

CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Location: City Offices, 8123 Main Street
PNC Bank, Second Floor – Enter at rear door

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Becky Murillo - Chair	Katie Koch
Randy Hermann – Vice-Chair	John Coy
Toni Henkemeyer	Julie Knight – Ex Officio
Ellen Han	
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – March 17, 2015**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**
6. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**
 - A. Chair
 - a. 5-H Coalition
 - B. Commissioners and Ex Officio
 - a. Tree Board
 - b. City Council
 - C. Staff Report
 - D. Presentation by Elizabeth Riggs from Huron River Watershed Council
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion of: Master Plan Updates
 - a. Key Findings
 - b. Goals and Objectives
 - c. Projects
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion of: FY 2015-16 Budget
 - B. Discussion of: Park Maintenance Requests
9. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**
10. **PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

ANNUAL REVIEW SCHEDULE
March/July – Annual Budget Review
November – Master Plan, Goals, Objectives and Strategies Review
January – Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Review

MASTER PLAN GOALS

I. GOAL: (Space/Facilities) Meet present and future community needs for parks, greenways, trails, and recreation.

- A. Objective: Plan and develop a system of parks, greenways, open space, and recreation facilities that provides a minimum of 16 acres per 1,000 Village residents.
 - ✓ Current surplus in mini-parks, neighborhood parks and community parks based on July 2008 SEMCOG population estimates.
- B. Objective: Encourage the preservation of green space and the development of new parks and/or recreation assets when opportunities arise.
- C. Objective: Following removal of the Mill Creek dam, plan and develop a linear park along the Mill Creek.
 - ✓ Dam was removed in June 2008, Mill Creek Park Master Plan adopted by Council January 26, 2009
 - ✓ Various grant application applied for in anticipation of 2010 Phase 1 park construction and development

II. GOAL: (Recreation) Encourage healthy lifestyles for Village residents through recreation.

- A. Objective: Offer Village residents a balanced program of active and passive recreation opportunities.
 - ✓ Working on developing a system of trails, implemented ice rink in 2009
- B. Objective: Offer Village residents multiple opportunities to walk, run, bike, skate, or paddle without leaving their community.
 - ✓ Grant applications for boating, walking and pedestrian connections submitted throughout 2009
 - ✓ Awarded Waterways Infrastructure grant for installation of 3 boat launches

III. GOAL: (Accessibility) Strive to make every Village park and recreation site accessible.

- A. Objective: Design and develop a system of all-season, non-motorized pathways, trails, sidewalks, and bike paths linking Village neighborhoods with both Village and adjacent non-Village parks, greenways, pathways, recreation venues, schools, and commercial retail areas.
 - ✓ Working with County Parks and HCMA on regional trail connection and B2B Initiative
- B. Objective: Ensure that all parks and recreation assets are barrier-free and universally accessible.
 - ✓ Barrier free design was incorporated into Mill Creek Park Plan and DDA is providing funding to facilitate ADA access to Mill Creek Park via Jeffords Street.

IV. GOAL: (Environment) Make nature and healthy ecosystems an important characteristic of our Village.

- A. Objective: In designated Village natural areas, enhance and preserve healthy ecosystems for native plants, fish, and wildlife.
- B. Objective: In Village urban areas, enhance the natural feel of each park.
 - ✓ Mill Creek Park has been planned as a passive park with a natural feel.
- C. Objective: Advocate for the enhancement and preservation of natural features within and surrounding our Village.

V. GOAL: (Management) Use sound planning, financial, and operational management practices.

- A. Objective: Deliver on our stated goals and objectives.
- B. Objective: Ensure that our parks and recreation assets remain available for enjoyment, now and in the future.
- C. Objective: Foster smart and efficient management practices.
- D. Objective: Identify and utilize all available Village and non-Village funding resources to meet our goals.
 - ✓ Numerous funding sources were applied for in 2009.

VI. GOAL: (Community) Foster a community-wide sense of pride in and support for our parks and recreation program.

- A. Objective: Promote parks and recreation activities in the community and our broader service area.
- B. Objective: Provide and promote opportunities for individual citizens and community groups to influence the mission, priorities, management, and operations of the parks and recreation program.
 - ✓ Mill Creek Park Master Planning Process and Westside Connector Planning engaged many parties.
- C. Objective: Deliver superior service to citizens and others seeking our help.
- D. Objective: Develop an overall parks and recreation program that makes a positive contribution to the economic sustainability of the Village.
 - ✓ Ice Rink in 2009 helped promote downtown
- E. Objective: Develop and maintain parks and recreation assets that incorporate a high degree of aesthetic appeal.
- F. Objective: Develop and maintain park and recreation assets and recreation programs that meet current industry safety standards and, where standards do not exist, develop and maintain assets and programs with careful consideration for user or participant safety.

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:05 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Becky Murillo, Toni Henkemeyer, Ellen Han, Katie Koch, John Coy, and Julie Knight

Commissioners Absent: Randy Hermann

Other Present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Staff needs to switch Ellen Han and Katie Koch in the minutes from February.

Motion by Han, Seconded by Henkemeyer to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015 with changes.

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Koch, Seconded by Murillo to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Ian Bell from the Eagle Scouts discussed performing an Eagle Scout project regarding stairs and benches.

Becky asked about funding for the project and would this be provided by the Eagle Scouts? Courtney stated that there were no barriers to adding stairs to the walk way.

Motion by Koch, Seconded by Murillo to approve the walkway stair concept in Mill Creek Park South, in the area that is mowed.

Motion Adopted

Ian will return to Parks Commission with complete drawings and plans.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

Becky Murillo reported that SRSLY would like to hold SRSLY Cinema a few nights on Fridays.

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

Tree Board – John reported that West Ridge tree trimming is planned for this year. Two trees will be planted at Arbor Day on the Mill Creek South hill. He also mentioned that there will be a seedling tree give away for Arbor Day – April 24th. John Coy stated that it is the Tree Board's plan to plant 20 street trees this summer. These trees are available for citizens.

City Council – Julie Knight provided an update on new City offices and fire hall facilities. The second town hall meeting for facilities will be on April 25, which will include small group discussion.

She also reported that the area of Mill Creek south may be impacted by plans to sell property just in-front of the park to a developer in order to build condominiums or apartments.

C. STAFF REPORT

Courtney Nicholls stated that the Community Park Path was out to bid in conjunction with the Public Works driveway. John asked about pavers with the ability to drive on.

Courtney stated that the Board must finish the Master Plan by April 1, 2016 in order to be eligible for grant funding. We should work on grant applications to trust fund and transportation alternatives program in 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

A. EDISON STREET PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT

Becky Murillo stated that Justin will go to the School Board meeting on March 23rd, then Becky and Justin will meet with the neighbors after the school board meeting.

Julie reported that she spoke to Old National Bank representative Shawn Pierrel regarding their interest in providing funding or a group to contribute to the community build day.

Becky asked about art work for Lion's Park. Courtney reported that the Lion's Club is still debating what art to place in the park.

B. RFP FOR RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Covered in staff report.

C. DISCUSSION OF 2015 EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Becky mentioned that she took eggs and non-food trinkets to Wellness Center.

Discussion regarding hunt area locations and to make area bigger. The event needs new signs for age groups 0-4 and 5 and up. Bruce and Hannah Whitley will be bringing rabbits for petting.

Other information regarding the event

- The Girl Scouts and the Senior Center will fill eggs
- We are planning for 4,000 eggs this year
- Volunteers should be at the Park at 8:30 am

- John Coy will announce when the event starts
- Jusin and Courtney will handle tickets
- Girl Scouts will be available for face painting
- Toni will purchase pails for chalk

D. DISCUSSION OF: PARK MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Julie mentioned that trash cans need to be emptied.

E. DISCUSSION OF 2015 – 2020 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Discussion regarding the need to incorporate new ideas such as connectivity and projects involving connections to trails and parks.

Katie suggested that we may want to summarize what was accomplished in the last Master Plan

Discussion regarding the importance of Central Street water areas and boat launch to be added to the Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie indicated that Old National Bank would like a letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission indicating what it will need for the Edison Street Park.

Becky stated that after we receive School Board approval and have established a budget, then the Commission can send a letter to Old National Bank.

The Commission agreed that for future business, it would like to see: a debrief on the Easter Eggstravaganza; Edison Street Park; Master Plan Updates; and Park Maintenance Requests.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Henkemeyer to adjourn at 8:30 pm

Justin Breyer
Assistant to the City Manager



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager
RE: REPORT
DATE: April 21, 2015

Under the Radar Workshop

Under the Radar host a successful PBS television program and social media franchise that focuses on the amenities, festivals, unique businesses, and other features that communities have to offer Michiganders. Under the Radar has approached the City of Dexter to provide a marketing and outreach package on behalf of the City. City Council will be hosting a workshop on Monday, April 13 at 6:45 pm at the Dexter Senior Center (7720 Ann Arbor St.) to hear a presentation from Under the Radar and discuss this opportunity. Council has requested the presence of Commission members so that they may provide feedback on the presentation.

B2B 10K Run/Walk

As a reminder, Washtenaw County Parks is coordinating the 2015 Border-to-Border 10K Run and Walk, which will take place on May 2, 2015. The event will begin in Hudson Mills Metropark and will conclude in Mill Creek Park North. The event coordinators are looking for volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering, please e-mail Gloria Leininger at gl66@comcast.net. She will also be contacting local business for sponsorships and donations.

Huron River Watershed Council – Trail Towns

Elizabeth Riggs from the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) will be attending the April 21st Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss the HRWC's RiverUp! program. Elizabeth would also like to engage the Parks and Recreation Commission in discussion on how the HRWC may be involved in Dexter's parks and recreation master planning process.

Professional Rain Garden Maintenance Services

The RFP for Rain Garden Maintenance was due Thursday, April 9th. We received 2 responses. The bid prices are as follows:

- PlantWise - \$1,725
- Bloom! Garden Center & Elemental Design LLC - \$1,299 or \$1,839

Mill Creek Park Phase II Planning.

Courtney Nicholls met with Patrick Droze of OHM and Paul Evanoff of JJR regarding planning for Mill Creek Park Phase II. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Mill Creek Park Master Plan and begin to lay out a more detailed timeline and cost estimate for the project. The City is eligible to apply for significant grant funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Transportation Alternatives Program. The City also has STPU non-motorized funding that will be available in 2017. Paul is going to use the elements in the Master Plan to come up with a current cost estimate that we can use to figure out how these grants could work together to fund the project, especially in terms of which funding sources can be used to match other funding sources. Courtney included Patrick in the meeting due to his knowledge of the rules for the two transportation funding sources, however JJR will be the lead consultant for the project.

Edison Street Playground

Two weeks ago, I visited the Dexter School Board to discuss the Edison St. Park project. Both they and City Council expressed concerns over liability. After speaking with our insurance vendor, Sean Burton from the

Dexter School District expects to pass the easement on Monday, April 20th. We will be presenting this issue to Council at their next meeting on Monday, April 27th.

Easter Eggstravaganza

The 5th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza was held on Saturday, April 4 in Community Park. The event went very well. In spite of the cold temperature, the sun was shining and the families in attendance had a wonderful time. We distributed 215 Easter egg hunt tickets, for which we had approximately 4,000 filled Easter eggs. Attendees also had the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny, pet live bunnies, and have their faces painted.

Parks and Recreation Budget Discussion and Master Plan Update

City Council has hosted two budget goal setting sessions for the 2015-16 fiscal year, during which they discussed major city-wide projects that will impact the next fiscal year's budget. The next City Council budget session will be on April 29th, where they will begin to discuss funding levels. In preparation for the next budget session, the Parks and Recreation Commission needs to review and discuss upcoming projects and how they will impact the 2015-16 Budget. However, since we are going through the master planning process, we should take this opportunity to discuss the Parks and Recreation Commission's goals and objectives prior to a discussion on projects. It is the Commission's goals and objectives that should determine the level of urgency of projects – those projects that meet the Commission's goals and objectives should be given preference over those that do not.

Once we complete a review of the goals and objectives, then we should review all major project concepts because the Master Plan, the CIP, and the Budget are all closely linked. All projects that we undertake must be reflected in the Budget; larger projects should be reflected in the Master Plan and the CIP. These three documents should send a clear and consistent message regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission's priorities.

At the February meeting, I provided proposed updates to the first three sections of the Plan. To date, I have received only a handful of comments regarding these updates. Until it is completed, the 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Plan will be a working document. Feedback can be provided at regularly scheduled meetings or to me directly via e-mail at Jbreyer@Dextermi.gov.

Please feel free to contact me prior to the meeting with any questions, etc.

Thank you.

Access and Transportation

The City center is located along Main Street, which provides east and west access through the community, as shown in Exhibit 4. Baker Road also provides access north and south from I-94. The nearby interstate interchanges also provide convenient access to surrounding communities and southeast Michigan. Dexter is serviced by a regional bus system, the Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE). The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) used to provide service from the City to Ann Arbor; however funding constraints have eliminated AATA's presence in Dexter. WAVE however does provide residents service to connect to the AATA on the west side of the City of Ann Arbor.

Monument Park, with its landmark gazebo, is the heart of the City center. Peace Park and Mill Creek Park are open space landmarks that signal entrances into the City center from the east and west, and assist in further defining the community's image. Scenic routes entering the City include Mast Road from the north via a bridge over the Huron River and Main Street from the west via the Main Street Bridge over the Mill Creek. The Huron River Watershed surrounds Dexter and provides a significant natural barrier on the north and west sides of town. To the west, Mill Pond and Mill Creek connect to the Huron River. Creating a greenway corridor from the downtown and Mill Creek Park, south to the Dexter Community School District property (Shield Road) is a prioritized recreation goal for the City. This project has been incorporated into the Mill Creek Park reclamation project as a second phase. The first phase saw removal of the Main Street dam, replacement of the Main Street Bridge, and creation of Mill Creek Park and its boardwalk.

A narrow one-and-one-half lane railroad underpass provides a unique entrance to the City from the west. The historic stone structure provides clear definition of the entrance into the City center. Meanwhile, a scenic vista of Mill Creek is offered to motorists and pedestrians entering or leaving the western end of the City. The City and the Parks and Recreation Commission gave top priority to further enhance and restore Mill Creek in 2008. Because of a community effort to enhance Mill Creek, this area now provides additional passive recreation opportunities, more trail systems and open space. The Creek restoration has also enhanced the ecosystem, provided access to the creek/waterway, provided passive walking trails and nature interpretation, improved the stormwater entering the creek, and established riparian buffers.

Other landmarks in and around the City include the City Fire Hall and Sheriff's substation, the Farmer's Market, Dexter Library, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Monument Park, the Historical Society Museum, the Dexter Historical Railroad Society and the historic Gordon Hall and associated conservation easements.

The local grid streets network, shown in Exhibit 4, provides convenient movement, linking the residential neighborhoods with the downtown business district. Alleys also provide secondary access to properties throughout Dexter. Public sidewalks are located along most blocks within the City center. A Safe Routes to School study conducted in 1996 has shown where additional sidewalks are needed. In July 2002, a sidewalk survey was also completed to help determine where safe non-motorized routes were needed. Existing non-motorized paths are shown in Exhibit 5. On an annual basis, funds are set-aside in the capital budget to help with additional sidewalk construction or repair. **In FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 the Village spent over \$80,000 repairing and replacing sidewalks.** To provide a complete pedestrian system, the City has committed to locating sidewalks along all City streets, where feasible and as funding permits. This system will also facilitate increasing connections between the parks in the City.

Water

Water features are undoubtedly one of the most important physical resources in the region. The City of Dexter is located within the Middle Huron River watershed area benefits from the presence of the Huron River and Mill Creek, which meander along its the northern and western boundaries. These bodies of water assist in defining the unique character of the community. Major woodland areas line the Huron River and Mill Creek, further defining the Village edge. These water bodies are a scenic and aesthetic resource of the City of Dexter that provide visual relief, open space areas, wildlife habitat, and opportunities for recreation. With the removal of the Main Street Dam, Mill Pond has drained and the area has been restored back to its natural state. The wetland area was replaced with a natural stream and smaller wetland area. The railroad parallels these water bodies forming a man-made boundary along the City's northern and western limits. Together, the natural resources and railroad encircle the northern and western edges of the Village providing the benefits of scenic beauty and natural open space areas, which enhance the City's character.

Drainage

The City of Dexter is located within the Huron River Basin, which is a major drainage basin in Washtenaw County. The community is also located at the mouth of the Mill Creek sub-basin. The Honey Creek sub-basin drains most of Scio Township. The western half of the City is situated in the Mill Creek sub-basin, while the eastern half is situated in various creekshed basins.

Fish and Wildlife

Generally wildlife stays outside of the borders of the City, due to its urbanized character as well as the natural water barriers that Mill Creek and the Huron River provide.

Climate

Dexter has a humid, continental climate that may be considered typical of the upper Midwest/Great Lakes States region of the United States. Prevailing southwesterly winds are frequent along with rapid weather changes, and extreme seasonal temperature variations. The City has a reasonably uniform annual distribution of precipitation, and four distinct seasons characterize the climate. The Great Lakes are a powerful climatic influence throughout the State of Michigan and moderate land temperatures are attained by cooling in summer and warming in winter. Spring can be delayed and fall extended approximately one month due to the moderating effect of the Great Lakes.

Environmental Protection

The City of Dexter has been settled for over 100 years and has consequently experienced the removal of many natural features that were once found in the area. Although Dexter has been urbanized, areas with significant natural features still exist in close proximity to the City, including the 17-acre Smith Woods Preserve. Smith Woods Preserve was donated to the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program in 2008 by the City of Dexter. Smith Woods is adjacent to the Miller Preserve which was purchased by the County in 2007. Together, the Miller Preserve and Smith Woods Preserve account for 28-acres to be preserved as part of the County's Natural Area Preservation Program and provides many opportunities to utilize and access nearby natural resources. This area also has great potential for becoming a link to the Washtenaw Counties regional greenway system due to its location adjacent to the Huron River and other abundant natural resources and recreation opportunities available. The Parks and Recreation Commission hopes that one day the Miller Preserve and Smith Woods Preserve will be connected to the Gordon Hall property, the County Border to Border trail, the HCMA Hike/Bike trail (Exhibits 22 and 22a), and the City's Mill Creek linear park trails (Appendix E).

Key Findings

The purpose of reviewing existing physical characteristics is to identify key findings that will guide parks and recreation decision-making and planning for the City of Dexter.

- The City has an active downtown, which is easily accessible to the stable historic neighborhoods through streets, sidewalks, and scenic open space areas.
- Streetscape improvements along Main Street, the Central Business District and the Dexter-Ann Arbor Road Corridor could visibly connect the parks located at each end of the downtown.
- Future streetscape improvements will provide for visible non-motorized connectivity through the City.
- The City of Dexter's parks provide the only public access to passive recreation opportunities in the immediate area.
- Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Washtenaw County Parks are the only other providers of public parkland within the four surrounding townships.
- The City of Dexter is centrally located amongst the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Parks within Washtenaw County. Connection to these regional facilities would provide City residents and visitors with optional access to the facilities and provide the City with economic development opportunities within the downtown.
- The City can provide parking access and other amenities to surrounding regional park facilities.
- Dexter, Webster, Lima and Scio Townships all own minimal, if any, public parkland.
- The topography creates broad rolling hills and scenic views that require protection from future development and expansion of the City to the north and west.
- Water features provide an additional level of recreation for the City. Resources should be used to enhance the public access to these water resources.
- The City only has one area where the public can access an improved area adjacent to the Mill Creek. The former Mill Pond area would provide acres of public access to the Mill Creek if it were improved.
- The City must actively pursue the preservation of existing natural features when reviewing development plans for projects within the City's boundaries.
- The City has extraordinary access and trail linkage possibilities among the areas regional trail systems and trail plans.
- The City's plan for trail development along the Mill Creek via the new linear park will add to the regions extensive future trail system.

Socio-Economic Characteristics

Collection and analysis of the data describing the City's population, housing and economic attributes is an important component of the parks and recreation planning process. The evaluation and comparison of available data allows the identification of trends in population, housing and employment compositions of the City. The trends provide valuable insights to define potential future conditions based upon the historical trends and the characteristics of surrounding communities and the region. The data will be used to support and guide the Parks and Recreation Commission in the preparation of recommendations for the City Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

Three primary sources of information were used in the compilation of this information. While the 2010 U.S. Census data is the primary source, information was also obtained from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments ("SEMCOG"), and Washtenaw County.

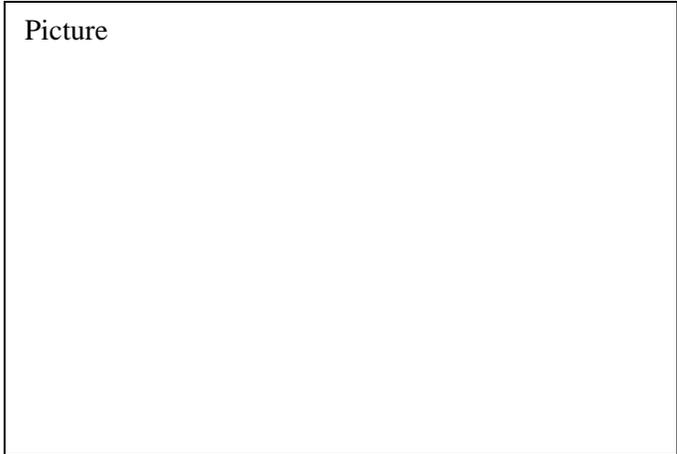
Trends and Projections

Exhibit 10 and 11 describes the population changes from 1970 to 2014 for the Village/City of Dexter. These exhibits also show the population estimate for 2040. Between 1970 and 1990 there was a 14 percent decrease in population, which was most dramatic between 1970 and 1980. Since 1990 the population size has dramatically increased 216% due to the annexation of land and the influx of residential development. Between 2010 and 2014, growth slowed however the population still grew 16%. As can also be seen in the



table, increases are being experienced in all of surrounding areas, which ultimately impacts the Dexter Community School District.

From 2005 to 2007 the number of students enrolled in the Dexter School System increased 149 students, to 3,630, a 3% increase. The increase being felt the most is at the middle school and high school levels. In 2004 the increase was felt most at the kindergarten level. The high school, which now holds 1,183 students, has increased 14% since 2004. The schools have grown substantially over the last decade however the growth has leveled off. The increase in the amount of students has also created the need for more teachers. Since 2002 the academic staff, which includes staff such as counselors and nurses increased from 211 to 235 in 2007, an increase of 11.3%.



While the City is the second smallest municipality in a five-community area and was the second smallest municipality in 1970, the City has experienced the same large increase in the level of growth as surrounding townships. Population projections estimate that the City will have a population of 4,885 persons by the year 2040, a 3% increase from 2014. The data generally demonstrates that the Dexter area is recognized as an attractive residential location and that the population will continue to grow over the next two decades.

According to SEMCOG the region has lost jobs from 2001 through 2010. It is anticipated that growth will slow due to the weak Michigan economy over the last few years. SEMCOG forecasts moderate growth in the long-term, and forecasts a three percent population growth and an eleven percent job growth from 2014-2040. Overall the population and employment rates in the area will continue to grow, however not as quickly as through the 1990's. According the U.S. Census data and SEMCOG's population estimates, more than 38,048 people now reside in the Dexter vicinity compared to 20,851 in 1990 and 30,767 in 2000.

EXHIBIT 10 POPULATION CHANGE 1970 – 2007

Community	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	July 2014 Estimate	2040 Estimate	% Change 2000 - 2010	% Change 2010 - 2014
City of Dexter	1,729	1,524	1,497	2,338	4,067	4,731	4,885	73.95%	16.33%
Dexter Township	2,238	3,872	4,407	5,248	6,042	6,450	6,855	15.13%	6.75%
Lima Township	1,281	2,124	2,132	2,224	3,307	3,621	4,304	48.70%	9.50%
Scio Township	5,476	6,505	9,580	15,759	16,470	16,874	20,442	4.51%	2.45%
Webster Township	1,981	2,760	3,235	5,198	6,328	6,372	5,918	21.74%	0.70%
Washtenaw County	234,103	264,748	282,937	322,895	344,791	356,801	386,235	6.78%	3.48%
State of Michigan	8,875,083	9,262,078	9,295,297	9,938,444	9,883,640	*9,895,622	N/A	-0.55%	0.12%

Source: 2010 U.S. Census/SEMCOG (* 2013)



**EXHIBIT 16
DEXTER HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

Income Category	Households	Percent
Less \$10,000	0	0.00%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	74	4.65%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	165	10.38%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	152	9.56%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	177	11.13%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	265	16.67%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	289	18.18%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	316	19.87%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	110	6.92%
\$200,000 or more	42	2.64%
Total Households	1,590	100.00%
Median Household Income	\$50,510	

Source: 2010 Census

Alternatives municipalities may consider to comply with ADA include: alteration of existing facilities, acquisition or construction of new facilities, relocation of a service or program to an accessible facility, or provision of services at accessible sites.

The implications of the ADA for Dexter are significant. Within parks, parking, sidewalks, picnic tables, play equipment, playground surfaces, and other recreation facilities must be examined to determine if their design creates barriers that prevent use by all segments of the population.

In essence, the ADA and MDNR policies mandate that communities work toward developing "inclusive recreation programs." Inclusive recreation programs identify residents' interests and needs, then address these interests and needs with facilities and programs that are not only barrier-free, but also are adaptable so that everyone can have a pleasant recreation experience. The City will make all efforts to provide barrier free access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Access Guidelines (ADAAG).

Key Findings

Analysis of socio-economic characteristics of the City provides insight to the needs of its residents.

- The dramatic population increase defines a clear need for structured park planning in the next 20 years.
- 56% population increase over the past decade indicates that the Village must prepare for continued population growth as it relates to the future and the populations need for more recreational facilities.
- The Village must cooperate with community organizations, the Dexter Community Schools, adjacent jurisdictions, and the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority to eliminate the duplication of services, while ensuring that appropriate parks and recreation opportunities are available to all Dexter area residents.
- A large percentage of the population remains in family forming years. A younger population implies that more active recreation is appropriate, such as hiking and biking trails.
- More mini-park playgrounds (tot lots) for small children will be necessary to decrease reliance on school facilities and to account for the increase in children that is anticipated. More community parks for young adults will become necessary to decrease the reliance on the school's facilities and to account for the increased need for active recreation facilities as the population continues to increase.
- Employment trends show residents are working "9 to 5" jobs. This implies usage of parks on weekends and weekday nights.

- Cultural centers are not a priority due to the relatively homogenous population, although a community center with diverse recreation opportunities could help meet the needs of Dexter residents now and in the future as the composition of the population changes.
- A community center or recreation center should be considered to improve access to recreation facilities, programming and arts and culture opportunities. Reliance of the school should be reduced if possible.
- Programs must be examined, too, to be certain they provide recreation and leisure opportunities to all residents, regardless of their social, economic, or physical status.
- Programs and activities for young adults should be increased.
- Accessibility, including hiking trails, boating access and educational opportunities, to valuable water resources surrounding the village must be created and improved.
- The Village should continue to evaluate accessibility and provide solutions for parks with accessibility limitations.

Intergovernmental Cooperation

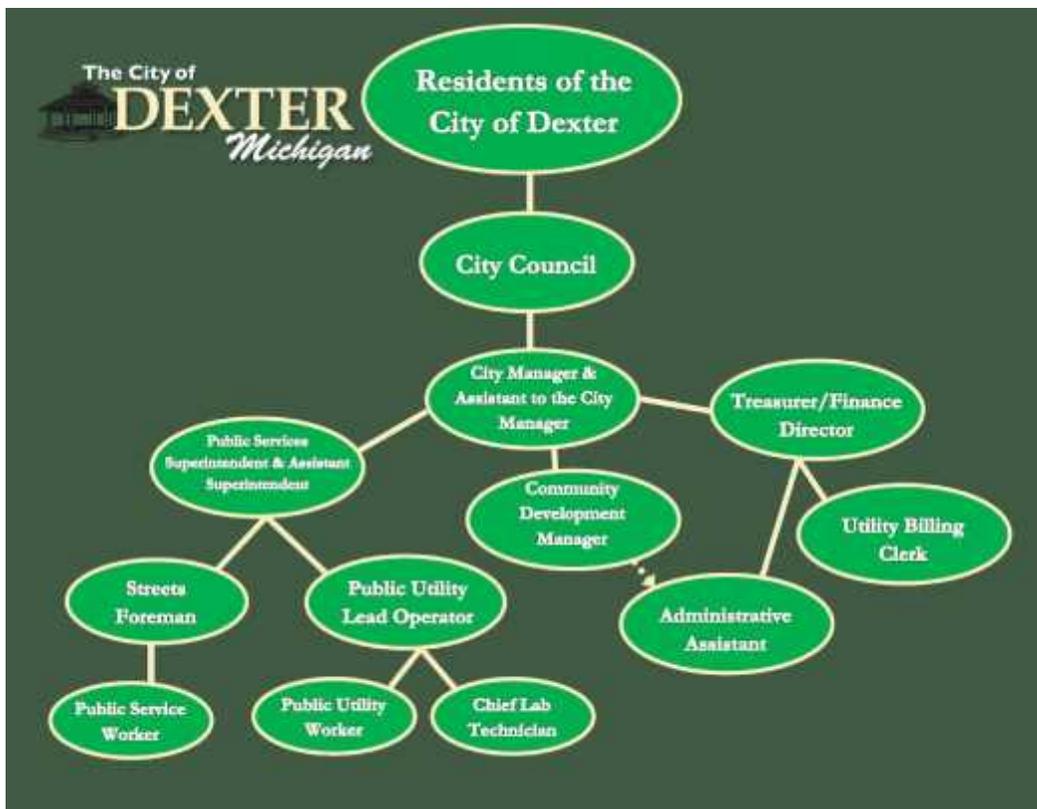
The Parks and Recreation Commission also works closely with the Dexter Community School District to further develop and enhance recreational facilities in the area. The Parks and Recreation Commission is working to improve this relationship in an attempt to develop an efficient and diverse set of recreational opportunities within the City. Consideration is also being given to adding a representative from the schools onto the Parks and Recreation Commission allowing for effective collaboration on the recreation needs of the community.

The City of Dexter and the Dexter Community School District provide recreation activities and facilities services within the City of Dexter. The City owns and maintains seven (7) park sites that primarily provide passive recreational activities throughout the City. The School District owns and maintains a large campus for the three elementary schools, the two middle schools, and the new high school, outside of the City limits. School District recreation facilities are located at each of the schools and are primarily active recreation opportunities.

The Dexter Community School District also operates a Community Education program that provides a limited selection of educational, cultural and recreational activities for District residents. The School Board delegates day-to-day management to the School Superintendent. The principals of each school along with the Director of the Community Education Program are under the authority of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent. The School's facilities are maintained by their Building and Grounds Department.

There is a significant amount of cooperation that occurs between the City and School District -- the City Manager and School Superintendent communicate regularly, the Community Education program regularly uses City parks for School District activities, and Dexter residents take advantage of District facilities when available. Although the school's facilities are generally accessible to the public, facility availability is often limited.

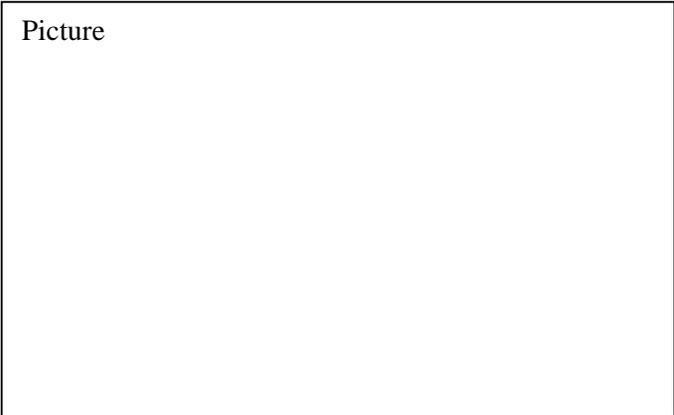
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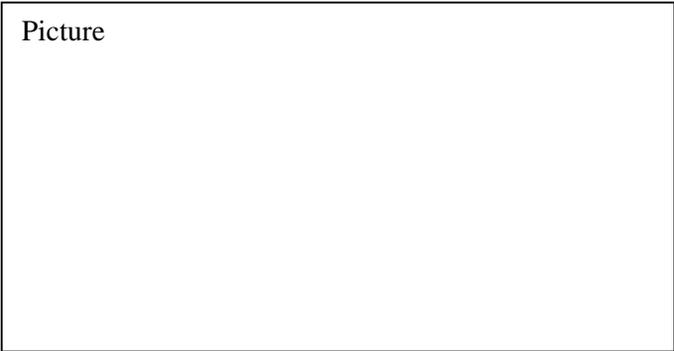
Funding

Park activities including acquisition, planning, development, and maintenance are funded by the City's General Fund. The FY 2014-2015 City budget for parks and recreation facilities was \$120,400.

The Parks and Recreation budget is allocated for maintenance of existing parkland, monthly operational costs of work performed by the DPW, landscaping costs, professional services, capital improvements, Parks and Recreation Commission compensation, and Parks Liaison staff time. The DPW staff consists of four employees who all work part-time on the maintenance and operations of the parks, and three seasonal employees. Parks liaison staff time is approximately 5% of the total parks budget. Volunteers help with parks and recreation facilities on a project-by-project basis. Also, volunteers help with general park clean-up and occasional equipment maintenance, such as painting or refinishing benches and picnic tables.



The Dexter Community School District budget for recreational facilities and programming is allocated between community education programs, the community pool, league sports, and summer recreational programs. The schools FY 2007-08 budget was approximately \$800,000. The City's relationship with the schools is to supplement, but not duplicate, many of the activities and facilities provided by the schools. Community sports clubs and non-profits also provide youth recreation services with separate budgets.



It is becoming more apparent to the City Parks and Recreation Commission that the population growth is putting a strain on the time that will be available for residents to use the school facilities. As the population in the Dexter area continues to grow, the residents of the City will be limited in the amount of time that they will be able to use the school facilities, and therefore shift the demand for recreation back on the City and its minimal facilities. As Exhibit 10 shows, the population in the township's surrounding the City increased almost 10,000 people from 1990 – 2000, and over 7,000 people from 2000 – December 2007. The Parks and Recreation Commission has begun to look at the available facilities and the user needs to determine how the City can more adequately provide facilities needed by the City residents.

In general, there are several existing and potential funding sources available to the City for parks and recreation facility improvements. In addition to the City providing resources to parks from the General Fund, there are other sources of funding available for parks and recreation; these include a dedicated millage, user fees, bonds, grants, donations foundations, contractual agreements and conveyances. Following is a brief description of these funding sources:

General Fund

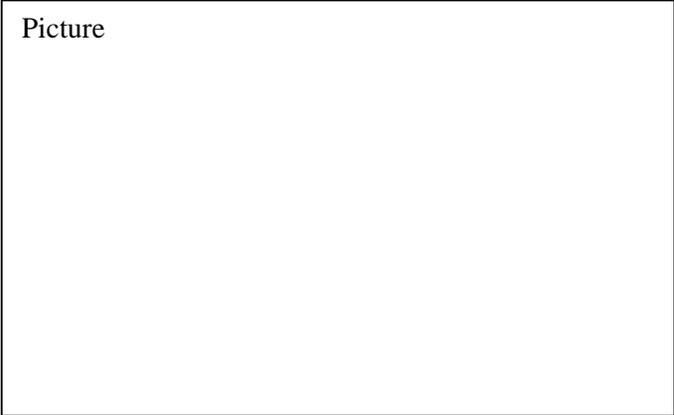
The General Fund is the basic operating fund of the City and the traditional source of operating funds for parks and recreation. General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes, state-shared revenues, federal grants, license and permit fees, charges for services, interest on investments, and court fines or forfeitures. If



recreation program user fees were to be implemented by the City, they would be channeled through the General Fund.

Dedicated Millage

A property tax millage could be used to finance specific parks and recreation projects, such as parkland acquisition or operation of recreation facilities. The dedicated millage has gained favor in many communities because voters are increasingly wary of approving millage increases for non-specified purposes. Approval by referendum is required before a millage can be assessed. A millage is subject to periodic renewal by a vote of the people.



Recreation Millage

A district millage through the school could be used to finance the operation costs associated with community education and recreation. This broad area millage could then be used to purchase land and build a facility that is for community use that would not be restricted by school sports and activities.

User Fees

Fees can be charged to the users of specific recreation facilities or for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities. Other communities in southeast Michigan have established user fees for swimming pools, tennis courts, wave pools, use of lighted athletic fields, and use of indoor facilities. User fees are a promising source of funding in the municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services. In 2007 the Parks and Recreation Commission established a user fee for the use of one of the three (3) gazebos in the City. The user fee has been established for use of the gazebos by non-City residents only.

Bonds

A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities.

General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects such as park land acquisition, and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid off with property tax revenues.

Revenue Bonds are for construction of public projects that will generate revenue. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project. Projects such as water main rehabilitation are paid for by water utility revenues.



Special Assessment Bonds are issued to pay for projects that benefit a particular segment of the population. For example, recreation improvements that benefit a defined subdivision or neighborhood could be financed using special assessment bonds, in which case only the residents who receive the benefit would be assessed.



Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

Following is a summary of the three viable recreation grant programs available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (“MDNR”). The *Recreation Passport Grant* Program funds renovation and improvements to existing parks, along with the development of new parks. The minimum grant request is \$7,500 and the maximum request is \$45,000 with a 25% match. *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (“L&WCF”) eligible projects include community recreation and trail way improvements. These are grants of \$30,000 - \$100,000 to local units of government for development of facilities such as ball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, trails and picnic areas; and including support facilities; renovation of existing facilities and retrofitting of existing facilities to make them accessible to persons with disabilities. Funds are provided through Federal appropriations. The local grant match basis is up to 50%. Current funding priorities are trails, community recreation, green technology, coordination and communication and universal access. *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund* (“MNRTF”) eligible projects include acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or for protection of the land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, including additions to existing parks, forest lands or wildlife areas. Development of public outdoor recreation facilities is eligible (such as picnic areas, beaches, boating access, fishing and hunting facilities, winter sports areas, playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts, and trails). Funds are provided through sale of oil and mineral leases on State land. Local contributions must be at least 25% of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum amount for acquisition projects. The minimum allowable grant for development is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Funding priorities for 2014 are trails (including water trails), wildlife/ecological corridors and winter deeryard (acquisition only) and projects within an urban area.

Creation a Regional Recreation Authority

The City Council may wish to pursue an agreement with surrounding cities, townships and villages to create a broader funding base. Creation of a regional authority could assist in this goal. The City’s neighbor, Scio Township, has expressed interest in acquiring land for the development of a regional greenway connection in the area and has adopted a Greenway Plan. The City of Dexter and Scio Township are beginning to explore coordinated planning for the implementation of both communities’ recreational goals. Eliminating the duplication of services between the City of Dexter, Webster Twp., Lima Twp. and Scio Twp., could substantially improve the recreation opportunities available for all residents in the service area.



Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

TAP is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as non-motorized paths, streetscapes, and the historic preservation of transportation facilities, which enhance Michigan’s multi-modal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. These investments support place-based economic development by offering transportation choices, promoting walkability, and improving residents’ quality of life.

Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Greenways Initiative

The Community Foundation was created to help the seven counties with in southeast Michigan, including Washtenaw County, acquire and construct greenway paths and linkages throughout the region.



Inland Fisheries Grants

The State of Michigan Fisheries Division awards grants to municipalities to rehabilitate degraded inland fisheries. These grants also encourage education and interpretive programs in fisheries, and protect, maintain and enhance aquatic environments. The Inland Fisheries Grants are provided from the Game and Fish Protection Fund through Part 5, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended. This grant requires a minimum of 50% local match. This grant has been suspended for 2008.

Waterways Program Grants

The Parks and Recreation Bureau annually appropriates grant money to applicants requesting funds for the design, construction, engineering, and improvement of recreational boating facilities and boating access facilities.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) – Clean Michigan Initiative

The MDEQ offers funding for implementing water quality protection or improvement activities in approved watershed management plan areas which emphasize protection of high quality waterways.

Great Lakes Soil and Sedimentation

This program provides \$35,000-100,000 in funding for soil erosion management including vegetation and seeding efforts that may be needed following a dam removal, stream bank restoration, stream bank stabilization, etc.

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust

This program provides funding for projects that increase access to water including access to fishing opportunities.

Urban and Community Forestry Program

This program provides funding for forest activities, such as tree inventories, management plans, planting and other maintenance activities. This program is appropriated annually by the Michigan legislature from funds through the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service. The Village has received this grant in the past.

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Arbor Day Mini Grants

Funds provided to local governments and other groups for urban and community forestry activities related to Arbor Day. Funds come from the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service and are appropriated annually by the Michigan Legislature.

Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory

Parks Classification System

The City of Dexter manages more than XXX acres of parkland, including XXX existing parks, XXXXX, and XXXXX. Parks range in size from XXXXX to XXXXXXXX acres and contain a variety of amenities. The following Summary of Municipal Recreation Resources table and Parks and Recreation Facilities Map summarize the system of Parks and Recreation facilities in Dexter.

For recreation planning purposes, it is useful to categorize parks based on their use potential, these standards are derived from the National Recreation and Park Association (NPRA). For the purposes of this plan, parks are classified as follows:

Mini Park

General Description – Mini parks serve the immediate sub-neighborhood depending on their use. These serve a variety of purposes such as tot lots, block parks, play lots, or even a public garden. They are small, usually about the size of the average residential building lot. If equipped for the use of small children, parks should not be situated so that children are required to cross heavily traveled streets to get to them.

Service Area – Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.

Size Criteria – Between 2500 square feet and one acre in size.

Neighborhood Park

General Description - The neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Tables, benches, lawn area, play equipment and play fields are generally the basic facilities. Non-league ball diamonds, skating facilities, and sledding areas may also be included.

Service Area – ¼ to ½ - mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.

Size Criteria – Small neighborhood parks should be between 1 and 5 acres in size, while large neighborhood parks should be 5 to 10 acres in size.

Community Park

General Description - Varied environmental conditions exist in community parks, which may be designed to provide areas for intense, active recreational opportunities such as sanctioned football, swimming or baseball meets or games. They may also serve only passive recreational uses. Community parks may include areas of significant natural features, land suitable for intense recreational development, and parks used for community-wide events. Where both are included, sufficient acreage must be made available to protect the fragile areas often associated with natural features from over or inappropriate use.

Service Area – Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and a 1 to 2 mile radius.

Size Criteria – As needed to accommodate desired uses. Approximately 30 to 50 acres.

Special Purpose Park

General Description - Special purpose parks cover a broad range of parks and recreation facilities, which may be oriented toward single-purpose use, such as historic preservation or downtown open space. The historical, cultural, environmentally sensitive or other unique resources of the City of Dexter are included in this category as well as plazas, squares, parkways, etc. in commercial areas.

Service Area – Variable; dependent on specific use. No applicable standard.

Size Criteria – Variable

Urban Green Space

General Description – Generally lands set aside for preserving drainage corridors, wetlands or other significant community natural resource areas.

Service Area – Variable

Size Criteria - Variable

Source: National Parks and Recreation Association Classification Standards

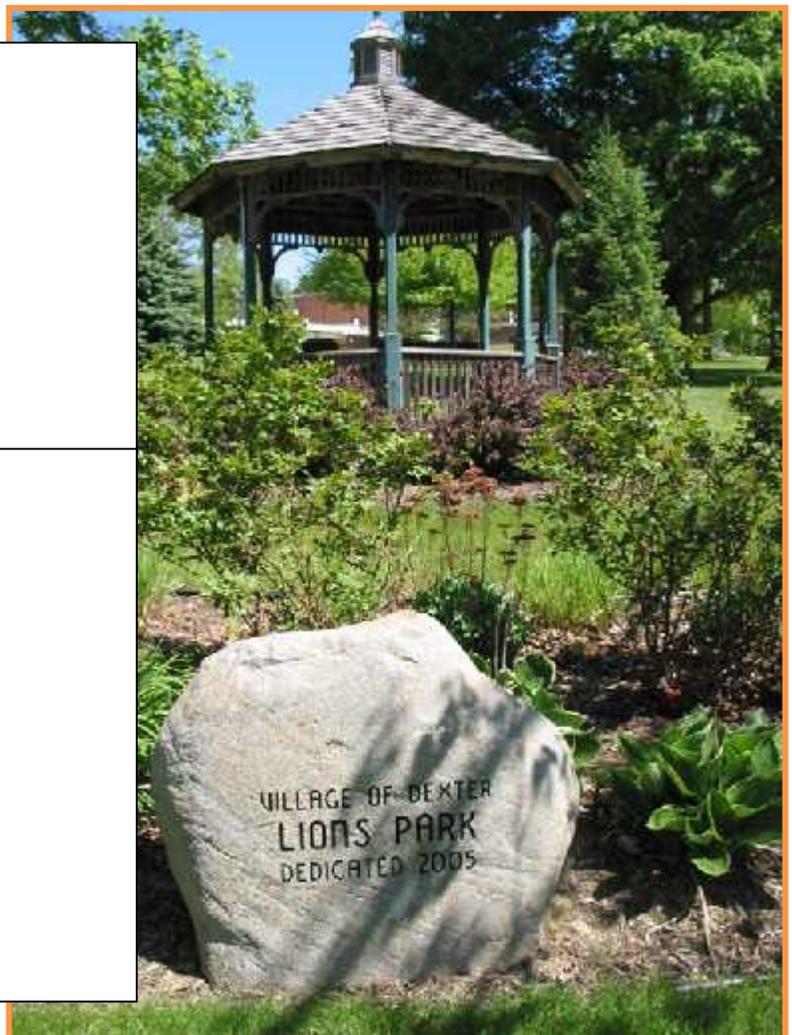
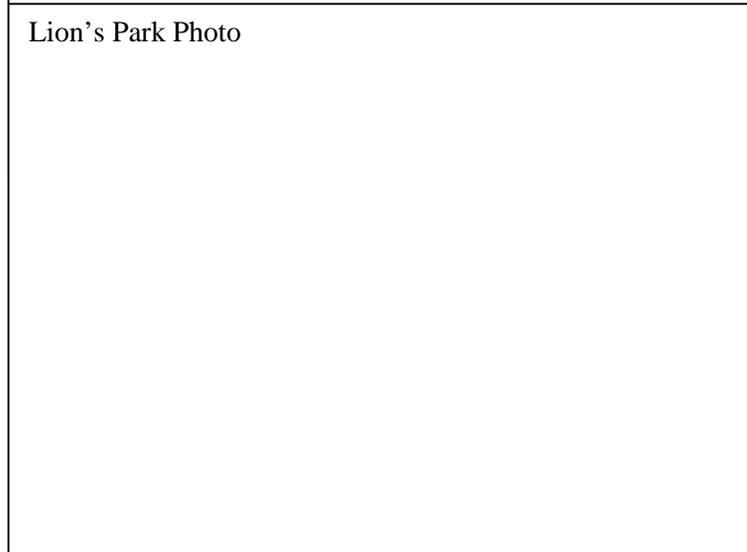
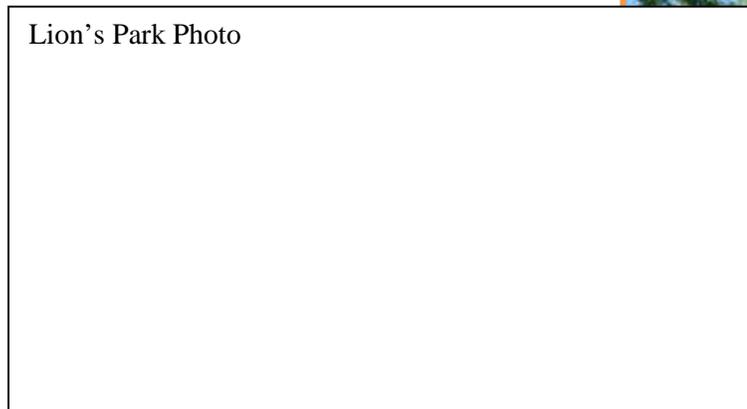
Lion's Park

Location: Ann Arbor Street and Edison Street

Area: .25 acres

Designation: Mini-Park

Amenities: Small gazebo, benches, landscaping, sidewalks.



Non-Public Recreational Facilities

Private recreation developments are important because they can relieve the demand and use pressures on public facilities. These include for-profit and not-for profit facilities and clubs and can address a wide range of interests.

Due to a recent trend in Michigan, many residential developments have come before the City with proposals to develop neighborhoods and incorporate their own private open space/park area (see Appendix F). This type of development is called cluster or open space development and is possible by clustering homes on to smaller lots. The remaining property is preserved as common land for the residents of the neighborhood. More opportunity for this method of development was created by the annexations to the Village in the 1990's. **The City will encourage this type of park development in the future and has adopted standards for 50% open space in future subdivision communities.**

EXHIBIT XX DEXTER NON-PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Dexter Private Facilities		
Facility	Type	Street
CrossFit Dexter	CrossFit Studio	3219 Broad St.
Dancer's Edge	Dance Studio	3115 Broad St.
Michigan Academy of Dance & Music	Dance Studio	7035 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
Stuido 3 Performing Arts Center	Dance Studio	7200 Dan Hoey Rd.
Curves	Gym	7200 Dan Hoey Rd.
Dexter Wellness Center	Gym	2810 Baker Rd.
Snap Fitness	Gym	7007 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
B C Yu Martial Arts Center	Martial Arts	5204 Jackson Rd.
Choi Kwang Do	Martial Arts	7200 Dan Hoey Rd.
Dexter Karate Academy	Martial Arts	3115 Broad St.
Master Lockman's Black Belt Academy	Martial Arts	8110 Main St.
Dexter Crossing	Private Park	Neighborhood
Huron Farms	Private Park	Neighborhood
Orchard River Hills	Private Park	Neighborhood
Westridge of Dexter	Private Park	Neighborhood
Encore Musical Theater	Theater/Theatre	3126 Broad St.

Source: January 2008 Inventory, Village Staff and Dexter Community Schools.

Linear Parks

Linear parks, also called greenways, are lands developed to provide varying means of recreational travel generally between important elements of a service area. They may also serve to protect and/or provide access to various recreational resources including the various types of parklands previously discussed. Modes of travel can include hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, horseback riding, canoeing, and driving.

Linear parks can serve as links between various parks, neighborhoods, schools, libraries and the commercial areas and can therefore include elements from wooded trails to sidewalks. Linear parks may be built along road or utility rights-of way, rivers, or bluff lines. There is no recommended size requirement but they should be wide enough to protect any natural features and promote usage. There is a need and potential for open space connections in the Village of Dexter and the surrounding area.

Development of a greenway system would enhance the village character of the area and create continuity for residents between uses within the community and the surrounding townships. The Village has also prioritized the need for a greenway corridor linkage with the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Parks and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation. The Village has begun to look into ways to connect fragmented annexed areas across the Mill Creek and Huron River at Warrior Creek Park and has jointly pursued funding with the Washtenaw County Road Commission and Washtenaw County Parks. The following Hudson Mills Metro Park map and the Washtenaw County Border to Border trail map, Exhibit 22 and 22a, shows the proposed Hike/Bike Trail greenway system, and demonstrates what a linear park may look like. The Village hopes to connect the Hike/Bike pathway in the Village with a Village linear pathway from the Main Street Bridge and Warrior Creek Park south to the Dexter Community Schools property and Shield Road as part of the Mill Creek linear park following the removal of the Main Street dam. The Village's pathway vision is also shown in Exhibit 22b.

Conservancy

A conservancy primarily provides for protection of a natural, cultural or historical (including pre-historic) area and only secondarily may be considered for recreational use. Smith Woods Preserve is a Washtenaw County conservancy within ½ mile of the Dexter park system.

Park and Recreation Facilities Inventory

Exhibit 24 identifies the Village of Dexter's public parks and recreation areas with the facilities each area provides. This information will be used later in the plan to determine whether there are any deficiencies in the level of service based upon the population of the Village. Additional local recreation opportunities not considered include Dexter Area Library, Dexter Museum, Dexter Mill, Dexter's Historical Railroad Station, various private exercise center's and Tot Lots throughout the Village.

EXHIBIT 22a PROPOSED HIKE/BIKE AND BORDER TO BORDER TRAIL CONNECTIONS



Basis For Plan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has adopted a set of standards, based upon those developed by the National Parks and Recreation Association (NPR), to determine the need for recreation facilities in each community. These standards establish 1) the specific recreation facilities such as tennis courts or soccer fields, which should be available based upon the population of the community; and 2) the “service areas,” or number and type of parks that should be available to residents within a certain distance of their homes. Each of these standards will be applied to the existing inventory of community-wide and school district recreation facilities to determine if deficiencies are present. The results of this analysis will be incorporated into the Action Plan.

Evaluation of the Village’s Parks and Recreation Facilities

The National Parks and Recreation Association (NPR) has developed standards to help communities across the country determine park and recreation facility needs based on population. The standards are used much less now due to the varying needs and composition of different communities, although the standards are still used as a guide. The Village of Dexter still uses the standards as a guide, although the standards are generally for much larger communities, because no other standards currently exist.

The Village’s available recreation relies heavily on the Dexter Community Schools for many of its facilities. With the Village having only approximately 33 acres of public parkland and approximately 10 acres of private parkland, the schools provide multiple indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities. The Dexter Community

Schools provides the Village with between 75 and 80 acres of community parkland, although 30 to 40 of those acres are at the new high school located outside the current Village limits. The schools outdoor recreation facilities are always open to the residents of the Village, with the exception of the indoor pool and other indoor recreation facilities that are used on a daily basis by the school and the Community Education Program. The Community Education Program administered through the Dexter Community Schools is open to the residents of the Village although space and schedule limitations do exist.

The Village currently has adequate parks and recreation facilities when the schools facilities are considered, but it should be noted again that use of the school facilities is somewhat limited. The Village and the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to become self-sufficient with the ability to provide the substantial portion of the variety of recreation opportunities for all age residents, within the context of limited resources and the desire to avoid the duplication of services. The schools provide four (4) baseball fields, six (6) softball fields, seven (7) soccer fields, two (2) football fields, including one track, ten (20) tennis courts, three (3) outdoor basketball courts, three (3) indoor regulation size gyms, three (3) other non-regulation gyms, and two (2) indoor pools all administered through the school's Community Education and Recreation Department.

One of the goals of the Village of Dexter and the Parks and Recreation Commission is to facilitate providing indoor recreation opportunities for Village and area residents. It is unlikely that the Village or Parks and Recreation Commission will build an indoor recreation center however the Village understands and commits to facilitating the availability of indoor recreation for Village residents via easily accessible alternative venues.

Recreation Deficiencies

A review of recreation facilities serving the Village of Dexter and School District, applying MDNR standards, is provided in Exhibit 25. Finally, service area boundaries are graphically represented for existing facilities in Exhibit 24. These comparisons provide a general idea of deficiencies, but it must be understood that the MDNR standards are not intended to be followed to the letter. Needs of the population vary from one community to the next and should be considered.

Exhibit 25 shows a surplus or adequate amount of the listed recreational facilities. Primarily, all active recreation is provided by the Dexter Community Schools. Deficiencies in active recreation include hiking, biking, skatepark, inline skating cross country skiing and other related type of trails.

EXHIBIT 24 EXISTING PARK SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

Analysis Of Existing Facilities And Service Areas

Analysis of existing park and recreation facilities is summarized in Exhibit 27. The table is a compilation of comments and recommendations based on the preceding exhibits, which compare the Village's facilities to NPRA standards.

The exhibits that follow take a calculated look at existing parks and recreation facilities in Dexter. This portion of the overall assessment has provided the Village with a starting point for further investigation of the recreation needs in the Village.

The evaluation of existing park and recreation facilities was based on NPRA standards is outlined in Exhibit 25. A comparison of existing parkland acreage to accepted standards are defined in Exhibit 26. The service area boundaries, as interpreted by the NPRA, are graphically represented for existing facilities in Exhibit 24.

EXHIBIT 27 ANALYSIS OF EXISTING FACILITIES – CITY OF DEXTER AND DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Comments/Recommendations

Mini-Parks

The NPRA recommends 0.25 to 1 acre per 1,000 residents. Currently, the Village has sufficient mini-park acreage with or without the inclusion of private parkland.

The current mini-parks should continue to be maintained and upgraded as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Funding is budgeted annually for equipment replacement and landscaping maintenance. The equipment replacement inventory is used to determine what and when equipment is replaced in each of the parks.

The Village should continue to require private developments to have private parks for use by the residents and to help meet the needs of the population in the immediate area. As land becomes available throughout the village the Parks and Recreation Commission should consider acquisition for addition public mini-park land throughout the village.

The Village is also planning for the development of a skatepark. Preliminary research (Appendix P) shows that a 5,000 square foot skatepark would likely service the Village's population and skatepark needs.

Neighborhood Parks

The village has 2 public neighborhood parks and 2 private neighborhood parks consisting of 16.15 acres.

Community Park and Warrior Creek Parks are public neighborhood parks that provide picnic areas and play areas. Development in these parks is primarily complete, however Warrior Creek park will be further developed with the development of the Mill Creek Park.

Private neighborhood parks within the village consist of 9 acres, which includes walking paths, play structures, benches and picnic tables.

Some of the schools facilities could be considered neighborhood parks, however, since they are primarily located in one area are classified as a community park.

Five (5) acre neighborhood parks are recommended as a minimum per 1,000 residents. The Village of Dexter is deficient if 5 acres is used as a minimum, however with all other considerations and including private neighborhood parks the village has sufficient neighborhood parks. Considering only public neighborhood parks there are portions of the village that are not served by neighborhood parks. This must be considered when evaluating land acquisition possibilities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission current consideration of a skatepark would help reduce the deficiency of public neighborhood parks, however additional property would have to be acquired.

A winter ice skating rink should also be considered for Warrior Creek park to utilize the parks year round.

Community Parks

The Village of Dexter does not have any Community Parks. Pursuant to the recommended size for Community Parks the village will not likely have any Community Parks. Community Parks are more likely to be provided by a regional recreation and open space provider.

The village does hope to create the Mill Creek Park (approximately 24 acres) which will essentially address the recommended Community Park needs per population. There will still be a slight deficiency; however there will be linear connections to a much larger Community and Regional Park network.

Primarily all active recreation is provided by the Dexter School District on their property, mostly within the Village limits, and some outside the Village limits at the new High School. The schools facilities include ball fields of all types and as well as indoor activities. These facilities can be utilized through school teams and programming offered through Community Education and Recreation.

The NPRA's standard requirement for Community Parks is 20-50 acres per 1,000 residents. Active recreation facilities are provided by the Dexter School District. Some of this property is within the Village limits so it is easily accessible for all residents, but the facilities at the new High School are not. Dexter Community Schools students' usage of the facilities also takes priority over the usage of the residents of Dexter Village.

Development of the Mill Creek area following the removal of the Main Street dam will provide Village and regional residents with a unique opportunity to access the Mill Creek and the unique open space landscape created by the dam removal.

The Village should continue to explore acquisition opportunities to complement the Mill Creek Park development along the Mill Creek and south. The Village should also continue to work with regional recreation providers, HCMA and Washtenaw County Parks, to add to the recreation and open space available to area and Village residents.

Special Use/Natural Resource Areas

The Village of Dexter does not have any special use or natural resource areas. The only park near the Village of Dexter that would be classified in this category are Washtenaw County's Miller and Smith Preserves located less than 1 mile outside of the village boundary. The Miller and Smith Preserves protect the 40-50 year old trees in the oak barren with a nature trail and unpaved parking area. The Miller Preserve and Smith Woods contain 28-acres of woodlands that provide one of the only remaining undeveloped, habitats and sanctuaries in the area for plants and animals. The property also contains various wetland areas.

Washtenaw County recently purchased the Miller Preserve through the County Natural Areas Preservation Program. The Village then donated the Smith Woods Preserve. Plans for improvement include upgraded parking (completed in 2008); signage to identify the preserves and nature trails throughout the 28-acre park.

The Village should continue to coordinate with the County to publicize the park area and encourage pedestrian connections to downtown, the Mill Creek and Warrior Creek Parks as well as the County Border to Border trail and HCMA Hike Bike trail.

The Village should consider property acquisition in the area surrounding the Mill Creek and connections to the Smith and Miller Preserve to expand the linear park and open space network.

Passive Parks

Monument Park and Peace Park were developed as passive parks, as well as private open space or common areas in residential developments are classified as passive recreation areas. The Gordon Hall property, west of the Village, was recently acquired by the Dexter Historical Society. DHS goal is to further enhance the historical features and monuments that have existed within the Village for the past 100 years and preserve the Gordon Hall property as public open space. General maintenance of these parks is most important. A common connection between them would create a more cohesive park system and pedestrian network. This can be accomplished through signage, lighting, benches, pathways and sidewalks. Pathway connections throughout the Village should be evaluated to increase accessibility to parks and elsewhere.

The Village will work with the Dexter Historical Society to preserve the historic Gordon Hall and the property on which it is located. Sidewalk connections must be made to assure pedestrian access to and from the Village's parks and the historical asset just outside the Village's border.

Linear Parks

Built along natural corridors, such as utility right-of-ways, abandoned railroad easements, vegetation patterns, rivers and streams, and roads that links other components of recreation systems or community facilities, such as schools, libraries, commercial areas, and other park areas and desirable site characteristics may be developed into linear parks.

The Village's goal is to develop a linear park along the Mill Creek following the removal of the Main Street dam. The goals for the park development are included in Appendix E. The linear Mill Creek Park will connect to the school property to the south and the Washtenaw County Border to Border Trail and HCMA Hike / Bike Trail to the north and east.

Development of the linear Mill Creek Park is a top priority for the Village.

A linear park of some sort would be an exciting tool for creating connections within the existing park system. For example, a linear park along Main Street/Ann Arbor Street could connect the three anchors – Peace Park, Monument Park and Warrior Creek Park. A linear park would also be located along a natural feature such as the Mill Creek and Huron River as planned by the Village of Dexter, Washtenaw County and HCMA.

Linear parks can include bike paths, hiking paths, boardwalks, benches, information kiosks, fishing and water access and non-motorized boat linkages.

The Village places high priority on the Mill Creek Park trail network to provide connection to the Metro-Parks across the Huron River and the Washtenaw County Border to Border trail heading east along the Huron River. This would also provide a pedestrian linkage that is needed within the Village for the protection of pedestrians and visitors, and to provide more universal access to Warrior Creek Park and the downtown district. Warrior Creek Park and another location in the downtown as a trail heads would link downtown to the parks and the regional trail network and promote health, fitness, and economic development, as well as safe pedestrian access within the Village and the parks. Development of the trail system to the south to the school property will also create a valuable passive recreation opportunity to Village residents on property already owned by the Village.

Several residential subdivisions under construction have small open space areas within the development. These private facilities function as mini-parks as they provide recreational facilities for the neighborhood residents.

Additional Deficiencies

This analysis provides useful information on quantity; the raw numbers do not address the *quality* of existing parks and recreation facilities. Upon closer examination, deficiencies or limitations in the Village Parks and Recreation system become apparent. These deficiencies are due to a number of reasons, including the following:

Increased Population Projections

The analysis of deficiencies does consider future demand generated by projected population increases in the Village due to growth and new developments. Based on SEMCOG 2030 Regional Development Forecasts, projections and an analysis of local trends, the population in the Village is projected to increase an additional 53% by 2030. This must be taken into account when acknowledging the validity of the facilities evaluation; such an increase in population requires a re-evaluation of existing facilities based on future needs. This is addressed in the Action Plan portion of this report.

Reliance on School Sites

Most community park facilities in the Village are located on School District property. Cooperation between the community and school district provides for efficient use of the land. Nevertheless, there are limitations associated with having many of the community park facilities on school sites, because use of these facilities are first available to school athletic teams and scheduled programs and then open to the general public on a request basis only.

Distribution of Existing Parks



Exhibit 24 illustrates how the Village is served by the existing park facilities. While some areas in the Village are not well serviced others have access to a variety of park and recreation facilities. The distribution of parkland should be a consideration in future recreational land acquisition.

The northeast portion of the Village will soon be developed into residential neighborhoods. The recreation area in these developments will range from passive, natural open space to private mini-parks to public land developed with active recreation facilities. These new recreational developments will serve only the needs of the adjacent residential subdivisions, but they will also address some of the existing deficiencies within the newer areas.

Barrier-Free Facilities

Many of the existing playgrounds located at park and school facilities are not accessible to residents with disabilities. Modern equipment with transfer points and ramps, resilient surfacing, and universally accessible pathways are required to ensure “integrated play” by all residents of the community. Universal accessibility is a priority in park development over the next 5 years and beyond. The Village Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the DDA are working together to provide ADA access to Warrior Creek Park via the reconstruction of the Main Street Bridge however accessibility will likely continue to be a problem without future improvements to Mill Creek Park. Accessibility standards for equipment can be found in Appendix D.

Since the Village has placed a high priority on providing access to existing park and recreation facilities, providing access to Warrior Creek Park, and a future connection to the proposed Mill Creek linear park, is one of the Village highest priorities.

General Maintenance

Though Village owned parks adequately serve the existing population, park maintenance is an important component to providing desirable recreation opportunities for residents. In general, Warrior Creek is in need of basic maintenance to improve their appeal to the Village residents. In particular, lighting and uniform signage is needed in most of the parks, as well as parking facilities at Warrior Creek Park. Parking improvements would address safety and access concerns. Parking improvements along Alpine Street have been completed as part of the Farmer’s Market project however access and parking to Warrior Creek Park is still not sufficient.

Residents’ walking their dogs has also become a problem. Installation of doggie bag dispensers has been a priority, but continued education is important. Installation of bag dispensers may encourage owners to pick up after their pet as well as decrease the risk of pollution and disease transmission. As the population increases in Dexter, so will the number of residents and dogs in the Village parks.

Non-Motorized Accessibility

Non-motorized pathway connections seem to be lacking between all facilities. A pathway system between all parks, schools, and public buildings, such as the Farmer’s Market, Dexter Library, Dexter Museum, Railroad Depot, and even churches, would provide safe and convenient accessibility for pedestrians. The Village is lacking pedestrian linkages throughout the existing pedestrian system and to some Village parks.

Visual Connections

Similar lighting and signage that is consistent with the traditional village design in the downtown area should distinguish all public parks. The Parks and Recreation Commission has established a signage theme that will be carried out throughout the Village’s parks. The Village hopes to have uniform signage in all parks by 2010.

The Village has also installed information “I” kiosks throughout the Village. The kiosks are in place to provide visual connections throughout the Village’s walking destinations and to display maps and other park, Village and community information.

Where possible greenways and pathways will also visually connect the parks and recreational facilities available to the public. The Downtown Development Authority is also interested in helping to create visual connections through the Village and create a “gateway” at each Village entrance. The east entrance to the Village has been improved by a developer and the Village and Parks and Recreation Commission hopes to continue the theme at each Village entrance.

Access to Natural Resources

Dexter is in a prime location nestled between the Huron River and its tributary the Mill Creek. The Village plans to take advantage of these waterway assets and also improve access to the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) through the proposed Hike /Bike Trail and bridge connection. Phase 1 of the HCMA trail has started construction and the Village is committed to working with HCMA to connect the trail system to the Village’s downtown and proposed Mill Creek linear park. An application for Transportation Enhancement funding was applied for in 2008 in an effort to facilitate completion of a connection across the Mill Creek and into Warrior Creek and the proposed Mill Creek linear park that would link the village with the HCMA trails and Washtenaw County’s Border to Border trail.

The Village has also placed top priority on the planning, development, and conversion of the Mill Pond property into the proposed Mill Creek linear park upon removal of the Main Street Bridge dam to extend access to the natural resources available along the Mill Creek Tributary. The vision for the area is to extend a trail system along the Mill Creek to the south highlighting the significant natural resources, ecology and habitats along the waterway.

Reliance on Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Park Land

Due to the close proximity of the Huron Clinton Metro Parks, just across the Mill Creek, Dexter residents readily use the facilities. The Metro Parks provide easy access to a variety and natural resources that are not accessible within the Village limits. However, as the population of Dexter and the surrounding communities increase, the Metropark may begin to congest. As this growth occurs, the Village will need to improve its park and recreation facilities to accommodate the needs of its residents from within rather than being entirely reliant on Metro Parks system. The HCMA’s proposed Hike / Bike trail may help alleviate some of the congestion that the Village residents create on the regional parks and will also provide additional recreation opportunities for an even larger service area. The proposed trail is shown in Exhibit 22 and 22a along with a map of the Westside Connector. The Village will need to be prepared for additional parking needs if the downtown area and the proposed Mill Creek linear park becomes a major trailhead to the Metroparks greenway corridor. A non-motorized pathway bridge at the historic railroad bridge, or vicinity, accessing Warrior Creek Park and the proposed Mill Creek Park would also provide a pedestrian link, for Village residents and visitors of the Metro-Parks, to a regional trail system and to Washtenaw County’s Border to Border trail system, Exhibit.

Diversify Village Owned Facilities

The majority of Village owned facilities tend to be passive parks. As opportunities arise to acquire additional facilities or re-develop existing property, the Village should provide more active recreation for the residents, such as tennis courts and ballfields. Trends and projections show a younger population occupying the Village in the future. Therefore, creating a more diverse recreation base will increase and maintain usage by the Village residents. The Village should begin to explore a community recreation center or encourage a private

developer to build a recreation to meet additional active recreation needs that may present themselves in the near future as the population escalates as it has over the last decade.

Reliance on the Dexter Community Schools

All of the active recreation facilities available to Village of Dexter residents are through the school district. Scheduling conflicts and sporting events severely limit the availability of these facilities to residents and residents are dependent on the Dexter Area School District for all classes and activities. The Village should not duplicate the schools facilities, but should work closely with them to ensure that both entities recreation goals are met, and that the needs of the Village residents and district residents are fulfilled. A community center in collaboration with the Dexter Community Schools should be explored. The village should also collaborate with the schools Community Education Program to assure that active recreation opportunities are offered through programming.

Limitation of Site Size

Most of the existing village parks are adequate in terms of size based on accepted standards. However, as the population increases, these parks could be subject to overuse and will no longer adequately serve the recreational needs of the residents. The Village puts high priority on making the existing facilities accessible to all individuals who want to use them and on the development of the Mill Creek Park which will provide an additional 15 plus acres of parkland and provide trail/pathway access from the southern to the northern border of our community.

Increase Communication

The Village governing bodies need to increase communication with each other to create awareness of each commission's goals and objectives. This plan can be utilized to "spread the word" to the Village administrators and elected officials, as well as its residents about the importance of parks and recreation in the Village of Dexter and the Dexter vicinity. This type of implementation will facilitate more change and an increased knowledge of the important issues the Village faces, as addressed in this plan.

The Parks and Recreation Commission needs to engage the public into the park planning process for residents to feel a sense of ownership in the parks. The Parks and Recreation Commission should also keep the public posted on potential projects to encourage more public input and participation. The Village currently works with the local paper, The Dexter Leader, on a regular basis to involve the public. The Ann Arbor News also provides information on park activities, events and park planning projects. The village's website calendar keeps interested residents informed of public meetings and special events and all Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agendas and minutes are posted online. The Village will also continue to include the surrounding entities in recreation planning and implementation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the DDA will continue to collaborate on projects that impact both groups in an effort to accomplish the goals and vision of each entity. The Parks and Recreation Commission will continue to update the DDA, the Village Council and other community organizations interested in helping achieve a vision for the Village of Dexter Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Conclusions

The Village of Dexter (excluding schools) currently has recreational deficiencies. Deficiencies exist in active recreation, such as ball fields, tennis courts and other active recreation facilities. With the donation of Smith Woods to Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program the Village's Community Park acreage has also decreased resulting in additional passive recreation deficiencies. Portions of the Village are under served

by existing parkland and various types of parkland; however with the inclusion of private parkland within residential developments the Village has sufficient Mini-Parks and Neighborhood Parks. Village residents also feel as though there is a lack of universally accessible parks and passive interpretive, walking and biking trails.

Active recreational deficiencies are being supplemented by the school facilities and nearby regional facilities. However, as the population of the Village continues to increase, as it is projected based on current development trends, reliance on other facilities will not accommodate deficiencies. The proposed development of the Mill Creek linear park following the removal of the Main Street dam, will also address some of the deficiencies in passive recreation and fill the village's deficiencies in community parkland. Diversity in Village owned facilities, land acquisition/planning and enhancement of existing and reclaimed facilities to serve residents better would have to be a top priority, as is the development of more active and universally accessible recreation for the entire Village population.

For this five-year plan the Village must put a high priority on development of the Mill Creek Park. Awareness has been established and support is prevalent for the long-term goals of greenway and corridor connections with the HCMA Hike Bike Trail, Washtenaw County's Border to Border Trail, Scio Township's Greenway Plan and the Dexter Community Schools. High priority has also been placed on providing more active and passive recreation around Warrior Creek Park, Mill Creek Park, and Community Park. Continued maintenance and improvements to existing parkland is also important to provide recreation facilities that appeal to the residents of the Village.

Goals and Objectives

I.GOAL: (Space/Facilities) Meet present and future community needs for parks, greenways, trails, and recreation.

- A. Objective: Plan and develop a system of parks, greenways, open space, and recreation facilities that provides a minimum of 16 acres per 1,000 Village residents.**
1. *Strategy: Identify desirable parcels within or adjacent to the Village and evaluate for park system inclusion.*
 2. *Strategy: Seek to provide required space or facilities through the development of partnerships, or the purchase of easements or property.*
 3. *Strategy: Consider the location of existing parks and facilities when choosing new sites in order to provide a balanced distribution.*
 4. *Strategy: Encourage the development of parks and facilities in areas which are pathway accessible and will serve a large number of Village residents or a priority targeted group.*
 5. *Strategy: Provide park and recreation facilities that are consistent with NPRA standards and guidelines and that coincide with the needs of the Village.*
 6. *Strategy: Develop park and recreation assets with safe, universally accessible pathway linkages as a priority consideration.*
- B. Objective: Encourage the preservation of green space and the development of new parks and/or recreation assets when opportunities arise.**
1. *Strategy: Encourage park projects that honor and preserve local history and historic architecture.*
 2. *Strategy: Promote the integration of our goals with the Village Planning Commission and their development review process to ensure that projects meet increased parks and recreation needs.*
 3. *Strategy: Use the development review process to encourage the clustering of dwellings facilitating more space for parks, recreation, pathways, open space, or linear parks.*
 4. *Strategy: Encourage large developments to dedicate a minimum of 30% of their project as green open space, exclusive of stormwater detention/retention ponds and paved surfaces.*
 5. *Strategy: Encourage small developments to provide green open space for small mini-parks.*
 6. *Strategy: Encourage developers to preserve green open space and mature trees in their projects, to protect significant ecosystems, and to use greenways and linear parks to buffer their projects, to provide for the safe movement of wildlife, and to connect to the linear parks or greenways of adjacent jurisdictions.*
 7. *Strategy: Encourage developers to provide pathways connecting their project with the Village's system of pathways and the pathways of adjacent parks, trail systems, or jurisdictions.*
 8. *Strategy: Encourage developers to meet the recreation demands created by their project through the construction of new neighborhood parks and active recreation facilities.*
 9. *Strategy: Encourage developers to contribute to the restricted parks and recreation endowment commensurate with the size of their project and estimated population.*
- C. Objective: Following removal of the Mill Creek dam, plan and develop a linear park along the Mill Creek.**
1. *Strategy: Seek Village Council creation of a Mill Creek Park Planning Team, with Parks and Recreation Commission representation, to formulate goals, objectives and related criteria to guide the planning and development process.*
 2. *Strategy: Collaborate with the Mill Creek Park Planning Team to develop an environmental framework and master plan for the new park.*

3. *Strategy: Coordinate linear park and pathway connections with regional and local jurisdictions including the planned Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Hike-Bike Trail, Washtenaw County's Border-to-Border Trail, other adjacent Washtenaw County Parks and Preserves, and with the master plans of neighboring townships.*
4. *Strategy: Select a consultant through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to help develop detailed plans for the park's development.*
5. *Strategy: Secure approval and funding from Village Council to engage the services of preferred consultant to develop a Master Plan for the Mill Creek linear park.*
6. *Strategy: Apply for funding from both Village and non-Village sources to help execute the Mill Creek Park plan and park development.*
7. *Strategy: Execute the park development plan in phases as funding allows.*
8. *Strategy: Encourage adjacent jurisdictions to collaborate when appropriate.*

II. GOAL: (Recreation) Encourage healthy lifestyles for Village residents through recreation.

A. Objective: Offer Village residents a balanced program of active and passive recreation opportunities.

1. *Strategy: Develop and promote a program of active and passive recreation activities and local events that are affordable and provide good value to citizens of all ages.*
2. *Strategy: Make pathway and passive recreation development first priority in order to achieve the highest utilization and return on investment.*
3. *Strategy: Develop active recreation facilities secondarily but as required to meet specific high priority needs.*
4. *Strategy: Collaborate with the Dexter Community Schools and other public and private interests in the planning and delivery of recreation opportunities while eliminating duplication.*
5. *Strategy: Evaluate the feasibility of developing passive facilities in support of birding, photography, and environmental education.*
6. *Strategy: Evaluate the feasibility of developing active facilities in support of a skateboarding/inline skating, outdoor ice skating, outdoor rock climbing, fishing, and paddle sports.*

B. Objective: Offer Village residents multiple opportunities to walk, run, bike, skate, or paddle without leaving their community.

1. *Strategy: Identify, promote, and help develop longer outings via additional pathway and water trail linkages to adjacent parks, trail systems, greenways, and waterways owned and operated by other jurisdictions.*
2. *Strategy: Build the proposed west side connector and other linkages to the Washtenaw County Border-to-Border Trail and the Miller/Smith Preserves.*
3. *Strategy: Develop a pathway system within the boundaries of the proposed linear park at Mill Creek.*
4. *Strategy: Develop a Mill Creek water trail from Shield Road to the Huron River.*

III. GOAL: (Accessibility) Strive to make every Village park and recreation site accessible.

A. Objective: Design and develop a system of all-season, non-motorized pathways, trails, sidewalks, and bike paths linking Village neighborhoods with both Village and adjacent non-Village parks, greenways, pathways, recreation venues, schools, and commercial retail areas.

1. *Strategy: Develop a pathway system within the boundaries of the proposed linear park at Mill Creek that will serve as a central hub connecting to other pathway systems.*

2. *Strategy: Construct the proposed west side connector from WestRidge to the proposed Mill Creek linear park.*
3. *Strategy: Identify and develop bicycle lanes on all major roads and streets in the Village.*
4. *Strategy: Segregate bicycle and pedestrian traffic from motorized traffic where appropriate and feasible.*
5. *Strategy: Collaborate with the Dexter Community Schools to establish pathways connecting the High School and Intermediate Schools with the proposed linear park at Mill Creek.*
6. *Strategy: Coordinate park and trail planning with the State of Michigan, specifically with the goals of the Michigan State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).*
7. *Strategy: Coordinate park and trail planning with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, especially their regional Border-to-Border Trail Initiative.*
8. *Strategy: Coordinate park and trail planning with the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, especially their Hike-Bike Trail initiative.*
9. *Strategy: Proactively invite other Village and/or regional groups involved in planning to enhance linkages to Village parks and recreation for a broader regional system.*

B. Objective: Ensure that all parks and recreation assets are barrier-free and universally accessible.

1. *Strategy: Review all plans, for new parks and recreation facilities, for compliance with current ADA standards.*
2. *Strategy: Develop and implement strategies to make existing parks and recreation facilities compliant with current ADA standards.*
3. *Strategy: Explore securing funding assistance for ADA-related improvements.*

IV. GOAL: (Environment) Make nature and healthy ecosystems an important characteristic of our Village.

A. Objective: In designated Village natural areas, enhance and preserve healthy ecosystems for native plants, fish, and wildlife.

1. *Strategy: Develop and implement a comprehensive management plan, including environmental framework, to enhance and sustain the above.*
2. *Strategy: Prioritize invasive species and minimize their impact where practical.*
3. *Strategy: Identify desirable species and provide supportive habitat.*
4. *Strategy: Periodically repopulate desirable native species where and when appropriate.*
5. *Strategy: Perform maintenance as required within natural areas and waterways to enhance the environment for native species.*
6. *Strategy: Encourage the Village to maintain best practice stormwater solutions to increase water quality.*
7. *Strategy: Promote and maintain riparian buffers to reduce erosion and lower water temperatures.*
8. *Strategy: Promote and maintain sufficient ability for fish to move upstream.*
9. *Strategy: Educate community about habitat, plants, wildlife, fishery, and their value.*
10. *Strategy: Educate community about potential for pet damage to habitat, plant life, wildlife, fishery, and water quality.*
11. *Strategy: Develop and promote identification and education programs in our natural areas using citizen volunteers, teachers, or partnering with non-Village organizations.*
12. *Strategy: Promote the use of our natural areas by residents in an effort to increase their sense of ownership and support.*
13. *Strategy: Develop a volunteer stewardship program in support of our natural areas, including school-based programs to educate and nurture interest.*

B. Objective: In Village urban areas, enhance the natural feel of each park.

1. *Strategy: Integrate the use of native plants with non-native perennials and annuals.*
2. *Strategy: Use bioretention islands, bioswales, rain gardens, and other innovative water retention strategies when appropriate.*
3. *Strategy: Add and maintain features or structures that invite and support wildlife, e.g., hummingbird gardens, birdhouses, bat houses, etc.*
4. *Strategy: Consider integrating large boulders, water features, or other natural-style hardscape.*

C. Objective: Advocate for the enhancement and preservation of natural features within and surrounding our Village.

1. *Strategy: Promote the preservation of scenic vistas, natural land buffers, greenways, and waterways.*
2. *Strategy: Promote the preservation and enhancement of important wildlife habitat and migration routes, including aquatic, in and through the Village.*
3. *Strategy: Promote increased public access to adjacent waterways, greenways, and public lands.*

V. GOAL: (Management) Use sound planning, financial, and operational management practices.**A. Objective: Deliver on our stated goals and objectives.**

1. *Strategy: Develop and annually review the development plan for each Village park and recreation site.*
2. *Strategy: Annually maintain and implement project priorities as listed in the 5-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).*
3. *Strategy: Develop an annual plan for meeting program objectives through the implementation of specific strategies, both CIP and non-CIP items.*
4. *Strategy: Review progress quarterly on the implementation of our annual plan to keep on track.*
5. *Strategy: Annually review degree to which prior year's plans were implemented and recommend adjustments for the future.*

B. Objective: Ensure that our parks and recreation assets remain available for enjoyment, now and in the future.

1. *Strategy: Develop a parks and recreation master plan and update it at a minimum of every 5 years.*
2. *Strategy: Annually secure adequate funding for operations and maintenance.*
3. *Strategy: Establish and promote a restricted parks and recreation endowment fund.*
4. *Strategy: Leverage outside funding, partnerships, and other assets whenever possible.*
5. *Strategy: Consider opportunities for the development of parks and recreation revenues from user fees, rentals, and/or other direct services when appropriate and desirable, e.g., gazebo rentals, facility and equipment rentals, concessions, etc.*
6. *Strategy: Periodically consider asking citizens to provide a dedicated and stable revenue base through a renewable millage.*
7. *Strategy: Annually develop and submit a budget and capital improvement plan.*
8. *Strategy: Fully implement and live within the authorized operating and capital improvement budgets.*
9. *Strategy: Build effective working relationships with Village Council, staff, and other Village and non-Village agency representatives as required.*

10. *Strategy: Develop community support as required.*

C. Objective: Foster smart and efficient management practices.

1. *Strategy: Ensure appropriate staff and volunteers are educated in relevant current best practices of the parks and recreation profession.*
2. *Strategy: Ensure that appropriate staff and volunteers are provided the resources and support of Village government to be successful.*
3. *Strategy: Stay abreast of changing trends and add this information to our discussions.*
4. *Strategy: Recommend investment in assets and programs that satisfy community needs and values while staying true to our mission and goals.*
5. *Strategy: Develop and implement appropriate asset maintenance schedules, reflective of the investment and projected long-term value of the asset.*
6. *Strategy: Participate in Village and regional groups involved in planning that would impact Village parks and recreation.*
7. *Strategy: Partner with other public and private entities where duplication could be eliminated or to help provide new programs and facilities for Village residents.*

D. Objective: Identify and utilize all available Village and non-Village funding resources to meet our goals.

1. *Strategy: Identify and apply to funding sources that may serve as alternatives or supplements to Village funds.*
2. *Strategy: Consider selling park, facility, hardscape, or equipment sponsorships as a part of any funding campaign.*
3. *Strategy: Develop and promote efforts to fund a Village Parks and Recreation Endowment, e.g., Dexter Parks & Recreation Guide to Giving, raffle-style giveaway, or other fundraising device.*

VI. GOAL: (Community) Foster a community-wide sense of pride in and support for our parks and recreation program.

A. Objective: Promote parks and recreation activities in the community and our broader service area.

1. *Strategy: Request amendment from Village Council to change existing name from Parks and Recreation Commission to Parks and Recreation Commission.*
2. *Strategy: Communicate with the Village Planning Commission and Village Council the importance of parks and recreation initiatives in the community.*
3. *Strategy: Meet with the Downtown Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and other local civic organizations about our initiatives.*
4. *Strategy: Develop and consistently use a Village Parks & Recreation brand including logo, marketing message, etc.*
5. *Strategy: Develop a Parks & Recreation branded website as part of the Village site, e.g., www.villageofdexter.org/parksandrec.*
6. *Strategy: Produce an integrated set of branded print and PDF brochures promoting our parks and recreation assets and programs.*
7. *Strategy: Promote our parks and programs through participation in major downtown events.*
8. *Strategy: Promote our parks and programs through branded wayfinding and activity promotion signage and advertising.*
9. *Strategy: Communicate our annual plan to the general public.*
10. *Strategy: Communicate our success and shortfalls to the general public annually.*

11. *Strategy: Provide periodic updates through a combination of communication channels, e.g., Village newsletter, website, brochures, Dexter Leader.*
12. *Strategy: Work with other public and private agencies to promote our parks and recreation program through shared mailings and/or joint sponsorship, e.g., education, recreation, events, etc.*

B. Objective: Provide and promote opportunities for individual citizens and community groups to influence the mission, priorities, management, and operations of the parks and recreation program.

1. *Strategy: Regularly survey residents to measure program and service quality, user satisfaction, and to collect citizen input.*
2. *Strategy: Establish an online comment form and email address for suggestions or feedback.*
3. *Strategy: Regularly invite residents to attend and participate in Parks and Recreation meetings.*
4. *Strategy: Invite citizens to volunteer in support of Parks and Recreation objectives.*
5. *Strategy: Understand the importance of engaging the public and local community organizations.*
6. *Strategy: Identify and promote project opportunities for voluntary community participation.*
7. *Strategy: Meet annually with the Downtown Development Authority, Dexter Community Schools, Washtenaw County Planning and Recreation Departments, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and other local units of government within the Dexter vicinity.*
8. *Strategy: Meet annually with local civic organizations and neighborhood groups to inform them of our goals and projects and to invite their feedback and participation.*
9. *Strategy: Annually review citizen feedback, incorporating desired ideas.*

C. Objective: Deliver superior service to citizens and others seeking our help.

1. *Strategy: Commit to serving residents with warmth, courtesy, and respect in all matters.*
2. *Strategy: Communicate with residents regularly to enhance timeliness of information, transparency of process, and support for parks and recreation in our Village.*
3. *Strategy: Make ease of use and affordability priorities when developing recreation programs.*

D. Objective: Develop an overall parks and recreation program that makes a positive contribution to the economic sustainability of the Village.

1. *Strategy: When developing park and recreation assets and programs, maximize how each will contribute to the local economy consistent with our mission and goals.*
2. *Strategy: When possible and appropriate, consider improvements that will support efforts to build "Dexter as a Destination".*
3. *Strategy: Stay abreast of, influence, and support the activities and objectives of other Village organizations, e.g., DDA, Chamber of Commerce, Dexter Community Schools, Historical Society, when consistent with our mission and goals.*

E. Objective: Develop and maintain parks and recreation assets that incorporate a high degree of aesthetic appeal.

1. *Strategy: Engage the services of appropriate design professionals when developing or upgrading parks and recreation assets.*
2. *Strategy: Develop and implement design standards for all park and recreation assets.*
3. *Strategy: Periodically review existing assets for appearance and invest as necessary to elevate to desired standard.*

4. *Strategy: Utilize or compliment other design standards used in the Village by other departments and organizations.*

F. Objective: Develop and maintain park and recreation assets and recreation programs that meet current industry safety standards and, where standards do not exist, develop and maintain assets and programs with careful consideration for user or participant safety.

1. *Strategy: Engage the services of appropriate safety or risk assessment professionals when developing or upgrading parks and recreation assets.*
2. *Strategy: To assure safety of users, require that current industry standards be identified and met when developing any design or bid specification.*
3. *Strategy: Work with local law enforcement personnel to develop appropriate design safeguards and post-implementation strategies.*
4. *Strategy: Where identifiable, clearly indicate potential risks to participants or users and any limits to participation or use, e.g., signage.*
5. *Strategy: Follow recommendations of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA).*

BUDGET REPORT FOR CITY OF DEXTER
Calculations as of 06/30/2015

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	2015-16 AMENDED BUDGET	2015-16 FUTURE PROJECTED BUDGET	2014-15 AMENDED BUDGET	2014-15 ACTIVITY THRU 06/30/15	2013-14 AMENDED BUDGET	2013-14 ACTIVITY	2012-13 AMENDED BUDGET	2012-13 ACTIVITY	2011-12 AMENDED BUDGET	2011-12 ACTIVITY
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND											
APPROPRIATIONS											
Function: Unclassified											
Dept 751-PARKS & RECREATION											
701-725 PERSONNEL SERVICES											
<No Project>											
703.000	SALARIES - NON UNION		2,900	3,000	2,248	1,700	1,700	5,000	3,680	2,600	2,875
703.001	SALARIES - PART TIME		11,000	11,000	9,354	10,700	11,620				
704.000	SALARIES - UNION		22,800	22,000	8,613	18,600	21,456	19,000	20,148	14,000	23,857
705.000	SALARIES - OVERTIME		500	500	136	500	1,243		333		109
709.000	SALARIES - PARK COMMISSIONERS		1,000	1,000		1,500	970	1,500	990	1,500	930
720.000	SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE		3,000	2,900	1,508	2,000	2,816	1,700	2,165	1,000	2,124
721.000	HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE		3,500	3,400	2,007	3,100	3,233	3,000	3,035	3,000	2,488
722.000	LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE		100	100	45	100	64	100	67	100	69
723.000	DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN					2,200	2,306	1,700	2,218	1,100	2,166
723.003	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN		100	100	45						
<No Project>			44,900	44,000	23,956	40,400	45,408	32,000	32,636	23,300	34,618
701-725 PERSONNEL SERVICES			44,900	44,000	23,956	40,400	45,408	32,000	32,636	23,300	34,618
726-799 SUPPLIES											
<No Project>											
731.000	LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES		4,000	4,000	1,792	8,000	3,919	7,000	7,171	3,500	1,925
732.000	ICE RINK SUPPLIES		4,000	4,000	2,197	4,700	4,213	3,800	4,473	2,000	1,714
740.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES		1,000	1,000	204	1,000	1,051	1,000	705	1,000	1,094
<No Project>			9,000	9,000	4,193	13,700	9,183	11,800	12,349	6,500	4,733
726-799 SUPPLIES			9,000	9,000	4,193	13,700	9,183	11,800	12,349	6,500	4,733
802-810 CONTRACTED SERVICES											
<No Project>											
802.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		5,000	30,000	994	17,300	11,986			2,000	157
803.000	CONTRACTED SERVICES		7,500	5,000	4,950			7,200	7,200		
<No Project>			12,500	35,000	5,944	17,300	11,986	7,200	7,200	2,000	157

802-810 CONTRACTED SERVICES		12,500	35,000	5,944	17,300	11,986	7,200	7,200	2,000	157
800-969 OTHER SERVICE & CHARGE										
<No Project>										
901.000	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	1,000	1,000	1,803	3,000	3,053	24,500	14,203	5,000	
937.000	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	6,000	6,000	300	6,000	4,181	3,500	5,532	3,000	1,147
941.000	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	7,500	7,500	9,657	5,000	12,579	2,000	6,827	1,500	2,572
944.000	PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	3,700	3,700	3,180	2,200	5,085	2,600	3,182	2,600	3,105
955.000	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000	2,000	1,844	1,700	1,901	1,700	1,814	2,000	1,146
958.000	MEMBERSHIPS & DUES	200	200	453		118				
<No Project>		20,400	20,400	17,237	17,900	26,917	34,300	31,558	14,100	7,970
800-969 OTHER SERVICE & CHARGE		20,400	20,400	17,237	17,900	26,917	34,300	31,558	14,100	7,970
970-989 CAPITAL OUTLAY										
<No Project>										
970.000	CONTRACTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		5,000		5,000					
977.000	EQUIPMENT	7,000	7,000	1,740	7,000	7,341	5,500	6,386	17,500	15,541
<No Project>		7,000	12,000	1,740	12,000	7,341	5,500	6,386	17,500	15,541
970-989 CAPITAL OUTLAY		7,000	12,000	1,740	12,000	7,341	5,500	6,386	17,500	15,541
Totals for dept 751-PARKS & RECREATION		93,800	120,400	53,070	101,300	100,835	90,800	90,129	63,400	63,019
Total - Function Unclassified		93,800	120,400	53,070	101,300	100,835	90,800	90,129	63,400	63,019
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		93,800	120,400	53,070	101,300	100,835	90,800	90,129	63,400	63,019

PROJECT NAME: Community Park Improvements

PROJECT ID: 2.01

PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement

TOTAL COST: \$400,000

SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 17 (1998)

DESCRIPTION:

Improvements started 2004, play equipment 2005 Community Build, asphalt path in 2007, gazebo 2008, play court 2009. Remaining improvements include permanent bathrooms, water fountain, court shelter, path reconstruction. Pathway reconstruction required following drainage improvements resulting from LaFontaine stormwater improvements. Park should be complete following installation of above items.

LOCATION MAP: Dexter Ann Arbor Road and Ryan Drive



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Value indicates the degree to which the project will help to: 0=Not Applicable 1=Somewhat Important 2=Important 3=Very Important

3	Protect health, safety, lives of citizens
3	Maintain or improve public infrastructure, facilities
1	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
1	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
11	TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Parks provide citizens will with healthy recreation and open space opportunities within the City. Safe, enjoyable access to parks and recreation opportunities is an important goal as stated within the Master Plan.

MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

See Parks and Recreation Master Plan Goals 1, 2 and 6 AND 2012 City Master Plan.

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		1998		ongoing
Design/Acquisition:		1998		ongoing
Construction:		2004		2016

The project is ongoing. Reconstruction of the pathway is the first priority.

PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Bathrooms and Water Fountain	General Fund	\$100,000
Pavilion/Shelter at Play court	General Fund	\$50,000
Path reconstruction	General Fund	\$20,000
New Signage	General Fund	\$5,000

EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
General Fund	\$215		\$100		\$50			\$150
Grants	\$45							\$0
								\$0
								\$0
TOTALS	\$260	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$150

PROJECT NAME: Dog Park

PROJECT ID: 2.02

PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

PROJECT TYPE: Park Development

TOTAL COST: \$23,000

SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 2 (2013)

DESCRIPTION:

The City owns property on Dan Hoey Road where the Community Garden is located. Development of an off leach dog area (approx. 3/4 acre) on the west side of the 4 acre parcel would meet the needs of a portion of the City's dog owner population. This project was discussed as a top priority by the PaRC upon Council determination of long term plans for property.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

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0	Protect health, safety, lives of citizens
2	Maintain or improve public infrastructure, facilities
1	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
2	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
8	TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Providing additional park facilities/amenities for a variety of citizens. Promotes exercise, healthy relationships and community. The 5-H Coalition may be able to assist in the development.

LOCATION MAP:



MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014 AND Dog Park Research in file (2012)

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

	Start		End		
	Month	Year	Month	Year	
Study:		2013		2013	Study and cost estimates being completed, design, etc. to be done in 2013-2014. Construction slated for 2013-2014 when funding has been secured. 5-H Coalition could assist with mini-grant although project not listed in plan.
Design/Acquisition:		2013		2013	
Construction:		2013		2014	

PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Property Development	General Fund	750 l.f. fencing	\$12,000
		clearing approx. 1 acre	\$6,000
		parking/culvert	\$5,000

EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
General Fund			\$23					\$23
Donations								\$0
5-H Mini-Grant (14-15)								\$0
TOTALS	\$0	\$0	\$23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23

PROJECT NAME: Edison Street Park Play Equipment

PROJECT ID: 2.03

PRIORITY: DESIRABLE

PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement

TOTAL COST: \$15,000

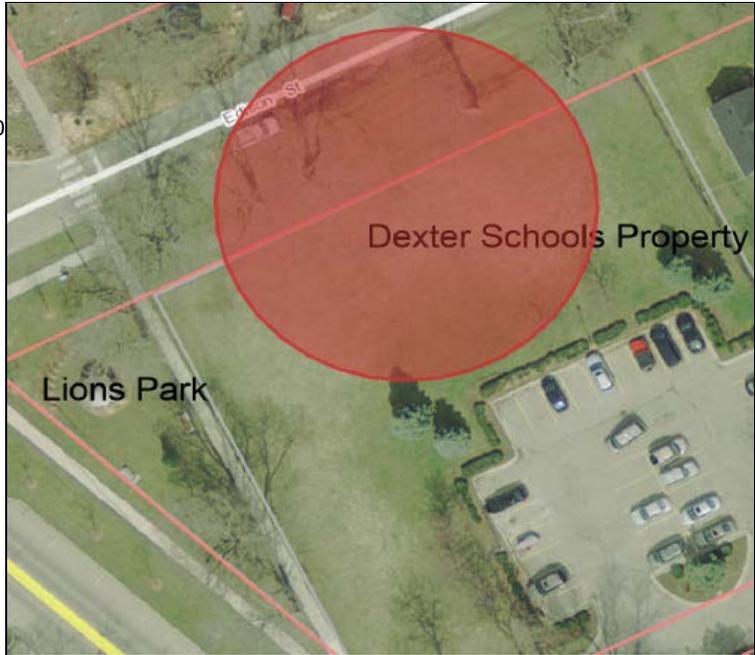
SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 2 (2013)

DESCRIPTION:

The PaRC would like to increase access to mini-parks. Mini-parks are defined as serving an area within a less than 0.25 mile walk; being between 0.25-1 acre and it is recommended that 0.25 acres be provided for every 1,000 residents. The City currently has 1.69 acres of mini-parks, however none have play ground equipment.

LOCATION MAP: Corner of Ann Arbor St and Edison St



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

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- 1 Protect health, safety, lives of citizens
- 3 Maintain or improve public infrastructure, facilities
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- 3 Improve customer service, convenience for citizens

12 TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Creation of vibrant and active mini-parks that promote walking and activity close to home. Property is currently owned by the public (schools).

Combine with Edison Street Park, place play equipment on school property

MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014; 2013 PaRC Goals

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

Bathrooms

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2013		2014
Design/Acquisition:		2014		2015
Construction:		2014		2015

Need for more play equipment and mini-parks and availability of grant funding makes this a priority for FY15-16.

PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Playground Equipment	General Fund	\$20,000
	Grant/Sponsor Funding	\$20,000

EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
General Fund		\$20						\$20
Grant Funding		\$20						\$20
								\$0
TOTALS	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40

PROJECT NAME: Mill Creek Park Improvements/Construction - PHASE 2

PROJECT ID: 2.05

PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

PROJECT TYPE: Park Development

TOTAL COST: \$1,200,000

SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 15 (2000)

DESCRIPTION:

Construction of a passive natural trail system south of Grand Street to the Dexter Community Schools property. Provides a major connection to a developing regional trail system and the school outdoor education area. Provides possible trailhead parking opportunity at Shield Road upon completion. Includes stormwater system improvements see project ID 7.02. Consider eliminating trail along river at point to reduce cost and reduce impacts to habitat, may also reduce permitting needs.

LOCATION MAP: East of Mill Creek South of Main Street



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

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3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
3	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
13	TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Preserve and enhance the parkland along the Mill Creek and west of the City, improve habitat and natural areas, connect parks and provide recreational opportunities to citizens.

MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014 and Mill Creek Park Master Plan 2009; 2013 PaRC Goal to initiate natural trail in future trail location to create access.

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2008		2009
Design/Acquisition:		2015		2016
Construction:		2017		2017

Start design work in 15-16 to prepare for MNRTF grant in April 2016. Coordination with school and outdoor lab advised. Community Connector funding or B2B funding with County should be reviewed. Complete timeline is shown below.

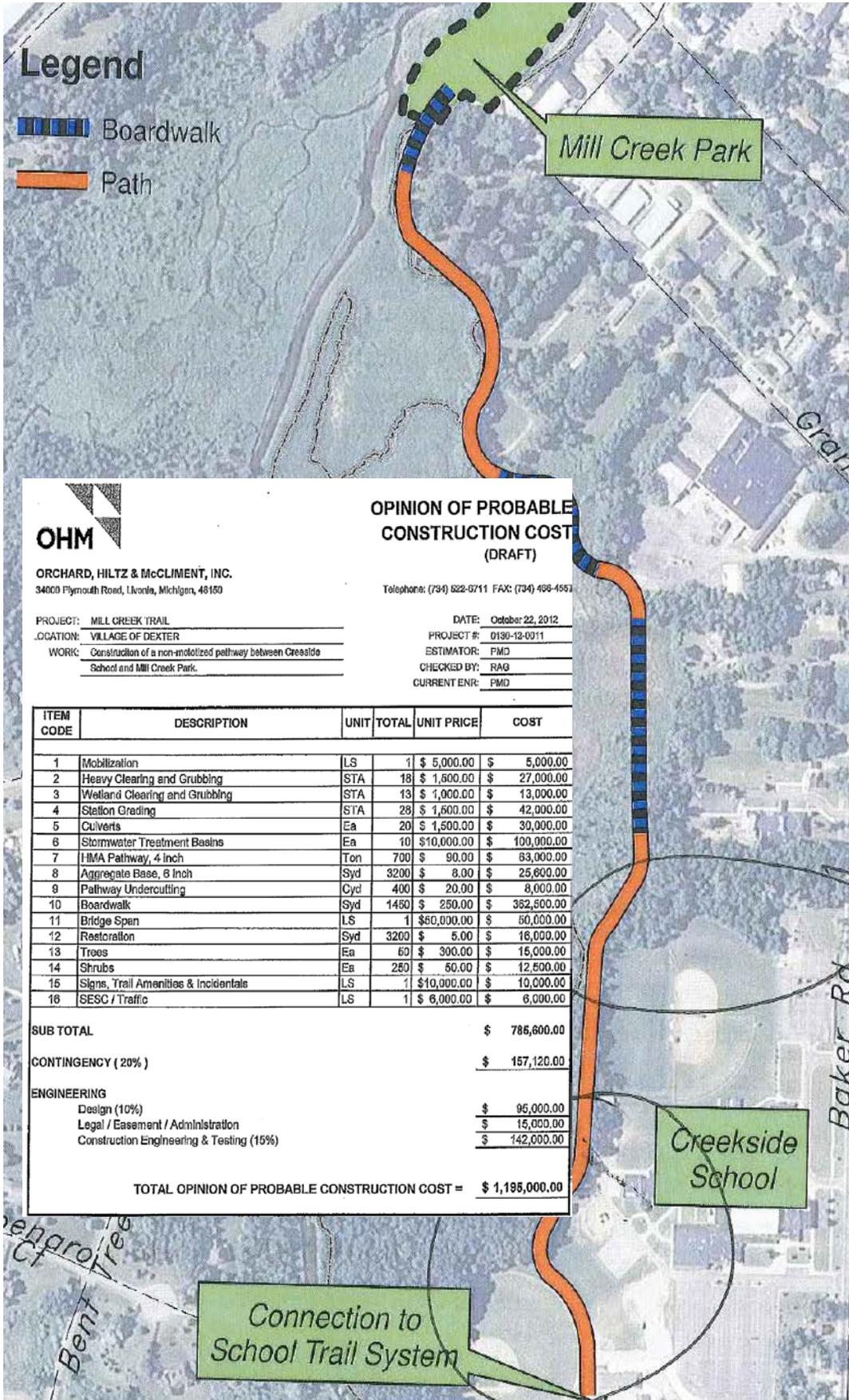
PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Phase 2 Park Development- Grand Street to School	Phase 2	\$1,200,000
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EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
City Commitment*			\$10	\$20		\$500		\$530
MNRTF Grant/Other Grants						\$400		\$400
Other - Unknown						\$100		\$100
Landmark Structure Donation						\$200		\$200
Inland Fisheries								\$0
TOTALS		\$0	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$0	\$1,200	\$0
								\$1,230

* Consider adding project back to TIP for future STP-U funding.



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OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST (DRAFT)

DATE: October 22, 2012
 PROJECT #: 0130-12-0011
 ESTIMATOR: PMD
 CHECKED BY: RAG
 CURRENT ENR: PMD

PROJECT: MILL CREEK TRAIL
 LOCATION: VILLAGE OF DEXTER
 WORK: Construction of a non-motORIZED pathway between Creekside School and Mill Creek Park.

ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	COST
1	Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2	Heavy Clearing and Grubbing	STA	18	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 27,000.00
3	Wetland Clearing and Grubbing	STA	13	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
4	Station Grading	STA	28	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 42,000.00
5	Culverts	Ea	20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 30,000.00
6	Stormwater Treatment Basins	Ea	10	\$10,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
7	HMA Pathway, 4 inch	Ton	700	\$ 90.00	\$ 63,000.00
8	Aggregate Base, 6 inch	Syd	3200	\$ 8.00	\$ 25,600.00
9	Pathway Undercutting	Cyd	400	\$ 20.00	\$ 8,000.00
10	Boardwalk	Syd	1450	\$ 250.00	\$ 362,500.00
11	Bridge Span	LS	1	\$60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
12	Restoration	Syd	3200	\$ 5.00	\$ 16,000.00
13	Trees	Ea	60	\$ 300.00	\$ 18,000.00
14	Shrubs	Ea	250	\$ 50.00	\$ 12,500.00
15	Signs, Trail Amenities & Incidentals	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
16	SESC / Traffic	LS	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
SUB TOTAL					\$ 785,600.00
CONTINGENCY (20%)					\$ 157,120.00
ENGINEERING					
Design (10%)					\$ 95,000.00
Legal / Easement / Administration					\$ 15,000.00
Construction Engineering & Testing (15%)					\$ 142,000.00
TOTAL OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST =					\$ 1,195,000.00

CITY OF DEXTER * CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

TIMELINE

Consultant Selection	Jan-15
Visioning Session	Feb-15
Public Input	Mar-15
Additional Public Input	Apr-15
Additional Public Input	May-15
Design/Identify Required Permits	Jun-15
Design	Jul-15
Additional Design	Aug-15
PaRC Recommendation	Sep-15
Gather Letters of Support	Oct-15
Publish Public Hearing Notice	Jan-16
Public Hearing- Grant Application	Feb-16
Village Council Certified Resolution	Feb-16
Budget - Documentation of local funding	Mar-16
Notice of Intent	Mar-16
MNRTF Application DEADLINE	Apr-16
Funding Award	Dec-16
Bid Project	Feb-17
Select Contractor	Mar-17
Obtain Permits/Easements	Mar-17
Construction	Apr-17

CITY OF DEXTER * CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

