION

Addition of three new course holes for instruction and beginners (location of the holes are already planned).

CLARK PARK

CLARK PARK: PROMENADE

Improvements include a 15 foot pedestrian and bicycle pathway, the “Clark Promenade”, throughout the park to provide access from Prairie to Washington Street. The Clark Promenade will provide a strong connection between the Historic Mill site and the downtown core via Prairie Street. Along the promenade, space will be available for food kiosks and other vendors for special events or specialty foods / coffees. The rendering to the right highlights the proposed promenade from the corner of Prairie Street, looking south onto the park.

A pavilion, gazebo, and public restrooms are also planned to provide additional gathering space for downtown community events. Other improvements include a trailhead kiosk, dog waste station, benches, bicycle racks, native vegetation, and screening to the existing parking lot.

CLARK PARK: WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the water (pond and stream) quality, including algae removal, and dam enhancements (water flow and levels) to continue to provide a healthy and attractive watercourse.

COMMUNITY PAVILION

COMMUNITY PAVILION: PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Creation of a parking plan, paving and striping of the existing parking area to ensure ADA accessibility, and installation of bicycle racks.

COMMUNITY PAVILION: ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

Addition of public restrooms with a water hookup to the Village’s system.



Clark Park Promenade Conceptual Render

HISTORIC VILLAGE

HISTORIC VILLAGE: MAINTENANCE

Repairs to the print shop roof and maintenance to the depot museum.

HISTORIC VILLAGE: ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

Expansion of outdoor amenities for visitors, including a dog waste station, bicycle racks, a trailhead, public restroom facilities, and additional landscaping.

HISTORIC VILLAGE: PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Paving and striping of the existing parking lot with enhancements to ensure ADA accessibility.

LEE PARK

LEE PARK: DEVELOPMENT

This project envisions the development of a new park which will first require a cleanup of the shoreline and the expansion of water views from the roadways. The project anticipates the addition of recreation amenities such as picnic tables, bicycle racks, a fishing boardwalk, and the planting of trees / landscaping of the site. Creation of Lee Park also provides the opportunity to create a new gateway / entryway for the Village with an emphasis on landscaping and water views.



Bridge Over Sunset Lake Conceptual Render

NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAYS

NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAYS: PHASE I (VICKSBURG VILLAGE TRAIL)

Part of the Vicksburg / Gourdneck Creek Trail, Phase I (the Vicksburg Village Trail) calls for an eight foot paved pedestrian and cyclist pathway within the Village limits to extend from the Historic Village to Angels Crossing Golf Club. The route is highlighted on Map 5: Non-Motorized Concept Plan and includes the addition of several bridges. The bridge over Sunset Lake is a project planned by the Vicksburg Downtown Development Authority (conceptual rendering of the bridge provided above). Route signage and pathway amenities, such as benches, bicycle racks, lighting, and trash/recycling receptacles are also included in this project.

NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAYS: PHASE II (GOURDNECK CREEK TRAIL)

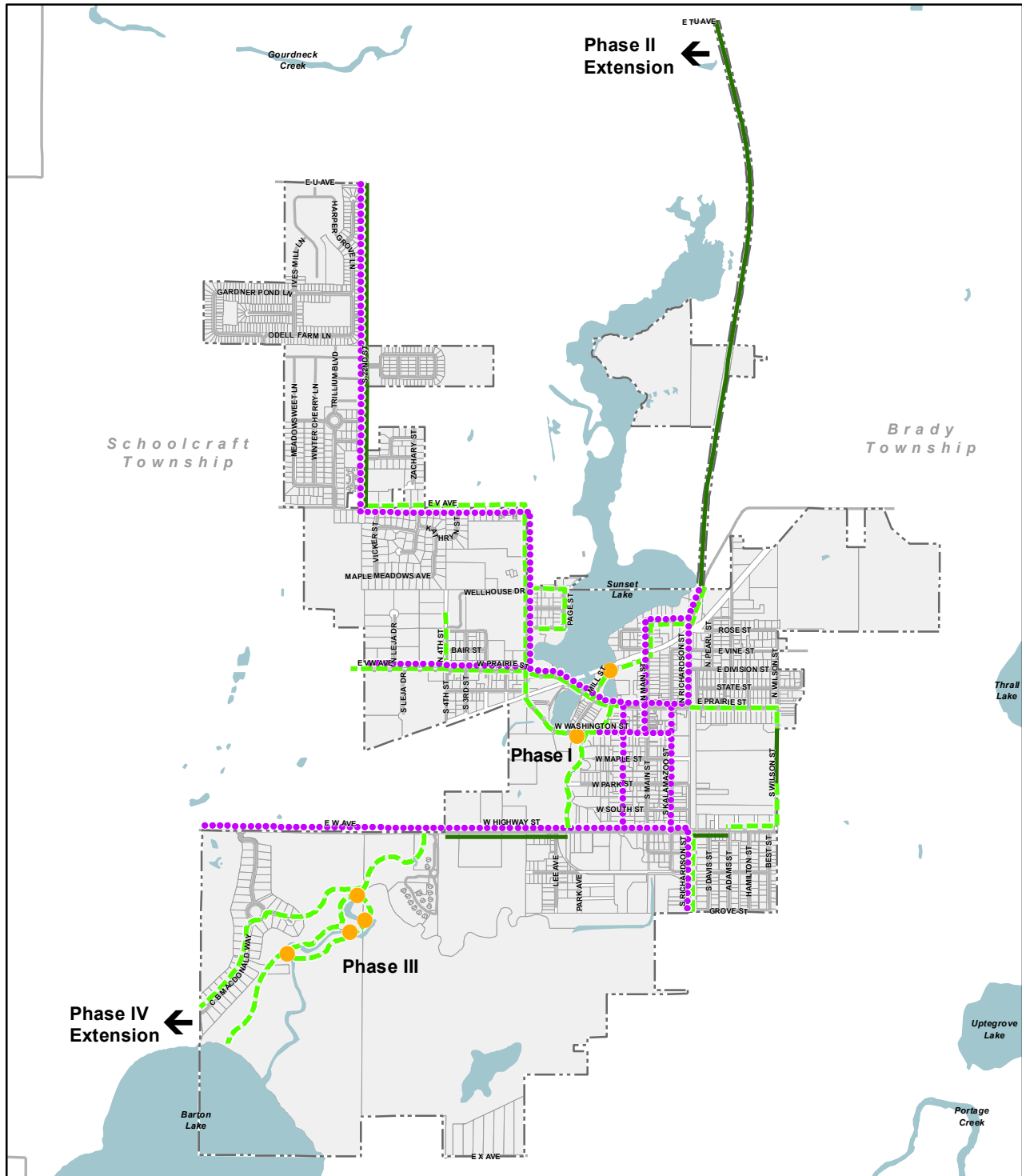
Part of the Vicksburg / Gourdneck Creek Trail, Phase II calls for an eight foot paved pedestrian and cyclist pathway from the Village Recreation Trail to Prairie View County Park to Schrier Park in Portage. The trail would cross a variety of terrain including, marsh, woodlands, and prairies. Specifically, the proposed connection point would be Schrier Park at Osterhout Avenue and run south through the county park land around Hogsett Lake to connect with the existing trails / roads in Prairie View Park, then east to the Vicksburg Recreation Trail.

NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAYS: PHASE III (VICKSBURG BARTON LAKE EXTENSION)

Part of the Vicksburg / Gourdneck Creek Trail, Phase III calls for an eight foot pedestrian and cyclist pathway in the southwest portion of the Village to Barton Lake and the Outdoor Education Center in Schoolcraft Township.

NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAYS: PHASE IV (SOUTH COUNTY SWAN PARK TRAIL)

Part of South County Swan Park Trail, Phase IV calls for an eight foot minimum pedestrian and cyclist pathway to extend from Hogsett Lake south, through Swan Park, and east where it connects with the Vicksburg Village Trail to Barton Lake (Phase III Non-Motorized Pathway).



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Map 5 Non-Motorized Concept Plan

Village of Vicksburg
Kalamazoo County, Michigan

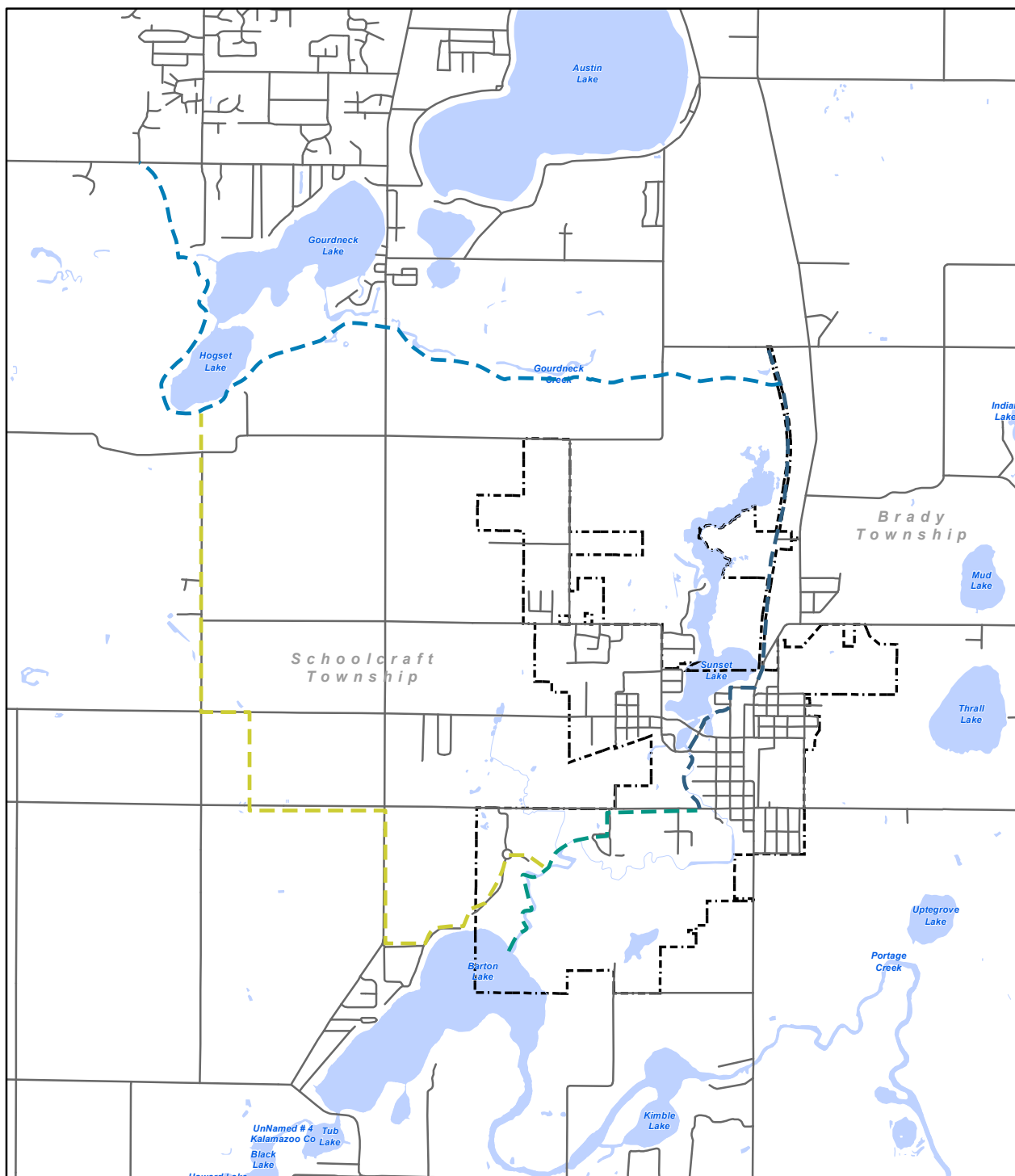
LEGEND

- Proposed Bicycle Lane
- Existing Non-Motorized Path
- Proposed Non-Motorized Path
- Potential Bridge Connection
- Village Boundary

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Base map Source: Kalamazoo County, 2013
Data Source: Michigan Geographic Framework,
Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 8a.



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Map 06 Regional Non-Motorized Plan

Village of Vicksburg, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

LEGEND

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| --- Phase I: Vicksburg Village Trail | --- Phase III: Vicksburg Barton Lake Extension |
| --- Phase II: Gourdneck Creek Trail | --- Phase IV: South County Swan Park Trail |

Base map Source: Kalamazoo County, 2013
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OSWALT PARK

Oswalt Park: Design Improvements

Located in the heart of downtown Vicksburg, continued development of Oswalt Park will provide the Village with a centralized gathering space for community events. Improvements include additional landscaping, signage, seating, public art, decorative pavement treatments for an area to be used for vendor kiosks, and screening from the adjacent parking area. Also planned for Oswalt Park is an outdoor fireplace and water feature.

PROGRAMMING

The Village is also interested in developing partnerships regarding the expansion and development of cultural and community wide events and recreation programming, including the following:

- Addition of outdoor music events with the following: Kalamazoo Folklife; the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra; High School Jazz Bands; and the Blues Festival.
- Creation of an Arts Committee in conjunction with the DDA to add new arts shows and festivals.
- Development of cultural events based on the history of the Village (i.e. Showboat, Quilt Trail).
- Enhancement and further development of existing events with community organizations (i.e. Harvest Festival, annual Holiday Parade, etc.).
- Addition of athletic and health related events with community organizations, building on existing community events such as the Hearty Hustle and Frostbite Run.
- Construction of a swimming pool in partnership with other entities to promote and accommodate stroke rehab and other therapy programs.

RECREATION AREA

Recreation Area: Disc Golf Improvements

Expansion to the existing disc golf course to complete the course and add amenities such as benches, lighting, and a pavilion for hosting tournaments.

Recreation Area: Parking Lot Improvements

Repaving, maintenance, and striping of the existing parking lot.

SUNSET LAKE PARK

Sunset Lake: Structural Improvements

Structural improvements to the existing boardwalk and fishing pier, including the treatment and / or replacement of structural elements as needed are planned for Sunset Lake Park. The addition of landscaping, continuation of weed control, and beach rehabilitation and sand replacement is also planned. Completion of the existing sidewalk through the park is also included in this project.

Sunset Lake: Expanded Recreation Amenities

Expansion to the existing recreational activities at Sunset Lake include the development of an outdoor fitness station, volleyball courts, and a dog park station. The fitness station would be comprised of various exercise bars with posted instructions for different activities. New picnic tables are also planned for the site.

Sunset Lake: Parking Lot Improvements

The repaving, maintenance, and striping of the existing parking lot and the addition of new bollards are planned for Sunset Lake. As the parking lot is not separated from Page Street, the paving of the entire roadway would be advantageous in an effort to minimize construction costs.

Sunset Lake: Structural Amenities

Structural amenities includes an expansion to the existing boardwalk that features a deck with built-in seating. The deck would ideally be located under the tree adjacent to the main swimming area. This project also includes the construction of public restrooms and a changing station.

UNIFORM PARK SIGNAGE

The design and installation of uniform park identification and wayfinding signage at all park and recreation facilities.

VETERANS PARK

Veterans Park: Clean Up

Minor clean up of Veterans Park is necessary before it can be turned into a recreation area, including maintenance and naturalization of the shoreline.

Veterans Park: Development

The development and improvement of Veterans Park involves improved access to Sunset Lake with the addition of a fishing outlook, benches / picnic tables, bicycle racks, a trash receptacle, and native, low maintenance landscaping.



Water Tower Place Conceptual Render

WATER TOWER PLACE DEVELOPMENT

Located between the blocks of Richardson Street and N. Kalamazoo Avenue is the existing Village Hall and water tower structure that has the potential to be developed into a village green. Consistent with the DDA's *Downtown Redevelopment and Design Plan*, this site would be transformed into a centralized civic space with a new two-story Village Hall and joint community facility space. A new police and fire station would be located directly across from the green to the east (across Richardson Street).

Potential amenities for the site include a covered pavilion with a multipurpose internal structure, decorative pavement, public art, a sculpture of John Vickers, a newsstand, a bicycle rental facility, a tourist information booth, a water feature, and landscaping.

The existing water tower would remain and act as a landmark feature to distinguish the green.

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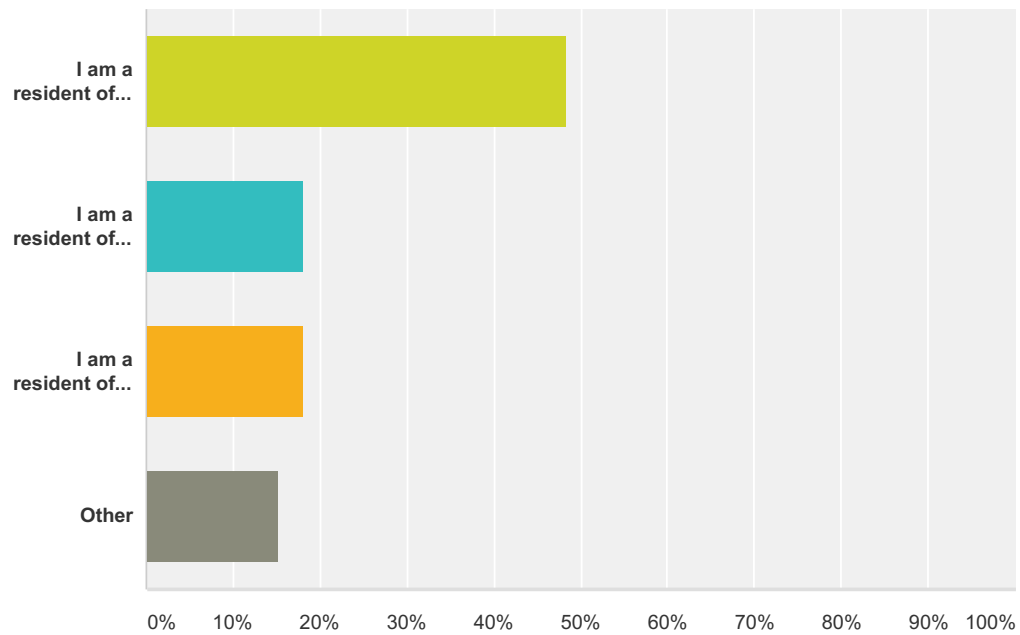
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Q1 Please select the category which best describes you.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0

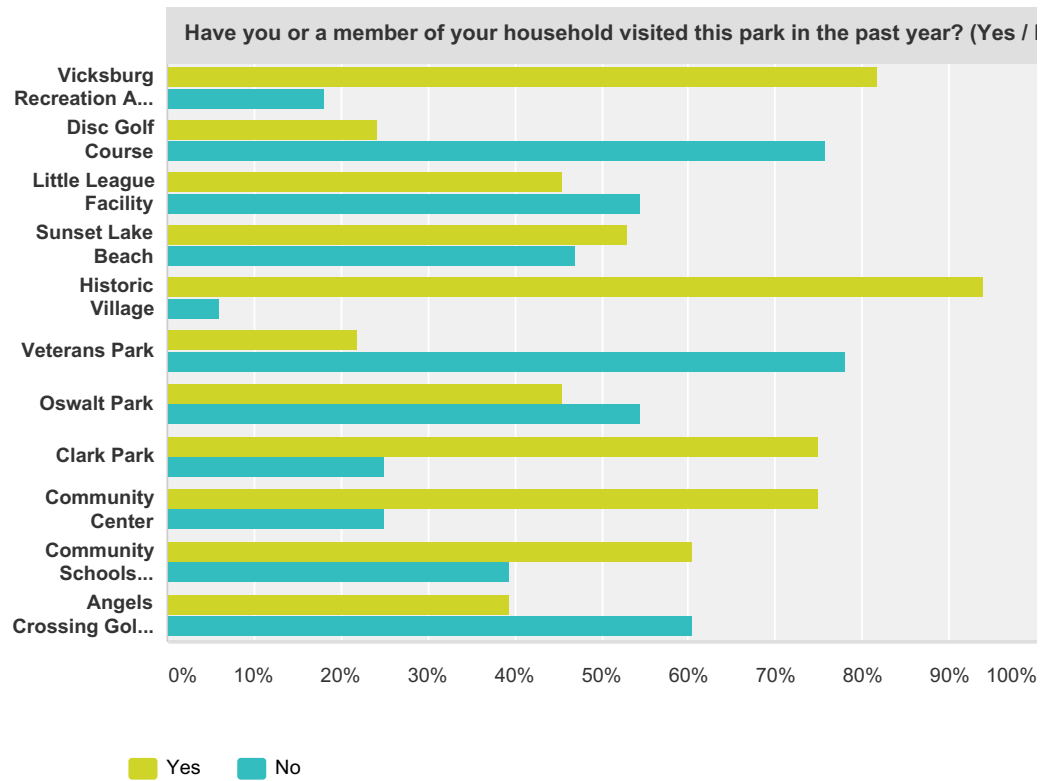


Answer Choices	Responses	
I am a resident of Vicksburg	48.48%	16
I am a resident of Brady Township	18.18%	6
I am a resident of Schoolcraft Township	18.18%	6
Other	15.15%	5
Total		33

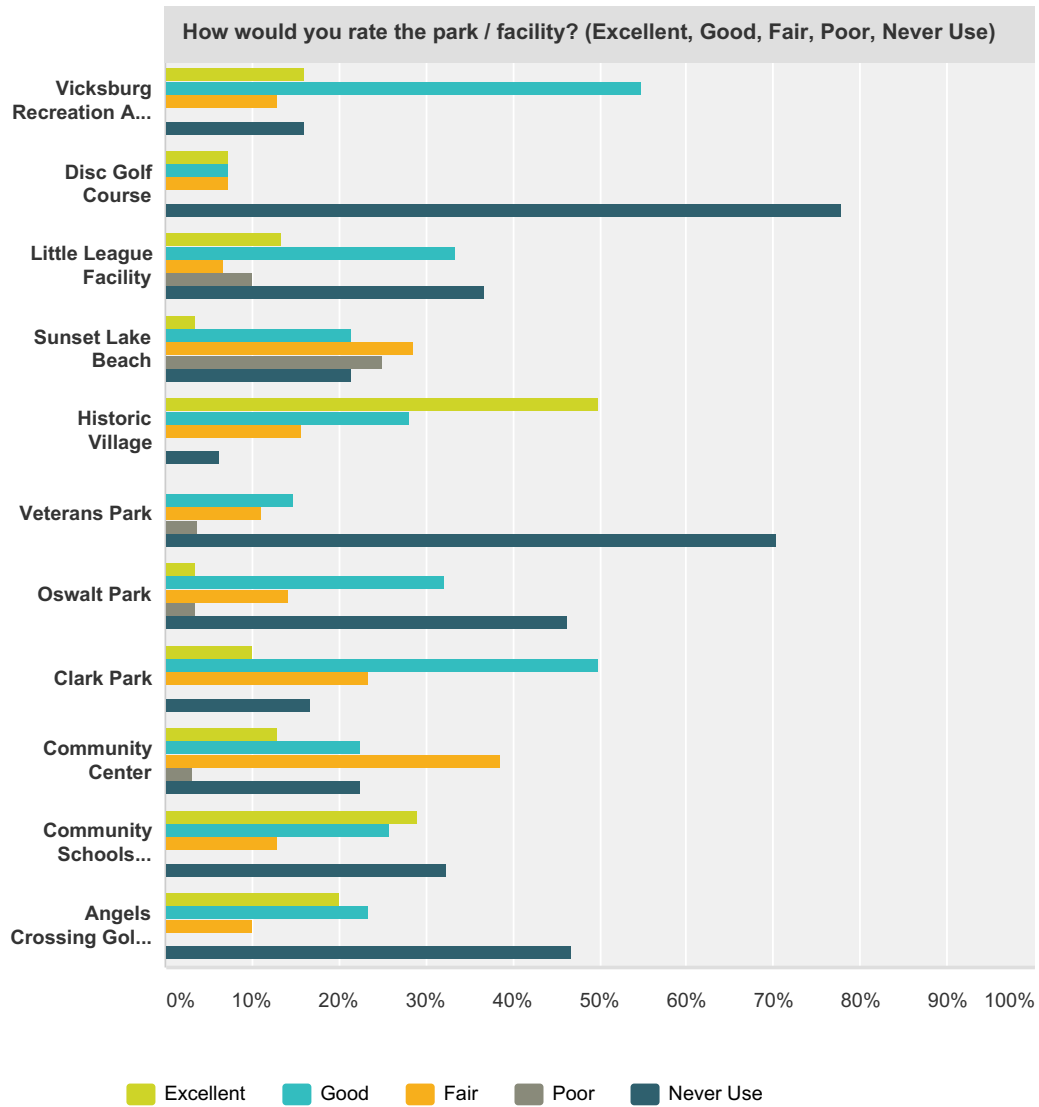
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Q2 Please tell us about your experience with our parks and facilities.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



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Have you or a member of your household visited this park in the past year? (Yes / No)			
	Yes	No	Total
Vicksburg Recreation Area and Trailways	81.82% 27	18.18% 6	33
Disc Golf Course	24.24% 8	75.76% 25	33
Little League Facility	45.45% 15	54.55% 18	33
Sunset Lake Beach	53.13% 17	46.88% 15	32
Historic Village	93.94% 31	6.06% 2	33
Veterans Park	21.88% 7	78.13% 25	32
Oswalt Park	45.45% 15	54.55% 18	33

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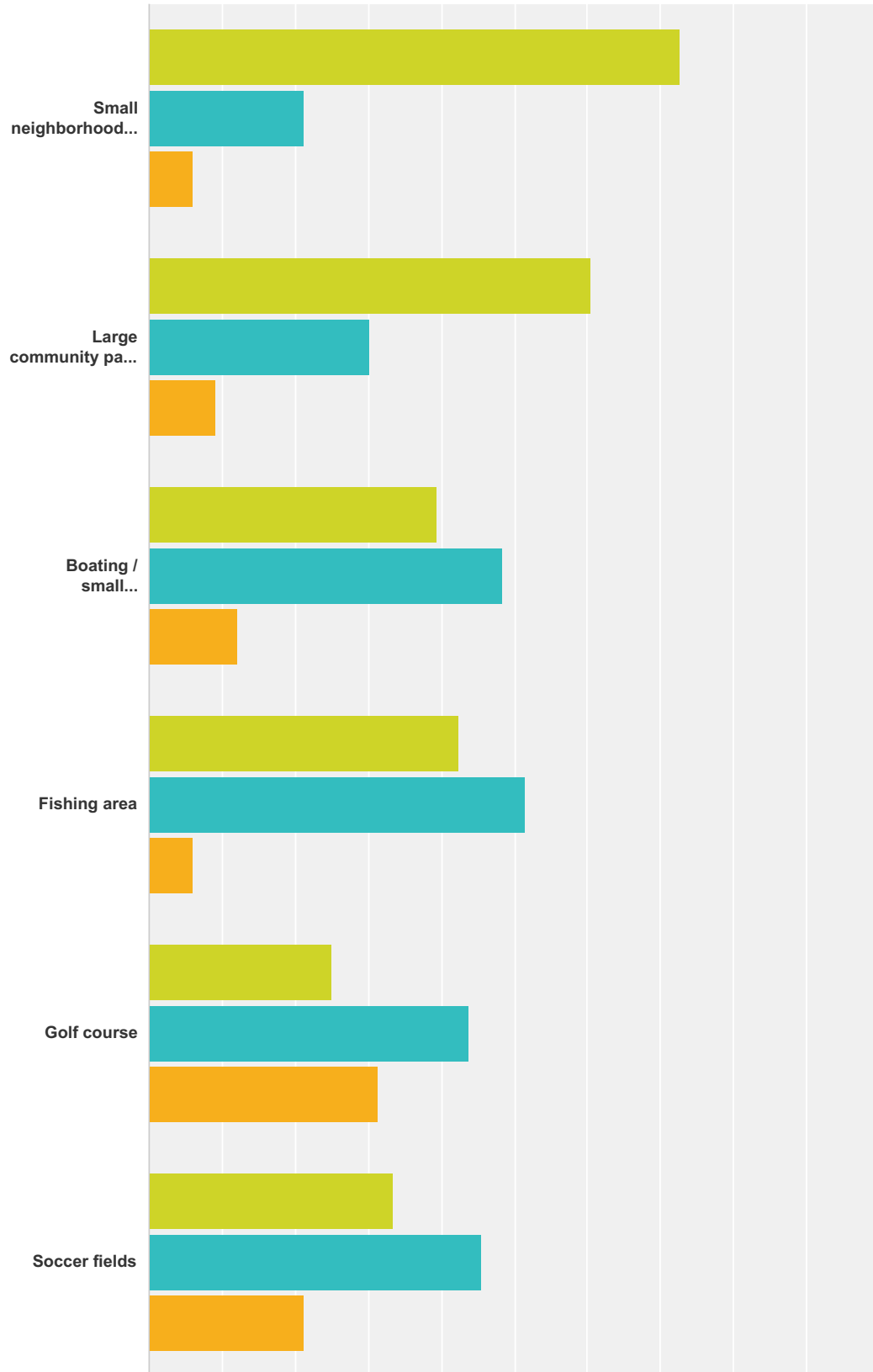
Clark Park	75.00% 24	25.00% 8	32
Community Center	75.00% 24	25.00% 8	32
Community Schools Facility (i.e. tennis courts, track)	60.61% 20	39.39% 13	33
Angels Crossing Golf Course	39.39% 13	60.61% 20	33

How would you rate the park / facility? (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Never Use)

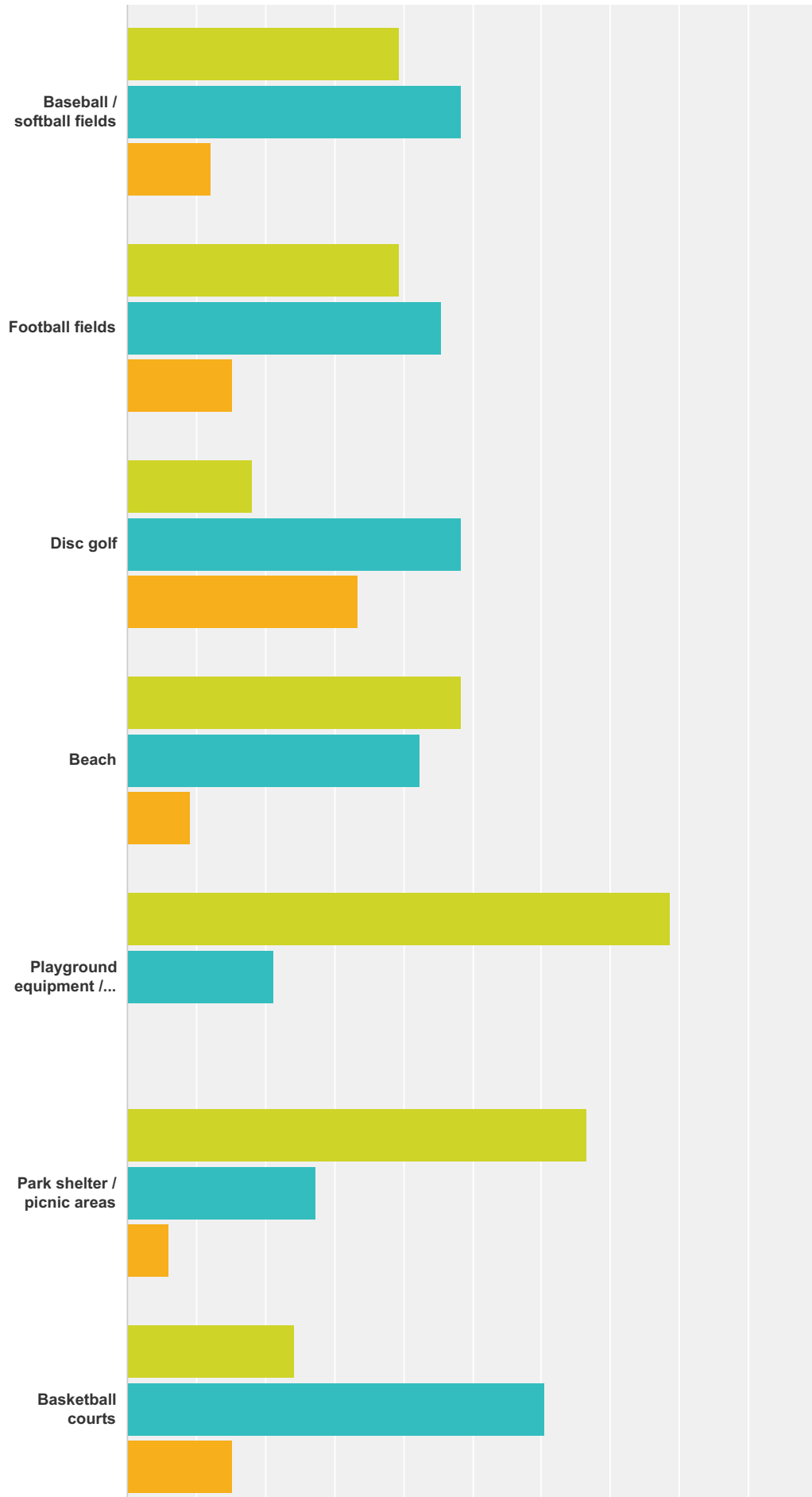
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Never Use	Total
Vicksburg Recreation Area and Trailways	16.13% 5	54.84% 17	12.90% 4	0.00% 0	16.13% 5	31
Disc Golf Course	7.41% 2	7.41% 2	7.41% 2	0.00% 0	77.78% 21	27
Little League Facility	13.33% 4	33.33% 10	6.67% 2	10.00% 3	36.67% 11	30
Sunset Lake Beach	3.57% 1	21.43% 6	28.57% 8	25.00% 7	21.43% 6	28
Historic Village	50.00% 16	28.13% 9	15.63% 5	0.00% 0	6.25% 2	32
Veterans Park	0.00% 0	14.81% 4	11.11% 3	3.70% 1	70.37% 19	27
Oswalt Park	3.57% 1	32.14% 9	14.29% 4	3.57% 1	46.43% 13	28
Clark Park	10.00% 3	50.00% 15	23.33% 7	0.00% 0	16.67% 5	30
Community Center	12.90% 4	22.58% 7	38.71% 12	3.23% 1	22.58% 7	31
Community Schools Facility (i.e. tennis courts, track)	29.03% 9	25.81% 8	12.90% 4	0.00% 0	32.26% 10	31
Angels Crossing Golf Course	20.00% 6	23.33% 7	10.00% 3	0.00% 0	46.67% 14	30

Q3 Please identify the importance of the following recreational facilities to you and members of your household.

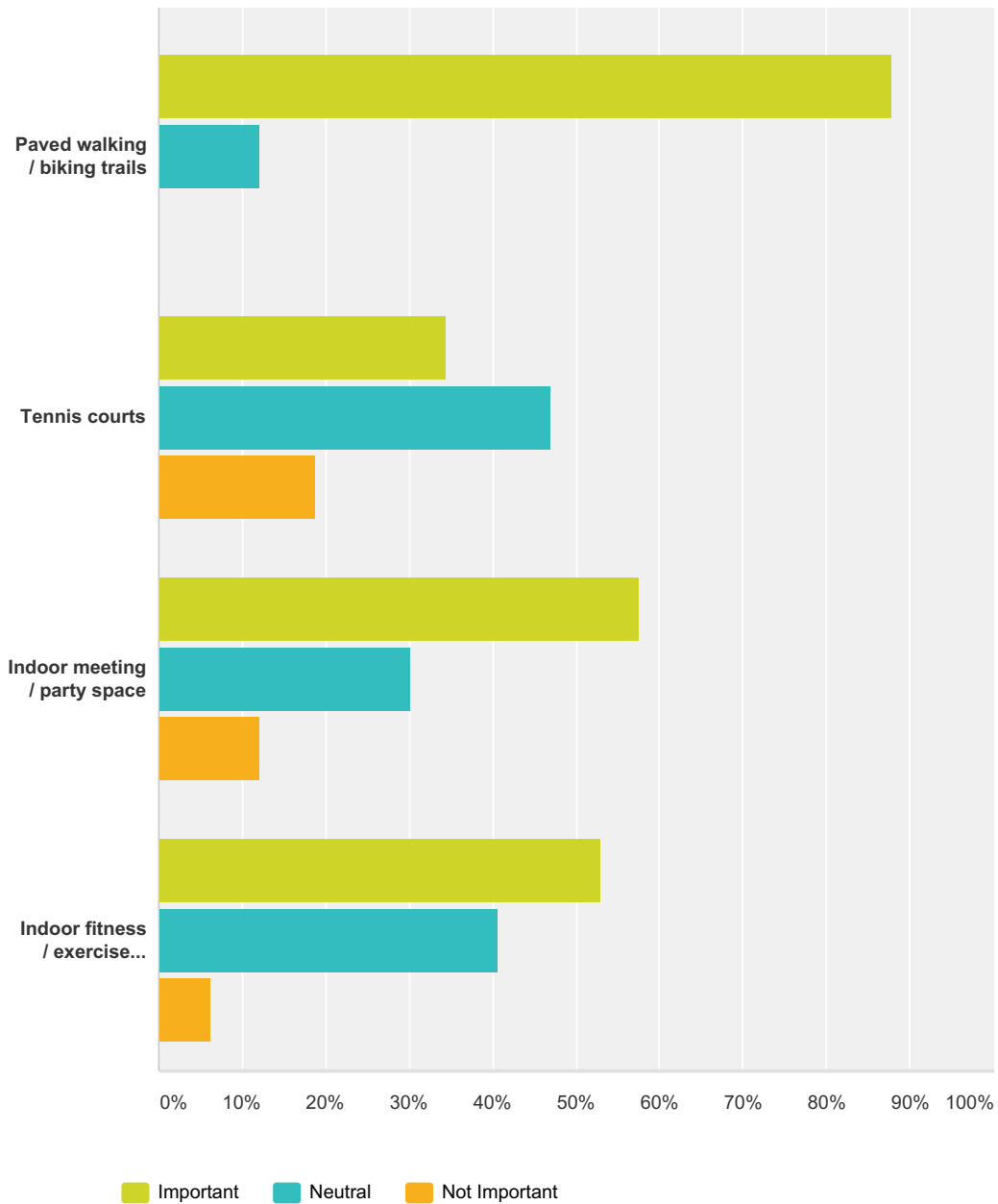
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	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Total
Small neighborhood parks (i.e. playgrounds, pocket parks)	72.73% 24	21.21% 7	6.06% 2	33
Large community parks (i.e sports fields)	60.61% 20	30.30% 10	9.09% 3	33
Boating / small watercraft	39.39% 13	48.48% 16	12.12% 4	33
Fishing area	42.42% 14	51.52% 17	6.06% 2	33
Golf course	25.00% 8	43.75% 14	31.25% 10	32
Soccer fields	33.33% 11	45.45% 15	21.21% 7	33

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Baseball / softball fields	39.39% 13	48.48% 16	12.12% 4	33
Football fields	39.39% 13	45.45% 15	15.15% 5	33
Disc golf	18.18% 6	48.48% 16	33.33% 11	33
Beach	48.48% 16	42.42% 14	9.09% 3	33
Playground equipment / play areas	78.79% 26	21.21% 7	0.00% 0	33
Park shelter / picnic areas	66.67% 22	27.27% 9	6.06% 2	33
Basketball courts	24.24% 8	60.61% 20	15.15% 5	33
Paved walking / biking trails	87.88% 29	12.12% 4	0.00% 0	33
Tennis courts	34.38% 11	46.88% 15	18.75% 6	32
Indoor meeting / party space	57.58% 19	30.30% 10	12.12% 4	33
Indoor fitness / exercise facilities	53.13% 17	40.63% 13	6.25% 2	32

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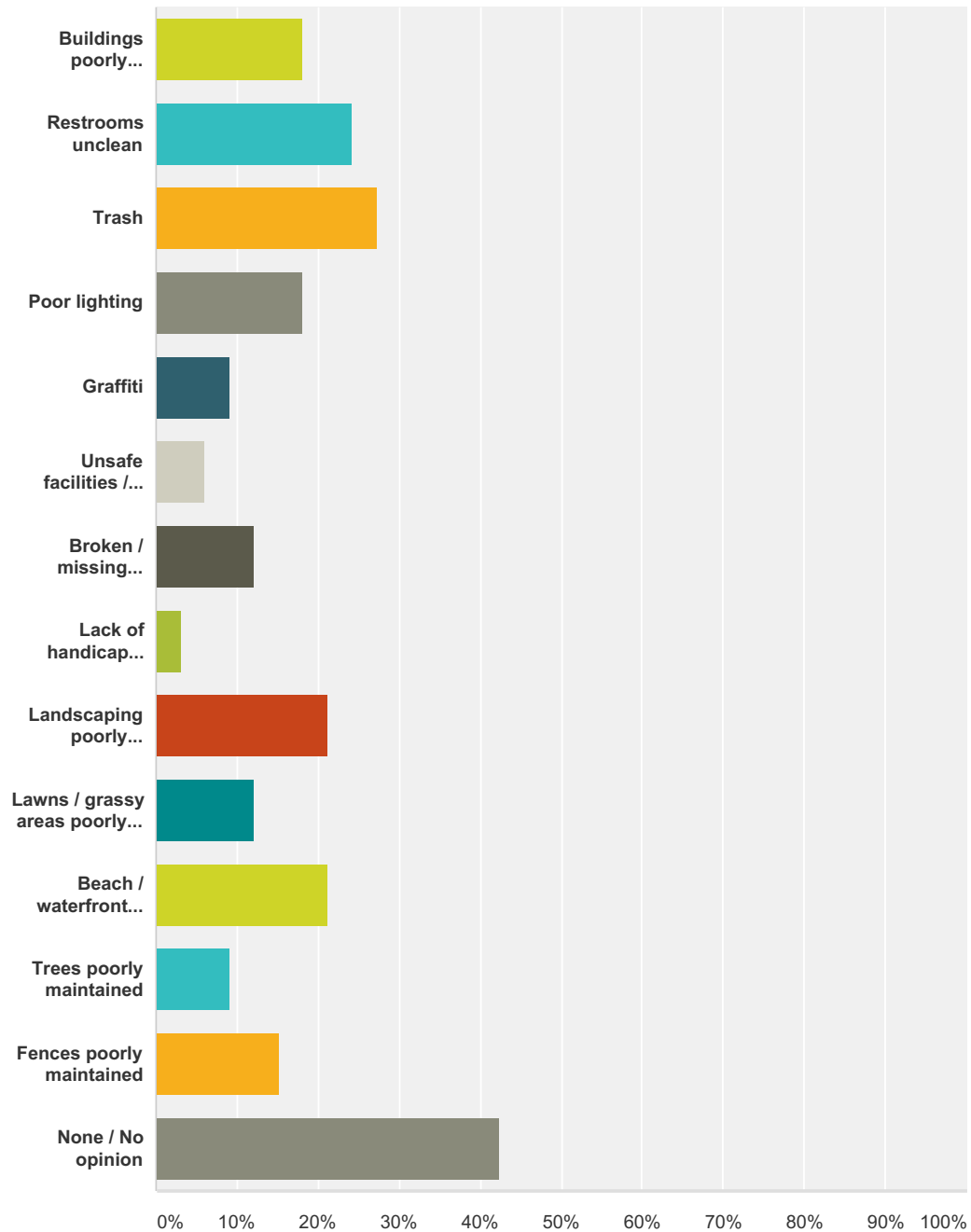
Q4 Which public / private recreational facilities outside the Village do you use? Please list.

Answered: 24 Skipped: 9

#	Responses	Date
1	Praireview Park, Bicentennial Park, Coldbrook Park, Hogesett DNR Boat Launching	9/23/2014 10:35 AM
2	Prairie View Park, West Lake Park, Parks in general, hiking areas and hayahing areas. Bartin Lake	9/22/2014 5:30 PM
3	Bronson Athletic Club, Milham GC, States GC, Al Sabo	9/22/2014 5:24 PM
4	Beaches - Lake Michigan, Bronson Park - art/music	9/22/2014 5:15 PM
5	Celery Flats Bike Trails area courses golf milham	9/22/2014 5:01 PM
6	Ramona, Westnedge Fields	9/22/2014 3:50 PM
7	None	9/22/2014 3:47 PM
8	Lakeview Park, Celery Flats	9/22/2014 3:38 PM
9	None	9/22/2014 3:26 PM
10	Prairie View Park, Lake Michigan Beaches (South Haven, Holland, Saugatuck)	9/22/2014 2:59 PM
11	Pavillion, Historic Village, Clark Park, Vickburg Park, and Sprinkle Road	9/22/2014 2:45 PM
12	Ramona Park, Prairie View Park, several parks in Portage including Bicentennial Park Trail	9/13/2014 7:16 PM
13	Hiking/biking trails...swimming...indoor running track	9/10/2014 9:58 AM
14	Prairie View Park, Ramona Park, AYSO soccer fields	9/10/2014 9:57 AM
15	Lakeview and Ramona Parks - Portage	9/9/2014 9:28 AM
16	none that I can think of	9/8/2014 3:31 PM
17	Maple Street YMCA	9/5/2014 11:14 AM
18	None	9/5/2014 8:17 AM
19	Milham Park, Celery Flats	9/4/2014 1:40 PM
20	County parks, Bronson Park in Kalamazoo, KalHaven Trail and other biking trails	9/4/2014 11:13 AM
21	YMCA Golf courses	9/4/2014 10:29 AM
22	YMCA	9/3/2014 11:44 AM
23	Prairie view park Gourdneck Lake	9/2/2014 6:16 PM
24	none	8/27/2014 3:07 PM

**Q5 Do the parks and recreation facilities
needs improvement in the following areas?
Please check all that apply.**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Buildings poorly maintained	18.18% 6
Restrooms unclean	24.24% 8
Trash	27.27% 9

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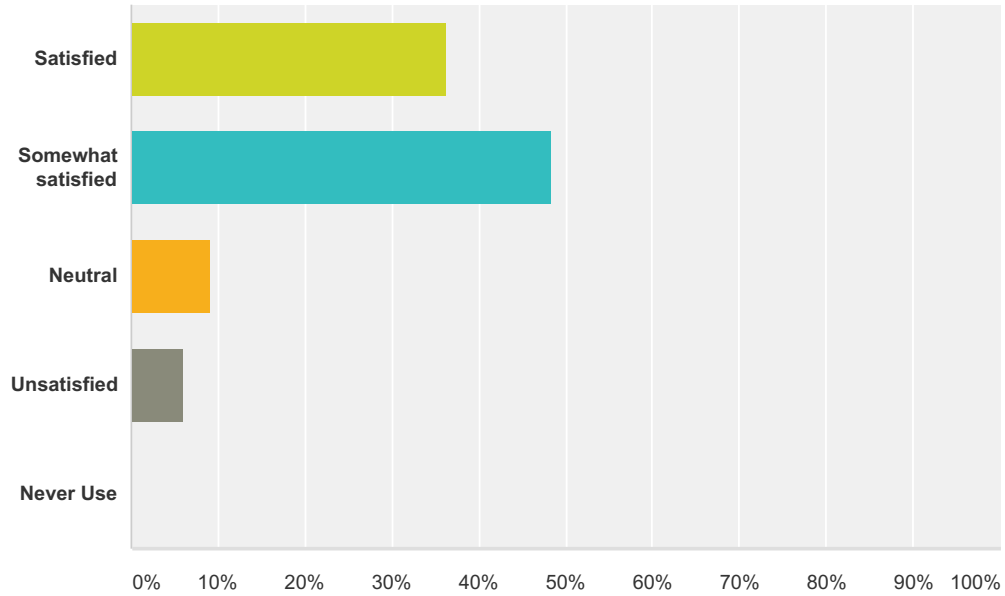
Poor lighting	18.18%	6
Graffiti	9.09%	3
Unsafe facilities / equipment	6.06%	2
Broken / missing equipment	12.12%	4
Lack of handicap accessibility access	3.03%	1
Landscaping poorly maintained	21.21%	7
Lawns / grassy areas poorly maintained	12.12%	4
Beach / waterfront poorly maintained	21.21%	7
Trees poorly maintained	9.09%	3
Fences poorly maintained	15.15%	5
None / No opinion	42.42%	14
Total Respondents: 33		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	More mile markers and benches - trailway, disc golf layout map	9/23/2014 10:35 AM
2	lack of public restrooms being open for use..we have them but not available	9/10/2014 9:58 AM
3	boardwalks and decks need regular attention and repair	9/5/2014 11:14 AM
4	I have to say overall things are really pretty good. Some things need sprucing up and some TLC but nothing is neglected (hence I could not rate as poor).	9/4/2014 11:13 AM
5	Boardwalks/railings in poor condition	9/2/2014 6:16 PM

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Q6 Overall, how satisfied are you with the appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of the parks and recreation facilities?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0

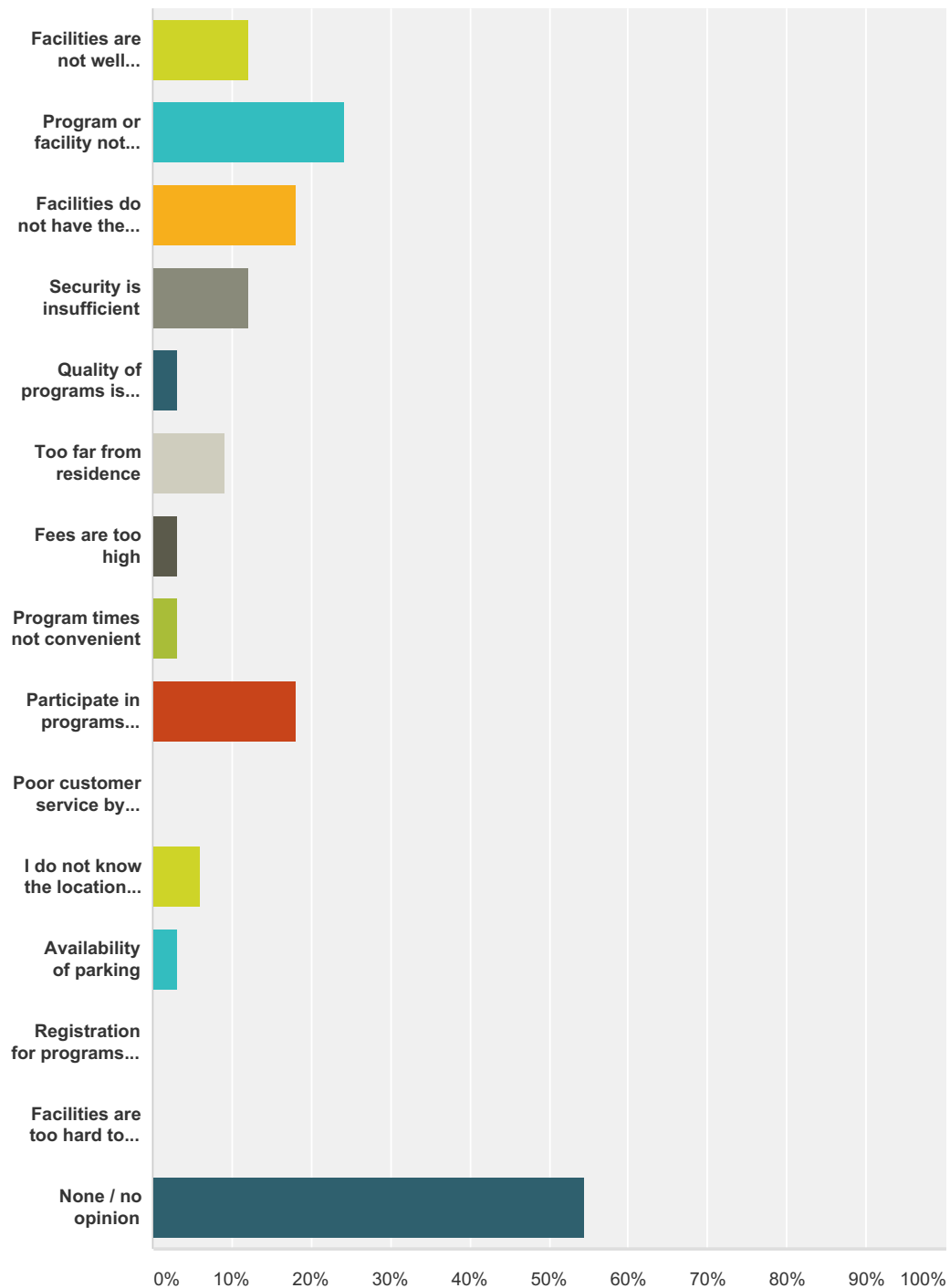


Answer Choices	Responses	
Satisfied	36.36%	12
Somewhat satisfied	48.48%	16
Neutral	9.09%	3
Unsatisfied	6.06%	2
Never Use	0.00%	0
Total		33

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Q7 Please check all the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from using any of the Village's recreation facilities, programs, or parks.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



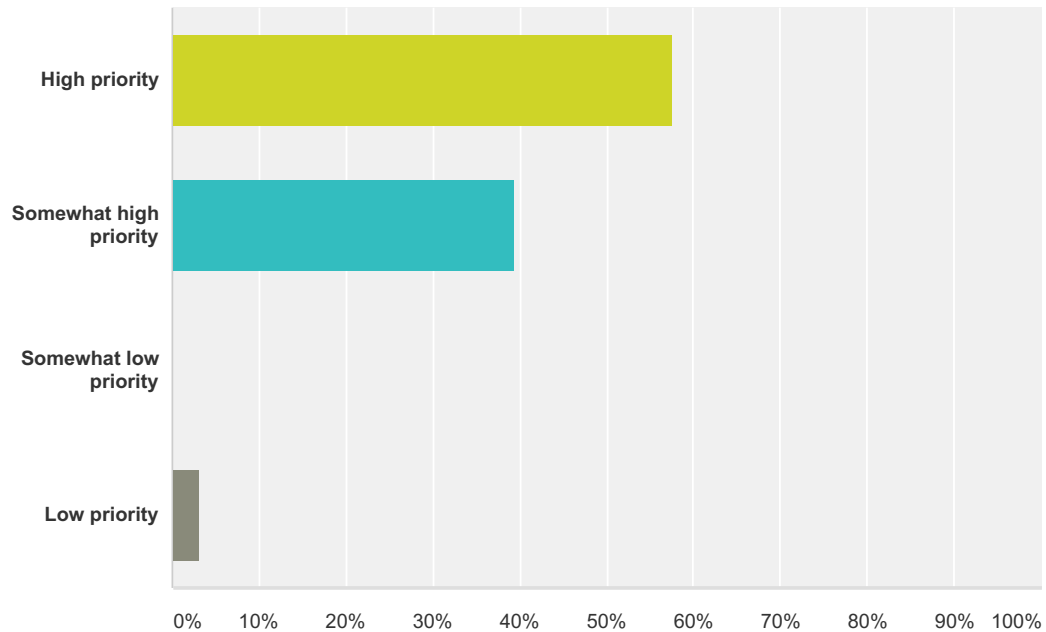
Answer Choices	Responses
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Facilities are not well maintained	12.12%	4
Program or facility not offered	24.24%	8
Facilities do not have the right equipment	18.18%	6
Security is insufficient	12.12%	4
Quality of programs is poor	3.03%	1
Too far from residence	9.09%	3
Fees are too high	3.03%	1
Program times not convenient	3.03%	1
Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations	18.18%	6
Poor customer service by staff	0.00%	0
I do not know the location of parks and facilities	6.06%	2
Availability of parking	3.03%	1
Registration for programs is difficult	0.00%	0
Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access	0.00%	0
None / no opinion	54.55%	18
Total Respondents: 33		

Q8 How high of a priority should Village officials place on maintaining existing parks and recreation facilities?

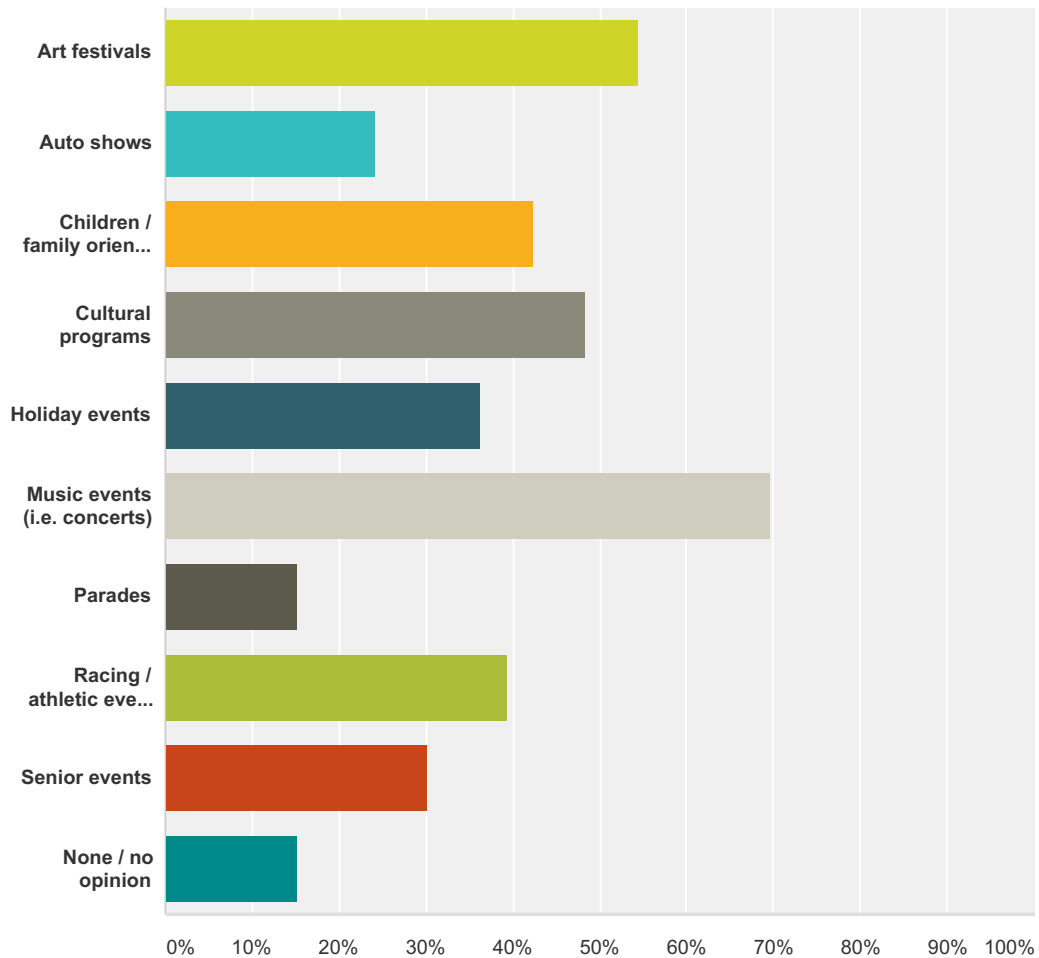
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Answer Choices	Responses	
High priority	57.58%	19
Somewhat high priority	39.39%	13
Somewhat low priority	0.00%	0
Low priority	3.03%	1
Total		33

Q9 What types of community events / festivals would you like to see more of in the community? Check all that apply.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Art festivals	54.55% 18
Auto shows	24.24% 8
Children / family oriented events	42.42% 14
Cultural programs	48.48% 16
Holiday events	36.36% 12
Music events (i.e. concerts)	69.70% 23
Parades	15.15% 5
Racing / athletic events (i.e. runs, bicycle rides)	39.39% 13
Senior events	30.30% 10

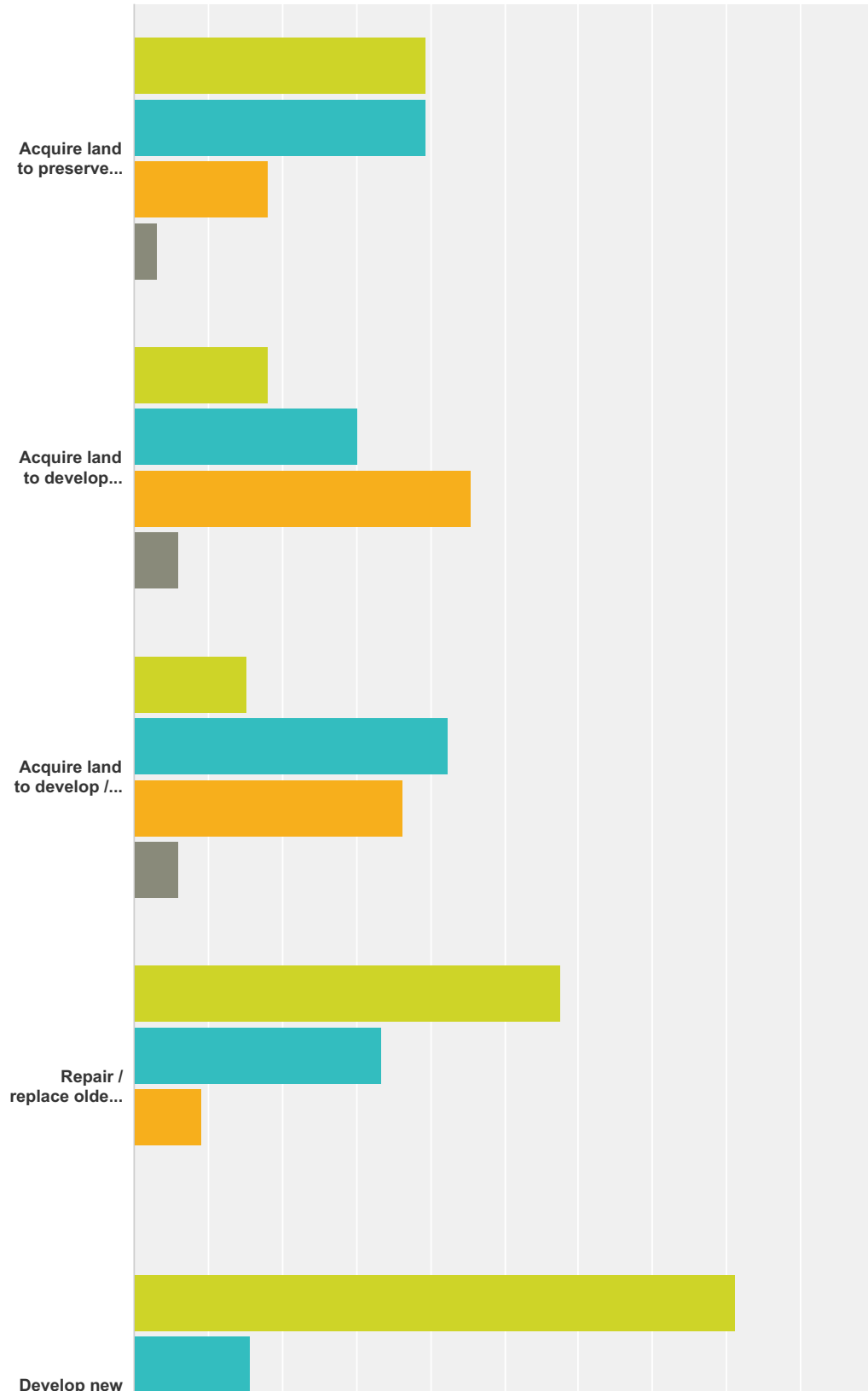
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None / no opinion	15.15%	5
Total Respondents: 33		

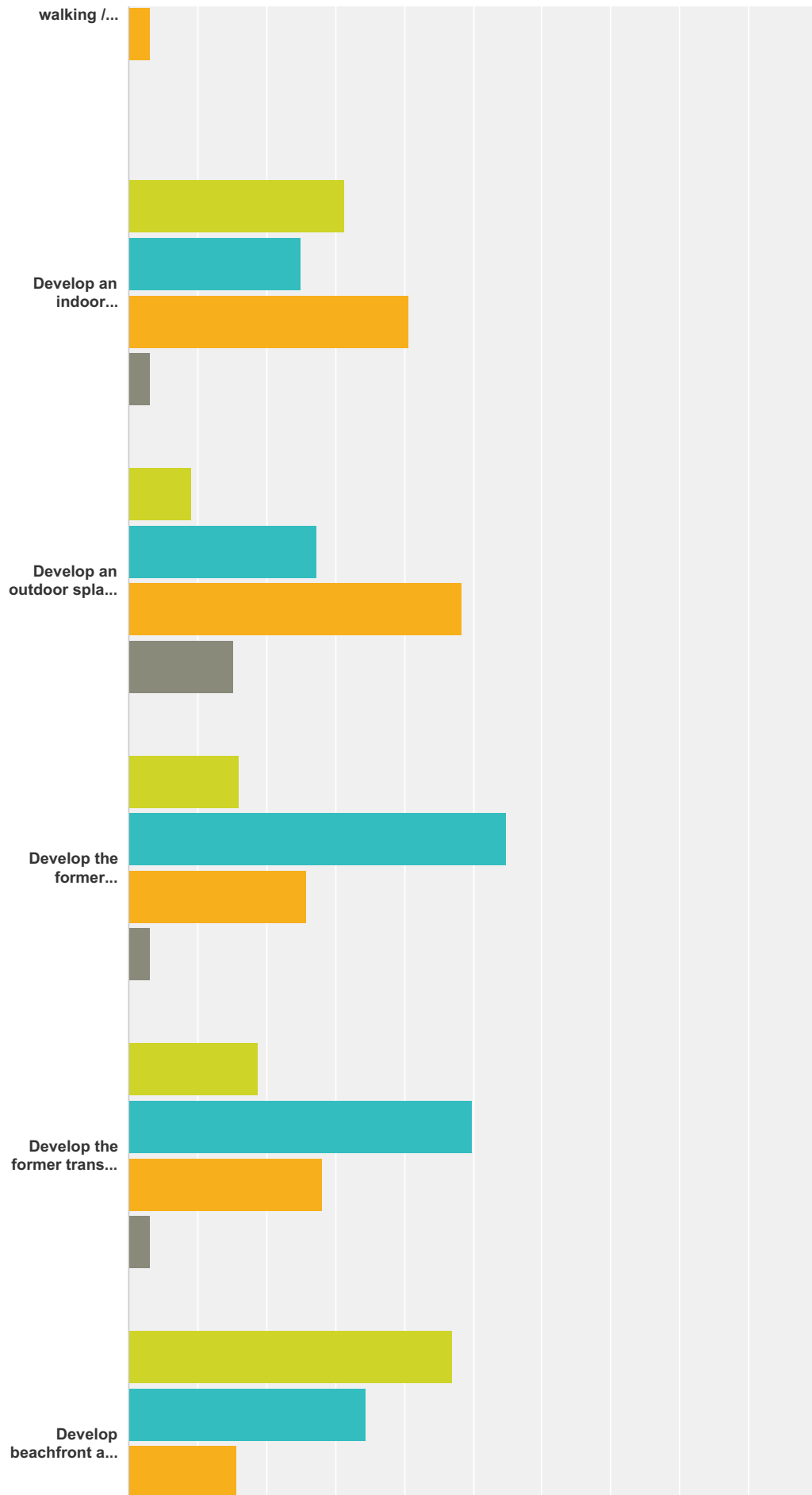
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	kids fishing context, small fitness course	9/23/2014 10:35 AM
2	Happy with variety of events	9/23/2014 10:31 AM
3	Kayaking in Sunset/Goodrech Bartin Lake to Purtage Lake	9/22/2014 5:30 PM
4	teen events	9/10/2014 9:58 AM
5	Continue to support Farmers' Market, an excellent community gathering event.	9/5/2014 11:14 AM
6	We do pretty well. Would be nice to have at least 1 event per month going on somewhere in the village.	9/4/2014 11:13 AM
7	food festivals	9/2/2014 6:50 PM

Q10 What would you like to see the Village of Vicksburg do to improve its parks and recreation system?

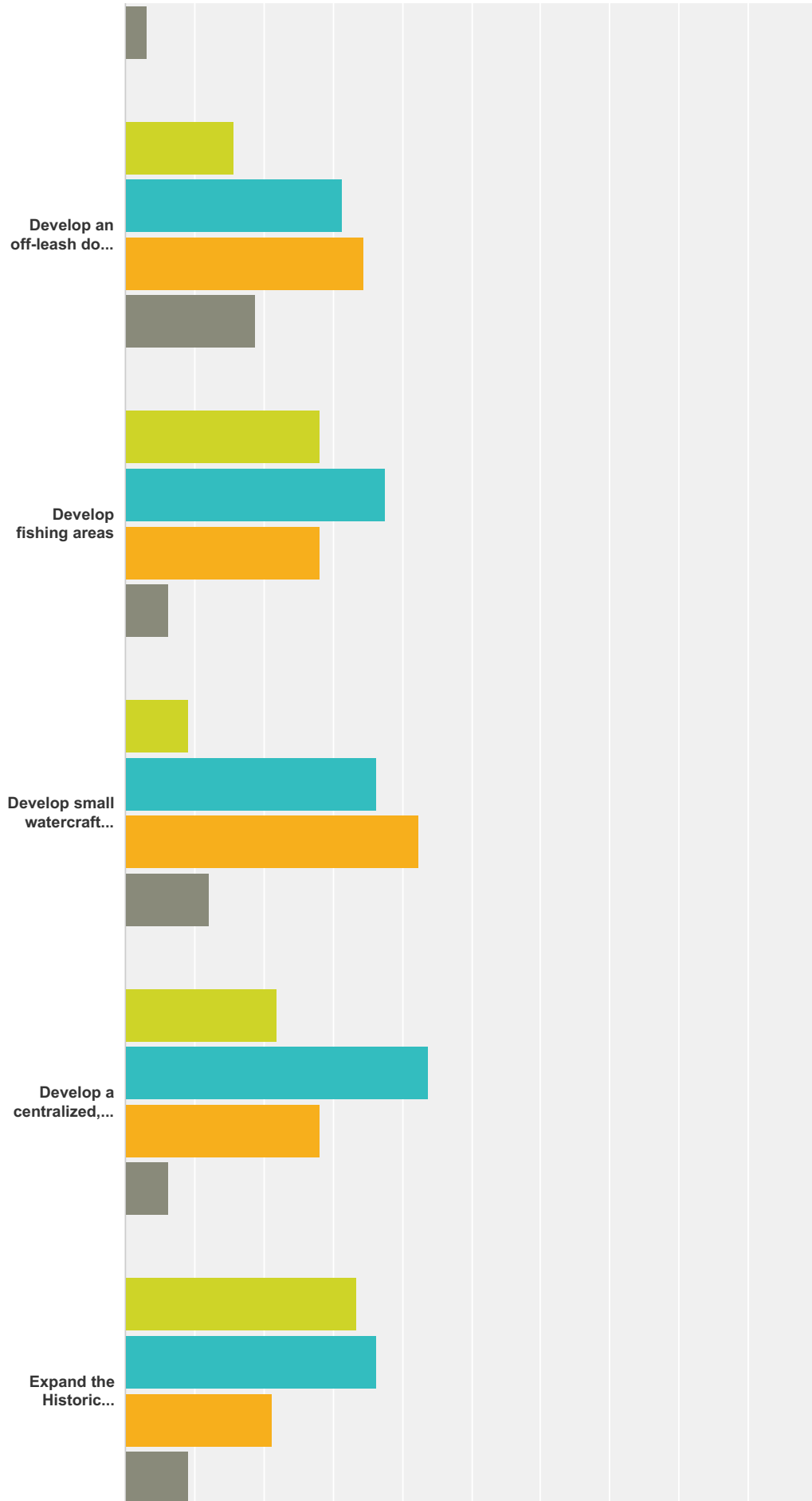
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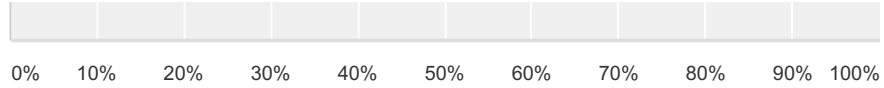
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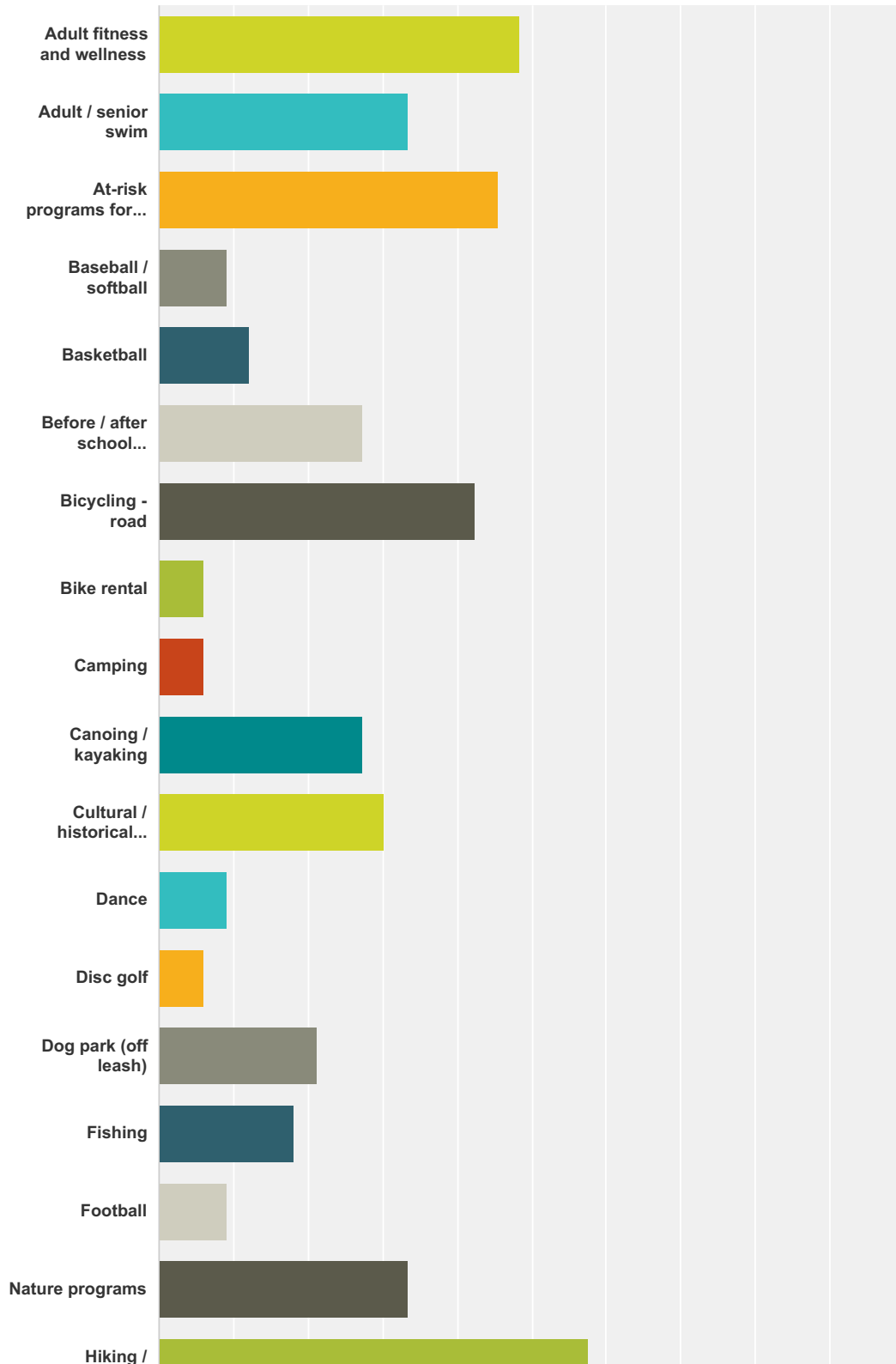


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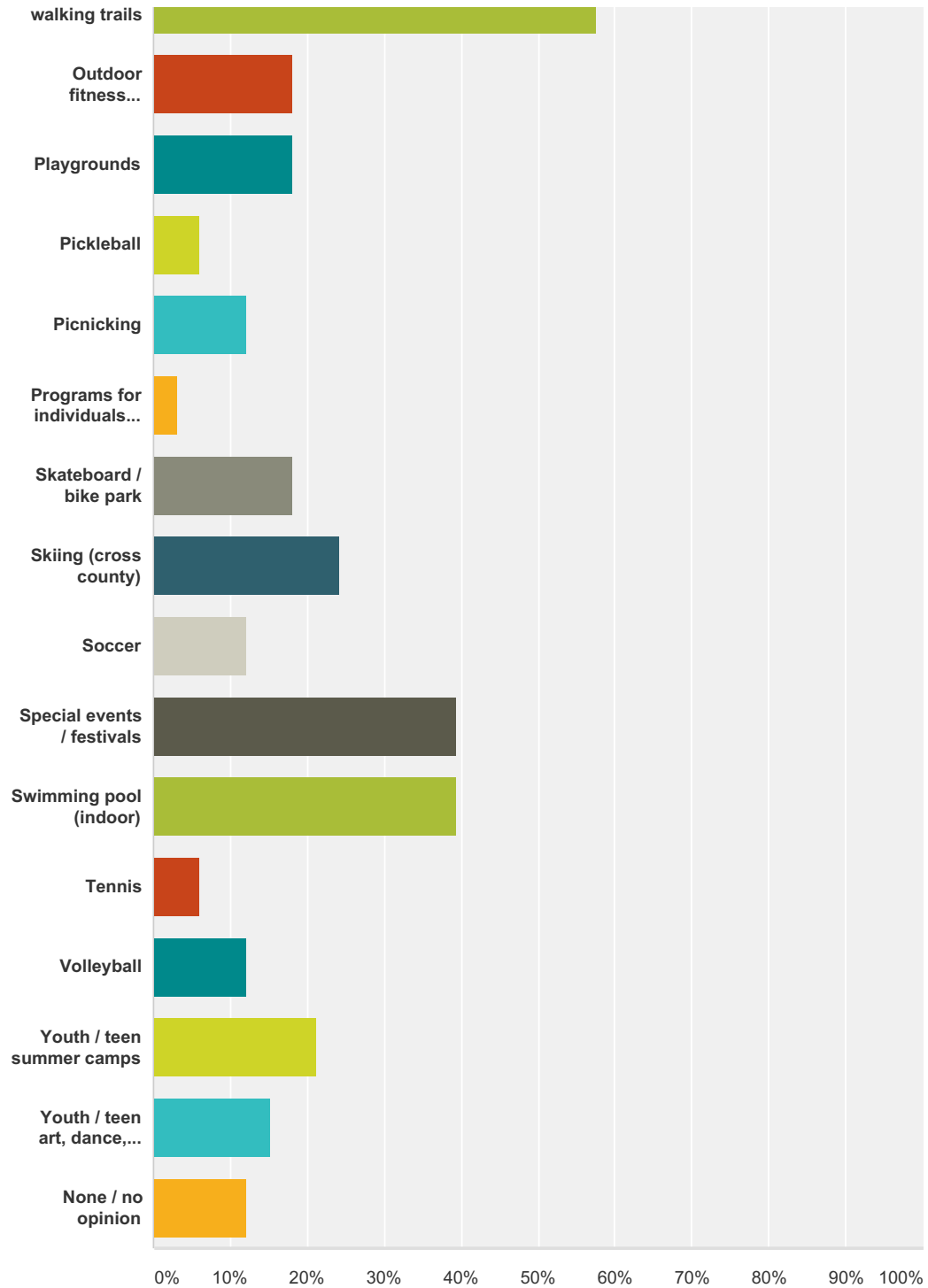
	Definitely	Probably	Probably Not	Definitely Not	Total
Acquire land to preserve open space and protect the environment	39.39% 13	39.39% 13	18.18% 6	3.03% 1	33
Acquire land to develop athletic fields and recreational facilities	18.18% 6	30.30% 10	45.45% 15	6.06% 2	33
Acquire land to develop / expand neighborhood parks	15.15% 5	42.42% 14	36.36% 12	6.06% 2	33
Repair / replace older park facilities and equipment	57.58% 19	33.33% 11	9.09% 3	0.00% 0	33
Develop new walking / biking trails that connect to regional trail systems	81.25% 26	15.63% 5	3.13% 1	0.00% 0	32
Develop an indoor recreation center with fitness equipment, walking track, meeting rooms, etc.	31.25% 10	25.00% 8	40.63% 13	3.13% 1	32
Develop an outdoor splash pad	9.09% 3	27.27% 9	48.48% 16	15.15% 5	33
Develop the former wastewater treatment plant into a park (see map)	16.13% 5	54.84% 17	25.81% 8	3.23% 1	31
Develop the former transfer station into a park (see map)	18.75% 6	50.00% 16	28.13% 9	3.13% 1	32
Develop beachfront and waterfront access	46.88% 15	34.38% 11	15.63% 5	3.13% 1	32
Develop an off-leash dog park	15.63% 5	31.25% 10	34.38% 11	18.75% 6	32
Develop fishing areas	28.13% 9	37.50% 12	28.13% 9	6.25% 2	32
Develop small watercraft launches	9.09% 3	36.36% 12	42.42% 14	12.12% 4	33
Develop a centralized, outdoor community gathering space	21.88% 7	43.75% 14	28.13% 9	6.25% 2	32
Expand the Historic Village	33.33% 11	36.36% 12	21.21% 7	9.09% 3	33

Q11 Please identify which of the following activities, programs, or facilities need NEW or ENHANCED opportunities. Check all that apply.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



Vicksburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey



Answer Choices	Responses	
Adult fitness and wellness	48.48%	16
Adult / senior swim	33.33%	11
At-risk programs for youth	45.45%	15
Baseball / softball	9.09%	3
Basketball	12.12%	4

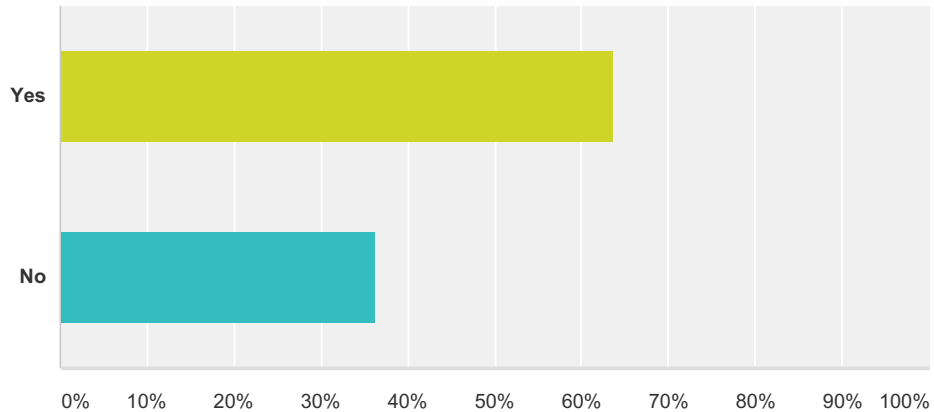
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Before / after school activities	27.27%	9
Bicycling - road	42.42%	14
Bike rental	6.06%	2
Camping	6.06%	2
Canoing / kayaking	27.27%	9
Cultural / historical programs	30.30%	10
Dance	9.09%	3
Disc golf	6.06%	2
Dog park (off leash)	21.21%	7
Fishing	18.18%	6
Football	9.09%	3
Nature programs	33.33%	11
Hiking / walking trails	57.58%	19
Outdoor fitness equipment	18.18%	6
Playgrounds	18.18%	6
Pickleball	6.06%	2
Picnicking	12.12%	4
Programs for individuals with disabilities	3.03%	1
Skateboard / bike park	18.18%	6
Skiing (cross county)	24.24%	8
Soccer	12.12%	4
Special events / festivals	39.39%	13
Swimming pool (indoor)	39.39%	13
Tennis	6.06%	2
Volleyball	12.12%	4
Youth / teen summer camps	21.21%	7
Youth / teen art, dance, performing arts	15.15%	5
None / no opinion	12.12%	4
Total Respondents: 33		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q12 The Village is seeking additional funding sources for projects, including grants. However, would you be willing to support a millage for one or more of the projects listed above?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	63.64% 21
No	36.36% 12
Total	33

#	If yes, which project?	Date
1	Indoor Pool	9/23/2014 10:31 AM
2	More parks/expansion	9/22/2014 5:30 PM
3	Bicycling, walking trail, adult fitness	9/22/2014 5:24 PM
4	Indoor pool - partner with Bronson Hosp., Mainstream use plus rehab/stroke/arthritis	9/22/2014 5:15 PM
5	Hiking/walking trails connecting to regional trails	9/22/2014 3:38 PM
6	Pool, adult/senior swim, natural trails	9/22/2014 3:26 PM
7	Any checked above	9/22/2014 2:59 PM
8	Historic Village	9/22/2014 2:45 PM
9	indoor pool...hike/bike trails	9/10/2014 9:58 AM
10	All	9/10/2014 9:57 AM
11	Hiking/walking trails	9/9/2014 9:28 AM
12	Indoor swimming/water feature perhaps in conjunction with the High School (we don't have a swim team)	9/5/2014 11:14 AM
13	Pool	9/4/2014 12:54 PM
14	before / after school activities, summer camps	9/3/2014 2:53 PM

Vicksburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

Q13 Thank you for participating in the Vicksburg parks and recreation survey! Please provide any additional comments that you have for the Village of Vicksburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan that are not addressed in the above statements.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 26

#	Responses	Date
1	Veterans' Park has lost its sign so probably no one knows where it is. This is a shame on the DPW and the Village.	9/23/2014 10:31 AM
2	Thanks for asking.	9/22/2014 5:30 PM
3	This disc golf and linear park are jewels for the public, but need there is a need to consult with arborists and master gardeners invasives are killing native plants of taking over the terrier. Also, the guys establishing the disc golf convase have taken down beautiful trees of left junk trees to live.	9/22/2014 5:24 PM
4	Would like to see 4 benches (solid/in ground) at/around beach area so folks don't move picnic tables. Sandy beach	9/22/2014 2:59 PM
5	Recreational opportunities are important factor for consideration of investing in area by businesses and development.	9/22/2014 2:45 PM
6	No outdoor exercise equipment... very little use... looks tacky	9/10/2014 9:58 AM
7	RE Q10: can we do something with Vicksburg Schools for indoor recreation & meetings? RE Q10: we already have an excellent small watercraft launch site in Sunset Lake Park RE Q11: explore construction/acquisition of outdoor fitness stations along walkways; Sunset Lake Park would be an excellent location for a cluster of stations (one stop exercise); Google "park fitness stations" and select "images for park fitness stations" for examples; Bronson might be willing to help defray some costs and local service groups (Lions, Rotary, Bubs 73 Fdn) might be willing to help with construction	9/5/2014 11:14 AM

CERTIFIED EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VICKSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed the proposed Village of Vicksburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Several minor changes were made to the plan. It was agreed that the plan be formally approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee via a motion.

Sue Moore moved to accept the Parks and Recreation Plan as amended; Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT, the above is a true extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Village of Vicksburg Parks and Recreation Committee; held on the date and at the time as stated above at which a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2015.

Signature: Tracy L. Locey

Full Name of Signatory: Tracy L. Locey, Village of Vicksburg Clerk



VILLAGE OF VICKSBURG
PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 11-19-2014-1
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
2015-2019 VILLAGE OF VICKSBURG
PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to guidelines prepared by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Village of Vicksburg has developed a 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed with citizen input through survey and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee and Planning Commission complied with the Open Meetings Act as required; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides guidance for existing and future conditions of parks and recreational facilities and programs for the Village of Vicksburg residents and visitors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the Village of Vicksburg:

1. The Planning Commission accepts the Parks and Recreation Plan as drafted;
2. The Planning Commission supports the Village Council adopting the plan as drafted.

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Planning Commission of the Village of Vicksburg at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2014, by a roll call vote:

MOTION: Tichvon

SUPPORT: Newman

AYES: Durkee, Keller, Newman, Schimp, Tichvon

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Hardy, Frisbee

Michael Tichvon, Secretary

**VILLAGE OF VICKSBURG
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
ADOPTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
RESOLUTION 12-15-14-1**

At a regular meeting of the Village of Vicksburg Village Council, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, held on December 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

PRESENT: Bailey, Becker, Earl, Merrill, Newman, Smith, and President Adams.

ABSENT: None.

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered by Newman and supported by Smith:

WHEREAS, the Village of Vicksburg has undertaken a planning process to determine the parks and recreation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2015 through 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vicksburg began the process of developing a community parks and recreation 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 the Village of Vicksburg were provided with well-advertised opportunities during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the parks and recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft of the plan for a period of at least two weeks; and

WHEREAS, a final comment session was held on December 15, 2014 at the Vicksburg District Library to provide an opportunity for all residents to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the parks and recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vicksburg has developed the plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for all of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting the Vicksburg Village Council voted to adopt said Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vicksburg Village Council hereby adopts the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

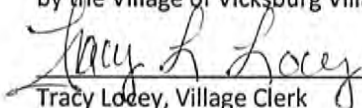
AYES: Bailey, Becker, Earl, Merrill, Newman, Smith, and President Adams.


NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Tracy Locey, Village Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Vicksburg Village Council at a regular meeting held on December 15, 2014.


Tracy Locey, Village Clerk


Date



STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Kalamazoo

ss. Deja Moberson

Being duly sworn deposes and say he/she is Principal Clerk of



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November 4 A.D. 20 14

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of November 20 14

Marietta Foley

MARIETTA FOLEY
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires: December 23, 2016

**THE VILLAGE OF VICKSBURG,
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
HAS SCHEDULED A 30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

30 Day Public Review Period:
Friday, November 7, 2014 – Monday, December 15, 2014

Public Hearings:
Monday, December 15, 2014
7:00 PM

Vicksburg District Library
215 S. Michigan Avenue
Vicksburg, MI 49097

Notice is given to any and all interested parties that the draft 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Village of Vicksburg, Kalamazoo County, MI will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Vicksburg Village Hall Offices located at 126 N. Kalamazoo Avenue, Vicksburg, MI during regular business hours. A second copy will also be available for review and comment at the Vicksburg District Library, located at 215 S. Michigan Avenue, Vicksburg, MI during regular business hours.

Notice is also given that the Vicksburg Village Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 15, 2014** at the Vicksburg District Library, located at 215 S. Michigan Avenue, Vicksburg, MI, to hear comments on the 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, at **7:00 PM**.

The Village of Vicksburg is preparing a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the potential acquisition or development of parks, trails or recreation programs over the next five (5) years.

All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing to the Vicksburg Village Hall Offices, 126 N. Kalamazoo Avenue, Vicksburg, MI 49097 during regular business hours. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Village at (269) 649-1919, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Public Hearing, if requesting accommodations.

Please contact the Vicksburg Village Offices at (269) 649-1919 with questions or comments.

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January 20, 2015

South Central Michigan Planning Council
PO Box 2137
Portage, Michigan 49081-2137

Subject: Village of Vicksburg 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

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If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Laura Haw, McKenna Associates
Planning Consultant
On behalf of the Village of Vicksburg

Enclosure

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**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

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GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Village of Vicksburg

PROJECT BF89-134 **PROJECT TYPE:** _____

PROJECT TITLE: Sunset Lake Park Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Allow handicap access picnic area, fishing, restrooms & improve beach.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Village of Vicksburg	Ken Schippers	Village Manager
Address	Telephone	
126 N Kalamazoo Ave	269-649-1919	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Vicksburg, MI 49097	kschippers@vicksburgmi.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Weekly

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

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POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ken Schippeers
Please print

Ken Schippeers
Grantee Authorized Signature

9-24-14
Date

Stella Shearer
Please print

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Witness Signature

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GRANTEE: Village of Vicksburg

PROJECT BTF94-155 **PROJECT TYPE:** _____

PROJECT TITLE: Vicksburg Recreational Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Purchase 88 acres for future development of a recreation facility.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
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GRANTEE: Village of Vicksburg

PROJECT TF96-155 **PROJECT TYPE:** _____

PROJECT TITLE: Vicksburg Recreation Area

PROJECT SCOPE: Paved entrance; gravel parking/asphalt walk; restroom/concession bldg.

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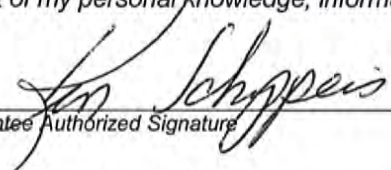
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ken Schippers


Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

11-10-14
Date

Stella Shearer

Please print


Witness Signature

11-10-2014
Date

Send completed report to:

POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925

**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this
information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

Village of Vicksburg 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

Village of Vicksburg

Kalamazoo

December 2014

Vicksburg Community Schools

Kalamazoo

December 2014

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart

Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation

☒ Programming☒ Current Funding Sources☒ Role of Volunteers☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**

Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of

☐ Participating Communities☐ Articles of Incorporation☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)☒ Accessibility Assessment☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities☒ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment *enclosed*

Date of the Notice _____

Type of Notice _____

Plan Location _____

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) *30 + days = Nov. 4, 2014 - Dec. 15, 2014*

☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies) *enclosed*

Date of Notice _____

Name of Newspaper _____

Date of Meeting _____

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: *December 15, 2014*

☒ 2. Official resolution of the *Planning Commission* Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: *Nov. 19, 2014*

☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: *Jan. 20, 2015*

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: *Jan. 20, 2015*

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

the Village of Vicksburg
(Local Unit of Government)
above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

[Signature]
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

12-16-14
Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

Date

By:

Grants Management

Date