

2026 - 2030

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



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Families enjoying a Berkley Beats concert at Oxford Park

CHAPTER ONE: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2026–2030 Berkley Parks and Recreation Master Plan serves as a guiding framework as Berkley considers and prioritizes recreation opportunities over the next five years. It builds upon previous recreation plans and was developed through a comprehensive recreation planning process. This plan also contributes to Berkley’s eligibility for Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) recreation grant programs.

1.1 Recreation Plan Development

DATA GATHERING

The first phase of developing this plan included gathering background information related to existing conditions. This data includes an inventory of Berkley’s existing parks and recreation facilities, a review of Berkley’s administrative structure, an analysis of updated demographic data, a review of national recreation trends and peer community recreation offerings, and a robust community engagement process.

EVALUATION

The second phase of this process focused on synthesizing the information gathered during phase one to evaluate Berkley’s current recreation offerings and identify deficiencies and community needs.

FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The third and final phase of the planning process involved using the existing conditions analysis and recreation evaluation to update Berkley’s recreation goals and develop actionable recommendations in service of those goals.

1.2 Key Findings

Berkley is a highly-developed city, and as such, the parks and recreation amenities are highly valued by residents. Maintenance of existing facilities remains a priority, as indicated in the 2021–2025 Berkley Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The previous plan also noted the desire for a new community center, which remains a priority for residents. Dissatisfaction with the current community center was identified as a top issue by residents .

Top community priorities included redevelopment of the community center, a dog park, expanded youth sports fields, and a community pool, all of which are constrained by lack of available land. Any development of new recreation is limited by these circumstances.



Halloween movie event at Oxford Park



Annual CruiseFest parade

CHAPTER TWO: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2.1 Physical Characteristics

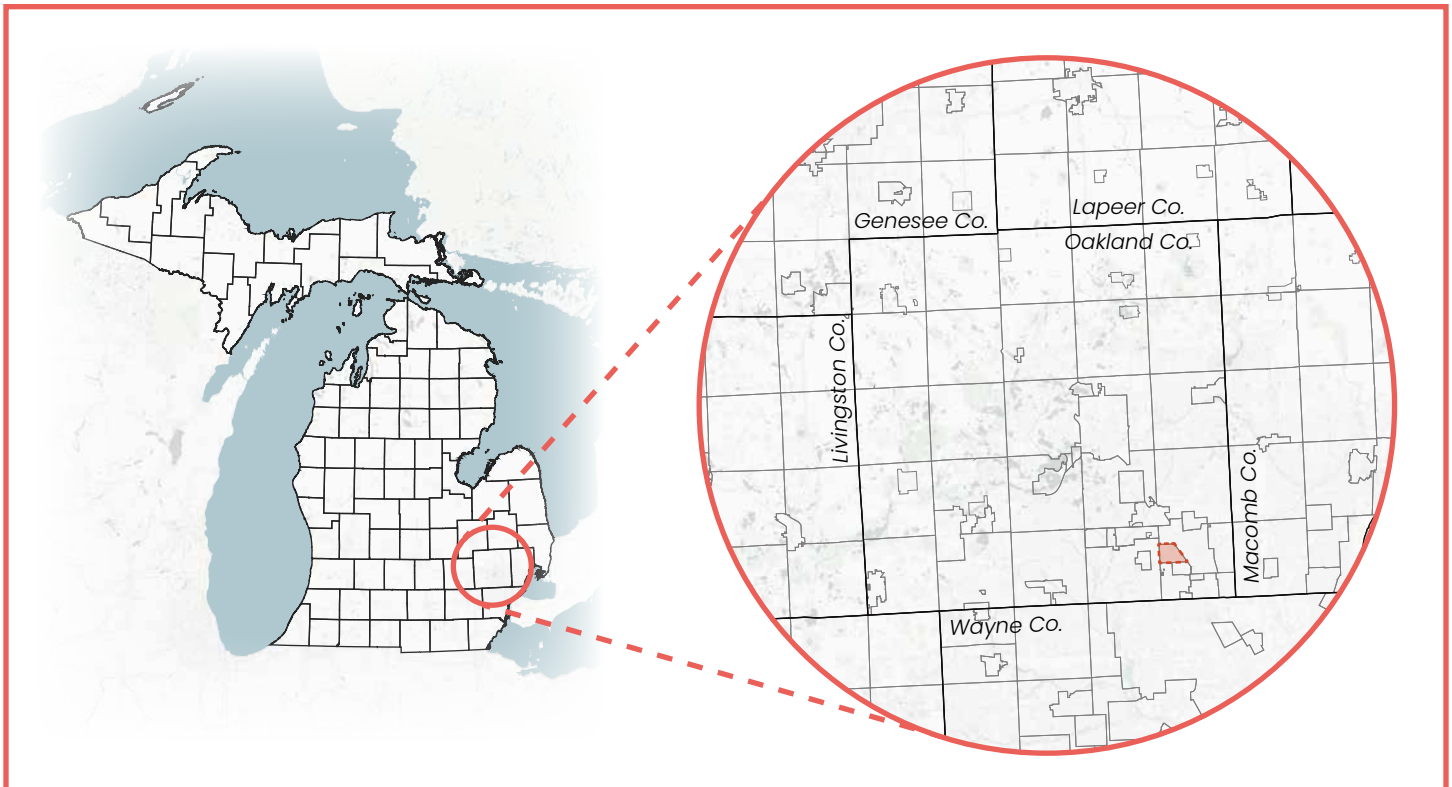
REGIONAL SETTING

Located in southeastern Oakland County, Berkley is a welcoming, walkable community with a small-town feel. Residents enjoy a walkable downtown, tree-lined streets and a high quality school system for growing families. Residents of Berkley also enjoy numerous parks and playground opportunities as well as a robust community event schedule with year-round offerings including Art Bash, Street Art Fest, CruiseFest and more. Berkley is known for its strong sense of community and pride in local politics, culture and social opportunities.

Berkley is just over 2.5 square miles in size. It is bounded by Webster Road to the north, 11 Mile Road to the south, Greenfield Road to the west, and Woodward Avenue to the east. Woodward Avenue is the site of the annual Woodward Dream Cruise, which is the largest single-day classic car event in the world. Surrounding communities include Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Southfield and Royal Oak (Figure 1).

LAND USE

Like many communities in southeast Oakland County, Berkley is highly developed, with less than 1% of parcels vacant. 75% of land is



REGIONAL CONTEXT

City of Berkley, Michigan

November 2025

Sources: State of Michigan Open Data Portal

LEGEND

 City of Berkley



Figure 1 - Location of Berkley regionally

dedicated to housing, and 2% is city parks. Roseland Park Memorial Cemetery in the northeast corner of the city, makes up nearly 10% of the city's land (Figure 2).

HOUSING

Housing trends in Berkley continue to change from year to year, and many of the post-WWII bungalows are being replaced with larger

homes. The smaller bungalow-style homes appeal more to young singles, couples without children and families with young children.

The majority of homes built since 2020 have been multi-family homes; however, single-unit housing remains the predominant housing type at 92.1%. Despite the recent addition of more multi-family housing, the

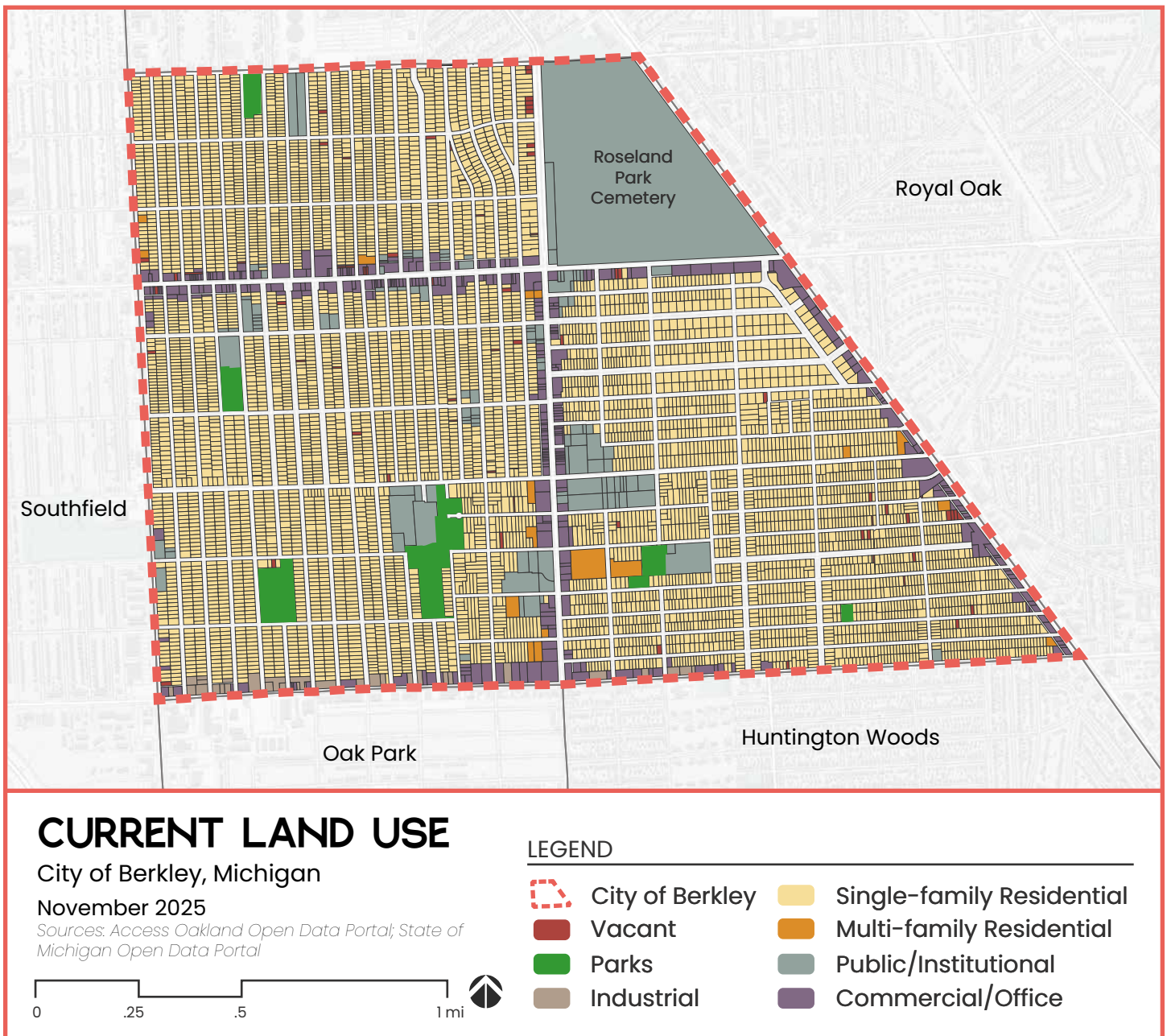


Figure 2 - Current land use in the City of Berkley

majority of properties (83%) in Berkley are owner occupied according to the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS).

Median housing values continue to rise climbing from \$245,175 in 2010 to \$289,200 in 2023, a difference of \$44,025 or 18% according to the ACS. Median rent in 2023 comes in at \$1,436 which is slightly lower than the 2010 value of \$1,488, a decrease of 3.5%.

TRANSPORTATION

Public bus services through Berkley are provided by Suburban Mobility Authority of Regional Transportation (SMART). Route 415 services Greenfield, the western border of Berkley, from approximately 8 Mile to 13 Mile through the Corewell Hospital campus, finally ending at Meijer on Coolidge north of 14 Mile. Route 450 services Woodward, the eastern border of Berkley, beginning at 8 Mile traveling north to Pontiac. Route 740 runs through the heart of Berkley servicing both 12 mile and Coolidge and travels as far as Novi to the west and Roseville to the east.

Berkley Parks and Recreation provides a senior van transportation service for residents over the age of 50 as well as residents who may be disabled or semi-disabled. Boundaries for the program are 8 Mile to 16 Mile (N/S) and Lahser to John R (E/W). Rides must begin within city limits. Doctor appointments, shopping trips and trips to the hair salon are just a few examples of trips that can be booked. This service is provided through joint efforts of the City of Berkley and SMART.

NATURAL FEATURES

Prior to settlement, the area that is now the City of Berkley was predominately mixed hardwood swamp with pockets of bog, shrub swamp/emergent marsh, wet prairie and beech-sugar maple forest (Figure 3). Accordingly, the soils throughout Berkley are primarily loam, clay, and silty clay loam, and are somewhat poorly drained.

The topography in Berkley is essentially flat with a gentle pitch from 710 ft above sea level in the northwest to 660 feet above sea level in the southeast.

Due to the highly developed nature of the city, there is a large amount of imperious surface, which in combination with the poorly draining native soils contributes to issues with flooding throughout Berkley. The city stormwater system is a combined stormwater/sanitary system that was installed in the 1940's. This type of system results in combined sewer overflows during high-intensity rain events.

Located within the Clinton River watershed and the Red Run subwatershed, stormwater runoff from Berkley makes its way to the Clinton River via the Red Run drain before ending up in Lake St. Clair. The following pollutants from stormwater runoff have been identified by the Red Run subwatershed communities:

- Pesticides and fertilizers from lawns
- Oil and grease from roads and parking lots
- Sediment from construction sites and other land disturbances.

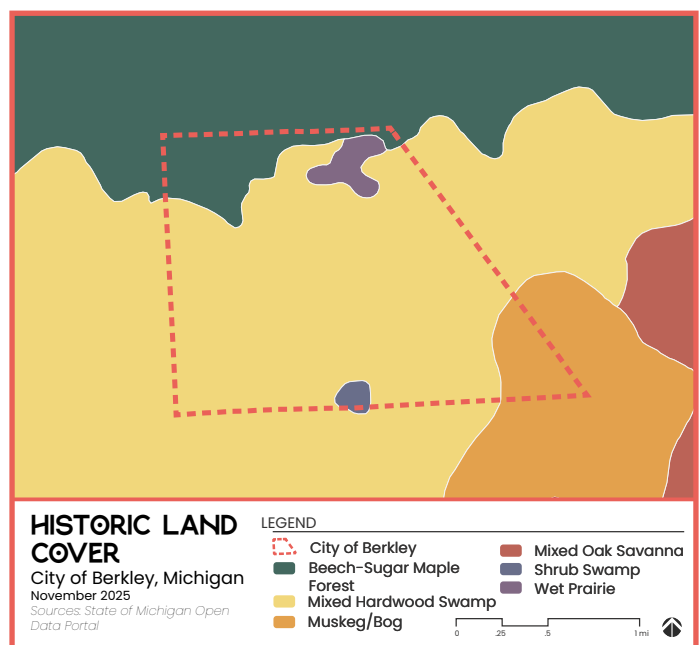


Figure 3 - Presettlement vegetation circa 1800

Wildlife in Berkley includes squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, opossums, skunks, birds and other small wildlife typically associated with urban areas with large and mature trees.

2.2 Demographics

POPULATION & HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

The population in Berkley peaked in 1960 at 23,275 according to decennial census data. Currently, the population is 15,194 and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 2050 Regional Development Forecast predicts that number to increase slightly over the next 25 years to an estimated 15,656.

The total number of households in Berkley is 6,852, and the average household size is 2.26.

According to the 2023 American Community Survey Five-year Estimates (ACS), the majority of Berkley households are two or more people without children, followed by adults living alone, then households with children under the age of 18 (Figure 4). Taking a more detailed look at the population of adults living alone, 12.2% of total households are adults over the age of 65 living alone. The SEMCOG

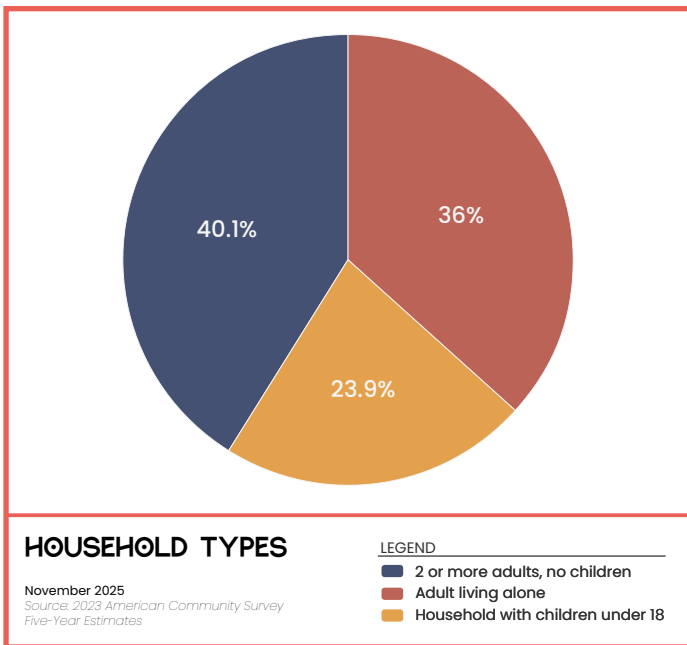


Figure 4 - Household types in Berkley

2050 forecast predicts that households with two or more people without children will increase, adults living alone will decrease slightly and households with children will increase minimally.

According to SEMCOG, the median age in Berkley is 37.7, which is younger than Oakland County (41.2) and southeast Michigan regionally (39). The age distribution of Berkley's population is relatively similar to Oakland County and southeast Michigan regionally; however, Berkley's population has a slightly higher proportion of people aged 19-29 and 30-39 (Figure 5). Additionally, the proportion of residents under the age of 18 and over the age of 50 is lower than both Oakland County and southeast Michigan regionally.

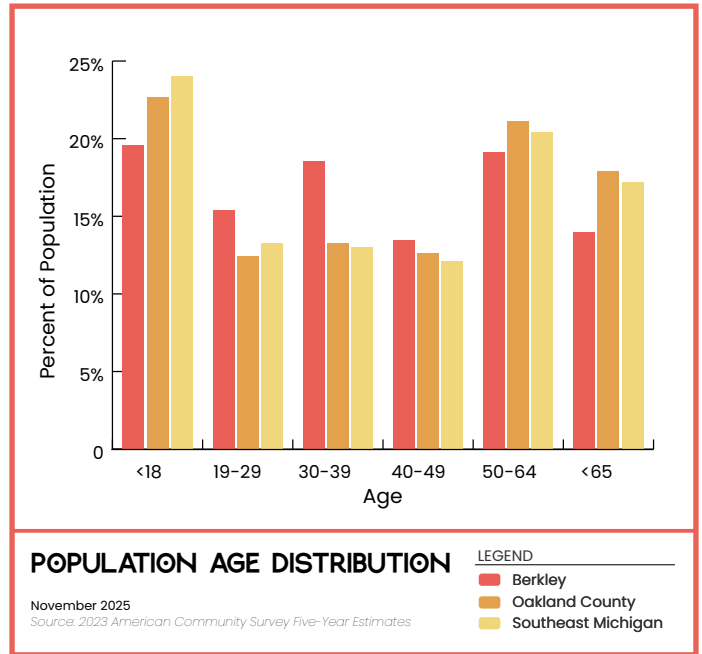


Figure 5 - Comparison of population age distribution between Berkley, Oakland County and regional southeast Michigan

SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Berkley's median household income increased by 23.5% from \$91,594 to \$113,103 between 2010 and 2023 according to the ACS. Berkley's median household income is higher than

that of Oakland County (\$95,296) and regional southeast Michigan (\$76,000). The number of households in poverty declined to 5.2% between 2010 and 2023 and is lower than Oakland County (8.5%) and regional southeast Michigan (13%).

Currently, information and financial services is the largest employment sector in Berkley, followed closely by leisure/hospitality and healthcare services, respectively. Based on the SEMCOG 2050 forecast, leisure/hospitality will overtake information and financial services in the next five years to become the dominant employment sector. Retail and manufacturing have both declined in recent years and are expected to continue their downward trend, being the only two employment sectors expected to have a net decline from 2019 to 2050. By contrast, transportation, warehousing and utilities is expected to experience the most growth, with a 48.4% change predicted by 2050.

RACE AND ETHNICITY

In terms of racial diversity, Berkley’s population changed very little between 2010 and 2023 and remains highly homogeneous. The population is overwhelmingly white (non-Hispanic), and approximately 14% of Berkley’s total population identifies as a racial or ethnic minority (Figure 6).

EDUCATION

According to the 2023 ACS, Berkley residents have a higher level of educational attainment than Oakland County and southeast Michigan regionally, with nearly 70% of Berkley residents achieving an associate degree or higher. Between 2010 and 2023, the population of Berkley saw an 8.1% increase in bachelor’s degrees to 35.6%, and a 6.5% increase in graduate and professional degrees to 22.5%.

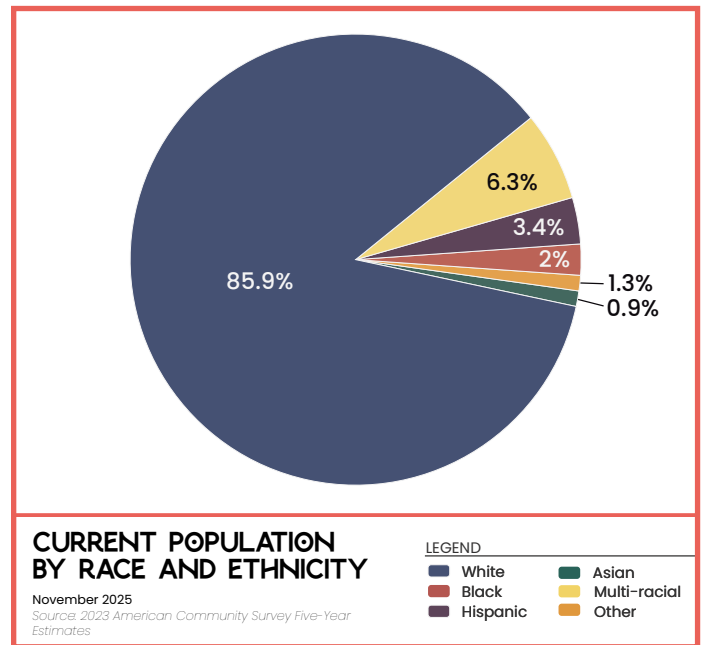


Figure 6 – Berkley’s population by race and ethnicity



Dancing at CruiseFest

CHAPTER THREE: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

3.1 Parks & Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department currently employs five full-time employees.

The Parks and Recreation Superintendent is responsible for the administration of the department, oversees day-to-day operations and is responsible to the city manager and the deputy city manager of public services.

The Recreation Program Manager position is responsible for planning, scheduling and implementing programs for youth and adults as well as being the director of Summer Day Camps. This role manages the part-time staff hired for Summer Day Camps.

The Senior Program Manager is responsible for the planning, implementation and execution of activities for the senior community of Berkeley and the surrounding areas. This includes day trips, lunch outings, exercise classes and more. This role also oversees the operation of the Senior Transportation service.

The Event and Communications Specialist is responsible for the planning and execution of Berkeley Parks and Recreation events. This role is also responsible for the social media presence through the Berkeley Parks and Recreation Facebook and Instagram accounts.

The Parks and Recreation Clerk is responsible for the workflow in the front office of the Berkeley Community Center. The role is responsible for taking and directing phone calls and emails and assisting in-person customers as they enter the building.

Part-time employees are also a vital part of the operation of Berkeley Parks and Recreation. Part-time roles include transportation drivers, and evening and weekend office staff. The largest group of part-time employees is the Summer Day Camp staff.

The City of Berkeley's organizational chart can be found in Figure 7.

3.2 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Established in 1971 under P.A. 156, Recreation and Playgrounds, of 1917, the Parks and Recreation Advisory board is a volunteer board comprised of seven members that meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month. The purpose of the board is to discuss general parks and recreation operations and to provide input and recommendations on both short and long term planning for the department including programming and facilities. Board members serve a three-year term.

3.3 Funding and Budget

The Parks and Recreation Department is funded through user fees, donations, grants and transfers from the City General Fund. A breakdown of the parks and recreation budget can be found in Table 1.

3.4 Volunteers & Partnerships

Parks and Recreation values the relationships with many civic organizations, youth sports associations and special interest groups throughout the city. All of the youth sports organizations in Berkeley are volunteer run and primarily use city-owned facilities and green space.



Berkeley Community Center



CITY OF BERKLEY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2025-2026

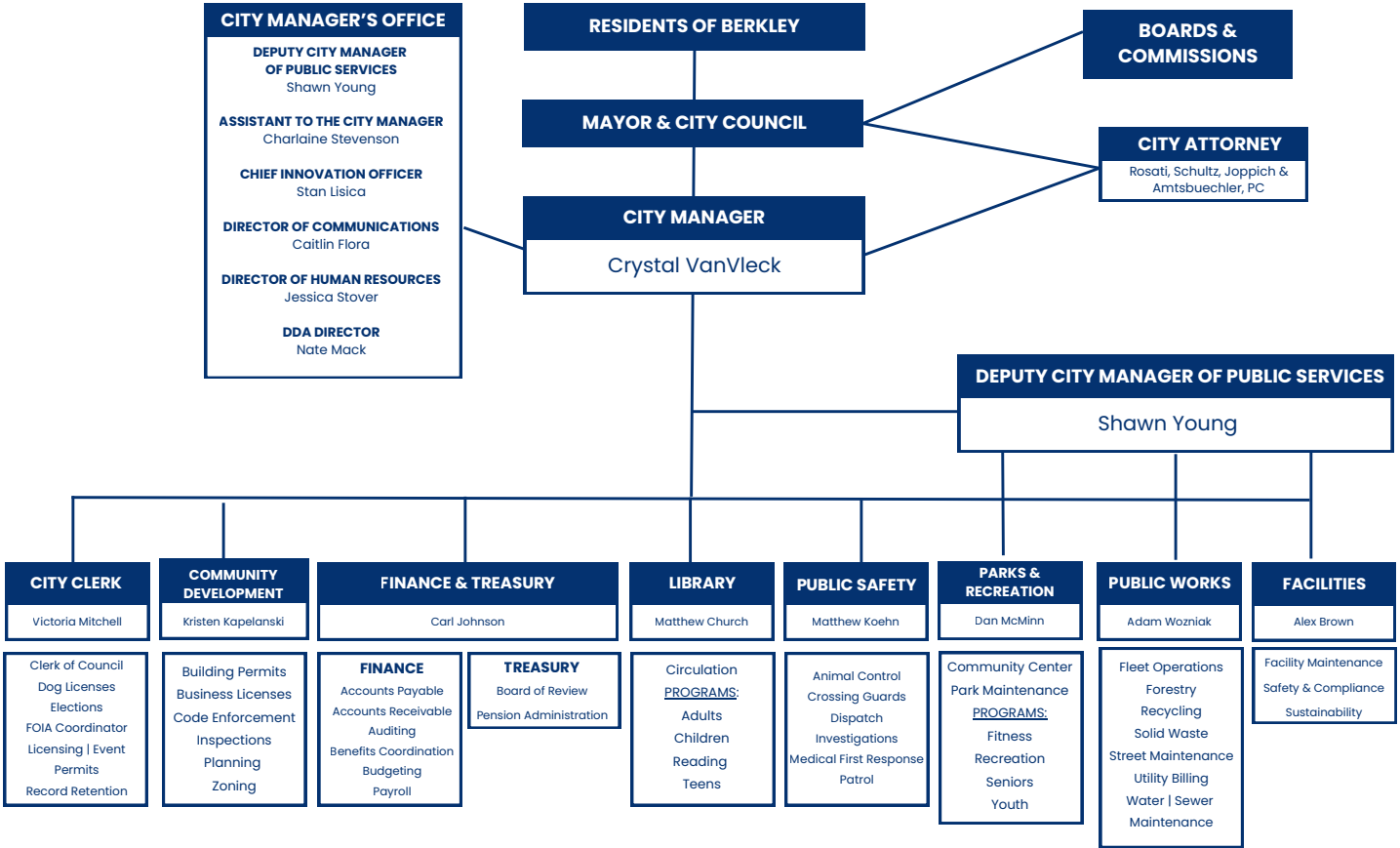


Figure 7 - City of Berkeley organizational chart

YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

- Berkley Dad’s Club Baseball
- Berkley Mom’s Club Softball
- Berkley Hoops Basketball
- Berkley Steelers Football
- South Oakland County Soccer

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Berkley Junior Women’s Club
- Berkley Days Association
- Tri-Community Coalition
- American Legion
- Knights of Columbus
- VFW
- Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance

SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS

- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts

AGREEMENTS WITH THE BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Berkley Parks and Recreation, Berkley Schools and the Berkley Dad’s Club entered into a permit agreement in 2025 for Community Baseball Field #1. As part of the agreement, the field has been renovated with new infield material and outfield turf. Berkley School athletic programs utilize the field from March until June, and the Dad’s Club utilizes the field from July until October.

Table 1 – City of Berkley Parks and Recreation Budget

EXPENDITURES	2023-2024	2024-2025
Senior Fund	\$60,053.34	\$73,767.37
Recreation Revolving Fund:		
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$627,504.49	\$609,375.32
Materials, Supplies, Maintenance	\$75,576.08	\$79,712.49
Contractual Services	\$198,041.88	\$188,989.44
Insurance	\$4,109.00	\$11,562.50
Utilities	\$89,282.04	\$59,116.12
Other Charges	\$60,847.77	\$51,680.60
Capital Outlay	\$278,317.88	\$85,431.88
Transfer Out	-	-
Debt Service	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,393,732.48	\$1,159,635.72

REVENUES	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Senior Fund	\$87,119.66	\$110,493.64
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$540,129.55	\$559,233.26
Transfers In: Recreation Revolving	\$900,000.00	\$546,000.00
Total Revenues	\$1,527,249.21	\$1,215,726.90

Berkley Schools also utilize the Community Park tennis courts for middle school and high school tennis, and Community Fields # 2 and #3 for middle school and high school softball.

Berkley Parks and Recreation has been utilizing Anderson Middle School as a home base for its summer camp program since 2019 when the Berkley Ice Arena was demolished. Spaces in the middle school that are utilized include the lunch room, band room, orchestra room, home ec room, art room and gym.



Batting tunnels at Community Park



Kids playing on the Oxford Park playground

CHAPTER FOUR: RECREATION INVENTORY

4.1 City of Berkley Parks

Berkley is home to seven city parks totaling 30.6 acres that provide approximately 80% of Berkley households with walkable access to a city park (Figure 8). Recreation amenities vary by park and include both passive and active

recreation. Park amenities are noted in Table 2, and individual park descriptions can be found in the following pages. This information was compiled from former recreation plans, aerial photographs, and site visits to each park.

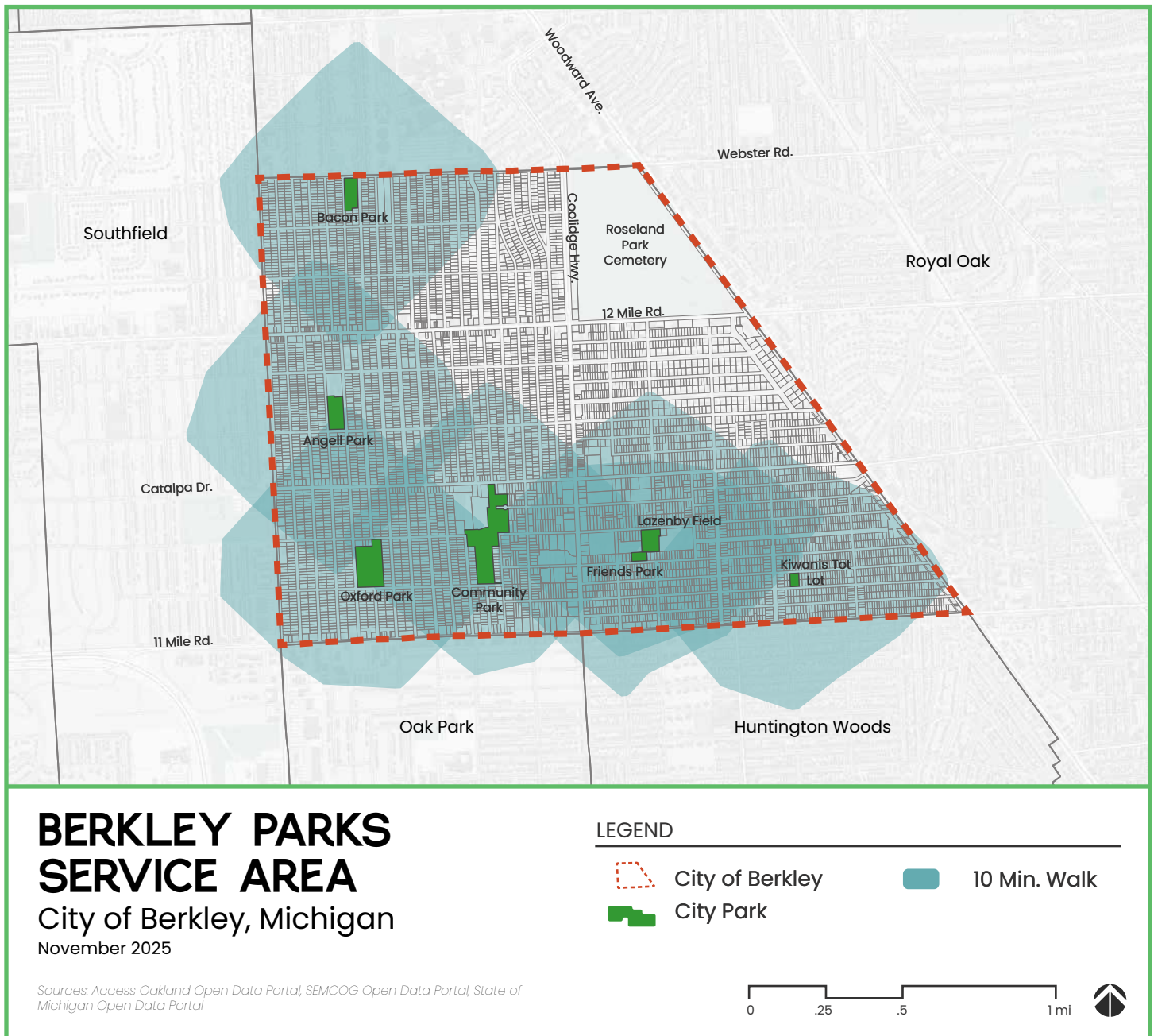


Figure 8 - Berkley parks with 10-minute walkability service area

Table 2 – City of Berkley Parks and Recreation Amenities

CITY OF BERKLEY PARKS & FACILITIES		Angell Park 3.11 acres	Bacon Park 2.71 acres	Community Park 13.13 acres	Friends Park 0.85 acres	Kiwanis Tot Lot 0.77 acres	Lazenby Fields 2.62 acres	Oxford Park 7.50 acres
Access	Parking Area	X	X	X			X	X
	Bike Racks		X	X		X		
Passive Use	Picnic Tables	X	X	X	X	X		X
	Pavilion	X	X	X				
	Permanent Restrooms			X				X
	Grills		X					
Active Use	Playground/Play Equipment	X	X	X		X		X
	Baseball/Softball Fields	X		X			X	X
	Tennis Courts	X		X	X			
	Basketball Courts	X						
	Soccer Fields							
	Football Fields							
	Multi-Use Green Space	X	X	X				X
	Splash Pad							X
Misc.	Community Center			X				
	Little Library			X	X	X		

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

In planning for parks and recreation, parks are categorized according to size, uses, and features. The following classifications are used both in evaluating existing parks, as well as planning for new parks.

MINI PARK/POCKET PARK

A mini park (also called a pocket park) is a small outdoor space, usually under one acre. This type of park is used to address limited or unique recreational needs and is primarily intended for users within close walking distance.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

A neighborhood park is typically between one and ten acres in size, though ideally it is at least three acres. Neighborhood parks should have safe and accessible pedestrian access, and vehicular parking is not typically provided for neighborhood parks less than five acres in size. Neighborhood parks serve the recreational and social needs of the adjoining neighborhoods and contribute to neighborhood identity.

COMMUNITY PARK

A community park serves multiple neighborhoods and are generally large than neighborhood parks but smaller than regional parks. Community parks typically range from ten to 75 acres in size and often contain amenities such as sports amenities, loop trails, picnic areas, large open space, restrooms, and playgrounds. Community parks are often designed for residents who live within a three-mile radius.

REGIONAL PARK

A regional park is a large, destination park that serves multiple communities and can be 75 to 1,000 acres in size. Park users often travel as much as 60 miles for a visit to take advantage of recreation opportunities such as team sports, boating, camping, hiking, and fishing. Regional parks often have a combination of active and passive uses, though they typically are based in nature resource conservation.

SPECIAL USE AREA

Special use areas are recreation types that don't fall within a typical park classification. Special use facilities often serve a single purpose as opposed to multiple recreation opportunities. Examples of special use areas would be historic or cultural sites, golf courses, indoor recreation facilities, and specialized outdoor recreation facilities such as stadiums or dog parks.

SPORTS COMPLEX

Sports complexes provide multiple fields or courts in one setting. They may be located within a community or regional park, or they may be stand alone. Sports complexes serve the needs of the community but also attract sports tournaments that contribute to the economy of the local community.

NATURAL AREA

Natural areas are undeveloped open spaces areas that contain managed natural resources. Natural areas may contain trails,



Play structure at Community Park

educational elements, or other passive uses, but the primary function is conservation of natural resources.

ACCESSIBILITY RATINGS

A critical component of recreation planning is creating facilities that can be used by all community members regardless of age, size or ability. Each of Berkley’s parks was evaluated and assigned an accessibility rating using the rating system defined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) (Table 3). Specific park elements that were evaluated include parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, paths of travel within the park, site amenities, and surfacing.

The city has made a substantial effort to improve accessibility at city parks in recent years, and accessibility continues to be a priority.

Table 3 – MDNR accessibility ratings

MDNR ACCESSIBILITY RATINGS FOR PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES	
Rating	Description
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design



Summer movie event at Bacon Park



Touch-a-Truck event at the Berkley Community Center

ANGELL PARK



Basketball court at Angell Park

LOCATION:
3849 Beverly Blvd

SIZE:
3.11 acres

TYPE:
Neighborhood Park

ACCESSIBILITY RATING:
2

AMENITIES:

- Baseball field
- Basketball court
- Tennis courts
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Picnic tables
- Open green space

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Angell Park is located on 3.11 acres that are leased from Berkley schools to the City of Berkley. The city provides and maintains most of the recreation amenities at this park for public use; however, the playgrounds are reserved for school use during school hours.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED:



Angell Park playground



Angell Park sign



ANGELL PARK CONTEXT AND WALKABILITY

City of Berkley, Michigan

November 2025

Sources: Access Oakland Open Data Portal, State of Michigan Open Data Portal, Google, SEMCOG Open Data Portal

BACON PARK



LOCATION:
3765 Webster Rd.

SIZE:
2.7 acres

TYPE:
Neighborhood Park

ACCESSIBILITY RATING:
3

Inclusive playground at Bacon Park

AMENITIES:

- Pavilion – Available for rental
- Picnic tables
- Inclusive play structure
- Benches
- Open green space

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

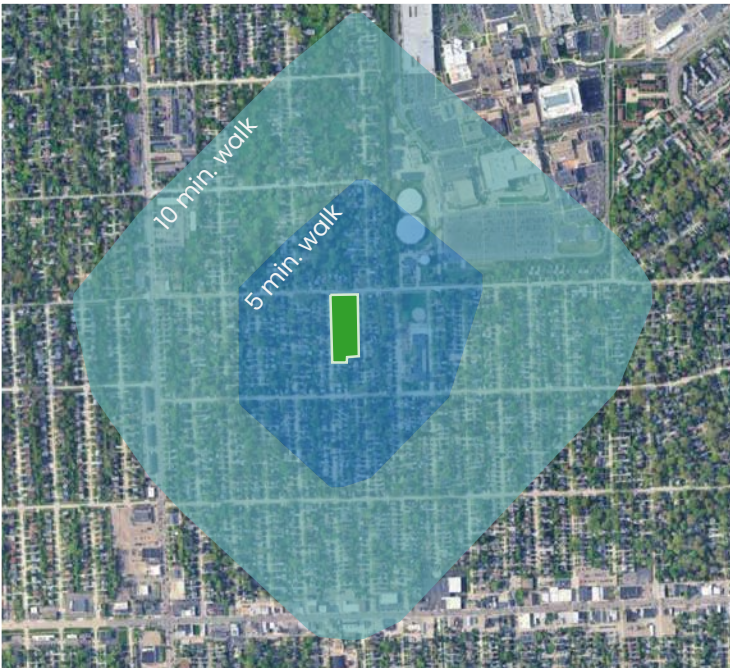
Bacon Park features one of the few natural areas in the city, with the north end of the park populated by several large, old shade trees that give the park a unique woodland feeling.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED:

2023 – Play equipment replaced with universally-designed inclusive playground



Pavilion at Bacon Park



BACON PARK CONTEXT AND WALKABILITY

City of Berkley, Michigan
November 2025

Sources: Access Oakland Open Data Portal, State of Michigan Open Data Portal, Google, SEMCOG Open Data Portal

COMMUNITY PARK



LOCATION:
2261 Robina Ave

SIZE:
13.13 acres

TYPE:
Community Park

ACCESSIBILITY RATING:
3

Tennis courts at Community Park

AMENITIES:

- Community center
- Baseball fields
- Batting tunnels
- Tennis courts
- Play structure
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Permanent restrooms
- Open green space

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Community Park is the City of Berkley's largest park. The city recently entered a maintenance agreement for Community Field 1 with Berkley Schools and Berkley Dad's Club.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED:

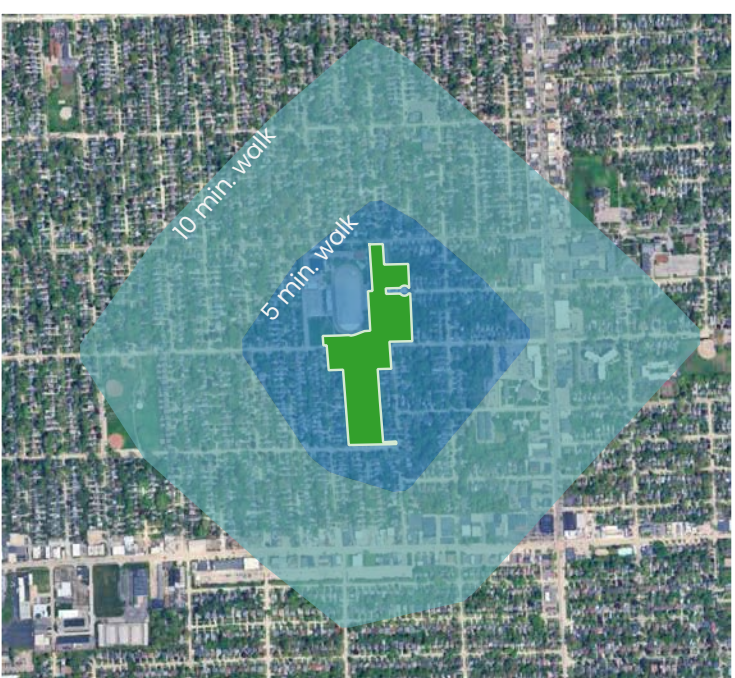
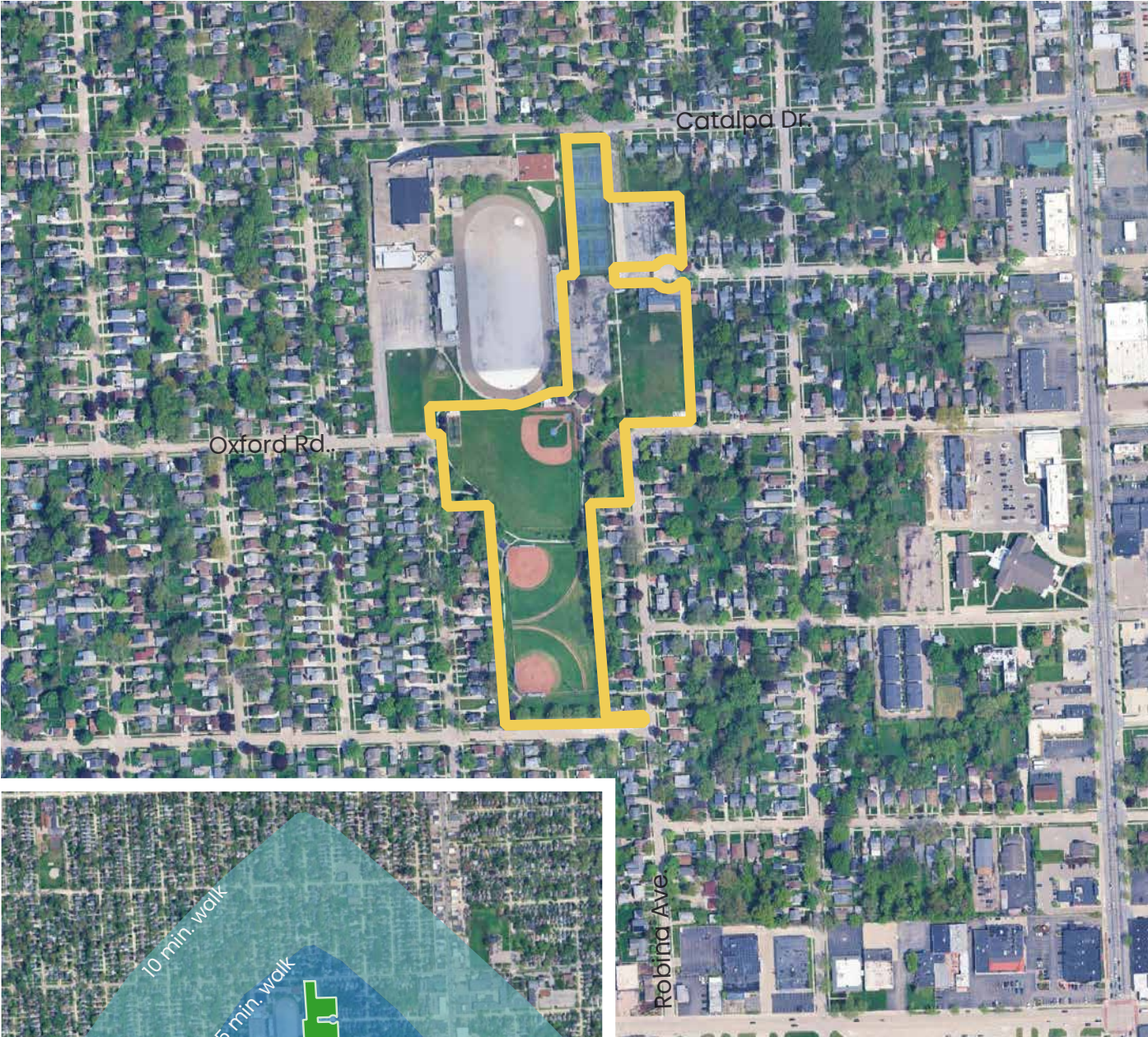
- 2025 - Restrooms and concession stand renovated
- 2024 - New infield, turf and sprinkler system installed on Community Field 1
- 2021 - Play structures replaced



Baseball field at Community Park



Community Park playground and sign



COMMUNITY PARK CONTEXT AND WALKABILITY

City of Berkley, Michigan
November 2025

Sources: Access Oakland Open Data Portal, State of Michigan Open Data Portal, Google, SEMCOG Open Data Portal

FRIENDS PARK



LOCATION:
Harvard Rd.

SIZE:
0.85 acres

TYPE:
Mini Park

ACCESSIBILITY RATING:
2

Signage and seating at Friends Park

AMENITIES:

- Tennis/pickleball courts
- Picnic tables
- Chess/checkers tables
- Benches
- Sand box

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Friends Park is a small park adjacent to Lazenby Field that features modest amenities and mature shade trees. The tennis courts are overlaid with pickleball striping and are the only pickleball courts in Berkeley.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED:



Tennis courts at Friends Park



Bench and pathways at Friends Park



FRIENDS PARK CONTEXT AND WALKABILITY

City of Berkley, Michigan
November 2025

Sources: Access Oakland Open Data Portal, State of Michigan Open Data Portal, Google, SEMCOG Open Data Portal

KIWANIS TOT LOT



LOCATION:
1399 Cambridge Rd.

SIZE:
0.77 acres

TYPE:
Mini Park

ACCESSIBILITY RATING:
3

Play structure at the Tot Lot

AMENITIES:

- Play structure
- Swings
- Bench swings
- Picnic tables
- Little library

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

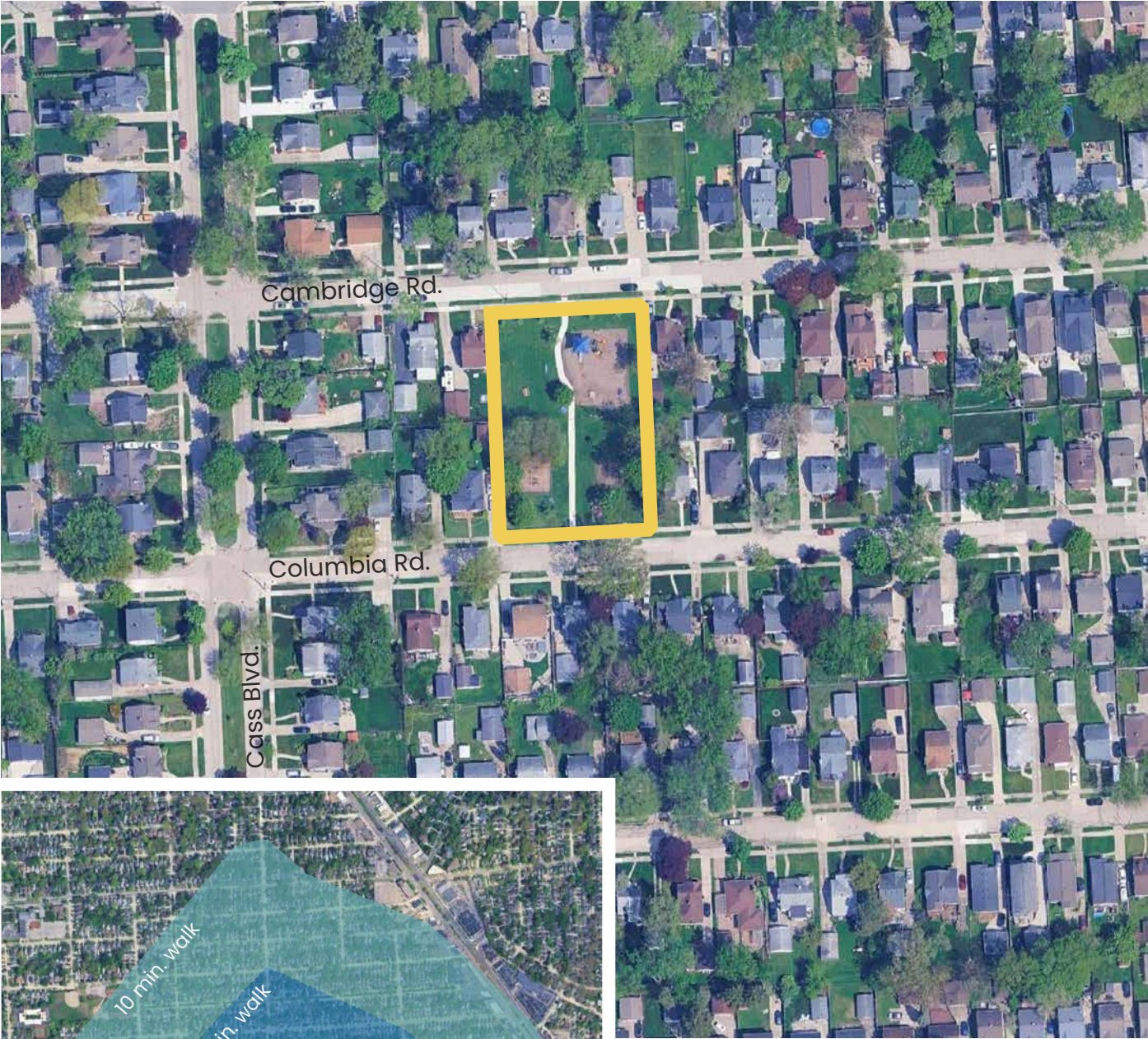
Play equipment was upgraded in recent years and new walkways were installed to facilitate access to equipment from both ends of the park.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED:

2021 – New play structure installed



Bench swing at the tot lot



KIWANIS TOT LOT CONTEXT AND WALKABILITY

City of Berkley, Michigan
November 2025

Sources: Access Oakland Open Data Portal, State of Michigan Open Data Portal, Google, SEMCOG Open Data Portal

LAZENBY FIELD



LOCATION:
2099 Oxford Rd.

SIZE:
2.62 acres

TYPE:
Neighborhood Park

ACCESSIBILITY RATING:
2

Signage at Lazenby Field

AMENITIES:

- Baseball field
- Bleachers

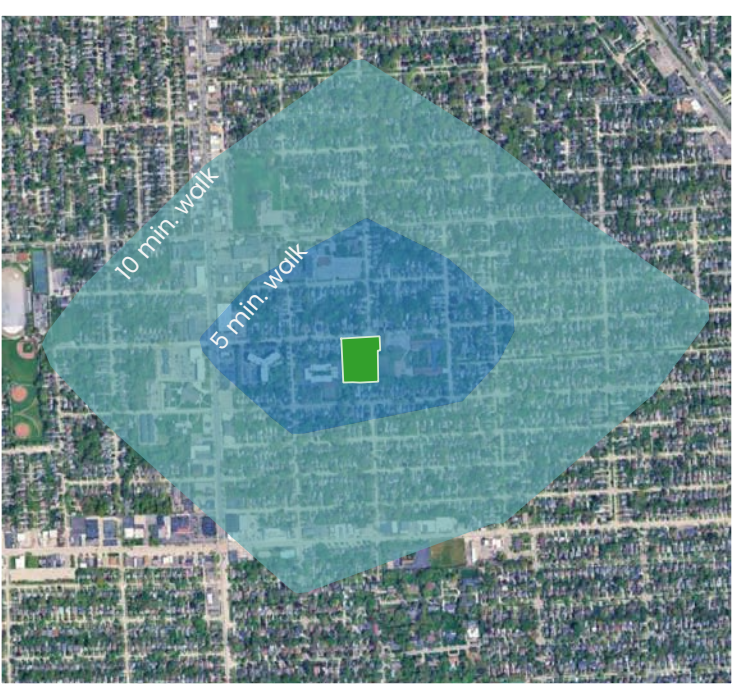
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Lazenby Field is a baseball field adjacent to Friends Park. There is accessible parking, but no accessible route to the baseball field or bleachers. In the past, the outfield of the baseball field has been striped for 7v7 youth soccer.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED:



Baseball field at Lazenby Field



LAZENBY FIELD CONTEXT AND WALKABILITY

City of Berkley, Michigan
November 2025

Sources: Access Oakland Open Data Portal, State of Michigan Open Data Portal, Google, SEMCOG Open Data Portal

OXFORD PARK



LOCATION:
2100 Bacon Ave

SIZE:
7.5 acres

TYPE:
Neighborhood Park

ACCESSIBILITY RATING:
4

Splash pad at Oxford Park

AMENITIES:

- Playground
- Splash pad
- Permanent restrooms
- Baseball fields
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Open green space
- EV charging stations



Oxford Park playground

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

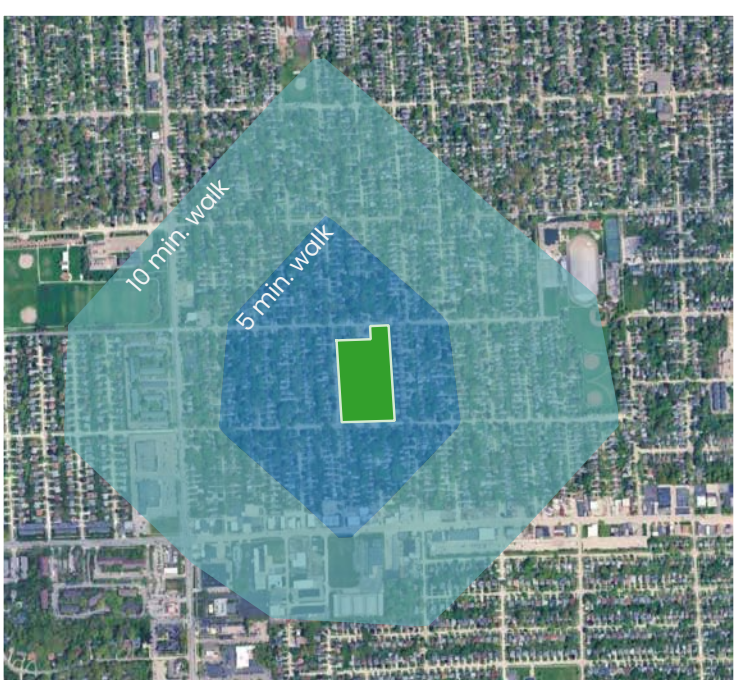
Oxford Park was recently redeveloped and all amenities are fully accessible. In addition to developed recreation, there are also passive lawn areas that are informally used for soccer and other youth sports practice.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- 2021 – Park redeveloped to installed new playground, splash pad, and permanent restrooms
- 2019 – Baseball field fences installed



Summer movie event at Oxford Park



OXFORD PARK CONTEXT AND WALKABILITY

City of Berkley, Michigan
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Sources: Access Oakland Open Data Portal, State of Michigan Open Data Portal, Google, SEMCOG Open Data Portal



Bacon Park Jamboree

4.2 Recreation Programming

Berkley Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of recreation programs for all ages. The programs offered by Berkley Parks and Recreation include the following:

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Drop-in Play
- Karate
- Indoor/Outdoor Lacrosse
- Gymnastics
- Babysitter Safety
- CPR/First Aid/AED
- Self Defense
- Volleyball Skills Clinic
- Guitar Lessons
- Tennis
- Pottery
- Arts and Crafts in the Park
- Hunter Safety

CAMPS

- Summer Day Camp
- Mid-Winter Break Camp
- Spring Break Camp
- Basketball Camps
- Amazing Athletes Camp
- Islandmon STEAM Quest Camp
- Alimeropia 4: Once Upon A Slime Camp
- ABCs of Engineering Camp
- Be a Stemgineer Camp
- Brixology Mad Science Camp

- Chess Wizards Camp
- Volleyball Camps
- Self Defense and Safety Camp
- Zombie Response Team Camp
- Water Week Camp
- Tennis Camps

ADULT PROGRAMS

- PiYo Live
- Karate For Adults/Teens
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Dog Obedience
 - ◊ Puppy Class
 - ◊ Intro Class
 - ◊ Intermediate Class
 - ◊ Advanced Class
- Therapy Dog Certification
- Women's Self Defense
- First Aid/CPR/AED
- Pet CPR First Aid
- Guitar Lessons
- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Zumba
- Hunter Safety



Hunter safety class at the Community Center

SENIOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Bi-Monthly Bingo
- Bi-Monthly Trivia
- Senior Exercise
- Senior Mix Workout
- Puzzles & Donuts/Senior Hangout
- Community Gatherings
- Home Chore Program
- Senior Summer Picnic
- Senior Holiday Party
- Tom Katz Square Dancing Club
- AARP Tax Aide
- Transportation Services
- Medical Loan Closet
- Bi-Monthly Newsletters
- Sunshiners Group

SENIOR TRIPS

- Casinos
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- Meadowbrook Theatre
- Fisher Theatre
- Michigan Central Station
- Detroit Princess Riverboat Cruise
- Blake's Orchard
- Eastern Market
- Cranbrook Museum
- Belle Isle
- Detroit Historical Museum
- The Ford House
- Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall
- Detroit Zoo
- Lunch Trips



Donuts and cider at Oxford Park

SPECIAL EVENTS

- WinterFest
- Senior Picnic
- Movies in the Park
- Bacon Jamboree
- Ice Cream Social
- Berkley Beats Summer Concerts
- Berkley CruiseFest
- Touch-A-Truck
- Halloween Inspired Event
- Holiday Inspired Event
- Senior Holiday Party
- Community Garage Sale
- Tale on the Trail

4.3 Regional Recreation

In addition to city-provided recreation, there are many public recreation opportunities provided by neighboring municipalities, schools, the county, and the state that are



Senior crafts and puzzles at the Community Center

available within a one-hour drive of Berkley (Figure 9). A SEMCOG-derived inventory of regional public recreation can be found in Appendix A. In addition, there are numerous private recreation providers in Berkley and neighboring communities.

ROSELAND PARK CEMETERY

Roseland Park Cemetery, founded in 1906, is located in the northeast corner of the city. It is 133 acres in size, accounting for 10% of Berkley's land use. The area of the city surrounding the cemetery is lacking walkable public park access, and the cemetery provides this part of Berkley with a large open space with walkable paths and a park-like setting (Figure 7).

4.4 Assessment of Trends

NATIONAL TRENDS IN RECREATION

The Sports & Fitness Industry Association's (SFIA) *Sports, Fitness & Leisure Activities Topline Participation Report 2025* was used to evaluate national trends in sports and fitness participation. There are a few key takeaways from the report, notably that more Americans than ever are physically active, with 80% of Americans casually participating in at least one physical activity. While it is still concerning that 20% of Americans are inactive, the continued increase in activity levels is a positive finding.

The report highlights a correlation between income and activity levels, with results showing that Americans in the lowest income bracket (annual household income of less than \$25,000) have inactivity levels approximately three times higher than those in the highest income bracket (annual household income of more than \$100,000). This highlights the socioeconomic factors that influence physical activity and underscores the needs to address barriers to recreation through targeted outreach, community engagement, and subsidized recreation.

With regard to specific sports and activities, pickleball continues to be the fastest growing activity in America for the fourth consecutive year, with a three-year growth rate of 311%. Additionally, pickleball is popular across age demographics. This finding can be leveraged by communities to promote intergenerational recreation opportunities, which was a priority that Berkley residents voiced during the public engagement process.

Overall, fitness sports (e.g. jogging, Pilates, boxing, and yoga) had the highest rate of participation at 68.8% with notable increases in class-based fitness activities. Participation in class-based activities had decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic, and these results indicate that Americans are regaining comfort with class-based fitness.

Outdoor sports (e.g. hiking, birdwatching, camping, and fishing) have had the most growth over the last ten years, with a 10.2% increase in participation between 2015 and 2024.

4.5 Industry Comparison

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) aggregates self-reported data from recreation agencies nationwide to provide industry insights. The 2025 NRPA Agency Performance report includes data from over 900 recreation agencies across the nation and provides national benchmarks that can be used for a traditional level of service analysis.

Importantly, NRPA metrics also allow this data to be filtered based on a variety of inputs such as population size, budget, and geographic region so that agencies can evaluate their parks and recreation offerings against comparable communities. These more nuanced comparisons between peer communities can offer a useful snapshot to help agencies identify possible service gaps; however, these metrics are just one lens through which a recreation system can be

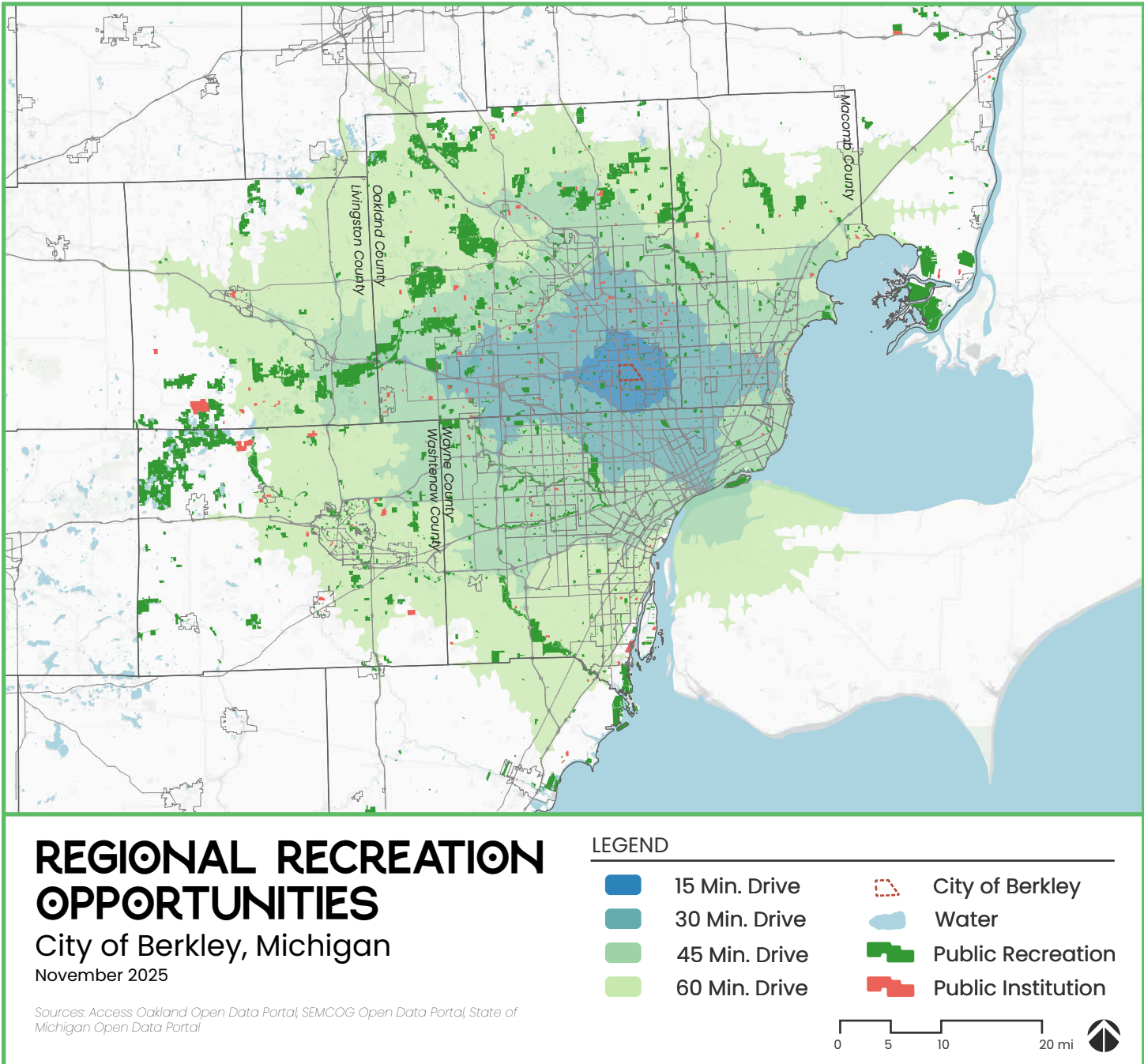


Figure 9 - Public and public institutional recreation opportunities within a one-hour drive of Berkley



Senior exercise class at the Community Center

evaluated and should not be the sole source for recreation planning recommendations. It is imperative that recreation offerings are tailored to meet the unique needs of each community.

A comparison of Berkley's recreation amenities against other agencies that serve a population of less than 20,000 and maintain less than 10 parks offers a few takeaways (Table 4). Overall, Berkley's recreation amenities are comparable to peer communities, with a few exceptions. For example, Berkley has more parks, but far less park acreage than the median provided by peer communities.

Looking at specific recreation amenities, Berkley provides more than the median number of baseball diamonds, outdoor

tennis courts, and playgrounds. By contrast, Berkley is lacking some amenities that are commonly provided by peer communities, including rectangular fields, overlay fields, and dedicated pickleball courts. In addition, Berkley does not offer a few resource-intensive amenities such as a swimming pool, a skatepark, and an amphitheater.

4.6 MDNR Grant Inventory

Berkley has received eight MDNR recreation grants since 1973 for developing and improving their recreation offerings. A complete list of MDNR grants can be found in Table 5.

Table 4 - Median recreation metrics for agencies serving a population of less than 20,000 and maintaining less than 10 parks

MEDIAN NUMBER OF RECREATION AMENITIES PROVIDED BY PEER COMMUNITIES		
Recreation Amenity	Peer Communities	Berkley
Total number of parks	5	7
Total park acreage	71.5	30.6
Community center	1	1
Performance amphitheater	1	0
Permanent and semi-permanent restrooms	3	2
Total playgrounds	3	4
Playgrounds with inclusive play structures	2	3
Tot lot dedicated for kids aged 2-5	1	1
Community gardens	1	0
Basketball courts, outdoor	1	1
Basketball courts, indoor	2	0
Multiuse courts (basketball, volleyball), outdoor	2	0
Multiuse courts (basketball, volleyball), indoor	2	1
Volleyball court, outdoor	1	0
Diamond fields	5	7
Rectangular fields, single sport	3	0
Overlay field (striped for multiple sports)	2	0
Tennis courts, outdoor	3	6
Pickleball courts, outdoor	4	0
Multiuse court (striped for tennis and pickleball), outdoor	2	2
Multiuse court (striped for tennis and pickleball), indoor	1	0
Walking loop/running rack, outdoor	1	0
Walking loop/running rack, outdoor	1	0
Skateboard park	1	0
Dog park	1	0
Ice rink, outdoor	1	0
Splashpads	1	1
Fitness zones/exercise stations	2	0
Swimming pool, outdoor	1	0

Table 5 – City of Berkley – Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grant Inventory

MDNR RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY						
Project Name	Grant No.	Year	Amount	Status	Public?	Project Description
Berkley Ball Diamond Lighting	26-00418	1973	\$14,500.00	Closed	Yes	Lighting an existing ball diamond to allow expansion of recreational facilities
Community Park Tennis Courts	26-00890	1977	\$27,500.00	Closed	Yes	Develop one acre for six tennis courts, and LWCF sign
Lazenby Park Ballfield	26-01023 K	1977	\$24,765.26	Closed	Yes	Lighting an existing ballfield
Angell Park Tennis Courts	26-01324	1984	\$20,500.00	Closed	Yes	Construct four lighted tennis courts. Amended to two tennis courts.
Senior Citizen Annex Addition	BF90-174	1990	\$70,000.00	Closed	Yes	Construct addition to Senior Citizen Annex to community center building
Handicap Play Equipment	26-01493	1992	\$60,000.00	Closed	Yes	Provide handicapped park/play equipment in three city parks and install improved surface paths for accessibility.
Community Park Tennis Courts	CM99-069	1999	\$99,000.00	Closed	Yes	Reconstruction of six existing asphalt tennis courts at Community Park including the installation of new perimeter and divider fencing.
Oxford/Merchants Park Splash Pad and Restrooms Development	26-01817	2018	\$180,000.00	Closed	Yes	Development project for Berkley's Oxford-Merchants Park will provide a new splash pad with a Universally Accessible family bathroom to accommodate all people at the park. The two family restrooms would both have changing tables. The new splash pad will be the central focus of the community park. A six foot wide asphalt walking path will connect the splash pad and the restrooms to nearby parking and adjacent neighborhoods.

CHAPTER FIVE: PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT

5.1 Planning Process

In August 2025, the City of Berkeley engaged Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) to assist with preparing an update to their five-year parks and recreation plan.

In undertaking this update, JHLE in collaboration with city staff:

- Evaluated Berkeley's natural features and physical characteristics for recreational opportunities (Chapter Two).
- Reviewed and evaluated Berkeley demographics, including population and economic data (Chapter Two).
- Gathered updated information on the City of Berkeley's administrative structure (Chapter Three).
- Inventoried existing parks, recreation facilities, and existing programming, and assessed the city's offering against comparable communities and national trends (Chapter Four).
- Conducted a statistically representative survey in the fall of 2025 (Chapter Five).
- Met with parks staff, stakeholders, and members of the public to hear their perspectives, experiences, and suggestions (Chapter Five).

5.2 Public Engagement Sessions

JHLE and city staff held two public engagement sessions to apprise residents of the process of updating the parks and recreation plan, as well as to solicit feedback and input on the plan update. Both sessions led with short presentations, which can be found in Appendix B, and ended with town hall-style opportunities for comment and discussion.

From the public engagement sessions, a few recurring themes emerged, namely dissatisfaction with the community center, a desire for multi-use and soccer fields for youth sports, and desire for a community dog park. Each of these items faces individual

constraints, but all contend with the lack of available vacant land in the city upon which to develop parks and recreation amenities.

Other topics that were discussed by attendees include interest in a community pool, concerns about maintaining existing park amenities, a desire for more basketball courts, and interest in intergenerational facilities and programming.

In addition to the public engagement sessions, city staff identified two key stakeholder groups, senior residents and youth sports organizations. Meetings were then organized with representatives of these stakeholder groups to discuss their recreation needs. Notes from these stakeholder meetings can be found in Appendix B.

Representatives from the senior residents indicated a high level of satisfaction with senior recreation programming and the performance of parks staff. They stressed that the staff does a great job with the resources available to them, but that the current community center lacks the necessary space for dedicated senior facilities and therefore hinders the program offerings.

The youth sports organization stakeholders included representatives from the Berkeley Dad's Club (baseball), Berkeley Mom's Club (softball), the Berkeley Steelers (football), and DCFC South Oakland (soccer). Takeaways are that Berkeley's baseball fields are regularly used throughout the playing season, but the city lacks facilities for football and soccer. The possibility of redeveloping Lazenby Field into a mulituse field was discussed at length.

5.3 Online Community Survey

In addition to the in-person public engagement sessions and stakeholder meetings, the city solicited feedback from the broader community using an anonymous online survey, with paper copies available

at the city parks and recreation offices. Questions were formulated to assess the level of use and satisfaction of city-provided recreation facilities and programming. Responses were collected from September 12 through October 19.

In order to achieve statistically-valid results using a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error of 5%, the city required a minimum of 375 responses. Thanks to a robust marketing campaign, the city ultimately received 636 responses, 95% of which were from Berkley residents. 48% of survey respondents were between the ages of 30 and 49, and 45% of respondents have lived in Berkley for more than 15 years. The entirety of the survey and responses can be found in Appendix C.

KEY SURVEY TAKEAWAYS
RECREATION PARTICIPATION

The top five recreation activities that survey respondents participated in over the last twelve months are walking/hiking/jogging, community events, outdoor park activities (including playgrounds), bicycling, and nature activities (Figure 10). These activities are not

exclusive to Berkley facilities, and the primary reason respondents engage in recreation outside of Berkley is due to lack of facilities or desired programming.

FACILITY USAGE

Oxford Park is the most frequently visited park, followed by Bacon Park and Community Park, respectively. Friends Park is the least visited of Berkley Parks, with over 75% of respondents saying they did not visit Friends Park at all in the last twelve months. Figure 11 shows the frequency of visitation for all Berkley parks and recreation facilities.

SATISFACTION WITH BERKLEY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Survey respondents were overall satisfied with Berkley parks and recreation facilities, with the notable exception being the Community Center (Figure 12). Of the respondents who have used the Community Center, 45% indicated some level of dissatisfaction with the facility. This is a finding that was also noted in the 2021-2025 Berkley Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

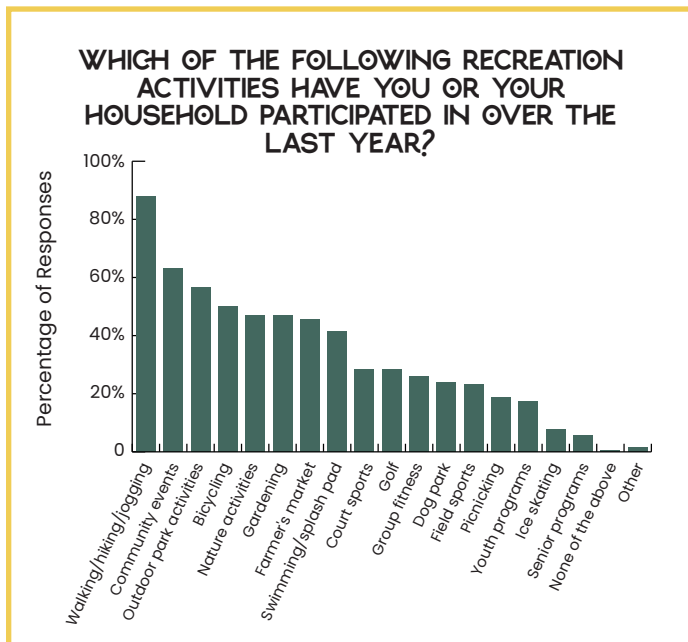


Figure 10 - Recreation activities in descending order of percentage of responses

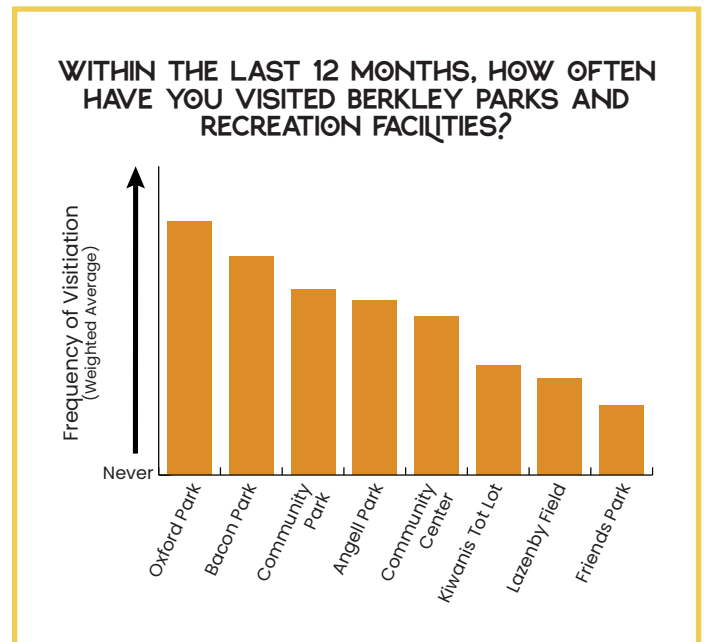


Figure 11 - Frequency of visitation for Berkley parks

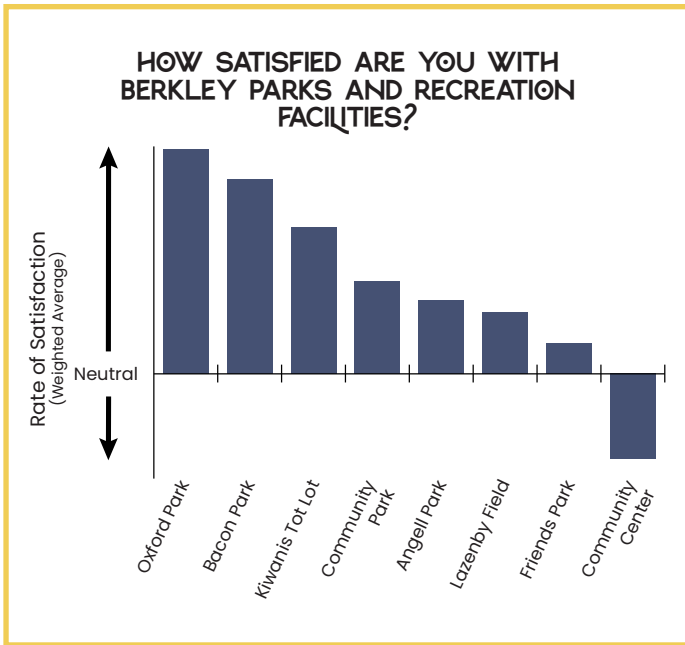


Figure 12 – Satisfaction with Berkley parks and recreation facilities

BERKLEY RECREATION PROGRAMMING

60% of survey respondents participate in programs offered by Berkley parks and recreation, and of program participants, the majority of respondents were satisfied with Berkley programming. The areas with the highest rates of satisfaction were youth activities, whole family activities and special events.

RECREATION AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS

When asked which existing recreation amenities should be improved, the top three responses were paved trails, the Community Center, and parks and open spaces. When asked which types of recreation should be offered that are not currently available, the top three responses were a swimming pool, indoor fitness facilities, and an off-leash dog park (Figure 13).

5.4 Draft Plan Review and Public Hearing

Prior to adoption, a draft of the plan was made available to the public for review and comment from 12/16/2025 to 1/15/2026. A public hearing for the draft plan was held

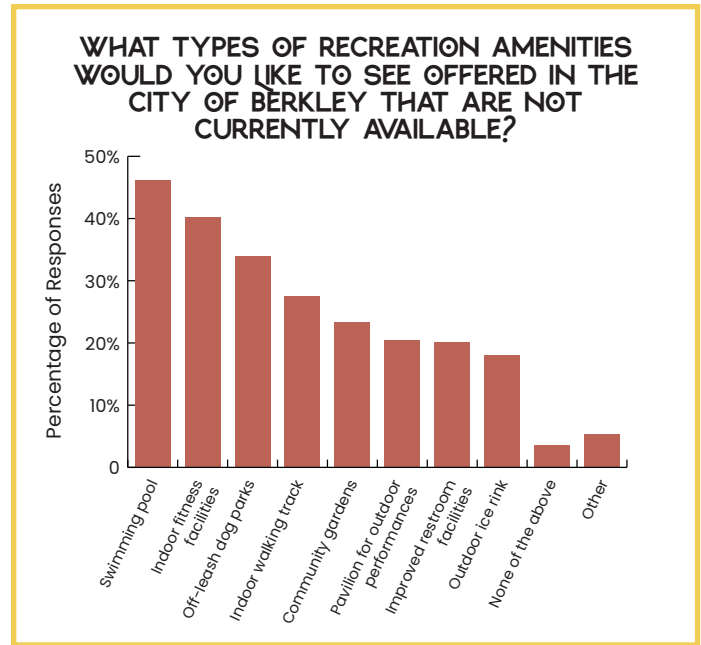


Figure 13 – Preference for new recreation amenities

on 1/15/2026 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was advertised on the city’s website and posted on the city’s social media pages. The notices for public review and the public hearing, along with minutes of the public hearing can be found in the appendices. No comments were received during the open public review period. Comments given at the public hearing are summarized in Appendix F.



Summer day camp participants



Bacon Park inclusive playground

CHAPTER SIX: GOALS & OBJECTIVES

6.1 Development

The following goals and objectives have been formulated to guide the direction of Berkley parks and recreation over the next five years. These goals and objectives were developed through consideration of many factors, including the physical and socioeconomic characteristics of the city, the existing recreation inventory, nationwide recreation trends, industry recreation metrics, and most importantly, input from the local community. The goals identified below reflect the city's mission to provide exceptional parks and recreation opportunities that meet the needs of all community members.

6.2 Goals and Objectives

GOAL ONE: Develop, operate, and maintain high-quality recreation facilities to meet the present and futures needs of Berkley residents.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Evaluate options for improving the Community Center complex to create a central recreation space that will better serve the needs of the community.
- B. Continue to maintain parks and facilities in good working order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of users.
- C. Improve and/or add recreation amenities as community needs evolve and as existing equipment reaches the end of its useful life.
- D. Consider opportunities within parks and using existing sidewalks outside of parks to support a more walkable community.
- E. Evaluate capital-intensive expenditures and develop a strategy to effectively communicate the potential scope of projects, anticipated short- and long-terms costs, and ongoing maintenance requirements.
- F. Building upon the success of the Dorothea Pocket Park pilot, identify locations for pocket parks to provide recreation opportunities in underserved

areas of the city.

- G. Identify and pursue potential public/private partnerships with other local recreation providers to provide recreation opportunities at a shared facility.

GOAL TWO: Develop and/or expand recreation programming to continue providing high-quality recreation experiences for Berkley residents.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Identify potential partnerships with other local recreation providers to give residents access to a wide variety of cost-effective programs.
- B. Continue to evaluate and adapt program offerings to support the changing needs of the community.
- C. Evaluate opportunities to utilize outdoor park space for program offerings.
- D. Develop events and programming that encourage intergenerational activities and foster community unity.
- E. Develop a marketing strategy to effectively communicate recreation program information to the community.



Berkley Beats concert series

GOAL THREE: Provide recreation opportunities that ensure equitable access for all community members.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Expand the type and scope of recreation offerings available based on community needs.
- B. Continue to evaluate and improve park and recreation facilities to ensure that all park amenities meet or exceed accessibility standards.
- C. Encourage intergenerational recreation through design of facilities and programs.

GOAL FOUR: Seek, identify, and manage financial resources to support the continued operation of the parks system and facilitate expansion of existing facilities and programs.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Pursue grants and other sources of funding to sustain and improve the city's parks and recreation facilities and programs.
- B. Explore potential funding opportunities to allow continued operation of park facilities and programs independently of general fund resources.
- C. Explore sources of funding for the development of the Community Center complex.



Bacon Park Jamboree

GOAL FIVE: Seek opportunities to collaborate with a variety of partners to ensure the efficient development, operation, maintenance, and stewardship of Berkley parks and to enhance the health and well-being of the community.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Work with neighboring municipalities and local organizations to fill gaps in Berkley recreation services.
- B. Collaborate with outside organizations, both public and private, to enhance programming, park development and maintenance, shared technical knowledge, and stewardship opportunities.
- C. Expand opportunities for volunteer participation within the park system.

GOAL SIX: Bolster community climate resiliency through sustainably-designed parks and recreation facilities.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Design capital improvement projects using sustainable, long-lasting materials, including recycled materials where possible.
- B. Incorporate green infrastructure and native plantings into parks where possible and applicable.
- C. Engage community members and park users in the stewardship and care of parks to highlight sustainability initiatives and provide opportunities for education.

CHAPTER SEVEN: ACTION PROGRAM

7.1 Action Program

The Action Program was developed to help document Berkley's priorities over the next five years (Table 6). The list is not exhaustive and will continue to evolve based on the community's needs. With input from city staff, stakeholders, and the public, this section identifies items that support and accomplish the goals and objectives identified in Chapter Six.

The Action Program addresses recommendations for:

- Parks and Facilities
- Programming
- Funding & Administration

The Action Program includes projects from the City of Berkley's capital improvements plan as well as additional items for consideration. Each action item corresponds to the goals and objectives identified in Chapter Six.

7.2 Additional Action Program

Consideration

DOG PARK

A desire for the development of a dog park was identified in both the online survey and during the public engagement sessions. Due to the City of Berkley's lack of undeveloped parkland and undeveloped land in general, it would be challenging to find a suitable location that meets the recommendations and best practices for developing a dog park. If a suitable location is identified, it should be assessed and prioritized considering the community's overall needs to determine if it is the best use for that location.

The former ice rink site at Community Park was cited as a potential location for a dog park. Utilizing the recommended minimum buffer of 50' from adjacent residential properties, the street, and the existing community center leaves a usable area of roughly 0.75 acres. The minimum

recommended space for a small dog park is 0.5 acres, with 1.0 acre or more preferable. Other potential conflicting uses currently exist on the site including nearby ballfields and a playground.

Alternatively, partnerships with neighboring communities and/or private dog park providers could be established to give Berkley residents access to these facilities.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX REDEVELOPMENT

The redevelopment of the Community Center at Community Park was also frequently cited as a need in both the online survey and during the community engagement sessions. In 2018, a bond initiative to construct a new facility was defeated by a narrow margin. This ultimately led to the demolition of the adjacent ice arena but left the community center facility in its current state.

Feedback received during the community engagement sessions and from city staff indicated that the aging building lacks sufficient office and storage space and does not adequately support the programming that currently takes place at the facility. The lack of dedicated space for certain programs puts an added burden on city staff to rearrange equipment and furniture, accommodating various uses within the same space throughout the course of the day. A dedicated senior center/lounge, indoor sport courts, meeting spaces, an indoor walking track, fitness equipment, and ample space for programs such as fitness classes were a few of the desired amenities identified by meeting and survey participants.

Further community outreach is recommended to both communicate potential funding avenues and how they could impact residents and the city, and to determine the community's recreation program and amenity needs. It is important to engage

the community often and effectively communicate details of the project throughout the process. An in-depth analysis based on a conceptual design is recommended to identify the costs of renovating/expanding the existing facility and compare it with the cost of constructing a new facility.

COMMUNITY POOL

The addition of a community pool was mentioned during the public engagement process and could be incorporated as part of the community center redevelopment. Pools are challenging as they are costly, maintenance intensive, and require additional staffing. Prior to pursuing the implementation of a community pool, the city will need to understand not only the upfront construction costs but long-term maintenance and operational costs as well. This exercise may result in the implementation of a community pool being cost prohibitive.

Rather than building a new pool, the city may explore partnerships with neighboring communities, private institutions and other recreation providers to provide Berkley residents with access to a pool.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

A community garden ranked highly among amenities that residents would like to see in Berkley, and was also mentioned in the open-ended questions of the online survey. Community gardens can have a relatively low-cost implementation in comparison to other common recreation amenities, but face similar constraints with regard to location and maintenance. In particular, community gardens have specific site requirements with regard to soils, light availability and drainage. In addition, community gardens require regular maintenance, management and oversight during the growing season to ensure success.

If a suitable location can be found on city land, the city may consider partnering with a local

community organization or non-profit for the implementation and ongoing maintenance and management of the garden.

7.3 Funding Strategies

In order to accomplish Berkley's parks and recreation planning goals, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding in addition to the funding provided by the city's general fund. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has created the Park and Recreation Professionals' Guide to Fundraising, which outlines the fundraising process for park and recreation providers. This guide can be found in its entirety in Appendix D.

In addition to the recommendations in NRPA's report, the following strategies are recommended.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

The state offers Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants using federal dollars to provide assistance to communities developing safe alternative transportation projects. Projects that are funded include regional corridors or connections, enhancing walking and/or bicycling infrastructure, improving safety for alternative transportation, and integration green infrastructure projects also roadways. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) both administer TAP grants, and each should be applied to separately.

MICHIGAN DNR RECREATION GRANTS

MDNR administers three different recreation grant programs, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Recreation Passport grant. All three grant programs are designed to fund public recreation projects, and all three require a funding match. The grant programs are outlined in Table 7.

Table 6 – Action Program

ACTION ITEM	GOALS & OBJECTIVES
Parks and Facilities	
Prioritize accessibility improvements in all parks and facilities. Ensure all future capital improvement projects meet or exceed accessibility standards.	1B, 3B
Install accessible restrooms at Bacon Park.	1C, 3B
Conduct a design study, including extensive community outreach, to determine the desired amenities and programming to be incorporated in the redevelopment of the Community Center. Perform an analysis comparing the costs of renovating/ expanding the existing facility with building a new facility. Develop conceptual designs using this information to effectively communicate information to the community and generate project support.	1A, 1E, 4C
Address deferred maintenance items in all parks and facilities. Ensure all parks and facilities remain clean, safe and are in good working order.	1B
Study the possibility of a new outdoor multi-use field development at Lazenby Field.	1C , 2C
Evaluate the community's current use of Friends Park. Implement a process to determine if a redevelopment opportunity exists, engage the community to solicit feedback, and develop a comprehensive plan for the parks redevelopment.	1C, 1E, 3B
Identify potential pocket park opportunities, prioritizing locations in the northeast part of the city.	1F, 3A
Be aware of property acquisition opportunities to facilitate additional parkland development, prioritizing locations in the northeast part of the city.	1C, 3A
Explore potential dog park development opportunities utilizing dog park design guidelines and best practices and/or engage nearby municipalities and private recreation providers who operate dog parks and explore potential partnership opportunities.	1C, 1G, 5A
Develop a community-wide pathway plan using existing sidewalks to connect cultural, historical, recreational or otherwise significant city features. Coordinate with neighboring communities to identify possible regional connections. Implement wayfinding signage and other amenities such as benches and bike racks.	1D, 5A
Implement closed loop walking paths within Bacon Park, Oxford Park and Community Park.	1C, 1D
Provide shade for park users in the form of shade structures, pavilions, and shade trees.	1C, 6B
Implement sustainable practices when improving parks such as employing rain gardens to mitigate stormwater run-off, using native plants, and utilizing building materials and furnishings containing recycled content.	6A, 6B
Install barrier netting at Lazenby Field.	1C
Address ongoing drainage issues at Bacon Park and Oxford Park.	1B, 6B
Resurface the tennis courts at Community Park.	1B
Identify potential locations for a permanent amphitheater to host concerts and outdoor activities.	1C

Table 6 - Action Program (cont'd)

ACTION ITEM	GOALS & OBJECTIVES
Parks and Facilities	
Consider the existing open grass area at the southeast corner of Oxford Park for a small, dedicated multi-use field. Mitigate the loss of the existing mature tree by planting several new trees within the park where they are not in conflict with other park uses.	1C, 3A
Provide amenities such as pavilions, benches, drinking fountains, and trash/ recycling receptacles where needed throughout the park system.	1B, 1C

Recreation Programming	
Develop opportunities for nature-based recreation programming including exploring opportunities for potential partnerships with other recreation providers.	1G, 2A, 2B, 2C, 5A
Develop programs that encourage intergenerational activities.	2D, 3C
Identify and address any gaps in programming targeted to specific user groups, such as teens and adults without children.	2B, 3A
Identify an existing or new space for a dedicated senior center to conduct senior programming, events and causal interactions.	1G, 2B
Explore collaborations with the Berkley Library, Berkley Public Schools, and other potential partners to share resources such as programs and facility space.	1G, 2A

Funding & Administration	
Explore policies and initiatives with City leaders that encourage new developments to contribute funds dedicated to park improvements, operational costs, and maintenance.	4A
Provide and/or encourage the use of resources to further educate and train staff on new parks and recreation trends and techniques to better serve the community.	5B
In conjunction with the Community Center design study, explore a variety of financial resources to allow for the redevelopment of the Community Center, including grants, bonds, millages, donations, and public/private partnerships.	4A, 4C
Investigate the feasibility of a dedicated parks millage to bolster financial stability within the parks and recreation system.	4B
Develop strategies to effectively and efficiently identify and apply for grant funding for park improvements.	4A, 5B
Utilize and support organizations such as the Friends of Berkley Parks to assist with event coordination, fundraising, and volunteer efforts.	5C, 6C
Develop methods and/or techniques to effectively communicate parks and recreation related information, updates and proposed project improvements to the community.	1E, 2E

Table 7 - MDNR Grant Guidelines

	Recreation Passport Grant	Natural Resources Trust Fund	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Application Deadline	April 1	April 1	April 1
Minimum/Maximum Grant Request	\$7,500/\$150,000	Development Requests: \$15,000/\$400,000	\$30,000/\$500,000
Match Requirements	Minimum 25% of total project cost	Minimum 25% of total project cost; applicants receive more points for higher match.	Exactly 50% of project cost
Program Payment	Reimbursement	Reimbursement	Reimbursement
Eligible Projects	Projects with the primary purpose of providing public recreation	Projects for the development of a park or trail, including land acquisition adjacent to city-owned parcels.	Land acquisition and/or development in service of public outdoor recreation
Ineligible Costs	Overhead, maintenance, administration and cost overruns are not eligible.	Overhead, maintenance, administration, attorney, and contingency costs are not eligible.	Overhead, maintenance, administration and cost overruns are not eligible.
Project Completion	Project must begin within one year and be completed within two years.	Project must be completed within two years.	Project must be completed within two years.
Other Notes	Project must be fully ADA compliant.	No minimum or maximum for acquisition requests.	Excludes development of indoor recreation facilities; restroom buildings may be considered in support of outdoor recreation.

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APPENDIX A: REGIONAL RECREATION

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Bald Mountain State Recreation Area	4528.2														
Belle Isle Park	803.6	X				X									X
Big Lake Access	0.8														
Brighton State Recreation Area	4625.4			X											
Brownstown Prairie State Wildlife Area	6.6														
Cedar Island Access	4.2														
Crescent Lake Access	1.1														
Davisburg State Game Area	98.7														
Dodge Brothers State Park No. 10	125.9														
Dodge Brothers State Park No. 4	58.0														
Highland State Recreation Area	5442.5														
Holly State Recreation Area	7364.8			X											
Island Lake State Recreation Area	3934.1	X									X		X		
Lake Oakland Access	4.1														
Lake Orion Access	3.1														
Lakeville Lake Access	2.8														
Long Lake Access	0.9														
Loon Lake Access	4.8														

Data Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Open Data, accessed 12/22/2025

PASSIVE RECREATION														TRAILS					
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
		X			X		X			X	X	X			X		X	X	
					X			X	X	X	X				X		X		X
					X														
		X			X	X	X			X	X				X	X	X	X	
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					X														

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation (cont'd)

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Maceday Lake Access	1.1														
Maybury State Park	967.4	X													
Oak Grove State Game Area	2196.2														
Orchard Lake Access	7.4														
Outdoor Adventure Center	0.6														
Pontiac Lake Access	1.9														
Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area	3495.1														
Proud Lake State Recreation Area	3006.8														
Seven Lakes State Park	1244.0														
Squaw Lake Access	9.2														
State Land	104.7														
Tipsico Lake Boat Launch	3.5														
Union Lake Access	2.2														
Wetzel State Park	926.0														
White Lake Access	1.1														
William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor	17.4														
Wolverine Lake Access	2.5														

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PASSIVE RECREATION														TRAILS					
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
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		X		X	X					X	X				X	X	X	X	X
					X		X		X								X		
					X														
								X											
					X														
		X			X		X			X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
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Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Delhi Metropark	70.9	X										X			
Hudson Mills Metropark	1632.3	X		X		X						X	X	X	
Huron Meadows Metropark	1533.7	X				X		X				X		X	
Indian Springs Metropark	2502.3	X				X								X	X
Kensington Metropark	3429.4	X		X		X	X	X							X
Lake St. Clair Metropark	584.6	X	X					X		X			X	X	X
Lower Huron Metropark	1385.8	X	X										X	X	X
Oakwoods Metropark	1681.9														
Stony Creek Metropark	3775.4	X	X	X		X						X	X	X	
Willow Metropark	1466.4														
Wolcott Mills Metropark	2807.7					X								X	

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PASSIVE RECREATION															TRAILS				
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
					X	X			X	X	X						X		X
									X	X	X				X		X		X
					X	X			X	X	X				X		X		X
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		X			X				X	X	X						X		X
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									X										
		X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X			X	X		X

Oakland County Parks and Recreation

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION												
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball
Addison Oaks County Park	1102.21			X				X						X
Catalpa Oaks County Park	28.84	X									X			
Glen Oaks County Park	122.11					X								
Groveland Oaks County Park	324.64	X	X			X				X			X	X
Highland Oaks County Park	260.99													
Holly Oaks County Park	89.18													
Independence Oaks County Park	1189.55	X						X						X
Lyon Oaks County Park	1024.32	X				X		X			X		X	
Orion Oaks County Park	809.22													X
Red Oaks County Park	129.73					X		X			X			X
Red Oaks Nature Center	6.22													
Rose Oaks County Park	577.08													X
Springfield Oaks County Park	129.12					X			X					
Suarez Friendship Woods	1.52													
Waterford Oaks County Park	162.83		X		X			X				X	X	X
White Lake Oaks County Park	225.90					X								

Data Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Open Data, accessed 12/22/2025

PASSIVE RECREATION															TRAILS				
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
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		X			X				X	X	X						X	X	X
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				X		X		X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
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Neighboring Communities - City of Huntington Woods

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION												
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball
11 Mile/Huntington Park	0.85	X										X		
Alligator Park	0.31													
Coolidge/Elgin Park Mini Park	0.24													
Gillham Recreation Center	2.97											X		
Gordon Hassig Senior Park	0.37													
Huntington Woods Park	0.53													
Lincoln / Pembroke / Concord Park	0.30													
Lincoln/Scotia Park	0.89													
Mary Key Davis Park	0.57													
Men's Club Field	2.23	X									X			
Peasley Park	0.68										X			
Reynolds Park	0.64													
Statue Park	0.74													
Val Jones Skate Park	0.90								X	X				

Data Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Open Data, accessed 12/22/2025

PASSIVE RECREATION															TRAILS				
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
				X															
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										X	X								
										X	X								
										X									

Neighboring Communities - City of Oak Park

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION												
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball
Best Park	3.67	X	X									X		
Dewey Park	3.96		X					X						
Harding Park	0.39													
Jackson Park	3.70	X												
Key Park	6.00	X												
Lessenger Park	4.11	X												
Rothstein Park	8.37													
Shepherd Park	43.40		X				X					X		
Tyler Park	23.46	X									X			
Victoria Park	10.24	X	X									X		
Peasley Park	0.68										X			
Reynolds Park	0.64													
Statue Park	0.74													
Val Jones Skate Park	0.90									X	X			

Data Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Open Data, accessed 12/22/2025

PASSIVE RECREATION														TRAILS					
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
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Neighboring Communities - City of Royal Oak

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Barton Park North	0.57														
Barton Park South	0.48														
Bassett Park	1.32							X							
Beechwood	0.29														
Clawson Park	2.21	X						X							
Cody Park	0.80							X							
Cummingston Park	30.41							X							
Dickinson Park	4.07	X									X	X			
Dondero Park	3.42	X						X				X			
Eagle Plaza	0.11														
Elks Park	4.32	X	X								X	X			
Exchange Park	14.50	X	X		X						X	X			
Fernwood Park	0.88		X					X							
Franklin Park	0.55											X			
Fred Piper Optimist Park	3.08	X						X						X	
Fries Park	1.40														
Fulton Park	0.41														
Grant Park	4.24	X						X			X				

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PASSIVE RECREATION														TRAILS					
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
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Neighboring Communities - City of Royal Oak (cont'd)

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Gunn/Dyer Park	2.36	X						X							
Kenwood Park	8.83	X						X			X	X			
Lawson Park	2.63	X	X					X					X		
Lions Club Park	1.08														
Lockman Park	9.18		X		X							X	X		
Maddock Park	2.58														
Marais Park	2.48	X						X							
Mark Twain Park	7.18														
Marks Park	1.71	X						X							
Maudlin Park	1.79							X							
Meininger Park	8.37		X		X		X					X			
Memorial Park/Grand Slam Baseball	18.35	X						X							
Miller Park	1.52														
Milt Hey/Hudson Park	1.83		X					X							
Pioneer Park	3.02														
Quickstad Park/Tenhaven Woods	30.51										X			X	
Realtor Park	2.48							X							
Red Run Park	19.52	X	X								X	X			

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PASSIVE RECREATION														TRAILS					
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
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Neighboring Communities - City of Royal Oak (cont'd)

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Rotary Park	0.75														
Salter Community Center	2.33														
Starr/J.C. Park	28.79	X		X	X			X						X	
Sullivan Park	2.86							X							
Thirteen Mile/Main Park	0.10														
Upton Park	3.86							X							
VFW Memorial Park	5.76	X						X							
Wagner Park	14.00			X											
Waterworks Park	6.15	X									X				
Wendland Park	0.79														
Westwood Park	1.03							X							
Whittier Park	6.87							X			X				
Worden Park	30.81	X					X				X	X			

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PASSIVE RECREATION															TRAILS				
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
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										X	X								
			X							X	X								
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										X	X								
										X	X								

Neighboring Communities - City of Southfield

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Bauervic Woods	80.48														
Bedford Woods	14.75	X	X												
Beech Woods Park	85.57	X			X	X						X			
Brace Park	10.36	X													
Burgh Historic Park	7.76														
Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	40.33														
Civic Center Drive Parklet	2.18														
Civic Center Park	152.30	X				X	X	X				X			
Code House Park	9.54														
Freeway Park	10.78														
Horsetail Woods	22.63														
Hunters Lane Woods	22.32														
Industrial Park Nature Preserve	3.14														
Inglenook Park	42.44	X													
John Grace Park	4.61	X								X	X	X			
Lahser Woods Park	15.88														
Lincoln Woods	23.28														
Miller Park	8.78	X	X					X							

Data Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Open Data, accessed 12/22/2025

PASSIVE RECREATION														TRAILS					
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
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Neighboring Communities - City of Southfield (cont'd)

Park Name	Acres	ACTIVE RECREATION													
		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Fitness Equipment	Golf	Ice Skating	Multipurpose Athletic Fields	Pickleball	Roller Hockey Rink	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Park/Splashpad
Pebble Creek Park	15.35														
Robbie Gage Memorial Park	16.90														
Seminole Street Park	0.63														
Simms Park	4.05		X					X					X		
Stratford Woods	5.23														
Thompson Farm	19.08														
Valley Woods Nature Preserve	115.18														
Valley Woods South	24.19														

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PASSIVE RECREATION														TRAILS					
Amphitheater	Beach	Camping	Dog Park	Community Garden	Fishing	Geocaching	Hunting	Indoor Event Space	Natural Areas	Picnic Area	Playgrounds	Shooting Range	Sledding	Swimming	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Paved Trails
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Public Meeting No. 1 – September 16, 2025



City of Berkley

5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update

Public Meeting Presentation
September 16, 2025

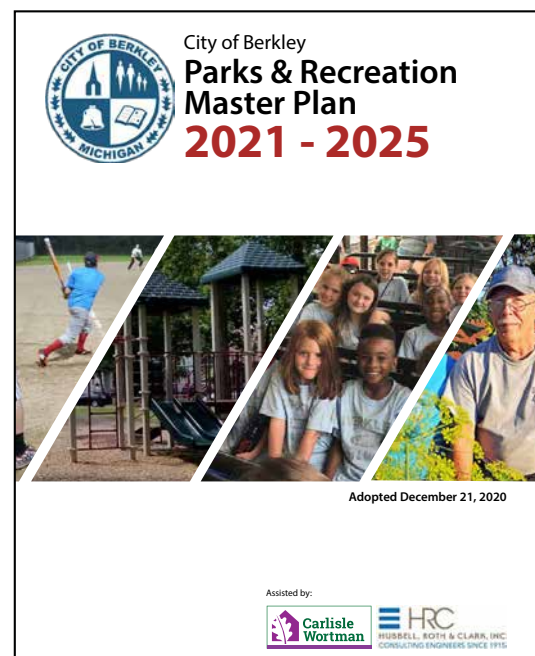


What is a 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan?

A 5-year parks and recreation plan is a strategic document used to guide the planning, development, and management of parks, open space, recreation facilities, and programming.

“The intent of a community park and recreation plan is to create an inventory of existing facilities and resources, identify community recreation and open space needs, and set a plan of action for a five-year period.”

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources



Why is a 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Needed?

Having a plan in place to guide future planning, development, and management will help the City better serve the needs of the community.

The plan is updated every 5 years to ensure it maintains its relevancy in terms of changing demographics, recreation trends, and community needs.

This plan will also allow for the City to pursue Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant funding.



Goals for the 2026-2030 Plan Update

- Inventory all parks and recreation facilities and identify any changes in level of service.
- Research and update information such as demographics and recreation trends.
- Develop and implement a public engagement process to understand current community needs.
- Utilizing the updated information above, confirm, revise and/or develop new recommendations to guide the City for the next 5 years.
- Draft a parks and recreation plan that meets all requirements identified by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Components

1. Community Description
2. Administrative Structure
3. Recreation Inventory
4. Description of the Planning Process
5. Description of the Public Input Process
6. Goals and Objectives
7. Action Program



Public Input Process



Online Survey

Public Engagement Meetings

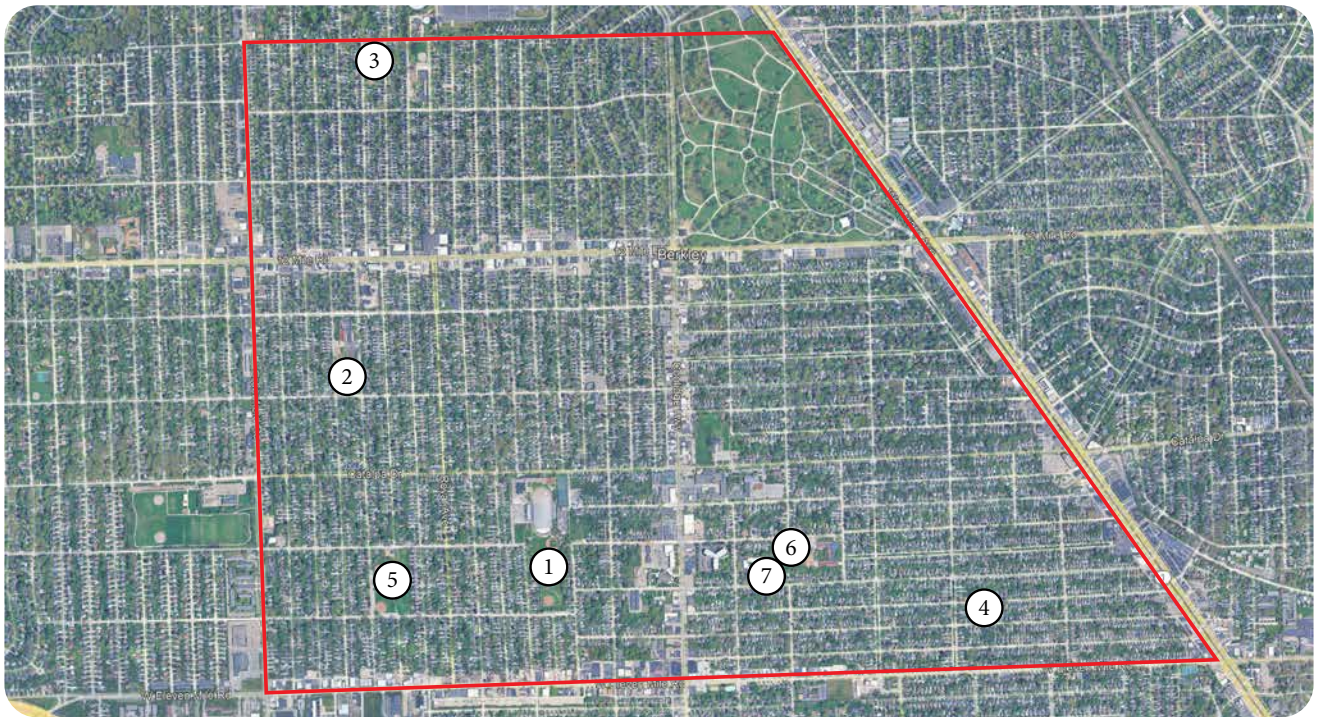
Meeting No. 1: September 16, 2025

Meeting No. 2: October, 2025 (Date TBD)



Map of Parks and Recreation Facilities

- ① Community Park
- ② Angell Park
- ③ Bacon Park
- ④ Kiwanis Tot Lot
- ⑤ Oxford Park
- ⑥ Lazenby Field
- ⑦ Friends Park



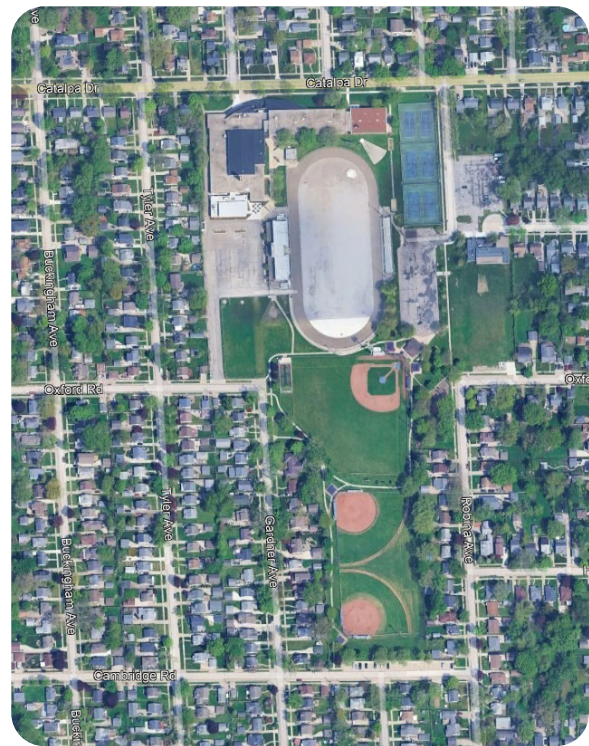
Community Park

Address: 2261 Robina Avenue

Size: 13.13 Acres

Amenities

- Tennis Courts (6)
- Ball Fields (3)
- Play Structure
- Community / Senior Center
- Concessions / Restroom Building
- Gaga Ball Pit
- Sand Box
- Picnic Tables
- Sidewalks
- Benches
- Greenspace



Angell Park

Address: 3849 Beverly Boulevard

Size: 3.82 Acres

Amenities

- Ball Field
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Play Structures (2)
- Swings (12)
- Pavilion
- Gaga Ball Pit



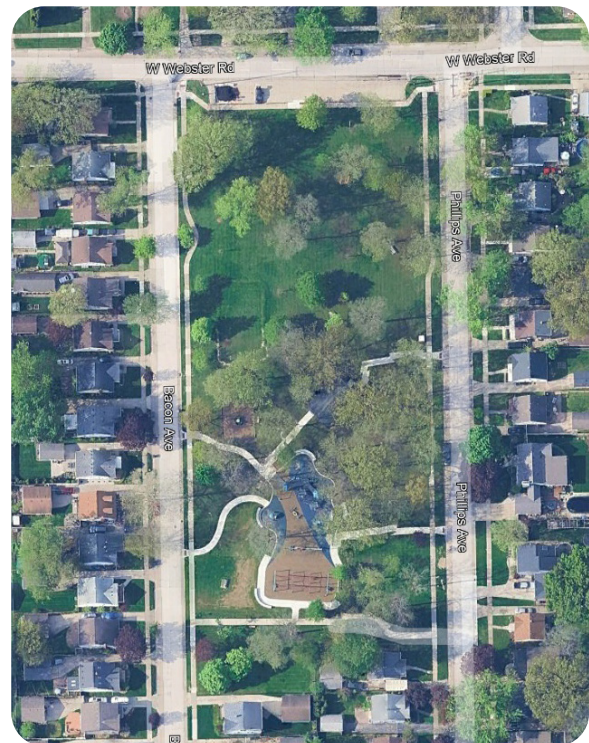
Bacon Park

Address: 3765 Webster Road

Size: 2.71 Acres

Amenities

- Play Structure (Inclusive)
- Pavilion
- Sidewalks
- Benches
- Greenspace



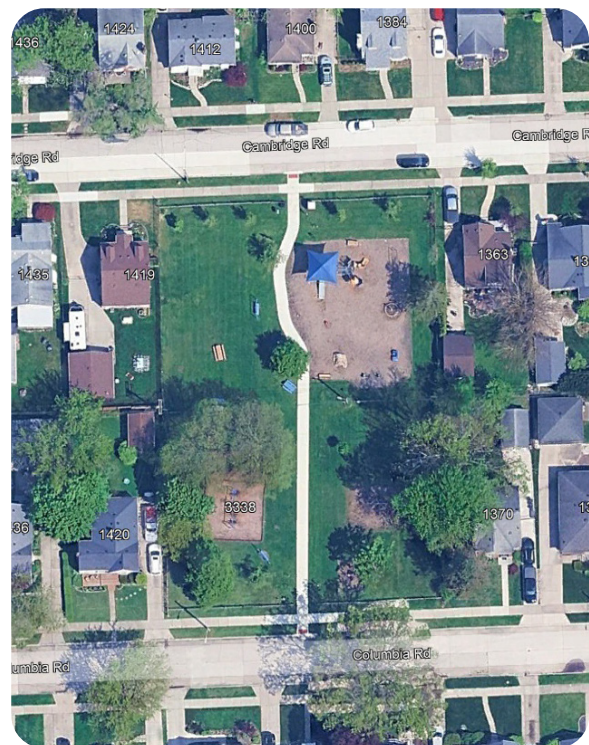
Kiwanis Tot Lot

Address: 1399 Cambridge Road

Size: 0.77 Acres

Amenities

- Play Structure
- Swings (3 + 1 Accessible)
- Shade Sail
- Sidewalks
- Bench Swings
- Picnic Tables
- Little Library



Oxford Park

Address: 2100 Bacon Avenue

Size: 7.5 Acres

Amenities

- Splash Pad
- Shade Sails
- Play Structures (2)
- Swings (2)
- Restroom Building
- Ball Fields (2)
- Sidewalks
- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Greenspace
- EV Charging Stations (2)



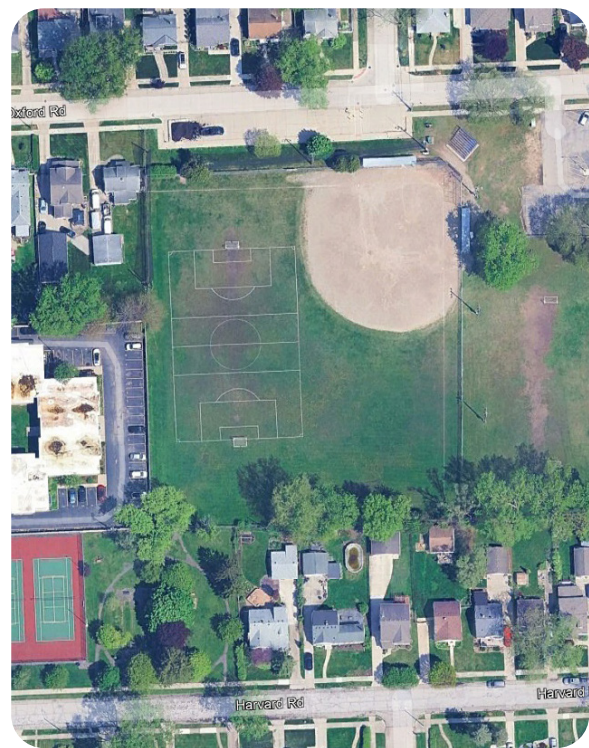
Lazenby Field

Address: 2099 Oxford Road

Size: 2.62 Acres

Amenities

- Ball Field
- Bleachers



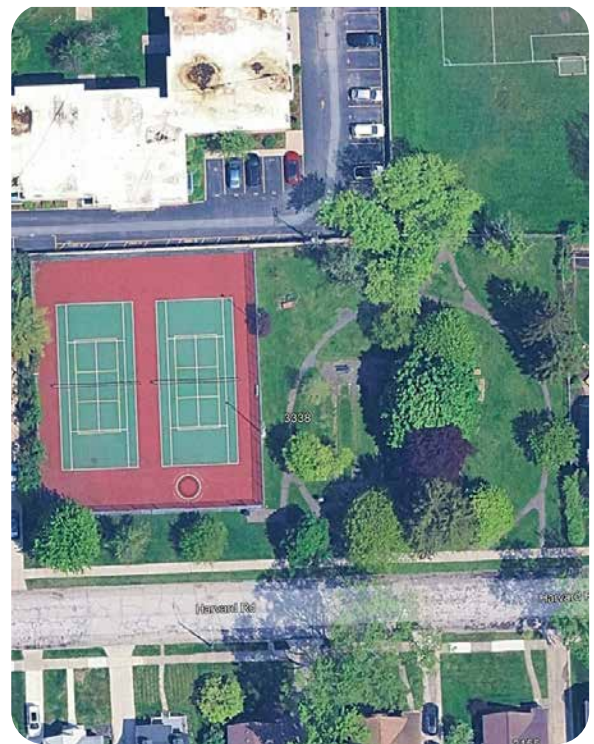
Friends Park

Address: Harvard Road
(Adjacent to Lazenby Field)

Size: 0.85 Acres

Amenities

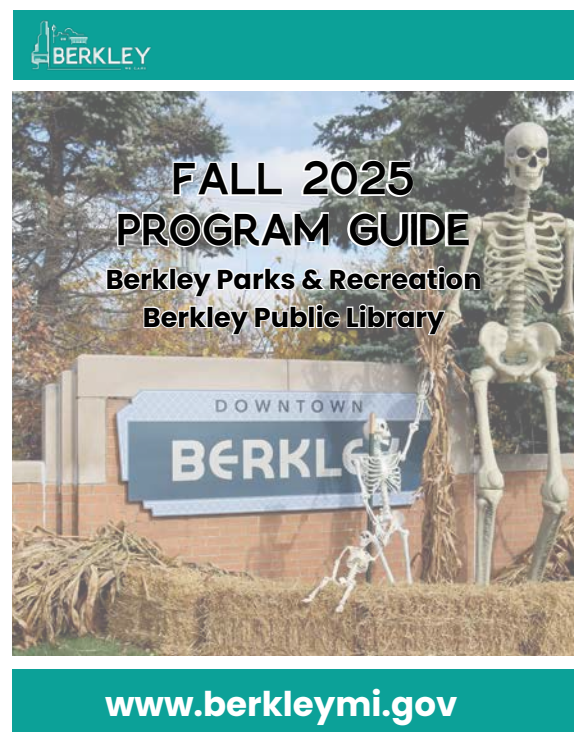
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Sand Box
- Chess / Checker Tables
- Benches



City of Berkeley Parks and Recreation Programming

The City of Berkeley's Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs in each of the following categories:

- Adult Programming
- Youth Programming
- Camps
- Senior Activities, Classes & Trips
- Special Events



Next Steps...

Today

- Open public forum period
- Sticky note activity

Next Several Weeks

- Work with City Staff to update the inventory of parks and recreation facilities.
- Review trends in recreation programming and activity.
- Compile and analyze data from the online community survey.
- Plan for the 2nd public meeting in October.
- Begin developing a draft update to the existing 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan



Public Forum

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The sticky note activity will start at the close of the public forum period.



Public Meeting No. 2 – October 23, 2025



City of Berkeley

5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update

Public Meeting Presentation
October 23, 2025

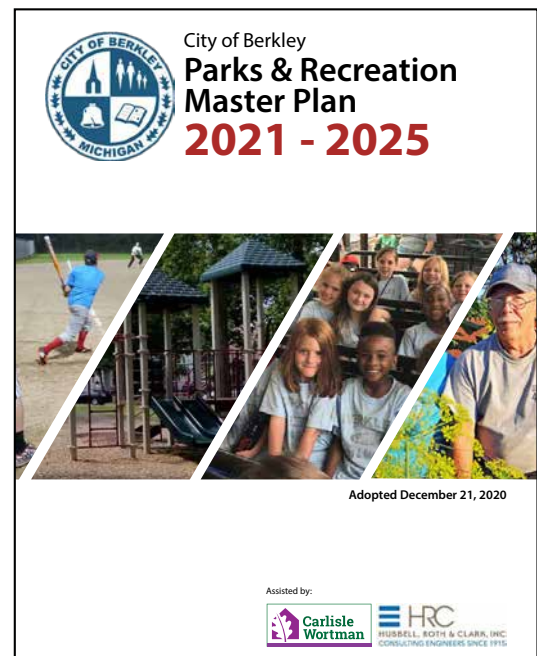


What is a 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan?

A 5-year parks and recreation plan is a strategic document used to guide the planning, development, and management of parks, open space, recreation facilities, and programming.

“The intent of a community park and recreation plan is to create an inventory of existing facilities and resources, identify community recreation and open space needs, and set a plan of action for a five-year period.”

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources



Why is a 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Needed?

Having a plan in place to guide future planning, development, and management will help the City better serve the needs of the community.

The plan is updated every 5 years to ensure it maintains its relevancy in terms of changing demographics, recreation trends, and community needs.

This plan will also allow for the City to pursue Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant funding.



Goals for the 2026-2030 Plan Update

- Inventory all parks and recreation facilities and identify any changes in level of service.
- Research and update information such as demographics and recreation trends.
- Develop and implement a public engagement process to understand current community needs.
- Utilizing the updated information above, confirm, revise and/or develop new recommendations to guide the City for the next 5 years.
- Draft a parks and recreation plan that meets all requirements identified by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Components

1. Community Description
2. Administrative Structure
3. Recreation Inventory
4. Description of the Planning Process
5. Description of the Public Input Process
6. Goals and Objectives
7. Action Program



Public Input Process

- **Online Survey**
- **Public Meetings**
 - Meeting No. 1: September 16, 2025
 - Meeting No. 2: October 23, 2025
- **Stakeholder Meetings**
 - Older Adults
 - Youth Sports



Public Input Process - Summary of Comments

Public Meeting - September 16, 2025

- The Community Center is in need of updates.
- Striped soccer fields and more basketball courts were mentioned as a need.
- A dog park was cited as a desire for residents.
- Consideration for opportunities to bring recreation to residents (e.g. block parties, events at various locations around the city)
- Maintenance concerns were voiced. It is important to ensure improvements to parks are being maintained.

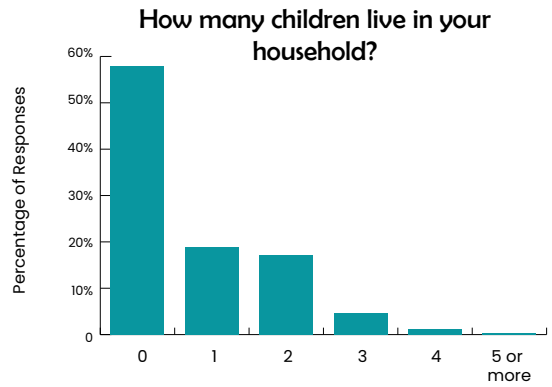
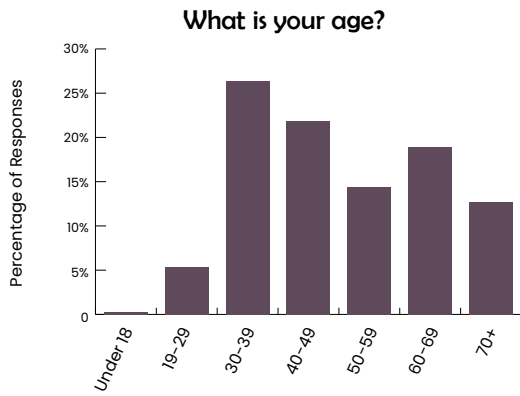
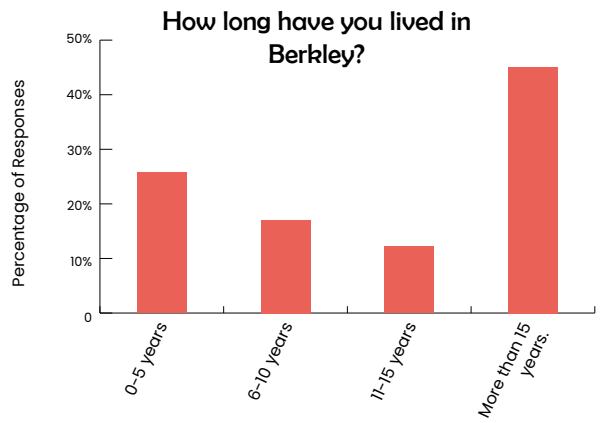
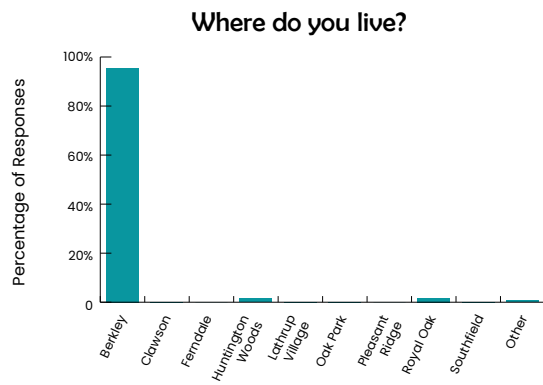
Stakeholder Meetings

Older Adults

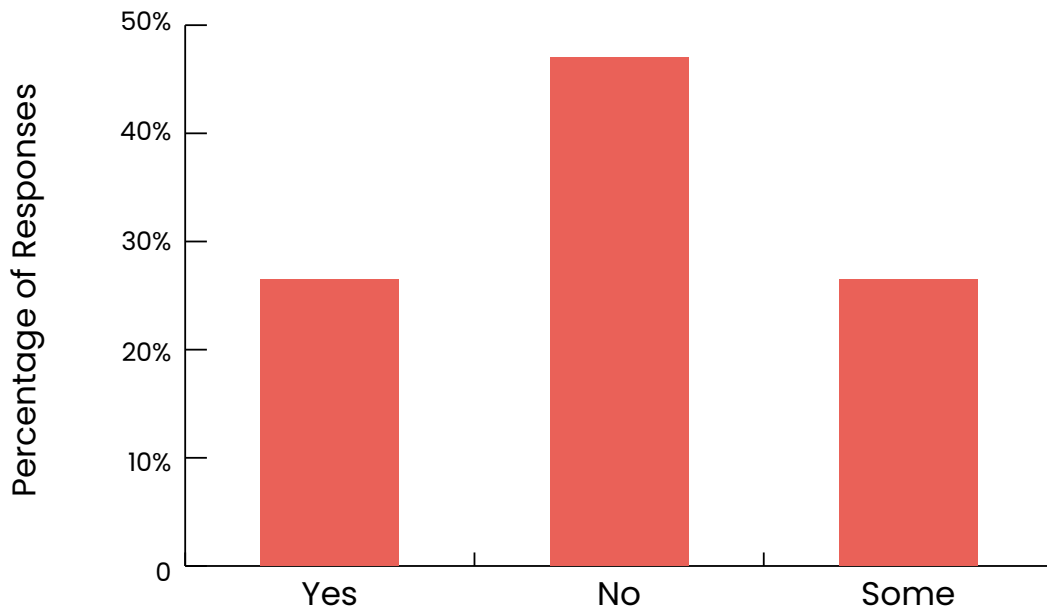
- Parks and Recreation Facilities are well kept.
- Program offerings and staff are great.
- Current facilities lack space for programming.

Youth Sports

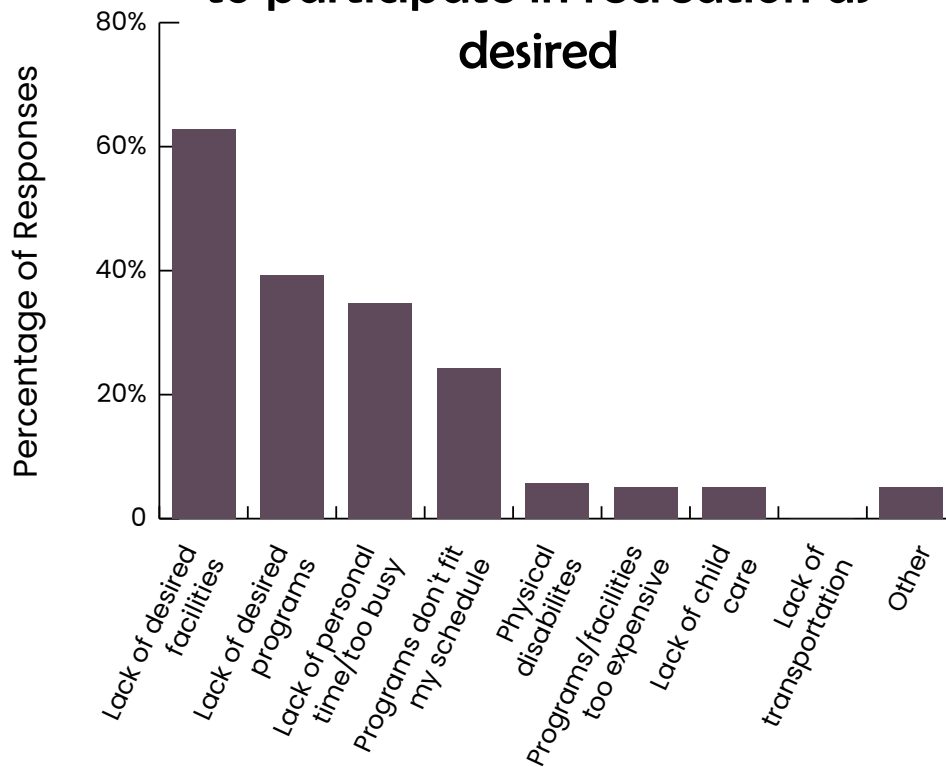
- Ballfields are well used but Parks and Recreation Facilities can not fulfill the needs of the youth sports organizations.
- Improvements such as barrier nets and restrooms would benefit youth sports.
- Lazenby Field was identified as a potential opportunity for a multi-use field.



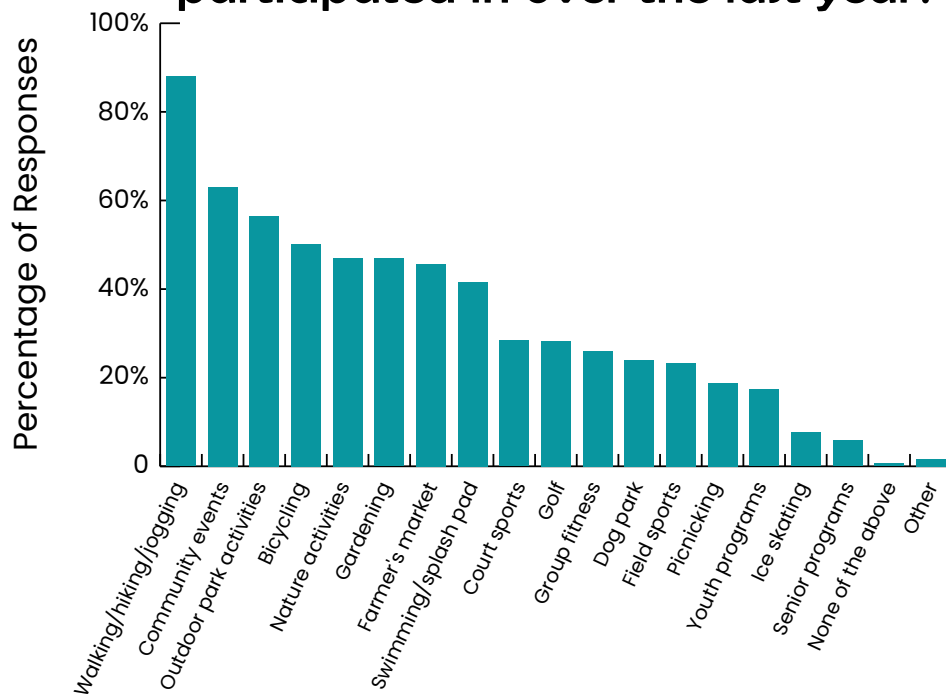
Does your household participate in recreation activities as often as you'd like?



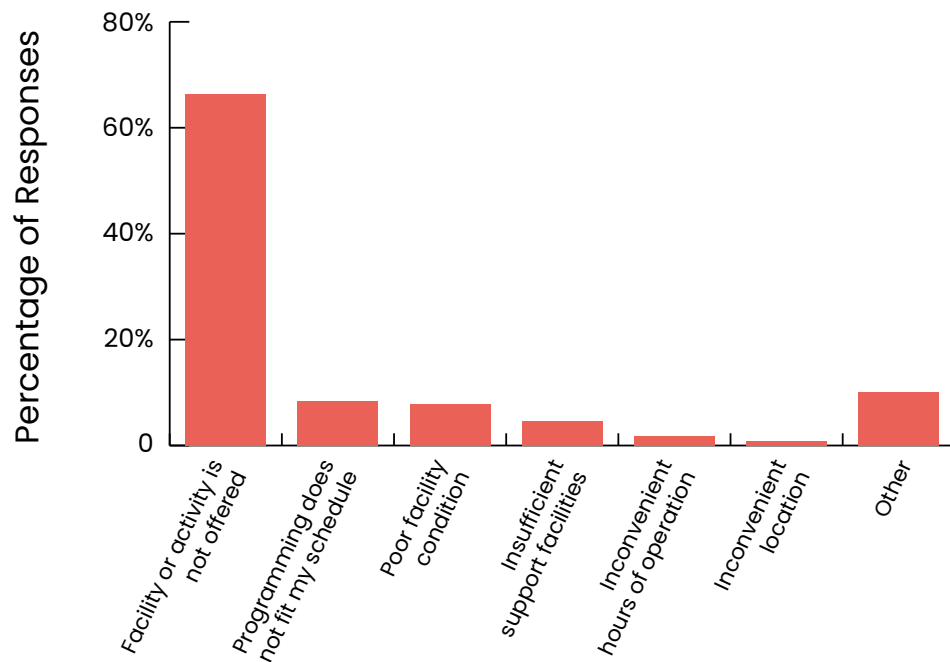
Reasons households are not able to participate in recreation as desired



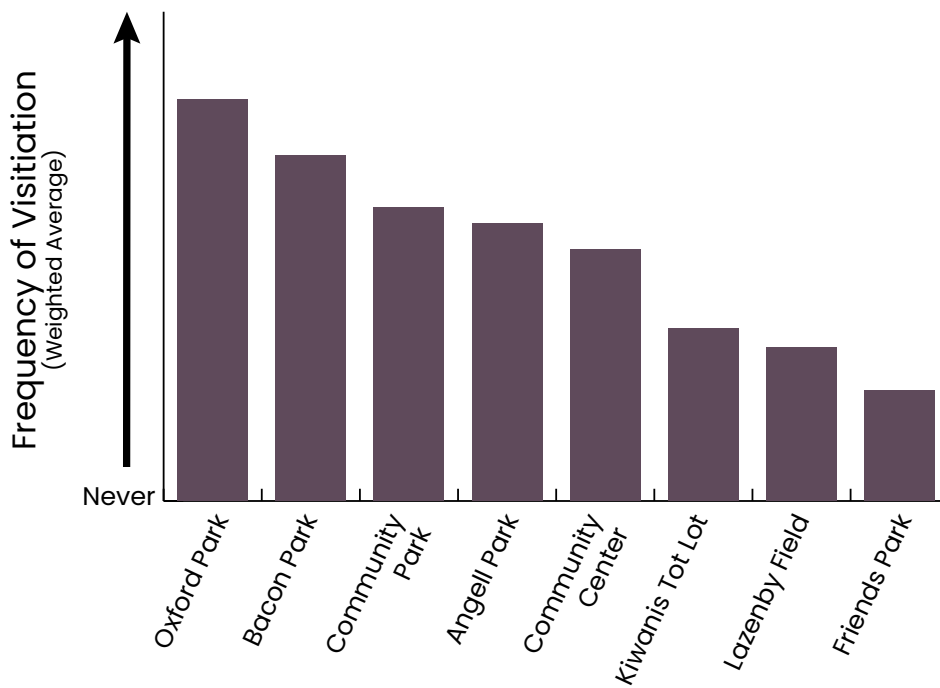
Which of the following recreation activities have you or your household participated in over the last year?



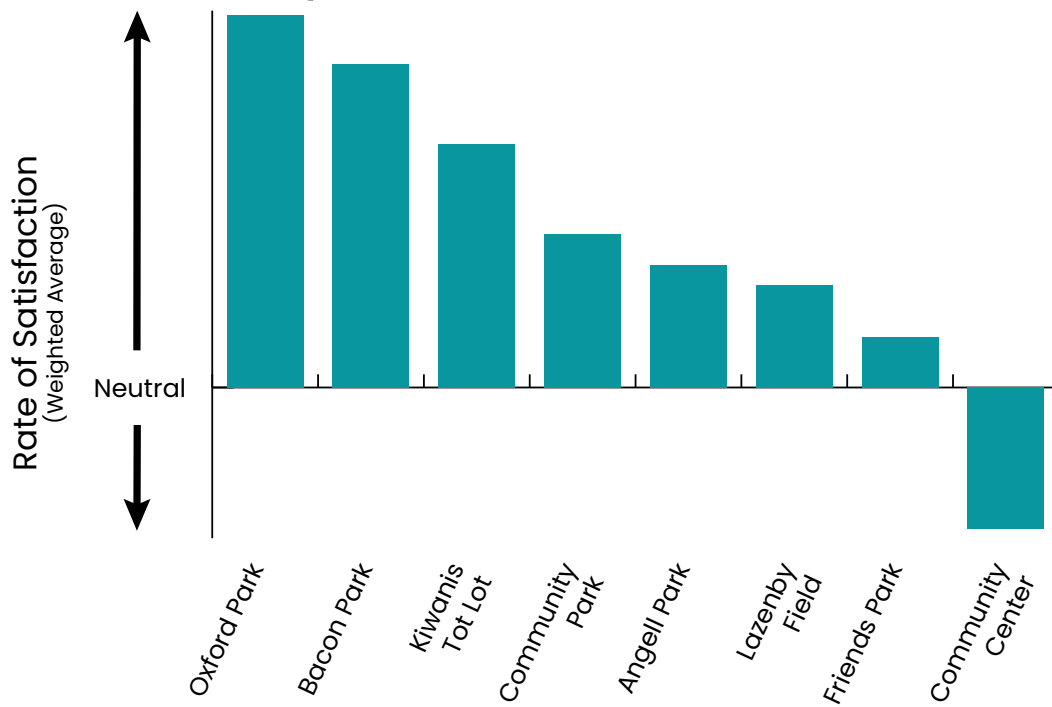
For recreation you engage in outside of the city of Berkley, what is the primary reason for not using Berkley recreation facilities?



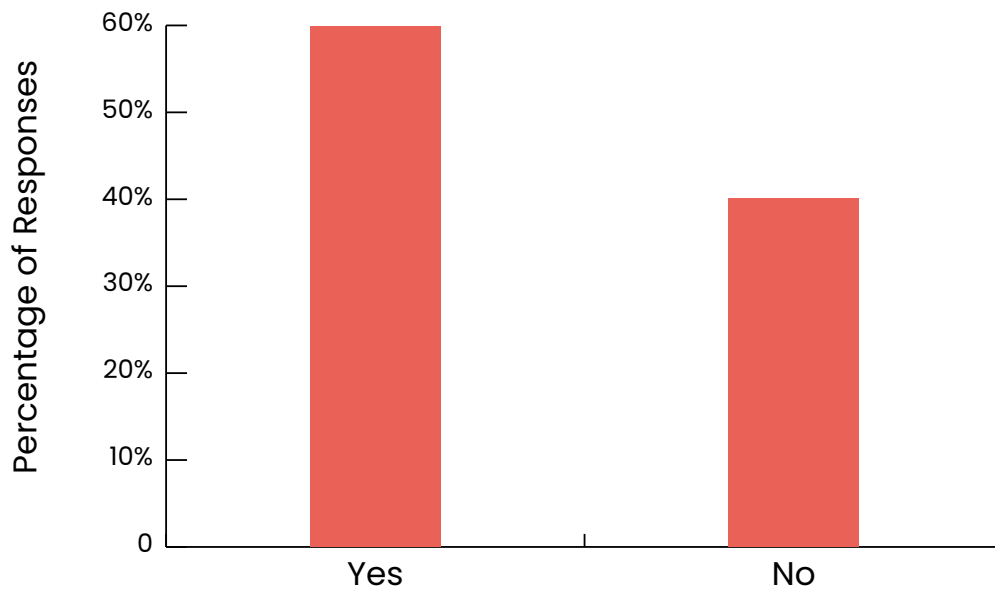
Within the last 12 months, how often have you visited Berkley parks and recreation facilities?



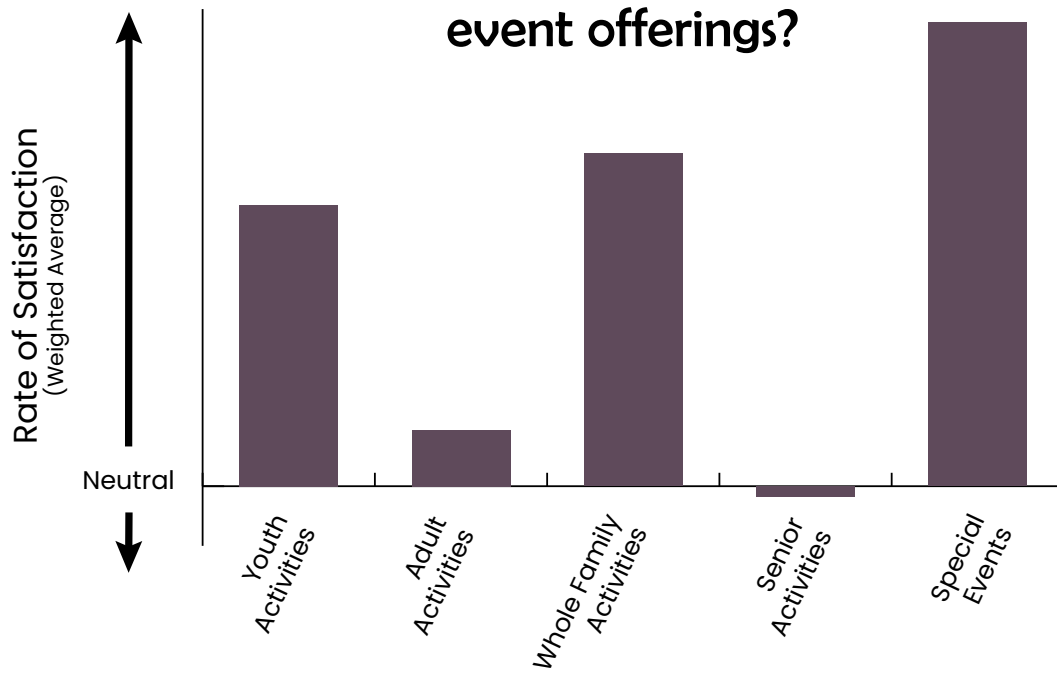
How satisfied are you with Berkley parks and recreation facilities?



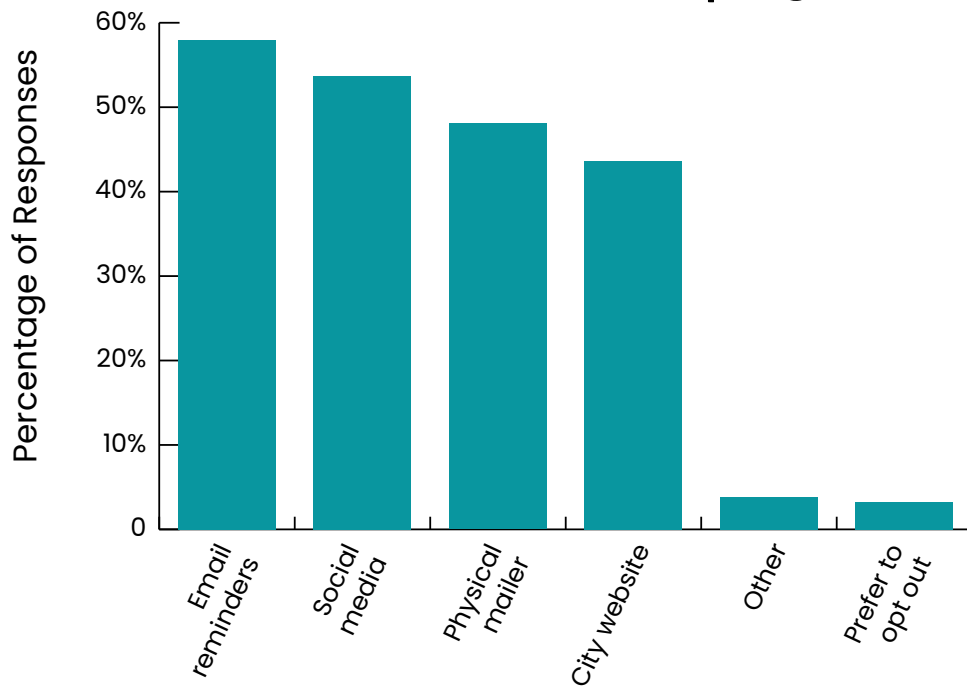
Do you participate in programs and special events offered by Berkley Parks and Recreation?



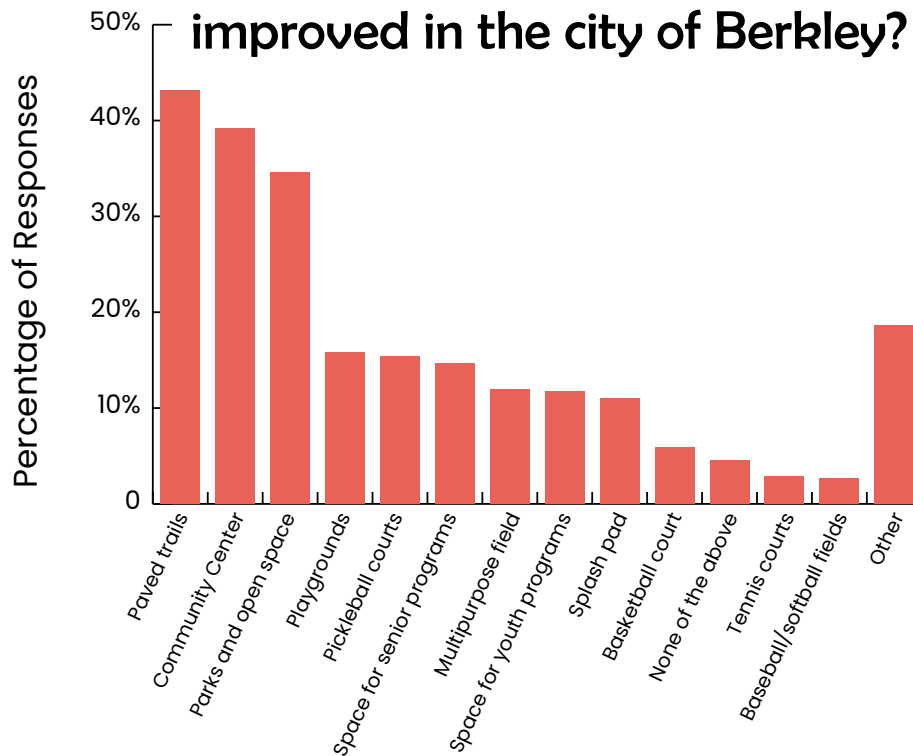
How satisfied are you with Berkley's parks and recreation program and event offerings?



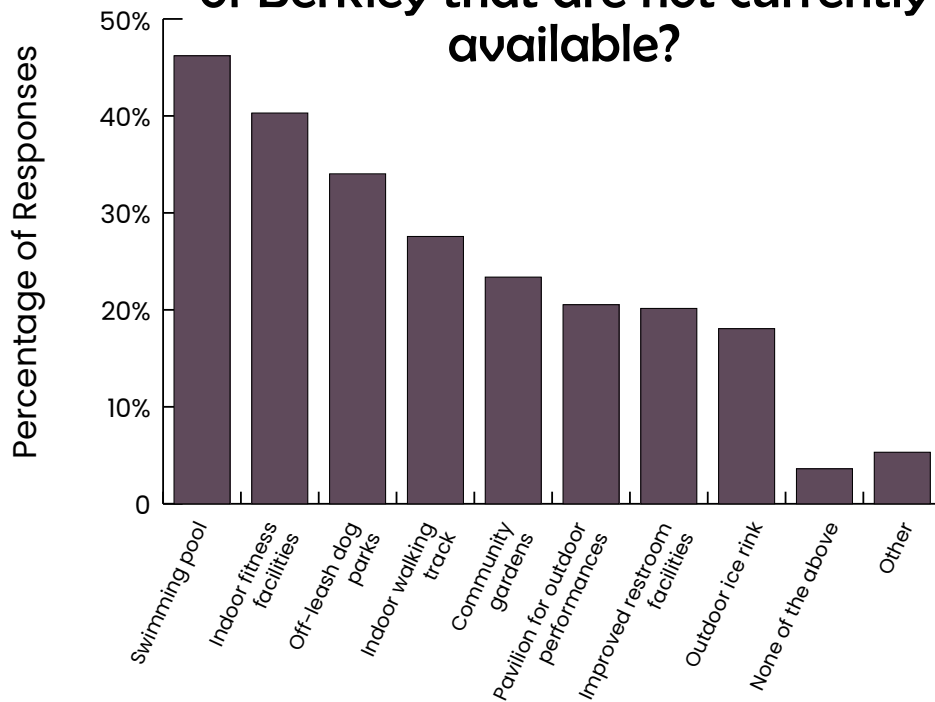
How would you like to receive information regarding Berkley's offered recreation services and programs?



What types of existing recreation amenities would you like to be improved in the city of Berkeley?



What types of recreation amenities would you like to see offered in the city of Berkley that are not currently available?



Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding Berkley recreation facilities and programming.

"We need a new community center. It's in bad shape and does not make sense to keep spending money to maintain it."

"A dog park would be great"

"Don't build another park. And definitely not a dog park."

"I loved the programming when my kids were little, but there didn't seem to be much that was appealing to them as they got older."

"Keep restrooms open year round and add them to all parks"

"We love the seasonal programs and festivals provided by the city - art fairs, Halloween festivities, etc. We would love to see these continue and grow!"

"I think the city is doing great with the resources it has. The biggest question will be what happens with the community field."

"We are so grateful for the city parks and programs and all the hard work you all do. A resident outdoor community pool would be absolutely incredible for all the families here!"

Next Steps...

Today

- Open public forum period

Next Several Weeks

- Review trends in recreation programming and activity.
- Continue drafting update to the existing 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan
- Draft will be available for review and public comment in mid-December



Public Forum

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Stakeholder Meeting Notes – October 16, 2025



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City of Berkley Parks & Recreation Plan Update

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 16, 2025

The following represents a summary of the comments received from participants during each of the scheduled stakeholder meetings held on October 16, 2025.

Older Adult Group – 4:00pm

- Parks and facilities are generally well kept.
- Berkley Parks and Recreation has a great staff.
- Current facilities lack space for programming aimed at older adults.
- Current facilities lack storage space.
- Exercise classes are not offered year-round due to conflicts with summer camps for school-age children.
- Programs are well used, which is a good problem to have.
- The school district does not work with City Parks and Recreation.
- Older adults will occasionally utilize the track at Community Park for walking.
- A few participants stated that a dog park would be a good addition.
- A permanent band shell might be more effective than renting a stage for events.
- Staff and program offerings are both strengths of Berkley Parks and Recreation.
- Berkley's programs are inclusive. They do not currently charge an additional fee for non-residents to participate in programs.
- Lack of facilities could contribute to a loss of potential users. Forces users to utilize facilities at neighboring communities.

Youth Sports Groups – 6:00pm

The Berkley Dad's Club (baseball), the Berkley Mom's Club (softball), The Berkley Steelers (football, cheer), and DCFC South Oakland (soccer) were all represented at the meeting.

- Baseball and softball use Berkley fields regularly. Baseball primarily uses Community Park while softball primarily uses Oxford Park, but they both use other facilities as well.
- Football requires a minimum of (4) 25 yard x 50 yard fields plus room for cheer. They currently do not practice or have games at one of the Berkley parks.
- Football currently utilizes an area referred to as the "Trash Lot".
- Soccer representatives stated that no current Berkley park has space to support U-14 or above. Small, informal spaces are used at Oxford Park for younger children.
- Soccer utilizes the nearby Catalpa Oaks Park which is currently undergoing renovations.

- The need for nets to keep foul balls from hitting parked cars was discussed for Oxford Park. Nets for the smaller fields at Community Park were also discussed allowing for order users to utilize the smaller fields and not conflict with nearby residential.
- A new indoor sports facility that the school district is developing was discussed but participants did not think it was likely that they would have access.
- A desire for restrooms was discussed at the south end of Community Park.
- Indoor space for practice, training and drills would be utilized if available.
- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the redevelopment of Lazenby Field into a multi-use field. Drainage issues were identified and concerns over field durability were raised if multiple users began to utilize the field. The use of synthetic turf was discussed which would increase upfront costs but alleviate the durability concerns of natural grass.

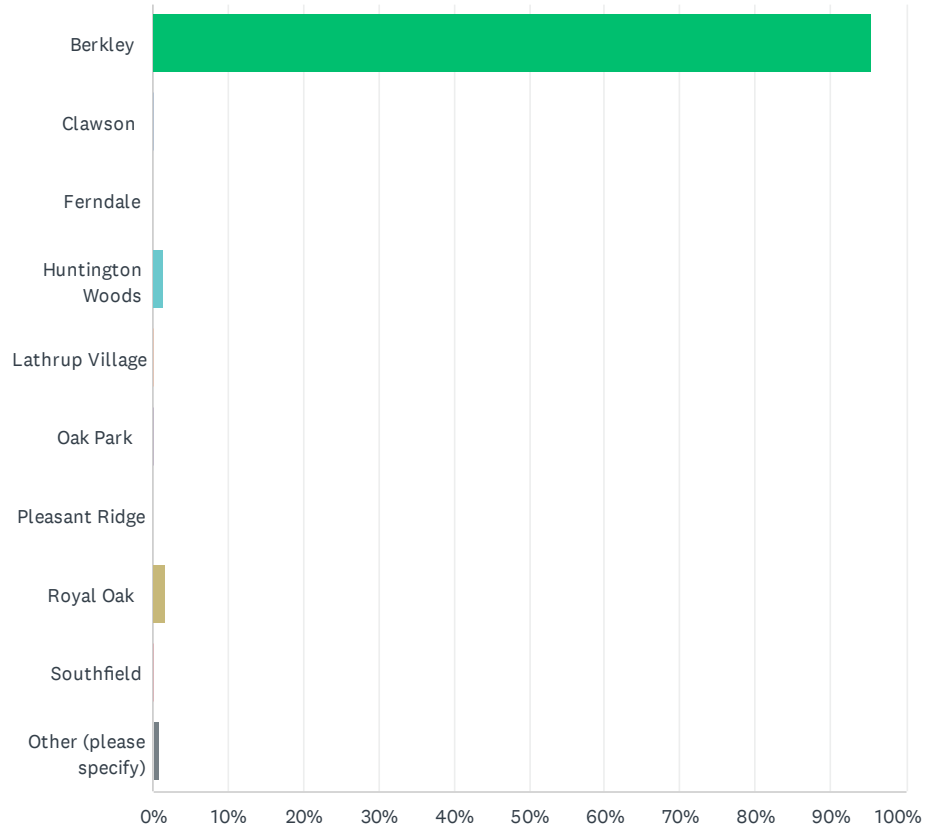
APPENDIX C: ONLINE PUBLIC SURVEY REPORT

City of Berkley Parks & Recreation Plan Survey

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Q1 Where do you live?

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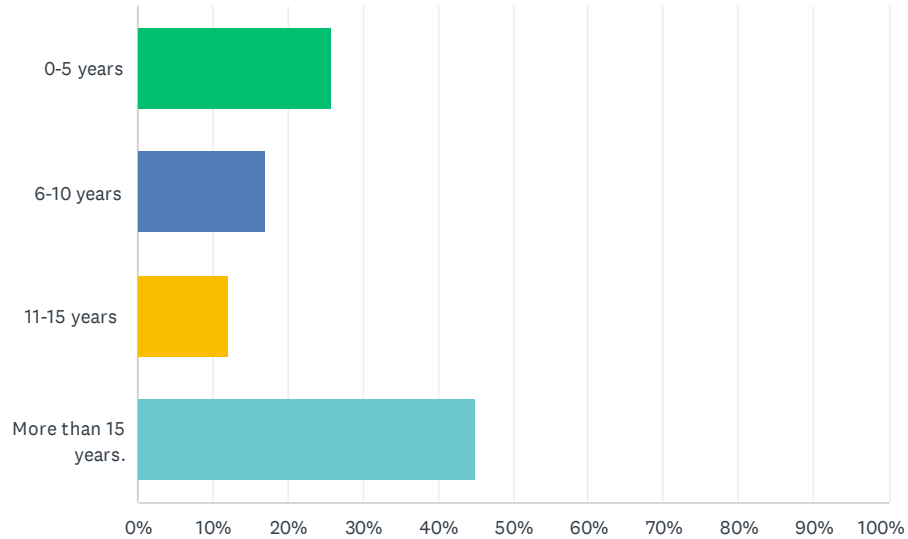
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Berkley	95.43%	605
Clawson	0.16%	1
Ferndale	0.00%	0
Huntington Woods	1.42%	9
Lathrup Village	0.16%	1
Oak Park	0.16%	1
Pleasant Ridge	0.00%	0
Royal Oak	1.74%	11
Southfield	0.16%	1
Other (please specify)	0.79%	5
TOTAL		634

Q2 If you are a Berkley resident, how long have you lived here?

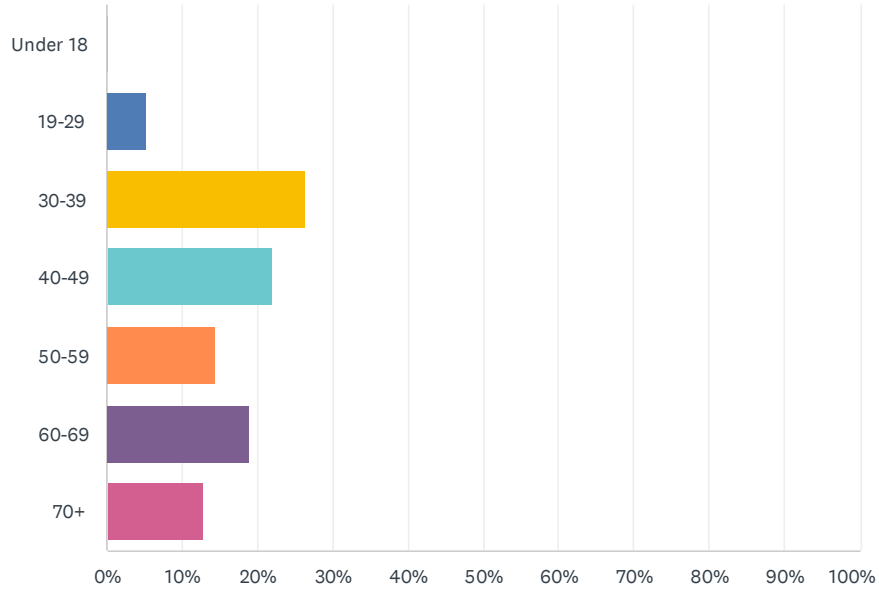
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	25.74%	157
6-10 years	17.05%	104
11-15 years	12.13%	74
More than 15 years.	45.08%	275
TOTAL		610

Q3 What is your age?

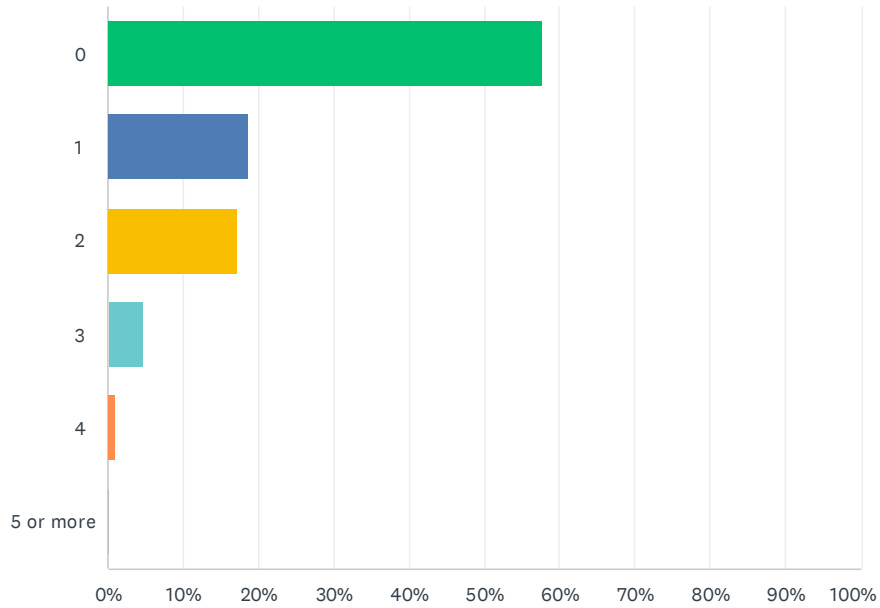
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.32%	2
19-29	5.40%	34
30-39	26.35%	166
40-49	21.90%	138
50-59	14.44%	91
60-69	18.89%	119
70+	12.70%	80
TOTAL		630

Q4 How many children under the age of 18 live your household?

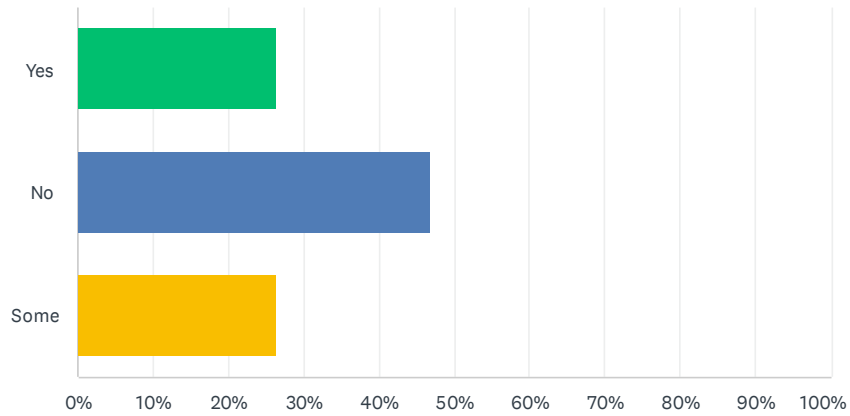
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	57.82%	366
1	18.80%	119
2	17.22%	109
3	4.74%	30
4	1.11%	7
5 or more	0.32%	2
TOTAL		633

Q5 Does your household participate in recreation activities as often as you would like?

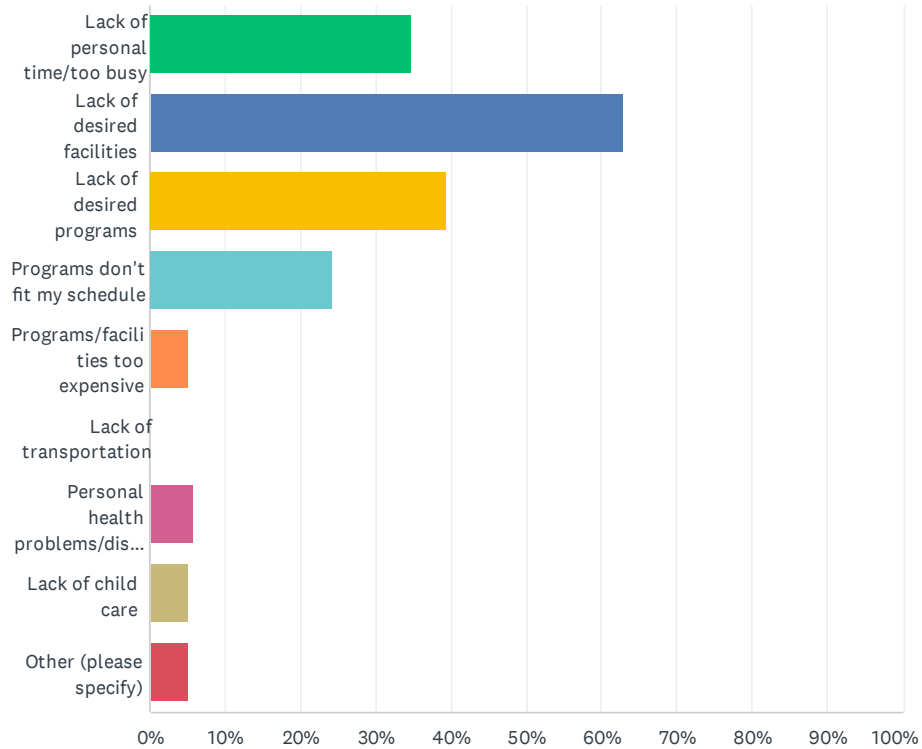
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.49%	164
No	47.01%	291
Some	26.49%	164
TOTAL		619

Q6 If you answered "No" to question five, please identify the reasons why you are not able to participate in recreation activities as often as you would like. Check all that apply.

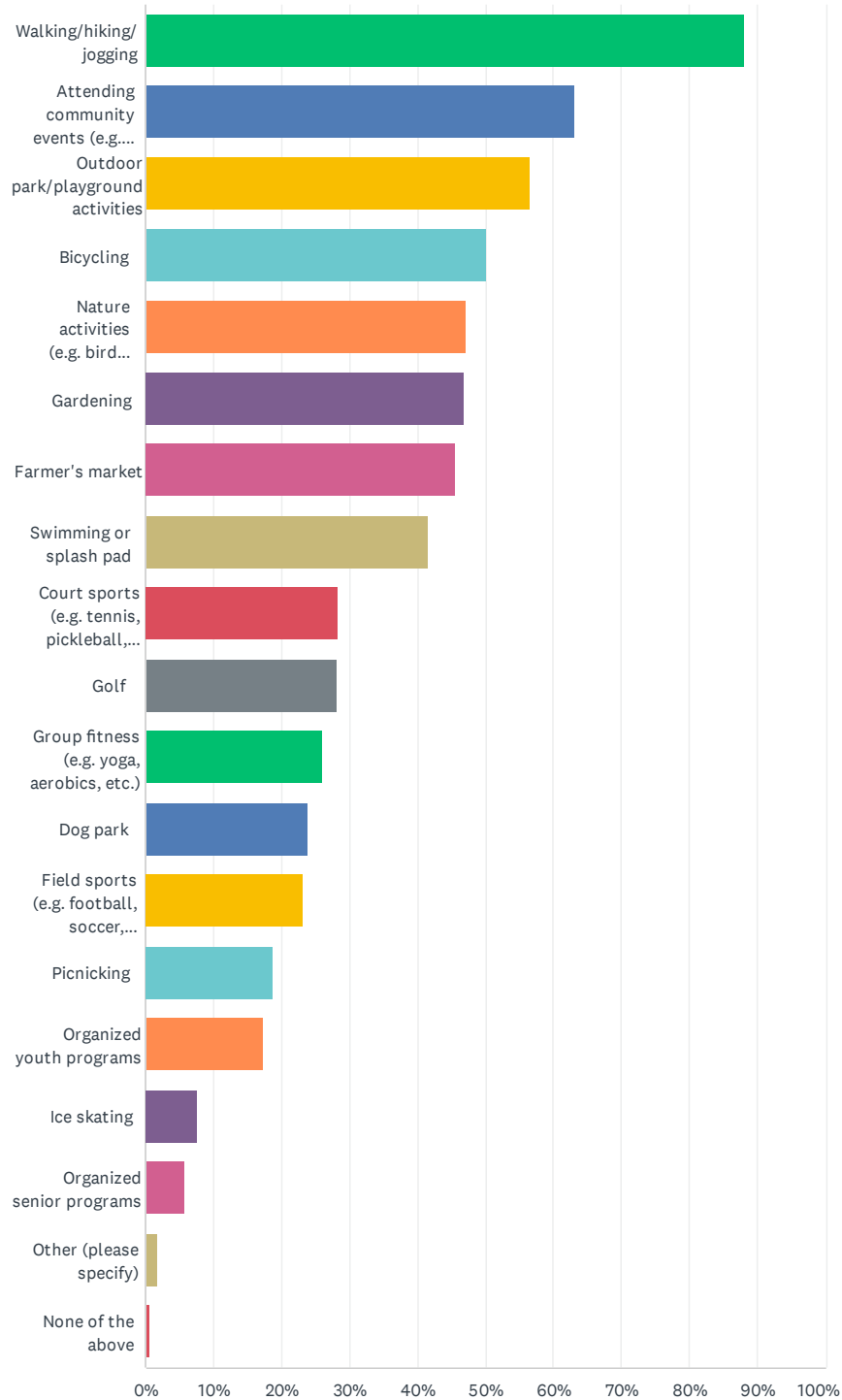
Answered: 371 Skipped: 265



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of personal time/too busy	34.77%	129
Lack of desired facilities	62.80%	233
Lack of desired programs	39.35%	146
Programs don't fit my schedule	24.26%	90
Programs/facilities too expensive	5.12%	19
Lack of transportation	0.00%	0
Personal health problems/disability/age	5.66%	21
Lack of child care	5.12%	19
Other (please specify)	5.12%	19
Total Respondents: 371		

Q7 Within the last 12 months, which of the following recreation activities have you or your household participated in? Check all that apply.

Answered: 606 Skipped: 30



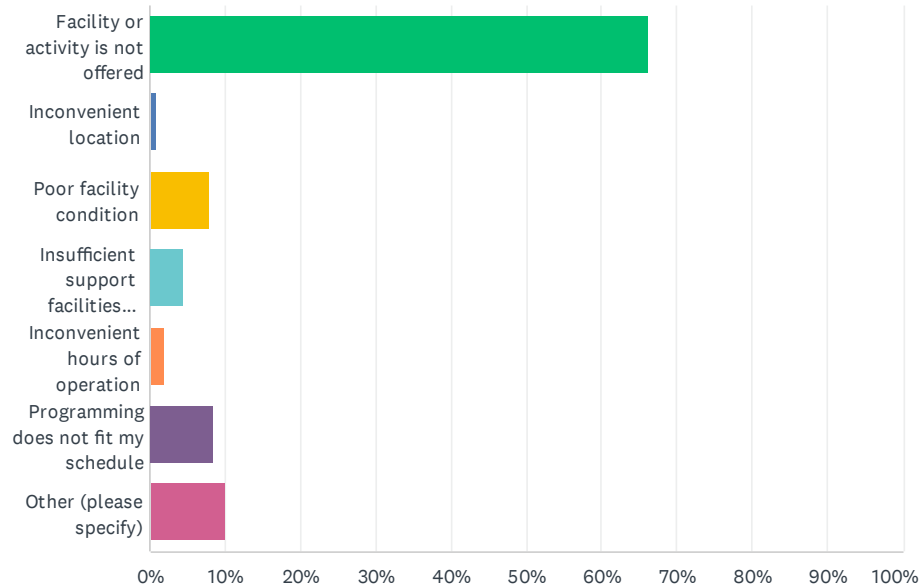
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/hiking/jogging	87.95%	533
Attending community events (e.g. street festivals, social groups/clubs, concerts)	63.04%	382
Outdoor park/playground activities	56.44%	342
Bicycling	50.17%	304
Nature activities (e.g. bird watching, nature walks, etc.)	47.03%	285
Gardening	46.86%	284
Farmer's market	45.71%	277
Swimming or splash pad	41.58%	252
Court sports (e.g. tennis, pickleball, basketball, volleyball, etc.)	28.38%	172
Golf	28.22%	171
Group fitness (e.g. yoga, aerobics, etc.)	26.07%	158
Dog park	23.93%	145
Field sports (e.g. football, soccer, baseball, etc.)	23.27%	141
Picnicking	18.81%	114
Organized youth programs	17.33%	105
Ice skating	7.59%	46
Organized senior programs	5.78%	35
Other (please specify)	1.65%	10
None of the above	0.66%	4
Total Respondents: 606		

Q8 If you or members of your household engage in recreation outside of the city of Berkeley, what is the primary reason for not using Berkeley recreation facilities?

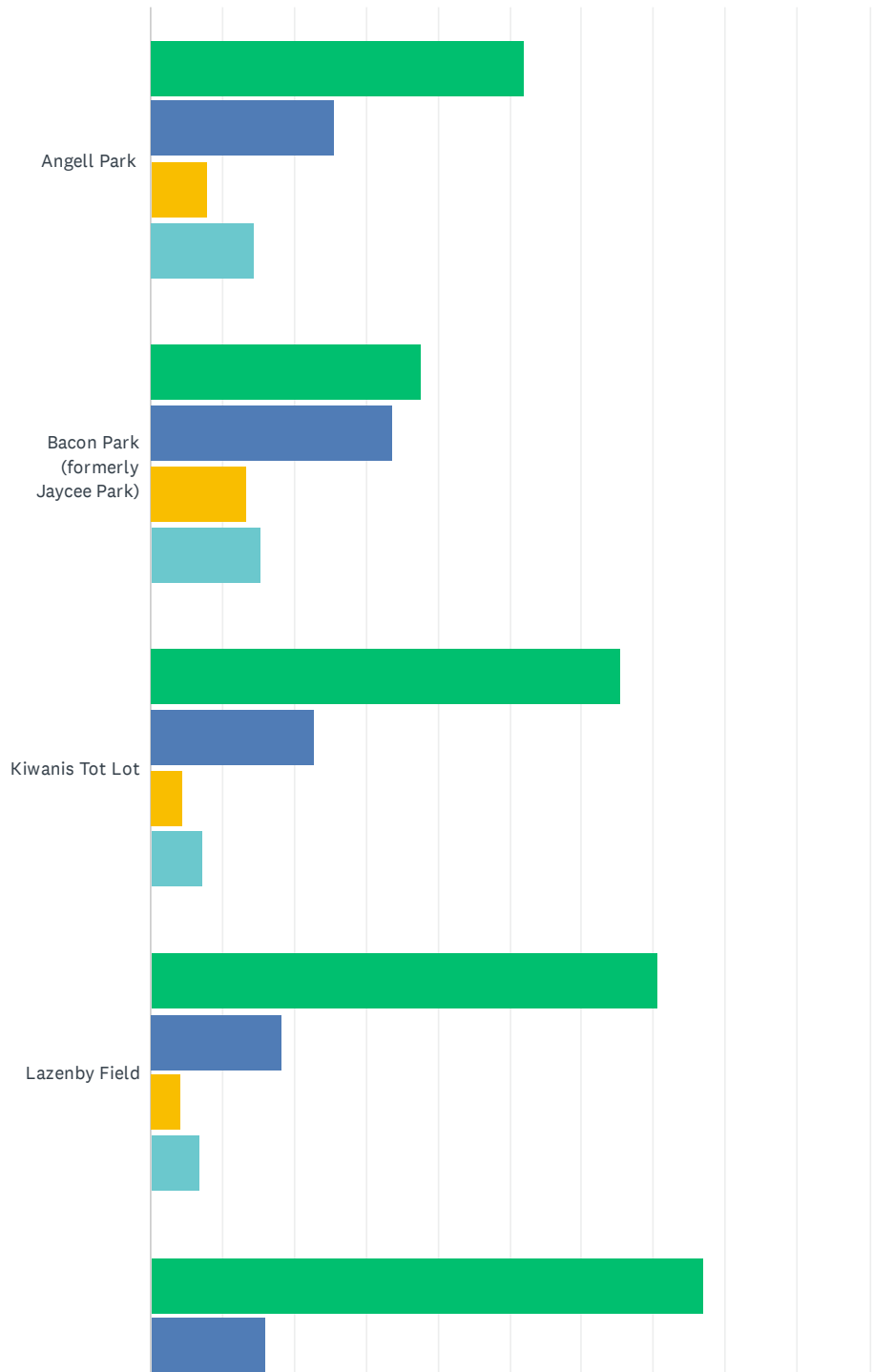
Answered: 484 Skipped: 152



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Facility or activity is not offered	66.32%	321
Inconvenient location	0.83%	4
Poor facility condition	7.85%	38
Insufficient support facilities (e.g. restrooms, parking, drinking fountains, etc.)	4.55%	22
Inconvenient hours of operation	1.86%	9
Programming does not fit my schedule	8.47%	41
Other (please specify)	10.12%	49
TOTAL		484

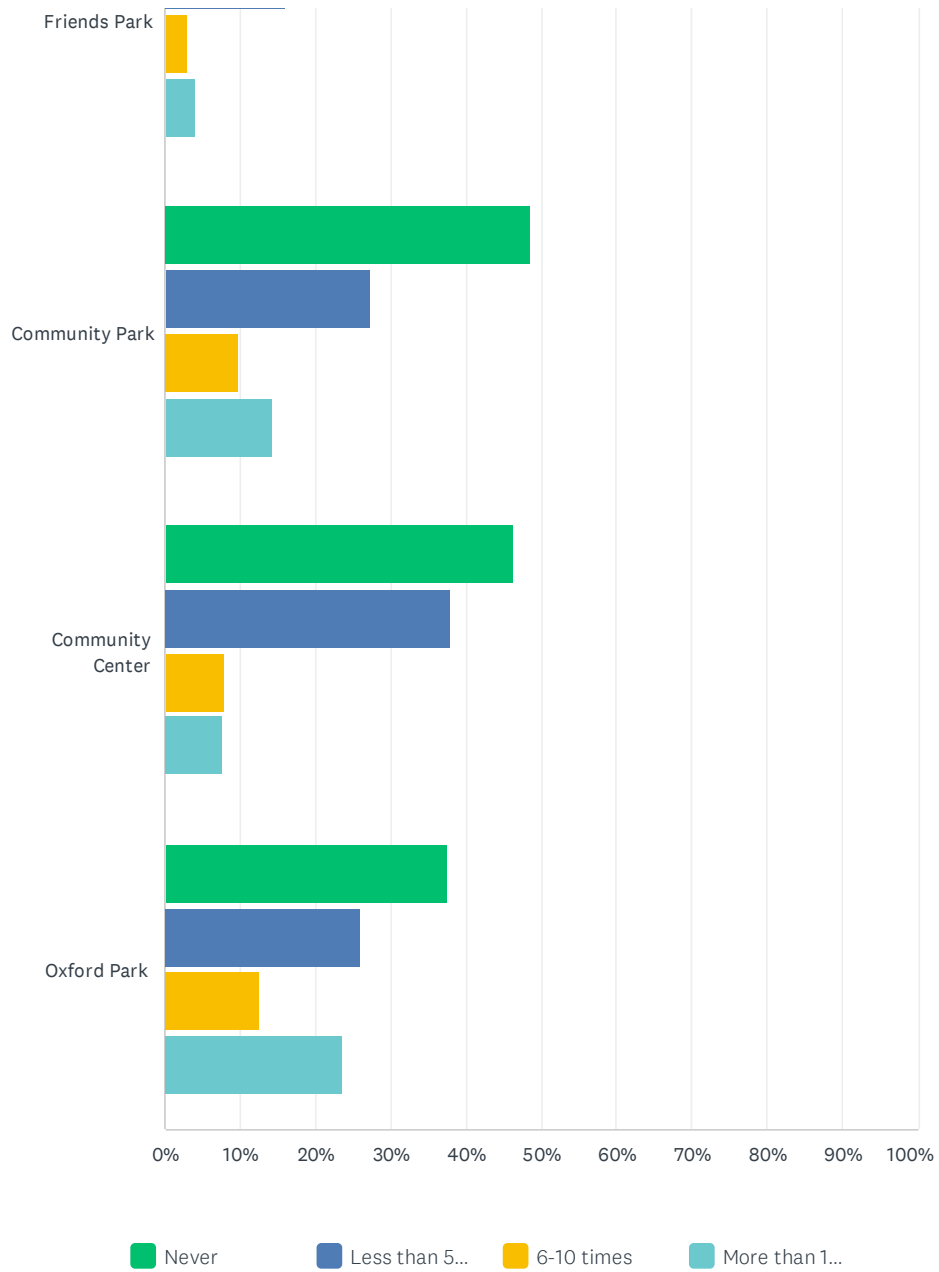
Q9 Within the last 12 months, how often have you visited Berkley parks and recreation facilities?

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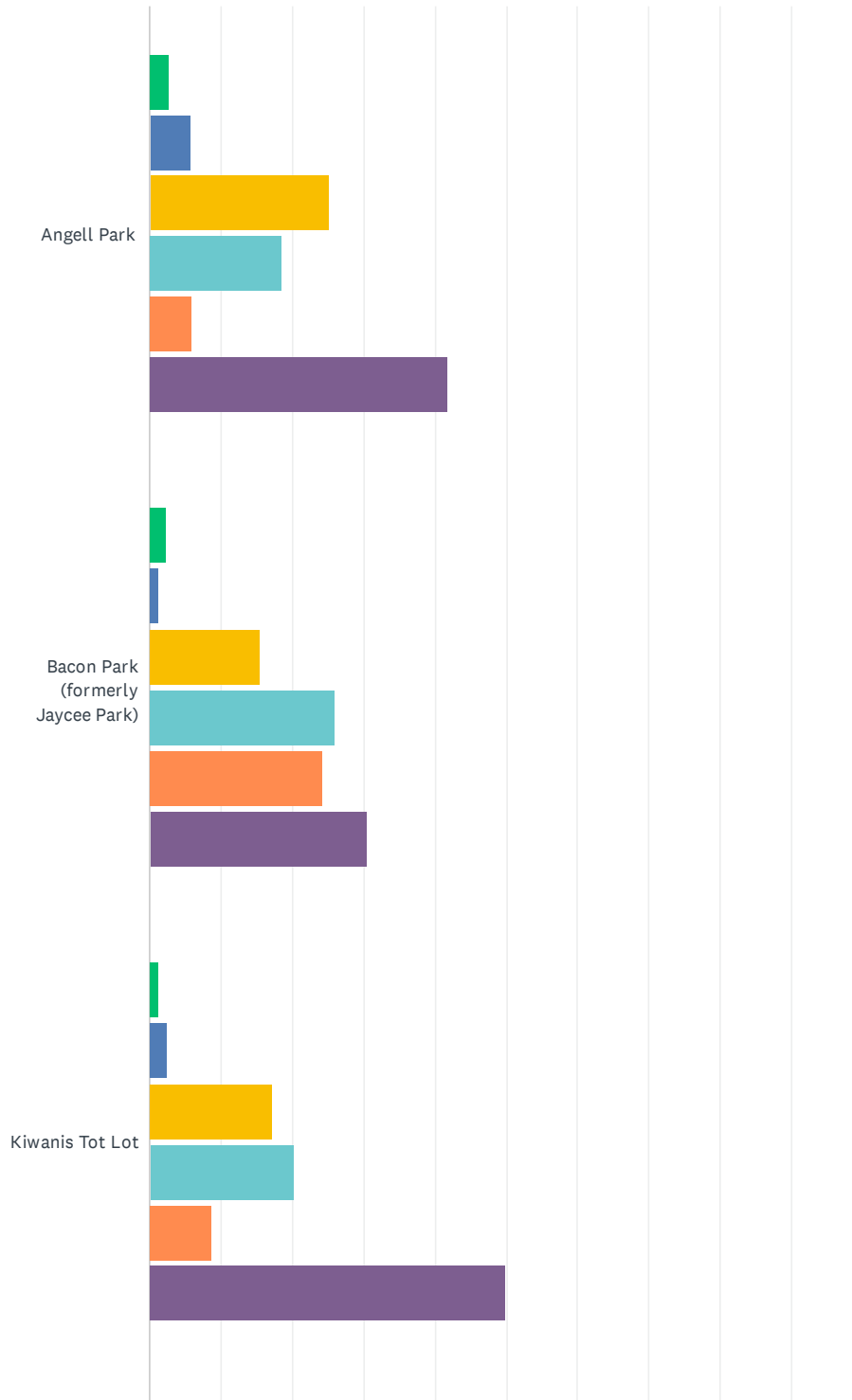
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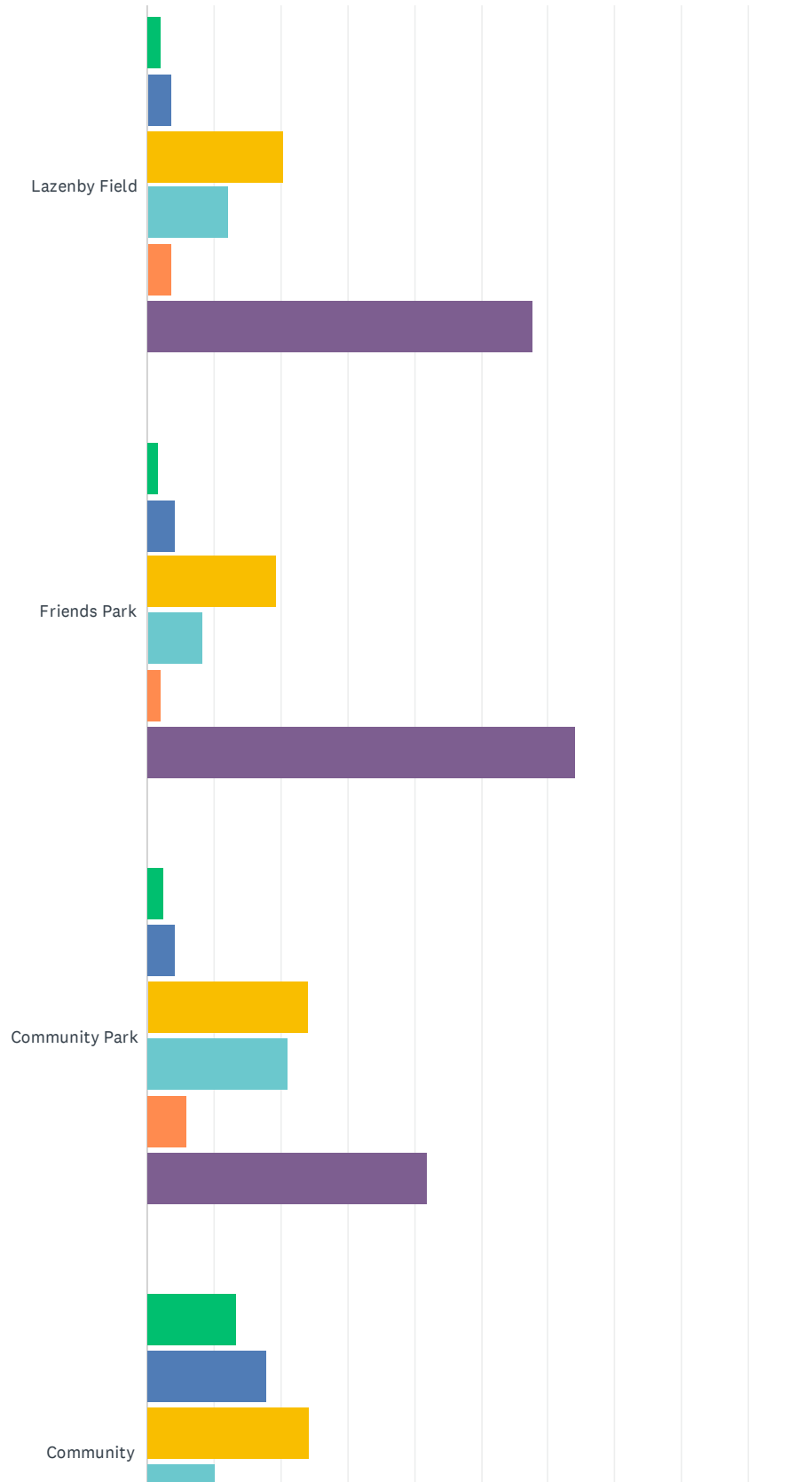
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	NEVER	LESS THAN 5 TIMES	6-10 TIMES	MORE THAN 10 TIMES	TOTAL
Angell Park	52.12% 271	25.58% 133	7.88% 41	14.42% 75	520
Bacon Park (formerly Jaycee Park)	37.64% 195	33.59% 174	13.51% 70	15.25% 79	518
Kiwanis Tot Lot	65.52% 325	22.78% 113	4.44% 22	7.26% 36	496
Lazenby Field	70.61% 346	18.37% 90	4.29% 21	6.73% 33	490
Friends Park	76.95% 384	16.03% 80	3.01% 15	4.01% 20	499
Community Park	48.71% 246	27.33% 138	9.70% 49	14.26% 72	505
Community Center	46.34% 234	38.02% 192	7.92% 40	7.72% 39	505
Oxford Park	37.55% 190	26.09% 132	12.65% 64	23.72% 120	506

Q10 How satisfied are you with Berkley parks and recreation facilities?

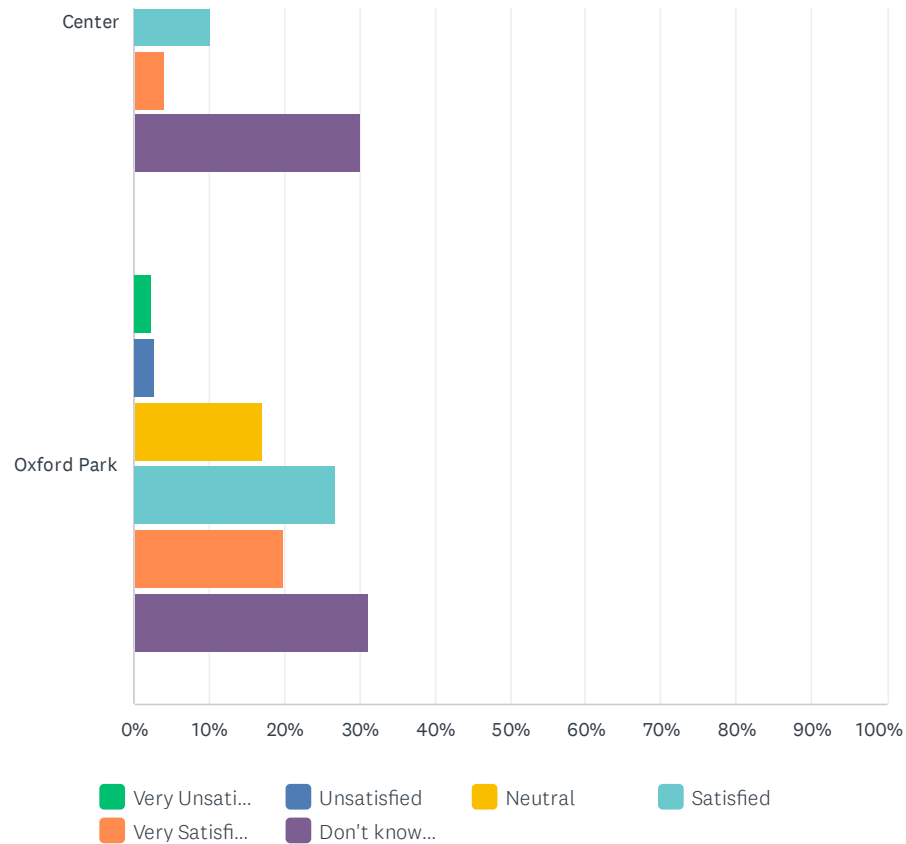
Answered: 543 Skipped: 93





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	VERY UNSATISFIED	UNSATISFIED	NEUTRAL	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	DON'T KNOW/HAVEN'T USED	TOTAL
Angell Park	2.86% 15	5.73% 30	25.19% 132	18.51% 97	5.92% 31	41.79% 219	524
Bacon Park (formerly Jaycee Park)	2.35% 12	1.17% 6	15.66% 80	26.03% 133	24.27% 124	30.53% 156	511
Kiwanis Tot Lot	1.38% 7	2.57% 13	17.19% 87	20.36% 103	8.70% 44	49.80% 252	506
Lazenby Field	2.21% 11	3.61% 18	20.48% 102	12.25% 61	3.61% 18	57.83% 288	498
Friends Park	1.80% 9	4.21% 21	19.44% 97	8.22% 41	2.20% 11	64.13% 320	499
Community Park	2.63% 13	4.25% 21	24.09% 119	21.05% 104	6.07% 30	41.90% 207	494
Community Center	13.41% 68	17.95% 91	24.26% 123	10.26% 52	4.14% 21	29.98% 152	507
Oxford Park	2.36% 12	2.76% 14	17.13% 87	26.77% 136	19.88% 101	31.10% 158	508

Q11 How Berkley could improve their parks and recreation offerings or better meet the community's recreation needs?

Answered: 376 Skipped: 260

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Multi-purpose sports field (i.e., soccer, lacrosse, football). There is already plenty of dedicated baseball/softball fields which cannot be used for any other sports, but there is not a single full sized multi-purpose field on city property. Thousands of kids are playing sports other than baseball and do not have adequate facilities in Berkley to support.	10/19/2025 6:47 PM
2	All parks need some form of sanitary recreation facilities. No one wants to go to a park with kids if there are no restrooms. Oxford Park (whichever one is formerly Merchants) is the only one with restrooms. The ones at the Community ball field have been closed forever.	10/18/2025 6:19 PM
3	Include a dog park	10/18/2025 4:11 PM
4	Would love an updated community center that could offer more programming and be in better condition.	10/18/2025 3:23 PM
5	Nothing. Just keep parks as fields. Don't need to build stuff.	10/18/2025 9:56 AM
6	Get a dog park	10/16/2025 9:30 PM
7	Dog park Swimming pool (like HW and PR have)	10/16/2025 1:02 PM
8	Stop putting in unattractive new play structures. Preserve as much grass, trees, and open space as possible	10/16/2025 1:01 PM
9	Build a community pool	10/16/2025 7:58 AM
10	Add more variety	10/15/2025 2:05 PM
11	More restrooms, better facilities	10/15/2025 12:32 PM
12	Offer more variation - bring back the ice rink and bring a dog park.	10/15/2025 9:12 AM
13	Dog park	10/15/2025 6:52 AM
14	Add more play structures to tot lot	10/15/2025 5:44 AM
15	Please update the Softball fields. The infield needs to be leveled to meet the outfield grass. The infield is higher than the outfield. The chain link fencing around the dugouts and back stops are in poor condition. Backstops are in poor conditions. Lets give the girls a nice field like Community 1. If we have great ball fields to play on, it will make Berkley a destination for sports. Outdoor exercise equipment added to Oxford park. An updated Community Center would greatly enhance the community and provide better recreation opportunities.	10/14/2025 10:06 PM
16	Repair the tennis court nets, lights and cracks at friends park	10/14/2025 5:56 PM
17	More areas with trees.	10/14/2025 9:18 AM
18	Add more restrooms to the parks. I thought restrooms were going to be part of the Bacon park update. Is that still happening? Having restrooms at the Community Center park would also be nice. More maintenance such as mowing, would be nice. A few times, my child played soccer at Lazenby field. It's usually maintained OK but there were a few games where the grass was a little long. This past summer Angell was also very bad and needed to be mowed. It usually isn't that bad, so I'm not sure if that was related to the upcoming construction (or if the school's dropped the ball). If it was the park's responsibility that was disappointing. Keep updating the playgrounds. The new equipment that has been added over the years has been very nice. Also, it would be nice if Oxford could have a basketball court added back in.	10/14/2025 9:04 AM
19	add lines for soccer fields and/or goals add more shade to playgrounds limit how late softball lights stay on	10/13/2025 7:40 PM

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20	I would love a new community center facility and continue to improve the remaining parks	10/12/2025 11:46 PM
21	We really need an improved community center	10/12/2025 9:26 PM
22	By getting a dog park like every other adjacent community has already done.	10/12/2025 5:01 PM
23	Oxford Park suffers from a lack of trees and some drainage issues. Offering a dog park somewhere in the city would be great, especially if it encouraged people to refrain from letting their dogs off leash in all other parks.	10/12/2025 4:48 PM
24	Dog Park	10/12/2025 3:34 PM
25	I'm getting ready to retire so I'd like to see activities offered for seniors like exercise, yoga, book clubs, game days, day trips and other outings. And not all in the mornings, I prefer afternoons and evenings.	10/12/2025 10:41 AM
26	By adding an off leash dog park! :)	10/12/2025 9:46 AM
27	Offer better classes. Don't just think of kid events, adults enjoy activities too.	10/11/2025 3:48 PM
28	Our splash pad is sad compared to Royal Oak's (Normandy). Would be great to improve. Also, we need a dog park.	10/10/2025 5:56 PM
29	We need a dog park	10/10/2025 1:56 PM
30	More indoor fitness class offerings, more organized kid activities, community garden, food truck rallies	10/10/2025 9:57 AM
31	Get out more information about what is being offered	10/10/2025 9:39 AM
32	ICE RINK - BHS HOCKEY OPEN SKATING	10/10/2025 9:35 AM
33	Lack of bathroom facilities are the only issues I've ever had at Berkley parks. I can be difficult to manage with young kids.	10/10/2025 9:07 AM
34	Updates on the community center, programs targeted to entire families or to just kids so parents can get a break (like a "kids night out" program, a pool (wishful thinking).	10/9/2025 10:54 PM
35	We're not all parents, but every thing is geared towards kids	10/9/2025 10:14 PM
36	Events for all ages	10/9/2025 9:49 PM
37	A better community center for indoor offerings, especially in the winter. A community pool.	10/9/2025 9:02 PM
38	More equipment for children under three. More events outside of standard working hours.	10/9/2025 8:10 PM
39	Clean restrooms, more play equipment for toddlers, water filling stations, baby changing areas	10/9/2025 8:10 PM
40	Bathrooms at bacon park, more community events like the current touch a truck, updated community center to be able to have more fitness offerings, lower Pavillion rental fees (especially if there is no bathrooms) more activities at splash pad, fix the grass at Oxford park, a farmers market free of scandal ;), food trucks, more funding to library for activities	10/9/2025 7:15 PM
41	More soccer fields or playing surfaces.	10/9/2025 5:01 PM
42	Bacon park- bathrooms or porta potties. Add more traditional swings (1 is a bad joke). Bring back a sandbox was my son's favorite part of the park. None of our parks have sand boxes is quite sad. Remove or sell the waste of space see saw that moves one inch up and down.	10/9/2025 2:39 PM
43	Bathroom facilities at all parks	10/9/2025 1:18 PM
44	A dog park	10/9/2025 9:14 AM
45	Pool	10/9/2025 5:14 AM
46	New and improved community center would be wonderful.	10/8/2025 10:34 PM
47	More trees and shade, more scheduled activities, sensory gardens, walking paths with fitness markers/activities, community pool, pickle ball courts, rental/reserved picnic shelters	10/8/2025 7:42 PM
48	Build a new Community Center, get rid of the eye soar Community Center we have today. Just look around Metro Detroit for examples. For the neighborhood we live in our Community Center is an embarrassment.	10/8/2025 1:47 PM

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49	I think it's going fine	10/8/2025 12:47 PM
50	More than just baseball fields	10/8/2025 11:58 AM
51	Just take care of them	10/8/2025 9:54 AM
52	Dog oark	10/8/2025 7:22 AM
53	Make a dog park!!	10/8/2025 7:10 AM
54	I feel the site needs to be easier to navigate. Not always the most user friendly. Would be nice to see a new updated community center.	10/7/2025 10:56 PM
55	Offer an off leash dog park	10/7/2025 10:21 PM
56	Dog friendly parks	10/7/2025 7:12 PM
57	1) Add a dog park 2) add a fitness circuit with different stations and challenges.	10/7/2025 7:04 PM
58	Dog park	10/7/2025 6:49 PM
59	Create a dog park	10/7/2025 6:20 PM
60	Dog park	10/7/2025 1:58 PM
61	More benches/seating options in shady areas.	10/7/2025 10:53 AM
62	Has the city considered having a dog park?	10/7/2025 9:29 AM
63	We need a dog park!!	10/6/2025 7:50 PM
64	Offer a dog park	10/6/2025 7:38 PM
65	add dog park and more pickle ball courts at friends lot	10/6/2025 7:00 PM
66	Build a dog park	10/6/2025 6:45 PM
67	Build a new community center and have a city pool!	10/5/2025 11:51 PM
68	Off leash dog park	10/5/2025 9:30 PM
69	A community pool!!!! Dog park!	10/5/2025 6:28 PM
70	More shade, community pool, community gardens, rental facilities for parties and groups	10/5/2025 3:10 PM
71	Be fun	10/5/2025 10:15 AM
72	Install a dog park	10/4/2025 5:37 PM
73	A dedicated soccer space. The SOCS/DCFC South Oakland club offers affordable rec and travel for Berkley kids, but there isn't dedicated green space. SOCS has over 1,200 kids with almost 400 being from Berkley with another 250 from HW. This club continues to grow, has national recognition and feeds BHS soccer program. A top ten program year after year! Historically, Berkley has focused on building a strong baseball presence (6+ fields), soccer has been neglected. It's time for Berkley P&R to support an additional sport.	10/4/2025 3:34 PM
74	Better play equipment and fields. Porta potty or restroom would be nice	10/4/2025 3:13 PM
75	Improve the available greenspace for more uses	10/4/2025 2:03 PM
76	More field space for sports other than baseball	10/4/2025 11:40 AM
77	It would be awesome to have more soccer fields sized for all age groups. Also need the fields to drain well to avoid being water logged/muddy.	10/4/2025 11:30 AM
78	Update facilities, friendly for all ages	10/4/2025 10:45 AM
79	We need more open, multiple fields for soccer, football, rugby and lacrosse.	10/4/2025 8:16 AM
80	You could put them on Google Maps better.	10/3/2025 7:44 PM
81	Put a pavilion with picnic tables at Oxford park.	10/3/2025 4:49 PM
82	Dog Park in Berkley	10/3/2025 1:44 PM

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83	Plant more trees and native plants to make it feel like more of a green space instead of an afterthought grass field. More nature!	10/3/2025 11:32 AM
84	Expand community center	10/2/2025 10:45 PM
85	A dog park And just cleaner and better. Equipment	10/2/2025 7:35 PM
86	Dog park	10/2/2025 7:25 PM
87	Utilize the green space next to the community center, Consider other programming - it's always the same few classes or programs offered	10/2/2025 6:53 PM
88	Really need a new/updated community center with better facilities.	10/2/2025 12:24 PM
89	Dog park	10/2/2025 11:23 AM
90	We need a dog park and a much better community center	10/2/2025 11:14 AM
91	Off leash dog park	10/2/2025 10:45 AM
92	We need a better community center with offerings for older kids - not just toddlers.	10/2/2025 10:39 AM
93	Add an off leash dog park!	10/2/2025 10:11 AM
94	Off the leash dog park and more basketball hoops	10/2/2025 9:40 AM
95	A dog park	10/1/2025 10:03 PM
96	Outdoor ice skating, ping pong tables	10/1/2025 9:40 PM
97	Partner with Berkley School district and Berkley Dad's club to enhance the baseball fields to meet the caliber of surrounding communities. The Community Park ballfields should get a bathroom facility with drinking fountains.	10/1/2025 8:43 PM
98	Improved community center and indoor activities. Bathroom facilities and other activities to engage with outside of playground equipment.	10/1/2025 1:31 PM
99	Dog park. And Some type of park in the under served area boxed by 11 mile woodward 12 mile and coolidge	9/30/2025 10:28 PM
100	Add a dog park Reopen Berkley HS pool to the public	9/30/2025 1:59 PM
101	We need a dog park	9/29/2025 4:36 PM
102	By adding a dog park	9/29/2025 2:22 PM
103	Workout calisthetics parks and dog parks	9/29/2025 11:09 AM
104	More youth activities on weekends (toddler tumbling)	9/29/2025 10:40 AM
105	Consider the neighboring cities and what they have to offer. Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale.	9/29/2025 8:31 AM
106	When my son was younger we used the community center almost weekly for toddler events since he is older now we rarely use the community center. It would be nice to have bigger facilities so we can utilize it more. We often use the Hawk in Farmington Hills and we pay for a membership at the Cranbrook Swim Club in Beverly Hills. It would be nice if we didn't have to go outside of Berkley.	9/28/2025 7:55 PM
107	We need a dog park	9/28/2025 9:47 AM
108	Better communication of what is available. We need a community center but City Council is not communicating what's going on and refuses. City Council doesn't communicate with the public.	9/28/2025 9:29 AM
109	Allow Berkley dogs in berkley parks	9/28/2025 8:40 AM
110	We need a new community center and more activities there. A pool or ice skating rink would be great too.	9/27/2025 7:04 PM
111	Off leash dog park	9/27/2025 6:22 PM
112	We need a dog park!	9/27/2025 11:22 AM
113	Indoor pickleball courts	9/26/2025 8:30 PM

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114	At Oxford Park, nets are needed along the softball fields to protect cars and pedestrians. Lights are needed for the South field and better drainage for both fields. A community center with gym and athletic facilities where the old ice rink was would be amazing and a revenue driver for the city. Reopening the concession stand and bathrooms at Community Park would be a big boost and would also be revenue generating for the city.	9/26/2025 5:03 PM
115	A real park in the space next to Bombshell :)	9/26/2025 5:02 PM
116	Create a dog park	9/26/2025 3:15 PM
117	Have a pool with daytime classes.	9/26/2025 2:41 PM
118	Pick up the garbage and maintain the facilities. I am NOT in favor of an off leash dog park but it would be nice if Berkley offered green space where dogs could be walked ON LEASH.	9/26/2025 12:08 PM
119	add an indoor walking track	9/26/2025 10:35 AM
120	An indoor rec/community center similar to The Hawk or Troy Community Center. An outdoor pool so we could have a summer swim team. Bathrooms with flushing toilets and sink to wash hands (not just port-a-potty) at the parks. Oxford park is nice but our splash pad is disappointing compared to Royal Oak	9/25/2025 10:40 PM
121	Add a dog park!	9/25/2025 8:18 PM
122	More Toddler friendly playgrounds	9/25/2025 8:03 PM
123	Have an off lead dog park	9/25/2025 7:55 PM
124	Offer an off leash dog park	9/25/2025 7:07 PM
125	Dog park	9/25/2025 6:53 PM
126	A new building with more rooms and storage. The big room stores the tables and chairs while the activities (exercise, bingo, trivia, etc) takes place around them. The staff does an incredible job with the very limited resources and poor facilities.	9/25/2025 1:28 PM
127	Should consider getting a bicycle pump track. Should consider getting a rock or boulder trail to challenge walking and climbing skills. The uneven terrain increases or maintains mobility. I know everyone is worried about risk management but being challenged with some risks is important to our development and evolution.	9/25/2025 11:55 AM
128	More things for adults only.	9/25/2025 10:03 AM
129	Dog park!!	9/25/2025 8:12 AM
130	Need to have a dog park.	9/25/2025 8:01 AM
131	I would love for Berkley to invest in a community pool!	9/24/2025 9:03 PM
132	More activities during weekends.	9/24/2025 8:42 PM
133	Dog park and more pickleball and tennis courts, more trails for dogs on leash would be nice too!	9/24/2025 7:51 PM
134	Add a dog park	9/24/2025 7:06 PM
135	Add a dog Park	9/24/2025 6:55 PM
136	Berkley could use a dog park	9/24/2025 6:53 PM
137	We need a dog park	9/24/2025 6:47 PM
138	I really appreciate that we have a community center. I've enjoyed classes and events there. I really wish we were able to approve funding because our center isn't as nice as it could be.	9/24/2025 4:32 PM
139	Improved community center, more programming options	9/24/2025 2:52 PM
140	I don't even know where most of the parks are located. I saw an announcement about pumpkin signs to be colored and placed at Oxford park & a movie night there. That sounds fun. As an older adult, I like being able to join in on a mixed group of parents and kids as they are fun to watch and encourage.	9/24/2025 2:37 PM

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141	Make a dog park	9/24/2025 11:57 AM
142	off leash dog park	9/24/2025 11:20 AM
143	Have more seating at the splash pad and create reasons for family's to stay. Offer more children's activities outside of 9-5	9/23/2025 9:42 PM
144	Dog Park	9/23/2025 9:11 PM
145	Add a dog park	9/23/2025 6:26 PM
146	Organized Travel club for trips, like cruises or special destinations involving overnight stays. Public meeting rooms for community organizations...rental free for non-profits. Updated kitchen facilities.	9/23/2025 4:27 PM
147	Dog park and swimming pool!	9/23/2025 2:51 PM
148	I would love more green space with trees/shade	9/23/2025 2:47 PM
149	Would love a dog park	9/23/2025 1:45 PM
150	New variety of senior programs. More seats to go to events. Seems like seats always go to same people.	9/23/2025 12:19 PM
151	Oxford Park needs more shade/trees. Community Center needs to be bigger. Update playgrounds or add additional structures at some of the parks. Satisfied with Bacon Park- need more playgrounds like that.	9/23/2025 11:56 AM
152	Outdoor swimming pool	9/23/2025 8:22 AM
153	The parks are fine. The community center is in very poor condition. I look at other cities that are able to offer a variety of programming, basic workout equipment, a place for rec sports, and wish we had that available at our space.	9/23/2025 7:53 AM
154	I would love it if Berkley would incorporate more native plants and trees (oak tree, asters, golden rod) to attract more wild life. My family loves birds and we would love to see a bigger variety in Berkley!	9/23/2025 7:11 AM
155	Fences, bathroom facilities, shaded areas	9/23/2025 6:12 AM
156	Evening fitness for those who work in the day.	9/22/2025 10:11 PM
157	Add a dog park	9/22/2025 9:14 PM
158	We need so much. Dog park! Updated facilities at all parks! Clean port a potties. A real community center. Would love it if the ice rink came back or if we made an outdoor rink. Better parks and rec programming.	9/22/2025 7:15 PM
159	BUILD A DOG PARK	9/22/2025 7:07 PM
160	Build a dog park	9/22/2025 7:05 PM
161	A dog park please!	9/22/2025 7:01 PM
162	Offer a dog park	9/22/2025 6:54 PM
163	A dog park or dog run would be nice	9/22/2025 6:34 PM
164	Let Berkley families have first priority on summer camps	9/22/2025 3:22 PM
165	We would love more sports & fitness programs for adults and kids, nature programming, arts and crafts, and an increased summer camp program with the ability for weekly camps.	9/22/2025 1:33 PM
166	There are many volunteer groups that would love to partner with parks and recreation to make events possible. Volunteers are hard to find :) so utilizing the long time groups would be beneficial to the entire community.	9/22/2025 12:41 PM
167	Dog Park would be a game changer for our community! I'd also love to see a disc golf course added to one of our parks/fields.	9/22/2025 12:22 PM
168	community pool - indoor and outdoor	9/22/2025 12:01 PM
169	More programming options. Updated community center.	9/22/2025 9:55 AM

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170	The ultimate goal to figure out what the replacement will be for the community center that would resemble a recreation center including office space for multipurpose use. There also needs to be a blend of vocable green spaces while still trying to expand the number of fields and keep them within the city of Berkeley's Borders.	9/21/2025 11:02 PM
171	Off leash dog park	9/21/2025 9:27 PM
172	A lot of the parks, Oxford comes to mind, need more shade, trees and places to sit	9/21/2025 5:14 PM
173	I'm sure I will think of something after I finish the survey.	9/21/2025 5:08 PM
174	More natural landscaping for nature walks.	9/21/2025 12:37 AM
175	Dog park	9/20/2025 11:48 PM
176	Offer more toddler parks that are shaded and fenced in. Bathrooms for the parks.	9/20/2025 4:18 PM
177	Splash pad open at least 2 weeks into Sept. Fund raise money for dog park for field behind community center or Oxford park. Adding pickle ball courts Plant more trees in Orxford Park. No shade	9/20/2025 12:33 PM
178	At oarks, offer year-round bathrooms, a fountain made specifically for water bottle refills (like at Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge, and offer an electric power source at the Bacon Park Pavilion.	9/20/2025 11:53 AM
179	Not sure, sorry.	9/20/2025 11:07 AM
180	We need a pool!!! Do something with rec center. It was bad enough losing the ice arena and getting nothing back	9/20/2025 9:42 AM
181	We should have a community pool. Why do we give Huntington woods access to our schools, sports, and they give us nothing.	9/20/2025 9:33 AM
182	The community center needs to be updated	9/20/2025 9:20 AM
183	Update community center to be on par with neighboring cities community centers, such as Royal Oak and Huntington Woods. They both have updated indoor spaces to host community and private events such as birthday parties.	9/20/2025 7:40 AM
184	Foam padding at splash park, more water squirters/toys, bike and walking trails	9/20/2025 6:39 AM
185	Build a pool	9/20/2025 6:33 AM
186	Add a community pool or negotiate with Huntington Woods to allow paid access to their pool since we provide them access to our schools.	9/20/2025 6:23 AM
187	Indoor pool. Work with Berkley Schools to reopen high school pool. If teardown of existing community center not an option, redo/update the inside. Add an electrical power plug option for rentals of the Bacon Pavilion.	9/19/2025 8:16 PM
188	Have more music events in the summer, and definitely have a farmer's market every week in the summer months!!!!	9/19/2025 6:30 PM
189	Not friendly toward ALL ethnic groups,	9/19/2025 4:55 PM
190	Upgrade the community center or replace it with something comparable. The proposals in the past have been to grandious for a smaller city.	9/19/2025 2:56 PM
191	Upgrade the community center area to support a larger array of activities including swimming, gym, and other sports activities.	9/19/2025 1:36 PM
192	I partake of the senior exercise program (yay Pamela). We could use chairs more conducive to our routines. The current "bucket" chairs are not made for chair exercises. Not good for posture, correct form for what we do. Usually 20-30 regular participants. No need to replace all the chairs just enough for class. Need flat wide seat and flat back for optimal benefit.	9/19/2025 12:50 PM
193	Add a swimming pool. Add a hot tub. Be more like Huntington Woods.	9/19/2025 12:37 PM
194	More types of recreational activities, especially for toddlers, and more options for days of week/times	9/19/2025 11:14 AM
195	We need a dog park. We also need people in office that know what they are doing, not just	9/19/2025 7:57 AM

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hanging out for a free paycheck. Please don't take after Berkley Schools, they can't even build a lunch room at Angell, very dumb board members. I will tell you it does not cost anywhere near 17 million for a community center, that's dumb !!!

196	We need a new rec center and city building, the cardboard or whatever it is on the outside of city hall is straight up embarrassing. You can't ask people to come spend money in your city for development and have that building greet them. We need more young families to stay instead of "grow out" of Berkley. A new community center and pool would help that tremendously.	9/19/2025 6:49 AM
197	More shade at the tot lot park, the slides were often burning hot, also rubberized flooring is helpful.	9/19/2025 6:44 AM
198	More trees!	9/19/2025 6:33 AM
199	Utilizing the community center land for a farmers market, gathering spaces , community pool, etc.	9/19/2025 6:26 AM
200	We love Berkely parks and rec - from the parks to programming. More movies in the park would be nice	9/19/2025 3:57 AM
201	Update the facilities, have more kids programming, something like what HW rec center provides	9/18/2025 11:41 PM
202	We need a new community center or to expand it with that empty field. It needs to reflect our expanding community and top notch schools. I voted for it the first time. We envy Huntington Woods Pool and have heard they have better equipment and space for gymnastics. I'd personally like an indoor running track. We end up at a lot of different community centers to get what we need, but we love Berkley! The community center park is closest to us and what a disappointment they didn't include swings or a slide easily accessible to small children. The Oxford Park, despite the small splash pad, was designed much better to accommodate all different ages. I'd also like to see more rental shelters.	9/18/2025 11:31 PM
203	trails	9/18/2025 8:57 PM
204	Shade and paved flat pathways for Seniors to walk and/or push strollers	9/18/2025 8:19 PM
205	I'm looking for an adult lap swim	9/18/2025 6:34 PM
206	More organized sr activities. Other cities of comparable population have large variety of choices every day. Upgrade community center	9/18/2025 3:46 PM
207	Jaycee / bacon had a huge improvement wishing Oxford was done better. Community center needs work, wishing the kids center was there again our older daughter love it as a kid and son would benefit from a youth center	9/18/2025 11:25 AM
208	Open the bathrooms at Community Park in the summer. New sand at Community Park sandbox.	9/18/2025 10:54 AM
209	Pavilions at the community center for use with tables to be available for rent for community members.	9/18/2025 9:35 AM
210	Bathrooms and water fountains!! Look at Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve for a FANTASTIC example of what can work year round. We appreciate the porta potties at least but goodness when we have 4 kids under 6 it would be wonderful to manage a potty break without having to bring my own kiddie potty. Give some attention to Friends Park. Consider putting some programming together to link up seniors and toddlers. Oxford Towers (Friends Park) would be an incredible place to have "Old and Young" hours where the tots can play and there is seating/coffee/cozy blankets for the elderly to enjoy them.	9/18/2025 9:32 AM
211	Bathrooms at major parks like Bacon would be super nice. Also something like a skating rink or additional splash pad would be nice.	9/18/2025 9:28 AM
212	The park by the community center used to be our go to park as it was walkable. Now no one ever wants to use it. Making it only accessible while climbing was not very fun for kids. The splash pad is very lacking compared to other communities, And Bacon park is exceptionally nice for older kids but not much for young siblings.	9/18/2025 9:27 AM
213	Restrooms at bacon park, better up keep of current facilities	9/18/2025 9:20 AM

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214	Swimming oool	9/18/2025 9:19 AM
215	The parks need more outdoor facilities. Too many times kids have to leave the park to use the bathroom or get water because none is available at any park other than Oxford. The community center is a joke in comparison to Huntington Woods. We need more from our parks department, how often are people from the parks department checking on the equipment at these parks?	9/18/2025 9:05 AM
216	I don't know the names of all of the parks. I walk a great deal and go through various parks. A nice community center is the amenity the city is lacking most.	9/18/2025 7:55 AM
217	We need an excellent community center to host regular programs and events. The ballot measure failed a few updates ago, so a better campaign needs to be conducted.	9/17/2025 9:54 PM
218	More things for not just kids or senior citizens...most stuff is aimed at one or the other and the Middle Ages are left out	9/17/2025 9:42 PM
219	More park facilities with toddler-friendly usable things.	9/17/2025 9:24 PM
220	Updated facility and larger variety of offerings	9/17/2025 7:49 PM
221	Fit Park(s)! Free, outdoor workout space(s) with permanent fitness systems open to public use. And definitely not able to be taken over by any organized sports (basketball, hockey, and the like)! How about converting	9/17/2025 3:55 PM
222	Our Community Center facility desperately needs an upgrade. I believe more people would come to our great programs if the Community Center building felt more inviting and less decrepit!	9/17/2025 3:52 PM
223	Forested walking path. This would offer a scene of interest for seniors who need to restore health through walking	9/17/2025 3:31 PM
224	More summer youth camps, more youth activities - especially preschool activities that aren't during the workday, better grounds maintenance (Lazenby and Oxford), nicer community center	9/17/2025 2:38 PM
225	Lazenby field could be updated and maybe the western end could be used for other activities when the baseball field is not in use. Soccer maybe?	9/17/2025 12:14 PM
226	Dog park,more welded trails	9/17/2025 11:50 AM
227	Get a pool or ice rink. I took tai chi and the room was disgustingly old and appeared dirty, didn't want to be there. Upgrade facilities to be clean and welcoming.	9/16/2025 10:42 PM
228	more family friendly activities that may be on a Sunday	9/16/2025 10:08 PM
229	The community center building is inadequate for a community of our size and leaves a lot to be desired.	9/16/2025 10:08 PM
230	Make updates to the Community Center by upgrading the bathrooms!!! Purchase new furniture for the Senior Room; the upholstered chairs are terribly stained. A coat of fresh paint to all interior walls would help to freshen up the place.	9/16/2025 8:42 PM
231	Community garden	9/16/2025 8:32 PM
232	Offer community pool	9/16/2025 7:23 PM
233	More focus on fitness.	9/16/2025 6:37 PM
234	More shaded gathering spots (pavilions or tables with umbrellas) at parks, broader scheduling for exercise and enrichment programs to accommodate working parents. Would be nice to have a good workout facility, but classes would be a good start. Offer kids classes at the same time/same facility as adult classes so parents can start their kids off, take their own class, and then pick up.	9/16/2025 6:37 PM
235	Convert residential properties for sale to make more sports practice fields available for soccer. Offer more comprehensive recreational programs in evenings for working families. Right now it feels like there are little to no offerings for working adults. We also need better facilities to support these offerings, but we can start by offering more programs. Partner with Berkley Schools to use their facilities in evenings and weekends to have open spaces for programs. The school district and the city Parks and Recreation programs should work together rather than feel like they barely acknowledge each other.	9/16/2025 6:36 PM

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236	I have been to the parks in my area when grandkids visit and they are fine. The Community Center building is in serious need of updating, not a multi-million dollar project like was proposed several years ago but something needs to be done for sure	9/16/2025 6:11 PM
237	A new recreation center and pool! Put it to a vote. It's been 10 years.	9/16/2025 6:01 PM
238	Better facilities.	9/16/2025 4:13 PM
239	A better community center that is up to date and has room for more than one thing to happen at a time. Additional parks to meet our city's needs for common spaces	9/16/2025 3:39 PM
240	it would be nice to have some outdoor exercise equipment for adults (ie. pull up bars, push-up/dip station, balance beam, parallel bars) to use so we could do more than just walk as exercise.	9/16/2025 3:32 PM
241	Create more spaces for dogs in the parks. Many parks outright disallow dogs, I can't take my dog to the parks closest to me. I have options that are in Royal Oak that end up being less of a walk. Create areas in parks like dog runs or agility courses to cater to the many dogs in Berkley.	9/16/2025 2:05 PM
242	Give us a parks & recreation department that has basketball, pool, meeting rooms, etc. not a dilapidated building	9/16/2025 1:48 PM
243	Community workout equipment	9/16/2025 1:39 PM
244	The City needs a new community center. I will not attend events there. The facilities are not welcoming, are outdated and are in need of repair.	9/16/2025 11:49 AM
245	Programs for seniors who aren't retired - that don't take place in the middle of the day.	9/16/2025 11:33 AM
246	I would like to see a community pool in Berkley similar to the one in Huntington Woods	9/16/2025 11:19 AM
247	Pool, dog park, better classes/activities for over 55 crowd	9/16/2025 11:09 AM
248	It's not just Berkley but other cities rec departments that they get new facilities or update parks and then do not do the appropriate upkeep and maintenance. Does Berkley have a facilities manager?	9/16/2025 9:48 AM
249	There is a park in Rochester that's called Innovation Park. They did it right. Berkley could incorporate some of those ideas into making a beautiful fun park.	9/16/2025 9:19 AM
250	Would love to have a dog park! Or a shared park with a fence that doesn't ban dogs outright	9/16/2025 8:04 AM
251	Better landscaping to integrate into the neighborhood. A dog park.	9/16/2025 7:44 AM
252	By having a community pool offering more yoga classes, especially for senior	9/16/2025 7:42 AM
253	Ice arena	9/16/2025 6:07 AM
254	Access to a community pool.	9/15/2025 11:06 PM
255	Up date them	9/15/2025 10:11 PM
256	Needs classes for adults & seniors that don't seem "old". If the comm. Ctr can't hold classes then a shared space in any school could satisfy. How bout swim aerobics at the high school, off season of course. Some art classes, more yoga, tai chi, stretching.	9/15/2025 10:04 PM
257	Brought my 2 year old grandson to the parks I took my kids to. There was little he could do at the parks, where as my kids were able to find things to play on at that age.	9/15/2025 9:05 PM
258	More variety geared to adults	9/15/2025 8:58 PM
259	The area that was the old ice rink should become a pavilion or amphitheater to be used for true farmers markets and concerts in the park. It could also be used for 21+ festivals that could have music and drinks or to be used as a beer garden.	9/15/2025 8:54 PM
260	I would love a better community center with maybe fitness facilities.	9/15/2025 8:47 PM
261	Have no input. We have what we need	9/15/2025 8:16 PM
262	Outdoor adult workout station like the one in Beverly Hills Village Park. Preferred location and viability at Oxford Park.	9/15/2025 8:06 PM

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263	Build a new Parks & Rec. center (I know it will not happen in my lifetime, but would be nice). Since I haven't seen a parks and rec catalog, I don't know what I'm missing.	9/15/2025 7:59 PM
264	Pickleball courts, roads that are smooth, so people can ride their bikes without blowing a tire, allow people to use a track instead of locking the gates all the time	9/15/2025 7:51 PM
265	Offering more programming for adults on weekends would be fantastic. I love the idea of attending the nights out and pub crawl events, but being on Thursdays means it's impossible for me to attend - I work til 5:30 or 6 in the evening and start around 7:30, so weekend evenings are really when I get to go out.	9/15/2025 7:28 PM
266	We need a better community center. We can't attract good programs or good participants in those programs because the facility is so bad.	9/15/2025 7:07 PM
267	Offer more attractive events	9/15/2025 7:05 PM
268	Do nothing	9/15/2025 6:49 PM
269	Offer more adult programming options	9/15/2025 6:41 PM
270	I wish there were small parks that I could take my grandchildren to swing, slide and climb	9/15/2025 6:38 PM
271	Berkley needs a full size 6-8 lane indoor/outdoor pool at the vacant lot behind the community center. Tear down the community ctr and start over.	9/15/2025 6:19 PM
272	A park/playground is needed East of Coolidge	9/15/2025 6:03 PM
273	You guys need a new community center and it would be great if it had a fitness center that you could charge membership for	9/15/2025 5:48 PM
274	Better rec center, pickle ball courts, swimming pool, track etc	9/15/2025 5:46 PM
275	Expand/update community center bldg. Build a community outdoor swimming pool.	9/15/2025 5:25 PM
276	Better trails, improved recenter, outdoor pool, dog park. I think the open spaces between community fields is a waste in its current layout. How about more tables and shade trees at Oxford park. How about a permanent restroom at community park. Do something with old parking lot at community center. Quit making a bump site for leaves, snow compost etc.	9/15/2025 5:25 PM
277	concerts in the various parks. Card or board games in the parks. Art in the parks.	9/15/2025 5:15 PM
278	Provide swimming opportunities in cooperation with BHS/BSD or build a community pool/fitness complex.	9/15/2025 4:47 PM
279	Offer more things than sports or playground	9/15/2025 4:27 PM
280	Build real pickleball courts, have family swimming events at the high school, and Get a new community center on the ballot.	9/15/2025 4:27 PM
281	Some sort of bike paths?	9/15/2025 4:18 PM
282	Better upkeep, outdoor fitness center like Royal Oak has. Fix tennis courts and get more shade at the playgrounds for the kids.	9/15/2025 4:04 PM
283	I think Berkley does a great job! My son enjoys going to our parks. The only thing I would request is more shade at some of the playgrounds	9/15/2025 3:24 PM
284	A new community center.	9/15/2025 3:17 PM
285	Offer something to do at the community center.	9/15/2025 2:59 PM
286	Ice rink	9/15/2025 2:53 PM
287	email communications highlighting offerings	9/15/2025 2:51 PM
288	A pool for the kids would be nice even if there was a fee.	9/15/2025 2:43 PM
289	Swimming pool and availability to work out e excise somewhere for those with disabilities.	9/15/2025 2:43 PM
290	More seating.	9/15/2025 2:29 PM
291	Allowing dogs in parks on leash. I'd love to walk through the parks with my dog, and with proper signage for leash requirements and picking up after your dogs, it shouldn't have a	9/15/2025 2:26 PM

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	negative impact on the parks.	
292	More programs for seniors at various times	9/15/2025 2:24 PM
293	More trees	9/15/2025 1:59 PM
294	Shade in parks especially by equipment	9/15/2025 1:48 PM
295	The need for indoor facilities (rec center) that could be used by the community is huge. Open gyms for sports of choice would be wonderful. Also a spot for sand volleyball would be a nice addition.	9/15/2025 1:38 PM
296	Spend the money on lousy residential streets	9/15/2025 1:22 PM
297	We need a new facility. Would love if the community would support this	9/15/2025 1:20 PM
298	Overall, the parks & rec do an exceptional job. The DBA too. It would be great if we had more fields for football and lacrosse. All we have are baseball diamonds all over the place. I really wish we had a pool like Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge.	9/15/2025 1:12 PM
299	Need better equipment and older teenagers behavior in our parks needs more monitoring	9/15/2025 1:06 PM
300	More arts and crafts offerings for adults. More weekend options for adult classes (yoga, tai chi, arts and crafts).	9/15/2025 1:02 PM
301	Community center that attracts activity like that in Huntington Woods	9/15/2025 12:56 PM
302	More "fitness" trails	9/15/2025 12:48 PM
303	Expand the community centre to provide more square footage in a two storey complex with a dedicated fitness room, yoga studio, indoor pool that we can use year round. The building is ancient and has next to no facilities. I'd love an art/craft room for lessons or some kind of activities for adult learning like Troy and others have. We don't have a pool like Huntington Woods, which is a third our size. There is no indoor pool nearby. The high school doesn't count! It's not accessible to the general community. Outdoor facilities are not useable 8 months out of the year. Can we please invest in a community centre with multiple fitness options like a YMCA? Look at 95th Street YMCA in Naperville, Illinois for a great example of an indoor pool, fitness and social spaces. Please don't use the space where the rink was for yet another rink or soccer field. We need indoor space for year round use badly!	9/15/2025 12:37 PM
304	Perhaps make a cooperative deal with the schools to use the pool at the HS for open swim, lap swimming and/or organized water fitness.	9/15/2025 12:37 PM
305	Restrooms at some of the parks, i.e. the ones with picnic pavillions.	9/15/2025 12:31 PM
306	parks need more water fountains, garbage cans, and restrooms.	9/15/2025 12:22 PM
307	New Community center and pool!	9/15/2025 12:17 PM
308	Find ways to make the community center more of a centerpiece for community recreation activities	9/15/2025 12:11 PM
309	I think we missed the boat not approving a pool. we also have enough space to offer putt putt golf, a golf range, and create a summer programming space.	9/15/2025 12:06 PM
310	More soccer specific options, restroom and water refill stations.	9/15/2025 12:06 PM
311	Have usable bathrooms, or much more frequently cared for porta-potties, especially at places like Community Park/ballfields, Lazenby, and Angell Park.	9/15/2025 12:01 PM
312	-permanent bathroom facilities at Community Park like the ones at Oxford Park -more adult continuing education programs (cooking classes, etc.) -more police presence at the parks, there are issues with homeless people sleeping in the parks and issues with graffiti	9/15/2025 11:57 AM
313	Communicate more with the Berkley residents on what you offer. It seems like everything else in the city government does what they want and not listen. Sad.	9/15/2025 11:56 AM
314	We need a pool/waterpark/rec center like Huntington Woods!	9/15/2025 11:50 AM
315	Year round bathrooms and drinking fountains	9/15/2025 11:48 AM
316	We need a new community center that has a REASONABLE cost and tax impact. Would love	9/15/2025 11:48 AM

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	to see a good walking path or more activities for people without kids	
317	Nothing	9/15/2025 11:46 AM
318	Very long trails in parks, maybe even have the trails connect with each other	9/15/2025 11:45 AM
319	New community center	9/15/2025 11:40 AM
320	Provide more fitness programs that accommodate a range of ages (i.e. yoga, pilates, etc.)	9/15/2025 11:39 AM
321	TRAFFIC CONTROL. NOT SAFE FOR KIDS TO GET TO PARK. STOP SIGNS ARE JUST A SUGGESTION. THERE IS NO SPEED LIMIT ON OUR ROADS. BIKING IS HAZARDOUS. DO SOMETHING	9/15/2025 11:39 AM
322	Better balance of programming that is offered.	9/15/2025 11:37 AM
323	Basketball courts would be much appreciated. Bathroom use very helpful. More programs	9/15/2025 11:34 AM
324	We use to live near Oxford Park where there are so many park options for the kids. We know live on the east side of Coolidge and the number of parks is limited.	9/15/2025 11:33 AM
325	It would be amazing to have a community pool	9/15/2025 11:32 AM
326	Bathrooms in the parks.	9/15/2025 11:31 AM
327	Offer more activities for Seniors	9/15/2025 11:31 AM
328	tbh it would help if addresses were next to the parks, 35+ yrs and I still am not sure which park name goes to which park... just food for thought & some or at least one park had a name change...	9/15/2025 11:30 AM
329	More updated parks, walking trails like Normandy Oaks or Catalpa Oaks. Nature Trails, Senior activities	9/15/2025 11:29 AM
330	Personally, I think the city was a great job with the events that I have attended. I will have to make an effort to get more involved with activities held in the parks/fields/community center.	9/15/2025 11:29 AM
331	Another splash pad!	9/15/2025 11:28 AM
332	I noticed that some parks do not have restroom facilities.	9/15/2025 11:27 AM
333	Not sure	9/15/2025 11:26 AM
334	We need an update to the city's facility. It is woefully outdated and does not reflect the talented employees and opportunities available in Berkley.	9/15/2025 11:26 AM
335	More shaded areas around the playground equipment. More trees at Oxford Park.	9/15/2025 11:26 AM
336	All good	9/15/2025 11:25 AM
337	Offer a larger indoor rec center	9/15/2025 11:25 AM
338	dogs parks, a community swimming pool, community gym/work out facilities	9/15/2025 11:25 AM
339	more programs for old people	9/15/2025 11:25 AM
340	invest in the facilities! Put restrooms at Jaycee - run better programming - see previous comment	9/15/2025 11:22 AM
341	Make parks more inviting and community oriented. For instance, small pavilion where rink was for plays and concerts. Oxford park area misses the target without tree lined walkways and some garden. There is a lot that could be done to make parks a destination point. The community is dense, having a place to comfortably relax and enjoy nature would go a long way in attracting and keeping residents.	9/15/2025 11:20 AM
342	Need new Rec Center and pool.	9/15/2025 11:19 AM
343	Angell is closed for far too long for the construction project. The community center has been neglected for far too long due to indecision and lack of leadership. Splash pads are nice, but we need access to a pool. Either build our own or get a fee-use arrangement with OP or HW. We could be more creative with the rec offerings. Why not partner with the Library to list their offerings, too? Do joint offerings with the neighboring communities.	9/15/2025 11:18 AM

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344	More pickleball courts, community outdoor pool	9/15/2025 11:17 AM
345	A modern community center.	9/15/2025 11:17 AM
346	Bigger splash pad	9/15/2025 11:15 AM
347	Community pool!!!! Tons of families use aqua tots because of the lack of a community pool. If berkley had a community pool, we'd be there every day! More trees at oxford park, please! I would love to see nature programs for toddlers and kids. Pollinator gardens/rain gardens in the parks would help with erosion and are very low maintenance! It's nice to get out since our yard is so small so we use the parks multiple times a week no matter the season. A community program/berkley family fair would be amazing to learn about offerings! I feel like i often get notice of the program guide after programs have already started and would like to be able to register for them in advance.	9/14/2025 7:47 AM
348	Community center is not inviting. Unknown about events or what activities are available there. Wish the farmers market was hosted at a more accessible time, weekend preferred. More small live music opportunities outside would be great. Love the art bash and street art festival and the garden walk.	9/14/2025 3:56 AM
349	There's either extremely rude unmonitored teens or no one at the park at all	9/13/2025 11:56 PM
350	Do not allow the school board to have a say in our baseball fields. The field being locked does not allow me to use it when I want with my family!	9/13/2025 11:30 PM
351	More shade areas.	9/13/2025 9:02 PM
352	We are content with the offerings. There are a lot of different park options within walking distance that are for varying age ranges.	9/13/2025 12:57 PM
353	More and different programming. Ask residents what they're looking for.	9/13/2025 12:11 PM
354	Community Center needs updates, satisfied with outdoor spaces	9/13/2025 11:35 AM
355	Constructing restroom facilities at Bacon Park and fixing Webster Road	9/13/2025 10:44 AM
356	None	9/13/2025 10:34 AM
357	Please a new community center. I can't believe nothing has been done, it's an embarrassment to our community. Look around at all the other cities, even Clawson. With the increase in taxes from new builds and help from the state seems we could find money to tear down that mess and build a newer center with room for more activities for all ages.	9/13/2025 7:57 AM
358	Berkley needs a pool like Huntington Woods. That would make my dreams come true.	9/13/2025 7:55 AM
359	Bring back a farmers market / artisan days. The Berkley street festival was amazing, doing more things that bring in vendors and local people to showcase their goods, with things being cancelled this year everyone is still going to these things but they are leaving berkley to do it (going to Royal Oak, Bham, Blake's, Shelby township etc).	9/13/2025 7:39 AM
360	Bathrooms are always a plus when visiting parks with young kids	9/12/2025 11:07 PM
361	The community center needs an overhaul. It's also hard to find things. Like the only way I knew the touch a truck event was happening Saturday was bc I saw it on the billboard. I follow Berkley parks and rec on social media and could not find it to verify times. Also, would love to see the swim program for kids brought back.	9/12/2025 11:07 PM
362	Community center is dilapidated and needs renovation.	9/12/2025 10:12 PM
363	Make sure there's equipment for all ages	9/12/2025 9:39 PM
364	We don't have a garden club and honestly the events aren't shared well enough. I love the mail you send because I actually read it but the Berkley Instagram pages are not used well enough.	9/12/2025 8:56 PM
365	There is more to community recreation than baseball. New community center. Theater, maker space, stem lab, programs that appeal to middle school	9/12/2025 8:56 PM
366	Having restroom facilities for children. Portable potties with little ones learning to go especially is just gross.	9/12/2025 3:47 PM
367	Would love a playground for little kids that is fenced in.	9/12/2025 1:59 PM

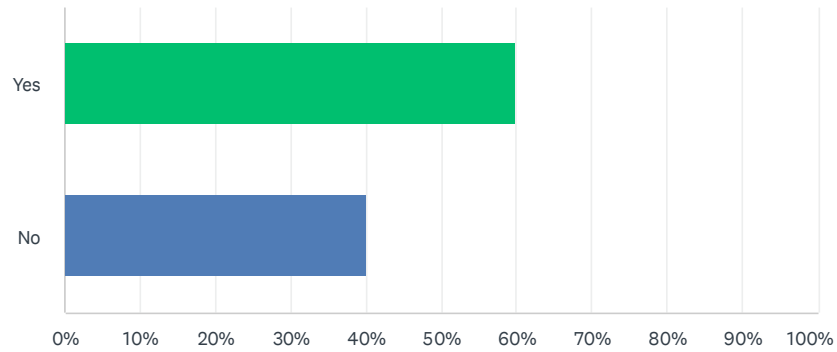
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368	Better community center with more offerings for elementary, tweens and teens.put regular swings back at Oxford park	9/12/2025 1:59 PM
369	It would be great to have more adult programming during the evenings and more than just yoga. Art related classes would be great! I go to Dearborn for their adult programs like Basic Drawing, Print Making, Quilt Making.	9/12/2025 1:26 PM
370	Need a dedicated dog park	9/12/2025 1:19 PM
371	Hire Vanessa Lipson to teach pottery classes!	9/12/2025 12:38 PM
372	Pickle ball court at oxford? Also maybe a community board that people can post fliers, etc..	9/12/2025 12:30 PM
373	More shaded areas/coverings. Toilet at Bacon Park.	9/12/2025 12:18 PM
374	Friends Park is in a great spot and has good offering, but I'd like to see the benches and area outside of the tennis courts spruced up. Maybe some more sturdy outdoor benches or little metal tables. I don't see it get used and understand why. Community Park offers a lot, although the large field behind the Center could use some improvements such as trees, a small garden, etc. It's very versatile, however there is no shade and nothing "beautifying" the area. I would love to see it become more than just a field - bushes, flowers, trees, plants, benches. The openness and versatility is awesome, but the vibes could be better. Updated space for fitness classes indoors would be excellent, though expensive. The cafeteria tile floors make me nervous with people exercising on them. Again, some improved vibes as well as a more appropriate space for exercise would be desired.	9/12/2025 12:13 PM
375	Community center needs some updating to make it more inviting and modern.	9/12/2025 12:07 PM
376	Pavilions and restrooms at parks	9/12/2025 12:05 PM

Q12 Do you participate in programs and special events offered by Berkley Parks and Recreation?

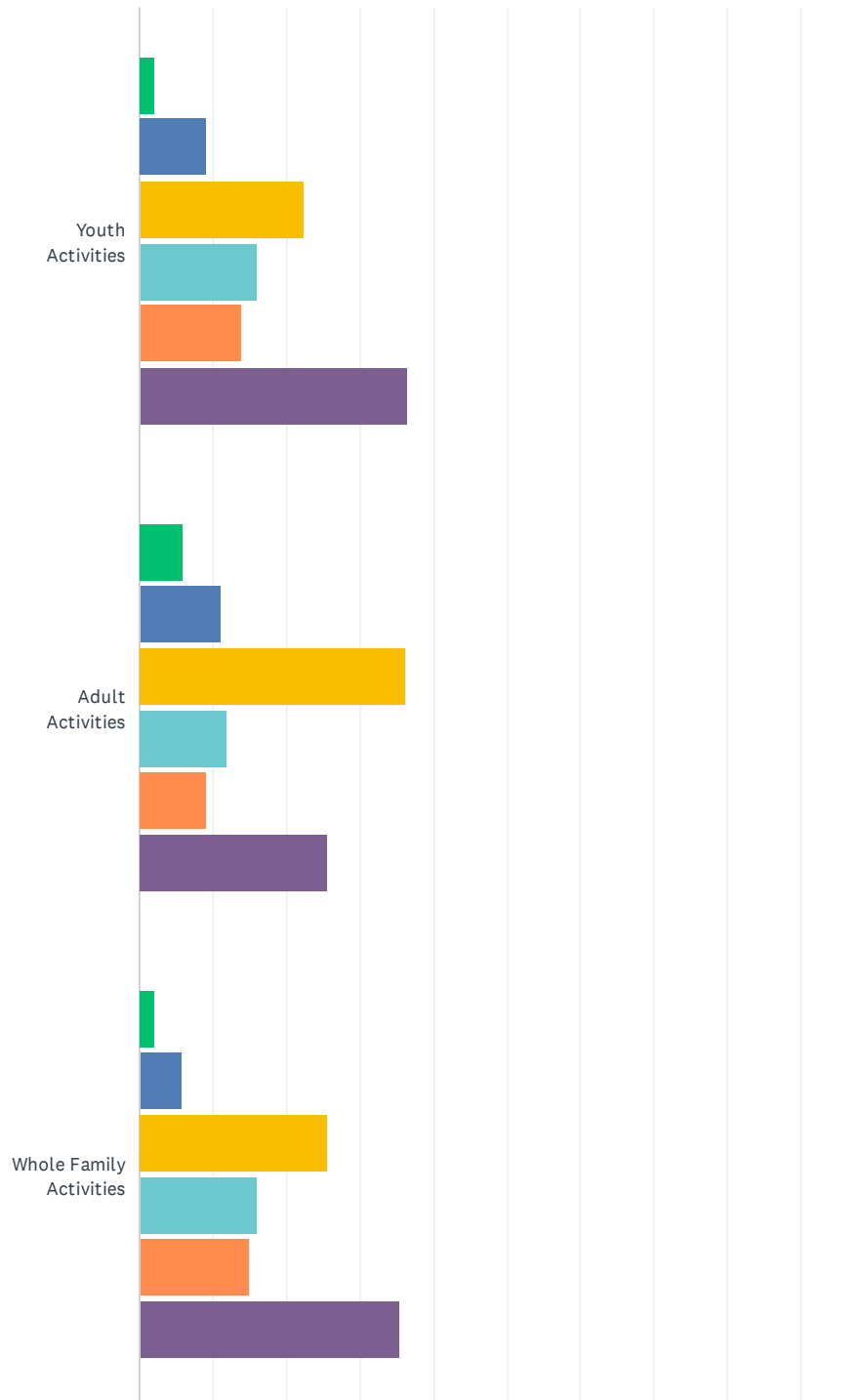
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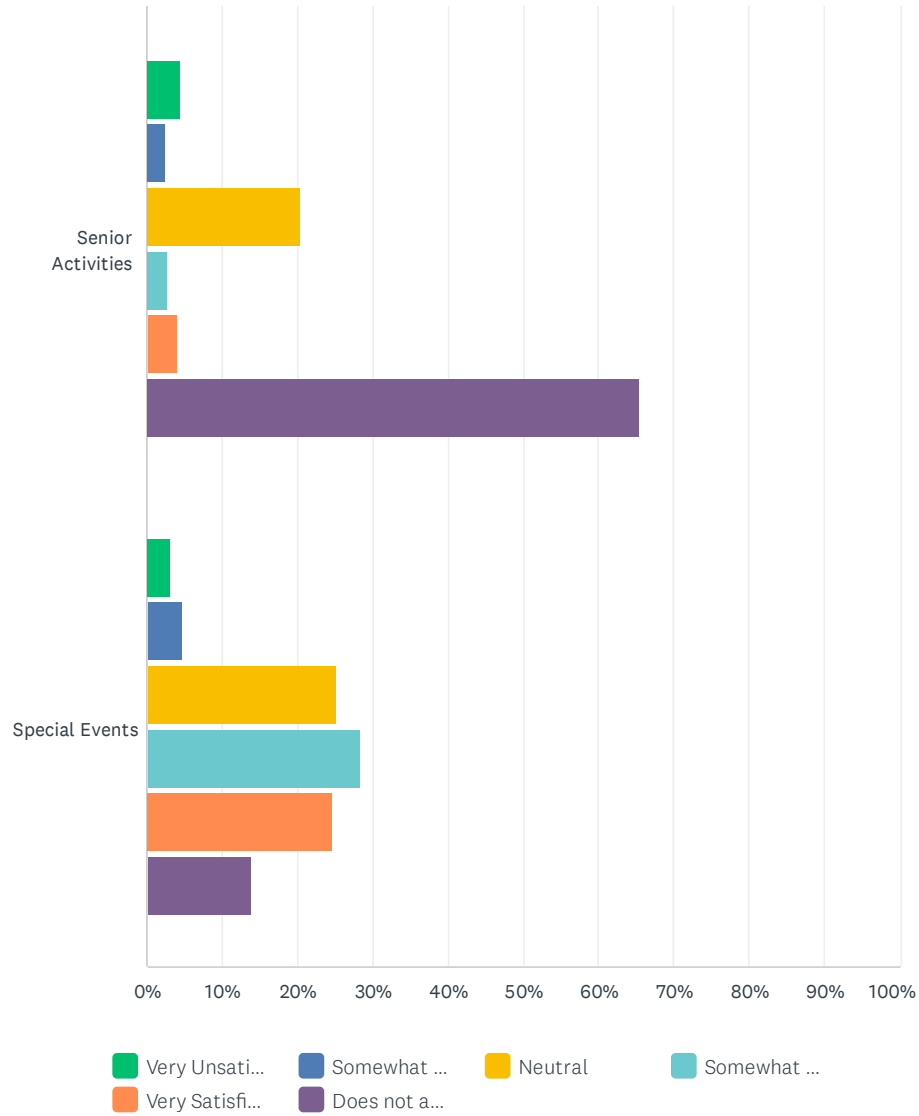


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.89%	315
No	40.11%	211
TOTAL		526

Q13 How satisfied are you with Berkeley's parks and recreation program and event offerings?

Answered: 519 Skipped: 117





	VERY UNSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT UNSATISFIED	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	DOES NOT APPLY TO ME	TOTAL
Youth Activities	2.20% 11	9.20% 46	22.40% 112	16.00% 80	13.80% 69	36.40% 182	500
Adult Activities	5.98% 29	11.13% 54	36.29% 176	11.96% 58	9.07% 44	25.57% 124	485
Whole Family Activities	2.08% 10	5.83% 28	25.62% 123	16.04% 77	15.00% 72	35.42% 170	480
Senior Activities	4.49% 22	2.65% 13	20.41% 100	2.86% 14	4.08% 20	65.51% 321	490
Special Events	3.09% 15	4.74% 23	25.15% 122	28.45% 138	24.74% 120	13.81% 67	485

Q14 What recreation programs would you like the City of Berkley to offer that are not currently provided?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 391

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	berkley days minus the rif raf - there has to be a way to contain this. make it smaller. get it off coolidge.	10/18/2025 8:23 PM
2	Everything seems bare minimum. City needs to invest more into its Parks and Recreation department.	10/18/2025 6:20 PM
3	Not sure. Don't know much about Berkley recreation programs.	10/18/2025 9:57 AM
4	Dog park	10/16/2025 1:03 PM
5	More exercise (yoga, pilates) and art type classes	10/15/2025 2:25 PM
6	Senior crafting group	10/15/2025 12:33 PM
7	None	10/15/2025 12:26 PM
8	An ice rink and a dog park	10/15/2025 9:13 AM
9	Dog parking	10/15/2025 6:53 AM
10	Softball baseball clinics and camps.	10/14/2025 10:08 PM
11	N/A	10/14/2025 9:21 AM
12	As far as community events go, more variety for older kids would be nice. As my kids are getting older they are starting to outgrow things like Touch-aTruck, and the Trail by the Trail. Those are good programs that should be kept, but some of those events are starting to become kiddish but there isn't too many new things that interest them. Also, more variety in general would be nice. Whenever I look at the recreation program catalog, there usually isn't anything new.	10/14/2025 9:10 AM
13	continue providing family friendly events	10/13/2025 7:42 PM
14	I desire a community center facility that would bring the community together and interest in the programs would increase and be more appealing to participant in.	10/12/2025 11:48 PM
15	Was excited to see a hunter safety course offered, but disappointed to see that it was possibly restricted to ~15 and under. I didn't grow up with those opportunities at that age, so it was disappointing to see adults excluded. I already took the course a few years ago and had to travel to Lansing. It would have been nice for it to be available for adults in this area.	10/12/2025 4:51 PM
16	Book Club, Intramural Sports	10/12/2025 3:35 PM
17	Indoor pool. A real farmers market with multiple vendors selling fruit and vegetables	10/12/2025 10:59 AM
18	Exercise, games, outings.	10/12/2025 10:43 AM
19	Adult open swimming. Dog park.	10/10/2025 5:58 PM
20	We need a dog park	10/10/2025 1:56 PM
21	More Friday/Saturday concerts. Note that Oxford field doesn't have enough trees to provide summer shade. Can concerts be moved to Bacon park ?	10/10/2025 10:27 AM
22	Indoor fitness classes, camp enrollment for berkley residents as a priority,	10/10/2025 9:58 AM
23	SKATING, HOCKEY	10/10/2025 9:36 AM
24	I'm my opinion Berkley had some of the best and most balanced parks and rec programs. The programs are great and the prices are affordable for the community at large.	10/10/2025 9:09 AM

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25	More yoga or adult fitness options! Love the kids events at the park like movies or summer fest or Halloween events, just check if there is a religious holiday before scheduling!	10/9/2025 10:54 PM
26	Dance program, volunteer opportunities, free classes	10/9/2025 9:54 PM
27	Kids programming outside of school/work hours.	10/9/2025 8:11 PM
28	Kids/family programming outside of school/work hours.	10/9/2025 8:11 PM
29	Zumba/yoga classes in the air conditioning, community support classes (cooking, breastfeeding, parenting, etc)	10/9/2025 7:17 PM
30	Swimming.	10/9/2025 2:47 PM
31	Exercise classes during daytime	10/9/2025 1:19 PM
32	Pool	10/9/2025 5:14 AM
33	A gym, a Basketball Courts, Volleyball courts, workout equipment. real pickleball courts.	10/8/2025 1:52 PM
34	Berkley Days Parades	10/8/2025 9:55 AM
35	Dog park	10/8/2025 7:22 AM
36	Dog park	10/8/2025 7:11 AM
37	Tai chi. Yoga general group low impact fitness program	10/7/2025 7:06 PM
38	Dog park	10/7/2025 6:50 PM
39	I don't recall knowing about any adult activities within the city aside from the parade.	10/7/2025 2:18 PM
40	Dog park. Better time for youth extracurriculars	10/7/2025 1:39 PM
41	It would be A LOT of fun to have regular outdoor public line-dancing at one of the parks. I did this in China. The city we lived in had purposefully included open public spaces for residents, hired organizers,a welcome sign (in Mandarin), and provided equipment, usually scheduled regularly on a specify time and evening. Tai chi and yoga were options, too, but line-dancing is much more light-hearted:)	10/7/2025 10:59 AM
42	Dog park	10/6/2025 7:51 PM
43	dog park	10/6/2025 7:39 PM
44	Dog events	10/6/2025 6:46 PM
45	Dog park	10/6/2025 6:22 PM
46	Off leash dog park	10/5/2025 9:31 PM
47	Swim lessons, art classes	10/5/2025 7:55 PM
48	Parks trsils	10/5/2025 10:16 AM
49	Poor times and programs offered	10/4/2025 3:14 PM
50	Partner with community organizations to offer improved offerings. Don't reinvent the wheel.	10/4/2025 11:32 AM
51	Swimming pool	10/4/2025 10:46 AM
52	I would be interested in adult recreational sports offerings. Personally, I'd be interested in volleyball, ultimate frisbee, pickleball and cornhole. I'd also be interested in gardening and cooking classes.	10/3/2025 8:29 PM
53	I don't know because I don't know what is currently provided	10/3/2025 7:44 PM
54	Dog park	10/3/2025 3:03 PM
55	Dog park	10/3/2025 1:45 PM
56	Movies in the park, farmers markets	10/3/2025 11:33 AM
57	more senior classes at night, and more artsy type classes	10/3/2025 5:37 AM

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58	Dog park	10/2/2025 7:36 PM
59	Dog park	10/2/2025 7:25 PM
60	More arts programs for adults	10/2/2025 6:55 PM
61	Expanded evening work out classes	10/2/2025 12:25 PM
62	Pickleball, farmers market	10/2/2025 11:25 AM
63	Dog park	10/2/2025 11:02 AM
64	Organized days of helping neighbors, picking up trash together, or teen events.	10/2/2025 10:40 AM
65	Dog park	10/2/2025 10:13 AM
66	Off leash dog park. Pack walks	10/2/2025 10:12 AM
67	A dog park	10/1/2025 10:05 PM
68	Activities targeted at 30-50 age range, improved community center and surrounding facility. Feels very outdated and land that is not being taped into to bring our community together in different and modern ways.	10/1/2025 1:32 PM
69	Off leash dog park	9/30/2025 10:29 PM
70	Dog park	9/30/2025 9:17 PM
71	Activities for highly active seniors	9/30/2025 8:06 PM
72	N/A	9/30/2025 2:00 PM
73	Cooking classes, knitting,	9/29/2025 4:37 PM
74	Youth swimming	9/29/2025 10:41 AM
75	Ice skating.	9/29/2025 8:32 AM
76	Adult and youth recreational sports leagues and community pool. A place that can have sports league/games and also have community gathering space for residents to use for community meetings or celebration events. Multi purpose rooms.	9/28/2025 7:58 PM
77	Dog park	9/28/2025 9:47 AM
78	Farmers market	9/28/2025 9:32 AM
79	I don't know what is offered anymore since the guide that was mailed out got discontinued.	9/27/2025 7:05 PM
80	A dog park!	9/27/2025 11:22 AM
81	Indoor pickleball and indoor pool and indoor volleyball	9/26/2025 8:32 PM
82	Pool	9/26/2025 2:41 PM
83	pool walking track gym setup with bike, treadmill, etc all at community center not at high school	9/26/2025 10:37 AM
84	Dog park	9/25/2025 8:19 PM
85	Dog park	9/25/2025 6:53 PM
86	yoga (for seniors) knitting	9/25/2025 1:29 PM
87	Zumba, bellydance, cacao ceremony, kirtan, meditation, sci-fi nights, poetry slams, pie socials, local restaurant tastings...dog park for little dogs	9/25/2025 10:06 AM
88	Dog park Activities offered on weekends as well as more weeknight options	9/24/2025 8:46 PM
89	Dog park, beer or wine festival	9/24/2025 7:52 PM
90	Dog Park and better area to train dogs with better trsiners	9/24/2025 7:08 PM
91	A better dog training group or person to train at the community center	9/24/2025 6:57 PM
92	Dog related	9/24/2025 6:54 PM

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93	Dog park	9/24/2025 6:47 PM
94	A dog park. Or any park that welcomed dogs on leash. More variety for outdoor music concerts.	9/24/2025 4:38 PM
95	Interested in learning pickleball but the class schedule doesn't work with my schedule.	9/24/2025 2:53 PM
96	see previous comments	9/24/2025 2:39 PM
97	More pickleball leagues or lessons	9/23/2025 7:31 PM
98	Dog park	9/23/2025 6:28 PM
99	not sure at this time	9/23/2025 6:08 PM
100	Pickleball for Seniors, walking club, bigger bus for senior outings so more than 13 can attend. Lending library for puzzles, games, books.	9/23/2025 4:33 PM
101	Movies in the park	9/23/2025 1:46 PM
102	yoga + other health/activities	9/23/2025 12:20 PM
103	More physical activities involving seniors. The few classes are usually very busy.	9/23/2025 11:57 AM
104	Swim Lessons-don't know why these disappeared after covid	9/23/2025 7:54 AM
105	Kids events not during the week during work hours	9/23/2025 6:17 AM
106	.	9/22/2025 9:15 PM
107	Would love more movies in the park or events around holidays (like all the events leading up to the 4th of July in HW).	9/22/2025 7:17 PM
108	A DOG PARK	9/22/2025 7:08 PM
109	A dog park	9/22/2025 7:02 PM
110	Dog park	9/22/2025 6:54 PM
111	Pickle ball league and dog park!	9/22/2025 3:00 PM
112	Block Parties	9/22/2025 12:23 PM
113	Having indoor gym space for things like basketball volleyball, and potentially even a fitness center.	9/21/2025 11:04 PM
114	Fitness classes after 5:30pm	9/21/2025 9:28 PM
115	Adult tennis/pickleball groups	9/21/2025 5:15 PM
116	I would love to see a running club or pickle ball club and a larger variety of adult classes at the community center.	9/21/2025 12:20 PM
117	More natural landscaping and more of nature.	9/21/2025 12:39 AM
118	More family activities - like more parties or movies at the park, music at the park, block parties or food truck nights	9/20/2025 4:19 PM
119	Swimming	9/20/2025 12:37 PM
120	Community gardening space (p-patch), gardening classes, ice rink and ice skating classes, kids' cooking classes, social groups for kids run by a social worker/therapist to encourage friendship and inclusion.	9/20/2025 11:56 AM
121	Not sure, I need to learn more	9/20/2025 11:08 AM
122	Pool	9/20/2025 9:43 AM
123	N/A	9/20/2025 6:41 AM
124	Pool	9/20/2025 6:34 AM
125	Community pool	9/20/2025 6:23 AM

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126	STEM/Lego-type club like the Royal Oak Public Library offers for kids. Kids' running/track club. Ninja course for kids.	9/19/2025 8:18 PM
127	An African-American festival	9/19/2025 4:56 PM
128	N/a	9/19/2025 2:57 PM
129	If enough interest would like to see more exercise type programs for seniors and all others.	9/19/2025 12:52 PM
130	In a pool activities.	9/19/2025 12:39 PM
131	Toddler soccer, music programs, art programs	9/19/2025 11:19 AM
132	For all the tax revenue taken in could have dog park, basketball court, etc	9/19/2025 7:59 AM
133	Swimming lessons, more opportunities for family engagement	9/19/2025 6:45 AM
134	I appreciate the programming but can't always find time to go.	9/19/2025 6:35 AM
135	Berkley has such great small festivals and local activities. The Witches Night Out with late farmers market was awesome. They need to find a way to grow and expand that. Most people work during the day during the week, so try different hours. Getting the word out is key. Make it easier for vendors. Providing own tents is hard. More accommodating for the holiday movie event, so all can attend. Bring back the outdoor fall Halloween event from during the pandemic. Music concerts need to offer more like Royal Oak to make them more appealing.	9/18/2025 11:38 PM
136	sustainability, recycling	9/18/2025 8:58 PM
137	Senior Swimming	9/18/2025 8:21 PM
138	youth clubs not a class but a safe place to go Play games hang out and be a young kid with out screens	9/18/2025 11:27 AM
139	More events for kids	9/18/2025 9:35 AM
140	I answered this elsewhere, but senior+young child link ups. Or Teen/senior linkups for snow or lawn care, meals shared together, for high school credit or community service hours etc	9/18/2025 9:33 AM
141	Fall tennis	9/18/2025 9:29 AM
142	Only show movies at parks with rest rooms	9/18/2025 9:21 AM
143	Swimming pool	9/18/2025 9:20 AM
144	The problem isn't the programs	9/18/2025 9:08 AM
145	We need a new senior/ community center which would increase community involvement.	9/18/2025 7:56 AM
146	More street fairs	9/17/2025 6:36 PM
147	The senior offerings seem great and it would be fun to have a similar program for adults, such as weekend day trips and evening shows! It's tough to make friends as adults and I think something like this would really help bring people together!	9/17/2025 3:53 PM
148	Love the movies in the park, I'd love to see more youth summer camps and youth evening activities, would love to see swim lessons and open swim at the high school pool come back	9/17/2025 2:39 PM
149	More family programs. Crafting, themes, etc. geared toward younger kids.	9/17/2025 12:58 PM
150	Speakers like me about health care.	9/16/2025 10:10 PM
151	Girls volleyball leagues (not camp).	9/16/2025 10:10 PM
152	More day and over-night trips for the seniors!	9/16/2025 8:45 PM
153	I am looking forward to spend time with family at events for the Holiday's.	9/16/2025 7:25 PM
154	Archery; maker-space type classes (with a maker-space facility); adult sports programs like soccer; water safety and SCUBA programs (we just had a Scuba shop move to 12 and Greenfield, let's partner with them); cooking classes; sewing classes; bocce, horseshoe, and corn hole leagues; youth gymnastics; bicycle maintenance and upkeep classes (we could partner with D&D). There are opportunities for public-private partnerships where Parks and Rec	9/16/2025 6:41 PM

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and pair with city businesses or businesses close to the city to get our community more involved.

155	Senior based fitness	9/16/2025 6:38 PM
156	Additional weekend activities. Parent CPR and other parenting-related or parent-child classes	9/16/2025 3:41 PM
157	outdoor yoga	9/16/2025 2:35 PM
158	I don't even participate because it's an embarrassment to its citizens	9/16/2025 1:49 PM
159	More for younger adults	9/16/2025 1:46 PM
160	farmers market and dog park	9/16/2025 1:40 PM
161	Adult fitness classes in a more welcoming and pleasant facility. Youth activities for kids older than 10. Family activities for families with older children.	9/16/2025 11:51 AM
162	Pool, dog park	9/16/2025 11:11 AM
163	Fishing	9/16/2025 11:02 AM
164	Dog Park, Farmers Market, etc	9/16/2025 10:32 AM
165	Farmers Market not held during working hours	9/16/2025 8:06 AM
166	Yoga and strength training	9/16/2025 7:48 AM
167	Bring back the farmers market!	9/16/2025 7:45 AM
168	Water aerobics	9/15/2025 11:07 PM
169	Lap swim	9/15/2025 10:14 PM
170	Swim aerobics, art, yoga, chair yoga, tai chi, interesting apeakers	9/15/2025 10:06 PM
171	The rec center used to offer fun classes - cooking, crafts, differnt fitness classes, etc. Now will have time to do these and what I see in the fall schedule is sadly lacking.	9/15/2025 9:23 PM
172	Pilates, core strength training classes for women, different styles of yoga	9/15/2025 8:59 PM
173	We could have sand volleyball tournaments, pickleball, kickball teams, and much more. The community center, as it is currently ran, would be better off being discontinued and town down. It is under utilized and it's shameful that someone collects a paycheck for as little that it does do. Either run a true parks and rec community center or close it down.	9/15/2025 8:57 PM
174	No input	9/15/2025 8:17 PM
175	Kickboxing or Capoeira classes.	9/15/2025 8:08 PM
176	Some kind of walking trails that have some trees or nature	9/15/2025 7:52 PM
177	I would love to see some of the adult-focused city programming on a Saturday or Sunday. A bowling league on a Sunday afternoon put together by the city at the local bowling lane would be a fantastic offering. More nights out, ideally on Saturdays or Fridays, would also be nice. Or a get together for a bus to the Zoo Nights, since that is fairly close.	9/15/2025 7:30 PM
178	More sports offerings, especially during the winter	9/15/2025 7:08 PM
179	Senior sports, ice skating, danci g	9/15/2025 7:06 PM
180	Berkley Days	9/15/2025 6:49 PM
181	Adult groups, arts and crafts, low impact fitness, cooking/baking, food tasting	9/15/2025 6:44 PM
182	Small park setting for playing cards and simple games. Have suggestions for activities and ways to meet and/or help people.	9/15/2025 6:42 PM
183	Family/community pool - with classes Recreation center with a gymnasium - with classes	9/15/2025 6:25 PM
184	Kids movies in the park (summer)	9/15/2025 6:04 PM
185	A fitness center	9/15/2025 5:49 PM

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186	Theater, music, games, yoga, drum circle.	9/15/2025 5:19 PM
187	Swimming/fitness complex since the HS is no longer available for public use.	9/15/2025 4:49 PM
188	Nature activities	9/15/2025 4:32 PM
189	Open Streets: where you close down 12 mile so that kids can ride bikes, skateboards, walk and do other activities in the streets. Also a flag football tournament would be nice and a pickleball tournament.	9/15/2025 4:29 PM
190	More types of workout classes	9/15/2025 4:18 PM
191	Swimming	9/15/2025 3:37 PM
192	Used to participate more in activities but have not much in the last 5 years: exercise programs and dog obedience class.	9/15/2025 3:24 PM
193	Indoor track and workout facility.	9/15/2025 3:00 PM
194	Line dance. Cardio drumming.	9/15/2025 2:31 PM
195	Open Gyms (including pick-up sports), Sand Volleyball, Swimming	9/15/2025 1:39 PM
196	A skate park like the one in Ferndale	9/15/2025 1:13 PM
197	Adult arts and crafts!	9/15/2025 1:03 PM
198	Swim Programs	9/15/2025 12:57 PM
199	Fitness trails	9/15/2025 12:49 PM
200	More senior activities.	9/15/2025 12:41 PM
201	Offer more art, cooking, social and fitness offerings for adults. I'd prefer to go to you than the Y but there's so little for the city rec. Please offer evening weekday classes. Most adults work. We are not retired. We can't do an 11am or 1pm class. 4 is not late enough. When you count the need to commute, anything from 6-9pm would be nicely welcome! There's nothing like this offered in the Berkley / Royal Oak area.	9/15/2025 12:39 PM
202	POOL	9/15/2025 12:37 PM
203	Fitness facility for residents	9/15/2025 12:32 PM
204	Swimming ,dog park	9/15/2025 12:18 PM
205	More intro to sports for youth, looking for a way to learn basic court sport rules and skills. Tennis/basketball for example.	9/15/2025 12:14 PM
206	Social knitting	9/15/2025 12:11 PM
207	Not sure	9/15/2025 12:08 PM
208	One night Adult education classes such as the ones available at the Community House in Birmingham	9/15/2025 11:59 AM
209	Better programs for young children. Under 10.	9/15/2025 11:53 AM
210	Outdoor pool	9/15/2025 11:51 AM
211	better summer camps (fun programming for like 3 hours, not just full day camp, that appeals to upper elementary and middle schoolers), better facilities (I understand we can't have a HAWK here right now, but we need more than what we have), the fun family weekend events back (not just the super budget friendly small scale that we have had to move to).	9/15/2025 11:49 AM
212	Beginner sewing and knitting classes	9/15/2025 11:47 AM
213	Nothing	9/15/2025 11:47 AM
214	Events that address both physical but mental health. Speakers or presentations that provide help and guidance on various mental health issues.	9/15/2025 11:41 AM
215	WORK ON BIKE LANES. SENIOR SPORTS	9/15/2025 11:40 AM
216	craft classes, special interest options for adults	9/15/2025 11:40 AM

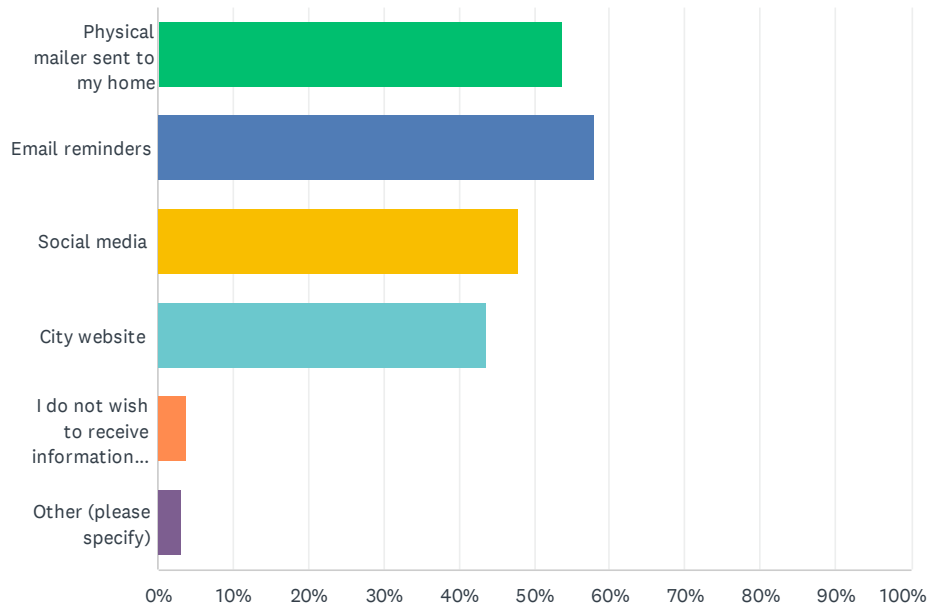
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217	More teen programs. Not sure how with our current building status but not much for the teens to do around Berkley.	9/15/2025 11:36 AM
218	Please bring back the park on Coolidge next to Bombshell! It was an awesome place for us to spend time on summer evenings.	9/15/2025 11:32 AM
219	not sure	9/15/2025 11:31 AM
220	Better Senior activities	9/15/2025 11:30 AM
221	Judo	9/15/2025 11:29 AM
222	Swimming for youth	9/15/2025 11:29 AM
223	Indoor swimming and therapy pool.	9/15/2025 11:28 AM
224	educational programs for adults	9/15/2025 11:27 AM
225	Adult co-ed team sports	9/15/2025 11:25 AM
226	Archery, rock climbing, swimming, chess, bowling (adult league). Find ways for adults to get together- we're good at immediate neighbor stuff but not great at bringing the broader community together. Volunteer work bees.	9/15/2025 11:22 AM
227	Swimming pool	9/15/2025 11:20 AM
228	Keep as is	9/15/2025 11:18 AM
229	Swimming!!! Nature programs. T ball would be amazing! Seasonal craft activities are always a hit with our toddler too	9/14/2025 7:47 AM
230	Bring back berkley days	9/13/2025 11:57 PM
231	They do a nice job of having a good variety.	9/13/2025 11:31 PM
232	None come to mind	9/13/2025 1:06 PM
233	Toddler programs that are available on the weekend mornings or week nights so we could attend more!	9/13/2025 12:13 PM
234	Berkley trunk or treat, Berkley Thanksgiving arts and crafts, Christmas holiday service activity, new years arts and craft, valentines party, etc	9/13/2025 10:45 AM
235	None	9/13/2025 10:35 AM
236	Lunches for seniors	9/13/2025 7:58 AM
237	Berkley needs a pool!!	9/13/2025 7:56 AM
238	Block parties, more vendors markets / things to celebrate berkley and bring people together. Resteraunt days? Pub crawls?	9/13/2025 7:40 AM
239	Kids swim lessons	9/12/2025 11:08 PM
240	Theater, maker space, stem lab, more unique/interesting/all age appealing playscapes.	9/12/2025 9:01 PM
241	Tennis for adults, adult paint nights, flower arranging	9/12/2025 8:58 PM
242	I don't know my son is only 2.5 some adult things I only just found out about this year. Maybe sending out mailers like it is done with big events just to give a site or detail to where you can find different programs. Because I didn't realize some existed and we have lived here since 2017	9/12/2025 3:51 PM
243	Crafts, movies, games for kids	9/12/2025 2:00 PM
244	Vanessa Lipson wants to offer all ages ceramics classes!	9/12/2025 12:39 PM
245	Adult kickball league	9/12/2025 12:31 PM

Q15 How would you like to receive information regarding Berkley's offered recreation services and programs? Check all that apply.

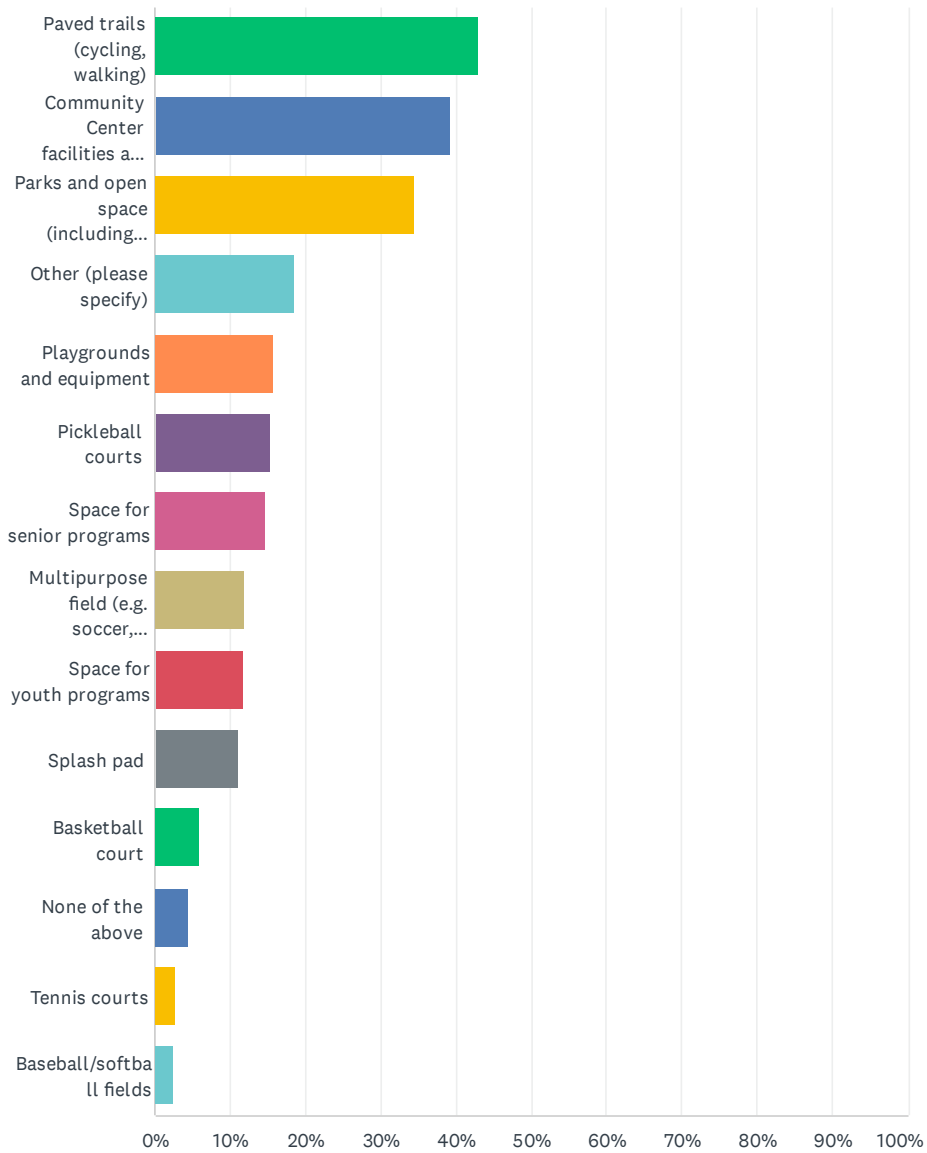
Answered: 516 Skipped: 120



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Physical mailer sent to my home	53.68%	277
Email reminders	57.95%	299
Social media	48.06%	248
City website	43.60%	225
I do not wish to receive information about Berkley parks and recreation	3.88%	20
Other (please specify)	3.29%	17
Total Respondents: 516		

Q16 What types of existing recreation amenities would you like to see improved in the city of Berkeley? Select up to three options.

Answered: 526 Skipped: 110



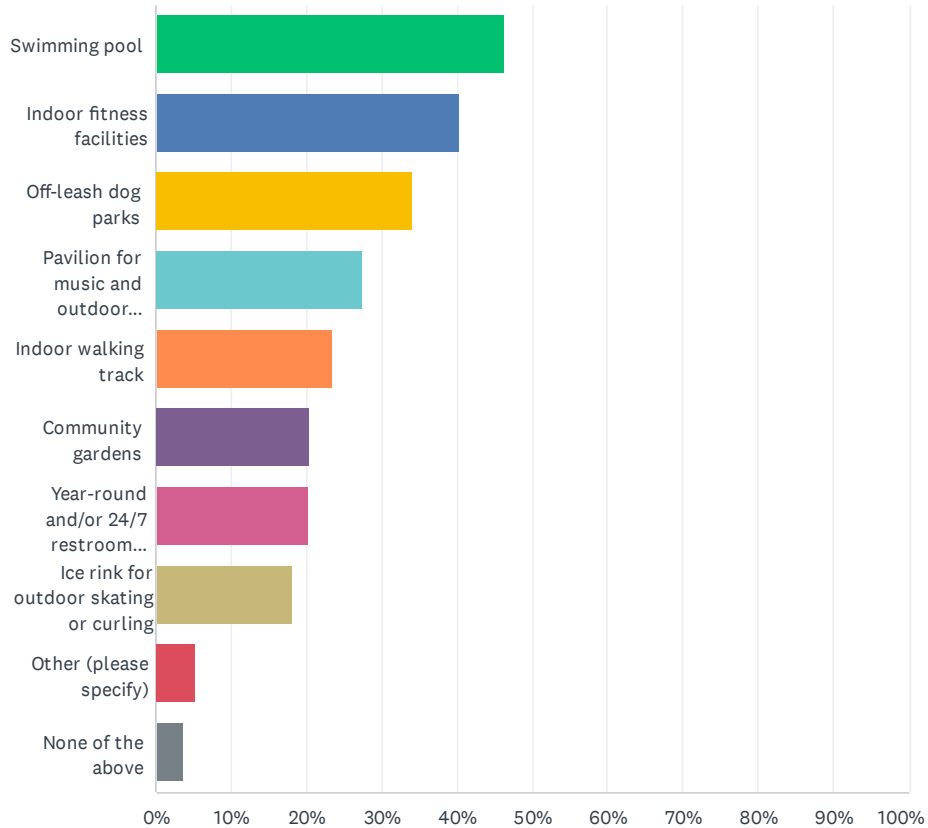
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Paved trails (cycling, walking)	43.16%	227
Community Center facilities and meeting areas	39.16%	206
Parks and open space (including picnic areas)	34.60%	182
Other (please specify)	18.63%	98
Playgrounds and equipment	15.78%	83
Pickleball courts	15.40%	81
Space for senior programs	14.64%	77
Multipurpose field (e.g. soccer, football, etc.)	11.98%	63
Space for youth programs	11.79%	62
Splash pad	11.03%	58
Basketball court	5.89%	31
None of the above	4.56%	24
Tennis courts	2.85%	15
Baseball/softball fields	2.66%	14
Total Respondents: 526		

Q17 What types of recreation amenities would you like to see offered in the city of Berkley that are not currently available? Select up to three options.

Answered: 526 Skipped: 110



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming pool	46.20%	243
Indoor fitness facilities	40.30%	212
Off-leash dog parks	34.03%	179
Pavilion for music and outdoor performances	27.57%	145
Indoor walking track	23.38%	123
Community gardens	20.53%	108
Year-round and/or 24/7 restroom facilities	20.15%	106
Ice rink for outdoor skating or curling	18.06%	95
Other (please specify)	5.32%	28
None of the above	3.61%	19
Total Respondents: 526		

Q18 Please list the top activities that you participate in outside of the city of Berkeley.

Answered: 330 Skipped: 306

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Soccer Ice Hockey	10/19/2025 6:50 PM
2	i go to Royal Oak and ferndale for most of my activities. it's too bad the theater on 12 mile can't be used for some sort of entertainment venue, comedy club !!! something. we have no entertainment venue.	10/18/2025 8:29 PM
3	Running, biking and adult activities like bar trivia, etc...	10/18/2025 6:33 PM
4	gym biking swimming	10/18/2025 4:44 PM
5	Farmers Markets, street festivals/art fairs, outdoor music events	10/17/2025 10:30 PM
6	Hiking	10/16/2025 7:21 PM
7	Walks/jogs Swimming Workout classes	10/16/2025 1:05 PM
8	Walking trails Nature hikes Swimming	10/16/2025 1:03 PM
9	Dog events	10/15/2025 7:15 PM
10	Art classes, walking/nature t trails	10/15/2025 2:28 PM
11	Sporting events my grandchildren are involved in.	10/15/2025 12:36 PM
12	Swimming	10/15/2025 12:28 PM
13	Pilates, hiking, walking in large parks	10/15/2025 12:03 PM
14	Ice skating and dog parks	10/15/2025 9:17 AM
15	Swimming Hiking Yoga	10/14/2025 4:17 PM
16	HW rec and pool, gymnastics	10/14/2025 2:41 PM
17	Nature centers, walking trails, golf, mini golf, festivals.	10/14/2025 9:24 AM
18	Youth soccer through SOCS. Visit other parks for playgrounds (usually for a change of scenario or to meet up friends in other cities) Biking on paved bike paths	10/14/2025 9:19 AM
19	Swimming Working out Indoor walking	10/12/2025 11:50 PM
20	Dog parks, dog friendly environments	10/12/2025 5:03 PM
21	Hiking or camping in state parks/recreation areas	10/12/2025 4:53 PM
22	Concerts, Dog Parks, Disc Golf	10/12/2025 3:36 PM
23	Dog park	10/12/2025 9:37 AM
24	Farmers market Gardening Biking lanes Art and pottery classes	10/11/2025 3:51 PM
25	Yoga classes and soccer leagues	10/11/2025 8:40 AM
26	Adult swim, dog parks, kids swim club	10/10/2025 6:02 PM
27	Nature hikes, child educational programs, pavilions rentals for cheaper that also have restrooms, park train rides, farmers markets, food trucks.	10/10/2025 10:09 AM
28	splash pads	10/10/2025 9:43 AM
29	Day trips to county and state parks. Nature center tours.	10/10/2025 9:43 AM

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30	- fitness @ YMCA - bike riding - senior fitness classes	10/10/2025 9:39 AM
31	Dog park Kids' activities	10/10/2025 8:48 AM
32	Normandy oaks splash pad Carpenter lake nature preserve Pleasant ridge pool	10/9/2025 10:55 PM
33	Free events Farmers market (with longer, extended hours) Splash pads Dance classes Volunteer	10/9/2025 9:57 PM
34	Swimming pool, mountain biking trails, hiking trails, bike paths	10/9/2025 9:04 PM
35	- farmers market - swimming - holiday market	10/9/2025 8:15 PM
36	Farmers market, holiday markets, swimming	10/9/2025 8:13 PM
37	Art festivals Concerts	10/9/2025 6:19 PM
38	Soccer Music Basketball	10/9/2025 5:05 PM
39	Swimming, youth soccer, parks with sandboxes.	10/9/2025 2:52 PM
40	1. Golfing. 2. Exercise classes	10/9/2025 1:26 PM
41	Dog walking	10/9/2025 9:18 AM
42	Pool Fitness center	10/9/2025 5:16 AM
43	Yoga, hiking, walking/biking trails	10/8/2025 7:47 PM
44	Gym with exercise equipment Yoga, Pilates Jazzercise Basketball	10/8/2025 2:06 PM
45	Nature walks, interactive places for children.	10/8/2025 12:57 PM
46	Senior trips	10/8/2025 9:57 AM
47	Dog park, hiking, long distance running, reading in the park	10/8/2025 7:23 AM
48	Biking trails Basketball courts Dog parks Hiking trails	10/8/2025 7:12 AM
49	Youth Skating lessons/hockey Youth swimming lessons Youth soccer	10/7/2025 11:02 PM
50	Nature walks, hunting, biking.	10/7/2025 7:09 PM
51	Royal Oak off leash dog park- Mark Twain Community Events downtown such as food trucks, live music, street fairs	10/7/2025 2:22 PM
52	Swimming	10/7/2025 1:02 PM
53	Just mostly walking around the neighborhoods. We REALLY like Berkley and hope to move here in the future. We especially appreciate the fantastic street lighting, something we do not have in our current neighborhood. We often walk to downtown for dinner, cocktails or dessert. I am concerned about the tree planting program, and I think it has a few flaws. Too many trees and some landscaping are not trimmed away from the sidewalks. Dogs peeing on trees is really sad, too.	10/7/2025 11:13 AM
54	none	10/7/2025 9:19 AM
55	Pickleball I use the dog park of several other cities	10/6/2025 7:54 PM
56	Dog parks	10/6/2025 7:40 PM
57	Dog park, pool	10/6/2025 6:23 PM
58	Swimming, running, gymnastics	10/5/2025 11:56 PM
59	Swimming. We belong to Cranbrook swim club and our kids do summer swim team there. We also utilize the dog park at red oaks but it is so far and not always convenient.	10/5/2025 7:57 PM
60	Swimming Fitness Community gardens Dog park	10/5/2025 3:14 PM
61	Hockey Music Alcohol	10/5/2025 10:16 AM
62	Dog parks. Hiking.	10/4/2025 7:53 PM
63	Dog parks Ice rinks	10/4/2025 6:51 PM

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64	Golf	10/4/2025 5:38 PM
65	Pickle Ball, hiking, walking	10/4/2025 3:38 PM
66	Soccer	10/4/2025 3:18 PM
67	Youth soccer, pickleball	10/4/2025 2:04 PM
68	Youth soccer, bicycle riding	10/4/2025 11:44 AM
69	Soccer Biking	10/4/2025 11:33 AM
70	Swim team, workout facility, dog park	10/4/2025 8:32 AM
71	Rec volleyball (indoor and sand) Go to they gym (Royal Oak YMCA) Hiking/nature walks	10/3/2025 8:33 PM
72	Going to the Gym	10/3/2025 7:46 PM
73	Swimming	10/3/2025 4:54 PM
74	Swim club	10/3/2025 1:46 PM
75	Gardening, walking, looking at nature, bicycling	10/3/2025 11:36 AM
76	everyone of the social events that the city puts on, even the youth ones sometimes as mine are older. my neighbors have littles and sometimes we go along with them. so it is hard to say... i love the street chalk event!	10/3/2025 5:42 AM
77	Dog parks Trail walking and hiking	10/2/2025 7:39 PM
78	Dog parks Walking trails Group fitness classes Art fairs (did attend all Berkley street fairs this year and loved them)	10/2/2025 7:27 PM
79	Farmers market Work out classes /gym	10/2/2025 12:26 PM
80	Nature trails Volleyball Golf Dog park	10/2/2025 11:26 AM
81	Going to dog parks	10/2/2025 10:42 AM
82	Movie night Swimming pool	10/2/2025 10:16 AM
83	Farmers markets Walking paths/trails Dog parks	10/2/2025 9:08 AM
84	Hiking Water sports Picnicking Nature walks	10/1/2025 10:06 PM
85	Pickleball, biking	10/1/2025 9:45 PM
86	Running, baseball, basketball, cycling	10/1/2025 8:51 PM
87	Soccer, bowling, winter sports	10/1/2025 1:35 PM
88	Music & Play, group fitness classes, general indoor play areas for toddler (i.e., not a specific scheduled event)	10/1/2025 11:03 AM
89	Parks.	9/30/2025 10:30 PM
90	-dog park, biking, fitness	9/30/2025 8:08 PM
91	Masters swim team	9/30/2025 2:01 PM
92	Yoga Golf Farmers Market Dog park	9/29/2025 4:38 PM
93	Swimming, ice skating, volleyball, off-leash dog parks. We'd love to have a space for dogs. Many of our friends and neighbors have dogs and it would be great to have a place where they could get together and play!	9/29/2025 4:09 PM
94	Bike trails Golf	9/29/2025 1:13 PM
95	Swimming, skating, golf, and pickleball.	9/29/2025 8:35 AM
96	Pickleball, other splash pads	9/29/2025 8:28 AM
97	Exercise/gym Swimming Ice skating Indoor soccer Indoor basketball Family parties	9/28/2025 8:03 PM

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98	Trail walking	9/28/2025 1:49 PM
99	Kayaking, hiking, dog park	9/28/2025 9:49 AM
100	Farmers market,	9/28/2025 9:36 AM
101	Rock climbing, hiking, concerts, swimming, yoga, Pilates, art & ceramics classes	9/27/2025 7:10 PM
102	Playgrounds Parks w: pavilions and restrooms Splash pad	9/27/2025 6:25 PM
103	Dog park sterling heights	9/27/2025 11:24 AM
104	Indoor pickleball	9/26/2025 8:33 PM
105	Swim club in another city	9/26/2025 5:04 PM
106	Golf, walking trails	9/26/2025 3:17 PM
107	Pool	9/26/2025 2:43 PM
108	Swimming, youth sports camps, and facilities and spaces that support youth play like pick up basketball and baseball. Also spaces for active youth birthday parties.	9/26/2025 1:12 PM
109	pool indoor walking track	9/26/2025 10:51 AM
110	Swim team in HW Pool at Hawk and Troy Community Center for swim lessons and open swim	9/25/2025 10:45 PM
111	Pickle ball Off lead dog parks	9/25/2025 7:59 PM
112	Golf, and taking our dog to parks and other recreational areas where she can be off leash and see other dogs	9/25/2025 7:10 PM
113	Extended bus trips.	9/25/2025 1:30 PM
114	Nature trail walking all four seasons. Mountain biking at Maybury SP, Island Lake Rec Area, etc.	9/25/2025 12:08 PM
115	Yoga, meditation, acupuncture, sound baths, speakeasies, restaurants	9/25/2025 10:07 AM
116	Hiking, backpacking, cycling	9/25/2025 7:23 AM
117	Dog park Swimming Hiking/walking	9/24/2025 8:48 PM
118	Going to dog parks	9/24/2025 7:53 PM
119	Bookley dog walks and etc	9/24/2025 7:10 PM
120	Dog Parks and Nature Walks	9/24/2025 6:58 PM
121	Dog related	9/24/2025 6:56 PM
122	Off leash dog park	9/24/2025 6:49 PM
123	None	9/24/2025 6:48 PM
124	Dog park. Nature walks. Swimming. Art classes.	9/24/2025 4:43 PM
125	Royal Oak YMCA chair yoga and exercise (walking) equipment. Royal Oak Symphony. Museum visits. RO Farmer's market. A few Royal Oak Leprechaun's baseball games.	9/24/2025 2:56 PM
126	Dog park	9/24/2025 11:58 AM
127	Swim lessons, soccer	9/23/2025 9:45 PM
128	scrapbooking	9/23/2025 6:09 PM
129	Splash pad parks, parks with walking/bike trails, skateparks, fitness gym, seasonal festivals. City and county celebration fairs.	9/23/2025 4:45 PM
130	Swim aerobics Portrait painting	9/23/2025 3:42 PM
131	Dog park Team sports Parks with green space/hiking trails	9/23/2025 2:55 PM
132	Farmers market, nature centers, walking trails	9/23/2025 2:49 PM

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133	Travel, nature walks, jogging	9/23/2025 1:47 PM
134	Archery Day trips Yoga Swimming	9/23/2025 12:21 PM
135	Dodge Park has a complete senior building for various classes & activities. Have been to many outdoor concerts with good bands. 4th of July activities in Clawson	9/23/2025 12:17 PM
136	Swim Lessons at the YMCA because we don't have them. Gym and spin classes for adults. Gymnastics classes that are safe. Running group that meets up once a week.	9/23/2025 8:02 AM
137	Hiking Birding Swimming	9/23/2025 7:15 AM
138	Running on continuous paths at Parks. Need smooth surfaces for strollers. Shaded paths. Playgrounds with shade, swimming! Splash pads with better hours and more advanced water structure. Places that have fenced in areas. Madison heights community park has really improved, has a lot of offerings. Our city's lack of being able to budget properly has removed city activities that were enjoyable. Now we have to seek out events in other cities.	9/23/2025 6:24 AM
139	Running, soccer, tennis	9/22/2025 9:19 PM
140	Dog park Fitness facility	9/22/2025 9:15 PM
141	Parades, going to other parks, using other pools or splash pads.	9/22/2025 7:51 PM
142	DOG PARKS	9/22/2025 7:09 PM
143	Dog parks	9/22/2025 7:06 PM
144	Fireworks	9/22/2025 6:36 PM
145	Indoor gym with exercise equipment Indoor walking track	9/22/2025 3:27 PM
146	Pickle ball, yoga, biking, dis golf and golf	9/22/2025 3:02 PM
147	Arts and crafts Tennis Nature walks, hiking, programs	9/22/2025 1:37 PM
148	hiking & biking	9/22/2025 1:05 PM
149	Day camps	9/22/2025 9:57 AM
150	Basketball, trail, biking, hiking/walking (trail).	9/21/2025 11:09 PM
151	Off leash dog park	9/21/2025 9:30 PM
152	Hiking, swimming, farmers markets	9/21/2025 5:18 PM
153	Hiking, dining, swimming.	9/21/2025 12:22 PM
154	Hiking, cross country skiing and kayaking.	9/21/2025 12:44 AM
155	Art festival, music festival, other parks that Royal oak has to offer.	9/20/2025 4:20 PM
156	Nature Walks Garden volunteering Botanical gardens Bicycling on dedicated bike paths Relaxing in beautiful parks	9/20/2025 3:32 PM
157	Swimming Pickle ball Dog park	9/20/2025 12:41 PM
158	Hiking, farmers market and similar events, family friendly events/classes	9/20/2025 11:57 AM
159	Hiking, cooking, activities for my 6yo.	9/20/2025 11:47 AM
160	Bike path to lunch with kids Pickle ball	9/20/2025 11:11 AM
161	Pool	9/20/2025 9:44 AM
162	Swimming	9/20/2025 7:42 AM
163	Pool walking and running trail	9/20/2025 6:36 AM
164	Swimming, gymnastics, workout facilities	9/20/2025 6:28 AM
165	Cruise Fest, Farmers Market, Berkley Days	9/19/2025 6:39 PM
166	Tigers games Breast Cancer Walk on Belle Island Ice skating at Campus Martius	9/19/2025 4:58 PM

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167	Biking, outdoor swimming, running, at state and metro parks. I would continue to use the state and metro parks even if the City offered alternatives. Much more open, low or no car traffic, and not as congested.	9/19/2025 3:04 PM
168	Fishing, swimming, and golf	9/19/2025 1:41 PM
169	Swimming, fitness center activities, yoga, dog park.	9/19/2025 12:47 PM
170	all kids sports	9/19/2025 11:43 AM
171	Hiking/nature walks, ice skating	9/19/2025 11:23 AM
172	Group fitness class	9/19/2025 6:55 AM
173	Huntington woods swim team, travel soccer, royal oak rec soccer, catholic youth organization sports	9/19/2025 6:53 AM
174	Dog parks, swim classes, party rentals,	9/19/2025 6:47 AM
175	Church	9/19/2025 6:36 AM
176	-Huntington Woods Pool -Pickleball -Farmers Markets	9/19/2025 6:29 AM
177	Hw pool	9/19/2025 3:59 AM
178	Swimming; indoor and outdoor roller and ice skating; indoor track and workout facilities; gymnastics programs; indoor rock wall	9/18/2025 11:46 PM
179	hiking dining shopping arts	9/18/2025 8:59 PM
180	Day trips, occasional meals, card games, informational programs.	9/18/2025 3:51 PM
181	Swimming Ice skating Soccer Gymnastics Dog park Farmers market	9/18/2025 11:47 AM
182	Dance classes, swimming	9/18/2025 10:56 AM
183	Work. Flower picking. Apple picking. Fruit picking. Hiking. Biking. Identifying bugs.	9/18/2025 9:40 AM
184	Splash pad in RO, much better than Berkley.	9/18/2025 9:36 AM
185	Pool membership. Tennis lessons. Golf lessons. Walking trails.	9/18/2025 9:31 AM
186	Swimming pool Nature hikes Dog parks	9/18/2025 9:23 AM
187	Swimming Events- fairs Hiking	9/18/2025 9:22 AM
188	Swimming	9/18/2025 9:10 AM
189	Usually it is events like art fairs and festivals	9/18/2025 8:04 AM
190	Yoga in the park, swimming, hiking, kickball, pickleball	9/17/2025 9:44 PM
191	Street fairs	9/17/2025 6:37 PM
192	Hikes and weight lifting fitness classes	9/17/2025 3:55 PM
193	None	9/17/2025 3:35 PM
194	Karate	9/17/2025 1:00 PM
195	Golf Swimming	9/17/2025 12:21 PM
196	Golf Biking Adult sports: softball & pickleball	9/17/2025 9:32 AM
197	Away football games, basketball leagues, sailing classes.	9/16/2025 10:19 PM
198	walking rummy cub hiking photography art concerts dance	9/16/2025 10:15 PM
199	-Cardio drumming at Madison Heights -Day trips/tours at Madison Heights -Monthly bingo at Troy	9/16/2025 8:50 PM
200	Outdoor workout facility in Huntington Woods	9/16/2025 7:57 PM
201	Costick Center - swimming	9/16/2025 7:31 PM

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202	Walking ,swimming music in parks.	9/16/2025 6:53 PM
203	Youth Gymnastics Adult and youth swimming SCUBA diving Sailing Community Theater Crafting/Making	9/16/2025 6:49 PM
204	Gymnastics (youth) Swimming lessons/swim team (youth) Fitness/exercise (adult)	9/16/2025 6:43 PM
205	Hiking, biking, fitness	9/16/2025 6:40 PM
206	Biking Cornhole Golfing	9/16/2025 6:17 PM
207	Pilates classes, biking on trails, golfing	9/16/2025 6:16 PM
208	Walking, hiking, swimming	9/16/2025 3:38 PM
209	Pickleball, Yoga, Farmers Market	9/16/2025 2:37 PM
210	Hiking trails bike trails separate from cars	9/16/2025 2:18 PM
211	Swimming Golfing Senior activities Pickleball	9/16/2025 1:51 PM
212	Farmers Market Dog Park Golfing Hiking / walking trails Steps Community fitness center	9/16/2025 1:42 PM
213	Hiking on nature trails Family game nights and other programming for families with older children	9/16/2025 12:14 PM
214	Petting Zoos.	9/16/2025 11:45 AM
215	Rowing Nature walks	9/16/2025 11:35 AM
216	Swimming Walk nature trails	9/16/2025 11:21 AM
217	-Attending dog parks or parks that permit dogs. -nature trail hikes	9/16/2025 8:10 AM
218	Hockey	9/16/2025 6:11 AM
219	Wish I could have selected multiple answers for questions 16 and 17.	9/15/2025 11:10 PM
220	I've looked at community centers in the area to use as a non-resident for swimming, exercise, water park etc. But I've sought put hiking trails in parks & indoor exercise..	9/15/2025 10:17 PM
221	Art class	9/15/2025 10:15 PM
222	We belong to a running club, we go to many different city's festivals (that have beer tents that are actually fun), and we have been on different volleyball and softball teams.	9/15/2025 9:05 PM
223	Ice skating Running on a gravel track Swimming	9/15/2025 8:50 PM
224	YMCA Fitness Classes Ice Skating Inline/roller skating Pickleball-Royal Oak and Huntington Woods	9/15/2025 8:23 PM
225	No input	9/15/2025 8:18 PM
226	Art museums yoga	9/15/2025 8:11 PM
227	yoga	9/15/2025 8:05 PM
228	Cycling on trails, using the rocking trail in Royal Oak and Madison Heights	9/15/2025 7:54 PM
229	Hiking Biking	9/15/2025 7:08 PM
230	Volunteer at South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless. Volunteer at "Angel's Place." Ride my bike to FCC in Royal Oak for study groups. Ride my bike to friends house to share baking. Visiting 10 grandchildren. Shopping.	9/15/2025 6:53 PM
231	Swimming, concerts, street fairs, craft nights. Book clubs	9/15/2025 6:47 PM
232	Golf Biking Swimming	9/15/2025 6:42 PM
233	Ymca	9/15/2025 6:29 PM
234	Swimming	9/15/2025 5:49 PM
235	Farmers market, fitness centers.	9/15/2025 5:33 PM

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236	Camping	9/15/2025 5:29 PM
237	YMCA e-gym. pickleball ceramics	9/15/2025 5:23 PM
238	Bowling Golf Working out at Planet Fitness/RO	9/15/2025 4:52 PM
239	Archery, Hiking	9/15/2025 4:36 PM
240	Yoga Retro Organized Baseball for adults senior programs offered in evenings	9/15/2025 4:35 PM
241	Cycling, Pickleball, Indoor Tennis, Mountain Biking, Figure Skating, Flag Football (inside)	9/15/2025 4:34 PM
242	Fitness, softball and basketball	9/15/2025 4:08 PM
243	Swimming Indoor walking track	9/15/2025 3:39 PM
244	Music Painting on canvas with acrylic paints or watercolors	9/15/2025 3:27 PM
245	Touch a trucks Car shows	9/15/2025 3:26 PM
246	Hiking, bicycling, camping	9/15/2025 3:21 PM
247	Group walking/ running Swimming Aerobics/ yoga group	9/15/2025 3:12 PM
248	Nature centers. Just did a bat hike	9/15/2025 3:07 PM
249	Hiking, workout facilities. Don't want to work out or swim at high school.	9/15/2025 3:03 PM
250	Soccer, Baseball, Trampoline Parks	9/15/2025 3:00 PM
251	Ice hockey fitness exercise at the WMCA	9/15/2025 2:59 PM
252	Exercise	9/15/2025 2:55 PM
253	Planet fitness, YMCA for toddlers swim lessons.	9/15/2025 2:48 PM
254	Winterfest and Berkley days along with Berkley cruise	9/15/2025 2:45 PM
255	Line dance, cardio drumming and aerobic exercise.	9/15/2025 2:37 PM
256	Fitness classes	9/15/2025 2:28 PM
257	Volleyball (Sand and Indoor); Tennis	9/15/2025 2:01 PM
258	Nature walks Fishing Fairs and festivals Taking car of dogs	9/15/2025 1:58 PM
259	Golf, Ice Skating	9/15/2025 1:41 PM
260	Yoga, nature hikes, bike trails	9/15/2025 1:23 PM
261	Swimming, golf, and lacrosse.	9/15/2025 1:16 PM
262	Walking at the mall winter time	9/15/2025 1:10 PM
263	Art fairs	9/15/2025 1:06 PM
264	Swim Activities, indoor fitness activities	9/15/2025 12:58 PM
265	After looking for pool access at BHS (and RO, and Oak Park) following the pandemic, we joined the Y and currently participate in Water Fitness several times a week. We also access the fitness center there as well. My husband belongs to a golf league outside of Hamtamck, and golfs elsewhere early spring through late autumn. I belong to a knitting guild.	9/15/2025 12:58 PM
266	Walking	9/15/2025 12:51 PM
267	Hiking	9/15/2025 12:50 PM
268	Senior fitness, water aerobics and family activities.	9/15/2025 12:44 PM
269	Hiking Swimming Biking Yoga Fitness classes Art classes Spinning / cycling Karate Hiit Cooking class Any kind of group fitness Look at Troy community centre and South Oakland or Birmingham ymca, those are the classes we take	9/15/2025 12:43 PM
270	Hiking, bike trail riding, attend outdoor concerts	9/15/2025 12:39 PM

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271	Eastern Market and Royal Oak Farmers Market special events, i.e. Royal Oak Bourbon fest. Regularly attend LA Fitness in Royal Oak, specifically fitness classes. Turkey Trot 5k before Thanksgiving parade in Detroit and Corktown 5k before St. Patrick's day parade.	9/15/2025 12:37 PM
272	youth dance classes	9/15/2025 12:24 PM
273	Swimming,dog park	9/15/2025 12:20 PM
274	Swimming, boating, and field sports like flag football and recreational soccer.	9/15/2025 12:19 PM
275	Strength training (adult). Swimming classes for kids.	9/15/2025 12:13 PM
276	Walking paths	9/15/2025 12:09 PM
277	Nature Walks	9/15/2025 12:08 PM
278	-Walking -One night adult programs -Hiking -using green spaces	9/15/2025 12:06 PM
279	hiking, golf, nature walks	9/15/2025 12:04 PM
280	pickleball and tennis summer camps (destination / speciality camps, like 3 hour volleyball, art camps for 3 hours, flag football for 1 week at a time) for upper elementary and middle school 1 week speciality camps - camps where kids could go like 9-3 on field trips, etc., around the city/detroit (note: Only have summer camp be a full summer commitment is not an option for us - we don't want our kids doing the same camp all summer long - so we have to go to birmingham and farmington where they have great offerings for 1 week camps) rec center - we can't birthday parties, graduation, or anything like that in our own city -	9/15/2025 11:59 AM
281	Fitness Center Outdoor pool/waterpark	9/15/2025 11:52 AM
282	Art fairs, farmers markets, trails	9/15/2025 11:51 AM
283	Pickleball, walking paths, hiking	9/15/2025 11:50 AM
284	Nature walks / hikes	9/15/2025 11:49 AM
285	Walking Crafting	9/15/2025 11:49 AM
286	SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES. BIKING TRAILS. HIKING TRAILS. OUTDOOR CONCERTS.	9/15/2025 11:48 AM
287	Yoga Golf Walking	9/15/2025 11:45 AM
288	Senior carryout lunches in Clawson Occasionally other senior activities in Clawson (cards, bingo, day trips) Zumba Gold in Royal Oak and Madison Heights Fitness classes in Royal Oak (instructor)	9/15/2025 11:44 AM
289	Basketball courts, Fitness facility, Pavilion rentals with bathrooms.	9/15/2025 11:42 AM
290	swimming, beach visits, nature hikes	9/15/2025 11:42 AM
291	Swimming and therapy pool.	9/15/2025 11:39 AM
292	Walking, Arts	9/15/2025 11:36 AM
293	Rochester apples and art Ann Arbor art fair	9/15/2025 11:35 AM
294	Art fairs, art museums, festivals, eastern market.	9/15/2025 11:35 AM
295	Swimming Pool - on 3 different waitlists for facilities outside of Berkley and currently paying for a very expensive gym to have access to a summer pool. This is the number one thing that would transform Berkley for our family!	9/15/2025 11:34 AM
296	Swimming classes	9/15/2025 11:34 AM
297	As previously mention, Arts, Beats and Eats, Michigan State Fair, and Schoolcraft College Jazz Festival.	9/15/2025 11:34 AM
298	Group fitness Sporting events Art shows	9/15/2025 11:33 AM
299	Fitness classes, walking trails, parks.	9/15/2025 11:33 AM
300	Workout facility (YMCA) Splash pad Bike trails Basketball courts	9/15/2025 11:32 AM
301	Other state and metro parks offer more options that I participate in	9/15/2025 11:28 AM

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302	swimming pool dog park	9/15/2025 11:28 AM
303	Swimming team Swimming pool Nature walks Tennis (youth)	9/15/2025 11:28 AM
304	Recreational team sports (softball, kickball, hockey)	9/15/2025 11:26 AM
305	Golf, rugby, walking, nature trails, hiking	9/15/2025 11:26 AM
306	Ice skating, Curling.	9/15/2025 11:24 AM
307	Detroit Zoo Tigers games	9/15/2025 11:22 AM
308	Biking, pickleball, exercise class at a gym	9/15/2025 11:21 AM
309	Swimming, nature hikes/programs, farmers markets, sports programs, summer camps	9/14/2025 8:41 AM
310	Outdoor music in the park : bear creek park, Rochester Outdoor skating: Royal Oak, Chicago magey Daley park Art fairs : Rochester, hazel park Sunflower festival and art fair: Blake's Biking walking picnic at Kensington and Stoney creek metros	9/14/2025 4:04 AM
311	Hiking, swimming , actual art fairs, nature walks	9/14/2025 12:00 AM
312	Movie in the park	9/13/2025 11:33 PM
313	Sledding Volleyball	9/13/2025 9:09 PM
314	Swimming pool	9/13/2025 7:03 PM
315	Gymnastics Soccer Visit some parks (but we love the Berkley ones too) Yoga	9/13/2025 1:09 PM
316	Soccer program (technically in Huntington woods), we go to the zoo often. We go to the Great Lakes aquarium, libraries with larger play areas like Farmington hills, swimming at aqua tots - would love this to be a part of berkley's pool	9/13/2025 12:18 PM
317	Fitness Walking and jogging Gardening	9/13/2025 10:36 AM
318	Sewing group at Clawson Com. Ctr Outdoor music at pavilion in Huntington Woods	9/13/2025 8:23 AM
319	Visiting our friends swim clubs Nature parks	9/13/2025 7:58 AM
320	Farmers markets Artisan markets Activities like you find at blakes	9/13/2025 7:42 AM
321	Swimming Shopping after work- everything here is closed before 5 Skate park	9/13/2025 3:47 AM
322	Theater Dog training/dog park Swimming	9/12/2025 9:03 PM
323	Yoga (royal oak) Adult gymnastics (Orion) Krav Maga (oak Park) Ferndale garden club (we don't have one, and I can't make the environmental board meetings) Painting with a twist	9/12/2025 9:02 PM
324	Indoor play places in off season Swimming pool/ open swim or lane swim	9/12/2025 3:56 PM
325	Biking, parks, kids activities	9/12/2025 2:02 PM
326	Farmers Market	9/12/2025 2:01 PM
327	Art classes offered by Dearborn Parks and Rec and water aerobics.	9/12/2025 1:28 PM
328	Off leash dog park	9/12/2025 1:21 PM
329	Ceramics, skating, swimming, biking, climbing	9/12/2025 12:41 PM
330	Pools, farmers market, concerts/sporting events	9/12/2025 12:20 PM

Q19 Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding Berkley recreation facilities and programming.

Answered: 147 Skipped: 489

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There is so much potential and the Parks & Rec staff is eager, but the community and city need to take it more seriously and stop treating it as an afterthought. I've never seen a smaller community center in a community. That empty space where the ice arena used to be needs something there. I've had many neighbors leave Berkley once they begin establishing families and I'm worried people will look at Berkley as a transitional city, not a place to put roots down. I blame city government above the Parks & Rec department and very frugal community members speaking louder than everyone else.	10/18/2025 6:33 PM
2	Just want to keep things cheap. Maybe a porta potty at parks that don't have bathrooms would be nice, but that's it. Berkley is destroying the field across from the high school with an indoor facility the community won't be able to use when before there was a perfectly good field that the whole community could use at any time. I don't want more of these unnecessary facilities that most people won't be able to use (or during limited hours only).	10/18/2025 10:12 AM
3	If unable to create swimming pool, it would be nice to be able to go to Huntington woods pool (even for fee)	10/16/2025 1:05 PM
4	Be more dog friendly	10/15/2025 7:15 PM
5	Bring back the ice rink and make it into a sports plex - bring us a dog park	10/15/2025 9:17 AM
6	The recreation facility needs to be more modern. It's kind of gross.	10/14/2025 2:41 PM
7	We need a new community center. It's in bad shape and does not make sense to keep spending money to maintain it. I know we tried to build a new one about 6 years ago and the vote failed, but I think the city needs to keep trying until it gets a plan most residents can agree on. Also, we use the summer day camp for our kids. The last couple of years, we had to enroll in the camp for the entire year. I'd love to see the return of weekly enrollment so we don't have to pay for the whole summer. There are weeks we don't attend because of vacation and other commitments and that takes up a post someone else may have needed for those weeks. It wastes our money and deprives other kids of opportunities. Overall, we love the parks program, and the price point is great comparatively, but I really miss weekly enrollment. Also, more restrooms are needed. Especially in Bacon park since that was part of the plan for the new park. If they are still part of the plan, is there a reason they haven't been built yet? More communication around this would be nice. Overall we are happy with the parks and have been very pleased with the recent updates to the playground equipment. I think the best thing the department can do is keep updating and improving the parks systems as they get funds.	10/14/2025 9:19 AM
8	keep improving our parks with updates to playgrounds and fields add lines for soccer or mulipurpose fields more family friendly events like concerts in parks, movies, etc	10/13/2025 7:45 PM
9	Please find a way or space to build a rec facility.	10/12/2025 11:50 PM
10	Dog park would be a game changer!	10/12/2025 3:36 PM
11	I think the community needs a pool facility and exercise fitness facility and most definitely a dog park	10/10/2025 1:57 PM
12	I have seen huge improvements in community events and engagement since moving here 4 years ago. Thank you for all that you do!	10/10/2025 10:09 AM
13	We really love the events you offer already, our kids really enjoy attending the berkley summer activities and especially the Berkley summer day camp!! We love how generous you are with our community at providing low cost or free programs. Would love to see more adult fitness options and options for kids to be entertained while parents relax or grab dinner.	10/9/2025 10:55 PM
14	Don't build another park. And definitely not a dog park.	10/9/2025 9:57 PM

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15	Thank you for the hard work you do to make this city such a great place to live! We are just starting to explore the kids activities and hope to participate in many in the future :)	10/9/2025 8:15 PM
16	Place for teens to go that's not the kids playground	10/9/2025 6:19 PM
17	I enjoy the yoga classes provided in the evening and on Saturday, great instructor. Would like to have an exercise class provided during morning any day of the week.	10/9/2025 1:26 PM
18	I love Berkley. It is more welcoming and fun than my home city of Royal Oak. Li would love to do more things in Berkley beside getting coffee at Coffee and Bark and using the great Post Office. 😊	10/9/2025 9:18 AM
19	Thank you for asking!	10/8/2025 7:47 PM
20	years ago the "New Community Center done right" got voted down by less than 100 votes (or around that amount) So many people so disappointed... Too expensive they said... Maybe it was... but to do NOTHING! is a damn shame. Its been years. This city deserves a new modern community center. Berkley is a Family city. We walk our streets, we know our neighbors. To me one of the top, if not the top cities to raise a family, We should have a community center that represents that, not an eye sore, run down community center we got.	10/8/2025 2:06 PM
21	During finically difficult times major improvements cost each tax payer money. Some don't see it cause it is rolled into a payment but those higher payments could bring some to the breaking point. You need to be smarter with your budget and worry about bringing the citizens the best bang for their buck. Small improvements can be made in several places that would hold over.	10/8/2025 12:57 PM
22	We have done these same surveys multiple times. You don't want to do what citizens have voiced.	10/8/2025 9:57 AM
23	Appreciate all you have to offer and looking forward to enhancements to make Berkley even a better community with more offerings.	10/7/2025 11:02 PM
24	We've enjoyed watching the evening baseball games. The lighting and bleachers are great! We like that we can walk to the ball parks. It's another thing that we don't have in our current community. We really like Berkley - it's family-friendly, evolving, and we feel welcomed. October and December are a lot of fun because residents and the downtown decorate for Halloween and Christmas. We also enjoyed the house tour a few years ago. It was well-organized and well-advertised, too. Pub crawls and shopping events downtown aren't our 'thing', but we don't mind paying our share of taxes to support infrastructure and schools.	10/7/2025 11:13 AM
25	I don't participate in the programs currently but may try an exercise class soon. I think having open spaces and native wildflower pocket parks would be the most beneficial to all ages.	10/7/2025 9:19 AM
26	I wish the bacon park had a bathroom and not just a porta potty. I really hope that the community considers having a swimming pool for our city!	10/5/2025 11:56 PM
27	Moore live band/alcohol downtown	10/5/2025 10:16 AM
28	I've lived in many communities and I've never seen one care for its own like the citizens of Berkeley. If improvement such as a dog park or an ice rink or provided, I don't just believe, I know at the city would treat those common areas with the upmost care and respect. As they have all of the sidewalks, parks and community facilities that currently exist.	10/4/2025 6:51 PM
29	Do a better job!	10/4/2025 3:18 PM
30	Children participate in SOCS a great soccer program, but all the field space in Berkley is dedicated to baseball	10/4/2025 11:44 AM
31	A dog park is a very very dangerous thing I want the city to think long and hard on this! people to not realize what is in jepordy with these parks. They think dogs need this, if they want to socialize their dogs go to classes meet at a neighbors, not all dogs are freindly, not all humans follow rules. It only takes a second for a dog to attack, then it is too late. Ask any good vet and they will ell you this is not a good thing... I am concerened over this. would LOVE a farmers market, but one with real michigan farmers and not just store bought veggies, and jewelry and vendors. A true farmers market... i go to Royal Oak every Saturday morning and would love to do this in Berkley.	10/3/2025 5:42 AM
32	I'd love to see the community center expanded and the space around the community center to include more of a gathering space for the community (outdoor seating, fire pits, etc.)	10/2/2025 10:52 PM

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33	Food Truck Fridays in the spring and summer would be awesome.	10/2/2025 6:58 PM
34	We need restrooms open at the parks, a dog park, and a better community center that's geared towards the kids and seniors. The Metro Detroit Youth camp program is a great model for youth programming.	10/2/2025 10:42 AM
35	Always great but would love more trees planted in Oxford park and casual seating areas! Add dog poop dispensers so more people will be inclined to pick up after their dogs!	10/2/2025 9:08 AM
36	Community field 1 needs major renovations, namely a new restroom and concessions.	10/1/2025 8:51 PM
37	N/A	9/30/2025 2:01 PM
38	We love the seasonal programs and festivals provided by the city - art fairs, Halloween festivities, etc. We would love to see these continue and grow!	9/29/2025 4:09 PM
39	Dog park and outdoor fitness parks like Royal oak!	9/29/2025 11:11 AM
40	I will not vote for a new community center until the the the transparency and communication improves 150%	9/28/2025 9:36 AM
41	I loved the programming when my kids were little, but there didn't seem to be much that was appealing to them as they got older. I don't know if programming changed though, since we stopped getting the booklet of programs.	9/27/2025 7:10 PM
42	A dog park would be great	9/27/2025 11:24 AM
43	We live near the library so most parks are about a mile away. A park near downtown Coolidge would be so nice!	9/26/2025 5:04 PM
44	is quite satisfying even without either extras I mentioned	9/26/2025 10:51 AM
45	Would like to see more gardens, and areas for dogs to be off leash	9/25/2025 7:10 PM
46	I appreciate you all gathering input. I am saddened at some social media that do nothing but complain. You are doing a good job, imo.	9/25/2025 12:08 PM
47	Nonr	9/24/2025 6:48 PM
48	I really enjoy the adult yoga classes at the center and hope they continue.	9/24/2025 4:43 PM
49	The connector bus service is excellent. The bus trips are a nice variety and reasonable expense. I'm not a casino attendee though. Would be interested in some guided bird watching program.	9/24/2025 2:56 PM
50	Although the building is old, it has been well maintained (Bathrooms could use some TLC) and the staff is always friendly and welcoming to everyone. It is a shame that the old ice arena building could not be saved, it was a wonderful community resource that not many cities offer...made Berkley special.	9/23/2025 4:45 PM
51	The community center needs to be updated. Would allow for more program offerings.	9/23/2025 3:42 PM
52	Would love access to a pool. Would love to see the community center redone completely. Would love to see more safe youth programming. When we did 3 yo gymnastics at the community center in 2021, it was unsafe. The supports on the beams were not covered. I watched a child fall and land on his back on one. The staff also placed floor dots on the tile floor and had kids jump from dot to dot, but the dots slid so the kids fell on the tile floor. Where I grew up the community center was a true community center. It had a gym and a pool. It also had meeting rooms where scout troops and other groups met. The website is hard to manage. The only place I could find the actual times for touch a truck last week was posted on the physical sign outside the community center. I follow you on social media, I searched through the website. There are so many broken links and stuff not up to date.	9/23/2025 8:02 AM
53	Would love to see more nature in Berkley- specifically more native trees and native plants	9/23/2025 7:15 AM
54	Our family has two working parents. A lot of children activities are set up during the week. Weekend activities are typically good for one age group but never seems to be for the whole family. Lack of activities that adults can enjoy with or without children.	9/23/2025 6:24 AM
55	Would really love a dog park!	9/22/2025 9:19 PM
56	We have the potential to be even greater than we are now!	9/22/2025 7:51 PM

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57	Build a dog park.	9/22/2025 7:09 PM
58	Nothing besides we need a dog park and some open space. The city has paved over every open space this past year.	9/22/2025 7:06 PM
59	It would be great if we had pickleball facilities and a dog park!	9/22/2025 3:02 PM
60	I think the city is doing great with the resources it has. The biggest question will be what happens with the community field. Finding a solution for the community field, where the ice arena originally stood is my biggest priority. I believe there is a lot of potential for that space, and perhaps an agreement can be struck with the school district to make a dual purpose and potentially grant us access to amenities at the new Fieldhouse or school properties.	9/21/2025 11:09 PM
61	Adding pickleball lines to tennis courts, more trees in parks/open spaces, more community events	9/21/2025 5:18 PM
62	We need much better landscaping and aesthetics with more of an emphasis on nature.	9/21/2025 12:44 AM
63	Create ammentie that invite people with money.	9/20/2025 12:41 PM
64	For the most part, my impression of Berkley P&R is pretty good and there are many offerings.	9/20/2025 11:11 AM
65	Overall very satisfied. Park at community 1 is the dumbest thing in our city. We need to take better care of baseball/softball fields. Weed whacking fence lines and edging side walks	9/20/2025 9:36 AM
66	Need a pool	9/20/2025 6:36 AM
67	Would like to see the city consider adding an outdoor pool or negotiate with Huntington Woods to let us access their pool since we provide access to our schools for them.	9/20/2025 6:28 AM
68	Thank you for being such a wonderful community to live in!!! Thank you to the police for keeping us safe!	9/19/2025 6:39 PM
69	I do not think we need a mega community center as proposed in the past. Update the current facility or replace with something of comperable size.	9/19/2025 3:04 PM
70	One way to improve Berkley recreation facilities would be to make it easier to access Catalpa Oaks County Park. Reducing lanes on Greenfield would make this great park an extension of Berkley and offer citizens easy access to the trails, soccer fields, and playground.	9/19/2025 1:41 PM
71	Just wish with our beautiful community that our offerings were more like Huntington Woods, Warren Community Center, Farmington. And I'll vote to pay for them. Indoor walking track would be amazing, especially for the winter. Equipment machines to work out with. For a while, we paid to go to the high school workout gym. And when our daughter was young, we went to the Berkley High School swimming pool, but they kept it so freezing cold that it was untenable. Dog park. You have to go so far to get to one.	9/19/2025 12:47 PM
72	I'm just trying things out.	9/19/2025 11:43 AM
73	Berkley has so much potential. The heart and community is there. But in order to keep families, we have to be competitive in our programs and facilities. As well as give new programs a chance.	9/18/2025 11:46 PM
74	Would love to see the community center being used better, feels outdated and empty when we attend events there	9/18/2025 11:47 AM
75	I would love to have the space behind the community center become: an inflatable indoor field for soccer, or a wildflower community garden that the community can pick from in certain days, or a miniature forest patch (look up Miyawaki forest) because Berkley is absolutely missing any type of forest/woods for me to teach my kids about without leaving the city. I would love to do small forest learning adventures and it is an excellent size for the Miyawaki forest concept.	9/18/2025 9:40 AM
76	Keep restrooms open year round and add them to all parks	9/18/2025 9:23 AM
77	A community swimming pool would be ideal here	9/18/2025 9:22 AM
78	I think the number one thing Berkley needs is a new community center which	9/18/2025 8:04 AM
79	I think the community center and especially the library really need and deserve big upgrades	9/17/2025 9:44 PM
80	None	9/17/2025 3:35 PM

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81	Swimming lessons, fitness classes, youth summer camps	9/17/2025 2:41 PM
82	The community center probably needs some updates. I have not been there for awhile A swimming pool is too expensive but would increase the value of the city People really like pickleball but also still keep some tennis courts	9/17/2025 12:21 PM
83	I'd love to see a little love over at the Tot Lot! Here are a few ideas: (1) The paint on the wooden picnic tables has seen better days. Would be great to update 2) maybe 1 more piece of playground equipment, (3) An outdoor yard tote would be great for holding all the donated toys.	9/16/2025 10:19 PM
84	The flower beds outside the Community Center could really use more time and resources to make the area much more presentable and inviting!	9/16/2025 8:50 PM
85	Berkley website not very easy to use or user friendly	9/16/2025 8:35 PM
86	I would love to see a community pool and some enhancements to community center to make it indoor fitness area	9/16/2025 7:31 PM
87	Berkley needs to think beyond the traditional Rec programs. We are a small city, and likely we cannot afford the type of large Rec center that large cities are able to fund through a large tax base. This resource debt means we have to be creative in how we partner with others to provide top services to our community without spending funds we cannot raise. This partnership can come in the form of a city-school district partnership or a public-private partnership with places like D&D Bicycles, Detroit Kung Fu Academy, Motor City Scuba, and Articipate. We have resources we can tap into with coordination, but I've never seen us (or any Rec department, really) use them to their full potential. These resources aren't used anywhere near 100% of the time, so the more we can make use of these unused cycles the better we can offer services to Berkley residents.	9/16/2025 6:49 PM
88	I'd love to see some good hobby classes (cooking, sewing, dance, etc) that were available for both kids and adults, and taking into account schedules of working parents. Every time I've looked, I couldn't make the classes work with my schedule or with having a child since there wasn't a class for them at the same time.	9/16/2025 6:43 PM
89	We desperately need a new recreation center. As a senior here in the city, that is the same center I used as a child! It's ridiculous and embarrassing. If I'm willing to have increased taxes for a new facility and a pool, then I can only imagine this city full of young parents are willing too. It should not be up to the citizens to get this done. We want more from our city.	9/16/2025 6:17 PM
90	The team we have at parks and rec is top notch. It would be great to give them the facilities to match their abilities and efforts. They're used to making more with less and it would be great if we could set them up to excel.	9/16/2025 3:44 PM
91	While there is always room for improvement, I truly think that Berkley has done a great job recently of keeping it's parks and facilities clean and welcoming. Oxford Park is a busy space and for a while, in the spring and early summer, it was often filled with trash and litter strewn about. I've notice though that workers are out cleaning it regularly the last few months to make it clean and inviting. Nice work! Shame on those who make a mess and leave it for others to clean up!	9/16/2025 3:38 PM
92	Would really, really love a dog park! There are so many green spaces in Berkley and most of them do not allow dogs - even the empty field behind Anderson (formerly baseball??) That i've never seen an organized sport or activity utilize....but just a fully fenced in area that allows residents to let their dogs play without breaking rules or dodging kids activities	9/16/2025 8:10 AM
93	open concession stands at Field 1. Get over the Beef with Berkley Dads club	9/16/2025 6:11 AM
94	With I could have selected more than 1 answer for questions 16 and 17.	9/15/2025 11:10 PM
95	I know the city voted down the community ctr, I was one of them but a more reasonable plan that isn't so high end "Birmingham-ish" might be acceptable. Probably not for a few years though. In the meantime, find ways to use all the school buildings we have that sit empty at night & in the summer. I'd like a paper newsletter with classes listed. It's easier to see with checking my calendar.	9/15/2025 10:17 PM
96	Our community center and any offered classes are very sad. What used to be a park specifically for toddlers is now for older kids, and some of the equipment there is broken. Same at Angell park. There had been equipment there for younger kids since the	9/15/2025 9:43 PM

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kindergarteners use it, but when we went last summer the equipment that to me would be suitable for the little ones. There was one small structure. Don't see how it keeps a class or two of students occupied since there wasn't enough for the one child I brought there to play. And things were broken or missing. Have not checked any of the other playgrounds in the city.

97	It feels like Berkeley always has great intentions, but always does the absolute minimum when actually trying to pull it off. The community center is old and run down, because city council always puts just the minimum amount to maintain it. If we are going to have a community center, then run it well. That means that we need community center staff that are willing to think outside the box and a city that is willing to fund it properly. Otherwise, just shut it down and let the DPW manage the care of the property so we can save tax payer money.	9/15/2025 9:05 PM
98	Special thanks to all of the Berkeley Recreational Team that makes sure Oxford Park and the other parks are well maintained and are safe environments for kids and adults. Although there are always opportunities to improve the parks, they have never been better. I have been a resident of Berkeley for over 40 years. Adding a few pickleball courts or just adding pickleball lines at various tennis courts around the city would be welcomed. I truly appreciate all of the strides and efforts that have been made. Thank you.	9/15/2025 8:23 PM
99	No input	9/15/2025 8:18 PM
100	If someone would just repave Catalpa from Woodward to Greenfield, there is a ton of bicyclist that use that road. You would draw in a lot of people to the city.	9/15/2025 7:54 PM
101	Please see previous answers Thank you for doing this survey, so appreciated!! Uli	9/15/2025 7:08 PM
102	More parks and more local activities for seniors. Planned activities for seniors. Arrange for seniors to volunteer in the schools.	9/15/2025 6:53 PM
103	Every other year you try to waste tax dollars please stop	9/15/2025 6:50 PM
104	Berkeley needs a new Rec Center with pool. Please!	9/15/2025 6:42 PM
105	A fitness center would be great	9/15/2025 5:51 PM
106	When planning events such as Berkeley days, perhaps charge a small admission fee to help ensure that "troublemakers" don't cause disturbances.	9/15/2025 5:33 PM
107	I don't know what the parks and rec offer. I need more information.	9/15/2025 5:23 PM
108	Sad that the ice arena was neglected and then torn down. Better communication of available resources and events would help. mail and email as some don't have computers.	9/15/2025 2:59 PM
109	Ice rink!	9/15/2025 2:55 PM
110	Those moving into the community are looking for these amenities. Sad that I have to take my Grandson whom we babysit for 5 days a week to other communities and programs.	9/15/2025 2:48 PM
111	The community center is not large and not used alot. Senior bingo is popular. Perhaps Berkeley could offer painting classes or a walking club.	9/15/2025 2:37 PM
112	The resurfacing of the Friends Park tennis courts is already all cracked and weeding again. Any middle school / high school hang out spaces or activities would be much appreciated. A community center that allows an open gym would be great. A pool would be nice, but why not work with HW to allow Berkeley Residents (who share a school) to also utilize that existing space?	9/15/2025 2:01 PM
113	The splash pad takes up a lot of room but only serves little kids that live near it. I think that could be much smaller and the rest of the land could be used for a turf field.	9/15/2025 1:16 PM
114	I think the community Center/Senior Center could use updating/modernization at the very least, but a new one would be even better. If it were more attractive and modern, it could potentially create a revenue stream with room rentals. Maintaining at least a small kitchen is necessary. I have taken yoga in the senior room and meeting room on the west side of the building and space is very tight for group exercise in those spaces. I know that we have had access to the Fitness Center at BHS, but I am unaware if it is still available to the public. A fitness center integrated into the community center with expanded hours would be an improvement, but not essential. I have only accessed Bacon Park, but that seems in great repair and well cared for.	9/15/2025 12:58 PM

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115	Senior programs.	9/15/2025 12:44 PM
116	Please don't put in more pickleball courts, soccer fields, or outdoor sports fields. Our community centre is a joke. We have no pool, the high school doesn't count. We need more amenities to support community events and a total revamp of the Centre to modernize it, make it comparable to the Ymca, and provide more non-senior spaces would be amazing. We'd use it constantly. My child has very few options to go to. I have none. Your class schedule is very unfriendly to families who work. 2-4pm classes are pretty limited and very frustrating.	9/15/2025 12:43 PM
117	We miss out on many P&R programs because we do not find out about them until it is too late to participate. We do not receive the Berkley Buzz program in our mail and Parks and Recreation does not offer an email list service to alert residents of upcoming programs or activities.	9/15/2025 12:39 PM
118	I would like the city to revisit their budgeting process. I realize park and rec facilities are expensive to install and to maintain but I believe we waste money in other areas.	9/15/2025 12:37 PM
119	I'd love to receive a news letter that lets me know what activities are going on. I've been told the senior center has one and it gets dropped off at Oxford Park Towers. But I've never seen one, there are over 200 residents and if a handful are left in the office they are gone with in minutes. I'd love to get over mailed to me, so I would actually be able to see everything that is offered. Elizabeth Topham, 2345 Oxford Rd, apt 809 Berkley	9/15/2025 12:21 PM
120	Would like some "intro to sports" options as a way for kids to try different activities without committing to a full league schedule. Kids aged 6 and 10 are interested in Tennis, but not sure how to get started.	9/15/2025 12:19 PM
121	look at offering sports complex with multiple offerings.	9/15/2025 12:08 PM
122	please fix our recreational center - I know we have not passed funding as a community in a while and that is the reason - but let's find a way! yes, i would love an arena again but we use RO now and I don't know if the city can justify it I would LOVE a great indoor (or outdoor I suppose) pool like farmington/troy/HW - by the time it is built our kids will likely have outgrown it - but we are still willing to pay for it with our taxes - a vibrant city needs a vibrant parks and rec department! please no dog park - have i said that yet? LOL you do a great job with our parks and playgrounds (+ we have the schools) - we are fortunate - but pavillions and restrooms would also be great, and rentable spaces Thank you for all that you do. We know you do your best with the limited resources you have - and we appreciate all of you.	9/15/2025 11:59 AM
123	Thank you for putting this survey together	9/15/2025 11:51 AM
124	AS STATED PREVIOUSLY - IT IS EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS TO BIKE IN THE COMMUNITY OR WALK. TRAFFIC CONTROL IS NONEXISTENT. TALK TO THE PEOPLE - EVERYONE WILL TELL STORIES OF BEING ALMOST HIT AT AN INTERSECTION -- STOP SIGNS ARE JUST A SUGGESTION IN THIS COMMUNITY. SPEEDING ON CATALPA AND BEVERLY IS INSANE. WHERE THE HELL IS THE POLICE ENFORCEMENT? HERE'S AN IDEA TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE CITY :: SPEEDING TICKETS. RECKLESS DRIVING TICKETS. FAILURE TO STOP AT A STOP SIGN TICKETS. STOP THE STUPIDITY OF PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREETS. THAT IS JUST PLAIN STUPID AND HAZARDOUS.	9/15/2025 11:48 AM
125	There has to be better communication with the community about the importance of improving in these areas. As young families continue to move in, it is their future in Berkley that can be vastly improved with a focus on these areas.	9/15/2025 11:45 AM
126	Price for Zumba drop-in classes (\$12) is too much. Restrooms at Community Center need updating.	9/15/2025 11:44 AM
127	Berkley parks and rec does a great job with their limited resources. They are always supportive and kind. Please keep trying to add more for us residents. It is an impossible task to make everyone happy. Thanks for continuing to try.	9/15/2025 11:42 AM
128	I would love to see additional programs that are not all sports/exercise related for adults.	9/15/2025 11:42 AM
129	An instructor to provide information on the different features of my cell phone and how to use it more effectively, how to better use my computer programs, how to more effectively communicate through Facebook to post photos and/or print photos. Have an art expert come a couple times a year to give an appraisal on value of paintings and crystal. Also how to sell items if needed. I would be glad to pay for their time and advice.	9/15/2025 11:39 AM

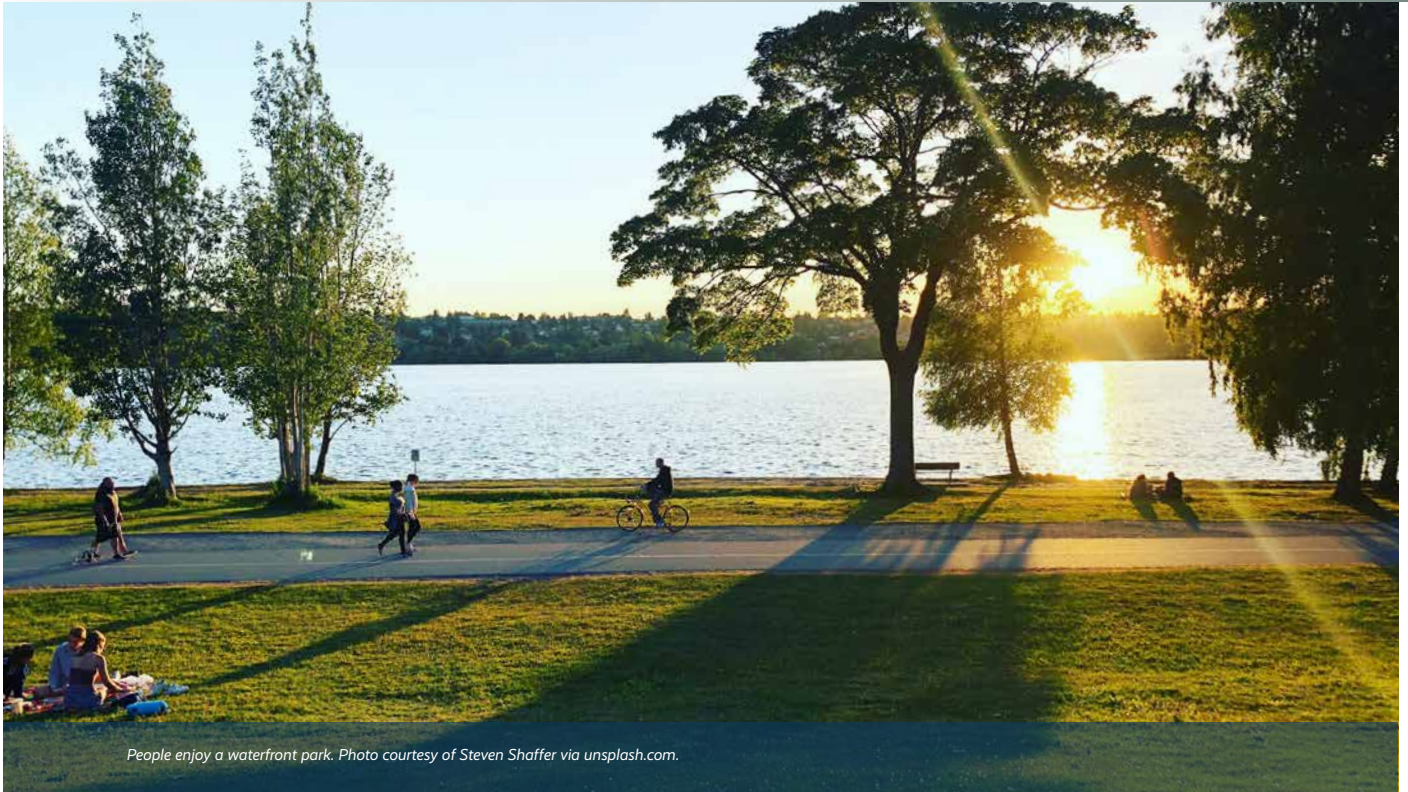
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130	A senior center is needed which could provide activities and classes for seniors	9/15/2025 11:36 AM
131	We're very lucky to have a wonderful staff at the community center!	9/15/2025 11:35 AM
132	A community pool (like HW) would be AMAZING	9/15/2025 11:28 AM
133	Don't have any	9/15/2025 11:28 AM
134	The pool thing can't be overstated. If we build one we could make it big and charge HW and OP for winter access. Otherwise, just get it over with and get a use agreement so our residents can use their pools for a fee. It's a political lift but it's also been strung out absurdly long at this point. Adult recreation should be an opportunity to meet new people and strengthen community bonds (I'm a big fan of the book Bowling Alone).	9/15/2025 11:28 AM
135	Communication in the city seems like an opportunity for improvement. Use of facilities or attendance at special events I feel would be greater either more robust e communication. We don't need mailers or Berkley buzz. Just emails of regular business, park reminders and upcoming events.	9/15/2025 11:26 AM
136	We have a great base to build from. A new community center -including a fitness center- would be a big advantage to attract more participation.	9/15/2025 11:22 AM
137	You all really do a stellar job! We are so grateful for the city parks and programs and all the hard work you all do. A resident outdoor community pool would be absolutely incredible for all the families here! We would be there every day in the summer!	9/14/2025 8:41 AM
138	The city wastes tons of money to turn us into a place that appeals to a demographic that doesn't live here	9/14/2025 12:00 AM
139	The staff are doing the best with the little resources they have. They make sure everyone is included and welcomed.	9/13/2025 11:33 PM
140	Berkley has some great park spaces. We really enjoy the various special event offerings.	9/13/2025 9:09 PM
141	We would love to see additional youth programs / toddler activities in a more updated community center with a pool and bigger facility to host these programs. Overall we're satisfied with the parks we go to. Would also love if the Berkley library could host more week night or weekend activities for the kids we miss a lot of them!	9/13/2025 12:18 PM
142	None	9/13/2025 10:36 AM
143	I love Berkley, been here over 30 years. Used the community ctr for many things from preschool activities for my grandson, his attending the summer camp, now senior exercise and trips. Been wonderful. Watched the rink and hockey with grandson, then demolition. Now, after all these years paying taxes, watching people move in and out of Berkley, new beautiful homes and businesses. Why, I ask, hasn't anything been done to the hub of all activity in our cute little town. I'm embarrassed that we didn't have a manager there for a long period of time and these educated professionals in the community center are working in those dilapidated conditions. Yes, it's a shame we can't take pride in the one place that should be a sanctuary. We need a place for banquets and social events. What say you city officials.	9/13/2025 8:23 AM
144	I love Berkley! We need a pool!	9/13/2025 7:58 AM
145	Please get a modern community center!!	9/12/2025 9:03 PM
146	We should have a wine book club that meets at Amici's	9/12/2025 9:02 PM
147	Thank you :)	9/12/2025 12:41 PM



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People enjoy a waterfront park. Photo courtesy of Steven Shaffer via unsplash.com.

Cover images (clockwise from top left): Park leaders meet to discuss the Hayward Area Shoreline and to present U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (D-CA) with the NRPA Park Champion Award, at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center in California. Photo courtesy of East Bay Regional Park District; Adults participate in an art class at the Sam Johnson Recreation Center in Plano, Texas. Photo courtesy of Kelley Crimmins, Plano Parks and Recreation Department; Summer campers cool off and goof off with their counselors at the South Clayton Recreation Center in Jonesboro, Georgia. Photo courtesy of Clayton County Parks and Recreation.

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GLOSSARY OF FUNDRAISING TERMS

This short list explains some of the terms that are not already defined in the guide. You can access a comprehensive set of fundraising terms at learn.guidestar.org/help/glossary.

501(c)(3)

Organizations operating exclusively for charitable purposes, which have been designated exempt from paying federal taxes by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Community Foundation

A grantmaking public charity dedicated to improving the lives of people in a specific local or regional area.

Corporate Social Responsibility

A term used to describe a company's active interest in how it affects the well-being of society.

IRS Form 990

The tax return required by the IRS for an organization designated as 501(c)(3).

Major Gift

A specific gift level that represents a significant contribution. The level varies by entity, as some established organizations consider gifts over \$100,000 to be major, while others consider gifts of \$1,000 to be a major donation.

Mission Statement

A concise definition of your agency's focus and purpose that describes who you serve and what value you deliver to them.

Naming Right

The right to name a tangible property or an event, usually for a defined period of time, in exchange for a financial commitment.

Types of Funding

Capital funding supports major projects, such as land purchase and/or new construction, expansion, renovation, or replacement for an existing property or facility.

General operating support can be used for an organization's overall activities, including operating expenses and overhead.

Program support is restricted for a specific project or activity of the grantee, tied to specific, project-based outcomes.

Types of Funds

Unrestricted funds have no conditions on the way they can be used.

Restricted funds must be used for the specific purpose for which they are requested and given.

A *permanently restricted gift* is a term used for endowment funds: donated funds that cannot be spent; only a portion of the interest that the endowment fund earns can be used for an unrestricted or restricted purpose.

Vision Statement

An inspirational declaration that creates a picture with words to answer the question: "What do you want to create?"

INTRODUCTION

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks, recreation and conservation. Our work draws national focus to the far-reaching impact of successes generated at the local level. NRPA's members are more than 60,000 strong and represent public spaces in urban communities, rural settings and everything in between. Our members are the park and recreation professionals and advocates who leverage their roles in conservation, health and wellness, and social equity to improve their communities.

Park and recreation professionals are passionate about their jobs. They have meaningful occupations that have significant impacts on local communities, and they can see the influence of their work every day. These professionals not only provide the park and recreation services that people from all walks of life use, but also serve as stewards of the public green spaces that safeguard the environment.

Elected officials expound on the value of parks and recreation, but often do not prioritize it or provide enough funding to run the best operation possible. Parks and recreation survived the Great Recession of 2008–2009, but according to research from NRPA, the sector has not regained the public funding levels that it had prior to that global financial crisis (bit.ly/2WK9z1O). Park and recreation agencies need to be ready for budget reductions due to financial contractions and/or unanticipated disasters.

In order to build and sustain a high-quality park and recreation system, sufficient resources are needed. That means you must consistently advocate for more tax dollars; you may have to raise rates for program participation and space rental; and you can diversify your revenue streams by bringing in other resources, including state and federal grants, in-kind contributions and private funds. You have a wide range of opportunities to secure charitable gifts to leverage public dollars and earned income.

Was “raising money” ever in your job description? How do you do that? How do you even start?

Many people are uncomfortable raising money. It is important to remember that when you ask for investment in a worthwhile purpose, it is a gift not for personal gain, but to benefit your community. You have every right to be proud when asking for support to help the members of the public you serve, and you will win the respect of people who also care about the challenges facing your community and who are in positions to help you.

The public's recognition of the importance of parks and recreation is evolving. People who give money are beginning to understand that parks and recreation can address a host of emerging cross-sector challenges, such as:

- Creating environmentally resilient and sustainable communities
- Advancing diversity, equity and inclusion and challenging historical and systemic inequities
- Creating cross-sector partnerships with health, environmental, housing and other partners for collective impact
- Disaster preparedness, mitigation and response

Now is a good time to join discussions in your jurisdiction about the various issues communities face, which can lead to potential resources to address them through parks and recreation.

There's no one-size-fits-all model for park and recreation fundraising. Some agencies have the capacity to fundraise on their own; others may hire a fundraising consultant or partner with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In this guide, we delve into the preparation needed to start a successful fundraising program. We outline the fundraising process. We focus on resource development for programs, because it is likely that this will be a focus of your initial fundraising efforts. We briefly spotlight how park and recreation agencies can work with business entities, conduct special events, and help create an ongoing fundraising enterprise.

Since this brief guide cannot go in depth on all fundraising topics, we provide pointers specifically for the park and recreation sector and refer you to manuals and webinars for more information. The fundraising strategies described here are the same building blocks used by fundraisers for both large and small campaigns.

Before you begin or expand a fundraising program, consider the effort involved. Know that from the start, fundraising involves an investment of resources, takes serious effort, and needs follow-up and more follow-up. If you start out intensely and then abandon the effort when it doesn't seem to "pay off," later you will have difficulty convincing funders that they should support you. An agency might put a lot of effort into preparing a proposal, and, if not awarded a grant, think, "Well, fundraising doesn't work for us." Know that you will hear, "No." Experienced fundraisers interpret "No" to mean "No, for now."

When you are successful in fundraising, it is deeply satisfying, both personally and professionally, because people recognize the importance of your work and support your efforts. Despite inevitable bumps in the road, fundraising can be tremendously impactful for you, your agency and your community.

I. SET UP FOR SUCCESS

Lay this important groundwork before you start to seek funding.

A. ESTABLISH AN INTERNAL FUNDRAISING TEAM

You need both agency leadership and internal support to implement an effective fundraising program. Ideally, the team will include the chief executive, program director, public relations (PR)/marketing director, finance director and a coordinator with excellent communications and organizational skills to manage the fundraising tasks. In some agencies, one or two people may perform most of these roles, or they may be the responsibility of staff in different departments. Below are the roles to incorporate — but remember, your agency or jurisdiction may assign them in a different way.

TIP

Prior to hiring an outside consultant for fundraising assistance, research your state laws that may require the fundraising consultant to register with the state prior to any solicitation activity. It is not considered ethical to compensate fundraising professionals with a commission (a percentage of donations), or funds raised; donors expect that their contributions will be invested solely for the purposes for which they are requested.

The park and recreation agency's director or chief executive officer (CEO) is the authority with whom donors want to interact, because this individual is responsible for achieving their program and philanthropic goals. The park and recreation director/CEO must be committed to the fundraising process and communicate it as a priority for staff.

The program director can identify the gaps in services and can relay the needs of the employees who conduct programs and operate facilities.

The PR/marketing director knows your audience, which is key to answering the often-asked question for every fundraising request: Who do you serve? This individual also collects direct feedback from the public about what facilities and services they want.

The finance director budgets the expenses of expanding an existing program, piloting a new program or adding a new park or facility, as well as the cost of maintaining a program or facility. This individual also can help create a full budget for fundraising purposes, as discussed below.

The fundraising coordinator conducts research on best practices, prepares documents, submits proposals as approved, schedules meetings, and maintains communication loops internally and externally. This individual could be a staff member or an experienced contractor; either must have access to all appropriate parties. The fundraising coordinator must have excellent writing and organizational skills — and be pleasantly persistent.

Coordinating these functions can be challenging due to many reasons, such as conflicting priorities for funding from different parts of government, bureaucracy in decision-making and meeting deadlines. Pulling together a strong team with the expertise needed will help overcome obstacles and move toward fundraising success.

B. ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND FISCAL INTEGRITY IN THE FUNDRAISING PROCESS

It is critical that you first establish or learn about your local jurisdiction's policies and procedures for accepting and managing grants and donated funds. In some instances, the mayor or other official must approve a grant proposal before it is submitted. In other cases, the city council must vote to accept a grant (which could take a few weeks). Once received, grant-related income and expenses must be segregated into separate accounts in the public finance system for reporting to the funder.

The importance of appropriate financial controls and reporting cannot be overstated, whether you are accepting funds into the public finance system or partnering with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. You must instill confidence in prospective donors that their funds will be used appropriately and reported with total transparency.

C. CREATE A CULTURE FOR PHILANTHROPY

Many in the development profession now prefer the word “philanthropy” because fundraising is a transactional term.

Based on its Greek roots, the word philanthropy means “love of humankind.” Robert Payton, the first executive director of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University, described philanthropy as “Voluntary action for the public good.” Donors want to invest in change for the better, but they cannot do it alone. You are in a position to help a donor make impactful “investments” in health and wellness, conservation, and social equity, which are among the most significant challenges that our society faces. Therefore, the best approach to donors is to ask: “How can I help you realize your goals?”

USING VOLUNTEERS

Many of the tasks described in this guide can be supplemented with the help of volunteers, such as high school and university students, recent graduates, interns, current and retired professionals including park and recreation professionals, teachers, library staff, and other community members interested in donating their time. A community college professor could assign a data gathering project or community needs assessment to a class. A volunteer committee of knowledgeable, local healthcare professionals can give input on wellness programs that are lacking in your community and justification for why they are needed. A group of volunteers can implement a fundraising event plan. An experienced, professional fundraiser might provide free guidance to a volunteer grant writer. Forming a volunteer Development Committee is a terrific way to help you identify, cultivate, solicit and maintain relationships with potential donors. All volunteers need support and supervision to make sure that they always appropriately represent you and your agency's work.

Every person who steps on one of your properties is a potential donor. Therefore, everyone in your agency is responsible for fundraising success and needs to embrace their role as a front-line ambassador. Set aside time in every staff meeting to talk about what you do, why you do it and how the community benefits from your work. Quote your mission and vision statements regularly. Encourage your staff to talk with customers about your agency's aspirations (not problems!). They are your eyes and ears and can provide invaluable feedback.

Expressing regular and authentic gratitude not only to donors, but also to customers, volunteers, elected officials, staff and others who support your agency is key to creating a culture for philanthropy. When everyone feels appreciated, they are more willing to stretch their resources — whatever they are — to make your community a better place to live.

ETHICAL FUNDRAISING AND A DONOR'S "RIGHTS"

Ethical practice is imperative to maintain public trust in the fundraising process. Familiarize your team with the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Code of Ethical Standards: afpglobal.org/ethicsmain/code-ethical-standards

AFP was a partner in the development of The Donor Bill of Rights. While not all provisions will apply to public entities, this document will prepare your team to be donor-centric in your fundraising efforts: afpglobal.org/donor-bill-rights

II. DEVELOP YOUR JUSTIFICATION FOR PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

Prospective donors, especially those capable of making significant contributions, expect in-depth information about your reasons for seeking funding: the community issues that you are addressing, the ways you will address them and the amount it costs. Furthermore, setting your own priorities prevents you from becoming sidetracked by other people's priorities that do not match your own.

A. ASSESS YOUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS RELATED TO PARKS AND RECREATION

Consider the purpose of your fundraising program. What are the challenges you are addressing? The purpose is not about what the agency needs, which usually is expressed as "We need more staff and more money to do our jobs successfully." This kind of rationale does not work. To be successful in fundraising, you need to flip the narrative and address community needs.

When you gather your fundraising team, your first agenda item is to gather data for community needs relating to parks and recreation. There are many strategies for doing this. Some information may be on-hand, or you can collect information by employing some best practices.

Best Practices for Gathering Data on Community Needs

If you have a park and recreation master plan, you are way ahead! A master plan is developed from a public planning process that is multifaceted, inclusive and comprehensive. Your community has given input, identified gaps in services and facilities, detailed needs, and established priorities. This document is the best tool to position you for successful fundraising. Check out NRPA's resource on Creating Equity-Based System Master Plans (nrpa.org/ParkMasterPlanning).

You also can employ these strategies:

- **Customer Satisfaction Surveys** reveal services and facilities that your customers want.
nrpa.org/publications-research/mapping-and-data-resources/customer-feedback-surveys
- **Community Needs Assessment** combines both customer satisfaction and priority-setting.
nrpa.org/publications-research/mapping-and-data-resources/community-needs-assessments
- **Community Engagement** enables you to work with community members to identify their priorities and engage them in the fundraising process.
nrpa.org/Community-Engagement
- **Asset Mapping** identifies local strengths, such as people, organizations, businesses, services and resources and can reveal ways to connect, leverage and add to existing resources to make communities stronger, providing a positive incentive for investment.
ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/rural-toolkit/1/asset-identification and bit.ly/36bBJPk
- **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)** is a federal requirement for private, nonprofit hospitals. A hospital must complete a CHNA at least every three years with input from the broader community. Hospitals then describe their implementation strategy to meet the identified needs, which could potentially include partnership with parks and recreation. Contact your local, nonprofit hospital for a copy of the report or look up the hospital's IRS Form 990, Schedule H.
- **Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)** provides priorities for public outdoor recreation across cities, rural areas and regions. Each state must prepare a SCORP every five years to be eligible for funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals lists all SCORPs on its website, which also features research, webinars and resources.
recpro.org/scorp-library

Gathering and Utilizing Other Data

In addition to the above strategies, listen carefully to what people are saying about your community's challenges and acquire backup documentation. Has your health department issued alerts about a prevalence of obesity and/or diabetes? Have your local media cited the number of trees that your community has lost to gradual deforestation or in a recent storm? Are there school report cards that spotlight neighborhoods where students are underperforming and cannot access out-of-school time opportunities? Has your local Council on Aging issued an alarm about the effect of loneliness on the health of your senior citizens?

There also are reports and websites where you can gather community data and rate how your area performs relative to other places. You can use this information to highlight areas in which your community needs to improve. Here are a few examples:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's 500 Cities project provides city and census tract-level data for a number of chronic disease risk factors, health outcomes and clinical preventative service use for the largest 500 cities in the nation.
cdc.gov/500cities/index.htm
- The American Fitness Index ranks America's 100 largest cities on a composite of factors contributing to their citizens' fitness, health and quality of life.
bit.ly/2zU2kEe
- The Annie E. Casey Foundation produces an annual report on child well-being and tracks demographic, economic, education, health, and safety/risky behaviors by state and county.
datacenter.kidscount.org
- You can access comparison data such as Park Metrics, Facility Market Reports and Park Serve at nrpa.org.



Burlington Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront professionals lead children in a hands-on activity. Photo courtesy of the National Recreation and Park Association.

B. IDENTIFY PROGRAMS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DEFINE THEIR OUTCOMES

Your needs assessment should back up your assertions that programs or strategies are needed (based on community data) and wanted by your audience (based on park and recreation master plans, customer satisfaction surveys, community needs assessments, community engagement processes). There are many, many resources for programs and strategies that can address identified health, equity and conservation needs. Start with NRPA's resources: [nrpa.org/Best-Practice-Resources](https://www.nrpa.org/Best-Practice-Resources)

When you develop a program or strategy, describe the beneficial changes that your community members will experience if you are able to implement it. All funders seek positive change, which can be defined as program outcomes:

Outcomes are benefits or changes for individuals or populations during or after participating in program activities. [See the reference to "Excerpts from Measuring Program Outcomes: A Practical Approach" in this guide's bibliography, which provides a concise summary and definitions of inputs, activities and outputs that lead to outcomes.]

Funders may require you to demonstrate that you

EXAMPLES OF PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Through guided exercise classes and group discussion about healthy eating, participants in our "Get Healthy!" program will develop new skills and knowledge that lead to greater health and wellness.
- Volunteers participating in our Youth Coaching certification program will learn the fundamentals of physical skills development and strategies for dealing with sexual, physical and emotional misconduct, bullying and harassment.
- In our "Ageless Garden," toddlers partner with senior citizens on edible gardening projects and gain social skills, appreciation of nature and scientific knowledge of how food grows.
- In our Commit to Health nutrition education intervention, youth and families will learn about preparing healthy foods and eating five fruits and vegetables each day. The number of participants who report consuming five fruits and vegetables a day at the end of the intervention will increase by 10 percent.

achieved the defined outcomes. In some cases, an evaluation plan has to be developed as part of the proposal; you could ask a nonprofit agency, college or university in your community to work with you to develop it. You also may include a request for an outside evaluator in the budget. Your community foundation can be helpful in locating one.

C. BUDGET PART 1: THE BIG PICTURE

Now that you have become familiar with your community's needs, conducted research on best practices to meet these needs, and settled on a program or expansion, you need to create a budget for how much the program will cost, including the funds you currently have and the amount you need to request from donors to implement the program or improvement.

Approaching donors of any type requires a business approach. Create a consumer-friendly budget for your entire park and recreation agency. Calculate your sources of funds for the park and recreation system and all expenditures in broad categories. A prospective donor will be encouraged to see a diversity of support from various streams:

- Tax dollars — general fund, designated levies
- Earned income — rentals, class fees, events, concessions
- Grants and sponsorships
- Volunteer hours
- Donated goods and services

The last two items noted above are not usually calculated in park and recreation budgets. In-kind contributions of products and services, including volunteer help, can be a huge boost for a fundraising request because they show the commitment of others to the work that you do — and they have real value. Just because money is not exchanged does not mean the item or service is free. Products have prices, so does volunteer time; the value of a volunteer hour is \$25.43. (Get updates at independentsector.org).

Agencies may track volunteer hours because some corporations donate money to them based on their employees' volunteer hours. Some track volunteer hours for high school and college community service programs. If you don't track, you can reasonably estimate how many hours people volunteer. For example, volunteer coaches are "on duty" before, during and after each game in the season, plus during regular practices.

D. BUDGET PART 2: PROGRAM INCOME AND EXPENSE

The Program Budget Template (see the Request for Support box, page 12) guides you to calculate what you have and what you need in order to demonstrate how a relatively modest amount of private funding can close a gap between expenses and existing resources for a program that will benefit your public.

The request should be related to itemized programmatic expenses, not ongoing operations or general

WHICH FUNDING REQUEST IS MORE LIKELY TO SUCCEED?

We need to raise \$10,000 to plant 400 trees next year.

OR

We project a budget of \$30,000 to plant trees next year. We will use \$10,000 of our publicly funded budget for supervision, groundskeeping crews, equipment and volunteer management. We will recruit volunteers from the community to help with planting; we calculate that one volunteer hour at \$25 an hour per tree equals a value of \$6,000. A local gardening store is contributing \$4,000 of tree stakes and mulch to protect the trees during mowing while they grow. We are seeking \$10,000 to buy 400 trees at \$25 per tree.

administrative expenses. Most donors will accept a line item of 8 percent to 20 percent administrative “overhead” or “indirect” costs added to the project’s budget; federal and state grants require a negotiated overhead rate that is based on your agency’s financial records.

Professional staff time can be added to the budget only if the staff member has duties directly related to the program or project. For example, you might add 5 percent of your PR/communications staff member’s annual salary to the budget for a jurisdiction-wide program, in addition to the cost of designing and printing program marketing materials. (You should be prepared to provide details of staff salaries and contractor payments in budgets submitted to funders.) If you are asked to provide a budget narrative, which provides a justification for each line item, you can explain that the salary time is devoted to developing the printed materials, uploading and updating information on the website and distributing the information throughout the year. Do not include fundraising personnel or contractors in the program budget, since fundraising is viewed as an administrative function and part of overhead.

Asking for funds to hire program staff is usually a nonstarter, unless you have an opportunity to request a multi-year grant for a specific program. You may have better luck with a program that uses contractors, such as instructors and evaluators.

E. ASSEMBLE YOUR REQUEST(S) FOR SUPPORT

When you have completed all of the items above (steps A through D), you will have most elements needed to request support. You have identified the specific community needs and the reasons they are important to address. In addition to defining the best kind of program to benefit your community, you also have defined the individual participant outcomes: what benefits or changes you anticipate as a result of participation in the program. Your organizational budget shows all the income and expenses of your park and recreation system, so the donor can see that the monetary request for support is modest relative to the big picture. Your program budget calculates how many individuals you can serve with resources in hand and with the philanthropic contribution. Now, you can demonstrate to prospective donors their “return on investment.”

Supporting Documentation

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The basic outline for a request for support looks like this:

- Our mission and vision is [describe mission/vision], and our community is facing [describe challenges] that directly relate to this mission. [Here is our evidence.]
- Our park and recreation system is well-positioned to address these challenges with [describe program]. This program works as evidenced by [list information on findings].
- Our expenses to [implement or expand] the program total \$[total program budget]. Out of \$[total program budget], \$[existing personnel budget] will be supported by public dollars and/or earned income. While we will seek donated supplies, we have budgeted \$[budgeted amount] from the \$[existing supplies budget]. We will use volunteers for a value of \$[volunteer hour value].
- Our fundraising goal for this program is \$[total program budget] minus \$[existing personnel budget] minus \$[existing supplies budget] minus \$[volunteer hour value].
- When we secure these funds, we will be able to increase our services to [number] more people with a program that will result in [outcome].
- As you can see from our organizational budget, a modest investment will have a big impact.

You can edit this information into a one-paragraph summary, which is often required as part of a fundraising request.

You and/or your nonprofit partner should have supporting documentation ready for proposals, such as financial statements, agency and/or nonprofit budgets (previous year, current year, following year), staff organizational charts and human resources policies, IRS determination letter(s), and the most recent IRS Form 990.

Other documents helpful to include in a fundraising package are:

- A brief history of your agency, its successes and/or articles in the press
- An outline of recognition and benefits for major gift donors, such as naming rights, signage and public acknowledgment (Jurisdictions need approved policies for donor/sponsor recognition.)
- A list of past donors and amounts
- Letters of support from leaders, partners and beneficiaries of your services
- A list of your jurisdiction leadership and, if applicable, the Board members of your partner 501(c)(3).

Creating a Funding Menu

You will probably have more than one purpose for which you are seeking funds. This can be advantageous, since a single program will not appeal to all prospective donors. A great approach is to prepare a list of three or more needs with a short description to introduce your investment opportunities, and then ask prospective donors which one(s) they would be interested to learn more about. Here is a sample list:

Outdoor Programs

Spending time outdoors improves mental health, increases physical activity, and enhances academic performance and our ability to focus. We seek to introduce a wide array of outdoor education programs for our youth and their families, such as geocaching, canoeing, fishing, bird watching, survival skills workshops, trail walking, overnight camping and team building activities. These can lead to new interests, healthy lifestyles and an appreciation for nature. Funds are needed to purchase equipment for use by volunteers and staff.

Summer Camps

When school is out of session, families depend on our park and recreation system to provide safe, educational recreation programs during the summer. We serve 4,000 children and youth through partnerships with more than 40 local nonprofit and faith-based agencies, and we provide access to pools, field trips, free meals, specialty programs and special events. Funds are needed to underwrite a free summer camp for children from low-income families who can benefit from summer programs to reduce summer learning loss, to learn life-saving water safety skills (see the water safety skills box on the right) and to implement the Youth Quality Program Assessment to ensure a quality experience for every child.

Ensuring the Safety of Children

WATER SAFETY SKILLS: AN EXAMPLE OF USING RESEARCH TO SUPPORT A REQUEST FOR FUNDS

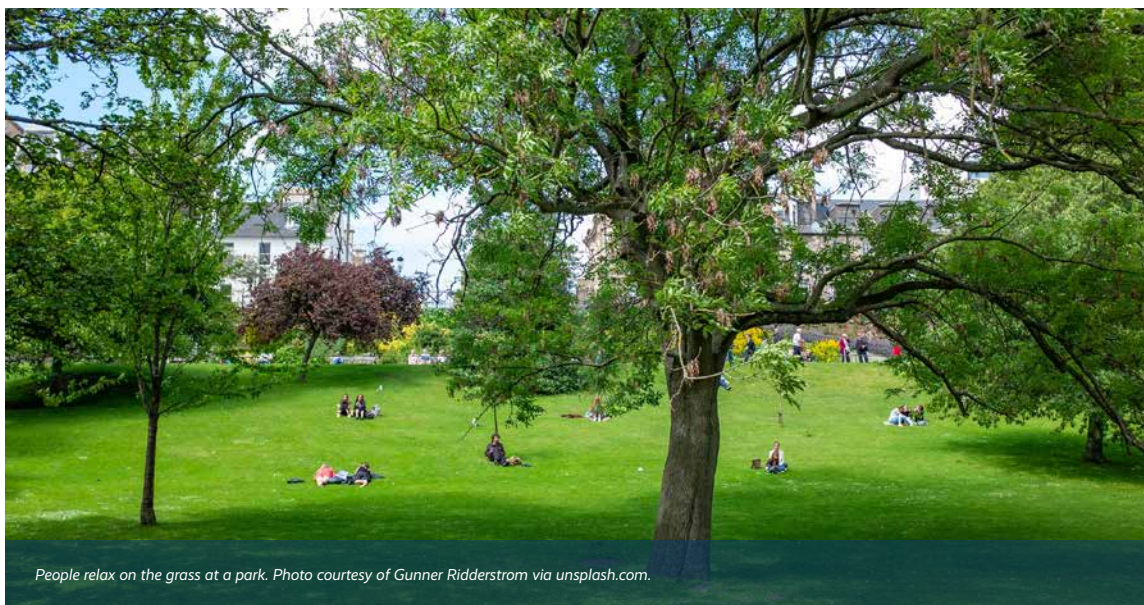
You can document the compelling need for water safety skills with research from a reliable source — in this case, the CDC:

Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States. About 1 in 5 people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger. For every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency care for nonfatal submersion injuries. ([cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/water-safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html](https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/water-safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html))

Our agency is dedicated to protecting the safety and well-being of all community members. NRPA's Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) program provides comprehensive training on playground safety issues, including hazard identification, equipment specifications, surfacing requirements and risk management methods. Funds are needed to send two staff members to earn this certification and to establish a pool of funds to address safety hazards and make minor improvements, such as replacing a swing set or repairing safety surfacing under play equipment.

Get Fit!

Obesity continues to impact millions of people across the country, leading to higher rates of chronic disease and diminished quality of life. We are partnering with our local public health institute, retired police officers and [list company/other partners] to improve long-term health outcomes for low-income families. We have identified six parks for enhanced security, healthy concession options and family-oriented physical activity classes. Funds are needed for exercise instructors and to market the programs.



People relax on the grass at a park. Photo courtesy of Gunner Ridderstrom via unsplash.com.

III. UNDERSTAND THE FUNDRAISING PROCESS

For successful fundraising, you need to know your audience. Each group of potential donors requires a slightly different approach.

A. TYPES OF FUNDERS

Public funders are primarily government agencies at the federal, state and regional levels that make grants. Examples include the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and state/regional resources to address critical public safety needs like storm mitigation and public health.

TIP

Amy Collier, MCRP, grants administration specialist for Parks and Neighborhoods in Memphis Tennessee, says, "Foundations might provide funding to public parks and recreation, if they accept an IRS letter of determination that shows that the jurisdiction is a nonprofit, public entity. Local foundations prefer park system-wide projects rather than single parks. We were able to get foundation funding for community engagement for our parks master plan."

There are three main groups of private funders:

- Individuals are the source of 80 percent of giving in the country, through direct gifts and bequests. Individuals are not likely to give money directly to a public park and recreation agency, but they will make donations designated to parks and recreation through a nonprofit partner or parks foundation.
- Foundations, which account for 16 percent of all giving, are set up to donate funds, but competition is fierce, and they are inundated with requests. Foundations request different information in different formats.
- Corporations, which provide 4 percent of the giving pie, participate in philanthropy to demonstrate good corporate citizenship and/or use it as a marketing strategy to connect with their customers.

The major stages of fundraising from any of these donor types are identification, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship.

B. IDENTIFY POTENTIAL DONORS

Prospecting is the practice of listing everyone who may be in a position to support your park and recreation work and then qualifying them as potential donors because 1) they are committed to addressing the same community concerns; 2) they make contributions in your community or region; and 3) they have the capacity to give significant funds.

Start with who you know, such as the people, organizations and companies that have already worked with you. That list includes vendors; park and recreation friends' groups; community, business and social leaders; individuals who rent your facilities; and volunteers for youth sports, events and conservation/beautification projects. Research websites of other local organizations that have missions that intersect with parks and recreation and add their major donors to your prospect list.

NRPA shares grant opportunities and resources at nrpa.org/Grants. It also has two tools to help you research and qualify donors, including foundation and government grant opportunities:

- Guide to Raising Additional Funds for Your Park Agency (bit.ly/2Bc4Eaw)
- Prospective Funder Brief (bit.ly/2M3TSp0)

C. CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROSPECTIVE DONORS

Cultivation is the process of developing a strong relationship with your prospective donor, understanding the donor's interests and determining if their interests intersect with yours. Do not leap from identification of a donor to solicitation (asking for money) — take time to build a relationship of trust and respect and, most importantly, listen to uncover connections between the donor and your agency's work. Ask people about their experience growing up in parks and recreation — most will say that it contributed to the adults that they are today. Cultivation is also a way of educating the prospective donor about the importance and impact of your work.

DONOR INTERESTS

Donor interests that commonly intersect with the work of parks and recreation include:

- Community engagement
- Afterschool and summer learning
- Sports-based youth development
- Youth violence reduction/conflict resolution; caring adults/mentoring
- Jobs for teens
- Anti-obesity and healthy lifestyles
- Water safety
- Safe places to play
- Afterschool and summer meals
- Career exploration
- Cultural programs/arts education
- Outdoor education/environmental education
- Active living for seniors

D. SOLICIT FUNDS

After you have identified and cultivated prospective donors, your timing for making the “ask” is key. Sometimes, this is easy to determine: foundations usually set deadlines to submit a proposal, or they may request a Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply before issuing an invitation to submit a full proposal. Corporations often create their philanthropy and/or marketing budgets a few months prior to the start of their new fiscal year, so it is best for your request to be submitted by September for programs and projects in the next calendar year.

TIP

Ways of cultivating donors could include an “insider’s” tour of your system and/or a luncheon with teens who have their first job at your agency.

Although year-end giving is still a popular concept, individuals make major gifts all year long. The best way to determine whether the time is right is to ask the donor. Here are some questions and discussion topics:

- Which of the programs we have discussed resonate the most with your giving priorities?
- Do you feel that you know enough about us and the program, or shall we provide more information?
- The amount that we are seeking to be able to implement/expand this program is **[provide dollar amount]**. What is the range of gift that would be appropriate for us to request from you?

Follow up speedily with a request if the donor has given you a green light. If that light is yellow, wait, but keep in touch. If it is red, try again later with a program that more closely matches the donor’s interest.

E. NURTURE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Do not make the mistake of sending off an acknowledgment for a donation or grant, and then waiting until it is time for a renewal to make your next contact. You need to thank your donors, but make sure to move beyond the transactional nature of giving and receiving and honor the relationship that has developed between you. You and the donor now share a commitment to advance your agency’s work. This relationship deserves special attention, which fundraisers call “stewardship.”

TIP

Challenge grants, which require some ratio of matching funds, are a great way to inspire donors. For example, a donor offers \$5,000 if you can raise an equal amount by a specific deadline. Then, everyone’s gift counts twice as much!

Donors want to feel appreciated for their contribution and reassured that their money matters. You can send a quick note and/or photo of people participating in a program they have supported, or bring your contributors together for a return on investment report. When donors feel that their contribution has made a real difference, they will want to support you again.

If you run into obstacles with a funded program, it helps to have had regular communications with the donor. Challenges like staff changes and unavoidable delays do happen; you can continue to be a trusted partner if you provide candid, immediate updates.

If you have received a “no” in response to a request for support, you should keep that source in your communications loop. When they have a clearer sense of the impact that you are making, your next request may be better received.

IV. PURSUE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Resource development means gathering additional funds and/or services to extend your park and recreation agency's capabilities to serve your public. In this section, we will explore various strategies for acquiring resources, in order from "low-hanging fruit" — partnerships and funding available to public agencies — to a formal fundraising program run by your own park and recreation foundation.

A. SECURE PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND GRANT REQUESTS

Partnerships work when two entities have complementary assets. Parks have enormous value for residential neighborhoods, schools and businesses as a quality-of-life factor. Neighborhood organizations, schools and business have potential volunteers and, in some cases, funds to invest in park and recreation needs.

A partnership between a park and recreation agency and a local nonprofit for the purpose of soliciting funding for a mutually beneficial program or project is a very workable strategy. It requires trust and close coordination. It is also imperative to have a formally approved, written agreement — a Memorandum of Understanding or Cooperative Endeavor Agreement — that articulates the roles and responsibilities of each party. The nonprofit may reserve a small percentage of a grant for fiscal and administrative oversight, which is normal practice and should be incorporated in the program budget.

Local service clubs like Elks, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and others sometimes adopt programs, not only soliciting funds but also raising awareness for your programs and services. Public health entities can help support or market free and low-cost park and recreation programs.

TIP

Outside funding can never replace public support. It can, however, provide significant leverage to enhance services by way of purchases of equipment, supplies, marketing and professional development to increase organizational capacity. Requests most likely to be funded include program development or expansion and special, time-limited projects. Philanthropic support can help you test more innovative programs that may be a gamble for your agency to fund from the start.

CASE STUDY: CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Sarah Bryant, AICP, director of Community Initiatives for the Cooper's Ferry Partnership in Camden, New Jersey, says, "We are a municipality of 77,000 people, and we do not have a stand-alone park and recreation department. Public Works runs park operations, and Human Services runs programs. Our city budget is so limited, we have no funds for maintenance. If parks aren't maintained, they are not used. It is our biggest challenge."

Partnerships are the answer. The city was able to create and maintain a new park as part of a waterfront development: a local developer contributed \$2 million toward construction of the park, and the condo association funds its maintenance on an annual basis. Schools adopt parks, and community organizations perform daily maintenance at others.

CASE STUDY: HOUSTON, TEXAS

Rose Esteves, CPRP, senior community liaison for Grants, Management and Finance Division, Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD), has developed a multiyear partnership with its local Student Conservation Association (SCA) chapter, focused on the agency's Natural Resource Management Program. Together, HPARD and SCA identify projects that can engage SCA interns and crews, and then, they research grant funding opportunities. SCA, a 501(c)(3) organization, applies for the grants and, once grants are secured, manages and reports on the funding. HPARD provides an in-kind match of staff hours and other services, such as mowing and watering. SCA and HPARD also solicit other in-kind contributions, such as trees for planting projects, training (chainsaw certification and GIS mapping), and staff expertise (plant identification and GIS mapping).

B. REQUEST FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC ENTITIES

Sources for park and recreation fundraising that are closest at hand are grants from NRPA and others highlighted on NRPA's website at nrpa.org/Grant-Fundraising-Resources.

Other sources include:

- Grants for the improvement of outdoor recreation facilities from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; these grants must address the priorities in your state's SCORP and are highly competitive
- State funding for public health, brownfield remediation and stormwater management/green infrastructure
- Recreational Trails Program funds from the federal government and many states
- Marketing dollars from health insurance providers in your state, which are often targeted to spend in the fall when people make decisions about health plan enrollment

In addition to health insurance providers, some private vendors and organizations work with government entities. The National Fitness Campaign (nationalfitnesscampaign.com) subsidizes the creation of their Fitness Court. KaBOOM! (kaboom.org) supports the development of playgrounds. Both of these entities provide some funding; the park and recreation system or a partner must raise the balance. FitLot (fitlot.org) has been commissioned by AARP to build an outdoor fitness center in every state.

When you submit a request for funding, explicitly follow the funder's guidelines. If you do get a rejection, dedicate some time to figure out the flaws in your request. Here are some common — and avoidable — errors:

- The request is ineligible because either you are submitting as a park and recreation agency when the proposal must be submitted by a 501(c)(3) organization, or a nonprofit is submitting a request on your behalf when the eligibility is limited to public park and recreation agencies.
- The request does not align with the funder's specific priorities. For example, you are asking for a playground from a health funder committed to addressing youth hunger.
- The request is poorly written, with incomplete sentences and spelling errors; and/or it is too wordy, supplying information that is irrelevant to the request; and/or it does not provide the information requested.

TIP

Sometimes, funders will give you direct feedback about their reasons for rejecting your request. You definitely should ask for their comments, because it is an important way to cultivate that relationship and, perhaps, get to a "yes" on your next submission.

- The budgets do not make sense and/or include unsustainable budget items, such as a full-time position for a one-year grant.
- The program does not utilize partnerships, meaning that work will be done in a silo.

Keep in mind that, if you submit a sloppy proposal, the funder has to assume that your work will be sloppy, too — neatness counts!

C. COLLABORATE WITH BUSINESSES

Corporations value improvement to the communities where their employees and customers live, work and play. The kinds of support available from businesses can include:

- Matching gifts for donations made by employees
- Contributions based on employees' volunteer time
- Volunteer participation on park and recreation boards and/or committees
- Expertise in marketing, finance, information technology and human resources
- Donations of office furniture
- Supplies and services that could include a day-long employee community project, such as sprucing up a fieldhouse through painting and landscaping
- Corporate social responsibility grants, similar to public or foundation grants

TIP

In jurisdictions lacking a major corporate presence, small businesses could be solicited for acknowledgment on a “brick” in a public area for a capital project or on a nicely designed poster in your government lobby for program support. Twenty businesses giving \$500 each totals \$10,000!

Corporations often seek public recognition. Typical perks for businesses are brand visibility on program or facility signs and materials (both physical and online), opportunities to host promotions of their products and services, and public acknowledgment of their investment by elected officials.

Sponsorship is not technically fundraising. It is a marketing strategy to connect a company to its target market. A business is using your assets (such as properties, signage, programs, newsletters, media, events) to sell its goods and services to current and prospective customers. While sponsorship is not charitable giving, it does enhance a company's image as a good corporate citizen, and park and recreation agencies are well-positioned to associate a company's brand with a positive and healthy lifestyle. Usually, you can use sponsorship funds for unrestricted purposes. Remember that you must deliver on the benefits that you promise and report on them, too.

D. CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENTS

As a fundraising strategy, special events can be greatly successful — or not at all. Park and recreation agencies hold special events year-round and often are successful in securing some underwriting, in addition to admission revenue, to cover expenses and marketing. When planning an event specifically for the purposes of fundraising, be aware that gross income less all expenses — the net amount — is the most significant number. You need discipline to adhere to a detailed expense budget, and your volunteer leadership must commit to achieving the income projections for sponsorships and top-level

TIP

Social media in general can be very helpful in telling your story, which is key to successful fundraising. There are many platforms that offer fundraising help, some specific to nonprofits. Aim to recruit young people to form a committee to strategize on a social media fundraising campaign.

ticket purchases. The human factor is also important. Staging a fundraising event takes a lot of staff time and requires their attention to the details, even when you have volunteers.

On the plus side, when you have a parks and recreation-related cause to celebrate — such as recognizing an alumnus of your sports league who is a respected local leader — and you have a cadre of enthusiastic, experienced volunteers, you can use the opportunity to highlight your programs as an effective way for people to invest in your community. Special events can help you gain more friends and potential donors.



During the opening of a multi-use shelter at Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield, Virginia, a Fairfax County Park Authority volunteer shows local children a turtle from the center. Photo courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority.

E. MOTIVATE COMMUNITY LEADERS TO CREATE A PARK AND RECREATION FOUNDATION TO BENEFIT YOUR AGENCY

A park and recreation friends group may focus on one specific park or neighborhood. If this group is already a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that can be energized to support your park and recreation system because of its wide community benefits, then you are well on your way to a structured fundraising program. If not, there are steps to take to set up your own park and recreation foundation.

Do you know prominent park champions, such as business leaders, judges, newscasters and professional sports figures? These could be volunteer coaches and/or parents of young people who participate in your agency's programs. Recruit three to five people to form a Parks and Recreation Champions Committee to set up a foundation for the specific purpose of supporting local parks and recreation. The script may look something like this:

"We have been studying our community needs and matching solutions to them with citizen preferences for recreation programming and park amenities. For your review, here is our assessment and an outline of the objectives that we have set."

"We know that we need more funds to realize these objectives than we currently have from our regular resources, and we seek leaders to start a fundraising foundation to benefit our community. We are speaking with people like you who have experienced for themselves the importance of parks and recreation in shaping their lives and contributing to their success."

“We ask that you join us by providing financial and other support (e.g., legal help for filing for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status), serve as one of our first Board members, be a committed spokesperson for this effort, and link us to your personal and business connections for successful fundraising.”

Before it receives its IRS nonprofit designation, this committee can contribute and solicit funds under the aegis of a fiscal agent/sponsor or local community foundation.¹

CONCLUSION

You can rally support for an improved park and recreation system that makes your community a great place to work and play, raise a family and develop talented employees. We close with advice and encouraging words regarding fundraising from your colleagues in parks and recreation:

- **Listening is very important.**
- Funders are not accustomed to bureaucracy.
- You need the buy-in of the agency director and employee engagement, or staff will not do extra work.
- Have relationships already established with community partners and citizens, so you can get a letter of support in less than a week.
- If a funder wants a lot of say in **how** a project is completed, it may not be a great fit, as you need to do what is best for the public and not what's best for the funder.
- Be a good storyteller: When you get grants, tell the story to the public, to your staff internally, to elected leaders. Being a good storyteller helps bring in more funds.
- Have funding priorities. Don't chase grants as they come in, take your ideas and seek grants that fit those.
- Community engagement is very important.
- **You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take.**

¹ Working with a fiscal agent or sponsor requires adherence to specific rules. They do not simply hold and distribute funds, as they are required to act as a 501(c)(3) in terms of stewardship of accepting and disbursing donated monies. They charge fees for their services. This strategy is good for a time-limited project or nonprofit startup.

RESOURCE GUIDE

These resources include free and low-cost information and trainings.

CORPORATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP

Chief Executives for Corporate Purpose® (CECP)

cecp.co

Provides good insight into the way that businesses think about giving

The Sponsorship Collective

sponsorshipcollective.com

Free resources and blog

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP

National Network of Fiscal Sponsors

fiscalsponsors.org

Information about fiscal sponsors who can serve as a nonprofit partner

FOUNDATION AND PUBLIC GRANTS RESEARCH

Inside Philanthropy GrantFinder

insidephilanthropy.com

GuideStar

guidestar.org

Foundation Center's Foundation Directory Online

fconline.foundationcenter.org

(Subscription required; could be available for free at your public library or community foundation)

GrantWatch

grantwatch.com

FUNDRAISING, ALL TOPICS

Charity Navigator

charitynavigator.org

Nonprofit Hub

nonprofithub.org

Nonprofit Learning Lab

nonprofitlearninglab.org

FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Central Park Conservancy Institute for Urban Parks

centralparknyc.org/institute

City Parks Alliance

cityparksalliance.org

National Association of Park Foundations

The-NAPF.org

Project for Public Spaces

pps.org/article/get-funded-tips-for-a-new-era-of-place-making-philanthropy

List of prospective funders for public space philanthropy tied to the concept of "placemaking"

FUNDRAISING POLICIES

Fairfax County, Virginia, policies for fundraising (Policy 106) partnerships (107), naming park and facilities (304) and sponsorships (406)

fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/administrative/park-policy-manual.pdf

GRANT WRITING

GrantSpace

grantspace.org

The Grantsmanship Center

tgci.com

Grant Station/GrantHub

grantstation.com/plp-partners/GrantHub

NRPA. (November 2011). "Grant Writing Tips for the Non-Grant Writer." *Parks & Recreation* magazine, p. 71.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

United Way of America. (© 1996). "Excerpts from Measuring Program Outcomes: A Practical Approach."

SOCIAL MEDIA FUNDRAISING

TechSoup

blog.techsoup.org/posts/7-tips-for-fundraising-on-social-media

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

BoardSource

boardsource.org

CompassPoint

compasspoint.org

Back cover image: Instructors and volunteers teach gym class students at Jefferson Academy Elementary School in Broomfield, Colorado, how to skate on indoor plastic ice. Photo courtesy of Benjamin Sweet, Apex Park and Recreation District (Arvada, Colorado).



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The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing parks, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 60,000 recreation and park professionals and advocates, NRPA supports healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. NRPA brings strength to our message by partnering with like-minded organizations including those in the federal government, nonprofit organizations and commercial enterprises. Funded through dues, grants, registration fees and charitable contributions, NRPA produces research, education and policy initiatives that ultimately enrich the communities that our members serve. For more information, visit www.nrpa.org.



Parks and Recreation Master Plan Draft Available for Review

December 16, 2025



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[Click here for the document](#), or stop by the Community Center, Library, or City Hall to review a physical copy. All comments or questions about the Master Plan may be directed to Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dan McMinn at dmcminn@berkeleymi.gov.



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City of Berkley
Parks & Recreation Master Plan Draft
2026-2030

The City of Berkley is in the process of updating their 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan guides the development of Parks and Recreation services. The Master Plan draft is now available for review online and in person at the Community Center, Library or City Hall. Please direct all questions to Dan McMinn at dcmminn@berkeleymi.gov or call the Parks & Recreation office at: 248-658-3470

Visit <https://bit.ly/3YuqkGa> to view the draft plan until **January 15**.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing

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[View the Draft Plan Here](#)



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing

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[Review the Plan](#)





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City of Berkeley
Parks & Recreation Master Plan
2026-2030

Public Hearing:

- Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 PM
- Berkley Community Center (2400 Robina Ave.)

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APPENDIX F: PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BERKLEY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M. January, 15th, 2026 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Kerby, J.D. Otto, Melissa Hammond, John Nicolai, and Andrew Boring

Also, present: Dan McMinn, Greg Patterson, Bridget Dean, Mike Matthews-Pennanen, Marty Smith, Chris Golembiewski, Andrew McIndoo, Tyler Sprague, and Susan McEwan

Unable to Attend: Betty Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve by Melissa Hammond and supported by John Nicolai

APPROVAL OF 12/11/25 MINUTES: Motion to approve by J.D. Otto and supported by John Nicolai

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Susan McEwan requested to know Mike Kerby's name.

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing: 2026 5-Year Plan

- Tyler Sprague, with Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio, reported that his team has been working to update the City's five-year plan. He noted that several meetings have taken place over the past few months, along with an online survey, and all collected input has been incorporated into the draft plan. The purpose of this portion of the meeting is to gather any additional public comments, which will be documented and forwarded to the City prior to final adoption of the plan.
- **Public Comment – Andrew McIndoo:** Andrew McIndoo provided feedback on the draft five-year plan and accompanying survey. He noted that although the plan identifies a dog park as a top community priority, he felt it was the first item removed from the action plan on page 45 due to land constraints. He also pointed out that the action plan proposes studying multi-use options at Lazenby Field, pocket parks, and an amphitheater—amenities he stated were among the least requested according to survey results on page 143. Andrew expressed concern that the dog park is being characterized as a long-term or future goal rather than an active project, despite being, in his words, something that “pays for itself” and is “being requested by the residents.” He further noted that no additional community input was sought by the Parks and Recreation Committee after the initial meeting and that no new ideas were incorporated before the draft was submitted. He stated that he and others believe the issue is not a lack of available land but a lack of creative design. He questioned whether the recommended 50-foot buffer is a legal requirement or simply a design preference. Andrew offered several ideas for maximizing space, including smart landscaping with strictly enforced hours (similar to practices in Chicago and New York), use of unoccupied areas of Bacon Park that could provide approximately one acre, curated walking paths through medians or pocket play areas, reconsideration of ordinances prohibiting dogs in parks, and repurposing existing assets during certain months, days, or hours. Andrew emphasized that a dog park would be used year-round and could represent a more effective use of park space, noting his view that many of Berkley's parks are only heavily used during certain months. He concluded by urging a stronger commitment to creative land use.
- **Public Comment – Chris Golembiewski:** Huntington Woods resident and former Berkley resident, shared comments regarding the condition and capacity of the community's tennis

courts. He noted that his three children attend Berkley schools, and two have participated in the tennis programs. Over the years, his family has observed that most comparable school programs have a minimum of eight courts, while Berkley has six, and the condition of the existing courts lags behind those of neighboring communities. Chris stated that he reviewed the draft plan and, as a member of the Huntington Woods Planning Commission, appreciates the work that has gone into it. He expressed support for the tennis courts and the broader tennis program, noting the ongoing challenge of limited space. He encouraged consideration of improvements to the existing courts and stated that adding two additional courts would be highly beneficial.

- **Public Comment – Susan McEwan:** Susan McEwan, a Berkley resident, expressed appreciation for the draft report. She shared that she was an RN specializing in gerontology, particularly dementia care, and was pleased to see frequent references to intergenerational programming and a clear focus on seniors. She noted that she had written comments on her copy of the report but was not prepared to share them publicly; she may email them instead. Susan highlighted the mention of landscaping needs and suggested this could be an opportunity for intergenerational activities, such as young people and older adults working together on planting projects. She referenced a master composting class she took, during which a Pattengill Elementary School class were nearby and participated, recalling how excited the children were to explore nature—such as discovering insects under a log. She emphasized the value of these hands-on experiences, especially in an age of heavy phone use. Overall, Susan was very impressed with the report, including its photographs, structure, and clearly defined goals. She did note difficulty locating the report again online and hopes it will be made more accessible. She noted her personal notes she had written down primarily reflected the elements she appreciated and areas where she hopes to participate in the future.
- Mayor Bridget Dean thanked the Parks & Recreation Board, Parks & Recreation staff, and Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio for their work on the report and the final product. She stated she felt the plan reflects both resident input and the realities of available resources, noting that it represents a strong collaboration among all involved groups. Bridget shared that she attended one of the information sessions and observed productive dialogue, meaningful connections, and the emergence of thoughtful ideas.
- **Public Comment – Susan McEwan:** Susan McEwan noted the report’s references to sharing resources and collaborating with neighboring communities. She shared that she recently attended a workshop at the Southfield Library and noted that various programs offered at different libraries could potentially be coordinated with Berkley’s city bus system to help residents travel between facilities. She mentioned that she is not very familiar with Oxford Towers but wondered whether they might have a multi-purpose room suitable for hosting events, especially since the building is connected to the local bus system. Susan also expressed interest in presenting information at the Berkley Library about “MyRide2,” a service that provides multiple transportation options beyond the community bus system. She plans to pursue this again in the future and would like to help publicize transportation resources for residents.
- **Public Comment – Mike Matthews-Pennanen:** Mike Matthews-Pennanen, noted that he was a former member of the Planning Commission. He shared that he has participated in similar planning processes in the past, both as a participant and as an observer, and

expressed appreciation for the positive work being done. Mike cautioned against limiting opportunities for additional public input, particularly regarding the dog park discussion. He acknowledged that Berkley operates with limited resources but emphasized that the City has historically accomplished a great deal despite those constraints. While he values the expertise that consultants bring, he urged the City not to allow outside experts to overly shape the process, noting that what works elsewhere may not be the best fit for Berkley. He stressed the importance of making decisions that reflect the community's unique character and needs. He encouraged the group to consider all constituencies and shared a personal example: when one of his sons played hockey, the Ice Arena was central to his family's routine, but when his second son did not play, the facility became more of an afterthought. He noted that nearly everyone has a dog today and that most Berkley streets are well-suited for walking, suggesting that these realities should be thoughtfully reflected in the planning process. Mike concluded by encouraging the City to approach the process with "wide-open eyes" to ensure all perspectives are considered.

- Mayor Bridget Dean emphasized the importance of thinking big during the planning process, noting that starting with a broad wish list helps ensure that valuable ideas are not overlooked. While practical constraints may ultimately require scaling plans down, she stated that she is always open to considering ambitious concepts.
- **Public Comment – Marty Smith:** Marty stated that he attended the meeting to gather more information and better understand the direction of the planning process. Having been involved in past efforts, he agreed with Mayor Dean's point that thinking big can generate valuable ideas. He noted, however, that Berkley has long faced challenges related to limited land availability and the difficulty of determining where new amenities could be placed. Referencing the draft plan, he observed that community comments span a wide range of interests and priorities, reflecting many possible directions. Given the City's limited land, financial resources, and capacity, he emphasized the importance of choosing priorities carefully.
- Mike Kerby stated that he felt the plan was well put together. He noted that the City only began developing these plans around 2006 or 2007, and he has been involved in each one since. He appreciated the inclusion of new, innovative ideas and tools that allow Berkley to measure itself against other communities, particularly in areas such as park ratings and accessibility. He highlighted the significant work completed at Bacon Park to improve accessibility. Regarding the dog park, Mike noted that the topic has been discussed for several years and has appeared in past master plans. As a dog owner himself, he expressed support for continuing to explore the concept. He emphasized the importance of being thoughtful and strategic in bringing together the various ideas presented and expressed appreciation for the suggestions shared earlier in the meeting.
- **Public Comment – Andrew McIndoo:** Andrew McIndoo shared that he recently spoke with a woman who told him her friend was planning to move out of Berkley specifically because the city does not have a dog park.
- **Public Comment – Susan McEwan:** Susan McEwan referenced a Table within the plan, which mentions closed-loop walking paths within various parks, including Bacon Park, Oxford Park, and Community Park. She noted Bacon Park already has an existing walking path around it. She reiterated her support for creative uses of space as part of the overall park system. Susan mentioned that Bacon Park currently has a seasonal outhouse and asked whether the addition of new restrooms would require additional staff for maintenance. She

observed that the draft plan did not appear to address staffing needs associated with expanded restroom facilities and emphasized that maintaining such amenities requires ongoing labor.

- John Nicolai addressed Andrew McIndoo's earlier comment, noting that he interpreted a section of the plan differently. In his view, it does not dismiss the dog park but instead suggests being more creative with available space. John asked Andrew whether he felt the plan was saying "no" to a dog park.
- **Public Comment – Andrew McIndoo:** Andrew responded that he and other dog-owning residents interpreted the language as indicating the City would consider the idea in the future but not at this time.
- **Discussion – Tyler Sprague and Dan McMinn:** Tyler Sprague clarified that the intent of the draft plan was not to remove the dog park concept from consideration, but rather to outline the constraints involved—such as available land, required buffers, and the overall space needed. He noted that a single open parcel could potentially serve multiple community needs, and if suitable land became available, the recommendation would be to evaluate all options to determine the best use. If a dog park fit the parameters, it would not be off the table. Dan McMinn added that further investigation is needed to determine what makes the most sense for the City given its available resources. Tyler reiterated that the plan's content consists of recommendations, and while some communities with limited space have very small dog parks, the guidelines presented reflect general recommendations for a community like Berkeley.
- **Public Comment – Andrew McIndoo:** Andrew noted that some residents have suggested partnering with the new dog-friendly bar in the area, but he views that as a private business you would drive to; not a substitute for a dedicated public dog park.
- Mike Kerby noted that while the top priorities identified in the plan include a new recreation center, a pool, and a dog park, he is uncertain whether the first two are achievable within the five-year timeframe. He noted the dog park appears to be the most feasible of the three but emphasized that progress on any major project will depend on available funding. Even a dog park, he noted, will require financial resources.
- **Public Comment – Andrew McIndoo:** Andrew McIndoo believes the funding needs for a dog park are relatively minimal. He shared that he has spoken with residents who expressed interest in contributing financially. He also referenced that the City of Southfield recently opened a dog park with electronic gates, lighting, and cameras at a cost of approximately \$100,000. Southfield is also securing sponsorships to offset fencing costs and hopes the park will be cost-neutral within two years. He feels a dog park would be used year-round and does not require extensive planning or a large footprint. He suggested that a small parcel—potentially using some of the innovative ideas he mentioned earlier in the meeting—could be sufficient. He encouraged creative thinking, noting that some parks are underutilized and could potentially support shared-use hours. He also suggested exploring cost estimates, volunteer involvement in construction, and simple amenities such as fencing, signage, and dog-waste bag dispensers along walking trails. In his view, a dog park is not a complex project and should not require five years to implement.
- **Public Comment – Marty Smith and Response from Tyler Sprague:** Marty Smith asked how large a parcel would be needed for small dog parks in urban areas. Tyler Sprague responded that small areas are often classified as dog runs rather than full dog parks. He noted that many apartment buildings, for example, have private dog runs that function on a smaller scale than a traditional park.

- Andrew Boring asked who would be held liable if a dog bite occurred on City property. A brief discussion followed about whether liability would fall on the dog owner, the City, or both, depending on circumstances.
- Mike Kerby inquired about how many dogs could reasonably be accommodated within one acre and what size space would be needed to properly serve the community.
- Greg Patterson responded that he believes the general guidelines suggest approximately 1.5 acres for a standard dog park and about 1.3 acres for a small-dog area. He noted that \$100,000 cost noted earlier for Southfield was the grant funding from Oakland County Parks to support their dog park project. Tyler Sprague agreed that he believes the \$100,000 referenced for Southfield was grant funding only and did not represent the total project cost.
- Mike Kerby noted that identifying a full acre of available space has historically been one of the primary constraints in pursuing a dog park. He emphasized that the challenge of finding land of that size has been a recurring limitation in past discussions.
- **Public Comment – Andrew McIndoo:** Andrew McIndoo noted that many residents already gather informally with their dogs at Community Park. He shared that he and others previously used the high school field prior to it being under construction and found it to be a suitable space. Andrew stated that Community Park is large enough to accommodate a designated dog area and that, in his view, an acre to an acre and a half would be more than sufficient for most dog owners he knows.
- Mike Kerby commented that it would be great to see progress on any of the three major priorities identified— a recreation center, a pool, or a dog park—if the opportunity arises.
- **Public Comment – Andrew McIndoo:** Andrew McIndoo said it would be disappointing for residents if none of the top survey items were reflected in the final plan, given the strong community interest expressed.
- Mike Kerby noted that dog parks have been a recurring topic of discussion for many years and shared that he is a dog owner himself. He reaffirmed that the comments and suggestions raised during the meeting will be included for consideration in the planning process.
- **Public Comment – Marty Smith:** Marty Smith expressed hope that the discussion leads to a meaningful resolution. He noted that a master plan ultimately functions as a wish list, outlining aspirations rather than guaranteed projects. In communities like Berkley, he added, there can be stretches of time where items cannot be implemented because the necessary resources are not available.
- Mike Kerby noted that despite limited resources, the Parks & Recreation Department has accomplished a great deal over the past five years, particularly through grants and community crowdfunding efforts such as the improvements at Bacon Park. He added that many of Berkley’s parks have been renovated within the last decade, and overall, the system is in strong shape considering the City has not relied on a large millage to fund these upgrades.
- Mayor Bridget Dean noted that City Council had requested a full facilities inventory, prompting a consulting firm to assess the condition of all municipal buildings. She shared that she initially thought the Community Center would rank as the worst facility, but the assessment identified City Hall as being in poorer condition. The evaluation highlighted the significant challenges facing all City buildings and raised key questions about whether to rebuild, renovate, or expand existing structures. She noted that the City has already addressed several issues at the Community Center—such as the roof and bathrooms—and is

gradually making progress. Moving forward will require clear decision-making, a defined plan, and strong communication with the community. Bridget expressed optimism about the path ahead.

- Greg Patterson echoed her optimism, adding that despite space limitations, the Parks & Recreation Department continues to develop new programs and expand offerings for residents.

2. 5-Year Plan Resolution

- Copies of the resolution were distributed to all board members, and Mike Kerby read the document aloud.
- A correction was noted in the first paragraph: the dates should be updated from 2025–2026 to 2026–2030.
- **Motion by:** Andrew Boring
- **Supported by:** John Nicolai
- **Votes in favor:** Unanimous approval by the full Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

3. National Fitness Campaign Grant Opportunity

- Dan McMinn noted that both the draft plan and community feedback highlighted interest in outdoor fitness equipment. The National Fitness Campaign offers grant funding to support the installation of outdoor fitness courts, which could help address this need.
- A brief informational video was played.
- Dan McMinn commented that the nearest existing National Fitness Campaign installation is in Madison Heights, located south of 11 Mile Road and west of John R, near Huffman Park.
- Greg Patterson added that Oak Park also features some outdoor fitness equipment along 9 Mile Road.
- Dan McMinn noted the National Fitness Campaign offers grant funding of up to \$50,000 toward the installation of an outdoor fitness court. The total cost for the fitness court alone is approximately \$180,000, meaning the City would need to secure additional funding—potentially through the CIP process or other grant sources.
- Dan McMinn noted three potential locations have been discussed: Bacon Park, Oxford Park, and Friends Park. He reiterated this opportunity is being presented because outdoor fitness amenities were a recurring theme in the 5-Year Plan feedback and would like to confirm whether the Board supports moving this concept forward to City Council for consideration.
- Mike Kerby asked what type of space is required for the outdoor fitness court. Dan explained that the installation must be at least 150 feet from a playground. Based on that requirement and the layout of the parks, the fitness court could be accommodated at any of the three previously discussed locations—Bacon Park, Oxford Park, or Friends Park. He emphasized that the primary goal of the project is to support community fitness.
- Andrew Boring noted that online comments about the Madison Heights fitness court highlight the benefit of placing the equipment near a play area (i.e., parents appreciate being able to work out while their children play nearby).
- Dan McMinn inquired if the board was in support of further exploring.
- Mike Kerby stated he felt the outdoor fitness court is worth exploring further, acknowledging that the feasibility of the project will ultimately depend on identifying sufficient funding.
- Mike Kerby asked Dan McMinn how the outdoor fitness court would be maintained once installed. Dan noted that he would follow up with additional information on maintenance

requirements but indicated that the equipment is generally expected to have relatively low ongoing maintenance costs.

- Susan McEwan noted that the proposed fitness court does not necessarily address the needs of seniors. She recalled from the video that one of the options appeared to include space suitable for yoga. Dan explained that there are two different configurations available, one of which includes a fitness studio setup with a center wall and a flat platform that could accommodate classes. However, this expanded option comes at a higher cost. Susan added that yoga or dance-style movement could be well-suited to that type of space but emphasized that seniors would likely prefer shaded areas. Dan responded that shade sails could be added, though doing so would further increase the overall project cost.
- Chris Golembiewski noted that Huntington Woods installed a scaled-down version of the outdoor fitness equipment, consisting of roughly five stations. He shared that people of all ages use it regularly, and from his observations, it attracts a wide range of users throughout the year.
- J.D. Otto asked whether the fitness court equipment comes in a single configuration. Dan confirmed that the equipment layout is standardized and offered as one configuration. He added that customization is possible through the public art component, such as selecting specific colors or commissioning artwork on the structure, though these enhancements would increase the overall project cost.
- Andrew Boring asked when the grant application would be due. Dan explained that the National Fitness Campaign offers 10 grants per year, and the City would likely pursue the opportunity further down the line to ensure adequate funding is in place. He noted that the project can now be added to the CIP for future consideration. Dan also shared that 6 of the 10 available grants for 2026 have already been awarded, reinforcing that this would be a longer-term planning effort.
- Marty Smith asked about the size of the area where the former ice rink was located. Dan McMinn estimated that the space is just over one acre. Marty Smith followed up by asking whether there are any current plans for that site. Mike Kerby noted that the area is frequently used for youth soccer programs, particularly for younger children.
- Mike Kerby returned to Susan McEwan's earlier question regarding restrooms at Bacon Park, noting that permanent bathrooms at that location have long been a community desire. He explained that modern restroom facilities can be equipped with automated locking systems, eliminating the need for on-site staff to secure them. He also mentioned that there are companies that provide ongoing maintenance for such facilities. If installed, this would become the third permanent restroom facility in the City's parks inventory.
- The discussion concluded with consensus from all board members in attendance to continue exploring the opportunity.

4. Program Updates

- Dan McMinn reported that the Parks & Recreation Department has rolled out a new sponsorship guide, which is now being used to seek support for a wide range of programs and events—such as individual movie nights, Touch-A-Truck, and other community activities. The effort has already seen strong early success. Dan noted that the guide was shared with local sports organizations, and two realtors discovered it online and proactively reached out to the department with sponsorship interest. SOCS has committed to participating, as well as the two realtors. Some sponsorships are in place (e.g., senior trips and lunches, CruiseFest, Winterfest). Mayor Dean inquired whether the department has

reached out to the City's new engineering firm and law firm to explore potential sponsorship opportunities.

- Winterfest is scheduled for February 7, 2026, from 12:00–2:00 p.m. The event will feature food trucks, inflatable bouncers, a petting farm, and ice sculptures. It continues to be a great opportunity for residents to get outside and enjoy the winter season.
- The department has brought back Kindermusik, which has not been offered in approximately 5–7 years.
- Summer Camp planning is underway, with early-bird registration opening for residents on February 2 and for non-residents on February 9. Due to construction at Anderson, Pattengill will serve as the camp's home base this year.
- Dan McMinn noted that Josie is partnering with Articipate to offer new art workshops. The first session was held this week, and the three seniors who attended rated it a 10/10. The second workshop is scheduled for the 29th. She also has several upcoming senior trips planned, including a tour of the Detroit Opera House, a visit to Meadowbrook, and a senior trivia outing. Exercise classes have resumed and are seeing strong participation, with attendance up by approximately 10–15 people above the usual average.
- J.D. Otto inquired about regarding potential collaboration with Huntington Woods. Dan explained that the departments already coordinate on several summer specialty camps to ensure adequate enrollment and staffing. Registration will be opening soon.
- Mike Kerby commented that he liked the sponsorship idea and appreciated the updates.

5. Board Business

- Mike Kerby explained that the Board Business section will be used going forward to discuss board-related items, including bylaws and identifying topics the board would like placed on the agenda for the following month.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Andrew Boring thanked Dan McMinn for his work and shared another potential sponsorship idea, suggesting Slows BBQ mobile food truck as an option to explore.
- Bridget expressed her appreciation, thanking staff for all their work and energy.
- Susan McEwan expressed her appreciation for the clear and effective way the meeting was conducted. She noted that she likes the addition of the Board Business section and shared that she was impressed with the depth of Dan McMinn's research and follow-up on various items.
- Andrew McIndoo thanked Dan and the Board for their continued work. He added that he will keep advocating for what many residents have been requesting—a community dog park.
- John Nicolai encouraged Andrew McIndoo to continue advocating for a dog park, noting that the Board wants its time and efforts to be meaningful. He said Andrew's points were well taken and that he looks forward to making progress on those items. John also thanked Dan McMinn for his work, expressed well-wishes for Betty, and complimented staff on their strong performance. He added that today's meeting was very well run.
- Tyler thanked the Board for the productive discussion and the positive feedback shared throughout the meeting. He outlined the next steps for the master plan, explaining that the resolution reviewed earlier will serve as the Board's formal recommendation for Council consideration at their meeting on the 26th. If Council adopts the resolution, the plan will be finalized and submitted to the

Michigan Department of Natural Resources for posting on their website. The submission deadline is February 1st.

- Greg Patterson noted that residents are welcome to attend the upcoming City Council meeting and Andrew McIndoo added that a group of residents planning to attend the Council meeting in support of the proposed dog park.
- Melissa Hammond thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed her appreciation for the perspectives and ideas shared. She also thanked Tyler Sprgaue for being present and offered well wishes to Betty Smith.
- J.D. Otto reflected on the previous meeting and emphasized the importance of identifying how the Board can meaningfully contribute to the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted that the new five-year plan will provide a strong framework for the Board's efforts and expressed enthusiasm about reviewing all the input received and exploring creative ideas moving forward.
- Mike Matthews-Pennanen commented that it was a great meeting. He shared that during a recent committee meeting in Royal Oak, there was discussion about boards engaging with new businesses in the community. He agreed with Andrew Boring's suggestion to reach out to Slows BBQ.
- Marty Smith agreed with the idea of engaging new businesses and emphasized the importance of Parks and Recreation. He shared that he has not attended one of these meetings in many years but feels the department is in good hands. He added that Dan McMinn is doing a fine job.
- Dan McMinn shared that he saw Betty Smith last week and that she says hello. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed that he is looking forward to finalizing the 5-year plan. Dan noted that it has been a short timeframe with a significant amount of work and expressed his appreciation for all the effort that has gone into the process.
- Greg Patterson reported that City Council met on January 5th and approved a contract with Better City, LLC to develop an economic development strategy/plan. Council also approved a lease agreement for the municipal parking lot next to the new theater. The City will continue handling snow removal and general upkeep, while the theater will assume responsibility for the lot. The theater plans to keep the marquee. Mike Kerby asked for clarification on the economic development plan. Greg explained that it is a strategic effort to assess existing businesses, identify gaps, and determine which types of businesses might be needed within the community. Greg also noted the City is beginning a new process for Boards and Commissions, with a meeting scheduled for January 26th. Greg noted that Charlena has left the City; emails should now be directed to the Boards and Commissions address. He also conveyed to Council the Board's desire to have more input into Parks & Recreation-related items and encouraged members to speak up if something does not feel right. Greg closed by thanking Parks & Recreation staff for all their hard work.
- Bridget Dean noted that the shared parking agreements are a creative and cost-effective way to meet the community's needs.
- Mike Kerby thanked everyone for attending the meeting and shared that he felt the master plan was very detailed. He noted that items such as improvements to Bacon Park were not originally outlined in the general master plan, but new needs and opportunities naturally arise over time. He acknowledged that additional priorities will likely surface in the future as well. He expressed his appreciation to Parks & Recreation staff and Johnson Hill Land Studio for their work throughout the process and said he was pleased with both the process and the final document. He also offered well-wishes to Betty Smith and thanked Mayor Dean for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2026

APPENDIX G: ADOPTION RESOLUTION & MEETING MINUTES

R-02-26

A RESOLUTION

of the Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan adopting a Five-Year Recreation Master Plan for the period of 2026-2030

WHEREAS, the City of Berkley has undertaken a five-year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2026 and 2030; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Thursday, January 15, 2025 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, City residents were given the opportunity to provide input through an online survey, five virtual meetings and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the plan was made available for public review and comment in a manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkley has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to recommend adoption by the City Council of the said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BERKLEY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1: That the City Council does hereby adopt a Five-Year Recreation Plan for the period of 2026-2030 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Berkley.

Introduced and passed at a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2025.

Bridget Dean
Bridget Dean (Jan 27, 2026 21:24:37 EST)

Bridget Dean, Mayor

Attest:

Victoria Mitchell
Victoria Mitchell (Jan 27, 2026 11:48:09 EST)

Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
REGULAR BERKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 26, 2026**

PRESENT: Councilmember Steve Baker Councilmember Dennis Hennen
 Councilmember Gary Elrod Councilmember Gregory Patterson
 Mayor Bridget Dean

ABSENT: Councilmember Clarence Black Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin

Approved the following:

Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Warrant List No. 1418.

M-06-26: Design services proposal from Spalding DeDecker for the Library Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project.

M-07-26: Resolution establishing the policy and guidelines for granting an exemption from payment of property taxes.

M-08-26: Resolution adopting the updated Five-Year Recreation Master Plan for the period of 2026-2030 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Berkley.

M-09-26: Accept the memo and Ms. Mannarino's correspondence attached hereto as the formal advisory opinion as requested by City Code Ordinance, Section 2-40(f)(1).

M-10-26: Request City Council to deem it unnecessary for the administrative office of city attorney to take the City's Oath of Office.

Bridget Dean
Bridget Dean (Jan 27, 2026 21:25:17 EST)
Bridget Dean, Mayor

Attest:

Victoria Mitchell
Victoria Mitchell (Jan 27, 2026 11:49:44 EST)
Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk



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January 27, 2026

Ryan Dividock, Supervisor
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Subject: 2026-2030 City of Berkley Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Mr. Dividock,

Attached please find the 2026-2030 City of Berkley Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for review and approval as well as the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to facilitate coordination of regional recreation efforts.

This plan was adopted by Berkley City Council on January 26, 2026. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me or the City of Berkley.

Sincerely,

Sara Steenbergh

Sara Steenbergh, PLA
Landscape Architect
Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio

CC: Dan McMinn, Supervisor - Berkley Parks and Recreation

January 27, 2026

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
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Detroit, MI 48226
infocenter@semcog.org

Subject: 2026-2030 City of Berkley Parks and Recreation Master Plan

To Whom it May Concern,

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