



# Grand Blanc Township

## Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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## Chapter 1: Introduction



A Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan is a valuable tool for many reasons. A plan provides participating communities with an opportunity to identify recreational need and determine its long-range parks and recreation goals. When a community's adopted plan is approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the community becomes eligible to participate in grant development project. Applications for the grants are due April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. While Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grants are extremely competitive, they do provide an opportunity for communities with only limited funds available, to improve their parks systems.

The Charter Township of Grand Blanc prepared this Parks and Recreation Plan to:

- Create an inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities in and around Grand Blanc Township.
- Gain community input on parks and recreation strengths and weaknesses.
- Guide future parks and recreation programs, services, facilities, development, operations, and maintenance for the five-year term of the plan.

This plan will address parks and recreation located within the Grand Blanc Community. All aspects of recreation have been evaluated through the planning process.

## Chapter 2: Community Description



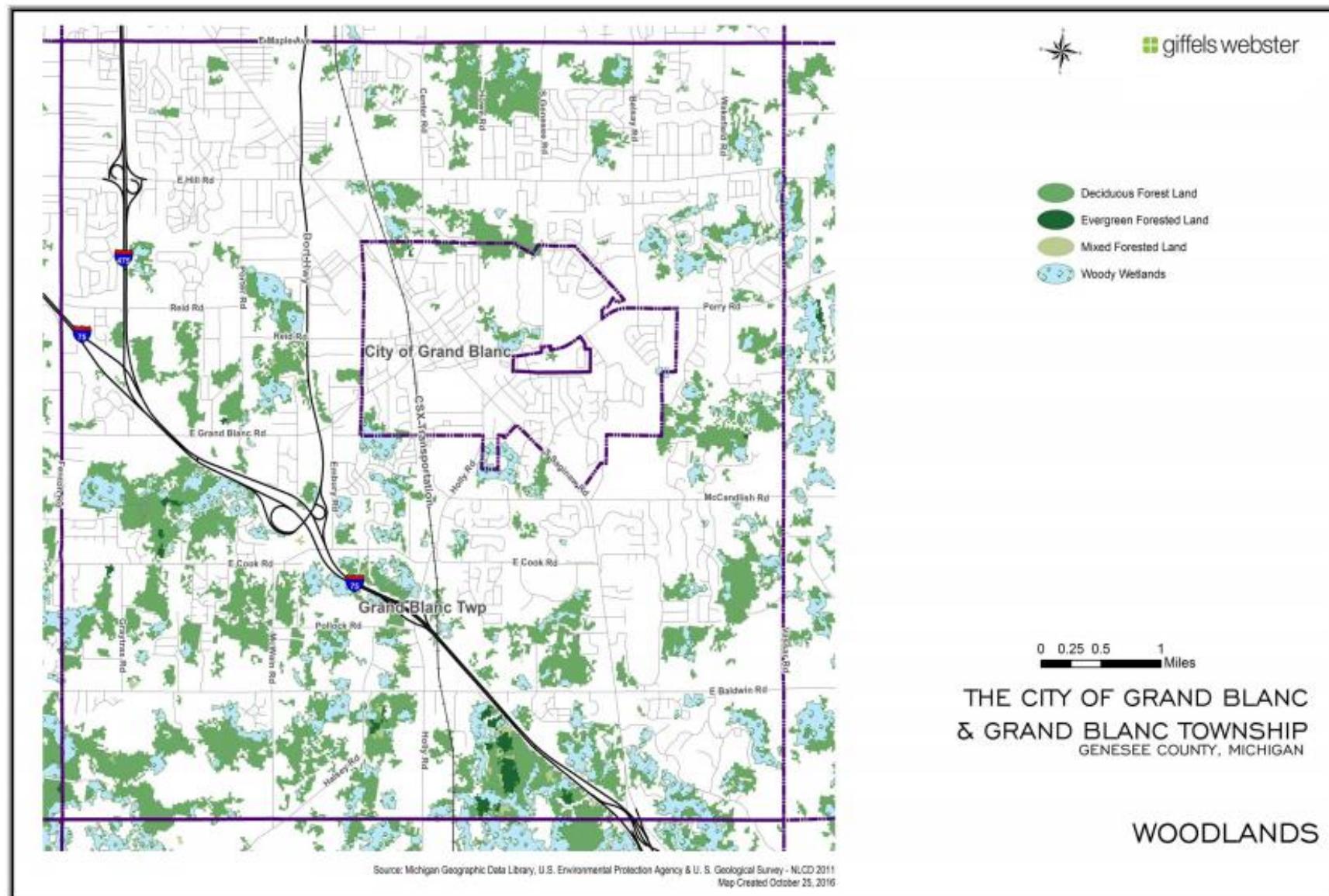
### Location

Grand Blanc Township is located in southeastern Genesee County, just north of Oakland County. Access to the region is provided by I-75 and I-47 running north-south, and through the Township's major roads of Grand Blanc Road, Hill Road, and Saginaw Road.

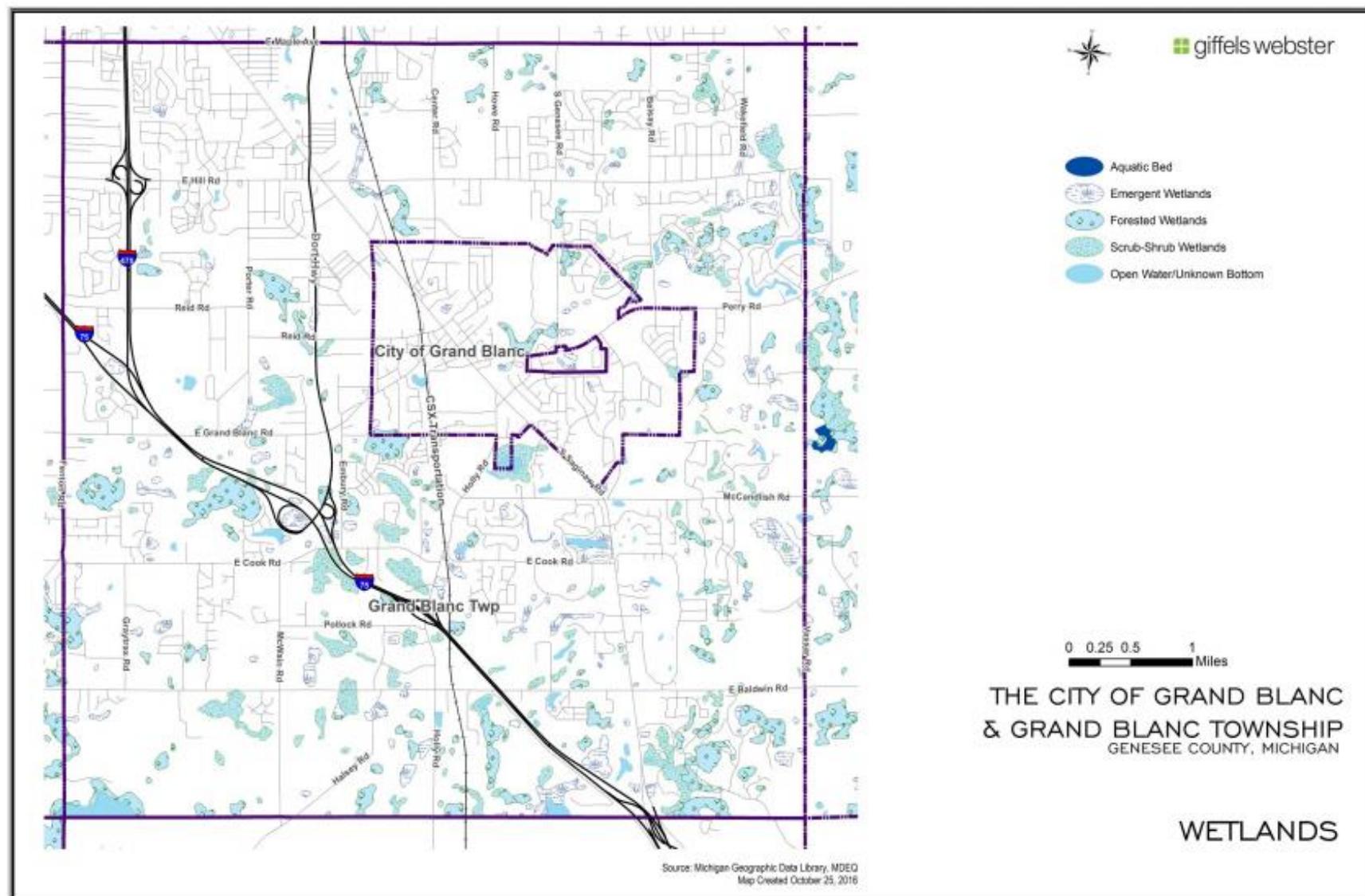
Grand Blanc Township is bordered by the City of Burton to the north, Atlas Township and the Village of Goodrich to the east, the Village of Holly, Fenton Township, and Holly Township to the south, and Mundy Township to the west. The Township also fully surrounds the City of Grand Blanc with a small area located in the center of the city connected by Perry Road.

A series of maps are provided below that identify the natural resources within the Township which provide opportunities and constraints related to providing recreation facilities.

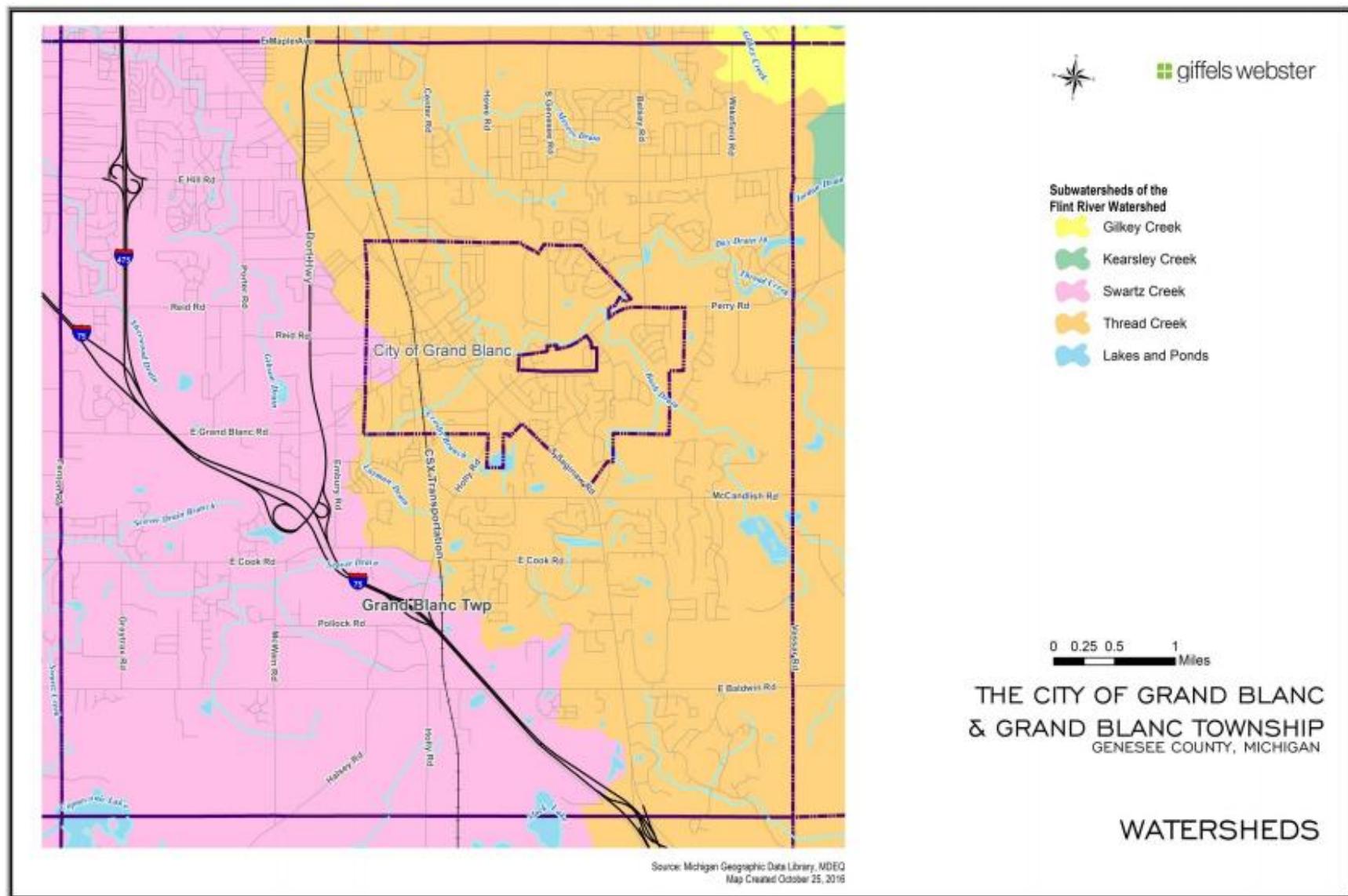
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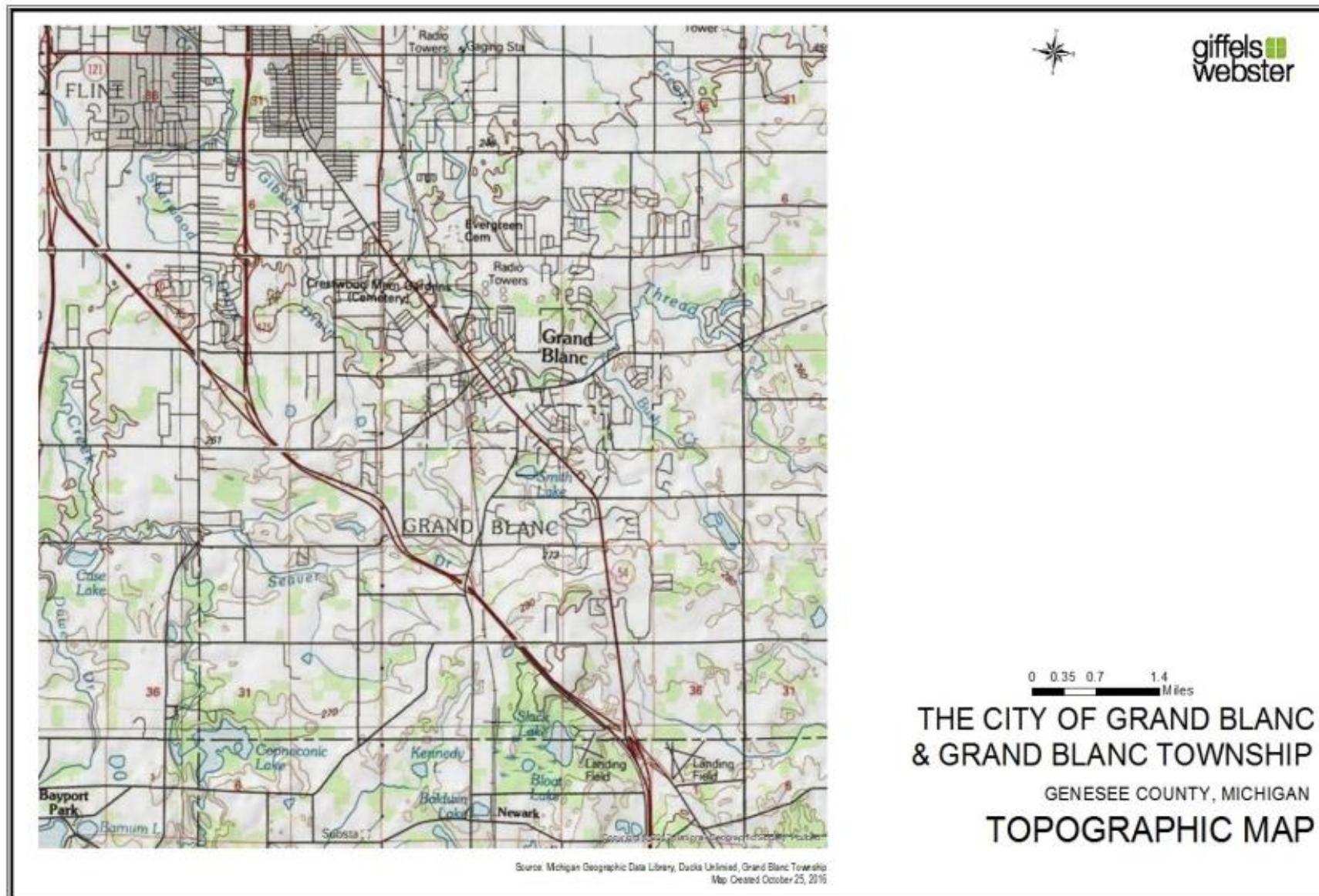
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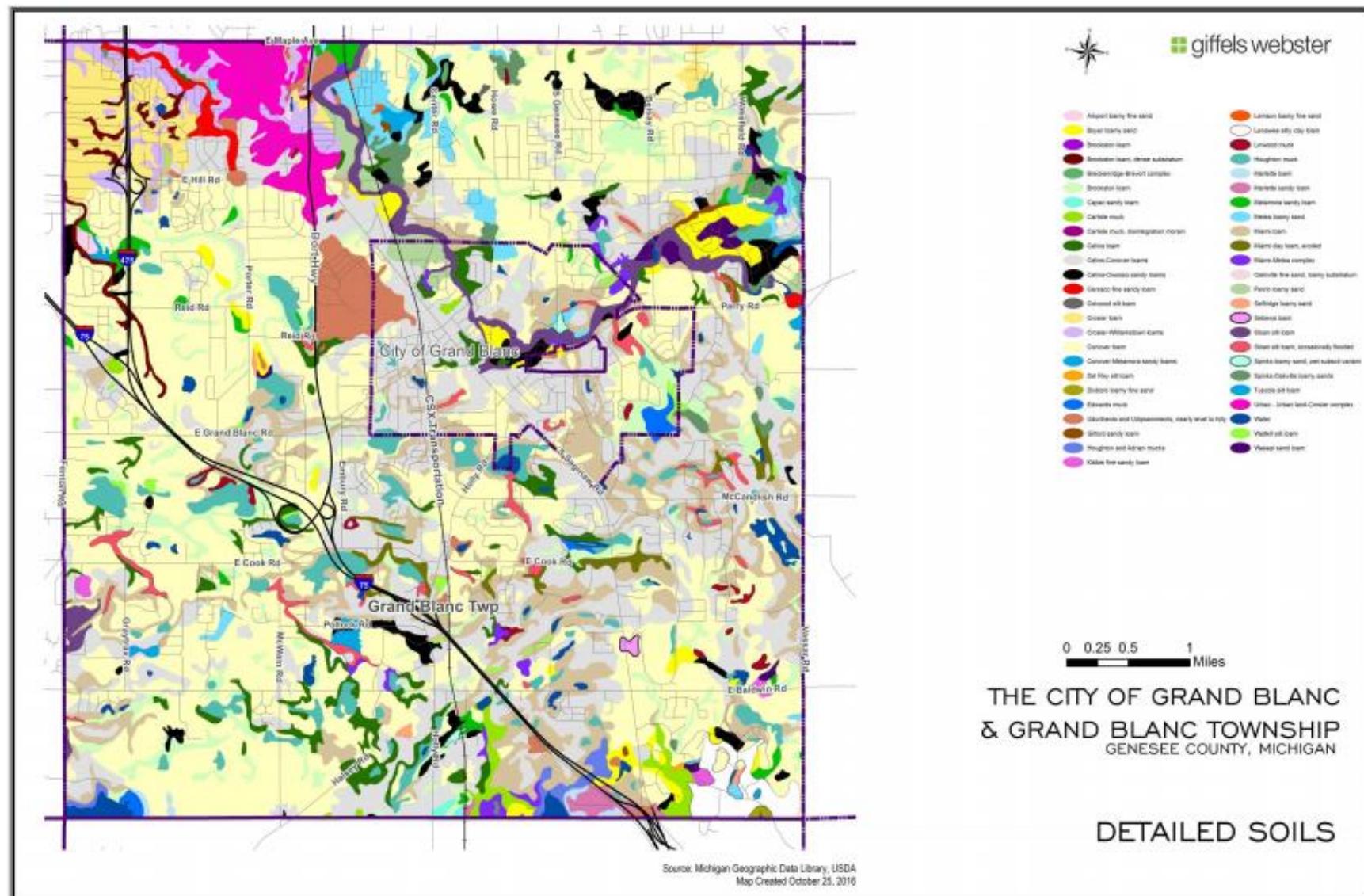
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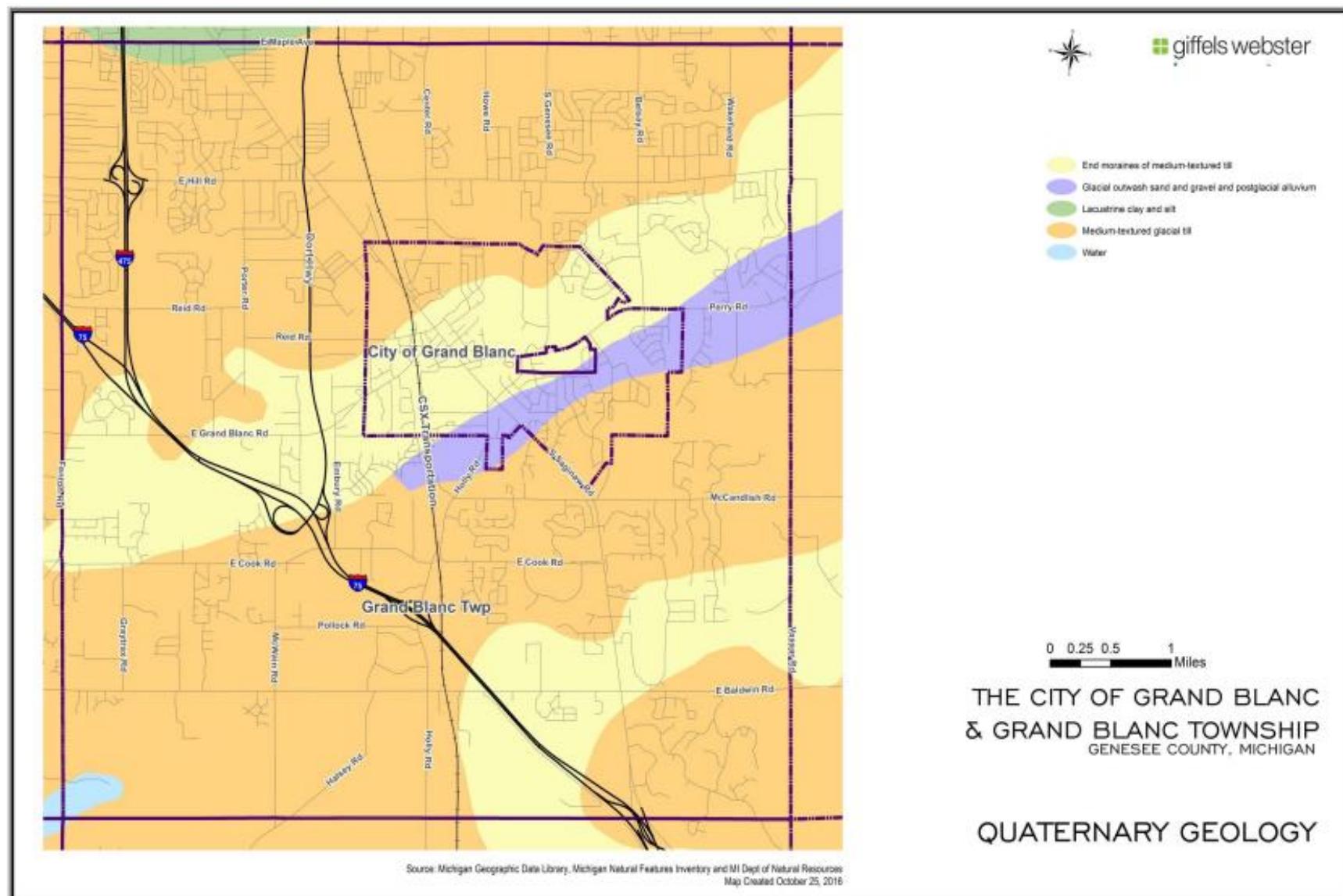
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## Map 5: Soils Map



## Map 6: Geology Map

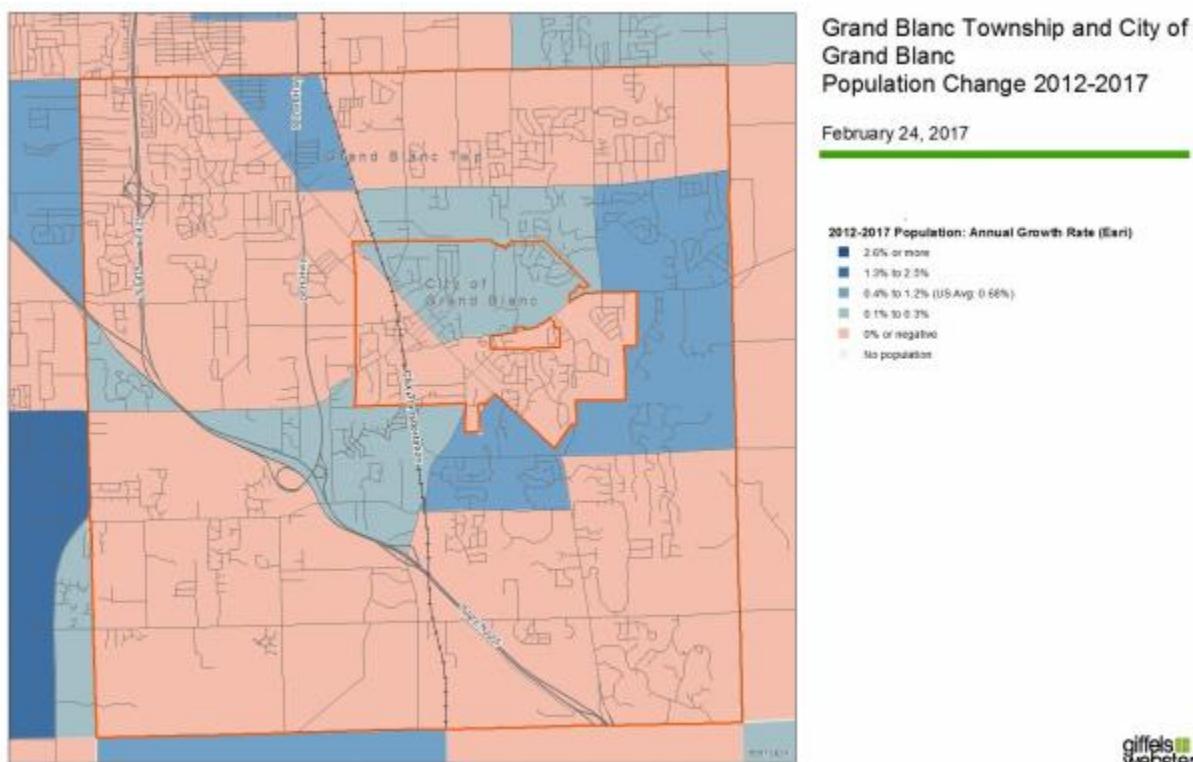


## Population

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Decennial Census, the Township has an estimated population of 39,846 a 6.2 percent increase from the 2010 population of 37,508. The 2015-2019 Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) forecast was for the Township's population to grow to 39,963 by 2045. Actual growth was more for both the county and Township than expected; the current Township Comprehensive Plan projects limited population growth in the future.

Geographical distribution at the block group level indicates population growth for the majority of the community is within neighborhoods located just outside the City of Grand Blanc east and south boundaries (see Map 7: Grand Blanc Township Population Change 2012-2017).

**Map 7: Grand Blanc Township Population Change 2012-2017**



According to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey, the average household size in the Township is 2.44 people, slightly higher than the Genesee County average of 2.40, but slightly down from the Township's 2015 estimate of 2.52 people. The Township has slightly more females (52%) than males.

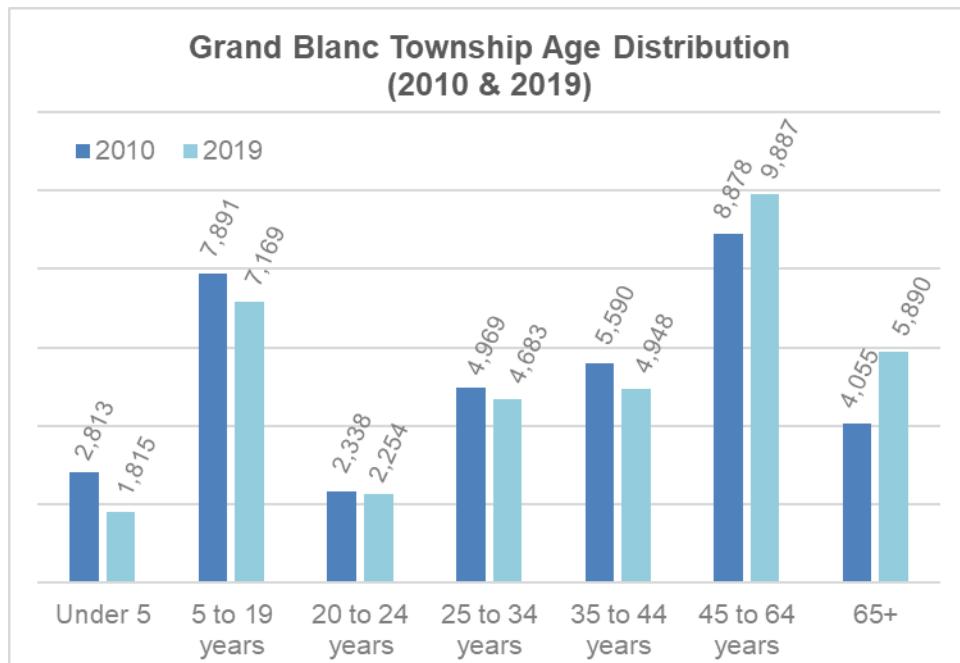
Median household income for Grand Blanc Township is \$66,743. In comparison, Genesee County has a median household income of \$48,588, and the State of Michigan has a median household income of \$57,144.

The Township's balance of population based on age is shifting as well. Similar to national trends, the city and Township are experiencing an increase in their older adult population, and a decrease in youth populations. The share of Grand Blanc Township's population aged 65 and over was 16.1 percent in 2019, a 24 percent increase from 2010 at 13 percent. At the same time, the population under 5 years has decreased by 54 percent from 7.7 percent of the

Township in 2010 to 5.0 percent in 2019. This reflects an overall trend of an aging population in Grand Blanc Township.

At a median age of 39.5 years, Grand Blanc Township is slightly younger than the median age of Genesee County of 40.5 years. Figure A displays the age characteristics for the population in Grand Blanc Township and how it has fluctuated over the course of the past 10-year period. Since 2010, the median age has increased by 1.6 years, from 38.1 years in 2010 to 39.7 years in 2019. This is in part due to a significant increase in the 45 to 64 and 65+ age groups, while those 19 years of age and younger have decreased by 16 percent since 2010.

**Figure A: Age Distribution – Grand Blanc Township 2010 & 2019**



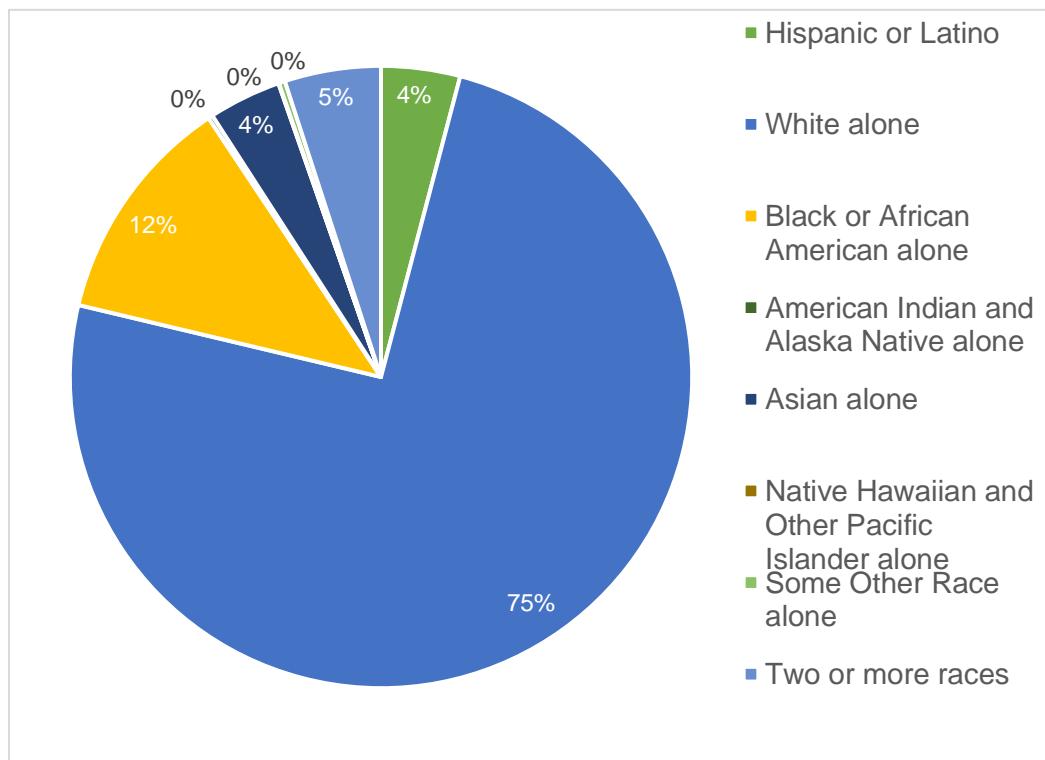
Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

This increase in median age and change in age distribution is indicative of county, state, and national population trends. Grand Blanc Township is consistent with Genesee and Oakland Counties in terms of the percentage of households with children. In Grand Blanc Township, 27.4 percent of households have their own children under 18 at home, compared with 26.4 percent and 26.5 percent in Genesee and Oakland counties, respectively.

**Table 1: Age and Household Characteristics – Grand Blanc Township and Surrounding Communities 2019**

	Grand Blanc Township	Fenton Township	Holly Township	Rose Township	Groveland Township	Holly Village	Fenton City	Genesee County	Oakland County
Total Population	36,646	15,452	11,622	6,448	5,644	6,174	11,375	407,875	1,253,185
Median Age (years)	39.5	46.6	42.7	48.5	44.2	42.1	38.9	40.5	40.9
% Under 5	5.0	6.5	4.1	4.9	5.0	3.6	5.2	5.9	5.4
% Under 18	22.6	22.5	22.5	20.8	21.3	19.4	21.8	22.7	21.2
% 65 and Older	16.1	21.2	15.9	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.0	16.4
Total Households	14,924	6,051	4,644	2,450	1,917	2,773	5,051	167,902	504,585
% Households with Children	27.4	28.6	27.5	25.5	27.3	23.3	26.4	26.4	26.5

Source: US Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Figure B: Racial Composition – Grand Blanc Township 2020**

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

Regarding racial composition, Grand Blanc Township's population is 74.6 percent white, compared to Oakland County's, where 68.9 percent of the population is white, and Genesee County as a whole, where 69.8 percent of the population is white. Grand Blanc Township has become slightly more diverse since the last Census, with the percent of the population

identifying as white alone decreasing from 80.5 percent in 2010 to 74.6 percent in 2020. The largest change was the increase in the number of residents identifying as two or more races, which more than doubled from 1.9 percent in 2010 to 5.0 percent in 2020.

### Zoning, Land Use, and Neighborhood Characteristics

The arrangement of existing land uses and zoning districts (see Map 8: Grand Blanc Township Zoning Map), along with future development, will determine where and to what extent recreational facilities and programs will be needed.

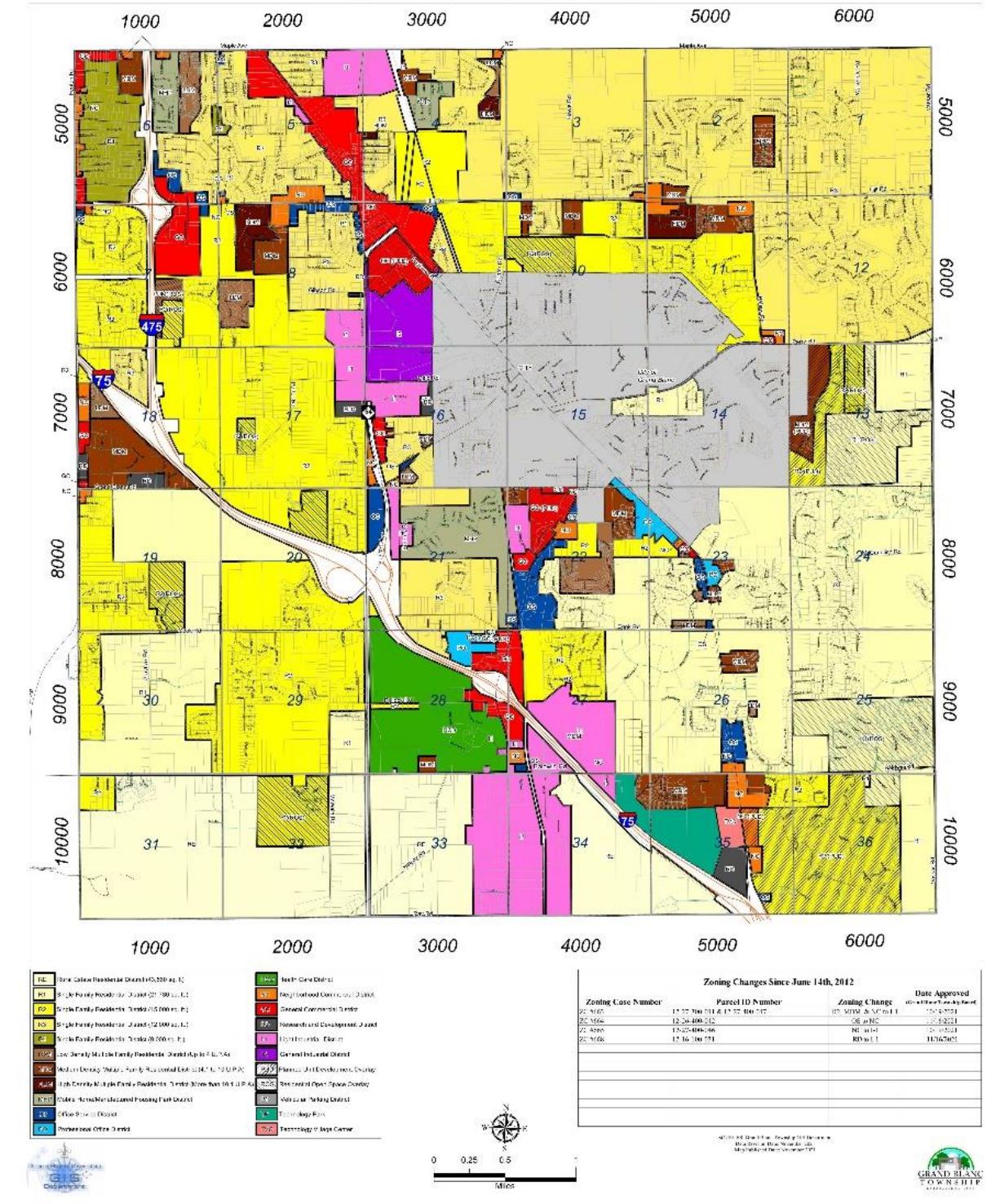
As can be seen from the Grand Blanc Township Zoning Map, there is a large amount of single-family residential area, with the potential to generate recreational demand. Coupled with the growth projections by the GCMCP, the implications on this growth pattern on recreation are significant.

Another way to understand the demographics of the Grand Blanc community is by correlating consumer spending data with census socio-economic and demographic data. For the purpose of this plan, this information has been integrated to provide a matrix of specific attributes based on recreational interests for each neighborhood in the community (see Map 8 and Map 9).

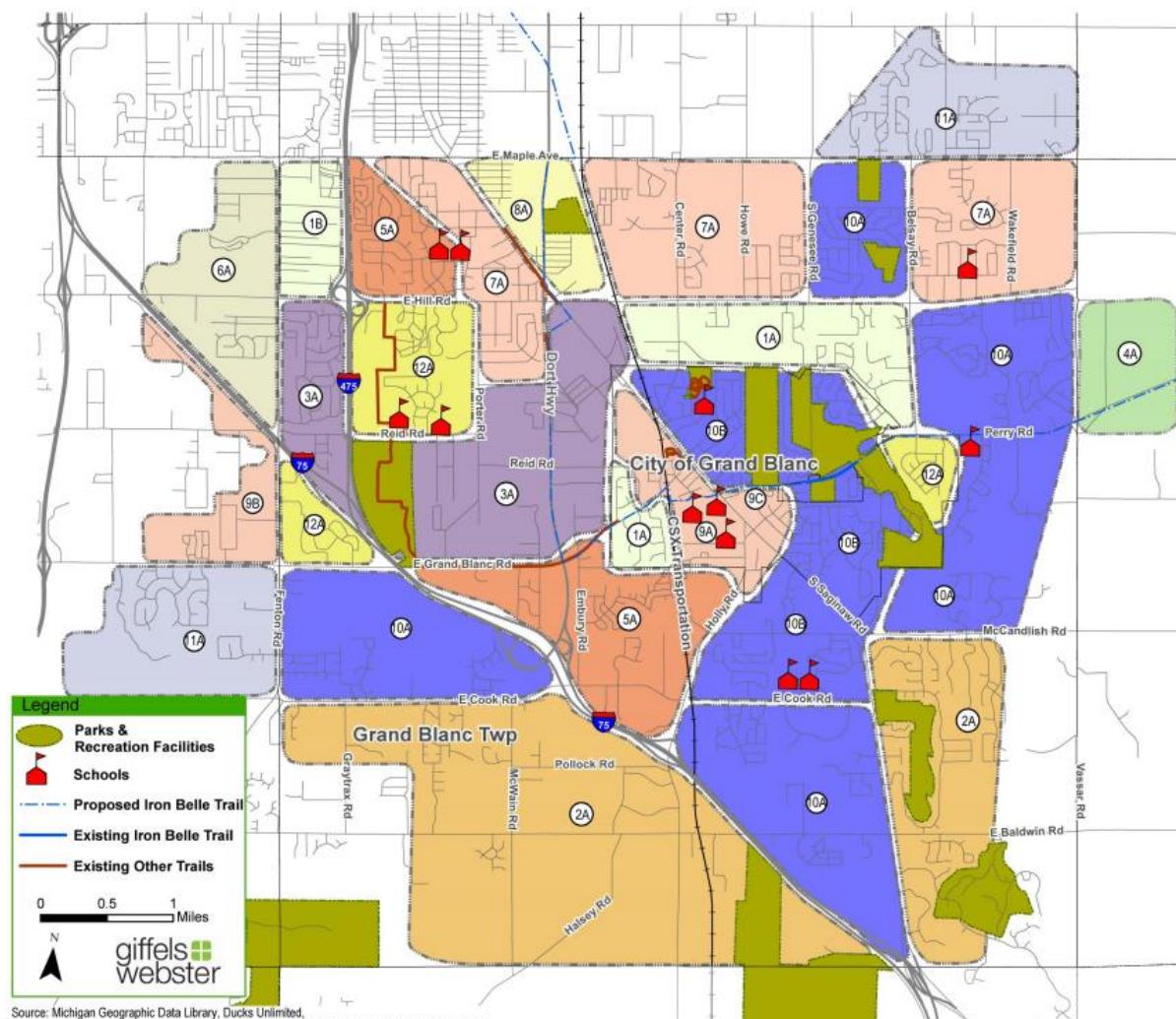
## Map 8: Grand Blanc Township Zoning Map

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## ZONING DISTRICTS



## Map 9: Neighborhood Characteristics Map



## Neighborhood Characteristics Map

The City of Grand Blanc & Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, Michigan

Lifestyle Mode		Socioeconomic and Demographic Matrix (2012 ESRI)											
		Percent of Population	Percent of Households	Golfing	Corporate Events	Family Activities	Organized Team Sports	Sports Fan	Casual Outdoor Activities	Individual Outdoor Activities	Hunting/Fishing	Indoor Team Sports	Indoor Classes/Exercises
1A Aspiring Young Families	10%	10%											
1B Great Expectations	10%	10%											
2A Boomers	11%	11%											
3A Cozy and Comfortable	9%	4%											
4A Green Acres	9%	4%											
5A Midland Crowd	8%	6%											
6A Middle Junction	4%	5%											
7A Milk and Cookies	10%	10%											
8A Russell Traditions	2%	2%											
9A Simple Living	9%	6%											
9B Russell Refines	5%	6%											
10C Retirement Communities	5%	6%											
10A Sophisticated Squares	24%	22%											
10B Ex Urbanites	24%	22%											
11A Up and Coming Families	9%	7%											
12A Young and Restless	10%	13%											

## Chapter 3: Parks and Recreation Inventory

The recreation inventory is a review of both parks and contains information on their size, facilities, and a review of their accessibility.

The barrier-free/accessibility assessment is used to address the accessibility of the Township's parks and recreation facilities. This assessment factors the American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). In general, all construction since 1991 is required to comply with these guidelines.

A general ranking of each park determined through site visits are as follows:

1 = The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

2 = The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

3 = The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

4 = The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

5 = The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

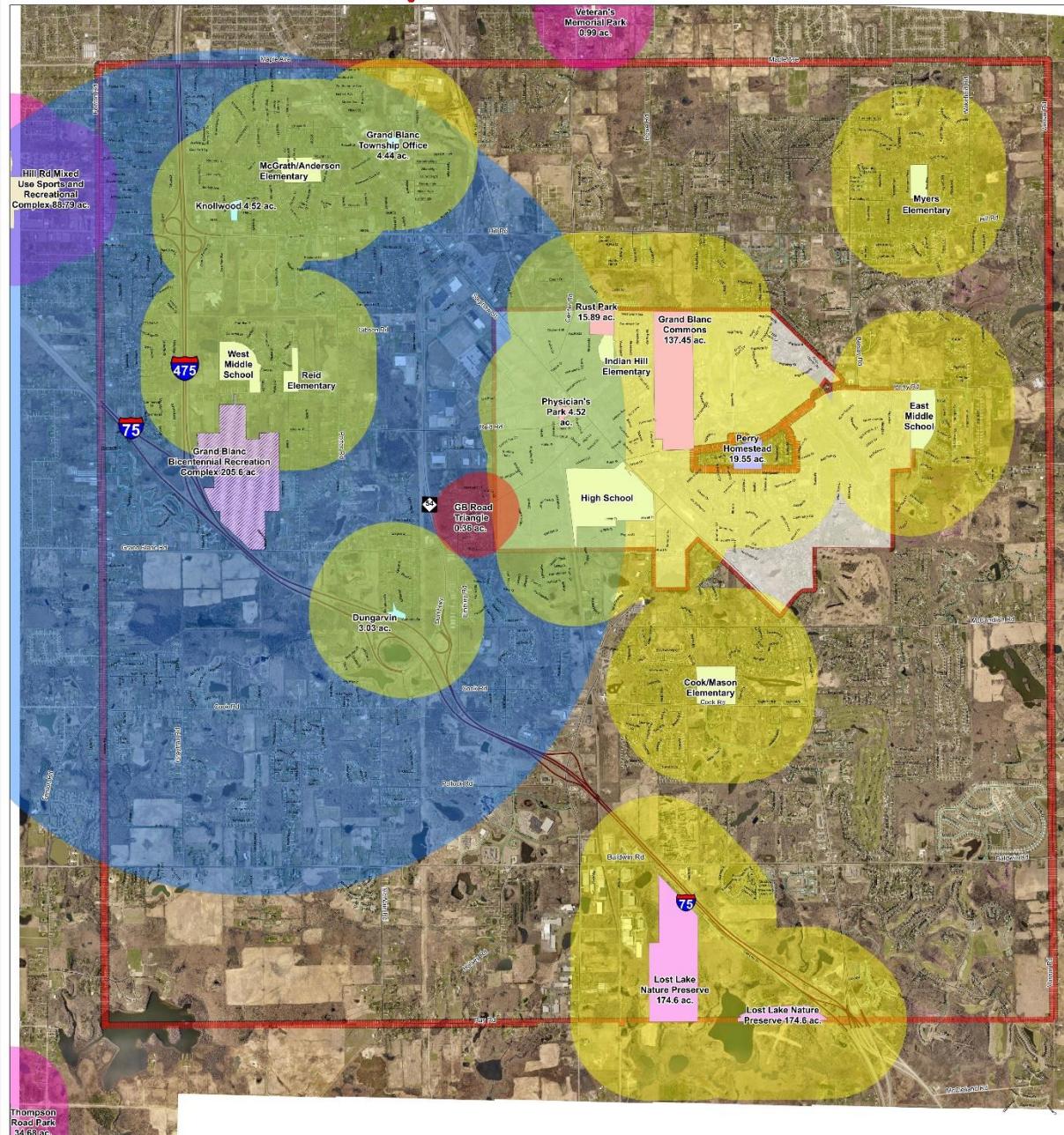
The Grand Blanc Township has three public park facilities, including the following (see Map 11: Local Recreation Facilities Inventory):

- Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex
- Perry McGrath Historical Park
- Senior Activity Center (jointly owned with the City of Grand Blanc)

A list of Township park programs and facility rentals is provided in Appendix C for the past three years. From 2019 to 2021, 6,739 participants used Township programs, there were 512 facility rentals, and 2,087 seniors utilized the senior center.

Map 10: Proximity to Parks and Schools

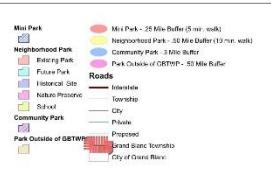
## Grand Blanc Township Proximity to Parks and Schools



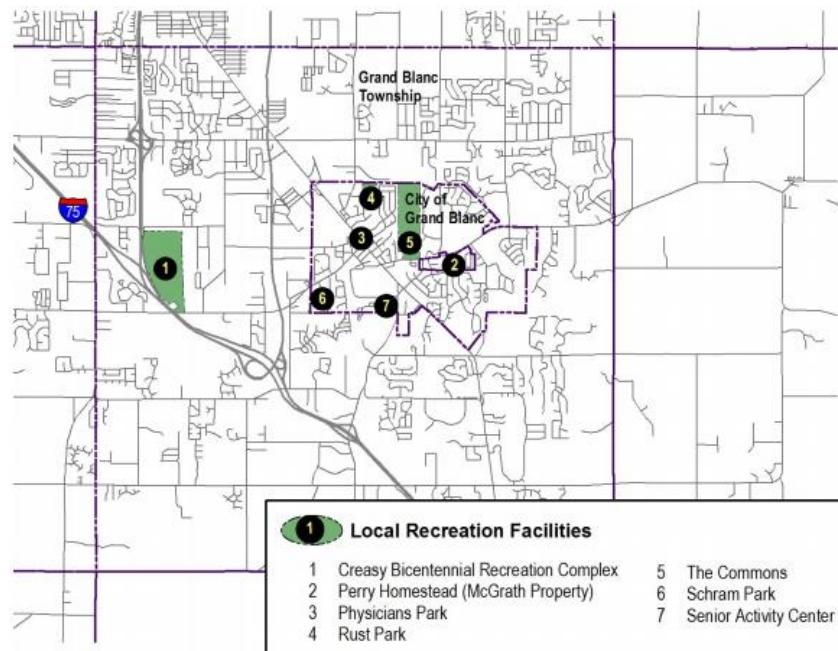
**DISCLAIMER:** Map is for visual purposes only. Grand Blanc Township is not responsible for any decisions based upon the information in this map.

**SOURCES:** Grand Blanc Township GIS Department  
Data Revision Date: January 2021  
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**Standard Average - 9.9 Acres/1000 people**



### Map 11: Local Recreation Facilities Inventory



<b>Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	202 acres
<b>Accessibility Rating</b>	3
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playgrounds</li> <li>• Pavilions</li> <li>• Modern restrooms</li> <li>• Nature/hiking trails</li> <li>• Adult/youth softball and baseball fields</li> <li>• Concession facilities</li> <li>• Football fields</li> <li>• Soccer fields</li> <li>• Fitness area</li> <li>• Nature study area</li> <li>• Lake/waterfront area</li> <li>• Horseshoes</li> <li>• Bicycling</li> <li>• Basketball courts</li> <li>• Sand volleyball courts</li> <li>• Sledding hill</li> <li>• Splash pad</li> <li>• In-line skating area</li> <li>• Dog park</li> </ul>

<b>Senior Activity Center</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Special Use Recreation Facility (Senior Center)
<b>Size</b>	8,821 square feet
<b>Accessibility Rating</b>	4
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community/meeting rooms</li> <li>• Senior programs and events</li> <li>• Emergency center</li> </ul>

<b>Perry Homestead and Nature Trail</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Special Use Facility and Trails
<b>Size</b>	19.55 acres
<b>Accessibility Rating</b>	2
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature trails</li> <li>• Historical site</li> <li>• Seasonal events</li> </ul>

<b>Iron Belle Trail Connector and Dort Highway Trailhead</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Special Use Facility and Trails
<b>Size</b>	N/A
<b>Accessibility Rating</b>	5
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paved multi-purpose non-motorized trail</li> <li>• Benches, trash receptacle, bike racks</li> </ul>

## Private

### The Captain's Club at Woodfield

“Captain’s Club” is an 18-hole daily fee golf course in Grand Blanc Township that is partially within Holly Township. The course was designed by former-PGA golfer Raymond Floyd and was opened in 1993.

### Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club

Warwick is an 18-hole golf course in Grand Blanc Township. The course was opened in 1957. This is a members-only facility.

### Ascension Genesys Health Club

Ascension Genesys Health Club (AGHC) has over 75 cardiovascular machines, strength training equipment, and free weights, as well as three pools and a splash pad, golf facilities, indoor gymnasiums, indoor/outdoor tracks, and ball courts. This is a members-only facility.

### Flint Bowman Club

The Flint Bowman Club has 30 acres of woodland with 4 field tip and 2 broad head courses. There is also a playground and picnic area. This is a members-only facility.

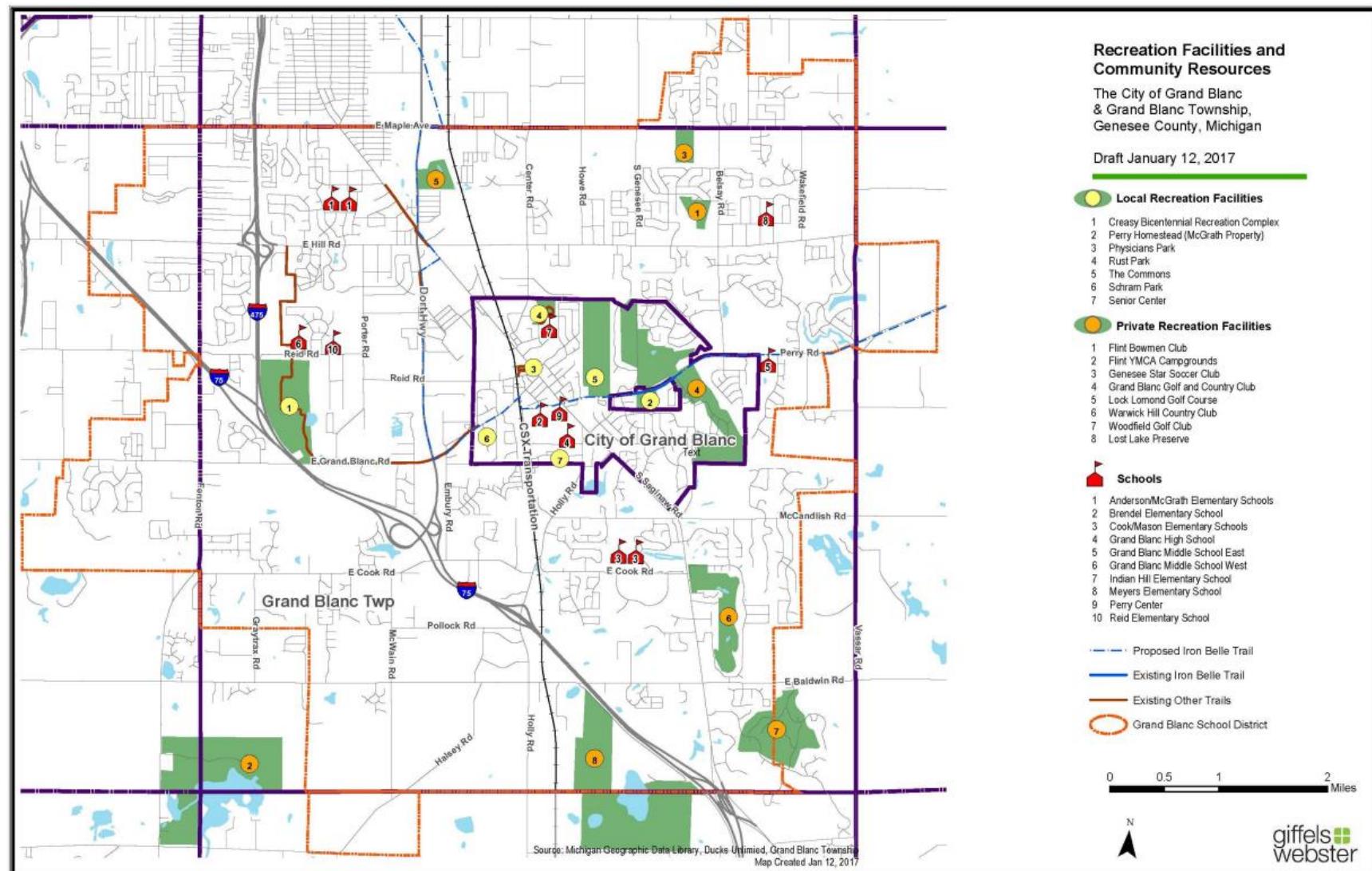
### Flint YMCA Campgrounds

The YMCA Campgrounds has over 700 acres with cabins, obstacle courses, horse barns, a lake, and much more. Overnight and day camps are held as well as group and seasonal events. This facility is only for people signed up for a camp or event.

### Richard Hartker Soccer Complex

The Richard Hartker Soccer Complex has about 28 acres and 9 soccer fields. These are only for team use.

## Map 12: Recreation Facilities and Community Resources Inventory



## Regional Recreation Resources

Regional recreation facilities and opportunities operated by the state or county are available to residents of the Grand Blanc community. These parks are generally multi-purpose facilities offering a variety of recreation experiences on large tracts of land. Natural features such as lakes, wooded areas, or fragile ecosystems are the focal point of many of these locations. Each regional recreation area indicated on the map is a part of the State of Michigan park system or the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission. An inventory of facilities and activities offered by each recreation area is detailed below. The size and type of these facilities may vary but are generally greater than 200 acres.

### Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

- Lost Lake Nature Preserve
  - Located in Grand Blanc Township in Genesee County and Holly Township in Oakland County, the preserve has over 538 acres and is available for passive recreation—such as hiking, bird watching, scenic viewing, and demonstration sites.

### Genesee County Parks

- Atlas County Park
  - The 150-acre natural area has hiking paths, wooded areas, and the Kearsley Creek located in Goodrich.
- Buell Lake Park
  - Buell Lake is in Clio and has 213 acres. Amenities include ball diamonds, pavilions, picnic areas/playground, fishing, snowmobile area, boat launch, and a radio-controlled model airplane field.
- Davison Roadside Park
  - Davison is a four-acre park located in Burton with a beginner's sledding hill and picnic area.
- Flushing Park
  - Flushing Park, located in Flushing, has over 105 acres and includes amenities such as ball diamonds, cross country ski trails, pavilions, tennis courts, picnic areas, and playground.
- Linden Park
  - Linden Park is 135 acres in Linden. Services include ball diamonds, beach, sledding and toboggan hill, pavilions, picnic areas, playground, snowmobile area, and tennis courts.
- For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum
  - The 380-acre For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum is in Burton and includes a visitor center, bird collection, and nature trails.
- Genesee Recreation Area
  - The Genesee Recreation Area has over 4,500 acres and includes Richfield Park and Mott Lake. It is in the center of Genesee County. Amenities include ball diamonds, BMX track, canoe launch, cross country ski trails, pavilions, picnic areas, playgrounds, snowmobile area, tennis courts, and beach.
- Crossroads Village
  - Crossroads Village provides a glimpse into Michigan's past, with over 30 historic structures, the Huckleberry Railroad, and Genesee Belle, a paddle wheel riverboat. Special events are programmed throughout the year.

- Mundy Miracle Commons – In Progress
  - Mundy Miracle Commons has 99 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and 1.8 miles of paved pathway. This park is currently still in progress but will eventually contain a sledding hill, universally accessible ballfield, performing arts space, Farmer's Market, butterfly garden, and more.

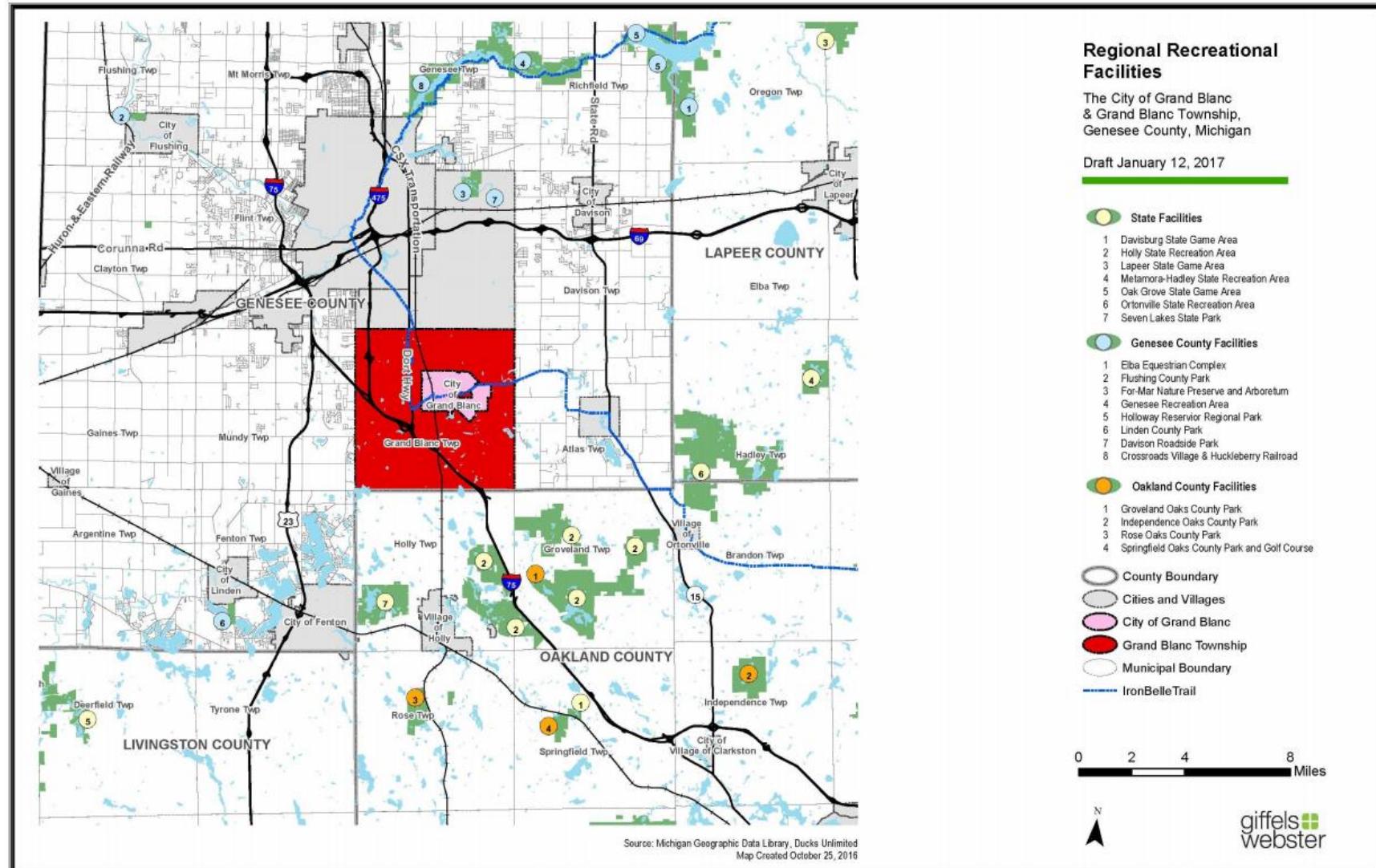
### State of Michigan Parks

- Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
  - Bald Mountain has over 4,600 acres in northeast Oakland County. Facilities and activities offered by the recreation area include a beach, a bathhouse with concessions, picnic sites and shelters, boat launch, paddle boat and canoe rentals, skeet and trap fields, archery range, rifle and pistol ranges, hunting area, fishing docks, hiking trails, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, sledding, tobogganing, and rustic cabins for overnight stays.
- Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area (Minnewanna)
  - The Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area, located in Lapeer County, 8 miles south of Lapeer, has over 700 acres surrounding Lake Minnewanna. Amenities include modern campsites, mini cabins, boating, fishing, hiking trails, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and hunting.
- Ortonville Recreation Area
  - Ortonville Recreation Area has 5,400 acres and provides opportunities for swimming, hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, picnicking, and equestrian camping.
- Holly Recreation Area
  - Holly Recreation Area, located in northern Oakland County has over 7,800 acres of land providing areas for camping, boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, cross-country skiing, and fishing.

### Trails

- Iron Belle Trail
  - The biking portion of the Iron Belle Trail from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood on the Wisconsin border, runs through Grand Blanc Township along Perry Road east and then north along the CSX Railroad. This 791-mile-long biking route showcases Michigan's spectacular cultural and natural resources.
- Dort Highway Trail – In Progress
  - A non-motorized, shared use path that runs along South Dort Highway and connects Baldwin Road to Cook Road. There is also a path head parking lot.
- Perry Road Trail
  - A non-motorized, shared use separated path that runs along the south side of Perry Road to Grand Blanc Middle school and east to the township limits; future planning to extend to Atlas.
- Grand Blanc Road Trail
  - A non-motorized, shared use separated path that runs along the north side of Grand Blanc Road from Bicentennial Park into the City of Grand Blanc.
- Bicentennial Park Trail
  - A non-motorized, shared use separated path that connects Bicentennial Park to Grand Blanc West Middle School from Reid Road to Hill Road.

## Map 13: Regional Recreation Facilities Inventory



## School Facilities

In addition to the public and private park facilities in and around Grand Blanc Township, the schools provide indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities year-round. When not in use by the school, the outdoor athletic fields and courts are available to the public, and Grand Blanc High School's indoor swimming pool is available to the public during designated times. Table 2: School Facilities shows the different amenities provided by each school:

**Table 2: School Facilities**

Name	Location	Accessibility Rank
<b>Elementary Schools:</b> play structures, basketball courts, gymnasiums, soccer fields, and outdoor painted court games		
Anderson/McGrath Elementary School	Township	4
Cook/Mason Elementary School	Township	4
Indian Hill Elementary School	City	4
Myers Elementary School	Township	4
Reid Elementary School	Township	4
<b>Middle Schools:</b> field events/outdoor tracks, football fields, ballfields, and gymnasiums		
Middle School - East	Township	4
Middle School - West	Township	4
<b>Central School Complex:</b> tennis courts, baseball fields, practice ballfields, football field, playground equipment, basketball courts, softball field, track, soccer field, gymnasiums, and pools		
Grand Blanc High School East Campus	City	4
Grand Blanc High School West Campus	City	4
Brendel Elementary School	City	4
Administration	City	4
Perry Center	City	4

## Chapter 4: Description of the Planning Process

The update to the plan was developed with significant input from a broad cross-section of the Grand Blanc community. Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation, stakeholders, staff, and public were all valuable resources during the planning process in guiding and shaping of this plan.

The planning process began with an inventory of all Grand Blanc community recreational facilities and a kick-off meeting with the director. In recognizing that there were quite a few new community leaders in their respective stakeholder roles, an initial stakeholder meeting was held to gain a better understanding of their views on development of parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Following this, a public survey was developed and posted on-line. Of the 396 respondents, public input indicated a committed local involvement in parks and recreation programming with over half currently participating in youth sports. This input, along with trends in recreation opportunities, the desire to expand existing trails system, and development of specific types of facilities, such as a disc golf course followed by foot golf, were opportunities that the township considered.

Using the inventory and the results of the 2021 survey findings, this plan identifies strengths and opportunities of the current parks facilities, along with goals and objectives for the future. The draft plan, along with a five-year action program of priority projects, was reviewed by the township at the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

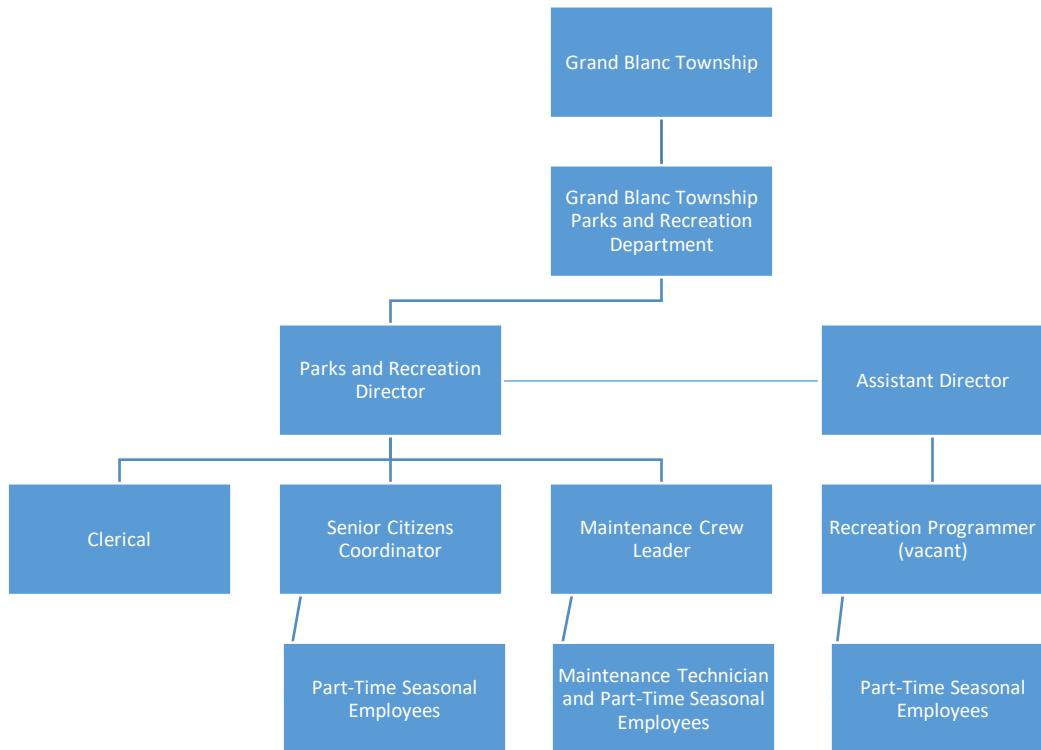
## Chapter 5: Administrative Structure

### Roles and Organization

The Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department falls directly under the Township as a staffed organization, and consists of a Director, who oversees the Assistant Director, Senior Citizens Coordinator, Maintenance Crew Leader, Recreation Programmer, and clerical staff. The Assistant Director oversees the Recreation Division; the Senior Citizens Coordinator oversees the Senior Services Division, and the Maintenance Crew Leader oversees the Maintenance Division. Seasonal part-time employees assist the Senior, recreation and maintenance division (see Figure C). Overall, the Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for several tasks, including:

- Programming activities, special events, and organized sports offered by the Township including facilitating enrollment and coordinating time and program locations.
- Coordinating use of multiple recreation facilities.
- Aiding volunteer sport organizations.
- Recommending land, facility, and pathway expansions and additional needs to the Township.
- Overseeing maintenance of facilities.
- Overseeing and administering the Parks and Recreation budget.
- Developing and forming relationships with outside sources.
- Grant writing and procurement and sponsorship solicitation.
- Developing and implementing special events.

**Figure C: Administrative Structure**



## Funding/Budget

The Township's parks and recreation activities are financed primarily by program fees, special events, rentals, sponsorships, and fund raisers. A parks and recreation millage, which in 2020 brought in approximately \$314,000, is used for facility improvements. The Parks and Recreation budget includes five funding sources:

- Parks and Recreation Millage
- General Fund
- Rental Income
- CDBG
- Senior Services Millage

For 2020, the Parks and Recreation Fund was worth \$1.5 million, primarily in cash and in receivables, and special revenue funds.

## Grant History

Table 3 identifies grant projects that were funded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as reported by MDNR Grants Management. This list does not reflect other grant sources that have been used for recreation such as the 2-mile non-motorized path constructed in 2011-2012 with a \$1 million grant that provides connection through the Township and connecting to Creasey Bicentennial Park. This was a SAFETEA-LU grant submitted by the Genesee County Road Commission with support by Grand Blanc Township.

**Table 3: Grant History**

Park	Year	Grant Amount	Project Description
Creasey Bicentennial Park	2008	\$75,000	Develop soccer fields, pathways, parking, pavilion
Bicentennial Park	1997	\$155,000	Acquisition of 59 acres to expand park north (withdrawn)
Bicentennial Park	1989	\$30,000	Develop little league baseball fields and parking lot lights
Bicentennial Park	1977	\$114,840	Develop access road, parking, fencing, tennis courts, ball fields
Bicentennial Park	1976	\$70,834	Acquire 147 acres

## Roles of Volunteers

The township parks and recreation department has been fortunate to partner with numerous groups in the area to assist in active living and leisure programming. The Friends of the Bicentennial Dog Park and Friends of Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation have been available at functions and to coordinate clean-up events. Other community volunteer groups include Grand Blanc Lacrosse, Genesee County AYSO, Detroit City Football Club, Grand Blanc High School National Honor Society, Swartz Creek High School National Honor Society, Powers Catholic High School National Honor Society, Citizens Police Academy, Grand Blanc Community Schools and Grand Blanc Grid.

## Chapter 6: Public Engagement

The public input process began on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a series of stakeholder meetings. The groups that were represented were:

- Little League
- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Recreation
- Dog Park
- Park Maintenance
- Pathways and Trails
- Senior Services
- Township Board
- Historic District

A copy of the questions and summary of the comments from these meetings are included in Appendix A. Although the groups represented their individual interest, there was a theme of identifying the need for maintenance and shared improvements to best utilize available funding over the development of special interest projects.

### Community Input Survey

Questions for the on-line survey were reviewed by Grand Blanc Township Parks staff. The survey was issued concurrent with the stakeholder meetings and was held open through the planning process. Results are included in Appendix B. A summary of the survey input is as follows:

- 85% support acquisition of additional park property as somewhat to extremely important.
- Over 70% support a local millage of programming and operations.
- 80% find it somewhat to extremely important that the Township operates a community center.
- 75% are satisfied with the accessibility of Township parks.
- 80% are satisfied with maintenance of facilities.
- Nearly 90% support expanding park facilities to provide more activity space and equipment.
- 90% say it is somewhat to extremely important to provide year-round activities; nearly 50% say it's extremely important.
- Only 52% participate in recreation programs; 75% do not desire additional programs. 85% use programs for health and fitness, 80% to be outdoors, and 65% for social opportunities.
- Nearly 70% visit Creasey Bicentennial Park more than six times each year.
- 70% use the Township's trail system; only 35% want additional features yet 80% want the trail system expanded. 90% agree or strongly agree for trails to connect local parks to neighborhoods and the construction of other community destinations.
- 80% agree that Grand Blanc Township should work with neighboring communities and regional partners to construct trails that connect to regional parks.
- 65% support a local millage to build new trails in Grand Blanc Township; the same would support a countywide trail millage.

- 70% support a formal planning process to update the Grand Blanc Township Pathways Master Plan.
- 75% support a free dog park.

### Master Plan Open House

On July 14, 2021, Grand Blanc Township Parks and consultants from ROWE Professional Services Company held an open house. At the event, various boards were set up outlining different aspects of the plan, including the details of the process, the proposed goals and objectives, and a board for visitors to write comments, questions, and concerns.

In addition to the boards, Grand Blanc Township Parks distributed survey forms for residents to write and submit their own thoughts and concerns for the parks.

## Chapter 7: Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to identify needs and establish priorities for implementation. The overall goal is to guide decisions on future investments to ensure the recreation system is improved and continues to be an asset to the community. As a result of the planning process during this plan, the following specific goals have been established for the next five years. They have been organized to clearly align with the action plan and to illustrate how they address one or more of the following categories:

- Natural Resources/Facilities Management
- Recreation Opportunities/Development
- Education/Interpretive Opportunities

### **Goal 1: Build on the strengths and opportunities within existing facilities to provide quality of life benefits for the Grand Blanc community.**

Objective: Develop future recreation facilities (all at Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex) with sound fiscal policy.

#### **Strategies**

- Add an additional shelter/field house to directly serve the soccer field complex to accommodate larger groups, administration, concessions, equipment storage, and additional restroom facilities. Parking improvements and landscaping will also be part of this addition.
- Add and/or extend electricity, water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure to meet the needs of the additional facilities.
- Additional dog park upgrades.
- Modify the existing little league restroom and storage facility to add a new concessions area.
- Install security camera system throughout park.
- Replacement of south pavilion.
- Replace aging fencing and bleachers at the adult softball fields to provide additional accessibility for spectators.
- Install field lighting.
- Create an ongoing maintenance schedule to address road grading efforts in key areas or pavement as appropriate. Look to partners to share in cost, considering increased use by tournament traffic.
- Work to make facilities more accessible.
- Replace the splash pad.
- Work with developers to create recreational space as part of projects.
- Work towards having a recreational space within 10-minute walk or ¼ mile of all township residences

Objective: Monitor programs and services; develop an approach to evaluate the addition, deletion, or modification of programs and services.

**Strategies**

- Continue to involve the increasing adult population in activities and events. Maintain and expand senior programming as resources allow.
- Provide a range of programs and facilities to accommodate the interests and age groups of as many children as possible. Programs should be somewhat structured and directly supervised by younger adults that can better relate to youths.

Objective: Encourage the continued development at the senior center to provide for social interaction of various age groups/residents of all ages.

**Strategies**

- Measure participation, costs, and revenues for programs at Senior Activity Center based on recent improvements to understand how to improve programming and/or facilities.

Objective: Encourage creative staffing, education, and maintenance minded design of recreation facilities, landscaping, and equipment to reduce annual maintenance costs.

**Strategies**

- Qualify adopt-a-park or friends of the park programs; for additional maintenance assistance while managing administrative demands.

Objective: Develop a management plan for each park that identifies annual, seasonal, monthly, and weekly maintenance needs. This plan should include the human and financial resources required for adequate park management.

**Strategies**

- Develop a management plan for each park to assist with dedication of staffing the labor to be dedicated to each park. It should identify how this varies throughout the season and peak effort for special events. The management plans can also address education and certification needs for staff and other topics that impact service.
- Maintain paved trail and sporting field facilities within park on an annual basis.

Objective: Design sustainable and attractive recreation facilities that contribute to community character.

**Strategies**

- Identify improvements such as seating areas and landscaping to preserve character.

Objective: Define a mission statement that describes the purpose of each park and share it with the community; (e.g., Creasy Bicentennial Park is primarily intended to provide for active recreation, while the Perry Homestead provides a sense of history and offers passive recreation opportunities).

**Goal 2: Pursue a variety of funding sources and partnerships to better serve the community's recreational needs within the limited human and financial resources currently available to Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation.**

Objective: Continue to seek partnerships with other recreation providers, agencies, and neighboring communities to share ideas and provide complementary programs and facilities. Examples include but are not limited to civic groups, community groups, places of worship, scouts, user groups etc.

Objective: Analyze and develop a revenue development plan for park facilities and programs.

Objective: Apply for grants, seek gifts, endowments, and/or sponsorships for maintenance and development of facilities that support the vision of Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation.

Objective: Continue coordination with school district on shared use of facilities.

Objective: Evaluate demand and financial feasibility of providing additional community facilities.

#### **Strategies**

- Explore development of a community center to encompass parks and recreation.

Objective: Continue coordination with school district on shared use of facilities. Clearly define facility and programming needs that could be addressed by volunteers and user groups to accomplish more within the limited resources available. Create volunteer programs that clearly define roles and responsibilities, allow for an increase in civic involvement, and recognize volunteer efforts on an annual basis.

Objective: Monitor and adjust user fees as appropriate to cover costs while remaining affordable for the community.

### **Goal 3: Increase awareness/use of park facilities and programs.**

Objective: Continue promoting the active and passive use of park facilities, especially Creasey Bicentennial Park, for a variety of organizations (athletic, social, business community, civic, service clubs, etc.)

#### **Strategies**

- Create an integrated marketing plan using social media, print, etc.

Objective: Enhance internal wayfinding and mile markers in park trail systems, maps, smart-phone links, and on-line maps.

#### **Strategies**

- Install additional park wayfinding signage at Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex. This system should include non-motorized traffic accessing the park as well as those in vehicles.

Objective: Install monument signs at visitor entrance to parks.

#### **Strategies**

- Install a new entry sign at the Reid Road access of Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex.
- Install sign at Perry/McGrath Historic Park

Objective: Enhance website and use of a variety of advertising and social media tools for promotion of events and programs.

Objective: Explore use of park facilities by vendors for short- and long-term contracts to widen programs and services offered without a direct burden on staffing.

## **Goal 4: Support green initiative, active living, and accessibility to recreation.**

Objective: Advocate for non-motorized master plans developed by Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Organization and Grand Blanc Township.

### **Strategies**

- Creation of a new Trail and Pathway Master Plan.

Objective: Provide support structure for non-motorized connections at parks through bike racks, maps, or bike-share/rental opportunities.

Objective: Use Park facilities to educate on issues such as stewardship, natural systems, and healthy/active living.

### **Strategies**

- Explore recreation opportunities along the non-motorized path including viewing amenities and educational opportunities to sensitive natural features. These could be serviced by hiking and biking trails that connect with the existing path.
- Develop accessible parking and other improvements in the Perry Homestead for various community events. Develop additional small sections of paved path to allow increased access into the site as well.
- Develop boardwalks and pathways to allow for use of the larger area of the park, including outdoor classroom opportunities.

Objective: Develop a recycling program within Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Objective: Monitor new technology and energy-saving methods and apply when applicable to park facilities and operations.

### **Strategies**

- Continue to explore energy reduction opportunities at the Senior Center.

Objective: Work with volunteer groups on invasive species control and best management practices of vegetation.

Objective: Work with local stakeholders to create shared space trailheads.

## Chapter 8: Action Plan

Grand Blanc Township Parks will focus on improving operations, maintenance, and facilities at their existing park locations as a priority. Their improvement will center on providing active recreation, improving maintenance, and maximizing access to natural resources. This allows development of regional non-motorized facilities and passive recreation for other local providers (supporting Goal 1). Increased effort at maintenance of facilities will be made, responding to community input survey question 6.

In response to Covid-19, the park department has continuously adjusted programs and operations to provide a safe opportunity for recreation. It will continue to react to future developments with safety in mind, recognizing the value and need for a healthy outdoor recreation facility for the community (supporting Goals 1, 3, and 4).

### Creasey Bicentennial Recreation Complex

Development of paved accessible parking lots based on community input survey questions 1 and 5 (supporting Goal 1).

Development of an additional shelter/field house to directly serve the soccer field complex to accommodate larger groups, administration, concessions, equipment storage, and additional restroom facilities based on community input survey question 7 (supporting Goal 1).

Development of a new splash pad and connecting maintenance/entry house based on community input survey questions 5 and 6 (supporting Goal 1).

Expand trail and interpretive signs based on community input survey questions 12 and 13 (supporting Goal 3).

Development of a recycling program based on community input survey question 6 (supporting Goal 4).

Development of lighting throughout park to allow for night events based on community input survey question 25 (supporting Goals 1 and 3).

### Perry McGrath Historical Park

Continue restoration of the site and surrounding land based on community input survey question 6 (supporting Goal 1).

Expand trail and interpretive signs based on community input survey questions 12 and 13 (supporting Goal 3).

Develop additional accessible parking based on community input survey question 5 (supporting Goal 4).

### Senior Activity Center

Continue to develop and provide activities and programs for the community based on community input survey questions 6, 8, and 21 (supporting Goal 1).

Continue to explore energy reduction opportunities based on community input survey question 6 (supporting Goal 4).

## Appendix A: Stakeholder Meeting Agenda, Comments

## **Stakeholder Meetings July 14, 2021**

Hosted by:

*Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department*

*Assisted by*

ROWE Professional Services

Welcome! Thank you for your participation. We would like your ideas and suggestions for the future of our parks.

We are currently updating our 5 Year Recreation Plan (required for various grant funding opportunities). Your input will be used to establish goals and priorities within the plan.

### Items for your consideration:

- Existing Facilities  
See our current park locations and aerial maps noting proximity to

- Survey

## Review questions from our on-line survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBTwpParksRecPlan> OR



- Park Development

Are there specific improvements that should be made at existing parks?

- Miscellaneous

Any additional thoughts for how we can work together and partner to g

## Stakeholder Group Commitments

## Names

Thanks again for your input!

The following summary includes comments from the stakeholder meetings.

**Group 1:**

12:00 – 1:00

Ben Ruppel – Little League

Chris L. – LAX (absent)

Rob Nuckolls – Soccer

Senja Liimatta – Recreation

- Parking is a big issue
  - Close to capacity during tournaments
  - Need paved parking
  - Could Park at West Middle School and shuttle to park (during large events)
- Property north of multipurpose field
  - Conflicting demand (tennis/pickleball/etc.)
- Baseball fields
  - Need proper drainage, does not hold up against weather
  - Need fields with proper measurements
  - Need more fields (not just baseball)
  - Lights for fields
    - Could have night games, double games on schedule
- New building
  - House concessions/storage/bathrooms/etc.
    - Currently paying for storage elsewhere

**Group 2:**

1:00 – 2:00

Joanie Towarnicky – Trails and Pathways

Chris Hester – Park maintenance

Kris Johns – dog park (on call)

- Dog Park
  - Property behind, possible expansion
  - Water feature (swimming area, sprinklers, drinking fountain)
  - Possible replacement of obstacles (recycled plastic)
- Maintenance
  - Possible hotline
    - Report issues on pathways, in park, etc.
- Splash pad
  - New
  - Get off well, use for irrigation for fields
  - Reduce water waste
  - Pay for splash pad: 2-hour blocks, party rentals, etc.
- Bathrooms
  - More indoor bathrooms throughout park

**Group 3:**

2:00 – 3:00

Misty Moen – Senior Services

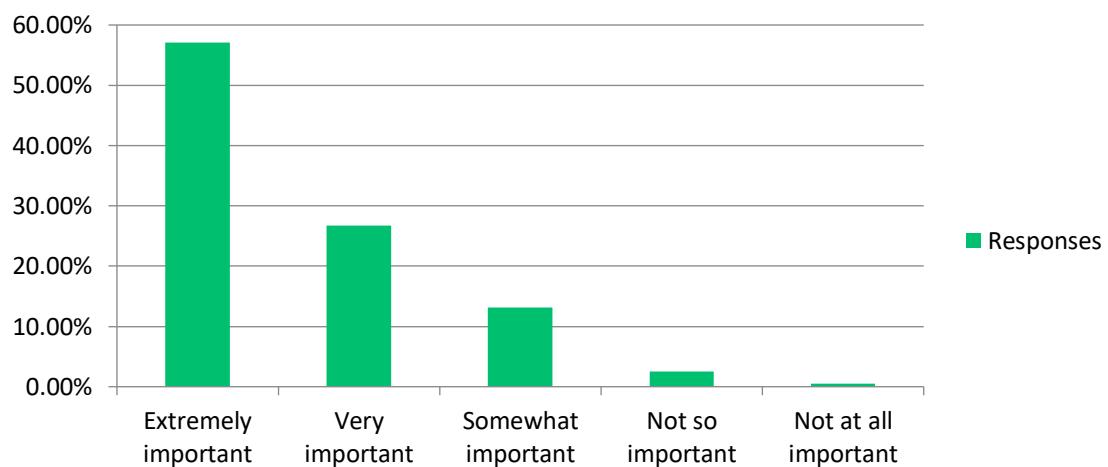
Scott Bennett – Township Board

Debbie Honea – Historic District

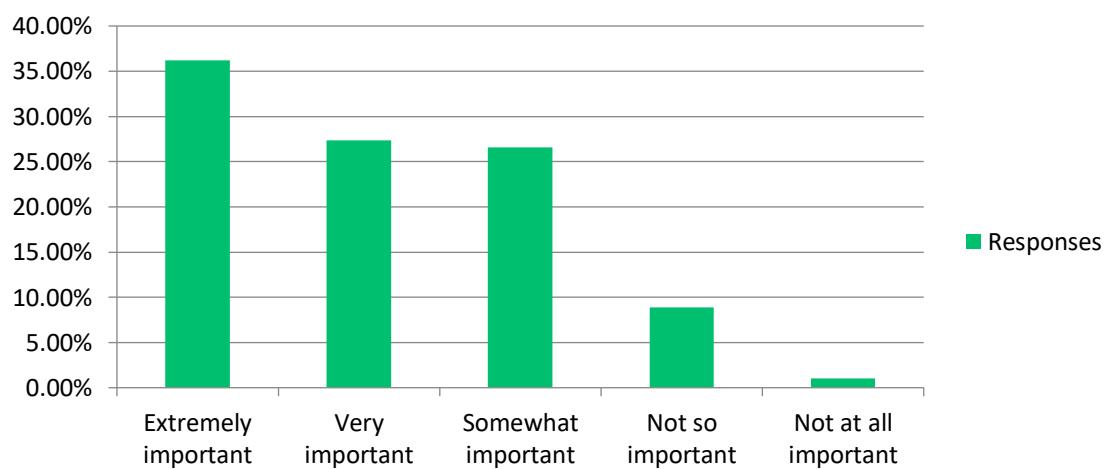
- Want to utilize Perry House more
  - Rentals (weddings, baby showers, etc.)
  - More educational experiences for all ages
  - Connect 2 trails for easier use
- Wayfinding
  - Signs for trails at Bicentennial, Perry House, etc.
  - Increase awareness of trails
- Develop small parks throughout township
  - Small park for Mildred Doran (female pilot lost at sea), location of landing strip
  - Field by police station
  - Small area by Dort Hwy
- Support older features in town
  - Not just maintain but improve
- Add lighting along drive at Bicentennial
- Update website
  - What to do in town and nearby
    - Restaurants, recreational activities, entertainment, etc.

## Appendix B: On-Line Survey Results

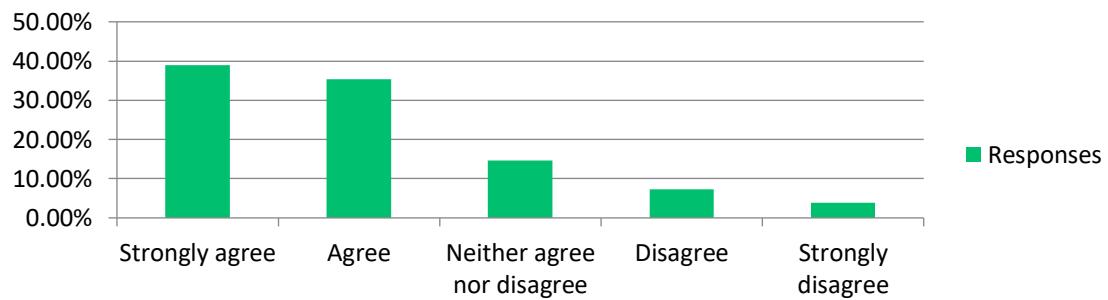
### How important is it for Grand Blanc Twp Parks to meet national standards on park accessibility and amenities?



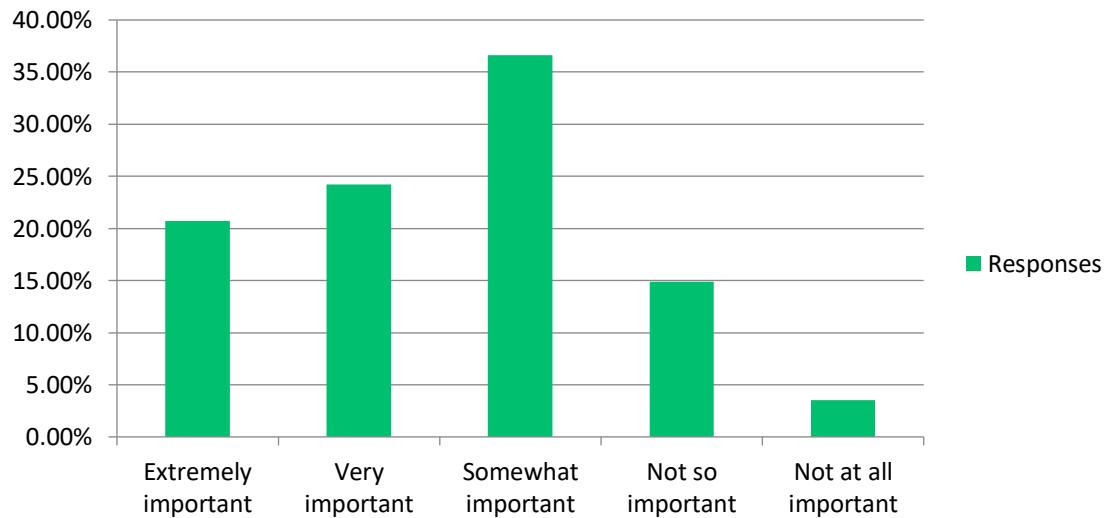
### How important is it for Grand Blanc Twp Parks to acquire additional land to develop more park and recreation space?



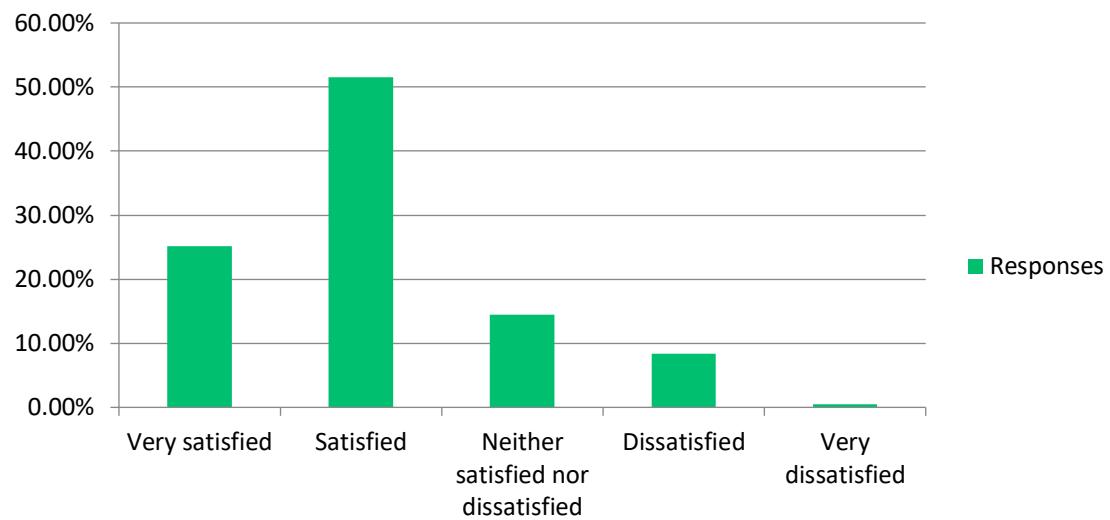
Parks and recreation programs and operations are primarily funded from program fees, rentals, sponsorships, donations, and grants limiting growth. I would support a local millage to support programming and operations in Grand...



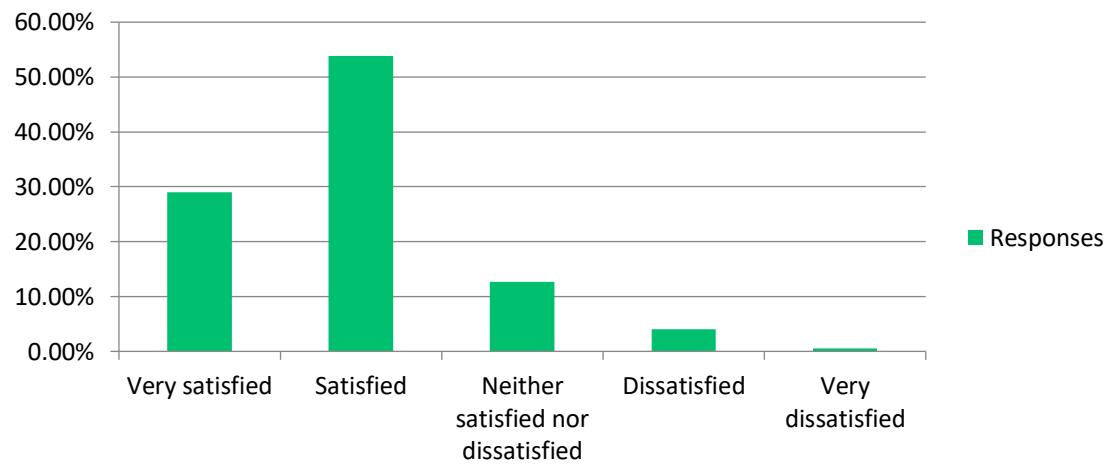
How important is it to you that the township operates a community center?



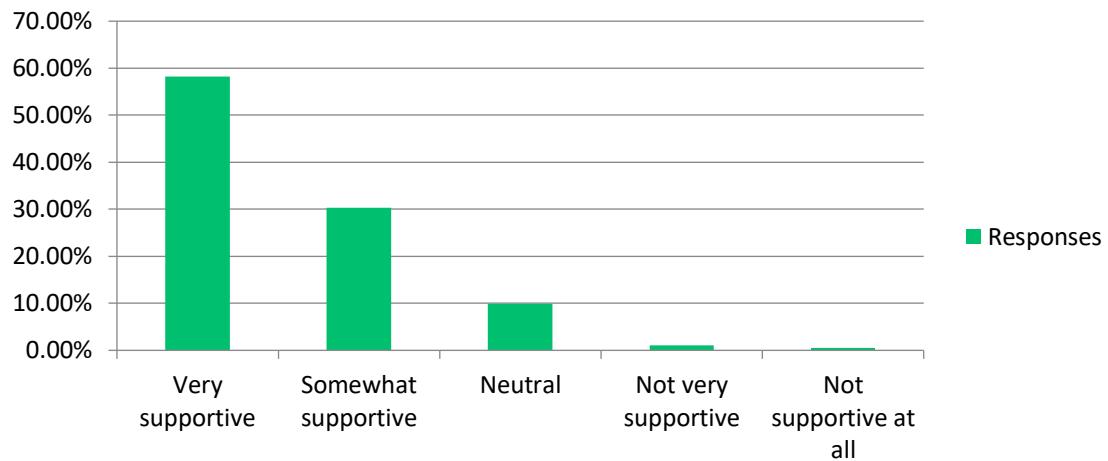
## How satisfied are you with the existing accessibility to the parks?



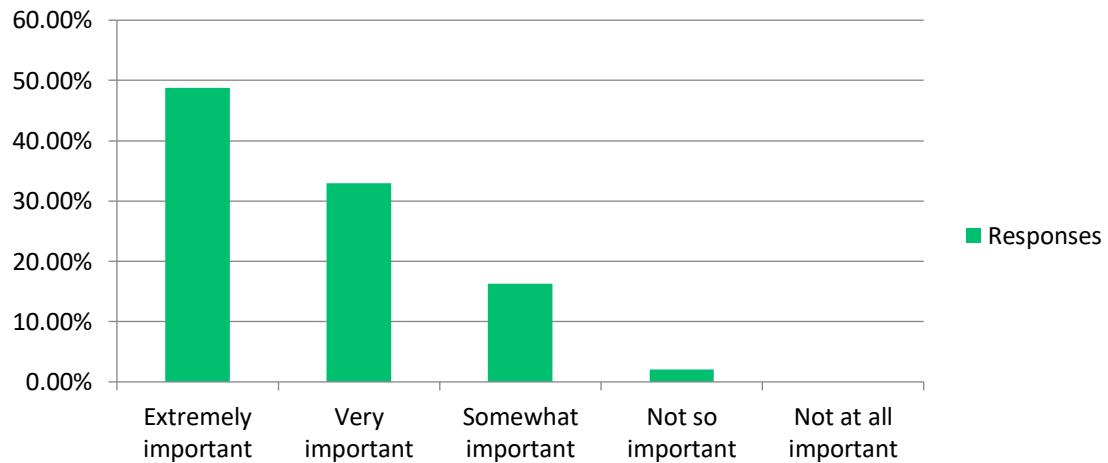
## How satisfied are you with the Grand Blanc Twp Parks effort to maintain local recreation facilities?



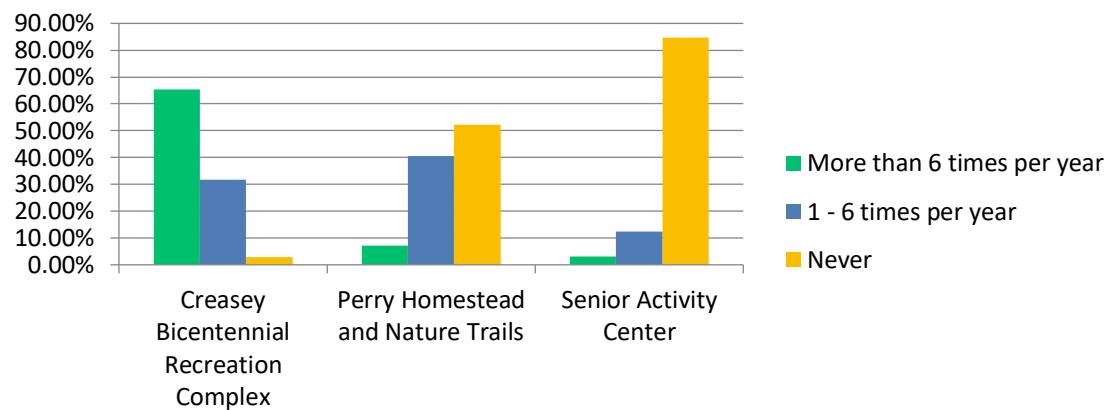
## How supportive are you of expanding public park facilities to provide more activity space and equipment?



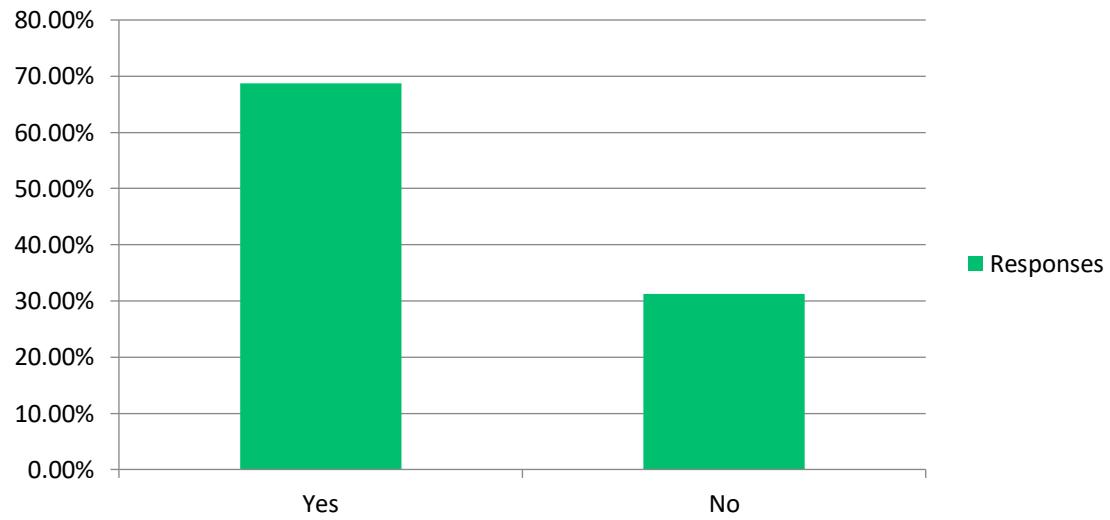
## How important is it to provide year-round activities and spaces to use at Grand Blanc Twp Parks?



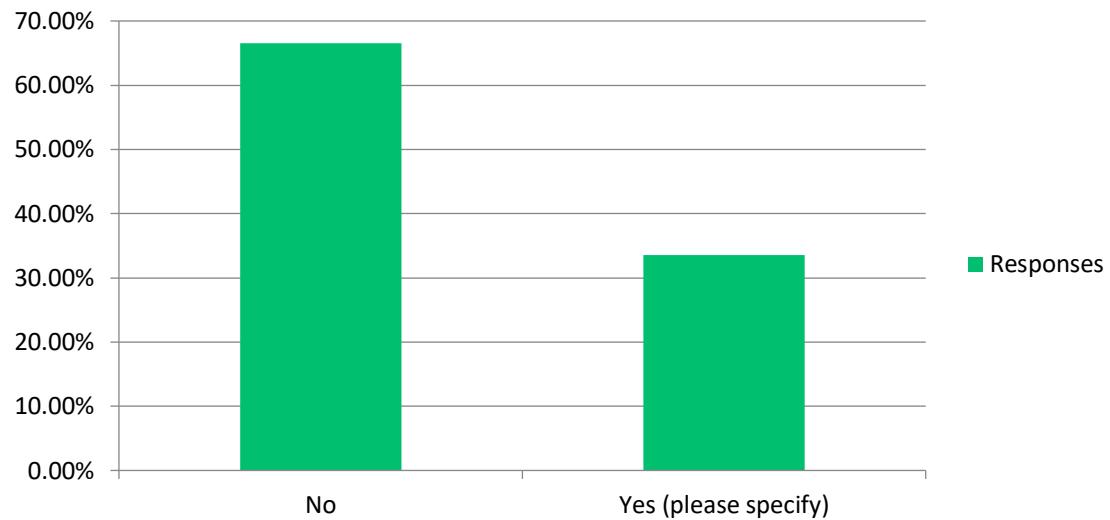
How often do you visit the following local recreation facilities? (1-6 times per year, more than 6 times per year, never (options))



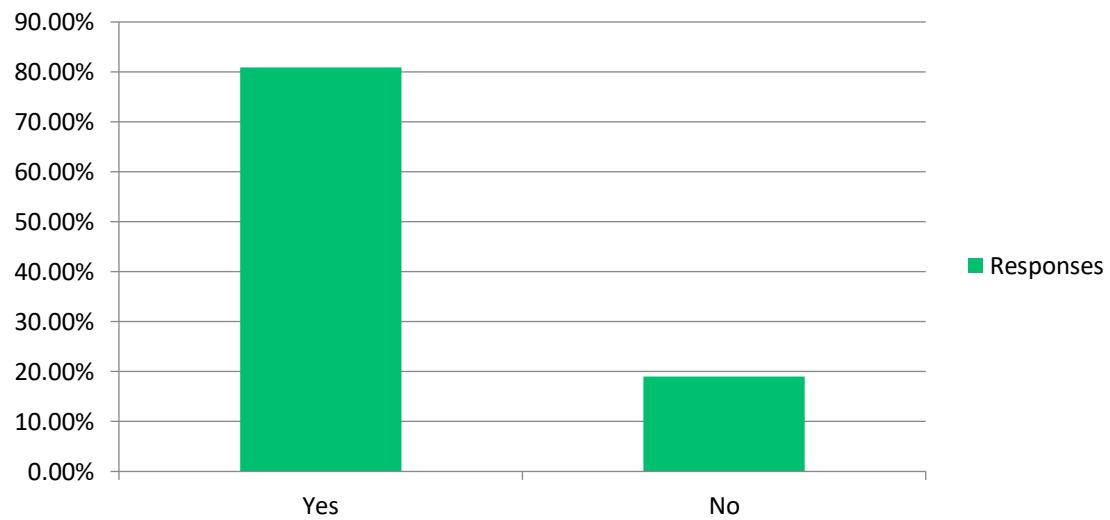
Do you use Grand Blanc Township's existing trail system?



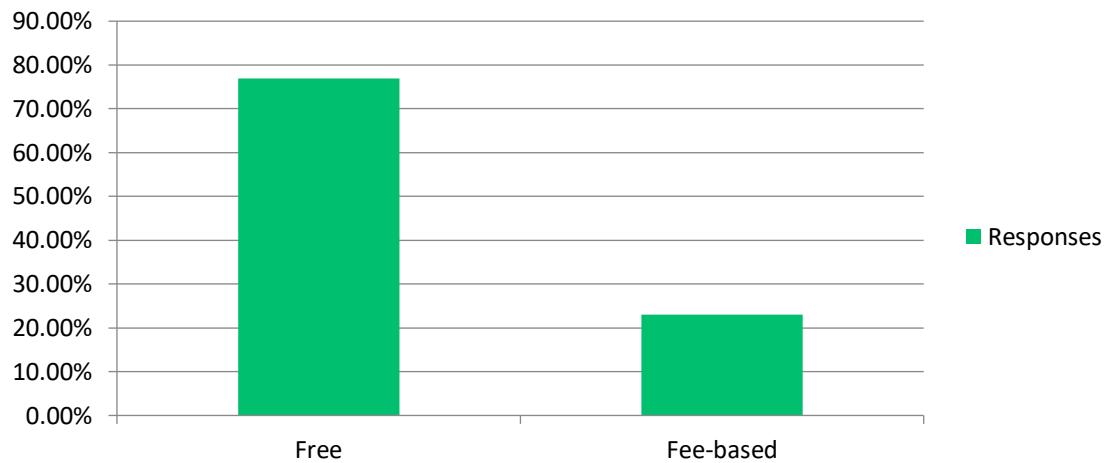
Are there any additional features you wish were part of the trail system?



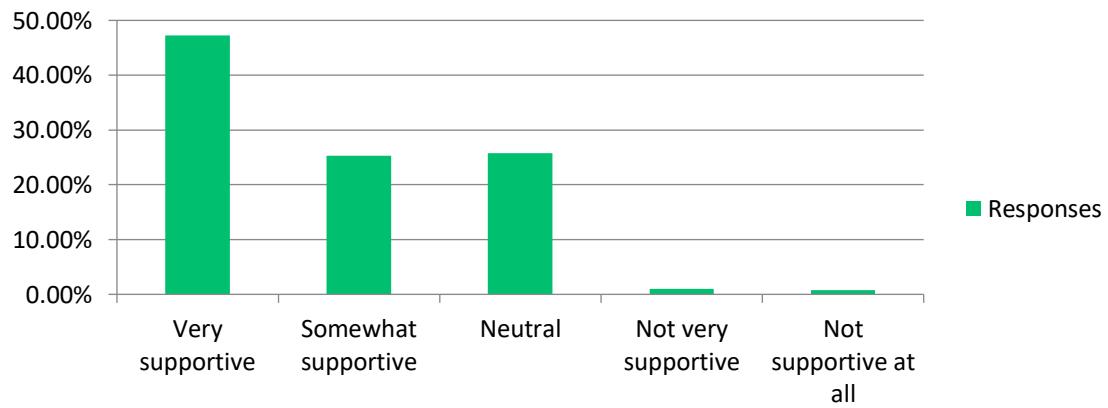
Would you like to see an expansion of the trail system?



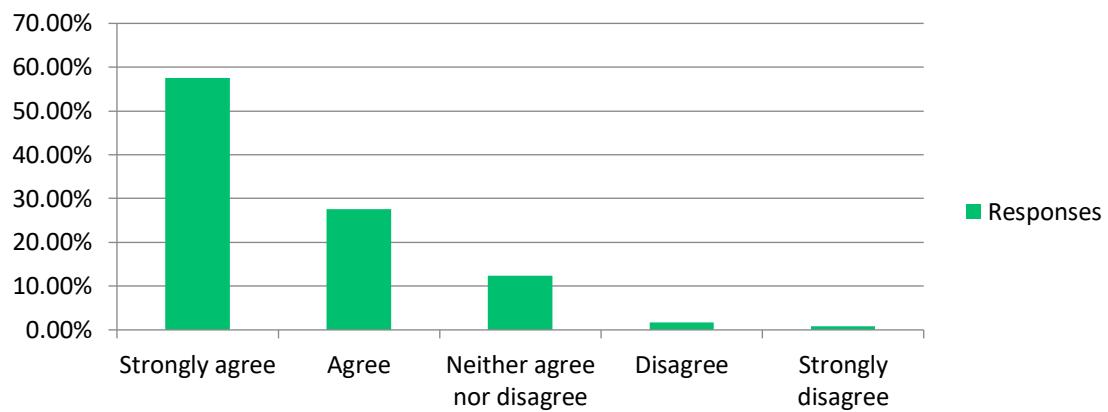
Do you support the current dog park being free to use or would you rather the fee-based system be put back in place?



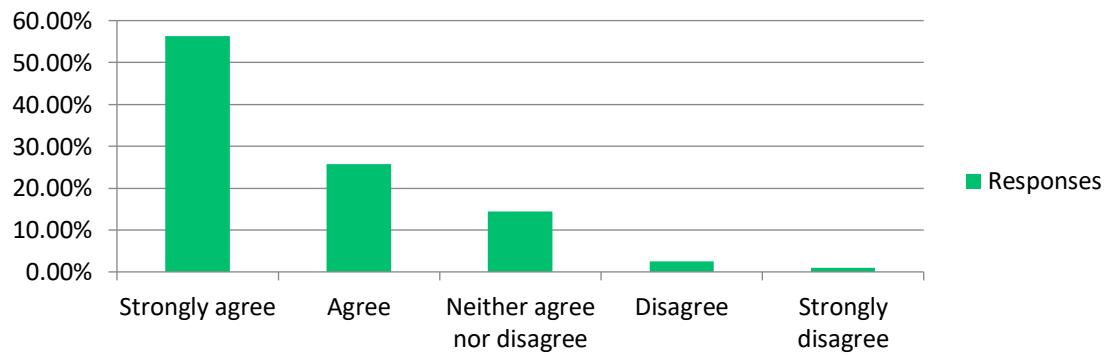
How supportive are you of a formal planning process to update the 2012 Grand Blanc Township Pathways Master Plan?



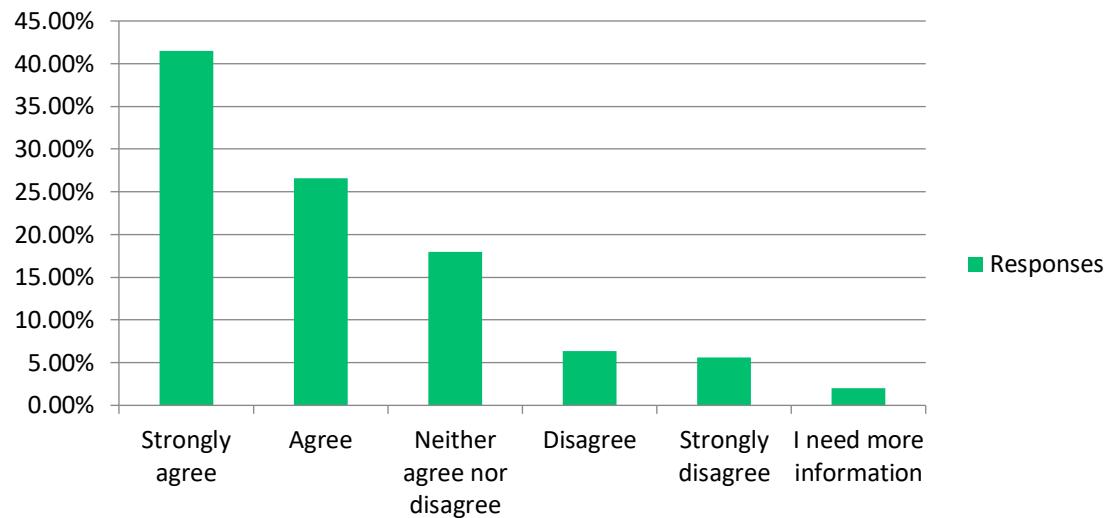
More trails (non-motorized) connecting local parks to neighborhoods and other community destinations should be constructed.



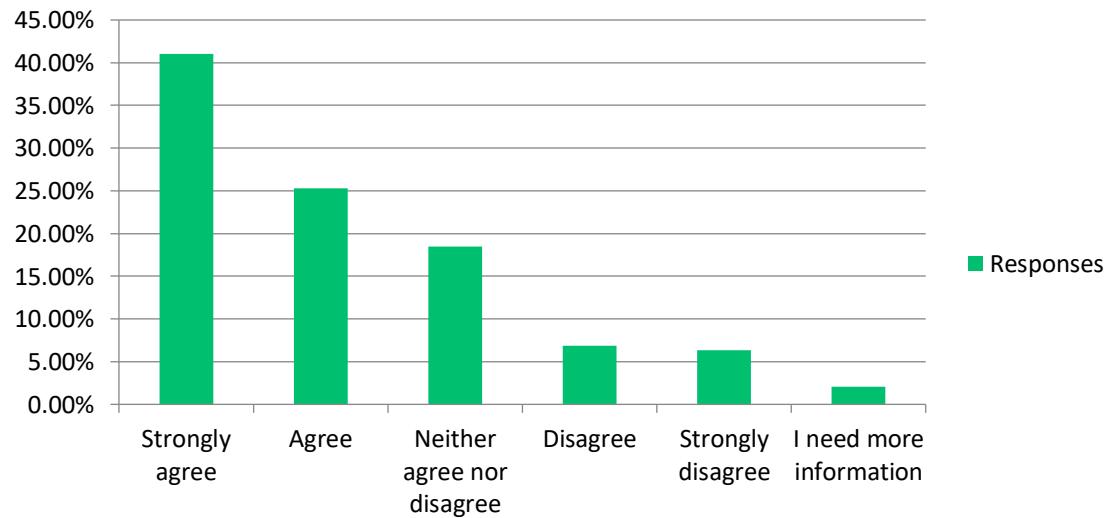
Grand Blanc Township should work with neighboring communities and regional partners to construct more trails that connect Grand Blanc Twp. with regional parks.



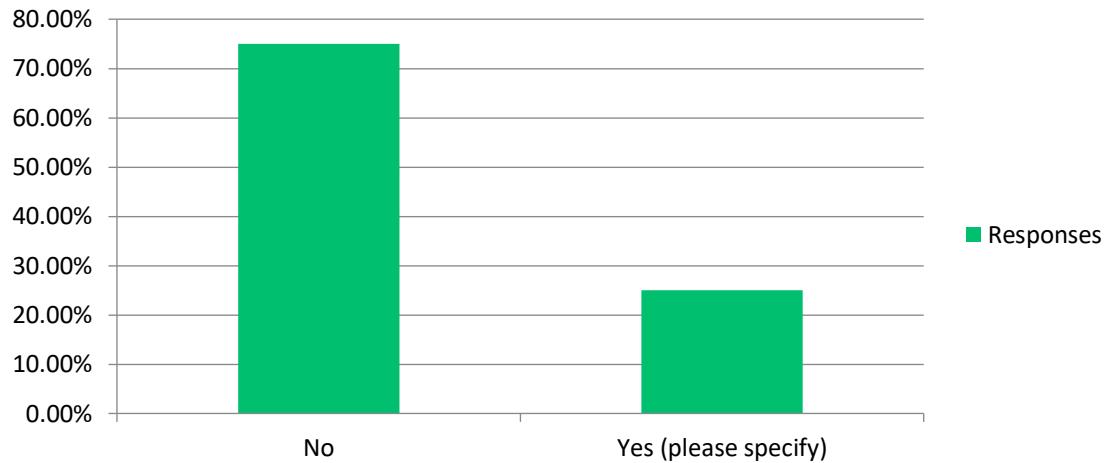
**I would support a local millage to build new trails in Grand Blanc Twp.**



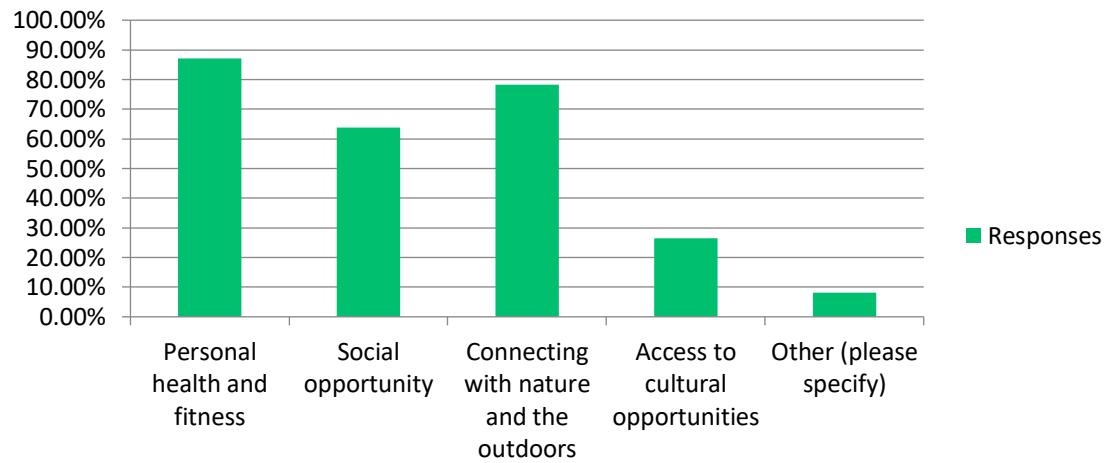
**I would support a countywide trail millage for new trails in the county.**

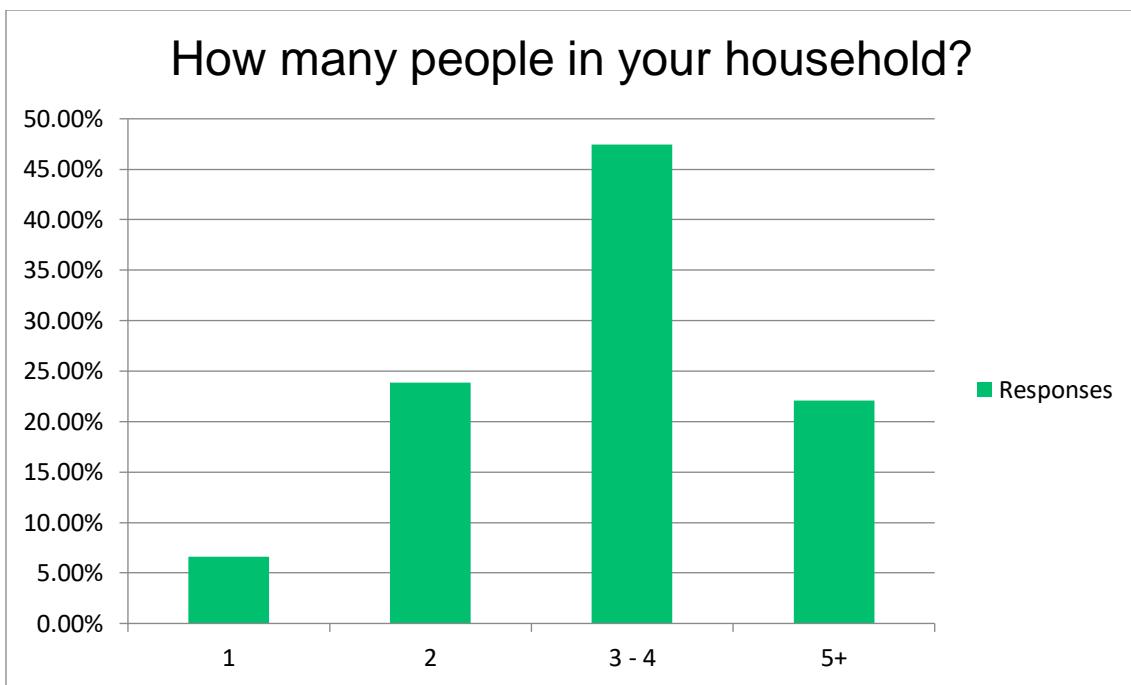
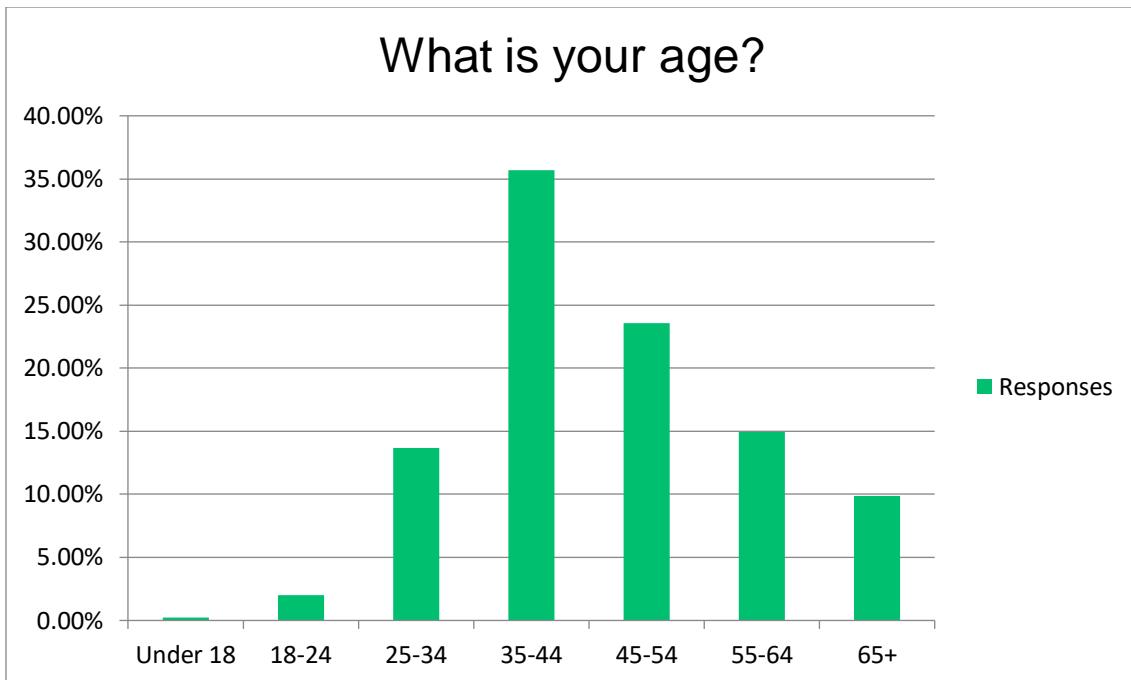


Are there any recreation programs currently not offered by Grand Blanc Twp Parks that you would like to offered?

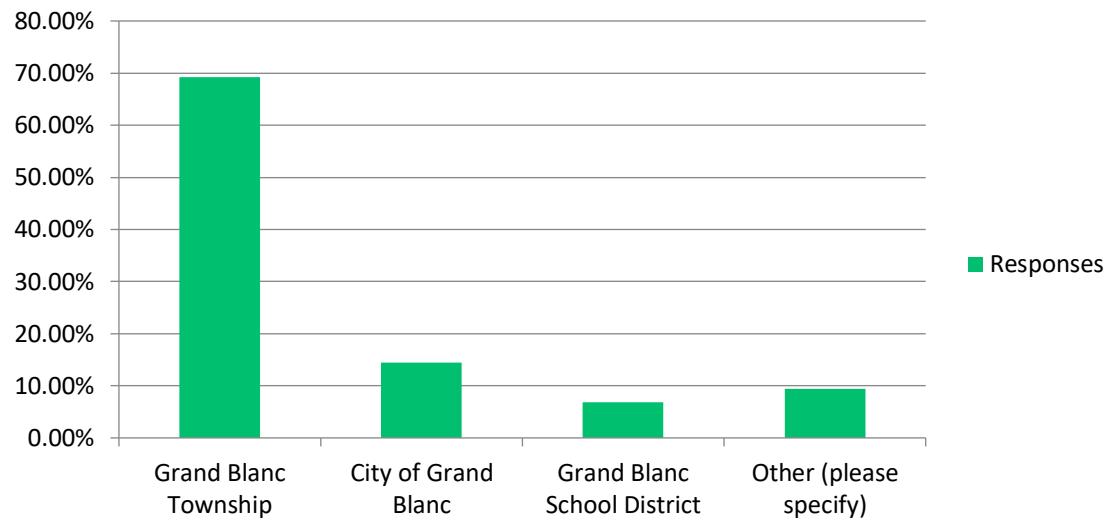


Why are parks and recreation programming important to you? (check all that apply)

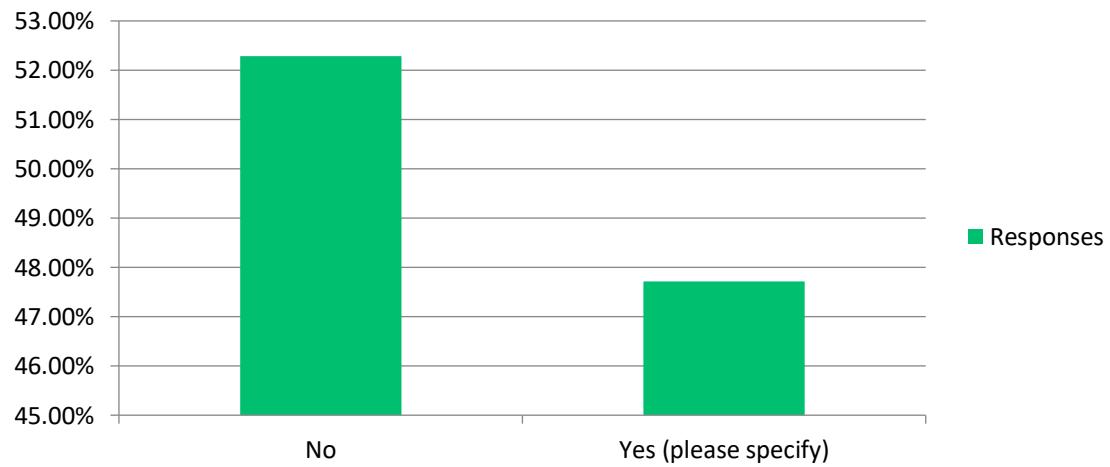




## Are you a resident of Grand Blanc Township, City, or School District?



## Do you participate in any recreation programs within Grand Blanc Township? Which ones?



## Appendix C: Program/Senior Center Use and Facility Rental

<b>Program Participation Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
<b>2019</b>		
Township	1,741	62%
Other Municipalities	639	23%
City of Grand Blanc	429	15%
	<b>2,809</b>	
<b>2020</b>		
Township	1,073	58%
Other Municipalities	477	26%
City of Grand Blanc	288	16%
	<b>1,838</b>	
<b>2021</b>		
Township (Thru June 2021)	1,094	52%
Other Municipalities	653	31%
City of Grand Blanc	345	16%
	<b>2,092</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,739</b>	

<b>Senior Center Participation</b>		
*Non-Duplicated Number		
<b>2019</b>		
Township	588	56%
Other Municipalities	159	15%
City of Grand Blanc	306	29%
	<b>1,053</b>	
<b>2020</b>		
Township	361	55%
Other Municipalities	100	15%
City of Grand Blanc	195	30%
	<b>656</b>	
<b>2021</b>		
Township (Thru July 7, 2021)	195	52%
Other Municipalities	56	15%
City of Grand Blanc	127	33%
	<b>378</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,087</b>	

<b>Facility Rentals</b>			
<b>2019</b>			
Township	58	45%	
Other Municipalities	57	44%	
City of Grand Blanc	15	17%	
	<b>130</b>		
<b>2020</b>			
Township	58	44%	
Other Municipalities	65	49%	
City of Grand Blanc	10	8%	
	<b>133</b>		
<b>2021</b>			
Township (*As of 10/01/2021)	105	42%	
Other Municipalities	128	51%	
City of Grand Blanc	16	6%	
	<b>249</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>		

**Appendix D: MDNR Self-Completion Checklist**

## APPENDIX L:

### POST COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

#### PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

#### POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;  
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

**GRANT TYPE:** *(Please select one)*  MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUN  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01686 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Creasey Bicentennial Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Develop soccer fields, pathways, pavilion and parking

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation</u>	Contact Person <u>Patrick Linihan</u>	Title <u>Director</u>
Address <u>5371 S. Saginaw Street</u>	Telephone <u>810-424-2774</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Grand Blanc, Michigan</u>	Email <u>linihan@gbtgov.com</u>	

#### **SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).

Yes  No

No change to the current facilities.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

Yes  No

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

#### **SITE QUALITY**

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Yes  No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
Facilities are checked daily, cleaned and any repairs done as warranted.

#### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No  
Pavilions and sports fields are available for rental. When not rented they are available first come, first serve. See below.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

8AM - Sunset, Open 365 days

#### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

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 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUN  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF97-209 **PROJECT TYPE:** Acquisition

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bicentennial Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Acquire 59 additional acres of property

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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#### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
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Yes  No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

Yes  No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

#### SITE QUALITY

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Yes  No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes  No

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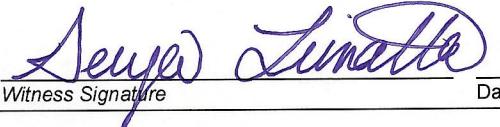
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**GRANTEE:** Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

**PROJECT NUMBER:** BF89-059 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bicentennial Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Develop little league baseball fields and parking lot lighting.

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation	Contact Person Patrick Linihan	Title Director
Address 5371 S. Saginaw Street	Telephone 810-424-2774	
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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

#### SITE QUALITY

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Yes  No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

All infIELDS except for field one have been redone in the past two years

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

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#### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No  
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**GRANTEE:** Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-00872 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bicentennial Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Develop access road, parking fence, tennis courts, and ballfields.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation</u>	Contact Person <u>Patrick Linihan</u>	Title <u>Director</u>
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#### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).

Yes  No

The Tennis court area has been redeveloped into a multiuse court that included pickleball and roller/street Hockey. A four sand volleyball courts have been added.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

Yes  No

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

Tennis Courts have been removed and replaced with a multiuse court that has pickleball and roller/street hockey

#### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Yes  No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes  No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
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#### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

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8AM-Sunset

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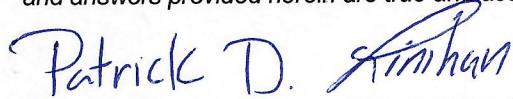
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**GRANTEE:** Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Department

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-00748 **PROJECT TYPE:** Acquisition

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bicentennial Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Acquire 147 acres of property in Grand Blanc Twp.

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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#### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
 If yes, please describe change(s).

Yes  No

59 acres added in 1997

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

Yes  No

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Yes  No

#### SITE QUALITY

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Yes  No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes  No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes  No

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#### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

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**PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management



**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND**  
**GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

**PLAN INFORMATION**

Name of Plan: Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022 – 2026		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

**PLAN CONTENT**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

**1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**  
 **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
- Current Funding Sources
- Role of Volunteers
- Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**

- Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
- Articles of Incorporation

**3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- Accessibility Assessment
- Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

**4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

**5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

**6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice March 3, 2022

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Grand Blanc Township Gov. Center

March 3, - April 3, 2022

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days)

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice March 3, 2022

Name of Newspaper Grand Blanc View

Date of Meeting April 5, 2022

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

**9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: May 25, 2022

2. Official resolution of the Township Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: May 25, 2022

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: May 31, 2022

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: May 31, 2022

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Grand Blanc Township  
(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*



Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

6.1.2022

Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**

**Appendix E: Public Notices and Adoption Documentation (Resolution, Meeting Minutes)**

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION 22-7  
FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2022 - 2026  
FOR  
GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has made investigations of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programing with a prioritized list of capital improvements for the next five year; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific action programs for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, said plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making Grand Blanc Township eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Grand Blanc Township held a public hearing on the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan to provide an opportunity for citizen comments and subsequently adopted said Recreation Plan;

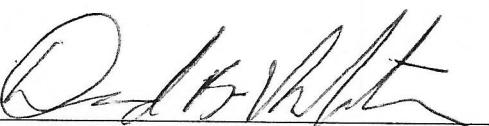
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby adopt the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for Grand Blanc Township.

AYES: *Flick, White, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett*

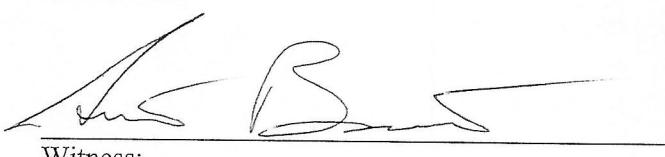
NAYS:

ABSENT: *Hugo, Rasmussen*

Adopted: 5/25/2022

  
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David Robertson, Clerk

ATTESTED

  
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Witness:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
&  
30 DAY RECREATION PLAN REVIEW**

The Charter Township of Grand Blanc Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Hearing will be held at 5371 S. Saginaw Street, P. O. Box 1833, Grand Blanc, MI 48480.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public to solicit comments on the 5 Year Recreation Plan. This is the final comment opportunity before adoption and submittal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The public hearing will be at April 5th 2022 at 7pm in the Grand Blanc Township Hall.

The plan is available for review in the Parks and Recreation Department at the Grand Blanc Township Government Center during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. or on the Township website at <http://parks.gbtgov.com>, located at the bottom of the page in News Flash. Written comments may be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department by 5:00 p.m. on April 8th, 2022 in person or at [parks@gbtgov.com](mailto:parks@gbtgov.com).

Dave Robertson, Township Clerk

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3/3/22	26.47	GBV		\$8.00		\$8.00			\$8.00

<b>Totals</b>	\$129.50		\$129.50			\$129.50
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC**

**Township Board of Trustees**

**Minutes for Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Supervisor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance: I Plege Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Sarah Hugo, Scott Bennett, Joel Feick, Paul White, Jude Rariden, David Robertson, Mark Kilmer  
Absent: None

Excused: None

Staff Present: Superintendent Liimatta, Attorney David Lattie, Executive Coordinator Melissa Roberts, Police Chief Ron Wiles, Fire Chief Bob Burdette, DPS Director Jeff Sears, Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Linihan

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

The motion to approve the agenda was initiated by Rariden and seconded by Hugo. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Rariden, Hugo, White, Feick, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

**4. Public Comments**

Genell Reeves, 6054 Steeplechase Drive, addressed the Board, inquiring about the opportunity to pay her property taxes in advance. Mr. Liimatta indicated that he would direct a member of the staff to get in touch with her to explain the proper procedures.

**5. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was initiated by Feick and seconded by White. MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Feick, White, Hugo, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

- a. **Approval of the Minutes - March 22, 2022**
- b. **The Board will consider a Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Financial Activity Recap for a grand total of \$900,367.03.**

## **6. Public Hearing**

### **a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing**

Supervisor Bennett opened the Public Hearing for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan at 7:08 pm. Superintendent Liimatta made the introductory remarks regarding the plan. Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Linihan made further presentation to the Board on the specifics of the plan. The 5 year plan is required by law. It is also required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) as a pre-condition for the pursuit of various grants from the Department.

Mike Yancho Sr., 16040 Halsey Rd., spoke in favor of the Master Plan. He spoke about a number of positive aspects of the plan.

The Public Hearing concluded at 7:11 p.m.

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Strategic Plan Update - Pension and OPEB Funding**

Superintendent Liimatta spoke about the legacy costs associated with the pension fund and the costs of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). Liimatta outlined the history of the issue. He also posed the question of millage options and timetables.

### **b. Strategic Plan Update - Public Services Facility and Fire Station**

Superintendent Liimatta updated the Board on the progress of the Fire Station and Public Services Facility. He noted that six Requests for Quotes (RFQ) had been received, and that due to supply chain issues and material costs, the costs will be somewhat more than original estimates three years ago. Discussion ensued among the Board members.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. The Board will consider Resolution 22-3 to opt in to the Pay as You Stay (PAYS) Program.**

The motion to approve Resolution 22-3 to opt in to the Pay as You Stay (PAYS) program was initiated by Robertson and seconded by Hugo. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: White, Rariden, Feick, Hugo, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

### **b. The Board will consider a Motion to approve the 2022 GBT Local Road Improvement Plan and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute all agreements.**

The motion to approve the 2022 GBT Local Road Improvement Plan and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute all agreements was initiated by Hugo and seconded by Feick. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Hugo, Feick, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: White

Abstain: None

**c. The Board will consider a Motion to purchase two 2022 Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicles.**

The motion to approve the purchase of two(2) 2022 Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicles was initiated by White and seconded by Feick. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Rariden, Hugo, White, Feick, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

**d. The Board will consider a Motion to purchase AXON Redaction Assistant Software**

The motion to approve the purchase of AXON Redaction Assistant Software was initiated by Hugo and seconded by Rariden. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Feick, White, Hugo, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

**e. The Board will consider a Motion to approve updated documents pertaining to FOIA requests.**

The motion to approve updated documents pertaining to FOIA requests was initiated by Robertson and seconded by Hugo. MOTION CARRIED

Yes: White, Rariden, Feick, Hugo, Robertson, Kilmer, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

**f. The Board will consider a Motion to approve Waldorf and Sons, as the lowest qualified bidder, for the replacement of the pedestrian trail bridge at Creasey Bicentennial Park and have the Township Superintendent sign and execute all documents.**

The motion to approve Waldorf & Sons as the lowest qualified bidder, for the replacement of the pedestrian trail bridge at Creasey Bicentennial Park and have the Township Superintendent sign and execute all documents was initiated by White and seconded by Robertson. MOTION CARRIED.

Yes: Hugo, Feick, Rariden, White, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett

No: None

Abstain: None

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Supervisor suggested a Township-wide Clean up Day utilizing volunteers for litter pick up. Specifics will be forthcoming at next Board meeting.

**10. Board Reports**

**a. Planning Commission - Sarah Hugo**

The next meeting is Thursday, April 7, 2022.

- b. **Zoning Board of Appeals - Paul White**  
The meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.
- c. **Metro Alliance - Joel Feick**  
None.
- d. **Police Committee - Jude Rariden**  
None.
- e. **Treasurer Mark Kilmer**  
None.
- f. **Clerk David Robertson**  
None.
- g. **Supervisor Scott Bennett**  
None.
- h. **Attorney David Lattie**  
None.
- i. **Superintendent Dennis Liimatta**  
Superintendent Liimatta spoke briefly about the Strategic Plan Rental Housing discussion.
- j. **Department Reports - Information Only**

1) **Fire Chief and Fire Marshal End of Month report**

11. **Closed Session if needed**

The motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss strategy regarding upcoming labor negotiations under Section 15.268 (c) of the Open Meetings Act was initiated by Bennett and seconded by Kilmer.  
MOTION CARRIED

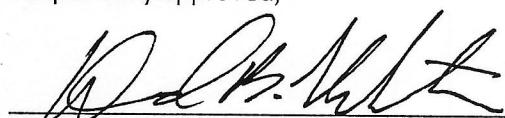
Yes: Feick, White, Hugo, Rariden, Kilmer, Robertson, Bennett  
No: None  
Abstain: None

The Board entered into Closed session at 8:00 p.m.  
The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:17 p.m.

12. **Adjournment**

The motion to Adjourn was initiated by Rariden and seconded by Feick. Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.  
Unanimously.  
The Board adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully approved,



D.B. Robertson

Clerk David B. Robertson



Scott Bennett

Supervisor Scott Bennett



June 3, 2022

Mr. Derek Bradshaw, Director  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission  
1101 Beach Street, Room 223  
Flint, MI 48502 - 1470

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Grand Blanc Township

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Sincerely,  
ROWE Professional Services Company

Blake D. Strozier  
Graduate Landscape Architect

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GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



DANIEL EICHINGER  
DIRECTOR

April 11, 2022

Patrick Linihan, Director  
Grand Blanc Township  
5371 South Saginaw St.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48507

SUBJECT: Grand Blanc Township - Cell Tower Review  
Bicentennial Park: 26-00872, 26-00748, BF89-059

Dear Mr. Linihan,

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Section has reviewed the installation of a cell tower at Bicentennial Park in detail. Grand Blanc Township has received past grants at Bicentennial Park and the park boundary is encumbered under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (26-00872, 26-00748) and the Recreation Bond Fund grant program (BF89-059).

A conversion occurs when rights in the encumbered land are sold or transferred or if a portion of the park is not available for public outdoor recreation. Based on a detailed review of the cell tower and supporting documentation provided by the Township, it is determined that the cell tower is not considered a conversion. This determination aligns with the criteria in *SOP – 01: Determine if a cell tower (or other related structures) within an encumbered boundary is considered a conversion*. The National Park Service has been notified of the State's determination and recommendation. It's important to note that the NPS has full authority over the LWCF grant requirements.

Cell Tower Review:

- Bicentennial Park: 205.26 acres
- Cell tower area: .057 acres (includes utility easement) (.028%)
- Lease revenue goes to the parks and recreation budget.
  - Determined by parks and recreation revenue account documentation listing the rental income with a designated account line item.
  - Current lease amount is \$27,600 (increases by 15% every five years)

If you have any questions regarding this determination or if any of the details listed above regarding the cell tower change, please contact Erin Campbell, MDNR Conversion Officer at [campbelle6@michigan.gov](mailto:campbelle6@michigan.gov) or 269-300-9698.

Sincerely,

*Erin Campbell*

Erin Campbell  
Conversion Officer  
Michigan Department of  
Natural Resources

CC: Michael Chuff, MDNR  
Jon Mayes, MDNR  
Christie Bayus, MDNR