



City of
Montrose Michigan



**Parks & Recreation
Master Plan
2021- 2025**

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Preface

Recreation and open space are important to the residents of the City of Montrose. Recognizing this concern, community officials have led an effort to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan aimed at improving and developing Montrose's recreational resources. This plan was developed concurrently with Montrose Township. This process fostered cooperation between the two communities in regards to recreation planning for goals and objectives, programming, and capital improvements.

In accordance with the State recommended five-year cycle for recreation planning, this updated plan covers the five-year period 2021-2025. The content and process follow requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a community recreation plan.



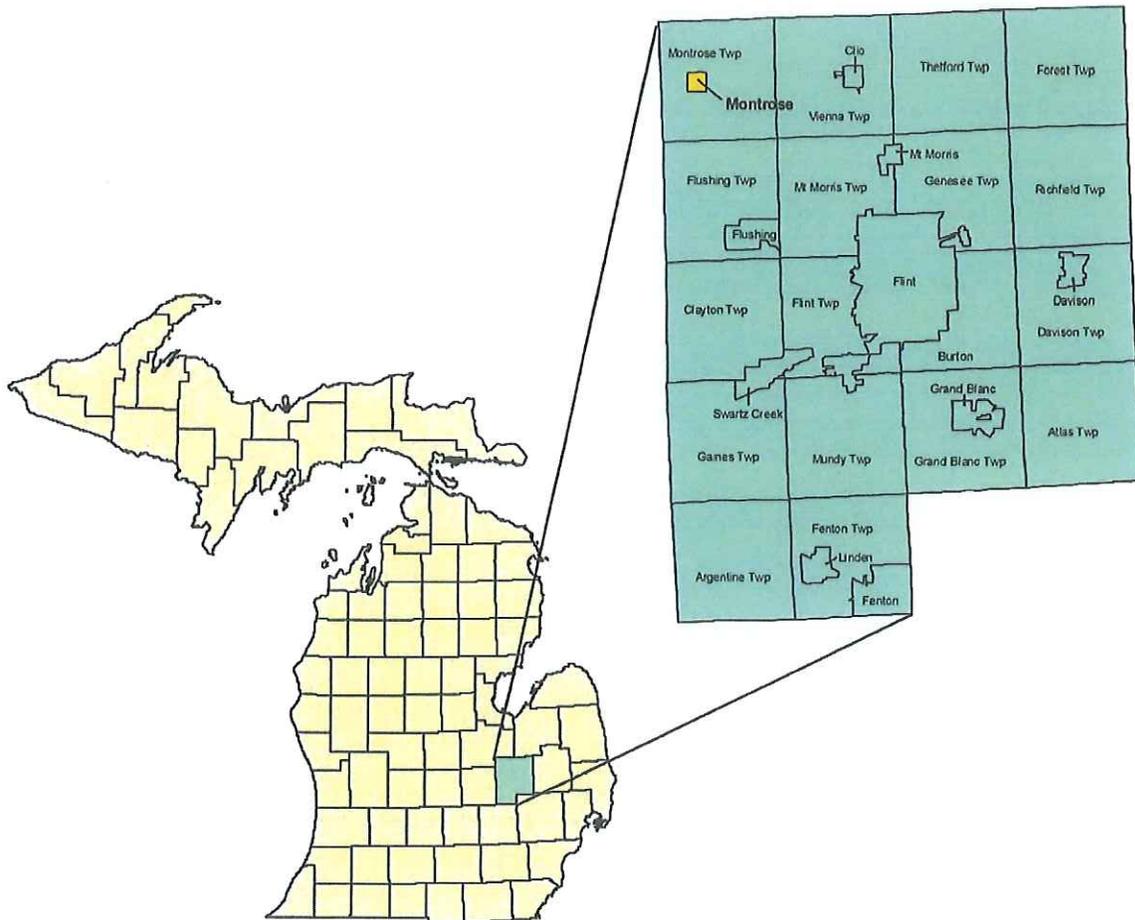
This document is intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreation opportunities, services and implementation. Population shifts, new development and changing attitudes towards leisure have added additional pressures to the community's existing parks and recreation system, thus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

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

I. Community Setting

The City of Montrose is located in the northwest corner of Genesee County. Montrose is a small city with a population of 1,657 according to the 2010 Census. The total area of the City of Montrose is 0.9 square miles. Montrose serves as a bedroom community for residents who work in major urban centers such as Flint and surrounding Genesee and Saginaw County communities.

This plan covers all aspects of recreation for the City of Montrose. It was initially prepared simultaneously with Montrose Township as the Township completed its recreation plan. This allowed for coordination of goals, objectives, and action plans.



II. Administrative Structure

This section describes how recreational activities and resources are governed and administered in the City of Montrose.

CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of Montrose is organized as a Council/Manager form of government in the State of Michigan. The City Council is comprised of a Mayor and six council members. The City Council is ultimately responsible for the policy and financial decisions relating to parks and recreation in the City. The City Manager works for the Council as the administrative head of the City.

There is no formal Parks and Recreation Department in the City of Montrose. The day to day operation of the Montrose City Parks are handled by the City's Department of Public Works (DPW).

BUDGETS

Expenditures for parks and recreation in Montrose for the past four years are as follows:

2016/2017 -	\$13,819
2017/2018 -	\$12,188
2018/2019 -	\$15,313
2019/2020-	\$64,224

Expenditures were used for operation and maintenance of the parks and the Railroad Depot, including mowing the grass. The budgeted expenditures for 2016 are \$13,738. Starting in 2019 capital improvements have been made at Blueberry Park with the installation of off street parking and new restroom. The City anticipates completing improvements to the park over the next three years to The City has also contributed funds to assist with the cost of utilities at the Campbell-Llewellyn Community / Senior Center. Revenues for parks and recreation in the City of Montrose come from the City's general fund.

PROGRAMS

The City of Montrose currently does not offer recreation programming. Various volunteer groups and the school district offer formal and informal recreational programs for youth and adults. American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) offers a soccer program for children from 4 - 18. Youth softball and baseball are each organized by volunteer community organizations. There is a canoe and kayak club in the area that uses the township park as a put-in/take-out point for their activities. An informal group of walkers meets daily to walk the path in the township park. A volunteer committee manages the restored railroad depot. Volunteer organizations host many events throughout the year.

III. Recreation Inventory

PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

The City of Montrose owns and operates two small recreational parks and the restored railroad depot it also owns undeveloped donated property that has served as a community garden for the last four years. Montrose City Lions Park is located on the corner of Alfred Street and Park Drive. The second park is at the southern City limits and is known as Blueberry Park. It is located on the corner of South Saginaw Street and Coke Drive. A park location map is shown at the end of this section.

Name: MONTROSE CITY LIONS PARK

Type: Neighborhood Park

Size: 2.7 acres

Service Area: The City of Montrose

Purpose/Use: Small neighborhood park



Recreational Facilities & Support Facilities:

- Pavilion
- Grills and Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Benches

Accessibility: 3 (Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Name: MONTROSE BLUEBERRY PARK

Type: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.4 acres

Service Area: The City of Montrose

Purpose/Use: Small neighborhood park



Recreational Facilities:

- Various playground and playscape equipment
- Walking path

Support Facilities:

- Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms

Accessibility: 3 (Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Grants Received:

- 1977 Montrose Park, Land and Water Conservation Fund (26-00892), \$6,790, shelter, driveway, picnic equipment
- 2018 & 2020 CDBG \$18,000 parking lot, \$35,000 play equipment
- 2020 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant (RP(20-0038)) \$41,200, play equipment, sidewalks

The restored Train Depot is also considered a parks and recreation facility in Montrose. It is located along the railroad tracks between Hickory and State Streets. It has its own volunteer management committee. The City provides financial support for operation and maintenance, including the utilities.



Other Parks & Recreational Facilities

Much of the active recreational space in the City of Montrose is provided by the Montrose Community Schools. Their indoor facilities include gymnasiums. Outdoor facilities include a football field and track, a baseball field, 4 multi-use ball diamonds, soccer field, and playground equipment. The school district provides after school and weekend recreational programs.



Playground at Carter Elementary School

Montrose Township has developed its 35 acre Barber Memorial Park which features access to the Flint River, a walking path, picnic areas, and a sledding hill.

The Montrose Campbell-Llewellyn Community/Senior Center is located in the City of Montrose. It is owned by the Montrose Community School District and operated by Montrose Township. It is used for Senior Citizen activities, various community meetings, and private rentals.

ACCESSIBILITY

An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of the Montrose Parks was conducted during early 2007. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regards to

access, circulation in relation to the park facilities. As noted in the inventory listing, the Montrose City parks do not entirely meet accessibility guidelines.

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most, and least, handicap accessible and usable, based on the ADA guidelines. The following accessibility grading system uses a five (5) point system ranging from one (1), none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines, to five (5), the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

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

The City of Montrose will continue its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of the parks when improvements are made. Such improvements might include accessible parking, paved paths, barrier-free restrooms and activity areas, amenities and signage.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

While not in the City of Montrose, the most significant natural resource in the area is the Flint River in Montrose Township, just east of the City limits. The River has many scenic views and is a popular spot for fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. The Township park is located on the Flint River. There are several large privately owned woodlots within the city, especially on the west side, that would be a scenic addition to a park system.

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Open Space from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources defines 5 types of parks that may be applicable to the City of Montrose.

- Mini-Park
- Neighborhood Park
- School-Park
- Community Park
- Large Urban Park

A mini-park is less than 1 acre in size and is less than 1/4 mile from a residential setting. It is used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs. Neighborhood Parks are generally 5 to 10 acres in size and they serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood in more densely populated urban settings. Their service area is generally 1/4 to 1/2 mile. School-Parks can combine parks with school sites to help meet the recreational space needs for the community. Community Parks serve a broader purpose than Neighborhood Parks. They have more amenities and usually serve two or more neighborhoods within 1/2 to 3 miles and are generally 30 - 50 acres in size. Large Urban Parks are generally 50 acres or more in size and they serve a broader purpose than a community parks. They focus on meeting community based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

Montrose has less than 5 acres of park land for its 1,657 citizens. General industry standards would suggest 5 - 10 acres of regional park land per 1000 citizens, or approximately 8 - 16 acres of regional park land for Montrose. This would imply that the City of Montrose does not have adequate regional park land for its citizens. Further, the parks that are in the City of Montrose have very few active recreational features.



More recent park guidelines indicate that one must also consider the “Level of Service” desired by the community. If Montrose residents’ needs are met with the existing amount of park land and facilities, then that amount may be sufficient. This may be true when one considers the facilities available at the school district and in the Township. However, if citizens needs are greater, the City may need more park land. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. The City needs to understand the wishes of the community it serves in order to provide the Level of Service desired by the residents.

As a supplement to the recommended standards for park acreage, data from the Physical Activity Council is another way to help understand recreation trends. It is impor-

tant to be aware of national recreation trends to be able to anticipate activities which will incorporate a large number of participants and those which show the greatest growth in popularity. The 2020 Physical Activity Council Overview Report on U.S. participation annual survey analyzes the size of sports product markets in order to determine sports participation trends. The table on the following page, shows the results of the latest SGMA survey conducted in 2019, which monitored major sports and fitness activities and related industries. The top 30 sports and activities in the nation, based on participation in 2019, are listed. The definition of *participation* includes persons six years and older who have participated in the activity at least once during the year of the survey. Sports activities that are growing in popularity may require a facility expansion.



Lions Park

NON-PARTICIPANT INTEREST

Which sports interest non-participants

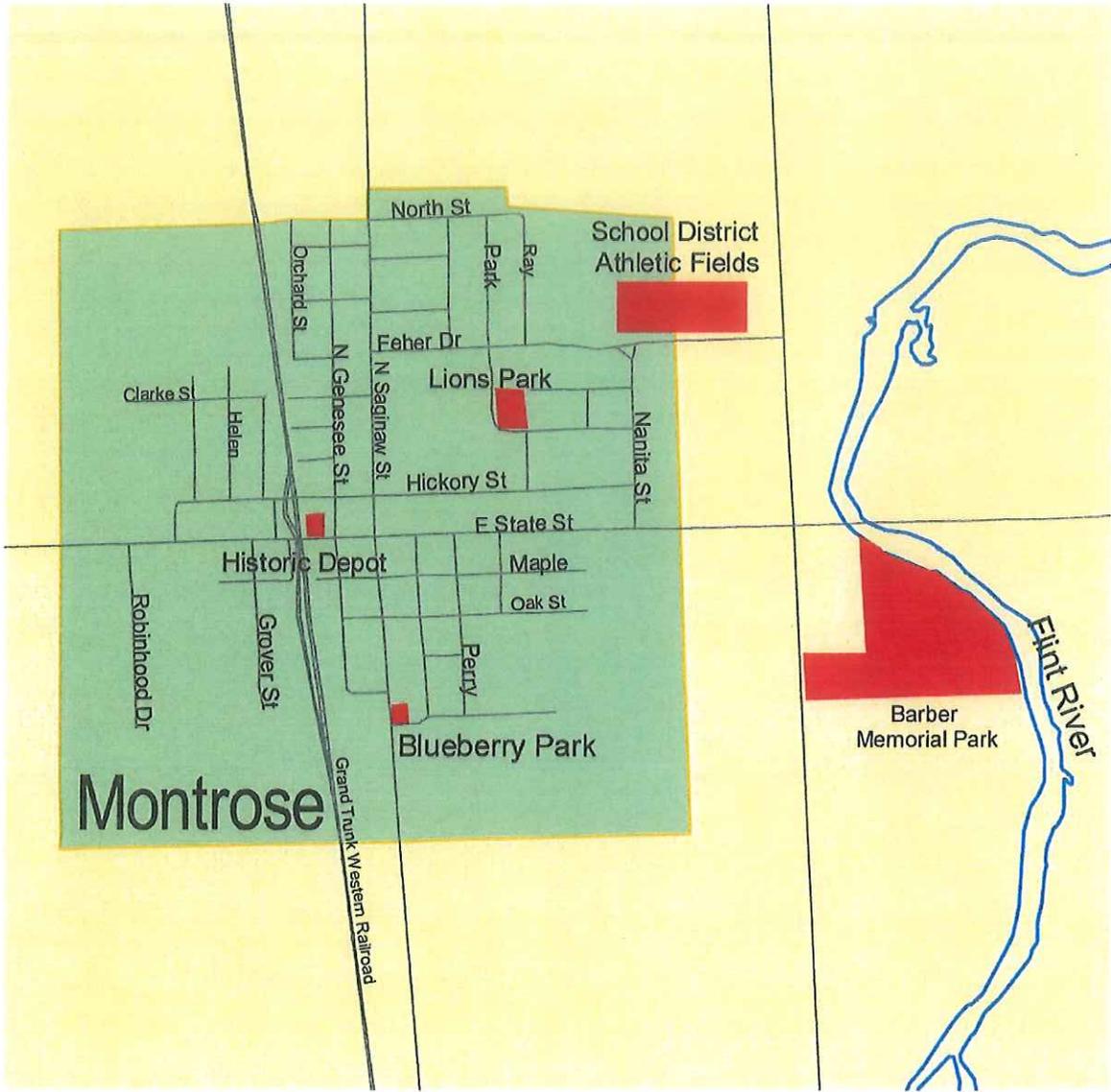
Participation Interests Among Non-Participants

"Aspirational" Sports Participation on Non-Participants by Age

All age groups reported a high interest in swimming for fitness. For ages 6 to 54, they report camping and bicycling in the top three, showing that more Americans are interested in getting outside and being in natural settings. Those aspirational participants ages 6 to 12 had more interest in team sports, while those who are older showed more interest in fitness and outdoor activities.

Interest Level	Ages 6~12	Ages 13~17	Ages 18~24	Ages 25~34
1	Camping	Camping	Camping	Swimming For Fitness
2	Swimming For Fitness	Swimming For Fitness	Bicycling	Camping
3	Bicycling	Bicycling	Swimming For Fitness	Bicycling
4	Basketball	Working Out w/Machines	Hiking	Hiking
5	Running/Jogging	Running/Jogging	Backpacking	Running/Jogging
6	Soccer	Hiking	Working Out w/Weights	Canoeing
7	Fishing	Fishing	Running/Jogging	Backpacking
8	Football	Working Out w/Weights	Martial Arts	Working Out w/ Machines
9	Swimming on a Team	Shooting	Working Out w/Machines	Working Out w/Weights
10	Hiking	Martial Arts	Climbing	Kayaking

Interest Level	Ages 35~44	Ages 45~54	Ages 55~64	Ages 65+
1	Camping	Camping	Bicycling	Birdwatch/Wildlife Viewing
2	Swimming For Fitness	Swimming For Fitness	Swimming For Fitness	Swimming For Fitness
3	Bicycling	Bicycling	Camping	Working Out w/Machines
4	Hiking	Hiking	Birdwatch/Wildlife Viewing	Fishing
5	Working Out w/Weights	Working Out w/Machines	Hiking	Hiking
6	Working out w/Machines	Fishing	Fishing	Bicycling
7	Running/Jogging	Birdwatch/Wildlife Viewing	Working Out w/Machines	Fitness Classes
8	Fishing	Canoeing	Working Out w/Weights	Working Out w/Weights
9	Canoeing	Working Out w/Weights	Canoeing	Camping
10	Backpacking	Backpacking	Fitness Classes	Canoeing



Montrose Area
Park Location Map



IV. Public Input Process

As part of the Montrose Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires at least two opportunities for public participation. The first takes place before or during the preparation of the plan (i.e. community workshop, survey, questionnaire, citizen luncheon) and the second occurs as an advertised public meeting at which the plan is presented for adoption.

OPEN HOUSE

The City of Montrose met the DNR requirements by providing two (2) opportunities for public input, as well as the required 30-day period for review and comment on the draft plan. The notice of the draft plan that the plan was available was published on December 17, 2020 and available online at the <http://www.cityofmontrose.us>. An online community survey was also made available on the city website from December 17, 2020 until January 15, 2021. The City hosted an advertised Virtual Open House meeting for January 7, 2021 and then held a public hearing prior to adoption of the plan on January 21, 2021. A resolution of adopted plan is included in Appendix C. It was advertised via flyer at the city office, a posting on the city website and in the local newspaper. A copy of the flyer advertising the Open House is included in Appendix B. The combined comments are summarized below.

• COMMENTS

- More accessible maybe more activities.
- Take out the pea rock at Blueberry park that the bees love and replace it with the rubber flooring the bees can't live in.
- Basketball hoops
- More play ground
- Ice skating, skate board area outdoor movies
- I would either like large trees to safe the play equipment in the park or ply equipment that doesn't bccome so hot in the sunlight. Most often when I take my kids to the park in the summer the equipment is too hot to touch let alone play on.
- More playground equipment, a splashpad, more kid friendly events, updated playground equipment
- Play equipment for older kids 12+
- Splash park for toddlers and young children
- Regulation sized basketball courts
- Longer bike paths, splash pad
- A handicap swings
- Gaga pit, tether ball, pole that you shoot baskets
- Outdoor work out equipment for the summer time



Blueberry Park

- COMMENTS

- Do more beautification to the parks
- A Handicap Swing for Gemma and others is at the top of my list. I would also love a Splash Pad. \
- A "Mommy and Me" Expression Swing. A Siblings Swing.
- Basketball hoops
- In the winter time I'd like to see an ice rink. Open to the public.
- Shuffleboard, volleyball courts, basketball courts, new playsets
- Basketball court, tennis,
- New Trees to replace dead ones in
- More pavilions and swings
- I would love to see more places for walks/hikes that are close to playground equipment so I can walk while my kids play
- Volleyball Court would be great for teens
- Open, working bathrooms so the kids and adults can use them without leaving the parks.
- Dog park, basketball court
- Canoe or kayak rentals. Monthly summer outdoor and night
- Handicap toys
- Play set at Lions Park, exercise stations at Barber Park Track (1/4 mile),
- Tables and benches
- Food Festival Barber Park

V. Goals and Objectives

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

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

The City of Montrose formulated the following goals and objectives based upon the input received at the community input session in January of 2020 and the demographic and physical characteristics in the City.

GOAL 1 - Provide safe broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of the City of Montrose.

Parks serve as a natural gathering place for community residents and they provide free or inexpensive recreation opportunities. To enrich the quality of life in Montrose, it is important for the City to continue to provide and improve park facilities. The existing parks in Montrose are small, neighborhood parks. They do not contain many recreational amenities.



Community input is a solid indicator of what residents in the community want in terms of recreational facilities. The City will continue to plan its improvements based upon the needs expressed in formal and informal input sessions.

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

Objective – Acquire additional parkland in Montrose so as to provide more recreational opportunities to improve the quality of life for local citizens.

GOAL 2 - Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

Montrose wishes to provide recreational opportunities for all residents, including those with disabilities. Its current parks are not fully accessible. This will be especially important as the population in the community continues to age because mobility and accessibility tend to become more difficult as with aging adults.

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

GOAL 3 - Continue to improve and upgrade the City of Montrose recreational and support facilities so as to offer the community parks that it can be proud of.

Park facilities are among the most visible indicators of a community's identity and pride as well as local tax dollars at work. Montrose wishes to provide quality facilities that show they are an active community that takes pride in its community facilities.

Objective – Keep park facilities safe and well maintained.

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

GOAL 4 - Improve the health and fitness of Montrose residents.

Because there are limited opportunities for fitness and recreation in the Montrose area, the City wants to offer facilities that will allow residents to enjoy the benefits of physical fitness. While the City currently does not offer any recreational programs, it may wish to in the future so as to enhance the quality of life for the residents. There may be other partnering opportunities with the school district, Montrose Township, or other recreational groups. The ability to offer programming is dependent upon available funding and staffing for such a project.

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

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

Objective - Work with Montrose Township and the Montrose School District to develop multi-use paths that will connect to school facilities, Barber Memorial Park, and the existing paths in the community.

VI. Action Program

With goals and objectives in place, the City of Montrose was able to develop a Five Year Action Program to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Program details the direction the City of Montrose wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of park and recreation opportunities within the community. These decisions were made based on recreational trends, national standards, participation data at existing facilities, community input and opinion and demographic trends in comparison. Potential Capital Improvements for this Parks and Recreation Master Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers, but also to enable the City to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects.

The Capital Improvements schedule is not a fixed element and is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The schedule merely reflects the results of the input from City staff, board members, and input from the community open house. It is very likely that the schedule and plan will be amended at some point during its life due to unanticipated circumstances, such as changing recreation trends, community opinion, available funding and/or private donations.

Potential projects are described below. Each was assigned a priority of 1 through 5 with 1 being most important and 5 being least important.

1. Action Item - Remove and replace outdated and/or unsafe equipment at parks.

Priority - 2

Relates to Goal - all

Rationale/Discussion

Some of the playground and recreational equipment at the two city parks is old, outdated, and no longer safe. In order to provide a more enjoyable park experience, the City wishes to remove it and replace it with newer and safer equipment. The new equipment can provide more opportunities for people with disabilities as well as improve the overall aesthetics at the parks.

2. Action Item - Develop a multi-use path system across the City that will connect to the Township Park.

Priority - 1

Relates to Goal - all

Rationale/Discussion

The City would like to improve non-motorized transportation within the City limits of Montrose. The City is also interested in linking with the Montrose Township and other surrounding communities such as Clio, Birch Run, Saginaw and Genesee County. Genesee County recently completed a plan, "Genesee County Regional Trail Plan 2007". A map of the City of Montrose and Montrose Township is included in Appendix A. The immediate goal is for the City to connect the school facilities, the parks and the downtown district. Having an interconnected multi-use pathway system would improve the health and fitness of Montrose residents by providing all citizens the opportunity for accessible walking, biking, and roller-blading on smooth surface that is separated from vehicular traffic.

3. Action Item - Improvements at the Depot

Priority - 3

Relates to Goal - 3

Rationale/Discussion

The Depot was donated to the City in 2004 and has an active Depot Committee. The Depot Committee volunteers have invested over \$360,000 into restoring the former train depot. The rehabilitated Depot facility is a wonderful attraction in Downtown Montrose.

4. Action Item - Add parking for both parks

Priority - 7

Relates to Goal - 3

Rationale/Discussion

Currently, the only available parking for Lions Park and Blueberry Park is on the street. Having more parking would increase usage for the parks. Additional parking may come from the acquisition of land that would be adjacent or near the parks.

5. Action Item - Acquire additional park land

Priority - 8

Relates to Goal - all

Rationale/Discussion

As indicated in the recreation inventory, Montrose has less than 5 acres of park land for its 1,619 citizens. General industry standards would suggest approximately 8 - 16 acres of regional park land for Montrose. Further, the parks that are in the City of Montrose have very few active recreational features. While the Montrose School District currently supplies recreational space in the City, those amenities may not be available at all times and there is no guarantee that they will continue to be available in the future.

6. Action Item - Update landscaping at the Parks

Priority - 6

Relates to Goal - 3

Rationale/Discussion

The existing landscaping at the City parks is minimal and outdated. Grass, shrubs, trees, and other plantings need to be evaluated and a plan developed for their improvement. This type of project can often be supported by donations and memorials.

7. Action Item - Improve accessibility at Lions Park and Blueberry Park

Priority - 5

Relates to Goal - 2

Rationale/Discussion

Many of the features at the two small parks are not handicap accessible. For example, Blueberry Park contains a walking trail around the perimeter of the park but the trail cannot be accessed from the curb nor does it access the playground features in the park.

8. Action Item - Add picnic benches improved facilities to Lions Park

Priority - 4

Relates to Goal - 3

Rationale/Discussion

Currently the City only has picnic benches located under the pavilion. Add pads off the sidewalk with handicapped accessible picnic benches.

9. Action Item - Develop city owned property for passive recreational activities including community gardens, dog park and gathering space.

Priority - 4

Relates to Goal - 2

Rationale/Discussion

The City owns other property that would be ideal to develop for passive recreational activity space.

VII. Summary of the Planning Process

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

The City of Montrose originally contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan to assist them with completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The consultant met with City Manager and various City staffers five times during the course of the project. As previously noted, the City of Montrose's Recreation Plan was completed in conjunction with the Montrose Charter Township's Recreation Plan. This allowed for sharing of data and coordination of goals, objectives and action plan items. The plan was readopted with changes and amendments in 2017 and again in 2021.

Data was collected about the City of Montrose such as demographics, park information and an inventory of existing facilities. This data was collected from a number of resources such as: City staff, the Montrose Township Recreation Plan, existing City documents such as the Master Plan, various web sites (census, city and school district) and through field observations. This information helped determine where the community was deficient or providing a surplus of various recreation facilities in comparison to various national standards.

Community input was taken at a virtual community open house on January 7, 2021 held online to accommodate Covid-19 restrictions. Based upon the existing information and the community input, the City developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation in Montrose.

The city completed the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan document and it was made available for review at City of Montrose website at www.cityofmontrose.us/Portals/19/Parksmasterplan for at least 30 days. This was advertised in the local newspaper, the Tri-County Citizen, on December 17, 2020. The second opportunity for community input occurred at the public meeting held prior to adoption of the plan. This meeting was held on January 21, 2021.

The City of Montrose passed a resolution to adopt the Montrose Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan at the City Council meeting on January 21, 2021.

Copies of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan were transmitted to the Genesee County Planning office, the East Central Michigan Planning office, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 2021.

Copies of the notification advertisements, the public hearing minutes, the resolution, and the transmittal letters are included in Appendix C.

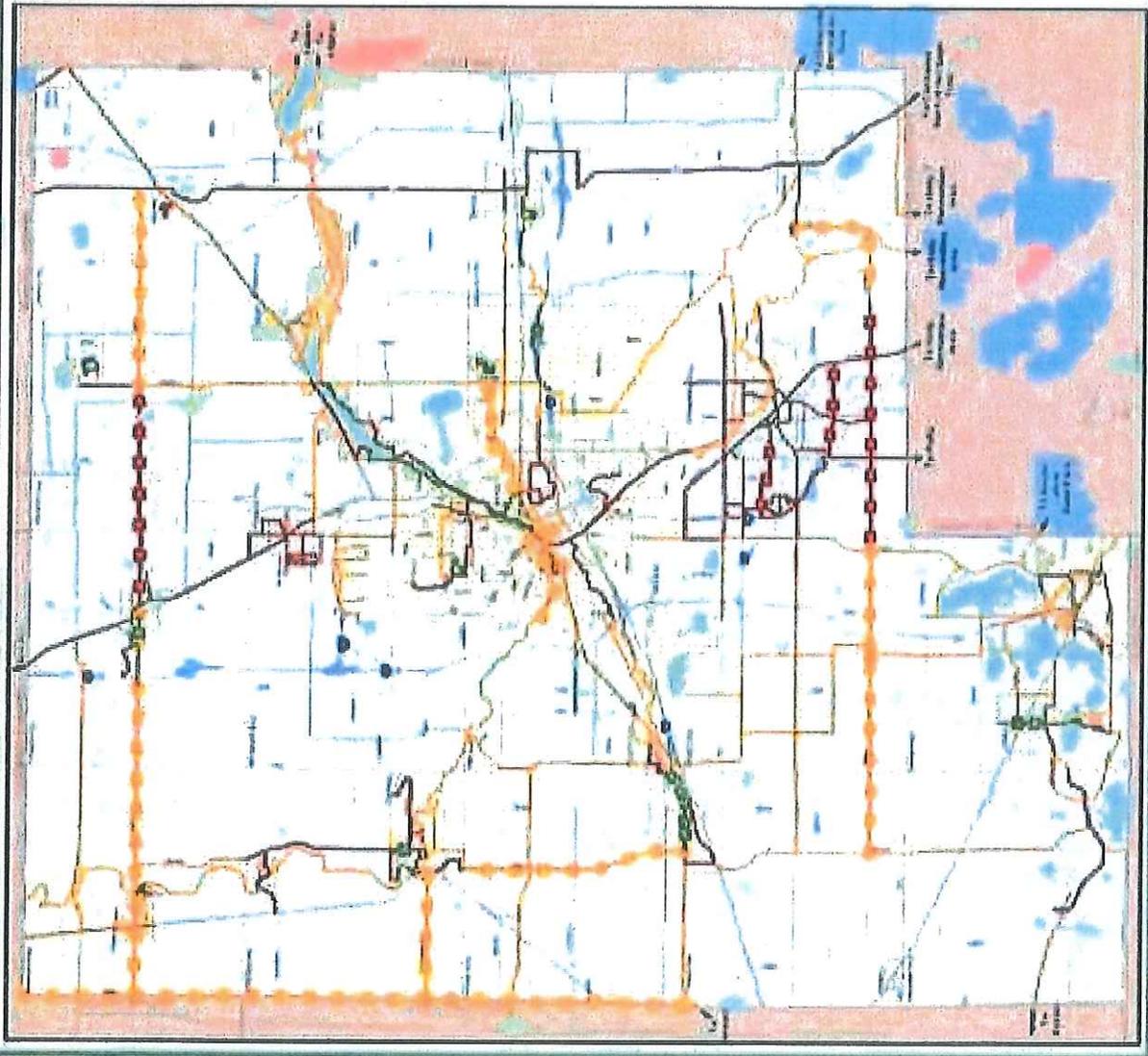
Appendix A
Excerpts from:
Genesee County Regional Trail Plan

POTENTIAL CONNECTIONS Genesee County, Michigan

- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Municipality
- Paths
- Highway
- Major Roads
- Local Roads
- Railroad
- Lake, River, or Stream
- Existing Trail
- Existing Trail with Sidewalks
- Existing Bike Lanes
- Existing Bike Lane with Sidewalk
- Trails Identified in an Approved Plan
- Trails Identified in an Approved Plan with Sidewalks
- Bicycle Lanes Identified in an Approved Plan
- Potential Trails
- Potential Trails with Sidewalks Existing
- Potential Bike Lanes
- Abandoned Railroads
- Existing Green Infrastructure
- County
- City, Township, or Village
- Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
- State
- Consumers Energy

Genesee County, Michigan

Scale: 0 1 2 10 Miles



Genesee County Regional Trail Plan
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