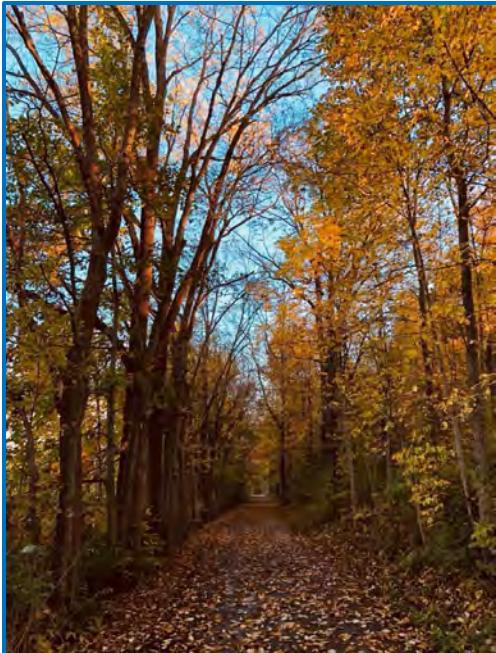


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2019 – 2023



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Introduction

Recreation and open space are important to the residents of Montrose Township. Recognizing this concern, community officials have led an effort to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan aimed at improving and developing recreational resources in the Montrose area. This plan covers all aspects of recreation for Montrose Charter Township.

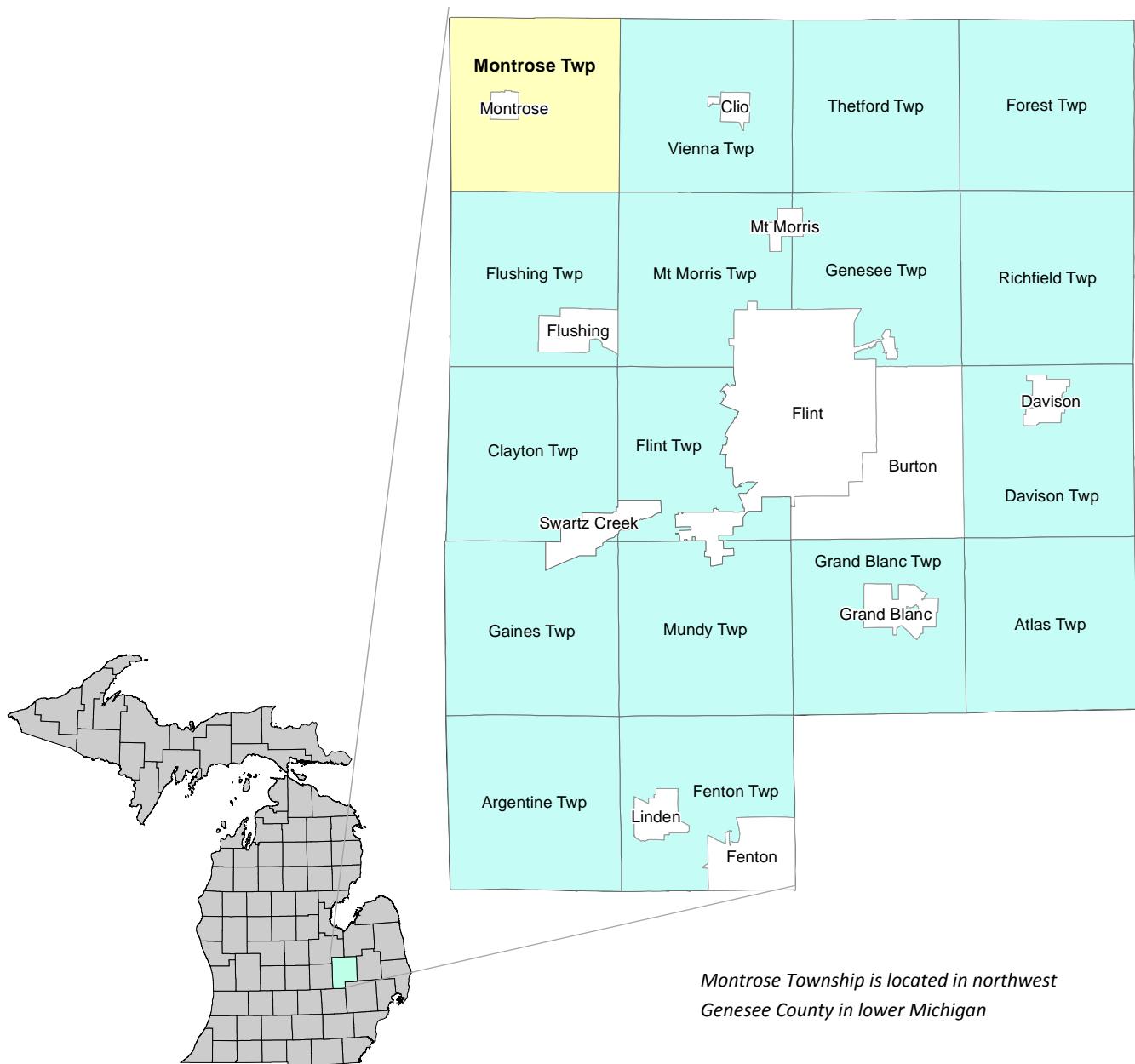
In accordance with the State recommended five-year cycle for recreation planning, this updated plan covers the five-year period 2019-2023. The content and process follow requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a community recreation plan.

This document is intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreation opportunities, services and implementation. Population shifts, new development and changing attitudes towards leisure have added additional pressures to the community's existing parks and recreation system, thus increasing the need for both short and long-range planning. Recommendations such as land acquisition, and facility expansions and construction, and even the design of a neighborhood park improvement, will require additional study or involvement of residents in order to address the site-specific details. This plan lays the foundation upon which these activities can build.

Implementation strategies are identified over the next five years, at which time the plan will again be updated. The delineation of these improvements will aid Montrose Township in grant solicitation from the DNR and long-range capital improvement budgeting. Additionally, during the next five years, it is important for the community to reference the plan and make appropriate priority adjustments as conditions change and funding opportunities arise.

Community Description

Montrose Township is located in the northwest corner of Genesee County. Montrose Township is a rural community that is a typical 6-mile square Michigan Township. The City of Montrose is located within Montrose Township. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the population of Montrose Township was 6,224. The American Community Survey 5-Year Population Estimate for 2016 is 6,020. The population of the City of Montrose was 1,657 in 2010. It was estimated at 1,626 in 2016.



Montrose Township serves as a bedroom community for residents who work in major urban centers such as Flint and surrounding Genesee and Saginaw County communities.

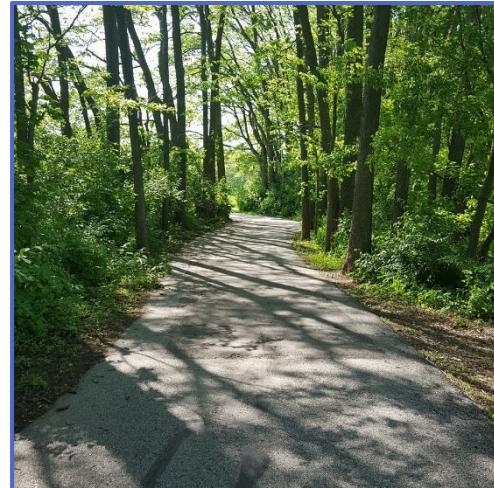
Selected census data for Montrose Township, the City of Montrose, Genesee County and Michigan are shown in Figure 1. As with many Michigan Townships, the median age is higher than the nearby cities and it is higher than that of Michigan. An older population has different needs in terms of recreation facilities and programming. Accessibility is also more important as mobility issues become more prevalent in an older population.

Figure 1
SELECTED CENSUS DATA for COMPARISON

	Montrose Township	City of Montrose	Genesee County	Michigan
Median Age	43.0	40.5	39.9	39.5
Population 65+	15.9%	16.1%	15.6%	15.4%
Population under 18	22.5%	27.4%	23.5%	22.5%
Owner Occupied Homes	92.3%	64.8%	60.3%	73.0%
Average Household Size	2.78	2.51	2.45	2.51
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	11.0%	13.5%	19.9%	27.4%
Median Household Income	\$48,966	\$36,176	\$43,346	\$50,803
Per Capita Income	\$21,835	\$17,209	\$23,755	\$27,549
Disabled	15.8%	18.7%	16.5%	14.2%
Poverty level	17.9%	18.7%	20.9%	16.3%

Source: American Community Survey 5-year estimates

Administrative Structure



The following describes how recreational activities and resources are governed and administrated within Montrose Township. The function of the Township Board and Township staff have been summarized on the following pages.

Public Act 156 of 1917 (Local Government, Operate System of Public Recreation) authorized cities, villages, counties, townships, and school districts to operate systems of public recreation and playgrounds.

Montrose Township is organized as a Charter Township in the State of Michigan. The Township Board is comprised of a Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk and four trustees. The Montrose Township Board is ultimately responsible for the policy and financial decisions relating to parks and recreation in the Township. A standing Building and Grounds

Committee is comprised of the Township Supervisor and two other board members. They meet monthly as needed to assist with park facility planning in the Township. The day to day operation of the Montrose Township Barber Memorial Park is handled by a Park Manager, who is also the DPW superintendent. Seasonal part-time help is hired to assist with grass mowing and general maintenance.

Outside Relationships/Volunteers/Programs

Montrose Township relies on its relationships with other area recreation providers, such as the City of Montrose, Montrose Public School

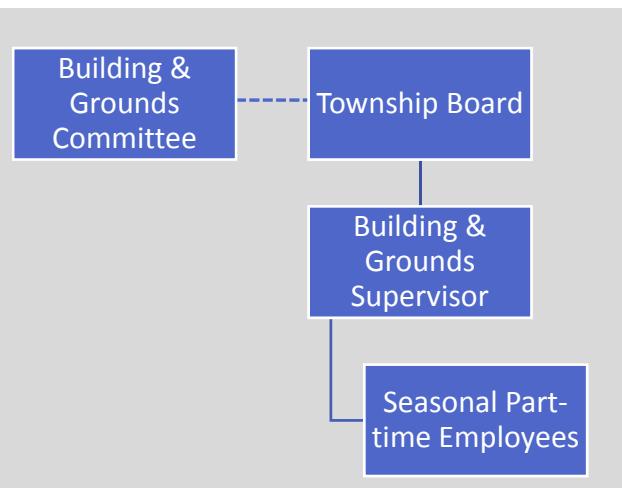


Figure 2 – Organizational chart for Parks and Recreation in Montrose Township.

District, and Genesee County, to provide unique recreational opportunities, as well as educational, arts, civic and recreation programming. Youth recreation programs in Barber Park are provided by groups such as AYSO soccer, volunteer baseball and softball organizations and the local Boy Scouts. The Montrose Patriots and other local businesses sponsor the annual 4th of July fireworks that are viewed in Barber Park. Formal running events such as the Cross Country Color Run are also held in the park. The Veterans Bell Memorial Association recently constructed a memorial pavilion in the park. They are responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. The Knights of Columbus holds an annual free fishing event in the park.

Barber Park is host to the Montrose Township Farmers Market, held the first Thursday of each month from June through October.

Montrose Township also holds various educational and recreational events for seniors at the Montrose Township Senior Center which is located on Alfred Street in Montrose.

Budgets

Sources of funding for parks and recreation in Montrose Township include the Township General fund (franchise fees), donations, pavilion rentals, the Veterans Memorial Association, and the farmers market. A copy of 2017 through 2019 revenue and expenditure data is provided in the Appendix.



Recreation Inventory



Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs, and events is an essential component of a recreation plan. It provides a base of information to use in developing the action program. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to the residents of Montrose Township will assist in the future decision-making process.

This portion of the plan includes several components. Descriptions of the recreation opportunities within the Township include recreation programs, public properties, private recreation opportunities, as well as other county and regional recreation areas. A barrier-free compliance status inventory was conducted for the various Township-owned and operated recreation facilities. This section of the Master Plan also includes a description of the facilities that were partially or completely acquired and/or developed using State recreation grant funding.

Barber Township Recreation Facilities

The Montrose Township Parks recreation inventory from the 2014 Montrose Township Recreation Plan was reviewed and updated with new features. The park system includes one park and one multi-use trail. A general park location map is provided on page 12.

BARBER MEMORIAL PARK

Montrose Township Barber Memorial Park is located along the Flint River, east of Seymour Road and south of Vienna Road. Access to the park is provided from Seymour Road. The park is comprised of two parcels. The west parcel is the original park and is approximately 33 acres in size. It contains all of the developed park amenities. The Township recently acquired another parcel directly across the Flint River. The second parcel is approximately 13 acres and it is not yet developed. As shown in the Recreation Inventory Map, the park is centrally located within Montrose Township, not far outside of the City of

Montrose limits. Given this location, the service area for this Community Park is Montrose Township as well as the City of Montrose.



Figure 3 – Aerial Imagery of Barber Memorial Park. Image Courtesy of Google Earth.

At present, the following recreational facilities are found at the park:

- Playscape
- Ball field
- Soccer fields (2 large, 2 small)
- Sledding hill
- Floating docks (2)
- Fishing deck
- Boat launch and skid pier
- Pavilions (2)

- Restroom building
- Walking trails/multi-use paths
- Picnic tables/grills
- Veterans bell memorial

The development of Barber Park was aided through two Department of Natural Resources grants. The first grant was secured in 2000 (CM00-352) and enabled the construction of the park's first facilities. A second grant was secured in 2009 (TF09-025) which facilitated the construction of two floating docks, a boat launch, restroom building, water and electric service, playground, path extensions and interpretive signage. All improvements are still in good condition and being used.

MULTI-USE TRAIL

The Multi-Use trail is a new addition to the Montrose Township Park system. The trail begins at Barber Memorial Park and extends north along Seymour Road. One spur of the trail extends westward along Vienna Road and connects to the City of Montrose sidewalk system. Another spur of the trail extends along Allen Drive and connects to the Montrose Public School facilities. The service area for the trail is Montrose Township and the City of Montrose.

OTHER TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

The new township governmental complex comprised of the Township Hall, police, and fire station, is located on a 10-acre parcel that is adjacent to Barber Park on Seymour Road. The Township is considering adding recreational features to this parcel.

Montrose Township operates the Montrose Community/Senior Center that is located in the City of Montrose. The building is owned by Montrose Township. The building is used for senior functions, various community meetings, and private rentals.

Other Local Recreational Facilities

Much of the active recreational space in the Montrose area is provided by the Montrose Community Schools. Their indoor facilities include gymnasiums and an auditorium. Outdoor facilities include a football field and track, a baseball field, tennis courts, multi-use ball diamonds, and soccer fields. The school district provides after school and weekend recreational programs such as karate and basketball. School properties are identified on the Park Location Map.

There are two small parks located in the City of Montrose, Lions Park and Blueberry Park. They offer picnic pavilions and playground equipment. The City also operates the restored Historic Depot. The city parks are depicted on the Park Location Map. Briar Ridge Golf and Country Club, a privately-owned facility, is located in Montrose Township approximately 2 miles south of the City on Dodge Road near Nichols.

County Recreation

Genesee County owns and operates over 20 County Parks. They offer a wide variety of recreational and cultural activities including camping, historical railroad, fishing, equestrian facilities, and beaches. The closest county park to Montrose Township is the Flushing County Park. Many of the other parks are located north and east of Flint along the Flint River.

Flint River Water Trail

The Flint River Water Trail was established by the Flint River Watershed Coalition in the early 2000s. It is a 73-mile trail that runs from the north and south branches of the Flint River in Lapeer County, traverses across Genesee County, and ends at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Saginaw County. Twenty-nine canoe access sites are identified on the trail, with Barber Memorial Park as one of the northern access points. The goals of the Flint River Water Trail are:

- Promote and improve river access sites and user experiences.
- Inform and educate the public on topics related to river health and safety.
- Support local and regional efforts to increase water-based recreation and tourism.
- Enhance partnerships among water trail landowners.
- Preserve and protect river resources for future generations.
- Increase connections between communities, public lands, and land trails.
- Secure long-term sustainability for the water trail.
- Showcase positive features of the Flint River.

A map of the Flint River Water trail is included in the Appendix.

ACCESSIBILITY

An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of Montrose Township parks was conducted during the fall of 2013 and it was reviewed and updated in 2018. The original assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regard to parking, access, and circulation in relation to the park facilities. In 2018, aerial photography was used to review the parks and update the accessibility score, if needed.

The accessibility score for Barber Park is 4. The entire park is accessible and most of the improvements in the park were constructed using the principles of universal design. The accessibility score for the Multi-Use Trail is 5 as the entire trail was developed using the principals of universal design.

MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

The most significant natural resources in Montrose Township are the Flint River and the large woodland tracts. The Flint River drains 1,332 square miles in Lapeer, Genesee, Shiawassee, Saginaw, Oakland, Tuscola, and Sanilac counties. The river forms in Lapeer County near Columbiaville where the river's South Branch and North Branch come together. The river flows in a southwesterly direction past Flint before turning northward near Flushing. It empties into the Shiawassee River in the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge near Saginaw. The Flint River divides Montrose Township in half flowing from south to north across the Township. The River has many scenic views and is a popular spot for fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. The only roadway in the Township that crosses the river is M-57 just east of Montrose. Woodlands are scattered all across the township.

Most of the large concentrations of wooded areas are located south of M-57. Another large wooded area is in the very northwest corner of the Township. These may be worthy of public preservation, especially if there is concern that they may be lost due to development or agricultural use.

Figure 4 on the following page provides an aerial image of the Township that shows the large woodland tracts and the Flint River.

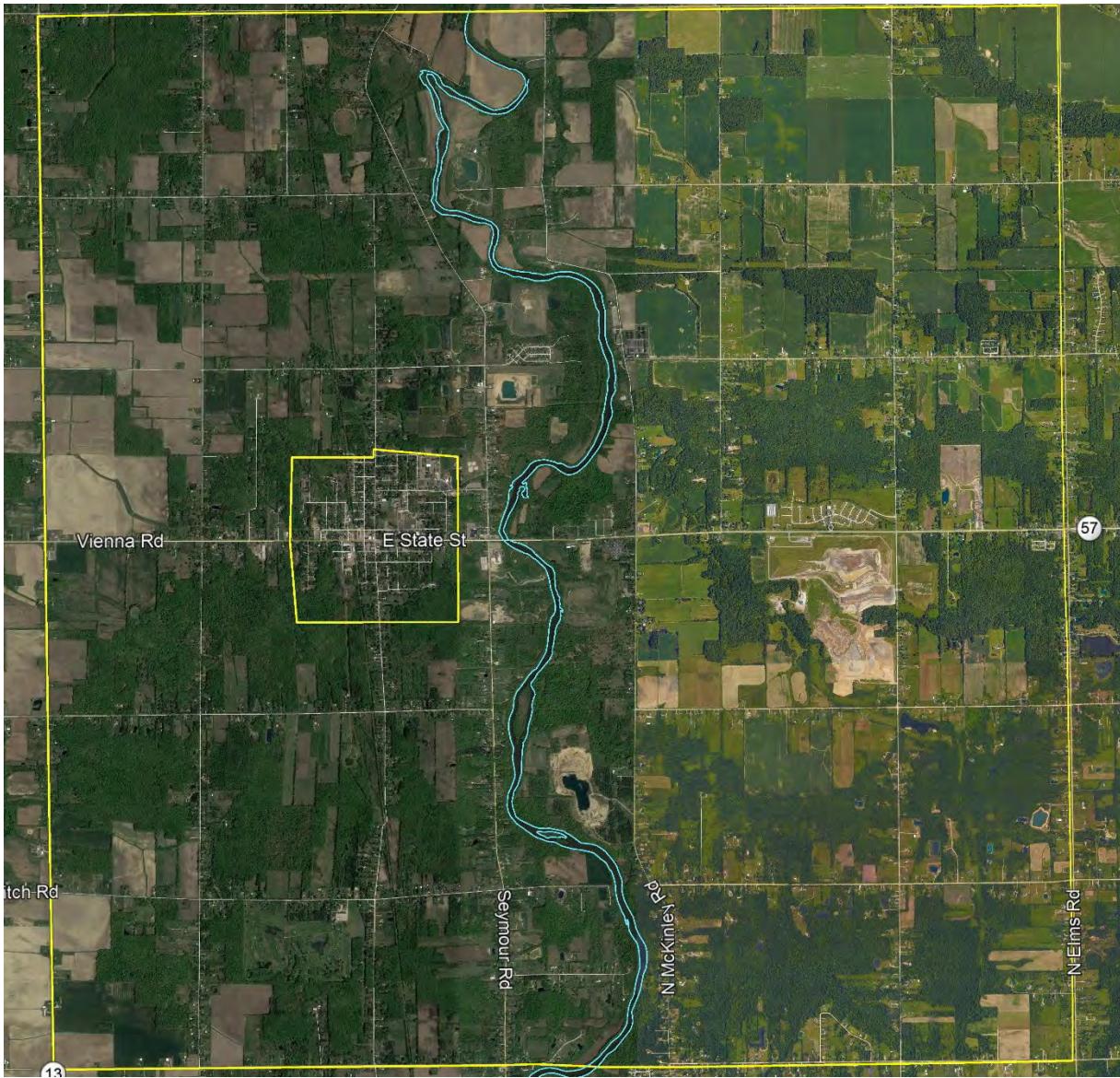
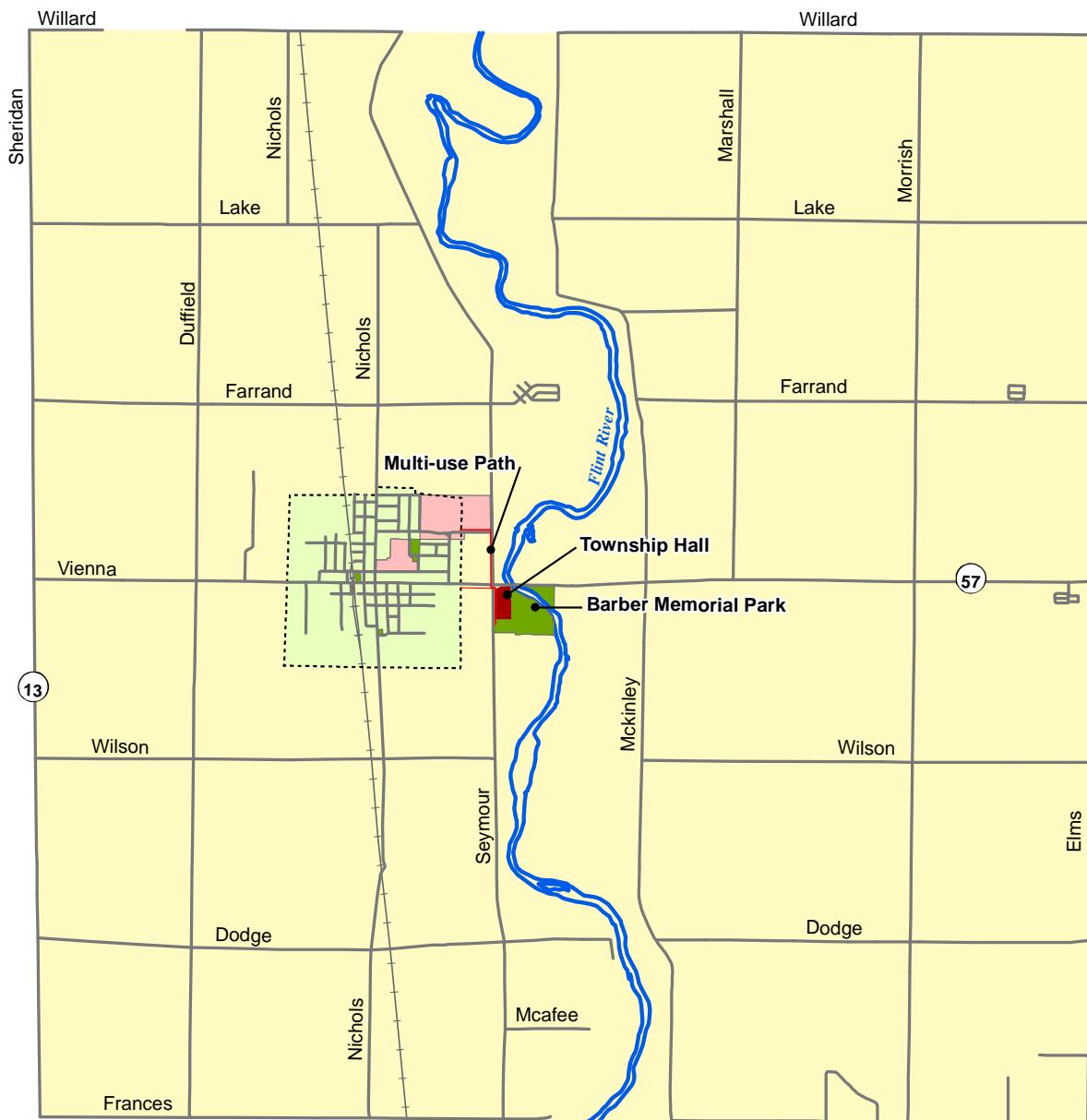


Figure 4 –Aerial Imagery shows the large woodland tracts in Montrose Township. The Flint River is outlined as it bisects the Township. Image Courtesy of Google Earth.

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

Montrose Township has approximately 46 acres of park land for its 6,020 citizens. General industry standards would suggest 5 - 10 acres of park land per 1,000 citizens, or approximately 30 - 60 acres of park land for Montrose Township. This would imply that Montrose Township has the adequate quantity of park land for its citizens. It should be noted that all of the park land is located in one regional large park. In more concentrated urban settings, it is suggested that mini parks and neighborhood parks be provided across the locale. However, a regional park is probably the best option for Montrose Township because its citizenry is scattered across the Township, making smaller neighborhood parks a less practical option.



Montrose Township Park Location Map

Montrose Public Parks School



Figure 5 – Barber Memorial Park is located in central Montrose Township.

Grant History

Montrose Township has received three grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. They are described below.

CM00-352, Community Park Development, 2000, \$449,625

Development of a new park along the Flint River to include barrier-free trails, fishing, pier/canoe launch, entry drive, parking area, soccer fields, pavilion and play structure.

TF09-025, Barber Memorial Park Improvements, 2009, \$348,500

Development to include shore fishing/viewing platforms, boat launch, restroom building, water and electrical service, playground, path extensions and interpretive signs. All will be universally accessible.

TF14-0182, Montrose Township Property Acquisition, 2014, \$103,400

Acquisition of 19.25 acres located on the south side of Vienna Road, east of the Flint River, to expand Barber Park.

All of the improvements are still operating and functional. The acquired property is open to the public. Post completion reports were submitted to the DNR with this Plan.

Community Input



As part of the Montrose Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires at least two opportunities for public participation. The first takes place before or during the preparation of the plan (i.e. community workshop, survey, questionnaire, citizen luncheon) and the second occurs as an advertised public meeting at which the plan is presented for adoption. Montrose Township met the DNR requirements by providing two opportunities for public input, as well as the required 30-day period for review and comment on the draft plan. The first community input method was an online survey and the second was the advertised public meeting that was held on January 15, 2019.

Community Input Survey

The online survey was available from October 28, 2018 through November 13, 2018. The survey was publicized via a Facebook advertisement, e-mail blasts, flyers, postcards, and on the Township website. The survey received 300 responses. A brief summary of some key results is given in the following paragraphs. The survey flyer and complete survey results are located in the Appendix.

About the Respondents

Approximately two-thirds of the respondents were from Montrose Township. Another 23% were from the City of Montrose. The largest proportion of respondents (42%) was between the ages of 35 – 49. Another 27% were between 50 and 64. The respondents were quite familiar with Barber Memorial Park. More than 70% indicated that they had visited the park several times per year.

Evaluating Barber Memorial Park

Respondents were asked to evaluate three aspects of Barber Memorial Park: maintenance and upkeep, safety and security, and handicap accessibility. A strong majority of respondents rated each of the aspects as good. Nearly 90% rated maintenance and upkeep as good. See Figure 6.

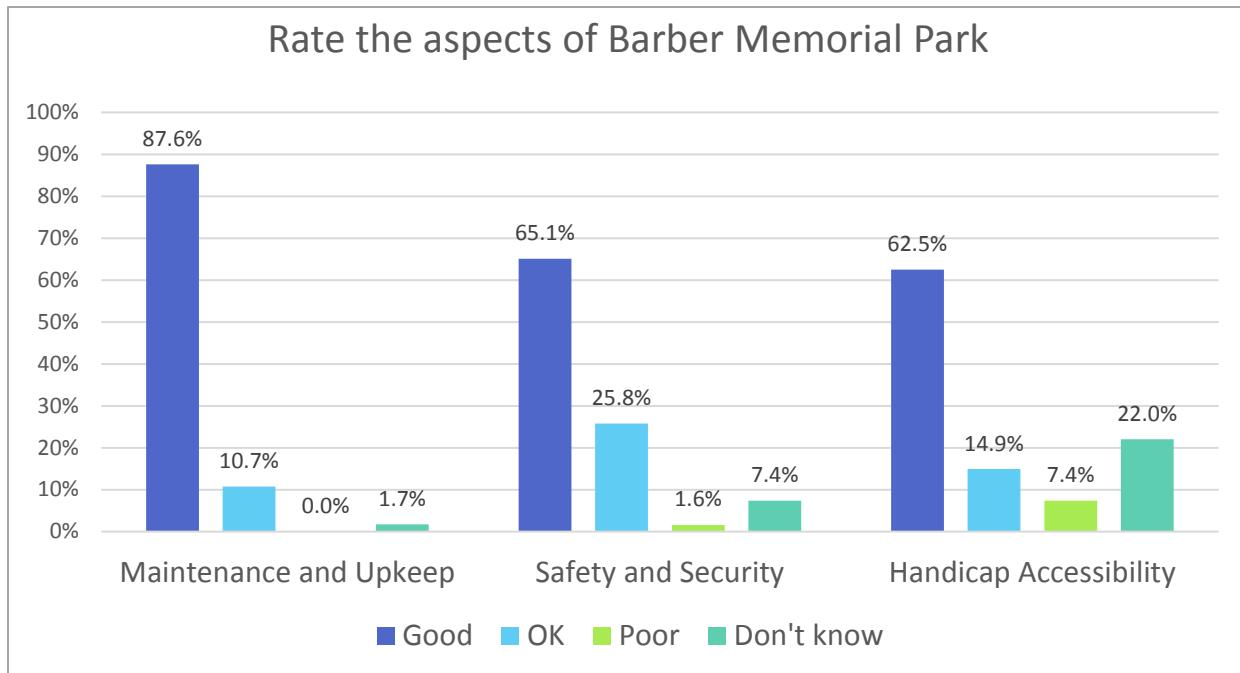


Figure 6 – Survey respondents were generally pleased with three aspects of Barber Memorial Park.

Additional Facilities Needed at Barber Memorial Park

Respondents were offered 18 potential improvements that could be added to Barber Memorial Park and they were asked to indicate which ones they would like to see added to the park. The three most popular responses were:

1. A pedestrian bridge across the Flint River to the vacant park land that the Township recently acquired
2. Concerts in the park
3. Pavilion/Warming area near the Veterans Memorial and sledding hill

Twenty-one respondents offered other write-in answers that can be seen in the Appendix.

See Figure 7 for a chart depicting all responses.

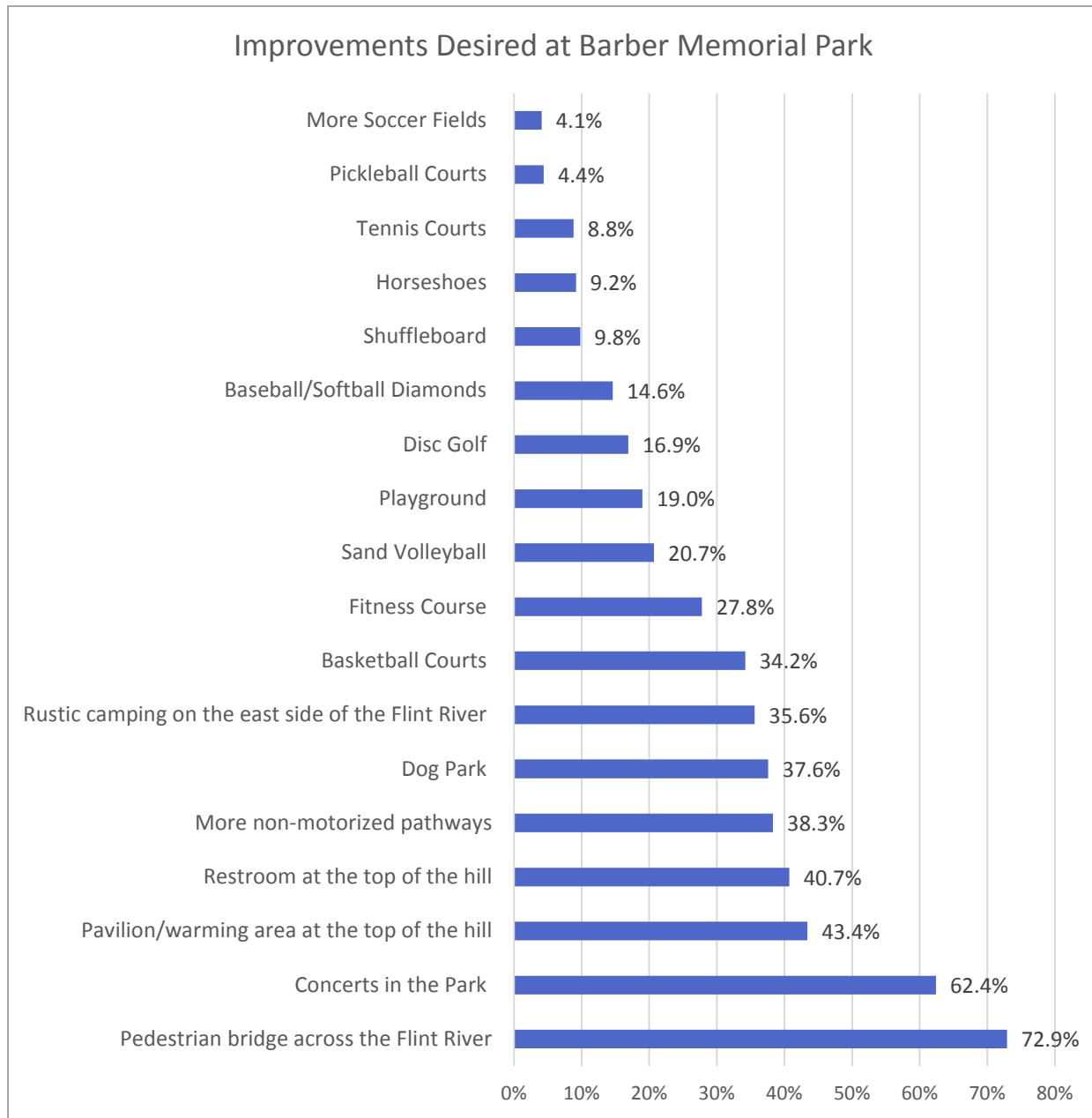


Figure 7 – Survey respondents would like to see pedestrian bridge access across the Flint River.

Open Ended Responses

The park questions concluded with two queries that provided opportunity for open ended responses.

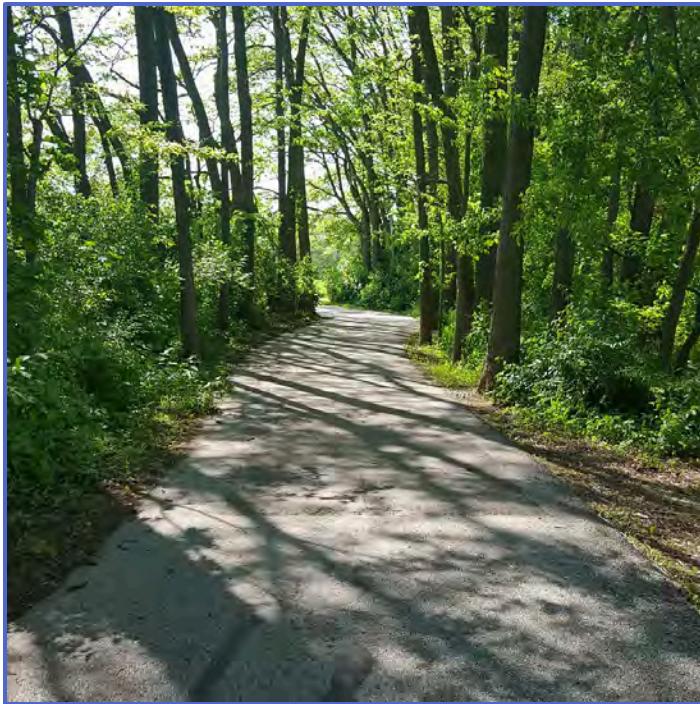
The first question asked respondents what they liked most about parks and recreation in Montrose Township. Two hundred nineteen respondents offered opinions. Common responses included:

- Location, close to home

- Safety and security
- Well maintained, clean
- Trails, walking path
- Close to nature
- River access

The second open-ended question asked respondents what one thing they would do to improve parks and recreation in Montrose Township. One hundred eighty-three respondents offered a wide variety of opinions. Some of the more popular responses were:

- More paths or trails
- More parking
- More events or things to do
- Basketball courts





Goals and Objectives

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of a parks and recreation department is, obviously, to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves and for tourists. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served and the physical and environmental characteristics of the area.

Goals are the broadest level. They are overreaching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. The Action Program is the last level and the most specific. It identifies specific projects. The action plan can also include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions.

In 2008, Montrose Township first formulated goals and objectives for parks and recreation based upon the input received through the various community engagement methods and the demographic and physical characteristics of the Township. Those goals were reviewed and modified as needed for the 2014 Recreation Plan update. The goals were again reviewed and modified for the 2018 Recreation Plan.

Goal 1

PROVIDE SAFE BROAD COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES THAT IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF MONTROSE TOWNSHIP.

Parks serve as a natural gathering place for community residents and they provide free or inexpensive recreation opportunities. To enrich the quality of life in Montrose Township, it is important for the Township to continue to provide and improve park facilities. Community input is a solid indicator of what residents in the community want in terms of recreational facilities. The Township will continue to plan its improvements based upon the needs expressed in formal and informal input sessions.

Objective – Continue to add amenities to the park facilities in Montrose Township based upon community input.

Objective – Prepare a master plan establishing a vision for future improvements at Barber Memorial Park, and seek to implement the plan over time.

Objective – Where land becomes available and opportunities arise, acquire additional park land to provide expanded recreational opportunities. Be aware of property acquisition opportunities that are adjacent to or near existing parks, may provide natural resource protection, access to water/riverfront, and/or wildlife habitat.

Objective – In conjunction with the school district and other providers, make available high quality and diverse recreation, education and arts programs, including the exploration of an outdoor concert series.

Goal 2

PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

Montrose Township wishes to provide recreational opportunities for all residents, including those with disabilities. This will be especially important as the population in the community continues to age.

Objective – Make sure that all improvements and upgrades to park facilities, where feasible, are ADA accessible.

Goal 3

CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND UPGRADE MONTROSE TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL AND SUPPORT FACILITIES SO AS TO OFFER THE COMMUNITY PARKS THAT IT CAN BE PROUD OF.

Park facilities are among the most visible indicators of a community's identity and pride as well as local tax dollars at work. Barber Memorial Park is a community feature and gathering point that is very evident symbol of what Montrose Township offers its residents. Montrose Township wishes to provide quality facilities that show they are an active community that takes pride in its community facilities. Additional support facilities may need to be added to Barber Park to ensure efficient access to restrooms, parking and amenities. Additionally, the Flint River is the major natural feature in Montrose Township. Barber Park's location on the River provides a great opportunity to take advantage of the recreational and fitness opportunities that the river provides.

Objective – Keep park facilities safe and well maintained.

Objective – Add support facilities so as to improve the ease of use.

Objective – Continue to capitalize on the recreational opportunities provided by the Flint River.

Goal 4

IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND FITNESS OF MONTROSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS.

Because there are limited opportunities for fitness and recreation in the Montrose area, the Township wants to offer facilities that will allow residents to enjoy the benefits of physical fitness. It wishes to continue partnering with various recreation programming groups (AYSO, Little League, etc.) so that active recreation programs are provided for Township residents.

Objective – Evaluate existing facilities and programming in terms of fitness opportunities for the community.

Objective – Investigate programming opportunities that take advantage of existing park facilities.

Objective – Continue to evaluate opportunities for additional paths and trails in Montrose Township.

Regional Planning Efforts

This plan recognizes the efforts of many groups that continually strive to provide recreational opportunities for the residents of the entire region, including the greater Flint area (Genesee County). The goals and objectives of the plans described below can also help Montrose Township with planning for recreation facilities in Montrose Township.

GENESEE COUNTY REGIONAL TRAIL PLAN (2007)

Of particular interest to this recreation plan are the efforts of the Genesee Regional Trail Council, Genesee County Parks and the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission in developing a regional trail system. Through the effort of these groups, a Genesee County Regional Trail Plan was developed and adopted in 2007. This Plan outlines a vision for an interconnected system of non-motorized trails, bike lanes and sidewalks throughout Genesee County. Specific recommendations for Montrose Township were outlined in the Plan, including the potential development of bike lanes and trails extending through the Township. The City of Montrose/Montrose Township pages from that plan are included in the Appendix.

GENESEE COUNTY FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, 2014-2018

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has an adopted recreation plan which serves as a tool to guide the development and preservation of the Genesee County Parks system in a manner that is consistent with its mission of “quality recreational opportunities for everyone and preservation of natural resources.” The plan focuses primarily on the improvement of the numerous county park facilities; however, it does provide an overall vision and specific goals for resource protection and community connections within the County. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Plan can be found on the Genesee County Parks website at geneseecountyparks.org.

Action Program



The Action Program details the direction that the Township wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of recreation opportunities within the community. This includes a listing of capital improvements necessary to implement the master plan, as well as resources available to implement the plan. Factors considered for this recreation planning program were: 1) expected demand and need for future recreational activities; 2) results of the opinion survey; 3) goals and guidelines of the Township Board; 4) needs identified and observed by staff and the general public; and 5) funding sources and availability.

Potential Capital Improvements for this Parks and Recreation Master Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers, but also to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects. The capital improvements schedule is not a fixed element and is neither all-inclusive or exclusive. The schedule reflects the best determination of Township officials at the time it was made. The schedule and planned improvements may change at some point during the course of the plan due to unanticipated circumstances such as private donations, changing recreation trends, funding alternatives, community opinion and/or available grants. The capital improvements schedule should be considered in close conjunction with the goals and guidelines of this plan.

The following capital improvements table details the anticipated acquisition and development for the years upcoming years. Each project was assigned a priority of 1 through 4 with 1 being most important and 4 being least important.

Financing Potential Improvements

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a range of local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs carefully to meet the specific criteria required. The Appendix contains a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.

Montrose Township Recreation Action Plan			
PROJECT	PRIORITY	RELATES TO GOAL	RATIONALE
Restroom for sledding hill and veterans memorial	1	1, 2, 3	Community input, amenity needed at top of hill.
Pavilion/warming structure near sledding hill/veterans memorial	1	1, 3	Community input, amenity needed at top of hill.
Pedestrian bridge across the Flint River	1	1, 3	Community input, access to undeveloped park parcel.
Basketball/Volleyball Courts	2	1, 3, 4	Community input, lack of basketball courts in the Township.
Rustic Camping on east side of Flint River	2	1, 3	Community input, amenity for those using water trail.
Additional Parking	2	3	Community input, current parking insufficient.
Explore options for concerts and other events at Barber Memorial Park.	2	3	Community input.
Non-motorized pathway connecting Seymour Road and north end of park	3	1, 2, 3, 4	Community input asking for more trails, provide another access point to the park.
Enlarged Playground	3	1, 2, 3, 4	Increased demand.
Fitness Course	3	1, 3, 4	Community input, provide more fitness opportunities.
Dog Park	4	1, 2, 3	Provide off-leash area for dogs. Amenity not currently available in the area.
Shuffleboard	4	1, 2, 3, 4	Additional amenity, particularly for older adults.
Canoe Launch Directional Signs	4	3	Provide information about water trail.

Summary of the Planning Process and Adoption



In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Montrose Township has developed an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. This Plan is the latest effort by the Township to establish and review recreational goals, objectives and action items for the community. The Plan will also provide the Township eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

Montrose Township contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan to assist them with completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Data was collected about Montrose Township, such as demographics, park information and an inventory of existing facilities. This data was collected from a number of resources such as: township staff, review of the previous Montrose Township Recreation Plans, various websites and through field observations.

Community input was taken via an online community input survey in November of 2018. The Township then reviewed its parks and recreation goals and objectives and updated them as needed based upon the existing information and the community input. The Township also planned for an action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Plan.

The consultant completed the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan document and it was made available for review online on the Township website and at the Montrose Township Hall in December of 2018. This public review opportunity was advertised in the **Tri-County Citizen** and on the Township website. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public meeting held

prior to adoption of the plan. This meeting was held on January 15, 2019 at the Montrose Township Hall.

The Montrose Township Board passed a resolution to adopt the Montrose Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan at its Board meeting on January 15, 2019. Copies of the advertisements, public meeting minutes, and the resolutions are included in the Appendix.

Appendix A - Budget Information

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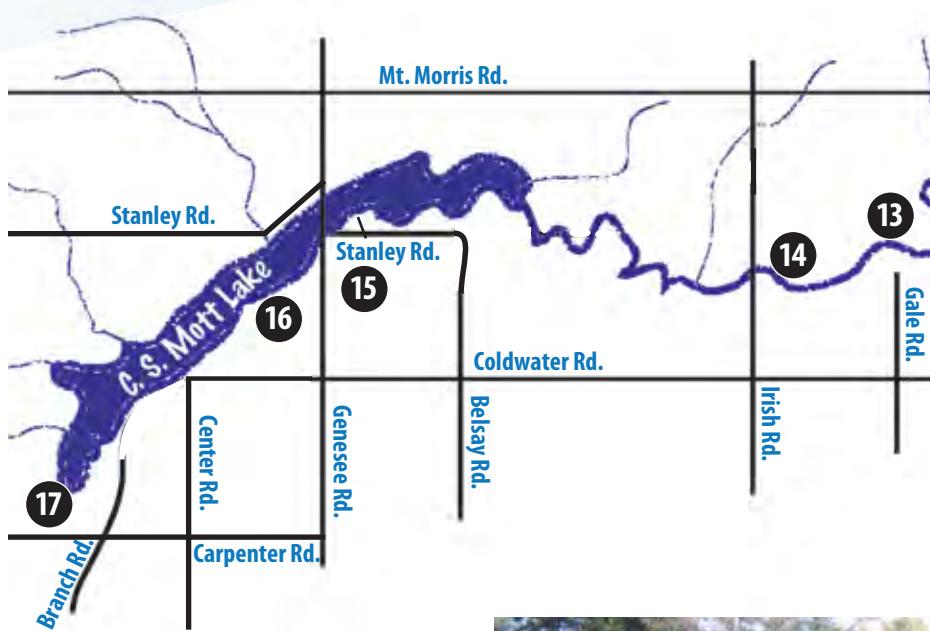
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--- Estimated Revenue --- PARK FUND REVENUES					
208-000-505.000	Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-000-660.000	Jennings Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-000-661.000	Donations	0.00	0.00	3.14	0.00
208-000-664.000	Interest Earned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-000-668.000	Rental Of Building	2,450.00	1,800.00	2,725.00	2,500.00
208-000-668.001	Farmers Market	2,134.00	2,000.00	510.00	1,000.00
208-000-668.002	Veterans Bell	2,030.75	2,000.00	709.89	0.00
208-000-670.000	Franchise Fees	45,859.49	29,500.00	19,900.24	45,500.00
208-000-694.000	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-000-699.000	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Estimated Revenue:		52,474.24	35,300.00	23,848.27	49,000.00
--- Appropriations --- PARK FUND EXPENDITURES					
208-751-702.000	Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,100.00
208-751-715.000	Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
208-751-740.000	Park Operating Expense	921.03	3,000.00	140.28	3,000.00
208-751-740.001	Farmers Market Expenses	833.91	1,200.00	205.68	400.00
208-751-740.002	Veterans Bell Expenses	23.69	2,000.00	858.68	2,000.00
208-751-741.000	Leased / Rental Equipment	60.00	720.00	360.00	720.00
208-751-805.000	Professional Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-751-867.000	Gas & Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-751-920.000	Electric & Gas Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
208-751-920.001	Water & Sewer Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
208-751-931.000	Facility Maintenance	4,280.61	3,500.00	614.87	3,500.00
208-751-931.001	Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-751-983.000	Capital Improvement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-751-984.000	Equipment Purchase	1,100.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
208-751-990.000	Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
208-751-993.000	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Appropriations:	7,219.24	15,420.00	2,179.51	45,520.00
Net of Revenues & Appropriations	45,255.00	19,880.00	21,668.76	3,480.00

Appendix B – Flint River Water Trail Map

Flint River Canoe Access Sites:

- 1 Ponds & Prairies (Farmer's Creek; access from Chatfield School) (1/4 Mile walk on paved road to put-in site)
- 2 Crampton Park (Farmer's Creek; M-24 South of M-21)
- 3 Rotary Park (Nepessing St. at Lyle St.)
- 4 Millville Landing (Millville Rd., Northeast side of bridge)
- 5 Norway Landing (East of Flint River Rd.)
- 6 Klam Rd. (South of Piersonville Rd.)
- 7 Columbiaville (5th and River St.)
- 8 Barnes Lake Rd. (North branch of Flint River)
- 9 Zemmer Rd.
- 10 Walleye Boat Ramp (Henderson Rd.)
- 11 Holloway Dam (Carr Rd...DO NOT APPROACH THE DAM)
- 12 M-15 (Northeast side of bridge)
- 13 Richfield Park (access on Irish Rd., South of bridge)
- 14 Irish Rd. (Northeast side of bridge)
- 15 Stanley Rd. Fishing Site
- 16 Bluegill Boat Ramp (Coldwater Rd.)
- 17 Stepping Stone Falls (Branch Rd., DO NOT APPROACH THE DAM)



Canoe passage on this river is made possible by riverfront land owners and volunteers from Flint River Watershed Coalition, Rotary Club of Lapeer and others who assist with the removal of numerous log jams, under direction from the DNR. To help keep the canoe path open, please contact the Department of Natural Resources at 810-245-1250.

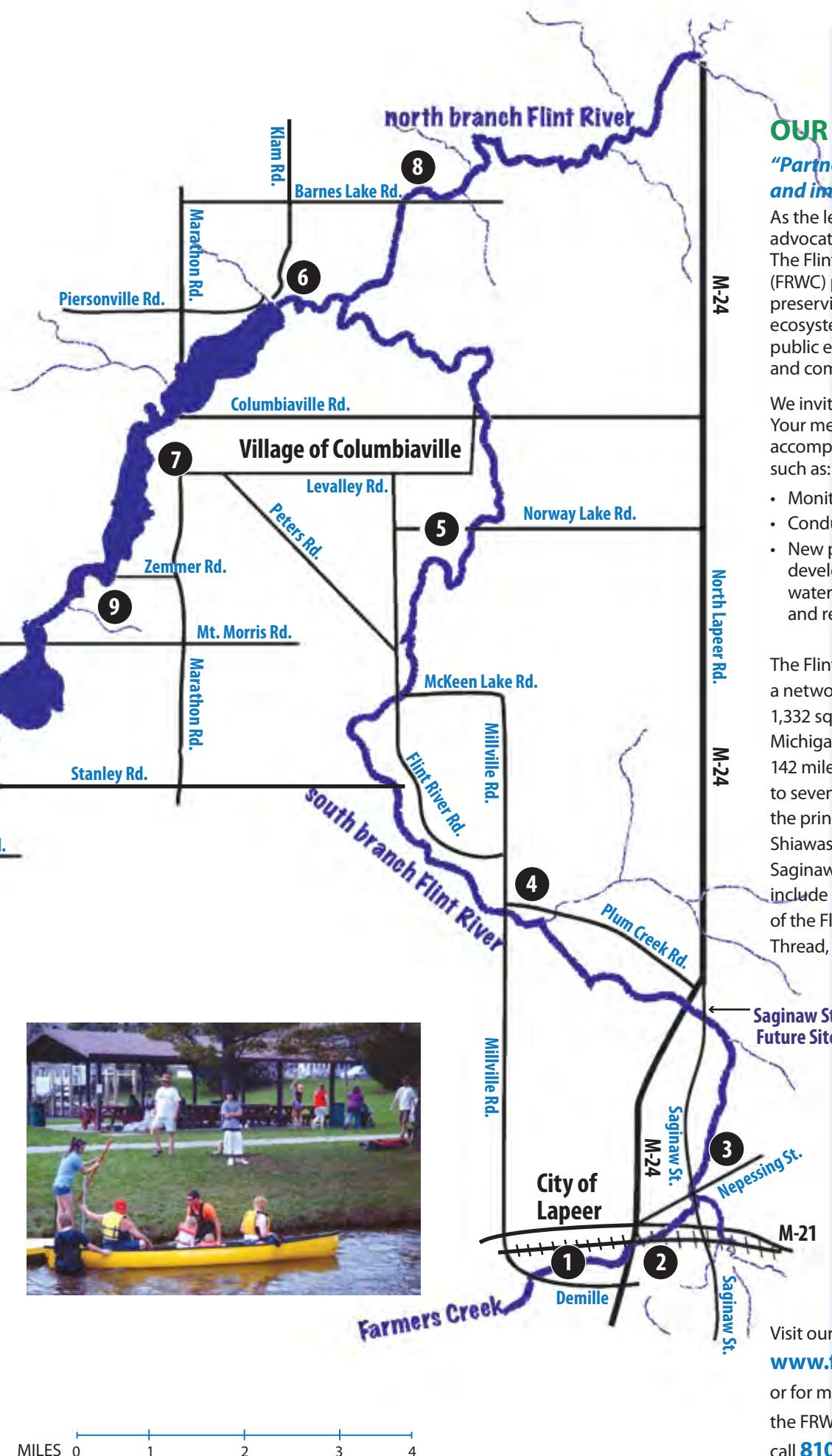


Approx. Float Time
to Next Access Site

- 3/4 hr.
- 3/4 hr.
- 4 hrs.
- 3 hrs.
- 3 hrs.
- 3/4 hr.
- 1/2 hr.
- 1 hr.
- 1 hr. (to Klam Rd.)
- 1/4 hr.
- 1/2 hr.
- 1-1/2 hrs.
- 1/2 hr.
- 1-3/4 hr.
- 1-1/2 hr.
- 1/2 hr.



*Partnering to protect, preserve
and improve our watershed*



OUR MISSION:

"Partnering to protect, preserve and improve our watershed."

As the leading community-based advocate for clean water resources, The Flint River Watershed Coalition (FRWC) promotes protecting, preserving and improving our area's ecosystem through partnerships, public education, scientific projects and community involvement.

We invite you to partner with us! Your membership allows us to accomplish many important projects such as:

- Monitoring local water quality
- Conducting river clean-up activities
- New project support and development that benefits all watershed communities and residents

The Flint River and its tributaries form a network draining approximately 1,332 square miles of southeastern Michigan. The main river is about 142 miles long and it's basin extends to seven counties. The Flint River is the principal tributary of the Shiawassee River, which flows to the Saginaw River. Its major tributaries include the south and north branch of the Flint River, and the Kearsley, Thread, Swartz and Misteguay Creeks.

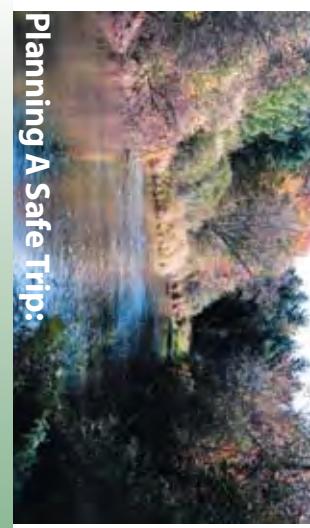
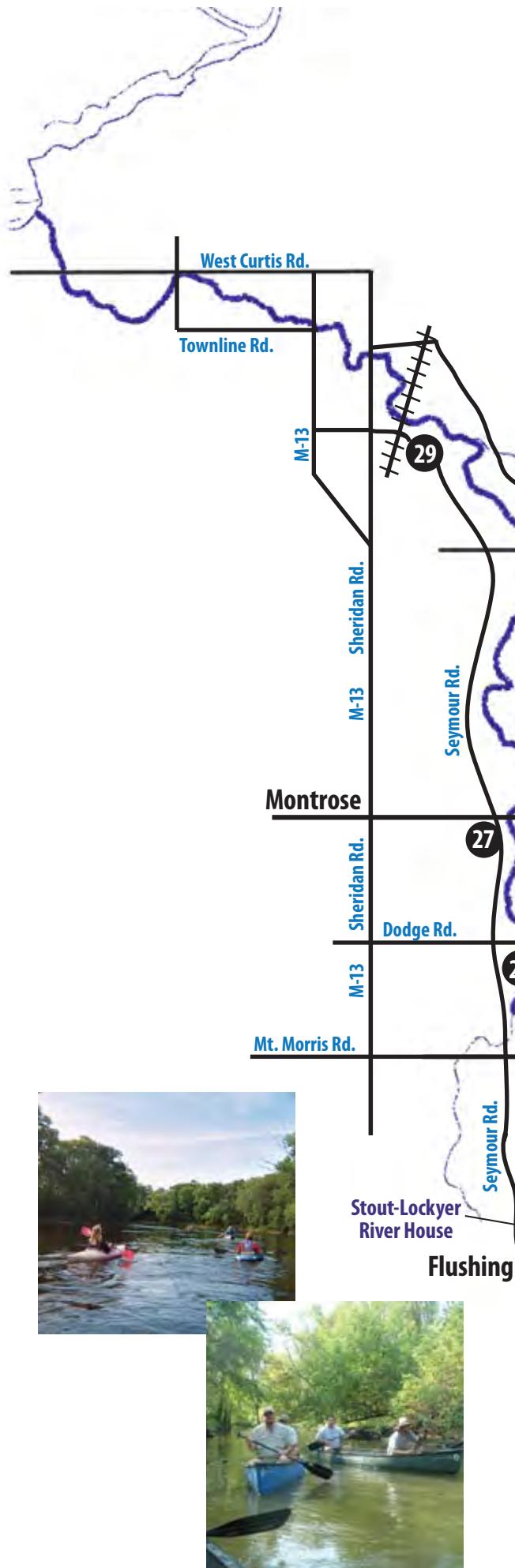
Visit our website at
www.flintriver.org
or for more information on
the FRWC and related activities
call 810-767-6490

Approx. Float Time to Next Access Site
2 hrs.
1/4 hr.
1-1/2 hrs.
1-1/2 hrs.
1 hr.
3 hrs.
1 hr.
1 hr.
2-1/2 hrs.
1-1/2 hrs.

Flint River Canoe Access Sites:

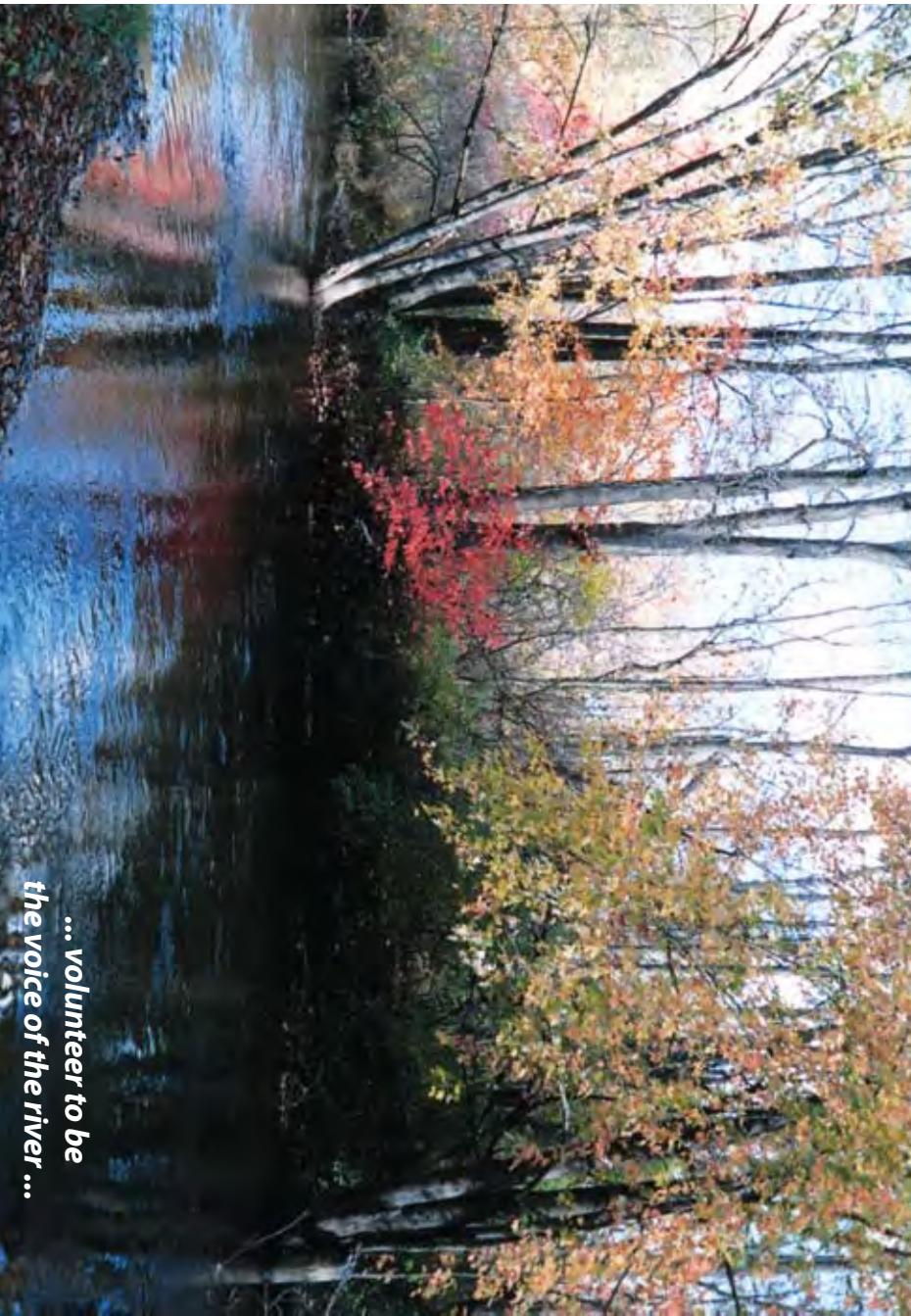
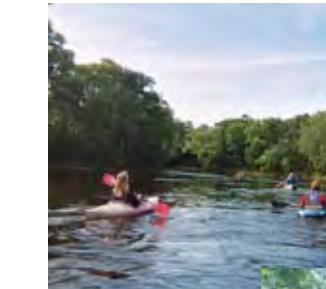
- 17 Stepping Stone Falls (DO NOT APPROACH THE DAM)
- 18 Bray Road (North of Carpenter Rd.)
- 19 Viet Nam Veterans Park (J.P. Cole Blvd.)
(Canoeing NOT recommended between Vietnam Veterans Park and Riverview Canoe Landing due to dams, steep cement walls, and lack of access/egress points)
- Old Flint Farmers Market - NOT AN ACCESS POINT
- University Ave. Bridge - NOT AN ACCESS POINT
- 22 Riverview Canoe Landing (Mitson Blvd., South of Flushing Rd.)
- 23 River Rd. (One mile West of Elms Rd.)
- 24 Flushing Riverview Park (Cherry St., South of Main St.)
- 25 Dodge Rd. (East of Seymour Rd.)
- 26 Flushing Township Nature Park (North of Dodge Rd.)
- 27 Montrose Barber Memorial Park (Seymour Rd., South of M-57)
- 28 Morseville Rd. (100 Yards North of Birch Run Rd.)
- 29 Seymour Rd. (At Railroad Tracks)

FLINT RIVER
WATERSHED COALITION



Planning A Safe Trip:

- Take into account starting & finishing points, the experience of each boater, weather conditions, and water levels.
- All rivers become more hazardous as the water rises. Know your ability and **do not exceed it!**
- State law requires a Coast Guard Approved life jacket for each occupant of each boat. All non-swimmers should wear their life jackets.
- All transported items should be tied to your boat to prevent spillage.
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- Please *know where you are entering public lands* on your trip so that if you leave your canoe, you are not trespassing.
- Respect the rights of private property owners and other river users.
- Please carry out all that you take with you; pitch in and pick up after others.
- Please *let someone know where you are canoeing* and when you will return.
- Please *help preserve and protect the river resources for future generations*. Leave all vegetation and wildlife as you found it.
- Wash your boat & equipment before entering another body of water to help reduce the spread of invasive species (Zebra Mussels, Hydrilla, etc.).



... volunteer to be

the voice of the river...

Appendix C – Survey Flyer & Community Input Survey Results

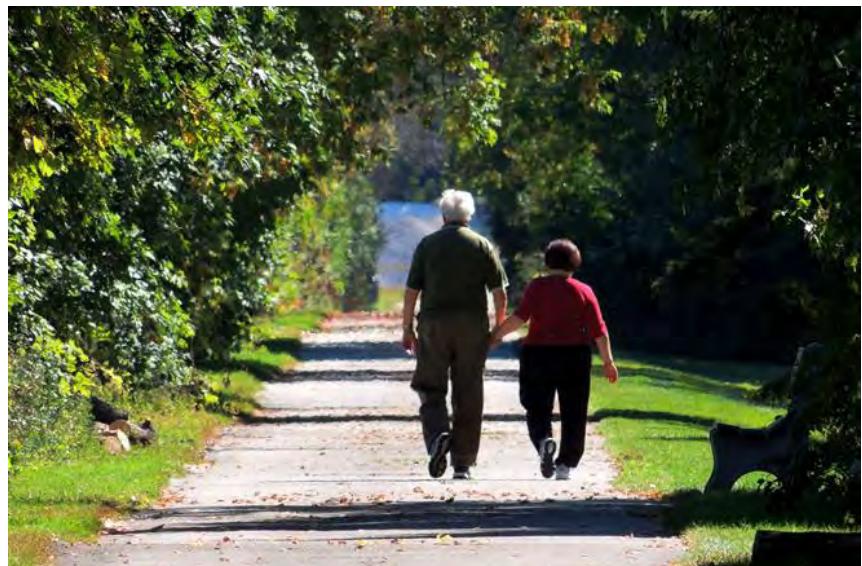
Complete the Montrose Township
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WE WANT YOUR OPINION!

Montrose Township is updating its Parks and Recreation Plan. This plan will document what we want to do with parks and recreation In Montrose Township in the upcoming years. Please take a few minutes to take our online community input survey so we know what you think about parks in Montrose Township. It will help us plan for the future!

Mobile Device
users scan
here!



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Montrose Township Recreation Plan Survey Results

300 Total Responses - Survey Available from 10-29-18 through 11-13-18.

1. How often do you visit the following?

	Not at all	A couple times a year	Several times a year	Responses
	%	%	%	Count
Barber Memorial Park	2.0%	24.8%	73.2%	298
Other local parks	26.4%	50.0%	23.6%	292

2. Please rate your feelings on the following statements regarding parks and recreation in Montrose Township.

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Responses
	%	%	%	Count
It is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities on the Flint River.	86.9%	11.8%	1.3%	297
It is important to provide outdoor recreation facilities, athletic fields, and courts within the Montrose Township park system.	84.7%	12.5%	2.7%	295
It is important to me that Montrose Township has non-motorized pathways and trails.	87.6%	9.7%	2.7%	298
The preservation of natural areas and water resources in our community has a positive effect on the quality of my life.	87.5%	12.2%	0.3%	296

3. Please evaluate the following aspects of Barber Memorial Park.

	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know	Responses
	%	%	%	%	Count
Maintenance and upkeep	87.6%	10.7%	%	1.7%	298
Safety and security	65.1%	25.8%	1.7%	7.4%	298
Handicap accessibility	62.5%	14.9%	0.7%	22.0%	296

4. What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to Barber Memorial Park? (Please check all that apply.)

Value	Percent
Pedestrian bridge across the Flint River to the vacant park land that the Township recently acquired	72.9%
Concerts in the Park	62.4%
Pavilion/warming area near the Veterans Memorial and sledding hill	43.4%
Restroom at the top of the hill between the Veterans Memorial and the sledding hill	40.7%
More non-motorized pathways for walking, biking, etc.	38.3%
Dog Park	37.6%
Rustic camping on the vacant park land on the east side of the Flint River	35.6%
Basketball Courts	34.2%
Fitness Course	27.8%
Sand Volleyball	20.7%
Playground	19.0%
Disc Golf	16.9%
Baseball/Softball Diamonds	14.6%
Shuffleboard	9.8%
Horseshoes	9.2%
Tennis Courts	8.8%
Pickleball Courts	4.4%
More Soccer Fields	4.1%

Other (Write-In)

- Splash Pad
- Bocce courts
- Gaga ball court
- A farmers market that actually offers food and veggies. And on different days than the farmers market, offer a flea market.
- A splash zone
- At least one offroad type mountain bike trail going from the top of the hill through the trees to the bottom
- Canoe launches with a map including times of travel to another stop.
- Community garden
- Dogs on leash
- Gaga ball
- Hockey rink
- Ice skating rink
- In the field next to the township offices, I would like to see a new larger Senior Citizen Center. It would be an ideal place as the fire dept is right there should there be an medical emergency at the Senior Cntr. I would also like to see additional security measures around the park, i.e. high security cameras around the pathways, buildings, and around the boat launch. I walk my dog around the park almost every day. I appreciate that the park provides bags for the removal of dog waste and waste containers. I walk in the winter also and appreciate that the pathway is shoveled and salted. On the lower level of the park, maybe management could take the open pavilion to the top of the hill and build an enclosed structure with kitchen/restroom facilities for celebrations of graduations, baby showers, wedding showers, etc. where alcohol is not served. There is enough land there that additional parking could be provided. I know when I tried to hold my grandsons graduation party at the park,
- More family activities should be held at the park, blueberry festival events should be held at the park.
- More parking
- More parking when it gets busy down there
- Movies
- Pickleball courts
- Shaded"rest areas" and seating
- Splash pad
- more parking

5. What do you like best about parks and recreation in Montrose Township?

1. Well maintained and a beautiful place to walk and visit
2. It's a place to walk, run, rest and enjoy nature also great place for the kids to play
3. Clean well equipped and maintained park.
4. It used to be the weekly farmers market.
5. Convenient

6. The park is always maintained nicely. There is ample space to walk and for the kids to play. The bathrooms are always clean.
7. It's well maintained and actually gets used
8. It's quiet and peaceful place to walk and the scenery is beautiful
9. Close to home
10. It's close to home and it has a good location
11. I run the pathway safer than the roads
12. No admission charges
13. Brings community together, enjoy the land and water without leaving our community.
14. It is a nice area to enjoy the river and let the kids run.
15. Walking and enjoying nature
16. Barbers Park is on the Flint river. Fish and kayaking g.
17. Scenic
18. The availability of a walking path.
19. Close to home
20. Cleanliness and safety
21. Walking paths
22. They are well maintained! Barber's Park is a great space. Thank you for your vision and thinking big picture!
23. close and the walking path
24. It's clean and well maintained.
25. It's very well kept and clean. It's a perfect path for walking or jogging!
26. Playground, access to river
27. Location and security. Playground and soccer facilities.
28. It is well maintained and is treated with respect by other visitors
29. Close to my home
30. It's really nice
31. Beautiful and well maintained walkways year round.
32. How open they are!
33. Local resource for recreation, allows me to have more access to fitting in exercise when I have limited time. Community interactions!!
34. My daughter likes the playground. And a short walk
35. It's well kept
36. Sense of community
37. The walking trails and easy access to the river.
38. A beautiful and safe place to walk and enjoy the great outdoors
39. It's close to home The grandkids riding their bikes to the park.The pavilion s are great!
40. Nice pavilions, clean restrooms, nice playground area.
41. They are very clean and well taken care of!

42. Nicely kept, paved walking path, boat launch.
43. Well maintained.
44. It is beautiful, clean and safe.
45. Location and safety.
46. Walking, enjoying nature, playing on the playground, and examining the aquatic life.
47. It's local, clean and feel safe being there.
48. I like the walking path.
49. They are nicely upkept.
50. Walking trail, sitting area's
51. The montrose farmers market. Walking trails. Scenic area along the Flint River. Boat launch and The addition of the memorial bell.
52. I love how clean and maintained the parks are. I love the fact that Barber park is easy to get to yet away from busy traffic.
53. Well maintained
54. I like the walking path and ability to rent pavilion
55. Nature, variety, beauty, walking path, size, and upkeep
56. Close to home. Keep very clean & groomed
57. Close to home
58. Accessible, cleanliness, and comfort.
59. Dog friendly
60. The simplicity.
61. My family loves being able to spend time, walking and playing in Barber Park. It is very well kept and I feel safe watching my children from a distance.
62. Clean and safe
63. Walking paths
64. walking path
65. Nature
66. Steps from my house
67. Barber park a great place to walk and the bathrooms are cleaned regularly. I like the path on the river and all the trees. It's still nature but the paths are kept nice and free of debri.
68. Beautiful atmosphere The farmers market Greatplay ground
69. Well maintained, good location by the river
70. Access to the river. The cute projects and sights to see that people place within the park, clean rest rooms.
71. Clean
72. Always clean and well kept, especially the playground area. Many of my friends from neighboring areas drive to Barber Park because it is so nice.
73. Soccer fields
74. I enjoy the fact that it's local
75. The location

76. Nice place to relax for a quick getaway from home
77. Barbers park is very nice but need more things for older kids like basketball court, baseball field....
78. I love that the park is a great place for families to gather for activities in a peaceful environment.
79. Well taken care of, within walking distance from my home, how the natural habitat is allowed to stay. It is a nice place to go for a walk about and unwind and enjoy Mother Nature
80. The parks are well-maintained, always clean.
81. The trail and the sledding hill.
82. The river
83. I love the walking trails and pavilion for get togethers
84. It's close to home
85. Walking trails....and playground with bathroom nearby
86. Walking area
87. The clear walk path all year round
88. They are quiet. They give you a chance get right with your soul while you walk
89. Quite
90. I really like Barber Park and all the amenities it offers. Its a great park for families. Its kept clean and open all year to enjoy.
91. Close and easy to get to you also need to have movie nights and sell food and pop corn
92. The walking path at Barber Park on the river.
93. It's very well taken care of and the bike path is awesome
94. Nice place to walk.
95. Clean
96. Upkeep of the park is fantastic. Always mowed & very clean.
97. We really enjoy the access to the water and that we have something nearby to access for fun or exercise.
98. It's close to home. Easy to access.
99. Having a safe and well groomed area for walking. Nice playground for the kids.
100. Location
101. The scenery
102. The convenience and safety
103. That the park is right on the river.
104. Well maintained, flint rivers a great fishing river giving people better access to fishing some of the deeper holes for walleye. could bring in fun tournaments yearly get these kids off the video games maybe even a summer splash pad or something great for the kids not a lot to do around our neck of the woods always gotta travel to do these fun things.
105. Clean and peaceful

106. Barber park is always mowed, well maintained, has nice docks for fishing, and a nice playground and pavilion. We enjoy floating and fishing the river.
107. The park is always maintained and the bathrooms are clean. The wild flowers are beautiful all season. Would love to have a shuffleboard court at the park. It's a great way to exercise for all ages.
108. the Quite, Serenity of it. So peaceful Most of the time.
109. Im glad they exist & hope it continues to grow.
110. All the beautiful outdoor space and being able to enjoy the walking path and see the beautiful River and it's not over crowded with too much stuff
111. Nice area to walk.
112. I like them cuz they r always having the kids go there for the field trips n its beautiful
113. The clean play area
114. Cleanliness, nice play structure for children. The path in Barber Park is perfect for families wanting to take a short walk with small children.
115. Clean walkways, playground, pavilion and bathroom facilities.
116. I Like that the park is clean, well maintained and safe.
117. It offers free dog poop bags.
118. The playground and walking paths
119. Great park with a great location. Please consider pickleball. It is a game for all ages. Great exercise!
120. Green space and trails
121. I am so excited that we have a large park like Barber Park. My kids love to play, ride their bikes and walk the park in safety. I like that they have a place where they can meet friends or I can meet mine!
122. Great for walking and taking the kids
123. Having a clean area for the kids to play and go see the river
124. They are near home and the kids love to go there
125. It's where all my kids' soccer games are played and I often take my nieces and nephews there to play on the playground! We Love it
126. Its a nice place for families
127. I love that its not right by that road, very peaceful
128. I love and appreciate how well kept and clean Barber park is and look forward to events there like the Farmers Market and the Fourth of July fireworks and hope they continue to add things in the future.
129. The memories made and pictures taken with your family.
130. Close, family friendly safe
131. Clean, pleasant
132. Nice place to walk. The kids like the play area and my children play softball and soccer there.
133. Clean and inviting.
134. The pavilion and the access to the Flint river with the overlook.

135. I love the walking path!
136. I like it all!
137. scenery
138. Playground areas for kids
139. Walking trail.
140. It's always in good shape and cleaned up. Safe area to have a good time with friends, family, and my little pup.
141. Close
142. Peacefulness
143. A fun and accessible place for the residents of Montrose to go on a regular basis.
144. How nice and how well they are maintained
145. The walking path at Barber park and the peaceful setting by the river.
146. All of the parks are either within walking or biking distance. There is more than one option for a park to go to.
147. How clean it is
148. The walking path
149. The walking trails
150. Its clean, well kept n large
151. The nature that you can see
152. Easy, well maintained, year round, free access
153. They are safe and well maintained.
154. Family friendly, clean and pet friendly
155. Farmers Market
156. It's clean and well kept that way.
157. Walking track and natural beauty around it
158. Location is great
159. Lots of parking, rubber mats on playground and flush bathrooms
160. The paved walkway that goes by the water and in and out of the woods and the playground.
161. Nice walking trail, clean area, bike riding
162. I love the walking path and clean restrooms
163. What they have at Barner Park is nice but could be improved.
164. Not much recreational things but the parks are great for everyone
165. A place for families
166. Kept clean
167. It's open layout.
168. Clean, fairly well maintained. Large enough to accommodate many visitors at one time
169. Close by my home. Decent upkeep of grounds.
170. Natural areas and walking paths, clean restrooms and a nice playground.

171. Location along river.
172. The accessibility and cleanliness. We ask enjoy the farmers markets, soccer games, and the fairy garden along the river.
173. Easy access, beautiful grounds
174. They are quiet and usually kept clean
175. It is a friendly area.
176. Kids play area, bike path
177. Its such a beautiful area
178. 1 MILE WALKING PATH, BATHROOMS, PARKING
179. Outdoors
180. That they are clean and maintained well. Barber Park seems to get a variety of use from the walkers, kids athletics, playground etc. I like that it is so easily accessible with plenty of parking. We bring our dog and appreciate all of the extra garbage cans located around the circle path although lately we are having to clean up other dogs' crap. One improvement would be a garbage can on the straight sidewalk leading into the park across from the Memorial Bell.
181. The paved walking path
182. A quiet place to have lunch or take a walk.
183. They are close to home and always well kept. It's a regular go to for our family.
184. Clean and updated amenities
185. Safe walkways Safe place to go Beautiful scenery need a dog park tho
186. Easy access and love the walking path.
187. Nature
188. Well maintained, walking paths playground, pavilions
189. The fact that it's a good park that close by. I don't have to take my dog to a park in a different town to walk.
190. Easily accessible and well kept.
191. They are well maintained and the pathway is accessible all year long.
192. They are well maintained and the pathway is accessible all year long.
193. Love how clean and well kept the park is.
194. Peaceful
195. Can walk all winter. Feel safe.
196. It's a clean place for my kids to play and a great time on the docks look into the water
197. The playground and walking area
198. The large green area that serves so many purposes.
199. Easy accessibility and always clean. Reasonable cost for renting pavilions.
200. Ease and availability
201. We have it now. It is easy to get to and enjoy the path.
202. Not too busy
203. Family friendly. Great for my son's birthday parties!

204. Picturesque
205. Close to home
206. Well maintained and safe feeling
207. The floating docks
208. It's a park to be proud of because it's kept looking so nice. It's location by the river.
209. Well kept areas and safe
210. Location
211. Nature and the river
212. Close to home.
213. It's a very beautiful spot to relax and just enjoy the day.
214. They are taken care of. It's easy to push a stroller. Play area is nice.
215. Exercise and natural habitat
216. Nature and close to town
217. Convenient, safe, natural area to walk and enjoy. Farmers market is also a plus!
218. The park is open and well kept. I especially appreciate in winter, the pathways are shoveled and salted. There is a warm clean restroom facility with more than one stall!
219. Non-motorized path for walking. You can't walk on roads or street without risking your life. It's very nice to have a place to walk without motorized vehicles.

What one thing would you do to improve parks and recreation in Montrose Township?

1. More parking down below
2. Like to see some ORV places to ride in the township
3. More benches.
4. More pavellens, one or two more bathrooms so that people with bladder problems can safely get to a bathroom in time. Clean up the cigarette butts it's not a pretty sight when you see those butts laying everywhere. Something like an exercise post stationed here and there for example do five knee bends or do ten squats or do ten pushups or do five arm circles etc.
5. Add more things for our youth to do
6. It's pretty nice already.
7. More opportunities for activities by adding facilities. Also add more fishing areas to cut down on trespassing by people on private lands of adjoiners
8. Make more inviting to older kids like events basketball tournaments, ice skating, concerts
9. Make a better baseball diamond/field
10. Add a basketball court and lights
11. More things to do in park summer and winter
12. Retire

13. More activities, like camping or pickle ball...something for all ages.
14. More community events.
15. I dog park would be great!
16. Less sports and more nature
17. Extend nonmotorized paths
18. Lights
19. Keep the space open and green.
20. Expand the park
21. Shuffelboard court
22. Basketball or tennis courts
23. Add more!
24. Put in more pavilions for family reunions , graduation parties, BIRTHDAY parties
25. Extend the walking trail.
26. A bigger sledding hill
27. Add more events
28. More parking
29. Add a few of the features)from your listing here) every few years. The current park is wonderful as is but a few other perks would be wonderful....like a lighted basketball court between new bldg and Veterans memorial.
30. The upkeep and quality of the equipment. Also more organized activities throughout the year like crafts or games at the parks.
31. Offer a wider variety of resources to reach more people. A kayak rental at the park, improve boat launch, add a Concession stand, more community events in addition to farmers market, concerts, movies, community games, commit to fit type classes.
32. The pedestrian bridge is a good start. We need a splash zone. And a restroom(Columbus county park has a nice restroom and pavilion. They also have a fire pit on Top of there sledding hill)
33. Build the bridge across the Flint river
34. Community flower garden
35. Add more variety of things to do and plant flowers/decorative trees/bushes. It's very bland. Concerts in the park would be great for revenue.
36. Another playscape across the street from the first one by the pavillion.
37. More pavilions. Enhance playground.
38. More thing's for kid's to do!
39. Some township adult sport leagues.
40. Nothing
41. Wish there were additional trails.

42. Basketball courts
43. More walkway pathing.
44. Better fishing and more area for fishing
45. Nothing
46. More trails
47. Have craft classes & demonstrations, silver sneakers classes, in indoor buildings
48. Place an Emergency phone or call box. Not all cell phones have service near the soccer fields in case of Emergency
49. More parking if something going on at Park it is sometimes hard to park
50. More seating benches & tables in shaded areas for elderly to rest when walking
51. More parking, and another pavillion
52. Offer more. Rather it's athletic courts or nature related.
53. A water feature for the kids, or a beach type area.
54. We would love to see a splash pad or ice skating rink/ basketball court (there's one in Algonac, Mi that we visit).
55. Get word out about them.
56. None
57. More things to do
58. Brings across to new properties and camping
59. Leave the fishing docks out a bit longer and put them in a bit sooner. People enjoy fishing even in the cooler temps.
60. Expand the playground, especially a section geared towards 5 and under.
61. More parking during soccer
62. Add more to it
63. Trash needs picked up more often
64. Add basketball court and baseball field you could always rent these out especially for travel teams that need a practice field
65. I think it would be nice to add semi maintenance free flower beds along the walking trails
66. The park is great. Maybe more signs to pick up after your ☽
67. Reduce the cost to rent a pavilion.
68. Pavilion at the top by sledding hill.
69. Playground
70. Help keep area clean
71. Increase walking area....bathroom between sled hill and memorial....
72. Add basketball courts and maybe another driveway so on the fourth it's not so hard to get out

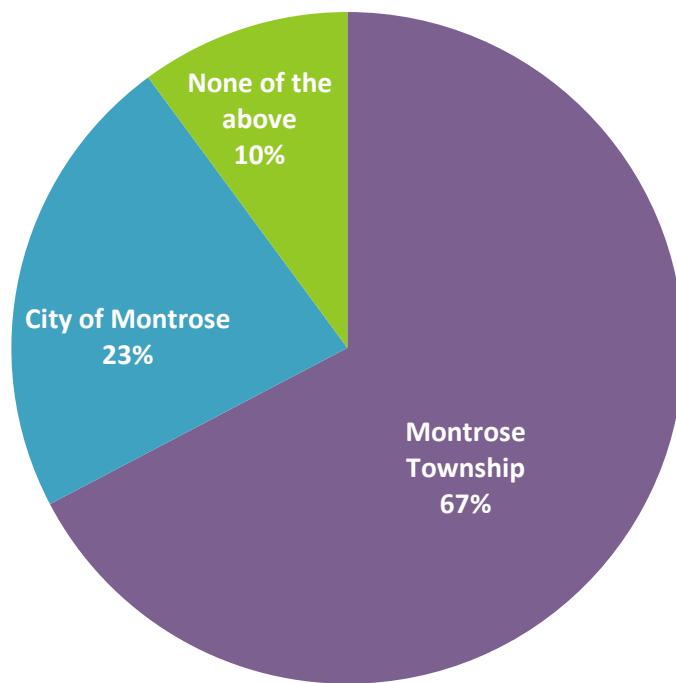
73. More nature walk ways, and a more diverse market in the warm months
74. More walking
75. More stuff for kids to do.
76. Keep expanding Barber Park. Maybe offer more fishing accessibility. In the spring so many people trespass onto private property to access the river.
77. Add the activities that I noted above.
78. Add more lights thru the bike path for safety
79. Plant perennial flowers.
80. Larger play scape for the kids. Maybe a skate park for the teens? We have jack shit for the teens in this town to do.
81. Splash pad
82. Add more options like basketball courts, horseshoe pits and concerts
83. More things for teens to do.
84. Offer more activities for youth
85. Include fine arts
86. Nothing
87. I really like the idea of a dog park
88. And a few more things to do and things like concerts and movies in the park.
89. across around the river; walks ect and babers being built around the river
90. They had ice skating, Basketball courts, and tennis courts in the city that the Blueberry put in a few short years ago. They were not used, so they are now gone. if you have a need to put these back in, Please put them on the EAST side of the river. keep them out of Barber park.
91. Access to east side of river.
92. Maybe more benches to sit closer facing the River
93. Widen sledding hill add a ice rink area
94. More parking needed. Not enough when soccer games or farmers market.
95. I like it lot the way it is
96. More shaded area to watch children play
97. I believe there is plenty of room for a splash pad. I take my children and the children I nanny to the splash pad at Blue Bell beach several times a year. I would love to have one closer and in my town!
98. Lighting along the paved path for early morning runs.
99. Add a map with distance markers on it.
100. More activities
101. Pickleball
102. More walking/biking trails if they can!

- 103. Safety
- 104. Add more activities
- 105. Wish there were more parking on the lower level near the playground!
- 106. Make the park bigger
- 107. More paths to walk
- 108. I would participate in events they would offer.
- 109. Have more games like disc golf.
- 110. More sledding hills for the winter
- 111. A basketball court.
- 112. Add more activities
- 113. And a basketball court And one more pavilion
- 114. Extend the walking path down Seymour rd to Flushing!
- 115. At this time nothing.
- 116. more farmers mrkt on some Saturdays so that people who work can attend
- 117. Basketball courts
- 118. See more things to do in the park area
- 119. Montrose needs more to do. I think if you add more additional active activities to the park the more people will visit.
- 120. More activity items
- 121. Add more
- 122. Up keep on the softball/baseball field currently on sight. Weeds and grass are taking over the infield. Make the sledding hill bigger.
- 123. I can't think of a whole lot, other than what has already been covered in this survey.
- 124. More walking trails, more activities. A connection to the property on the other side of the river. A zip line and or tree climbing activities.
- 125. Bigger sledding hill and ice skating rink
- 126. Play area for older kids. Movie n concert area. A cafe or place to get drinks n sit n visit indoor and outdoors.
- 127. More walking trails
- 128. More variety in terrain of paths. It's nice to have a paved trail, but the one loop gets boring to go around and around - especially for little kids we are trying to encourage to be outdoors and active more.
- 129. Maybe more playground equipment
- 130. Increased public interaction with man made design of natural systems that provide for the community like food forests and community gardens. That will build social interaction, teach sustainable behavior and promote food independence.

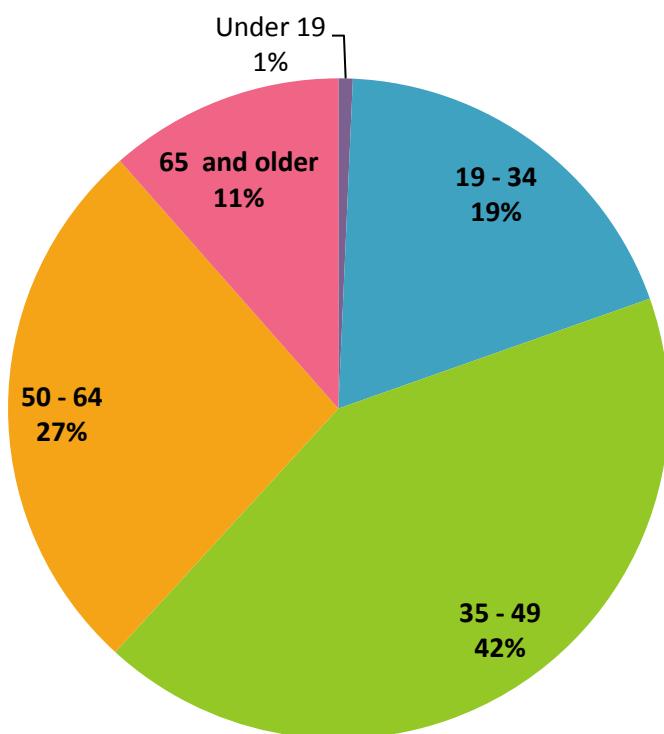
131. Add more activities there to encourage the community to attend
132. Inclusive playground
133. Open bathrooms at the park by the school during Blueberry
134. Write how many miles it is around the circle then how many miles to the road then how many miles from the raid and back. I wish there was a closer place to kayak. Flushing to Montrose is a long haul. And all the exits after you put in in Montrose are really hard to get your kayak out.
135. Expand walking bike riding trails
136. Add basketball courts
137. Put in more picnic tables and pavilions
138. At a splash pad...the kids will love it
139. Bring in fine arts
140. Notbing
141. Basketball court or dog park
142. More arts festivals and concerts
143. Update and enlarge play area for younger children.
144. More or connected trail system
145. I know the school has handicap accessible playground equipment but some at the park would also be nice.
146. More benches along the walkway
147. More activities like the farmer's market
148. Have the deck go out more over the water
149. What is available other than Barber Park? I know there are athletic fields but I thought those were school property?
150. More options
151. More restrooms
152. Add a bigger playground area, handicap accessible also.
153. More walking trails
154. Dog park
155. I don't feel knowledgeable on the subject.
156. More things for teens to do in small groups or individual usage. Not necessarily team sport such as fitness trail, skateboarding area...
157. Hiking trail, dog park area
158. Keep up the great work!
159. I'd love a larger playground at Barber park and an off leash dog park somewhere would be amazing!

160. I would like to see tennis courts in our community but I believe they would see more use if they were located on school property so they could be used by the physical education classes and possibly a tennis team in the future.
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162. More playground equipment.
163. More parking
164. More walking trails. Don't like going in circles
165. Get more play area and get basketball for older kids.
166. Host more kid events at the park
167. Have family activity events. ie: concerts, etc
168. Provide additional parking between the park entrance and the fire station.
169. A walking path from Riverside mobile home park to town.
170. Another pavilion
171. More trails, camping opportunities
172. Better access for kayaks, canoes or tubers
173. Parking lot lights
174. More events for children of all ages.
175. More activities and concerts
176. More activities for older children (8-12)
177. Basketball courts. Montrose is very into sports, but there are no basketball courts for kids to practice on.
178. Longer walking path
179. Allow motorized vehicles in certain locations
180. Definitely would like to see a basketball court and that walking bridge
181. Maybe a little more parking. Don't over build the park to make it overly busy and crowded.
182. Build an enclosed facility with kitchen/restroom facilities where graduation parties, wedding showers, baby showers could be held on the current site where Pavilion B is located and put Pavilion B up the hill between the sledding hill and the Veterans Memorial. There is enough land there to provide the enclosed facility with its own parking. I would put security cameras at the boat launch, on the pathway, and around the buildings.
183. Recently, more and more I notice dog feces laying around. Sometimes on the pavement but also right off the path where you have to see and smell it.

7. Where do you live?



8.What is your age?



Appendix D – Excerpt from 2007 Genesee County Regional Trail Plan

Genesee County Metropolitan
Alliance



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Montrose Township & City of Montrose

Preferred Corridors



Montrose Township Community Park



Montrose Historic Train Depot

Regional Corridors

M-57 (Vienna Road) through the City of Montrose and Montrose Township has been identified as a potential bike lane, extending into Vienna Township and eventually to Otisville. The M-57 bike lane would also connect to a proposed bike lane on M-13, which has been identified as a potential bike lane from Saginaw County to Miller Road/Lansing Hwy.

McKinley Road south of M-57 has been identified as a connection to the City of Flushing. Another potential trail route could be along the Flint River connecting to Saginaw County and Flushing Township.

North of the City of Montrose is a Consumer's Energy corridor that could be utilized as a potential trail connection from the Montrose area to the Clio area connecting into the Trolley Line Trail just north of the City of Clio.

Montrose has also identified the railroad line as a potential trail. Although the railroad is still active, there are relatively few trains that use this stretch of tracks. The potential exists to build a trail along the corridor and to have a rail-with-trail extending into Saginaw County.

Local Connectors

Montrose Township Community Park has an existing trail that loops around the soccer fields and along the Flint River. This trail could be connected to the proposed pathway along the Flint River or McKinley Road and link up with the M-57 bike lane.

In the City of Montrose a pathway looping around the city has been identified that connects the downtown area with the school complex. The northern boundary of the City of Montrose (North Street) will be part of the proposed path and will connect to the railroad line, heading south adjacent to the railroad line to connect to the existing township park and pedestrian pathway. This link will also connect to the potential M-57 bike lane.

Trailheads

A potential trailhead has been identified in the City of Montrose at the historic train depot site, located at the corner of M-57 (Vienna Road) and the railroad. The historic train depot has 12 parking places and will have restroom facilities in the future.

Trailhead locations and amenities may need to be identified for the potential trail on M-57 (Vienna Road), and for the potential trail following the Flint River to Saginaw County.

Appendix E – Sources of Funding for Recreation Projects

SOURCES OF RECREATION GRANT FUNDING IN MICHIGAN

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
 - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
 - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$150,000 (\$300,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant

- Administered by MNRTF
- Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks
- Minimum Grant Request - \$7,500, Maximum \$150,000
- Applications due on April 1
- For outdoor *and* indoor recreation projects
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- www.michigan.gov/mdot Go to “Projects and Programs”.

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Relatively simple application form and requirements.
- Due dates vary.
- www.glft.org

Michigan Coastal Management Grants

Objectives

- Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
- Restore historic structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$100,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
 - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
 - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- www.michigan.gov/ogl

Other grant programs to consider:

Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com
- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Off-street pedestrian facilities
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

- Conservation Transactions

TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- www.tpl.org

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- 25% match required
- www.michigan.gov/deq

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments

Wickes Foundation
Strosacker Foundation
Gerstacker Foundations
Consumers Energy

KEEP IN MIND...

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think “regional” projects.
- Grant applications can be complicated, detailed and competitive. Make sure your grant writer is familiar with the grant and funding source. Learn as much as possible ahead of time to know if your project has potential for funding.

Appendix F – Notification and Adoption Documentation

State of Michigan } SS.
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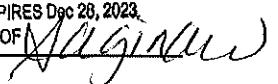


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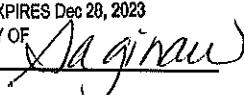
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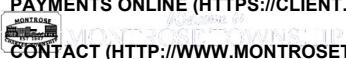
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Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24-25

and

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW - MONTROSE CHARTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

Montrose Charter Township has developed a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan update that evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, develops goals and objectives for parks and recreation, and outlines an action plan for improvements and other related items that the Township wishes to pursue.

The Draft Plan is available for review at the Montrose Township Hall at 11444 N. Seymour Road, Montrose, until Tuesday, January 15, 2019. The plan is also available on the Montrose Charter website at www.montrosetownship.org.

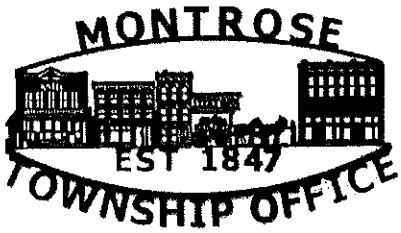
If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, or would like more information please send comments to the Township by January 15, 2019. A public meeting to take input on the draft plan will be held at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Charter Township, 11444 N. Seymour Road, Montrose, on January 15.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE 2019-2023 MASTER RECREATION PLAN \(/Portals/7/MasterPlan2019.2023.pdf?ver=2018-12-10-144902-490\)](#)

Burning Permits must be completely filled out and returned in person to either the Police/Fire Department or Township Offices.

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RESOLUTION 19-01

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Montrose Charter Township has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals, objectives, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2019 and 2023 and,

WHEREAS, the Recreation Plan was completed according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans, and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunity was provided via an online survey during the fall of 2018 and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from December 14, 2018 to January 15, 2019, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 15, 2019, at 6 pm at the Montrose Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Montrose Charter Township has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montrose Charter Township Board of Trustees adopt said Recreation Plan.

Yea: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Certification

The above Resolution was duly adopted by the Montrose Township Board at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 15th Day of January, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at the Montrose Township Hall, Genesee County, Michigan.


FRED DOMINE, CLERK

