



Recreation Master Plan

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Introduction

This 5-year Recreation Plan has been prepared by Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. and the Riley Township Parks & Recreation Committee. The Plan was adopted by the Riley Township Board of Trustees.

The Plan is intended to guide future Township parks and recreation events, maintenance, operations, and enrichment of community recreational opportunities for Riley Township residents for the five-year term of this plan.

In addition, the Plan is intended to form the basis for allowing application for obtaining Government, Foundation, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Land Acquisition Funding and allow obtaining donations from businesses, groups and individuals.

The Plan provides an inventory of existing facilities and programs within Riley Township as well as an evaluation of opportunities, needs, and constraints. The Plan builds on previous planning efforts, empowers future planning and existing initiatives and responds to community feedback. The Plan presents goals, guidelines, and a five-year action plan for the community's recreation system.

The jurisdiction of the Recreation Master Plan includes Township-owned and operated recreation facilities and programs, as well as supporting documentation of school properties.

As adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. This revised and updated Plan is intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning which are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

This Plan follows the format suggested by the

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNR) in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans (2016). The first chapter provides a description of the planning area as well as of current planning initiatives affecting the community. The Administrative Structure chapter includes a description of how parks and recreation services are administered, including budget and funding information. The next chapter, Park Inventory describes the existing parks of the community as well as those of the state and the region located nearby. It includes an accessibility assessment and a description of previously grant-assisted projects. The Public Input and Needs Assessment portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents, which helped in formulating the Goals and Objectives. The Action Program chapter outlines an action plan and strategies for implementation. The final chapter, Supporting Documents, includes the official resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by Township Council.



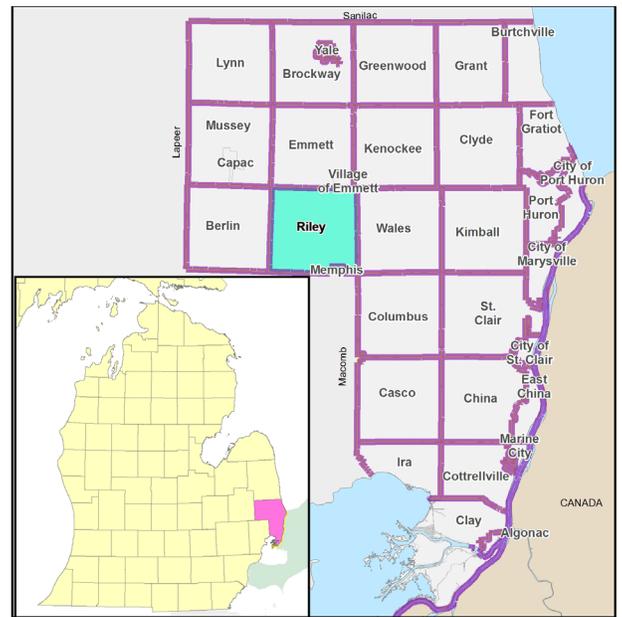
Description of the Planning Area

Riley Township is located in the western portion of St. Clair County, with Macomb County to the immediate south. The Township is bordered by Berlin Township on the west, Emmett Township and the Village of Emmett to the north, Wales Township to the east, and Richmond Township (Macomb County) and the Township of Memphis to the south. Riley Township is approximately 55 miles northeast of downtown Detroit, 20 miles west of Port Huron, and 60 miles east of Flint. In addition to the Village of Emmett and the Township of Memphis, there are a number of smaller towns and villages within a 15-mile radius of Riley Township. Yale is approximately 13 miles north. Capac is approximately 8 miles northwest. Berville and Allenton are approximately 3 and 5 miles to the west respectively. Armada is approximately 6 miles southwest. The Township of Richmond is approximately 9 miles south. Goodells is approximately 5 miles east, and Avoca is approximately 11 miles northeast.

Historically, the growth of St. Clair County has predominantly been scattered areas along the I-94 corridor and along the Lake St. Clair shoreline. However, as time goes on, the Township's access to I-69 has increased growth in Riley Township.

Demographic & Socio-Economic Characteristics

Population changes for Riley Township and its neighboring communities over the 40-year period between 1980 to 2020 is shown in Table 1. During this period, the Township's population increased from 2,075 in 1980 to 3,199 in 2020. Of the eight communities that share a common boundary with Riley Township, six townships experienced population growth exceeding thirty (30%) percent.



St. Clair County and Riley Township



Figure 1: Location Map

The rate of population growth experienced by Riley Township for each of the past four decades is shown in Table 2. Riley displayed population increases over each of these intervals. The strongest growth occurred between 1990-2000 when the Township grew by 892 persons.

The comparative population growth shown below in Table 2 indicates that there would be a significant demand for additional recreational facilities and uses.

Community	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Riley Twp.	2,075	2,154	3,046	3,353	3,199
Columbus Twp.	3,097	3,235	4,615	4,070	4,112
Richmond Twp.	2,453	2,528	3,416	3,609	3,544
St. Clair Twp.	3,965	4,614	6,423	6,810	7,085
Memphis	1,174	1,221	1,129	1,183	1,084
Berlin Twp.	2,160	2,399	3,162	3,285	3,115
Wales Twp.	2,368	2,294	2,982	3,248	3,180
Emmett Twp.	1,413	1,530	2,255	2,654	2,257
Emmett Village	285	289	251	269	258
St. Clair County	138,802	145,607	164,235	163,040	160,383

Table 1: Comparative Population Growth, 1980-2020
Source: Riley Township Master Plan

Community	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2019
Riley Twp.	79 (4%)	892 (41%)	307 (10%)	-154 (-4%)
Columbus Twp.	138 (4%)	1,380 (43%)	-545 (-12%)	-42 (1%)
Richmond Twp.	75 (3%)	888 (35%)	249 (7%)	-121 (3%)
St. Clair Twp.	649 (16%)	1,809 (39%)	394 (6%)	268 (4%)
Memphis	47 (4%)	8 (1%)	54 (5%)	-99 (-8%)
Berlin Twp.	239 (11%)	763 (32%)	123 (4%)	-170 (-5%)
Wales Twp.	-74 (-3%)	692 (30%)	262 (9%)	-68 (-2%)
Emmett Twp.	117 (8%)	725 (47%)	130 (6%)	-128 (-5%)
Emmett Village	4 (1%)	-38 (-13%)	18 (5%)	-11 (-4%)
St. Clair County	6,805 (5%)	18,628 (13%)	-1,195 (-1%)	-2,675 (-2%)

Table 2: Comparative Population Percent Change
Source: Riley Township Master Plan

Age

Age characteristics are among the more important demographic variables. They are useful as an indicator of anticipated demand for various types of municipal services and programs, particularly parks.

Population by Age Life Cycle

By reviewing the various age categories that make up Riley's population, it is possible to determine how various segments of the Township's population have changed over time and what impact these changes have had on the Township's growth.

A more meaningful picture of the Riley's population age distribution is possible when the individual age categories shown in Figure 2 are combined into a smaller number of groups, which more closely resemble identifiable stages of a normal human life cycle. Selected categories and the age intervals that they represent include: pre-school (0-4), school (5-17),

family formation (18-44), middle-age (45-64), and seniors (65+). The percent of the Township's population that falls into each of these categories is shown in Table 3. Available information for 2010 and 2014 is shown. Similar data for St. Clair County is also provided for comparison purposes. Each of the life cycle stages reflected in Table 3 has important meaning for planning. The pre-school and school-age categories, for example, offer useful indicators of future trends and the adequacy of existing recreational facilities to meet these needs. In 2010, children under the age of five comprised approximately 1.1 percent of the Township's population. By 2010, this increased to 4.8 percent. In 1990, pre-school children accounted for 8 percent of the County's population.

The percentage of school-aged residents declined since 2000. In 2000, children between the ages of 5 and 17 accounted for slightly less than one-quarter of Riley Township's total population. This number, as well as the other categories has remained generally consistent over the past two decades.

Category	Riley Township		St. Clair County	
	2010	2014	2010	2014
Pre-School (0-4)	1.1%	4.8%	5.8%	5.5%
School (5-17)	21.5%	19.8%	18.2%	17.4%
Family Formation (18-44)	33.5%	28.4%	32.6%	31.1%
Middle-Age (45-64)	32%	34.4%	28.2%	30.6%
Seniors (65+)	11.9%	12.5%	15.2%	15.6%

Table 3: Age by life category
 Source: Riley Township Master Plan

Riley township, St. Clair County, MI

Population by age range

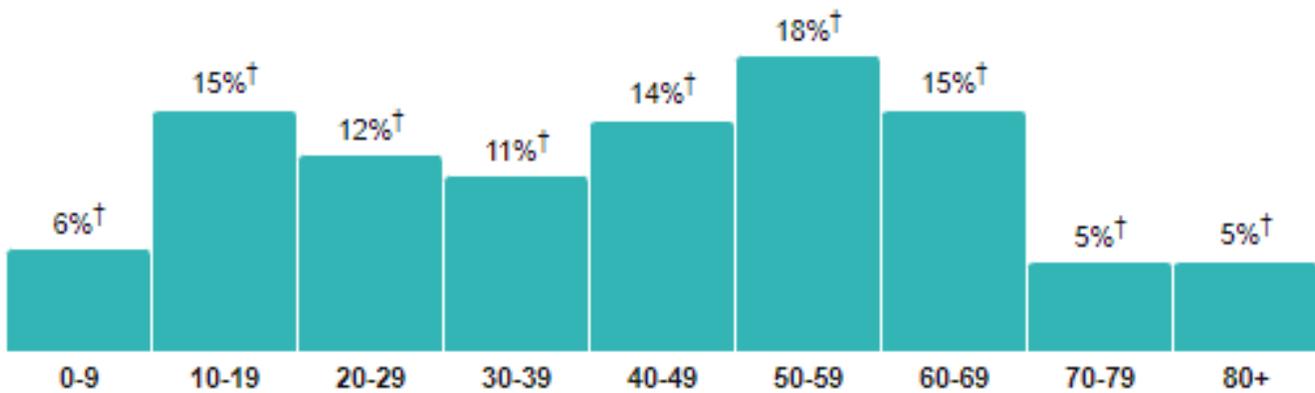


Figure 2: Age
 Source: Censusreporter.org, 2021

Riley Township Demographics



Figure 3: Household Income
 Source: Censusreporter.org, 2021

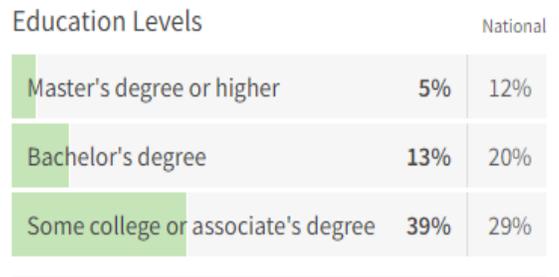


Figure 4: Educational Achievement
 Source: Censusreporter.org, 2021

Land Use Patterns & Development Trends

There is a relatively large amount of agricultural, open or vacant land in the Township. Most of this is utilized for agriculture. While the Township of Riley does have a relatively substantial amount of acres in agriculture, other open space occurs in the areas around the Belle River and on large lot single-family home sites.

Most of the residential development in the Township is in the form of single-family residences. Though there are a few houses with more than one dwelling unit, most of which were single family homes converted into multiple family houses (duplexes and apartments). However, most houses are placed on large lots or acreage parcels as a single-family dwelling.

While there is no real concentration of commercial activity in Riley Township, most of the commercial land uses are located along M-19 (Kinney Road / Burnell Road), especially between Gilbert and Smiths Creek. Uses include a restaurant, a medical office, a storage complex, HSP Diesel, and Kohler Propane. There are a few other commercial uses scattered throughout the Township, especially along the M-19 and I-69 corridor. These businesses include gas stations-convenience stores, horticultural retail, and craft retail. However, the communities of Armada, Memphis and Richmond provide the convenience shopping goods for Riley Residents.

A concentration of industrial uses does not exist within the Township. A few industrial uses in Riley Township are dispersed amongst the residences and farms. The major industrial use consists of Empire Tool Company on Lambs Road.

The public uses in Riley are also scattered throughout the Township. They consist of the churches on Belle River Rd. and Kinney Rd.,

the Township Hall and Offices on Belle River Road and cemeteries on Masters Road and Tibbets Road.

Utilities noted include five towers, two high-voltage electrical lines and pipelines. DTE-Electric owns the two high-voltage electrical lines crossing the township from east to west.

There are three areas of formal recreation land. The Belle River Golf Course and Country Club located adjacent to the river on Belle River Road. The Trillium Trail Nature Area can be found just north of the Township of Memphis, between M-19, Smiths Creek and Stinson. The third formal recreation is Riley Township Park funded by a CMI Grant and County Parks millage money. Further, the St. Andrew's Church on Kinney Road is home to an AYSO soccer field and the Eastwings occupy a radio control airplane field on M-19.

Finally, in addition to the uses described above, Riley Township also has a number of acres covered with woods. Such natural areas can provide recreation opportunities, such as horseback riding and hunting, to the land's owners and offer natural views to passersby. The Belle River provides some opportunities for swimming and fishing.

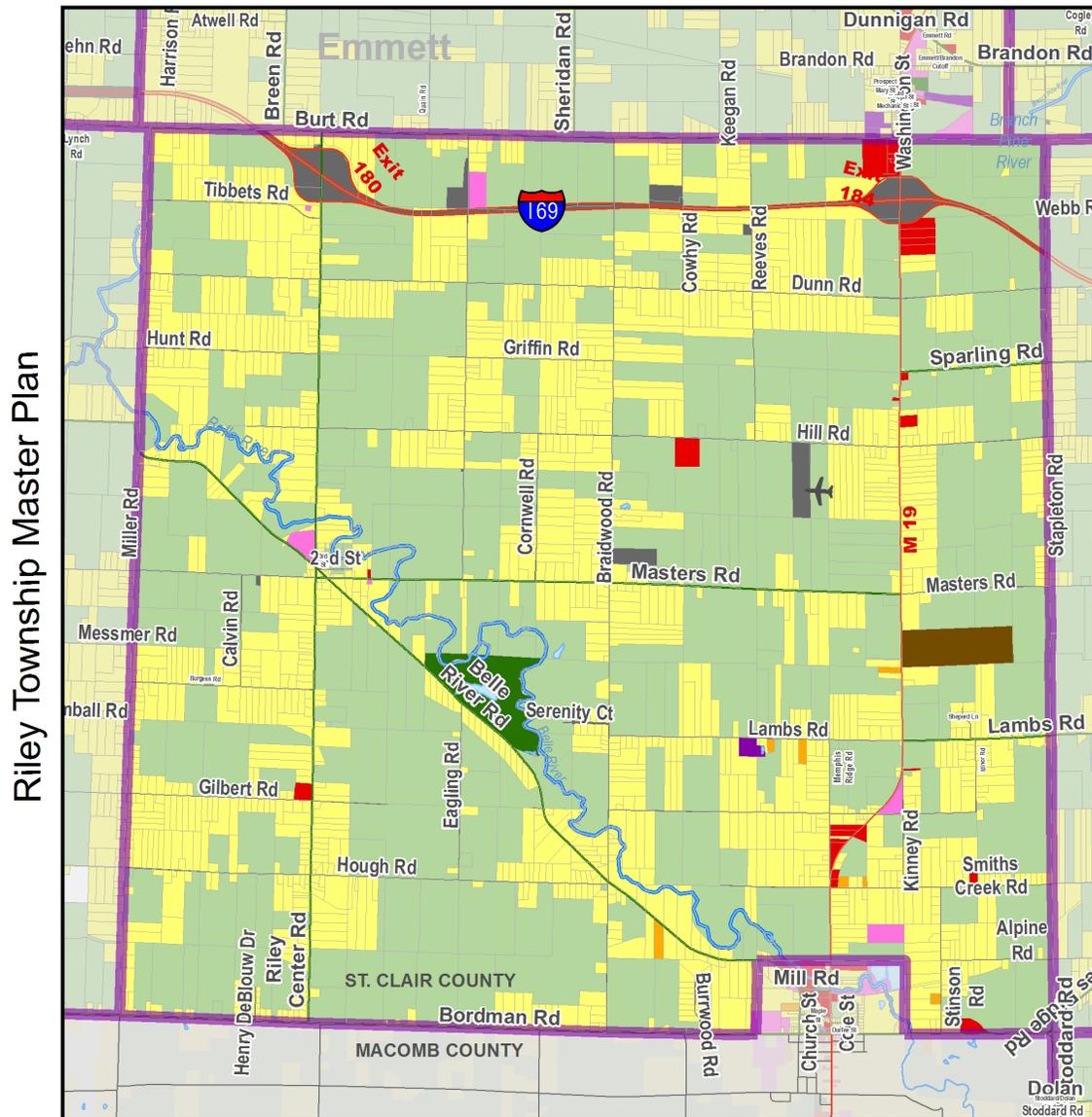
Implications of Land Use Trends for Recreation

The development patterns provide a foundation from which to identify the opportunities and enhancement to providing recreational facilities in Riley Township.

The biggest change in land use illustrated by the 2006 land use study compared to the 1998 study is the replacement of agriculture land with residential uses. According to the Township Master Plan, 197 new homes were built in Riley Township between 2000-2015.

This represents a 43.3% increase in occupied housing units.

The result is a land use pattern of increased residential uses that would indicate a significant demand for additional recreational facilities and uses.



Riley Township Master Plan

Existing Land Use

- Community Boundary
- Land Use**
- Agricultural
- Single-Family Residential
- Multiple-Family Residential
- Governmental / Institutional
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
- Extractive
- Transportation, Communication, Utilities
- Water



Figure 5: Land Use
Source: Riley Township Master Plan

Planning Initiatives

While change is inevitable and growth in population, household, and housing will occur, Riley Township is committed to managing that growth to enhance recreational activities and overall quality of life for all residents.

Various local and regional efforts have taken place that have relevance to the current plan. They include:

- St. Clair County Master Plan
- St. Clair County Master Recreation Plan 2017-2021
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan

Additional Studies

In May 2014, SEMCOG completed the “Green Infrastructure Vision for Southeast Michigan.” Among other things, the Green Infrastructure Vision examined green

infrastructure’s impact on the economy, tourism, transportation, infrastructure, water quality, air quality, vacant land, and health. It also zoomed in on each of the seven counties in Southeast Michigan, including St. Clair County, and identified existing green infrastructure assets, connections, and goals.

In 2019, SEMCOG completed the “Parks and Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan.” This plan was developed to ensure that the region’s recreation system meets the quality of life, health, and accessibility needs of its residents and visitors, as well as local and regional economic development and environmental priorities.

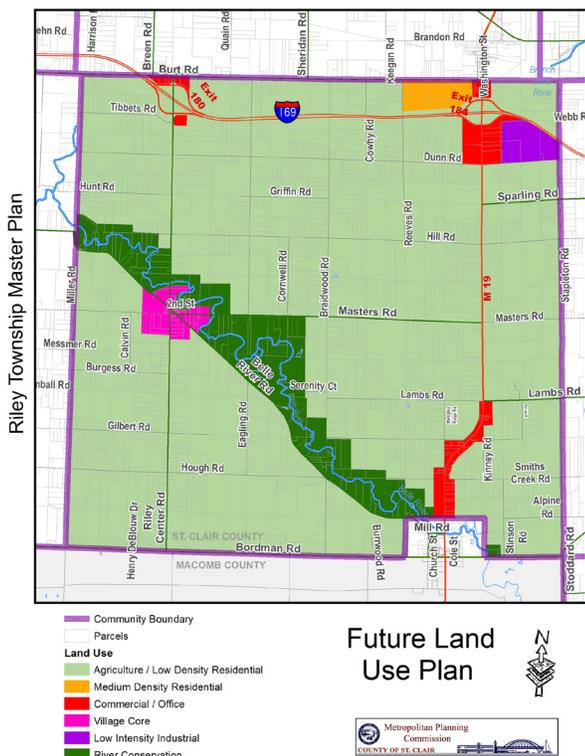


Figure 6: Riley Township Future Land Use Plan
Source: Riley Township Master Plan

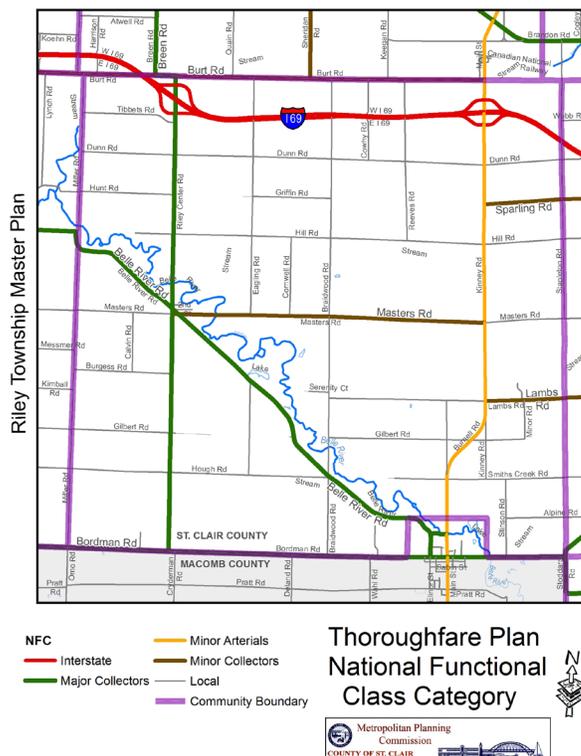


Figure 7: Riley Township Thoroughfare Plan
Source: Riley Township Master Plan

Administrative Structure

The Riley Township Board of Trustees has the sole responsibility for expenditure of funds to provide recreational facilities, programs and maintenance in Riley Township, with recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Committee taken into consideration. Figure 8 below details the Riley Township Parks and Recreation budget for 2022.

The Parks and Recreation Committee are responsible for recreation planning and act in an advisory capacity. Township to the Riley Township Board of Trustees, which maintains long-term recreation policy and programming responsibility. The Township's statutory authority to prepare recreation plans is provided by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

Administration

The following flow-chart (Figure 9) outlines the administrative structure for recreational services and programs in Riley Township:

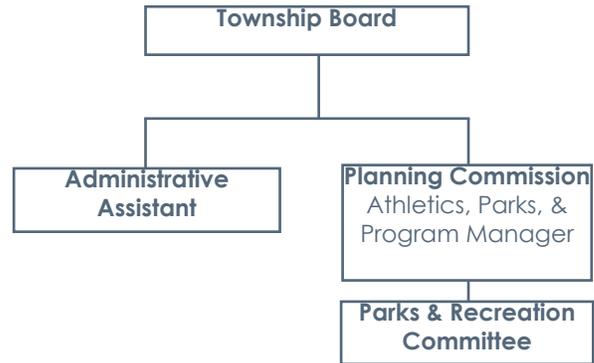


Figure 9: Organizational Structure

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Fund 208 - PARK/RECREATION FUND							
Depts 000 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Revenues							
208-000-668.000	INTEREST FROM INVESTMENT	10.00	1.40	0.00	8.60	14.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		10.00	1.40	0.00	8.60	14.00	
Net - Depts 000 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT		10.00	1.40	0.00	8.60		
Depts 265 - BUILDING & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT							
Expenditures							
208-265-702.000	SALARY & WAGES	1,500.00	126.00	0.00	1,374.00	8.40	
208-265-715.000	DEFERRED COMPENSATION (EMPLOYER)	150.00	4.78	0.00	145.22	3.15	
208-265-716.000	FICA (EMPLOYER)	75.00	1.58	0.00	73.17	2.84	
208-265-782.000	SUPPLIES / OFFICE EXPENSE / MINOR EQUIP	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	
208-265-804.000	MAINTENANCE SERVICES	10,000.00	2,579.99	0.00	6,420.07	25.80	
208-265-940.000	TRANSPORTATION / MILEAGE EXPENSE	150.00	15.00	0.00	124.10	10.60	
208-265-960.000	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES & EXPENSES	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		19,375.00	3,728.39	0.00	15,646.61	19.24	
Net - Depts 265 - BUILDING & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT		(19,375.00)	(3,728.39)	0.00	(15,646.61)		
Depts 751 - PARKS / RECREATION DEPARTMENT							
Revenues							
208-751-587.000	PARKS/RECREATION REVENUE	25,000.00	16,345.00	0.00	8,655.00	65.38	
TOTAL REVENUES		25,000.00	16,345.00	0.00	8,655.00	65.38	
Expenditures							
208-751-702.000	SALARY & WAGES	4,500.00	3,052.88	0.00	1,446.12	67.86	
208-751-714.000	ANNUITY (EMPLOYER)	25.00	2.00	0.00	23.00	5.00	
208-751-715.000	DEFERRED COMPENSATION (EMPLOYER)	250.00	116.51	0.00	133.49	46.60	
208-751-716.000	FICA (EMPLOYER)	75.00	44.28	0.00	30.72	59.04	
208-751-782.000	SUPPLIES / OFFICE EXPENSE / MINOR EQUIP	500.00	314.97	0.00	185.03	62.99	
208-751-860.000	TRANSPORTATION / MILEAGE EXPENSE	150.00	8.60	0.00	141.40	3.72	
208-751-902.000	NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
208-751-967.000	PROJECT COST (NOT CAPITAL OUTLAY)	5,500.00	5,953.76	0.00	2,546.24	70.04	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		14,500.00	9,491.00	0.00	5,009.00	65.66	
Net - Depts 751 - PARKS / RECREATION DEPARTMENT		10,500.00	6,854.00	0.00	3,646.00		
Depts 901 - CAPITAL OUTLAY DEPARTMENT							
Expenditures							
208-901-976.000	PROJECT COSTS / EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	
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TOTAL REVENUES		25,010.00	16,346.40	0.00	8,662.60	65.36	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		38,375.00	13,219.39	0.00	25,655.61	24.00	
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(13,365.00)	3,127.01	0.00	(16,992.01)	22.85	
BEG. FUND BALANCE		24,588.97	24,588.97				
END FUND BALANCE		10,693.97	27,655.98				

Figure 8: Riley Township Parks and Recreation Budget, 2022
Source: Riley Township Treasurer

Park Inventory

The following sections detail the various public parks and recreation areas available to the residents of Riley Township.

Township Parks

Riley township owns and operates one township park, called Riley Township Park. The 19 acre park contains significant open space, soccer fields, a pavilion, playground equipment, and a restroom facility. Riley Township Park is the main focus of Riley Township's parks and recreation improvement efforts over the next five years.

Schools

There are several schools within Riley Township and the surrounding areas that have a variety of recreational features.

Memphis Elementary School

- Football field
- Baseball/softball field
- Running/walking path
- Upper and lower youth playground structures
- Swings

Memphis High School

- Soccer field
- Baseball/Softball fields (3)
- Indoor Basketball/Volleyball court

Capac Elementary School (Township of Mussey)

- Youth soccer field/Open play field
- Outdoor half-court basketball courts (7)
- Upper and lower youth playground structures
- swings

Capac High School (Township of Mussey)

- Football/soccer field
- Baseball/softball fields (2)
- Indoor basketball/volleyball court

John F. Farrell Elementary School (Village of Emmett, Emmett Township)

- Outdoor half-court basketball courts (2)
- Open field play
- Upper and lower youth playground structures
- swings

Private Recreation Facilities

There are two private recreation facilities in the vicinity of Riley Township. Belle River Golf Course is a private golf course, and American Legion in the City of Memphis has a baseball/softball field.

Recreation Programs

There are a small number of public recreation programs available to Riley Township residents. There is an adult volleyball league at Memphis High School, as well as a baseball and softball league in the Village of Capac, hosted on the village's four baseball/softball fields. Additionally, Village of Capac hosts youth soccer through the Capac American Youth Soccer Organization, which plays on the village's five soccer fields.

Regional Parks and Natural Areas

There are two regional parks near Riley Township, as well as one nature center, detailed below.

Goodells County Park (405 acres)

Advertised as having something for everyone, Goodells park in St. Clair County has open space for group activities and meetings, as well as pavilions and barns that can be reserved. The park also features a historical village, butterfly garden, natural meadows, playground areas, the St. Clair

Farm Museum, and a splashpad.

Columbus County Park

St. Clair's Columbus County Park is a 385 acre park that offers breathtaking views of the Belle River, and provides fishing, hunting, hiking, sledding, kayaking, biking and equestrian opportunities

Pine River Nature Center

The mission of the Pine River Nature Center is to provide educational and recreational opportunities that inspire appreciation and preservation of our natural world. The center provides hands-on science education programming for schools correlated with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). It also offers outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities for area residents.

The Pine River Nature Center has over three miles of trails open daily from dawn until dusk for public use. Occasional Scouting and public programs are also offered.

State Land

Lakeport State Park

Lying along Lake Huron, Lakeport State Park provides southeast Michigan residents access to the Great Lakes. The park has two distinct units separated by the village of Lakeport. A total of 250 sites are divided between the two campgrounds. All sites have a picnic table, fire circle, electricity, modern toilet/shower buildings along with several pull-through sites and camp pads for ease of leveling campers. Wildlife viewing, swimming and metal detecting activities are available here.

Wetzel State Recreation Area

Wetzel State Recreation Area offers cross country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, hiking, radio controlled flying and watchable wildlife on it's approximately 900 acre site.

Port Huron State Game Area

Port Huron State Game Area encompasses over 6,000 acres and is located along the Black River north of M-21 in Clyde and Grant Townships. The site offers opportunities for small game hunting, fishing, hiking, and nature study.

Accessibility Assessment

The Township of Riley and ECT conducted a physical assessment of its parks using ADA Check List for Existing Facilities (Based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessibility Design). In general, the elements evaluated included parking, path of travel to activity areas, restroom facilities signage, and equipment. Riley Township Parks meet most accessibility guidelines of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Current deficiencies regarding accessibility are the result of older equipment or facilities which predates ADA guidelines. It is the intent of the Riley Township Parks to retrofit the park and its facilities with park upgrades and renovation projects. The park does meet the required minimum number of accessible parking spaces, including van accessible spaces with identifying sign and pavement markings.

Name: Riley Township Park

Facility Type: Community Park

Size - 19 acres

Service Area: Entire Township and surrounding areas

Amenities: Paved and gravel parking, Picnic Pavilion, Soccer fields, Multi-Purpose Field, Walking Trails, Playground structure, Mountain Biking

Accessibility Rating: 3 (Based the ranking system in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design)

Future Plans

Community Center w/ indoor pool

Baseball Field

Basketball Court

10' Paved Fitness Trail with 8 Exercise Stations
Improved Restroom
Expanded Playground
Paved Parking Lot
Community Gardens
Rain Gardens
Native Open Meadow
Shade Trees
Fruit Orchard
Vegetative Buffer
Splash Pad
Benches

Deficiencies are as follows:

- Provide ADA path to picnic benches and grills.
- There should be tactile signs identifying the porta- restrooms
- The existing playground structure requires an accessible path and transfer platform
- Accessible drinking fountains should be added.

Public Input & Needs Assessment

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community, which will serve as the basis of an action plan to provide direction and shape the future of the community parks and recreation system. Needs provide the rationale for formulating goals and objectives, and help identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to park acreage and facility standards, current national and state recreation trends, condition of existing park facilities, and views expressed by Township officials and residents.

Comparison to Recreation Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommends a minimum amount of park land and park facilities to adequately serve a given population size. The purpose of the NRPA guidelines is to provide minimum park land and facility development standards that are applicable nationwide for recreation planning purposes. While the NRPA standards are a helpful guide in determining needed minimum park acreage and facility, it should not be interpreted to be the only measure of whether the Township's needs are being met. A parks and recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community.

Park Acreage Comparison

According to the NRPA, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and regional parks. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are called close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. All the Township parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the suggested amount of close-to-home park land is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks serve a broader area (~1 hour drive or 40-mile radius) and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique areas. For Riley Township, regional parks include the three parks described in the previous chapter.

The NRPA also recognizes other types of parks such as schoolyards and private recreation facilities, which can contribute to the local parks and recreation system. This would include the schools and state land described on the previous page. Tables 6 and 7 present a comparison of the NRPA suggested park land standards with the previously described township and regional parks, based on a population of 3,500. As evident from this comparison, the Township parks are short of the minimum acreage requirements for close-to-home park land.

National Recreation Standards

Recreation trends on a national level and in Michigan provide insight into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 5 lists the top seven activities persons seven years and older participated in at least once in 2021.

Activity	Participation Rate
Power Walking	60-65%
Race Walking	
Swimming	31%
Golf	
Cycling	1.2-2.5%
Bowling	
Archery	

Table 4: Physical activity participation
Source: National Sporting Goods Association

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration have published a list of future trends compiled from different sources that will influence the direction of recreation planning and programming. These trends include:

- An increase in environmentally sensitive lifestyles, natural areas management, and water quality protection.
 - An increase in concerns for personal and family security, in the importance for wellness activities, and a desire to preserve and maintain cultural heritage.
 - An increase in public costs, in the provision of leisure services through the public and private partnerships, a greater recognition of the economic value of parks, open space, and green infrastructure.
 - An increase of senior citizens, fewer traditional family households, greater number of smaller households, and an increase in cultural diversity and mobility of residents.
- Recreation facilities and programs should respond to the expected increase of seniors.
 - There is a need for more linear parks along corridors to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian pathways for recreation and non-motorized transportation.
 - With the increased popularity of exercise walking and fitness related activities, there will continue to be an increased importance on recreation contributing to walkable and sustainable communities.

These trends are consistent with trends observed in Michigan. According to a survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2018-2022 Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, more than half the respondents participated in one or more of the following: walking/relaxing outdoors, driving for pleasure, swimming in a lake, river, or pond, sightseeing, picnicking, bicycling on a road or sidewalk, and fishing.

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of Riley Township can be summarized as follows:

- As population increases, demand for recreation will likely increase.

Type of Park	NRPA Standard Acres/1000 Population	Acreage per NRPA Standard Based on 3,500 Population	Existing
Close to Home	6.25 to 10.5 Ac.	20 to 34 Ac.	19 Ac.
Regional Parks	15 to 20 Ac.	48 to 64 Ac.	814 Ac.
Public Schools	-	-	

Table 5: Comparison to Suggested Park Land Acreage Standards

Activity/Facility	NRPA Standard Unit/ Population	Number per NRPA Standard Based on 3,500 Population	Existing Parks			
			TWP.	School	Private	Total
Water Activities						
Beach Area	None	N/A	0	0	0	0
Splash Pad	None	N/A	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pool (Out.)	1/20,000	0-1	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pool (Ind.)	None	N/A	0	0	0	0
Athletic Fields						
Baseball	1/5,000	0-1	0	4	1	5
Softball	1/5,000	0-1	0	4	1	5
Soccer	1/10,000	0-1	3	1	0	4
Football	1/20,000	0-1	0	1	0	1
Court Games						
Tennis	1/2,000	1-2	0	0	0	0
Pickleball	1/2,000	1-2	0	0	0	0
Basketball	1/5,000	0-1	0	1	0	1
Volleyball	1/5,000	0-1	0	1	0	1
Handball	1/20,000	0-1	0	0	0	0
Other						
Ice Hockey (indoor)	1/100,000	0-1	0	0	0	0
Ice Hockey (outdoor)	None	N/A	0	0	0	0
¼ Mile Running Track	1/20,000	0-1	0	1	0	1
Golf	1/50,000	0-1	0	0	1	1
Golf-driving Range	1/50,000	0-1	0	0	1	1

Table 6: Comparison to Suggested Facility Development Standards

Public Input Workshop

On December 16, 2021, Riley Township hosted a workshop to gather public input about what members of the community would like to see in their parks and recreational spaces. This visioning session asked participants to create an overarching list of everything that people might want to include in an updated, redesigned township park. Following the input session, the survey shown in figure 11 were left with the Riley Township Parks and Recreation department to gather input from community members who were unable to attend the public input session. The information gathered from the public input workshop and surveys are summarized below.

Summary of Parks & Recreation Issues

The following issues and needs discussion synthesizes all the information gathered to date. It reflects public input as well as the input received from Township officials and staff. It also considers demographics, development forecasts, the Township's recreational resources, and recreation trends. The issues and needs can be summarized under by the following central themes:

- Indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Increased community gathering space
- Opportunities for Seniors

Indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities

Public input reflected a strong desire for both indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities. Community members expressed strong interest in an indoor pool and exercise space, as well as an outdoor splash pad, sports facilities, exercise stations, playground equipment, as well as running, walking, and biking paths. Year-round special needs programming and expanded sports leagues were also ranked highly, indicating a desire

for new and improved athletic facilities.

Increased community space for families and children

Several respondents indicated a desire for flexible and programmable gathering space that would be suitable for people of all ages. Suggestions included dedicated space within the community center that could hold activities, picnic tables, benches, and other outdoor seating and gathering locations,

Opportunities for Seniors

The survey results indicated a strong preference for programming for seniors, including bowling leagues, swimming, table and board games, and gardening.

**Riley Township Parks and Rec Master Plan
Community Workshop
December 16th, 2021**

Riley Township Parks & Recreation Community Survey

The goal of this survey is to understand your ideas and priorities for improving your parks and recreation facilities, which will inform the Parks and Recreation Plan update. This survey should take about 3 minutes to complete and asks about which improvements are most important to you (in terms of programming and funding, infrastructure, and facilities).

What are the most important improvements in terms of programming and funding? (Check all that apply)

- Year-round special needs programming and expanded sports leagues
- Senior programming (such as swimming, bowling leagues, coed leagues, chess, Bocce, shuffle board, gardening, and ping pong)
- Extended and evening hours for senior and special needs programming
- Parks and recreation maintenance plan
- Other, please describe: _____

What are the most important areas for recreation and facilities improvements? (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADA accessibility | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benches, picnic tables and seating | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking lots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Running and biking paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational, wayfinding, and park etiquette signage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor sports facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor shower facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of indoor recreation facilities and programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Sound system/speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor exercise stations | <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi accessibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated community center facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball courts | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf course | _____ |

In terms of programming, funding, and infrastructure improvements, what can be done to your park or programs that you think need the most investment and why?

You can use the other side of this page to provide additional comments or draw some ideas!

Figure 10: Riley Township Public Input Survey

Goals & Objectives

The following recreation goals and objectives were developed based on the outcome of public input and based on their understanding of the community and its residents. The Action Plan is informed by and reflects these goals.

Goal I

Improve non-motorized connectivity within the Township and to neighboring communities.

OBJECTIVES

Invest in non-motorized improvements and connections between existing parks and natural areas.

- Identify and pursue funding for additional sidewalks, trails, and pathways
- Recognize the limitations of the existing built environment along major roads by providing pedestrian and bicycle paths that are separate from vehicular routes where possible, but which provide both recreation and transportation opportunities between areas serviced by major roadways
- Utilize natural feature areas and parks as connections where possible
- Work with project partners such as St. Clair County Parks and Recreation and neighboring communities to provide regional trail connections
- Work with project partners such as St. Clair County Parks and Recreation and neighboring communities to develop innovative and cost-effective approaches to long-term trail maintenance
- Invest in safe, family-friendly non-motorized crossings of major roadways
- Support a Complete Streets policy of including paved shoulders (bike lanes) and/or separated pathways on all road reconstruction projects as a means of “filling the gaps” between existing pieces of the non-motorized trail network.

Goal II

Continue to improve existing resources through regular maintenance and by providing a greater variety of active and passive recreational opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide continuous improvements to Riley Township Park
- Identify and provide funding for annual improvements to Township facilities that maintain or exceed current levels
- Develop annual maintenance plans to maintain Riley Township Park and recreational facilities to a high standard so that major repairs or complete replacement of a resource is rarely necessary
- Develop management plans for Riley Township Park and any future parks
- Continue to improve safety at Riley Township Park and any future parks
- Include a broad range of recreation facilities within Riley Township Park where feasible, provided that the facility meets the spirit and intent of the park
- Develop amenities in Riley Township Park facilities to include those identified by the Township as well as by residents through the public input process
- Maintain a logical balance between active and passive pursuits in Riley Township Park
- Continue to collaborate with partners such as adjacent municipalities and St. Clair County to provide broadly beneficial improvements to the active and passive regional recreation network
- Within Riley Township Park, the development of a self-guided nature education tour would be relatively simple, cost effective, and broadly beneficial

Goal III

Explore opportunities and provide funding for the acquisition, protection, and preservation of natural areas, wetlands, habitat areas, and other similar resources.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify important and recognized natural features and open spaces in the Township
- Enhance the green infrastructure network by expanding on and providing enhanced buffering to already protected areas
- Plant additional native vegetation and plants at all parks to protect water quality and improve habitat
- Continue to invest in water quality improvements such as stream bank stabilization and restoration projects along Belle River
- Work with neighboring communities and the St. Clair County to identify and protect cross-jurisdictional natural areas which enhance the regional green infrastructure
- Encourage the Planning Commission and Township Board to develop and maintain Zoning Ordinance standards and Master Plan policy which encourage recognition and preservation of sensitive natural areas
- Identify priorities for acquisition as well as priorities for non-acquisition preservation. Priorities for acquisition should be areas that can also provide a recreational resource to Township residents, such as the opportunity for expanded non-motorized connections, or where the acquisition would protect, and buffer already protected lands. Priorities for non-acquisition preservation (i.e. a conservation easement) should be identified where preservation is important, but acquisition is not critical to the recreational infrastructure

Goal IV

Provide a range of safe and convenient parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of all segments of the population.

OBJECTIVES

- Continue to develop and acquire additional land for future park development and to provide more uniform distribution of the facilities, in terms of both geography and population
- Develop facilities to meet the physical needs and ability levels of all park users
- Increase barrier-free accessibility at Riley Township park and future parks
- Provide facilities for park users of all ages
- Increase non-motorized access to parks
- Provide a variety of recreational opportunities, including active and passive recreation

Goal V

Develop stable sources of funding and practice sound fiscal management of the parks and recreation system.

OBJECTIVES

- Pursue all available funding sources for capital improvements and operations and maintenance, including local sources, state and federal grant programs, local business, and other sources
- Adopt policies that any money generated by the Park System, such as reservation and rental permits, shall be redirected towards park funding
- Coordinate efforts with local interest groups and recreation providers and create partnerships for providing these resources
- Encourage the Township Board to maintain a small millage to maintain consistent funding for the purpose of general maintenance, improvements, acquisition, and for local match purposes for grant opportunities

Goal VI

Increase public use, access to, and enjoyment of natural resources including the Belle River

OBJECTIVES

- Invest in the acquisition of properties with Belle River frontage
- Plan for anticipated commercial pressures on the Township's parkland and natural resources, such as kayaking or canoeing liveries utilizing the Riley Township Park for launch and recovery. Consider permitting managed commercial pressure as a method of increasing public access to resources while incorporating a commercial fee structure to provide expanded Township-wide recreation opportunities
- Work with landowners, MEGLE, the DNR, and other stakeholders to manage the spread of invasive aquatic species within the Belle River watershed

Goal VII

Promote public awareness and usability of the park system

OBJECTIVES

- Continue to promote Riley Township Park via the Township website, Facebook page, newsletter articles, and by including information about the entire park at the parking lots.
- Optimize the availability of mobile park information by taking advantage of technology such as Smartphone applications and Tag barcodes. For example, a Tag barcode could be used to link users to a digital park map with information on recreation programs at the Community Center or events at the park.

RILEY TOWNSHIP PARK MASTER SITE PLAN

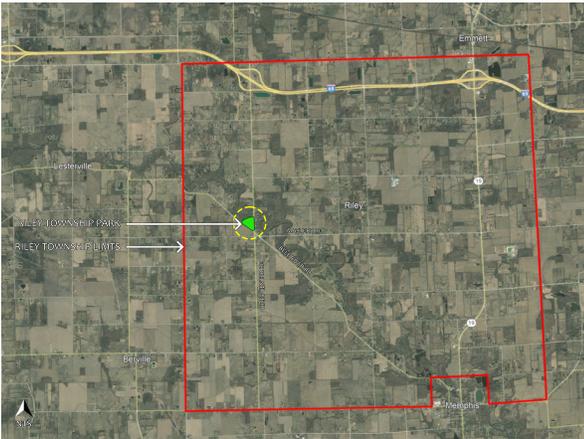


Figure 11: Riley Township Park Location Map

Introduction

The Charter Township of Riley has developed this descriptive master site plan for the Riley Township Park at 13016 Belle River Road. Over 19 contiguous acres with a soccer field, playscape, picnic areas, pavilion, basketball half-court, and horseshoe pits. The development plan contains the following components:

1. Master Site Plan
2. Development Plan Descriptions

Master Site Plan Descriptions

The following describes planned site and recreation amenities for Riley Township which fronts on Belle River Road. Many of the improvements described below were identified through the Public Involvement efforts in supporting this Master Site Plan. The number of each description corresponds to the numbers on the Development Plan Map legend.

1. Community Center

Located at the park's entrance off Belle River Road community center is envisioned to be a multigenerational facility that would promote and support recreational programs, events, and activities for a wide range of

ages, abilities, and community needs. The facility is programed to include an indoor pool, exercise room, lockers, gym, large multipurpose room that can be divided into smaller meeting/classrooms rooms, outdoor patio space and administration offices.

2. Community Garden

Community gardens can help residents not be solely dependent on grocery stores for their food supply. The gardens can benefit the community socially through knowledge-sharing and creating a sense of unity and can teach people alternative approaches to food production. Community spaces, like community gardens, can help build positive social support and allow people from differing life stages to share experiences with one another and strengthen community ties.

3. Splash Pad

The spray pad is envisioned to be built off the proposed community center and off the main pathway. The idea is to expand water-related recreational activities for children of all ages and abilities. The splash pad will have specific age group play zones for younger and older children. The spray pad will comprise of various interactive and anticipatory water spray features and overhead dump buckets.

4. Paved Trail

A paved trail which is constructed to ADA standards is envisioned in a loop through the park. It would be roughly a half-mile in length and would connect the proposed amenities. Results of the Township's Public Engagement efforts indicate that walking and hiking trails are among the most popularly supported park improvements.

5. Fit Trail

Eight exercise stations are envisioned along the paved trail described above. These

stations would each provide opportunity for exercising a different muscle group that include upper body, lower body and core. Stations will have either simple apparatus such as posts, poles and horizontal bars, while others will have no apparatus for stretching, bending and cool downs. All stations will have signage with instructions and graphics.

6. Playground Area

A larger inclusive playground area is envisioned adjacent to the existing play structure and pavilion. The new playground area will be programmed for younger children in the 2yrs- 5 yrs. age group. To further expand the play activities, a natural playground is proposed for exploration and imagination, to develop gross motor activity, offer risk taking, create problem solving skills, and provide social interaction for all. The natural playground will also teach children about the wonders and intricacies of the natural world.

7. Fruit Orchard

A fruit orchard is envisioned at a location in the northwest portion of the property. The apple/pear orchard is an extension of the community garden and would provide opportunities for families to U-Pick and learn about the area's agricultural history.

8. Basketball Court

A new full court basketball court is planned to replace the existing half-court one currently in the parking lot. Its placement will be located closer to other active recreation activities and the picnic area.

9. Baseball Field

A new baseball field for both organized leagues and pickup ball is proposed at the western portion of the park. The centerfield will be 300 feet to the fenced-in field. A tree and shrub planting will be provided to buffer the adjacent single-family residence. A backstop and spectator seating are

proposed

10. Parking Area

Two gravel parking lots with capacity for 74 - 80 (including 6-8 ADA spaces) vehicles exist and are planned for asphalt surface for park visitors. Rain gardens using native Michigan plants will be installed on the downhill slope to manage stormwater runoff. The rain gardens will be used as an educational feature to demonstrate technology and practices to improve water quality and manage floodwaters along the Belle River situated north of the park.

11. Restroom Facility

A restroom facility upgrade with an improved pit or vault style toilet is planned for the parcel since users would likely remain for a long period of time. It is located so as to be easily accessed by pavilion, playground, and trail users. In addition, its location close to the parking lot allows for a truck with pumping equipment to pull in and clean out the facility.

12. Native Open Meadow

A meadow using local native Michigan plant species is envisioned in the northern half of the park with turf grass for open play centered in the middle. Interpretive signage will be installed to help identify plant species and the incredible array of interactions between the flora and other organisms, especially insects for people to study and explore.

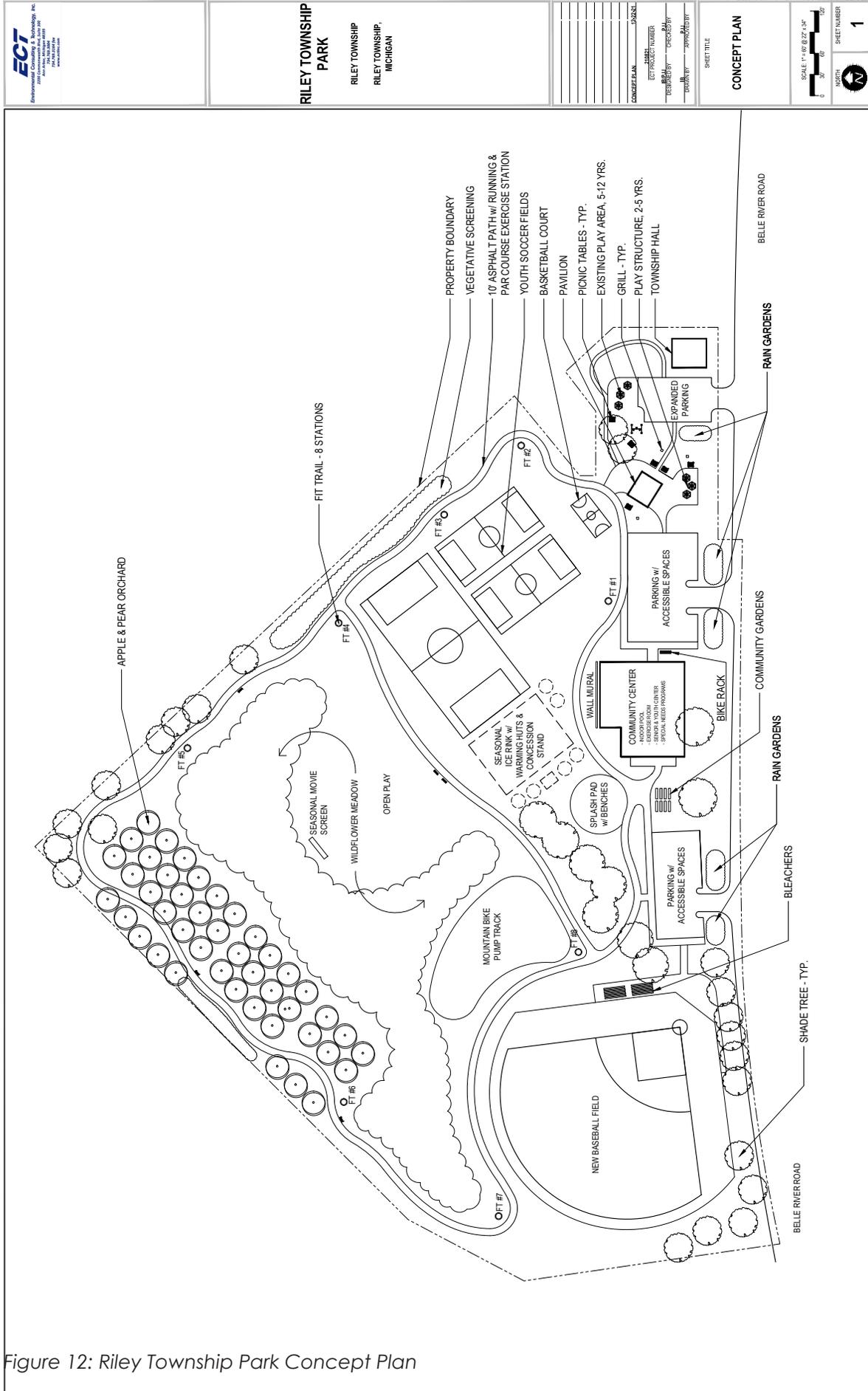


Figure 12: Riley Township Park Concept Plan

Project Schedule

Table 8 lists individual projects along with the specific tasks to be accomplished, the project goal reference, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. In addition, a time frame for completion has been assigned. Short-term projects (ST) are recommended for completion within one to two years, medium-term (MT) within two to five years while long-term projects (LT) may take longer to complete, within five to six years. There are also tasks that are on-going (OG).

Table 7: Project Schedule

Project/Tasks	Goal	Cost Estimate	Funding source	Time Frame
General Park Upkeep - All Parks				
Repair/replace outdated or unsafe play equipment	I	TBD	Local funds & Grants	OG
Maintain safety surfaces under play structures and equipment	I	TBD	Local funds	OG
Refurbish athletic field surfaces as needed	I	TBD	Local funds	OG
Renovate/upgrade all park restroom facilities including meeting ADA	I	~\$150,000	Local funds & Grants	OG
Add/replace park furnishings such as benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, and trash receptacles as needed	I	~1,500 per amenity	Local funds & Grants	OG
Remove dead trees or tree limbs and supplement/replace with additional trees and shrubs	I	TBD	Local funds	OG
Plant attractive landscaping by park signs, park entries, and within parks	I	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	OG
Repair/Refurbish parking and pavement surfaces as needed, resurface with asphalt	I	TBD	Local funds & Grants	OG
Inspect, clean debris and replenish aggregated as needed for permeable parking lots	I	TBD	Local funds	OG
Install green stormwater management technologies/practices	I	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	OG
Incorporate environmentally friendly practices and "green" technology	I	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	OG

Project/Tasks	Goal	Cost Estimate	Funding source	Time Frame
Riley Township Park				
Build new community center	II	TBD	Local funds, grants, donations	MT
Athletic court and field upgrades	II	TBD	Local funds, grants, donations	MT
Community garden installation	II	TBD	Local funds, grants, donations	MT
New and improved wayfinding and signage opportunities	II	TBD	Local funds, grants	MT
Extend and improved bike route	II	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	MT
Events Pavilion/Lawn	II	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	MT
Bathhouse/restroom renovation and Activity Zone	II	\$650,000	Local funds, grants & donations	MT
Kids Play Zone & Splash Pad	II	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	MT
Pedestrian Plaza/Outdoor Living Room	II	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	MT
Improved parking layout	II	TBD	Local funds	MT
Sand Beach (Volleyball, sunning, etc.)	II	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	MT
Install green stormwater management technologies/practices	I	TBD	Local funds, grants & donations	MT

Implementation Strategies

The current Township budget provides a limited amount of money for parks and recreation facilities. To accomplish the recommended actions items over the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding for capital improvements and maintenance/upkeep. Therefore, the following funding strategies are recommended in order to proceed as planned.

Increase Support and Revenues for Parks and Recreation

Public support for parks and recreation is always crucial in determining the level of services the Department of Parks and Recreation will be able to provide in the future. A dedicated park millage could be sought for projects such as park land and trail acquisition, development, or maintenance. Otherwise, Riley Township will be ineligible to apply for some State and Federal funds.

Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive grant program that uses federal transportation funds designated by Congress for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the 12 TE activities and relate to surface transportation. A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis. Activities which may apply to Riley Township include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles including new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges, and underpasses.
- Provision for non-motorized transportation

safety and educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling.

Apply for State Funding

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) continue to be the primary funding sources for park land acquisition and development in the state.

The MNRTF projects provide for natural resource protection and outdoor recreation. By law, no more than 25 percent of the Trust Fund revenues available for appropriation each year can be used for development, therefore the majority of funding is allocated for acquisition projects. These grants can be highly competitive.

Based on current projections, approximately \$15-20 million will be available for grants each year. Available funds are dependent on revenue, investment earnings and interest accruing to the Trust Fund in a particular fiscal year.

Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. The minimum funding request for development projects is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Applications are typically due by April 1st. There are no minimum or maximum limits on land acquisition grants.

The LWCF provides matching grants to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The MDNR makes recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS) on which applications to fund, and the NPS gives final approval.

Michigan's 2018-2022 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

(SCORP) assesses the existing outdoor recreation facilities and resources and growing demands for recreation activities and evaluates national and state trends. The plan establishes priority strategies for achieving outdoor recreation goals and provides guidance for the next five years for all levels of government in Michigan and their local outdoor recreation partners and stakeholders.

The criteria used to evaluate the projects is Need for the Project, Site and Project Quality, Applicant History, Financial Need of the Applicant, Quality of the Overall Park Design, Project Facilities/Scope Items and Universal Access Design. The focus of the program has recently been on pathway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields, and walking paths.

The minimum grant request amount is \$30,000 and the maximum grant request amount is \$500,000. The match percentage must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are typically due on April 1st.

Other funding sources in partnership with the MDNR is available through other state government divisions, such as the Fisheries Division (Inland Fisheries Grant) and the Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management Division (DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant and Forest Stewardship – Outreach and Education Grant), and Parks and Recreation Division (Boating Infrastructure Improvement Grant and the Waterways Program Grant).

The Waterways Program Grants provide funding assistance for design and construction of public recreational harbor/marina (grant-in-aid harbors) and boating access site/launch facilities.

Grant assistance is provided at a base level of 50% of the estimated project cost. Requests for less than 50% state funding

will be given additional preference in the selection process. Applications must be received by April 1 at 5 p.m.

The DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting funds are available to local units of government within the service territory of DTE Energy for tree planting projects in parks, rights-of-way, Township streets, school grounds and neighborhood revitalization projects and must be planted on public lands. A total of up to \$3,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50 percent local match. Applications are due annually each Spring (June).

Apply for Other Grant Funding

There are also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/pathways or greenway-related facilities such as Bikes Belong Coalition. Launched in 1999 as Bikes Belong, PeopleForBikes includes both an industry coalition of bicycling suppliers and retailers, as well as a charitable foundation. The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program provides funding for important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives.

Seek Other Sources of Funding

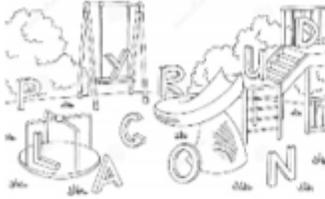
Riley Township should investigate additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events, and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should continue to be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park development and acquisition.



Supporting Documents

Appendix A: Public Input Session Presentation

Workshop Public Notice



**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP for
PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
Thursday, December 16th, 2021 at 6pm**

The workshop is intended to discuss and consider future Township parks and recreation events, maintenance, operations, and enrichment of community recreational opportunities for Riley Township residents for the five year term of this plan.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 16, 2021; 6 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: This workshop will be at the Township Hall located at 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: An opportunity for the public to provide input for a new five (5) year proposed Master Plan.

NOTARY SERVICE  is available at Riley Township Office during regular Business hours

Trash Pickup Day is every Thursday

For Holiday Trash Pickup Day Schedule, Visit Jeff's Rubbish Disposal



Website at: www.jeffsrubbish.net/schedule.html

PARK & RECREATION

Playground, Soccer Field, Pavilion & Picnic areas!



RECREATIONAL 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

We need your input & ideas for a new 5-year Recreational Master Plan! What would you like to have included in the plan? A walking track/path, ice rink, fitness equipment, or perhaps, a splash pad?

Come join us at Riley Township Hall for a **Park & Recreation Workshop** held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6pm to look into Grants & Park & Rec Revenue Sharing funds to expand and improve our Township's *Recreational* areas with your input.

We are all looking forward to a HEALTHIER 2022!!



Elections



2022 Election Dates:

August 2nd – State Primary
November 8th – State General Election

Riley Township Polling Location held at
13016 Belle River Road
Polls open 7am – 8pm

Register to Vote:

In-Person at Riley Township Clerk's Office at
13042 Belle River Road

Visit the **Michigan Voter Information Center** website at www.michigan.gov/vote

RILEY TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET HEARING, and SPECIAL MEETING

will be held on *Tuesday, March 29th, 2022* at 7pm at Riley Township Hall located at 13016 Belle River Road



LOCAL CONTACT DIRECTORY & WEBSITES

EMERGENCY	DIAL 911	
Michigan State Police	(810) 664-2905	michigan.gov/msp/
Department of Natural Resources (District 9)	(248) 359-9040	michigan.gov/dnr/
EGLE	(800) 662-9278	michigan.gov/egle/
Richmond Lenox EMS	(586) 727-2184	lenoxwp.org/160/Richmond-lenox-ems-rlems
Memphis Fire Department (non-emergency)	(810) 392-2185	memphis-fire.com
Emmett Fire Department (non-emergency)	(810) 384-6991	emmettfd.com
St. Clair County Departments/Offices:		stclaircounty.org
Sherriff Department (non-emergency)	(810) 987-1700	stclaircounty.org/Offices/sheriff/
Central Dispatch	(810) 985-8115	stclaircounty.org/Offices/cda/
Animal Control	(810) 984-3155	stclaircounty.org/Offices/animal_control/
County Clerk's Office	(810) 985-2220	stclaircountyclerk.org/
Register of Deeds	(810) 989-6930	stclaircounty.org/Offices/register_of_deeds/
Treasurer	(810) 989-6915	stclaircounty.org/Offices/treasurer/
Drain Commission	(810) 364-5369	stclaircounty.org/Offices/drain_commission/
Road Commission	(810) 364-5720	sccrc-roads.org/
Public Health Department	(810) 987-5300	stclaircounty.org/pagebuilder/scchd
Council on Aging	(810) 987-8811	thecouncilonaging.org/
DTE Energy (Power Outage)	(800) 477-4747	dteenergy.com
SEMCO	(888) 427-1427	semcoenergygas.com/
Miss Dig	DIAL 811	missdig811.org/
Frontier	(877) 282-8241	frontier.com
Jeff's Rubbish Disposal	(810) 384-1488	jeffsrubbish.net

Workshop Presentation



Welcome!

Riley Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop

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What do you enjoy most about Riley Township Parks? Tell us Below ↓



Riley Township

5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

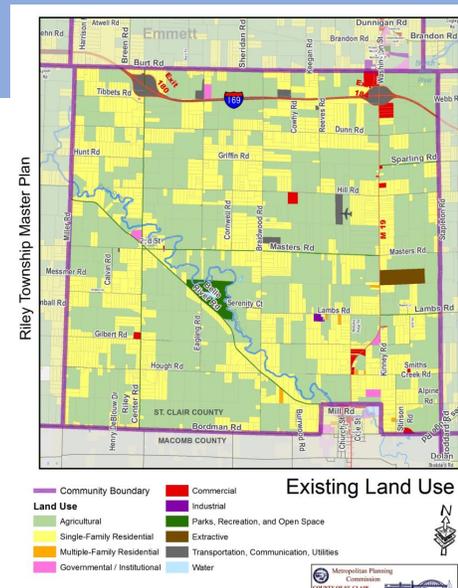
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Public Open House

December 16th, 2021

Purpose of Tonight's Workshop:
An opportunity to provide input on the city's parks and recreation system to help identify and prioritize desired improvements and how to fund them.



Department of Natural Resources 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update



To be eligible to apply for various Michigan DNR grants, a community must have an approved, 5-Year Plan on file with Grants Management of the DNR



PREPARING THE PLAN AND PLAN CONTENT



- Community Description
- Administrative Structure
- Inventory of Existing Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Facilities
- Description of the Planning and Public Input Process
- Goals and Objectives
- Action Program



Township of Riley 5-Year Parks and Recreation Update

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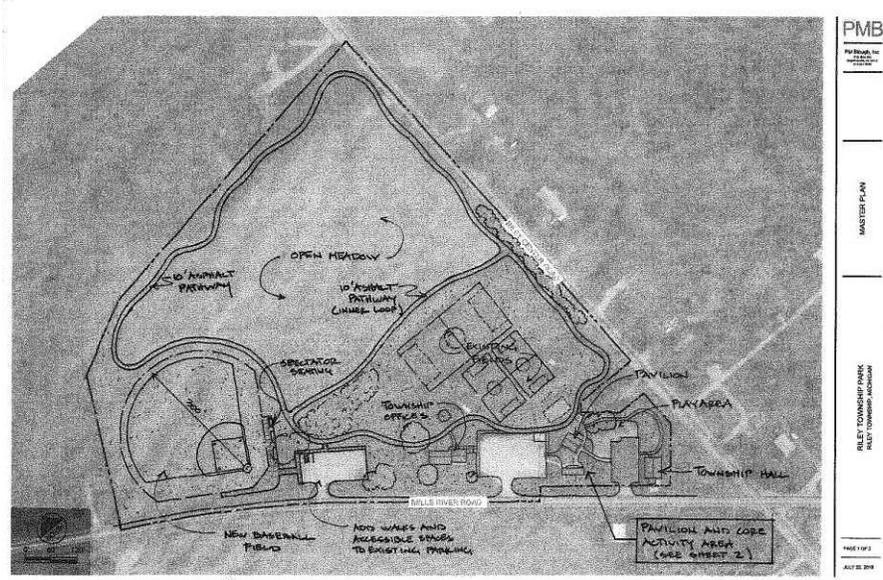
PREPARING THE PLAN AND PLAN CONTENT

In the coming weeks there will be an announcement for the opportunity to review and comment during a 30-Day Period of the Draft Plan before it is officially adopted by the Township Board.



Riley Township Park

SITE PLAN OF FUTURE PARK



Let's get Started!

Thank you

Survey Statements

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*Water Park for kids / indoor pool
community garden,*

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 - Other, please describe: _____
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- Other, please describe: Kayak launch, hiking trails

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- Other, please describe: would be nice to have a place where exercise classes could be held.

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A bldg that has rooms for dif. activities for seniors + children.

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A new building to replace the old with more features for the residents. i.e. splash pad, Pool, workout equipment.

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Multi-Use Community Center Large enough to hold 100+ persons because we don't have one available within our area nor nearby

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Appendix B: Draft Plan and Public Hearing Documents

Notice of Draft Plan Availability and Public Hearing

NOTICE OF DRAFT PLAN AVAILABILTY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of 30 days availability of Proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Public Review

A public hearing to accept public comments on the proposed Parks and Recreation Five Year Recreation Plan will take place at a Special Meeting held on Friday, January 28th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m located at 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041.

Riley Township has updated its Parks and Recreation Five Year Recreation Plan and will accept written comments on the plan until January 28, 2022.

The Plan is a requirement to remain eligible for state and federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. It will help guide the future development of parks and recreation in Riley Township. It can be viewed online at www.rileytownship.com or during regular business hours at the Riley Township Office located at 13042 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041.

Your written comments can be sent to prior to the public hearing:

Riley Township Office
13042 Belle River Road
Riley, MI 48041

Or emailed to info@rileytownship.com

Minutes of Public Hearing

RILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD - SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

January 28th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Located at 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, Michigan 48041

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Supervisor Titus at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Al Titus, Clerk Dawn Behem, Treasurer Mike Rushing, Trustee Duane Hagle, Trustee Mark Baranowski

Public Hearing: *To obtain public comments and suggestions on the Recreation Master Plan proposed improvements for years 2021 – 2026 after a 30-day Public Review period.*

- Motion to open the public hearing at 7:02 pm made by Duane Hagle, seconded by Mark Baranowski. All in favor, motion carried.
- Supervisor asked for comments from the public, none present. Trustee asked about river frontage available for possible fishing or canoe access.
- 2022 Public Survey results on the Recreation Master Plan received by the township board made by Duane Hagle, seconded by Mark Baranowski. All in favor, motion carried.

What are the most important areas for recreation and facilities improvement?													TOTALS	
ADA Accessibility		1	that's law		1		1	1	1	1				5
Bathroom Facilities		1	1		1	1	1	1	1					7
Benches, picnic tables and seating		1	1		1	1		1	1					6
Lighting		1	1		1			1	1	1				6
Playground equipment		1	1		1	1		1	1	1				7
Outdoor Sports facilities		1			1			1	1					4
Trees and landscaping		1						1	1					3
Expansion of indoor recreation facilities/programming		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			10
Outdoor exercise stations		1	1		1	1	1	1		1				6
Dedicated community center facility		1	1		1	1		1	1	1			1	8
Volleyball courts		1									1	1		3
Golf Course			Discount											
Disc golf course					1				1					2
Horseshoe facilities		1							1	1				3
Parking lots		1	1						1		1	1		5
Running and biking trails		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			10
Educational, wayfinding and park etiquette signs		1						1						2
Irrigatin infrastructure		1						1						2
Outdoor shower facilites		1	NO											1
Outdoor sound system/speakers		1							1	1				3
Wi-Fi accesibility		1	1						1	1		1		5
Other						1								1

What are the most Important improvements in terms of programming and funding?													TOTALS																														
Year-round special needs programming and expanded sports leagues													1	1	1								1	1	1								6										
Senior programming (such as swimming, bowling leagues, coed leagues, chess, Bocce, shuffle board, gardening and ping pong)																							1	1	1								1	1	1	1							8
Extended and evening hours for seniors and special needs programs																							1	1									1	1									5
Parks and Recreation maintenance plan																							1	1									1	1	1	1							8
Other:																																	1	1	1	1							5

COMMENTS:
 Walking pathes, ice rink, spring & fall festivals
 Children's water park, splash pool, swimming pool. Clubhouse with Kitchen capabilities, fireplace
 * other: Internet needed as an entire community option. People are not moving here b/c of this.
 Coordinate monthly (weekly) food truck gather ing for those who work from home (Lunch or dinner)
 Better Communication of what's happening in community, Yoga classes
 * other: Activity Center for residents
 A new building to replace the old with more features for residents i.e. splash pad, pool, work out equipment
 Multi-use ccommunity center large enough to hold 100+ persons because we don't have one available in our area
 * other: Kayak launch, hiking trails
 * other: Walking paths
 * other: Would be nice to have a place wher exercise classes could be held
 * other: A building that has rooms for different activities for seniors and children
 * other: Water Park for Kids, indoor pool, community garden
 * other: New office building with community center combined
 *Other: Draw up futuer site plan for all new development, paved parking
 * other: combined building for office, meetings, community
 *Other: Future site plan of township property for residents to review
 Email: I think it would be a awesome thing to aquire a acre or two. For the purpose of remembering the Native peoples to which Chief Riley was a leader here along the Belle river.. I and others can arrect or build a lodge. And we can work together to make this wonderous history known. Not many people have a clue how Riley Settlement became a twp and how the land was eventually ceded. Or released from Native control to Non native. We could build a community center with historical peices. Some if need be can be found or made by the very decandanta and tribal community who has ties here. It can cover the pre twp. Thru present. It would be cool.

➤ Motion to close the public hearing at 7:07 pm made by Duane Hagle, seconded by Mark Baranowski. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECREATION MASTER PLAN #2022-01

➤ Motion made by Mike Rushing to adopt Recreation Master Plan #2022-01 as presented, seconded by Mark Baranowski. Discussion held. Roll Call vote: Ayes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. made by Hagle, seconded by Baranowski. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Dawn Behem, Riley Township Clerk

Township Board Resolution

**RILEY TOWNSHIP
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION #2022-01

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Riley Township Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed the Township's recreation needs and to develop a **Recreation Master Plan** to meet those needs, and

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing and 30 days availability of Proposed Recreation Master Plan for Public Review was published in North Macomb Voice newspaper to obtain public comments and suggestions on the proposed Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Riley Township Board held a *Public Hearing* on the proposed **Recreation Master Plan** on **January 28th, 2022** to obtain public comments and suggestions on the proposed improvements for the years **2021** through **2026**, and

WHEREAS, The Riley Township Parks and Recreation Committee has completed development of the draft **Recreation Master Plan 2021-2026** including Visions, Goals, Objectives and Policies for the improvement and continued development of recreation facilities for the benefit of Township residents.

WHEREAS, The Riley Township Parks and Recreation Committee recommended approval of the draft **Recreation Master Plan 2021-2026** to the Riley Township Board,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Riley Township Board adopts the proposed **Recreation Master Plan 2021-2026** as presented.

Motion made by MICHAELL RUSHING, seconded by MARK BARANOWSKI to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	Supervisor Alvin Titus:	Aye
	Clerk Dawn Behem:	Aye
	Treasurer Michael Rushing:	Aye
	Trustee Mark Baranowski:	Aye
	Trustee Duane Hagle:	Aye

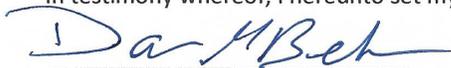
Upon roll call vote, the following voted Aye: 5. The following voted Nay: 0.

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted on the 28th day of January, 2022.

CERTIFICATE

I, DAWN BEHEM, the duly *appointed*, qualified, clerk of Riley Township, St. Clair County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the of Riley Township Board of Trustees held on January 28th, 2022 and is a true and corrected copy of the original resolution on file and of record.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand this 28TH day of January, 2022.


Dawn Behem, Riley Township Clerk

Letters of Transmittal to Regional Agencies

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