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Welcome to the Village of South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan. This Plan reflects a vision for the future of the parks, recreational facilities, and natural areas of the Village of South Rockwood. This Plan is the result of the efforts of community leaders, staff, and volunteers over the past several months.

# **Introduction**





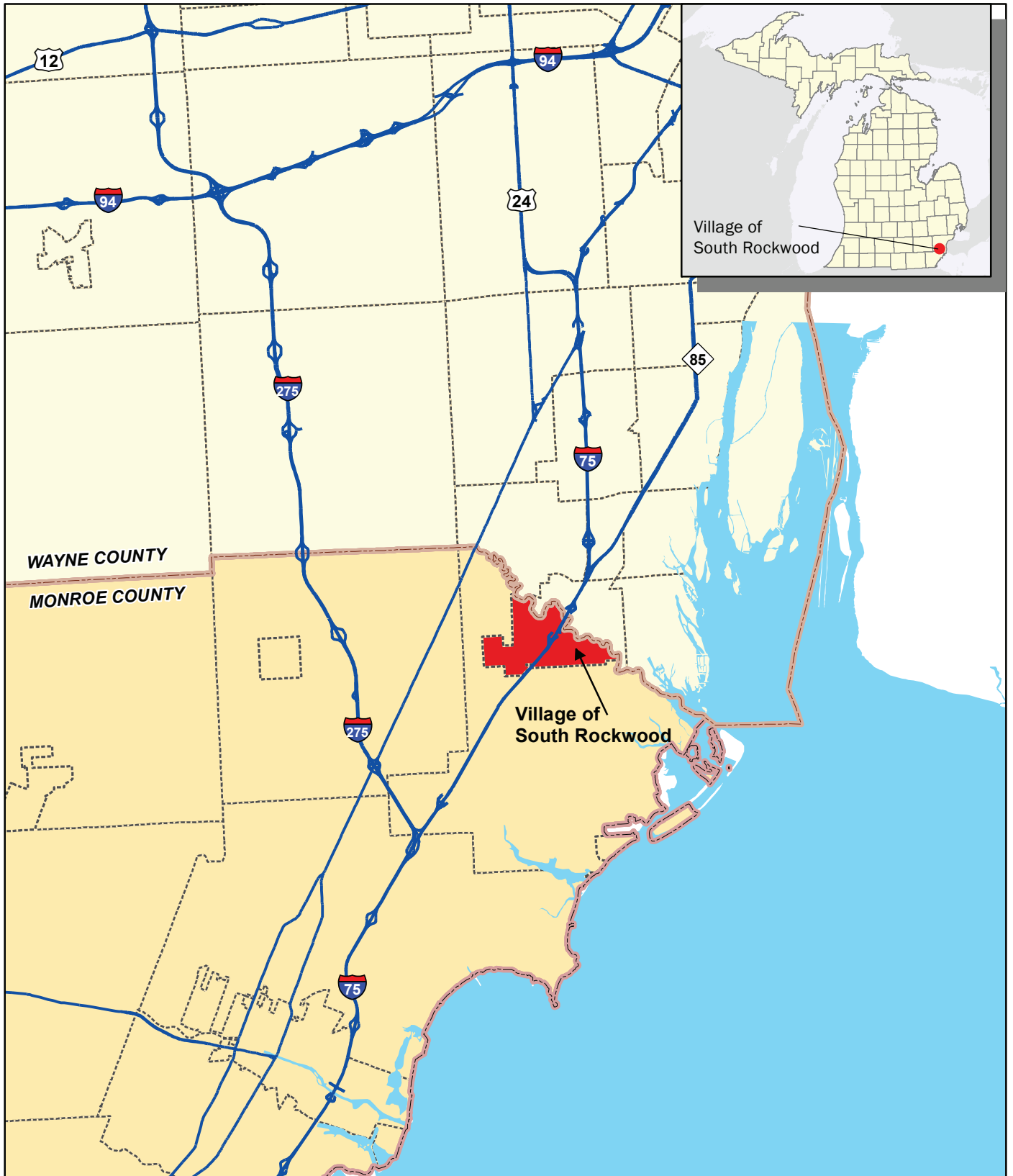
South Rockwood is a Village located in northern Monroe County on the border of Wayne County. Its northern boundary is the Huron River. It is bisected by the I-75 freeway.

The Planning Commission coordinated this planning process to create a comprehensive vision for South Rockwood's parks, satisfying the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Parks and Recreation Plan.

The Plan was developed through an open, public process led by the Planning Commission, who are committed to making a difference in South Rockwood and encourage active recreation and natural resources preservation in the community.

A Parks and Recreation Plan is a road map for the parks and recreation decisions (including facilities and programming) made in the next five years, as well as projected future needs. This Plan includes all of the required elements of a Parks and Recreation Plan and therefore qualifies South Rockwood for funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The process taken to prepare the Plan gives the Village a better understanding of the needs and wants for parks, recreation, cultural facilities, and programming.





## Map 1 Regional Location

Village of South Rockwood  
Monroe County, Michigan

Data Source: Michigan Center  
for Geographic Information, 2017

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# **Community Description**



## Demographics

This Parks and Recreation Plan encompasses the Village of South Rockwood. In order to determine its Parks and Recreation needs, the Village considered how many people will use recreational amenities, what programs they will participate in, and what types of facilities they will need. We must understand these existing conditions and past trends in order to appropriately anticipate and plan for the future needs of the community.

Most of the data presented comes from the US Census. The most recent data comes from the 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. The American Community Survey is conducted every year and samples a percentage of the community on topics such as population, economics, housing, etc. The 5-year estimates for a given population are considered a reliable source as they represent 60 months of collected data for all geographic areas. However, in some specific cases, the data may contain inaccuracies due to sampling.



## POPULATION

Trends in the number of people residing in a community are an important indicator for parks and recreation planning. Growing communities have different parks needs than communities with stable or declining populations. Table 1 shows the relative populations of South Rockwood and the comparison communities, while Figure 1 compares the population trends.

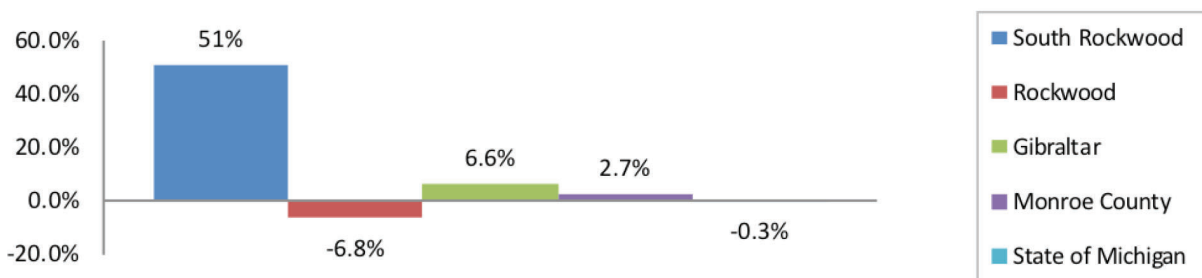
**Table 1: Population**

Population	South Rockwood	Rockwood	Gibraltar	Monroe County	State of Michigan
2000	1,284	3,442	4,264	145,945	9,938,444
2010	1,622	3,323	4,601	152,784	9,952,687
2016	1,941	3,209	4,547	149,945	9,909,600

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

In comparison to the surrounding communities, the County and the State of Michigan, South Rockwood has experienced a substantial increase in its population, around 51.2% between 2000 and 2016. The gain of 657 residents in South Rockwood is a healthy indicator that the community is a desirable place to live. It also indicates that the Village should invest in its parks and recreation facilities, to serve the new, larger population.

**Figure 1: Population Change, 2000-2016**



Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



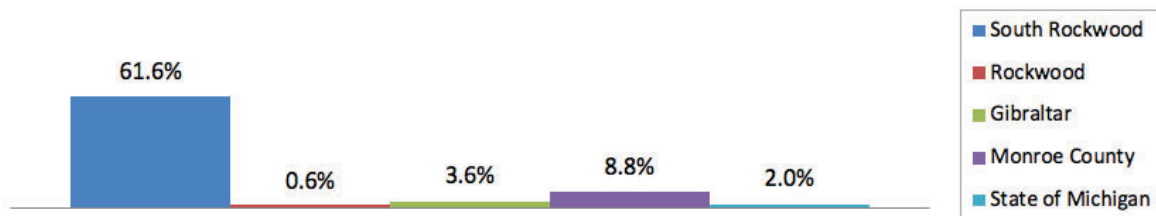
## HOUSEHOLDS

This section analyzes the composition and characteristics of households in South Rockwood. Household growth has a different impact on demand for recreation services than population growth does. If the population is growing faster than the number of households, that likely means that more children are being born to existing households. If households are growing faster than population, that means that more single people or couples are moving into the community.

Figure 2 shows that the number of households in the Village has increased by almost 62 percent (an addition of 277 households). The number of households is growing somewhat faster than the population, indicating that South Rockwood is attracting new, small households - (usually single people or young couples). Parks and recreation amenities will be a key factor in keeping these new residents in the Village once they have children.

The neighboring cities of Rockwood and Gibraltar and Monroe County have experienced an increase in households but at a much lower rate than South Rockwood. The State of Michigan also marginally increased.

**Figure 2: Change in Number of Households, 2000-2016**



Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Average household size is another indicator of community composition. Larger average household sizes generally mean more children and fewer single-parent families. Nationally, household sizes are shrinking as young singles wait longer to get married and life expectancy increases for the senior population. Table 2 compares the change in average household size since 2000 for South Rockwood, the comparison communities, the County, and the State.

South Rockwood's household size decreased, from 2.85 to 2.67. Though household size decreased, households in South Rockwood are still larger than the comparison communities, which generally means more children and a greater demand for recreational programs and facilities that cater to children and teenagers.

**Table 2: Average Household Size, 2000-2016**

Household Size	South Rockwood	Rockwood	Gibraltar	Monroe County	State of Michigan
2000	2.85	2.60	2.46	2.69	2.56
2016	2.67	2.40	2.53	2.54	2.51

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



## AGE

The age of a community's population is extremely important when planning for parks and recreation improvements. Older residents have vastly different needs than childless 20-somethings, who have different desires than families with children.

Figure 3 compares the median ages (the mid-point where half the population is younger and half is older) of South Rockwood and the comparison communities. Residents of South Rockwood are somewhat younger than the comparison communities, except for the State of Michigan. When combined with the household data above, this indicates that there are slightly more children, young families, and young adults living in South Rockwood. The Village should plan improvements to its recreational facilities accordingly.

**Figure 3: Median Age, 2016**



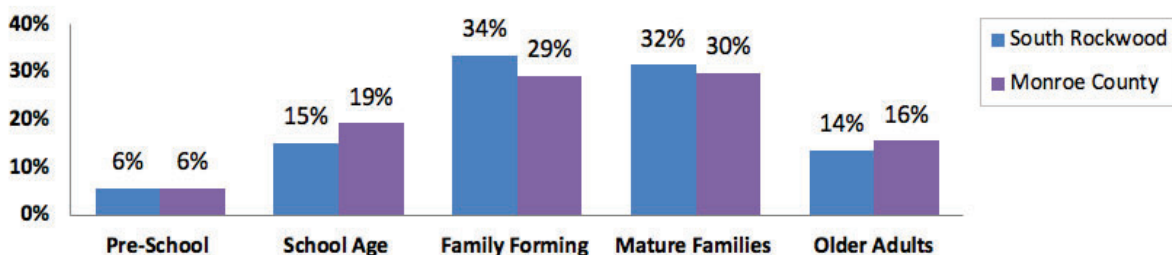
Source: US Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Age structure (analyzing which proportions of a municipality's population are in which stages of life) gives a nuanced view of the makeup of a community. To compare age structure, the population is divided into the following groupings:

- Under 5 (Pre School)
- 5 to 19 (School Aged)
- 20 to 44 (Family Forming)
- 45 to 64 (Mature families)
- Over 65 (Older Adults, possibly retired)

Figure 4 compares the age structure of South Rockwood with that of Monroe County. In general, South Rockwood and Monroe County have similar age structures for pre-school; but South Rockwood has fewer school age children. However, the Village has a greater number of residents who fall into the family forming category, and the Village should continue to see an increase in the number of children, provided that those young couples stay in the Village when their families grow and their housing needs change. The Village also has a fair number of mature families and residents, all of which indicate that South Rockwood needs to plan for a variety of age groups, as well as prepare for the recreational needs of younger families.

**Figure 4: Age Structure, 2016**



Source: US Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

# Projections

The following projections predict what the populations of South Rockwood and Monroe County will look like in 2020 and 2030. These projections estimate future needs of the community and services that should be planned particularly in regards to housing, jobs, retail, public services, recreation, and park space in the community over the next 20 years.



## Methodology

To prepare these projections, McKenna used 2010 US Census population data broken down into ten-year age groups. Each population cohort was moved ten years forward to project to 2020 – for instance 21 to 30 year-olds became 31 to 40 year-olds. Mortalities were factored out using reasonable rates for each age group. Three percent of each group was removed to account for net migration - this assumption does not account for new development that may occur and bring new residents to the community, but it is reasonable considering recent trends and the current economic and housing conditions in the region. To account for specific trends in the Village, five percent of 10 to 19 year-olds were removed as they aged into the 20 to 29 year-old bracket to account for graduates finding jobs in other communities, and five percent of 20-29 year-olds were removed as they aged into 30 to 39 year-old group to reflect young families buying homes in other communities and moving out of rental housing in the Village. Additionally, five percent of the 10 to 19 year-olds were removed as they aged into the 20 to 29 year-old bracket in the County. Finally, using the statewide birth rate and the estimated number of females of childbearing age, a new 0 to 10 age group was calculated. The process was then repeated to obtain the population and age cohorts for 2030.

The projections do not account for trends in the Village that may or may not continue. For instance, there is a large population of 20-somethings that live in the apartment complex along Carleton-Rockwood Road, near South Huron River Drive. The projection assumes that these young adults will raise their children in the Village. That may or may not be the case as they transition to homeownership later in life. Additionally, the Village's current limitations with sewer system capacity is not factored in to the future development projections. The lack of a sewer system could limit growth.

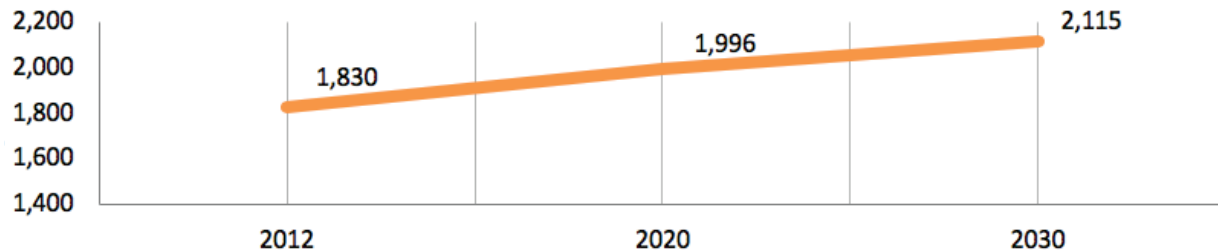




## South Rockwood

As shown in Figure 5, South Rockwood's population is expected to increase over the next twenty years. The increased population will demand improved and expanded recreational amenities.

**Figure 5: Population Projection for South Rockwood, 2010-2030**



Source: US Census Bureau, McKenna projection

As shown in Figure 6, South Rockwood's age distribution projection for 2020 shows the largest two age cohorts as the 0-10 and 31-40 year-old categories. The presence of these two cohorts indicates there will be a high number of families having young children.

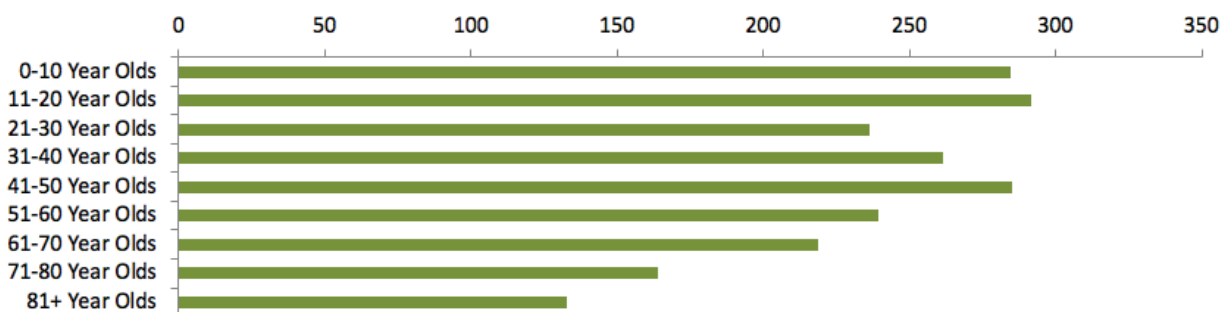
**Figure 6: Age Distribution for South Rockwood, 2020 Projection**



Source: US Census Bureau, McKenna projection

Figure 7 shows South Rockwood's age distribution projections for 2030. Since 2020, the 0-10 age cohort has advanced into the 11-20 cohort and is replaced by another large 0-10 population, indicating a wealth of children, who will need recreational facilities. There is also a significant increase in the number of 71-80 and 81+ year-olds within the community—and senior citizens have their own recreational preferences.

**Figure 7: Age Distribution for South Rockwood, 2030 Projection**

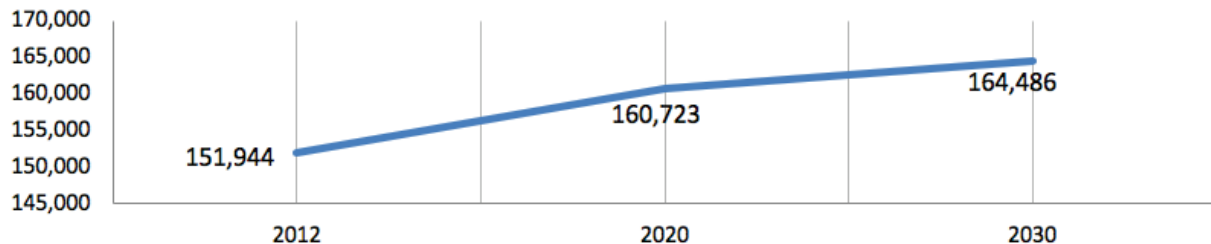


Source: US Census Bureau, McKenna projection

## Monroe County

As shown in Figure 8, Monroe County's population is expected to increase over the next twenty years, with a significant increase between 2010 and 2020. As in the Village, the increased County population will result in increased demand for recreational amenities.

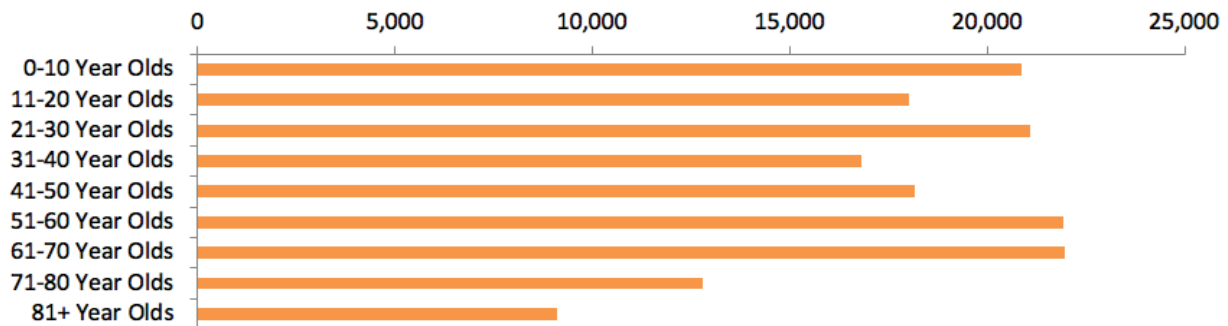
**Figure 8: Population Projection for Monroe County**



Source: US Census Bureau, McKenna projection

As shown in Figure 10 the Monroe County age distribution 2020 projection shows large cohorts for the age categories 0-10, 21-30 and within the retiree spectrum, 51-60 and 61-70. By 2020, Monroe is predicted to have growth at both ends of the population range. The County should plan for recreational facilities for both children and seniors going forward.

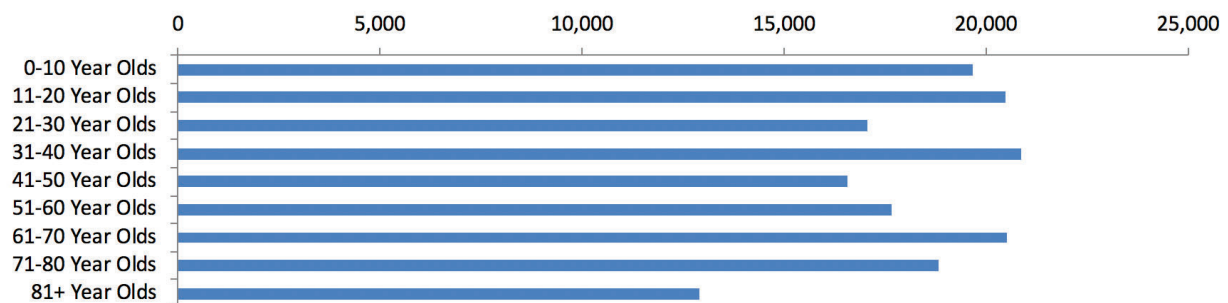
**Figure 9: Age Distribution for Monroe County, 2020 Projection**



Source: US Census Bureau, McKenna projection

As illustrated in Figure 10, in 2030, Monroe County is projected to have a substantial increase in the number of senior citizens, those within the age cohorts of 71-80 and 80 + years old. There will be a slight increase in the number of school aged children but overall, the age cohorts are becoming closer in size.

**Figure 10: Age Cohorts for Monroe County, 2030 Projection**



Source: US Census Bureau, McKenna projection



## Conclusions

The analysis of the demographic statistics for the Village of South Rockwood leads to the following conclusions:

- In the past decade, South Rockwood has experienced an increase in its population, the number of households and the number of housing units, even while surrounding communities and the County have experienced only a slight increase in several of these areas. The growing population will increase the demand for recreational amenities and facilities.
- Although the average household size shrunk within the last sixteen years, the number of individuals living in each household is still higher than surrounding communities, the County and the State of Michigan. The completion of the Village Place apartment complex and the construction of Wesburn Condos (along S. Huron River Drive, across from Park Boulevard) have attracted young couples to South Rockwood.
- The population of South Rockwood features a younger demographic, with many family forming individuals. By 2030, this is projected to change as projections hint at the growth of school aged children and members of the senior community. To prepare for these demographic changes, South Rockwood will need to prepare for a greater demand in recreation and community facilities and senior services.
- **With growing numbers of children and families on the horizon, as well as the aging Baby Boomer generation, South Rockwood should plan for improved and expanded recreational facilities throughout the Village, to cater to families, young adults, and seniors.**









# **Administrative Structure**

## Commissions and Advisory Boards

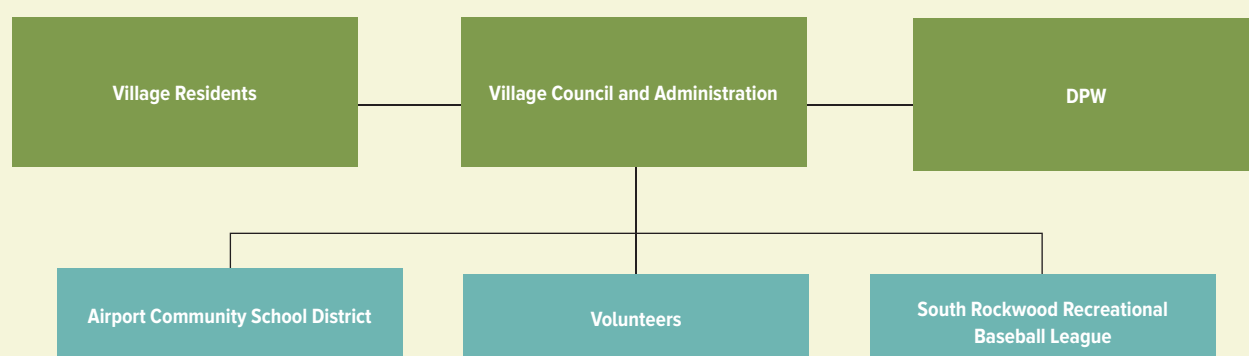
The Village does not have any dedicated Commissions or Advisory Boards dealing specifically with parks and recreation facilities. The Planning Commission is tasked with updating the Parks and Recreation Plan every five years, and is also responsible for leading the design and implementation of recreation projects, including the planned Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The Village Council oversees the Planning Commission's planning and design role, as well as overseeing the day-to-day maintenance of the Village's parks by the DPW and other Village staff.

## Staff Description and Organizational Chart

South Rockwood does not have a parks and recreation department, and does not run any recreational programs. The operation and maintenance of the Village parks is under the jurisdiction of the Village Council. The Village actively coordinates with Airport Community Schools for facilities and programs at Ritter Elementary School. The Village actively coordinates with the South Rockwood Recreational Baseball League, which plays games at Morley Riggs Park.

The Village does not employ any staff that work solely on parks and recreation duties. However, the DPW maintains the park spaces that are under Village control.

**Figure 11: South Rockwood Administrative Structure for Parks and Recreation**



## Parks and Recreation Budget

Table 3 summarizes the South Rockwood parks and recreation budget from 2015-16 through 2018-19.

**Table 3: Parks and Recreation Budget and Expenditures, 2015-2019**

Fiscal Year	Budget	Actual Expenditures
2015-16	\$105,412	\$37,471
2016-17	\$84,969	\$50,463
2017-18	\$117,342	\$62,200
2018-19*	\$91,633	TBD

Source: South Rockwood, 2018

\* Current fiscal year





## **Current Funding Sources**

There is currently no independent revenue source for parks and recreation (e.g. user fees, millage, etc.) in the Village. All Parks and Recreation activities are funded by the Village's general revenues, including property taxes and fees from the Sylvania Minerals quarry.

## **Role of Volunteers**

As is common in smaller communities, the Village relies heavily on volunteers in order to maintain a quality parks and recreation system. Volunteer citizens often assist with the planning and organization of community-wide events and festivals held within the parks. In addition, maintenance and upgrades to the facilities are often completed or implemented by volunteers (with assistance from the Village DPW) in order to reduce the cost of maintenance.


## **Relationship with Other Entities**

The Village of South Rockwood partners with the Airport Community School district on the use of some facilities at Ritter Elementary School, which is adjacent to Morley Riggs Park. The South Rockwood Recreational Baseball League uses both Village and School District facilities.

The Village is coordinating with the City of Rockwood on non-motorized trail needs for the two communities. The Village is willing to coordinate with other surrounding communities as well on joint projects, including Berlin Township, but has not yet identified a need for a collaboration with them.







This section describes the parks and recreation facilities available to the community, including the Village-owned property, State park and forest lands, and private facilities. In order to determine whether the existing facilities are sufficient and in what ways they could be improved, the Village has used a comparison to state and national standards.

# Recreation Inventory



## Inventory of Community-Owned Parks

For planning and management purposes, recreation professionals classify parks and recreation facilities based on the type of facility and expected usage. Frequently, a six-tier classification system is used, as follows:

### MINI-PARKS

Mini-parks are small, specialized parks, usually less than an acre in size, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini-park may serve a limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Mini-parks usually serves people within a radius of 1/4 mile.

**Labo Park** is the smallest park in the Village at 1.6 acres. It is located on S. Huron River Drive east of Dixie Highway, and provides direct access to the Huron River. The park is primarily used for picnicking and fishing. The second mini-park within South Rockwood is the playground at Ritter Elementary School.

### NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that provide land for intensive recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks serve a population up to 5,000 residents located within a 1/4- to 1/2-mile radius.

**Morley Riggs Park** is currently considered a neighborhood park within the Village and located behind the Village Hall, on Carleton-Rockwood Road. The park occupies approximately 16.5 acres of public and private land. Part of the property is wooded; 8.5 acres have been developed for active recreation, with four ball diamonds, pavilions and a playground. Recently, 22 additional acres were purchased. When the 22 acres are developed, Morley Riggs has the potential to become a Community Park.





## COMMUNITY PARKS

Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from several neighborhoods. Community parks may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, picnic pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities. Community parks serve a 1/2 to 3 mile radius.

**No community parks currently exist within the Village; however, Morley Riggs has the potential to become a Community Park once the recently purchased 22 acres are developed.**

## REGIONAL PARKS

Regional parks are typically located on sites with unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitats, conservation, swimming, picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, camping and trail use. Many also include active play areas. Regional parks serve a large area, usually with a 3 - 5 mile radius.

The **Dodge Brothers #9** is considered South Rockwood's regional park. The State of Michigan has given 37 acres to the Village, the Dodge Brothers #9 tract, with the understanding that it be used for recreation. The land reverts to the State if it is no longer used for recreational purposes. The parcel is located on the north side of Adams Street and is primarily wooded and subject to flooding.

Between Dodge Brothers #9 and the Huron River lies an additional 25 acres of recreational land. This property was deeded to the Village from the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (Metroparks). These two tracts combine to form a single, undeveloped park area. The site is wooded and the predominant use of the park is for fishing. This area along the Huron River is part of the Huron River Water Trail, a 104-mile inland paddling trail that in 2015, received national designation as the 18<sup>th</sup> trail of the National Water Trails System. One of the benefits of designation into the National Water Trails System includes opportunities to obtain technical assistance and funding for planning and implementing water trail projects. Currently, the Park features a canoe launch.

## LINEAR PARKS

Linear parks are developed for one or more modes of recreational travel, such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, canoeing and/or pleasure driving. Some linear parks include active play areas. Linear parks often link other parks or components of the recreation system, community facilities, commercial areas, and other focal points, although in more rural areas like South Rockwood they sometimes merely provide recreational access to natural areas.

**No linear parks currently exist within the Village.**

## PRIVATE AND SPECIAL USE FACILITIES

Special use recreation facilities are typically single-purpose recreation facilities, such as historic amenities, golf courses, nature centers, outdoor theaters or facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment.

**Wesburn Golf Course** is a private recreational facility, located on approximately 220 acres in the northwest corner of the Village. There is also a **playground, tennis court, and swimming pool** at the large apartment complex on Carleton-Rockwood Road just west of S. Huron River Drive.



## Airport School District

Airport Community Schools operates recreational facilities within the Village on the **Ritter Elementary School** campus. The school amenities include a playground, ball fields, and indoor facilities. Ritter Elementary School is adjacent to Morley Riggs Park.

## Impacts of Growth and Development

As the population, especially the number of children, in the Village increases, the need for additional recreation and community facilities grows. The Village should plan for increased demand for recreation facilities in the coming decades.

### Accessibility

Each recreation area within the Village of South Rockwood has been evaluated on how well it serves people with disabilities. Parks and other facilities are rated on a 1-5 scale, according to the following criteria:

- 1** = none of the facilities/park areas meet ADA accessibility guidelines
- 2** = some of the facilities/park areas meet ADA accessibility guidelines
- 3** = most of the facilities/park areas meet ADA accessibility guidelines
- 4** = the entire park meets ADA accessibility guidelines
- 5** = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

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#### Labo Park: **1**

There is a several foot drop between Labo Park's parking lot on S. Huron River Drive and the park itself. There is no accessible route to the park from the parking lot. Therefore, none of the park is accessible.

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#### Morley Riggs Park: **2**

Morley Riggs Park has some paved paths and barrier free parking, but large portions of the park are not accessible.

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#### Dodge Brothers/Metropark: **1**

The parking in the Dodge Brothers parkland is unpaved, and there are no accessible or barrier free pathways through the woods or to the river. Therefore, none of the park is accessible.

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#### Ritter Elementary School: **3**

While the playground is not fully accessible, most of the school campus is designed to be barrier free, and there are accessible pathways to most of the recreational facilities.

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#### Wesburn Golf Course: **2**

The course features barrier free parking spaces, and the clubhouse is accessible. However, most of the actual golf course is not accessible.

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#### Apartment Complex: **3**

There are barrier free routes to get from the apartments to the playground, but the playground itself is not designed to be accessible. The poolside and tennis court are accessible.





## Other Nearby Public Facilities

### ELIZABETH PARK

Classification:	Regional Park
Size:	162 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	3

Elizabeth Park is a Wayne County park on the banks of the Detroit River in Trenton. The park is 162 acres and features a boat dock, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts, playground equipment, and horseback riding. Chateau on the River, a newly renovated event space, offers views of Grosse Isle and the Canadian shoreline.



### DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Classification:	Regional Park
Size:	6,000 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	2

Operated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the International Wildlife Refuge occupies land on both the American and Canadian sides of the Detroit River. Many visitors come for the scenic views and opportunities to observe wildlife, but hunting and fishing are also permitted, with some restrictions.



### LAKE ERIE METROPARK

Classification:	Regional Park
Size:	1,607 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	2

Part of the Huron/Clinton Metroparks system, Lake Erie Metropark is located along the shores of Lake Erie between the mouths of the Detroit River and the Huron River. In addition to the scenic lakefront, the park features a golf course, hiking trails, a wave pool, a playground, and an interpretive nature center.





### POINT MOULEE STATE GAME AREA

Classification:	Regional Park
Size:	4,000 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	1

Pronounced “Point Moo-yay,” the State Game Area is one of the largest freshwater marsh restoration projects in the world. Hiking trails within the Game Area offer scenic views and the opportunity to observe wildlife. Hunting is permitted in much of the park.



### STERLING STATE PARK

Classification:	Regional Park
Size:	1,300 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	2

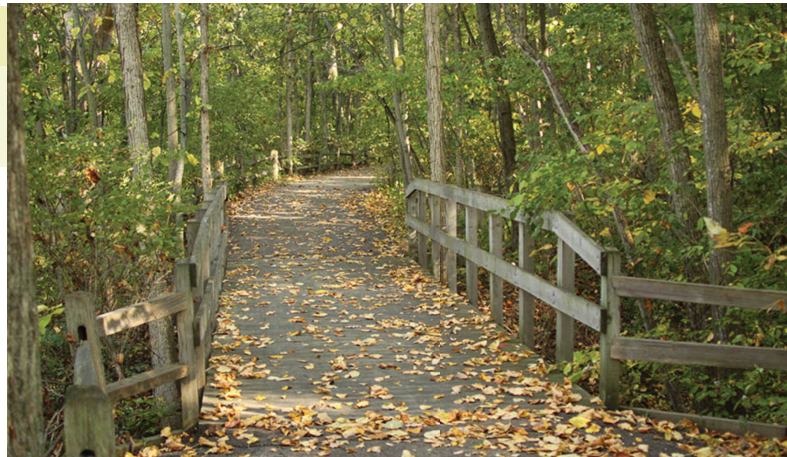
The nearest beach to South Rockwood, Sterling State Park also offers camping, a playground, hiking trails, and a boat launch.



### OAKWOODS METROPARK

Classification:	Regional Park
Size:	1,756 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	2

Located along the banks of the Huron River upstream from South Rockwood, Oakwoods Metropark offers scenic trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. A nature center includes live reptiles and amphibians for viewing.



## WILLOW METROPARK

Classification:	Regional Park
Size:	1,756 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	2

Located along the banks of the Huron River upstream from South Rockwood, Oakwoods Metropark offers scenic trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. A nature center includes live reptiles and amphibians for viewing.



## HUROC PARK

Classification:	Community Park
Size:	25 Acres
Accessibility Assessment:	3

Located on an island in the Huron River near downtown Flat Rock, Huroc Park features fishing, basketball courts, a playground, and a bike trail, in a unique setting. The City of Flat Rock holds concerts and events on the island throughout the year.



## Private Recreational Facilities

Many community organizations and others operate private recreation facilities within and surrounding the Village of South Rockwood.

**Table 4: Private Recreational Facilities**

Activity	Name
Go Karts	Sportway (Brownstown)
Batting Cages	Sportway (Brownstown) Downriver Baseball Center (Riverview) Rick's Sports (Frenchtown) Old Town Golf and Sportland (Monroe)
Bowling	Flat Rock Lanes (Flat Rock) Woodhaven Lanes (Woodhaven) Belmar II Bowling Center (Woodhaven)
Mini-Golf	Sportway (Brownstown)
Golf/Driving Range	Thorne Hills Golf Course (Carleton) Thorne Brothers at Lilac Golf Course (Berlin Township) Sandy Creek Golf Course (Frenchtown) Wesburn Golf Course (South Rockwood) Woodside Meadows Golf Course (Brownstown) Water's Edge Golf Course (Grosse Isle)

## Village Recreational Facilities

Table 5 shows the publicly owned facilities available in the Village. Facilities that are not available in publicly-owned or operated facilities in South Rockwood include: basketball court, soccer field, lacrosse field, football field, swimming pool, and boat launch.

**Table 5: Publicly Owned and/or Operated Recreation Facilities within South Rockwood**

Amenity	Number	Location(s)
Baseball/Softball Fields	5	Morley Riggs Park, Ritter Elementary School
Volleyball Courts	1	Morley Riggs Park
Pavilions	2	Morley Riggs Park
Playground Equipment	3	Morley Riggs Park, Labo Park, Ritter Elementary School
Indoor Facilities	1	Ritter Elementary School
Skating Rink	1	Morley Riggs Park
Picnic Facilities	2	Labo Park, Morley Riggs Park
Fishing/Waterfront Access	2	Labo Park, Dodge Brothers Park
Non-Motorized River Access	1	Dodge Brothers Park
Canoe/Kayak Launch	2	Labo Park, Dodge Brothers Park





# Comparison to State and National Standards

## Acreage Analysis

It is also essential to consider the type of parks, their location, and their distribution throughout the Village. When evaluating parks and recreation service areas, it is important to closely consider where the residents in the Village live. The MDNR establishes a recommended service area for each park classification to determine the areas in the community that are lacking easy access to parks and facilities. The service area boundary for each type of park is shown in the graphic to the right.

The table below evaluates South Rockwood's park acreage in comparison to national guidelines for communities throughout the State. However, the standards are general in nature and do not reflect the quality of the facilities, the character of the community, large physical barriers such as I-75, or other local differences that affect community recreation facility needs. Thus, in evaluating the results, the actual conditions and trends present in the Village must be considered. While the Village has a relatively large surplus of recreation land based on the population, additional amenities may be needed to serve the needs of the residents, especially the growing number of children and seniors. Additionally, I-75 presents some east/west access issues to Dodge and Labo Parks.

RECOMMENDED SERVICE  
AREA BOUNDARY

Mini Parks /  
Neighborhood Parks

**0.25 miles**

Community Parks

**0.5 – 3.0 miles**

Regional Parks /

**Up to 60 minutes  
driving time**



**Table 6: South Rockwood Park Land Acreage Analysis**

Park Classification	NRPA Guideline Acreage per 1,000 Residents	South Rockwood Recommended Acreage	Actual Acreage in Village	Surplus/ Deficiency
Mini Parks	0.25	0.5	1.6	+ 1.1
Neighborhood Parks	2.0	3.8	8.5	+ 4.7
Community Parks	5.0	9.7	0.0	- 9.7
Regional Parks	10.0	19.4	37.0	+ 17.6
Total	15.25 – 17.0	29.6 – 33	48.1	+ 15.1

Source: McKenna

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# Parks Inventory

Village of South Rockwood  
Michigan

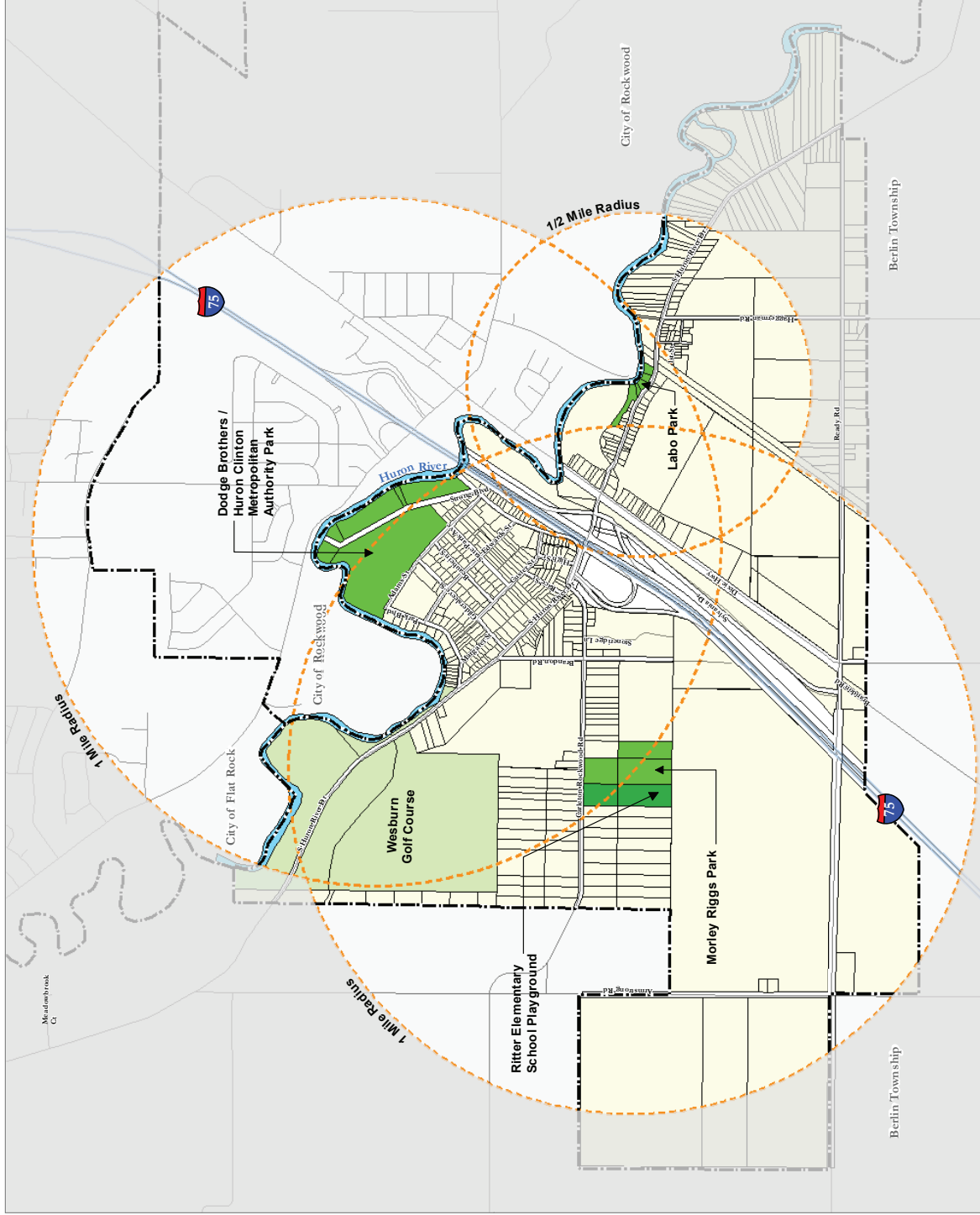
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- Legend
- Private Recreational Facilities
  - Village Parks
  - School Facilities
  - Surface Water
  - Village Boundary



Base Map Source: Monroe County  
Planning, 1998 Data Source: McKenna  
Associates, Inc. 7/2003

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## Facility Analysis

MDNR also publishes standards for the recommended numbers of various recreation facilities based on the population of a community. Table 7 compares South Rockwood to the MDNR standards. The Village lags behind the standards in several areas. The table includes private facilities, but reflects only facilities that are open to the general public. Facilities that are only open to apartment residents, for instance, are not included.

For amenities that do not exist in the Village, many residents use parks in Rockwood, Flat Rock, or other communities. Partnerships may be possible to allow access to additional facilities in neighboring communities.

**Table 7: MDNR Recreation Facility Standards**

Amenity	State Standard	Approx. Availability in South Rockwood
Basketball Court	1 per 5000 people	Not Available
Tennis Court	1 per 2000 people	Not Available
Volleyball Net	1 per 5000 people	1 per 1,000 people
Baseball/Softball Field	1 per 5000 people	1 per 380 people
Soccer/Football Field	1 per 10,000 people	Not Available
Swimming Pool	1 per 20,000 people	Not Available
Golf Course	1 per 50,000 people	1 per 1,900 people
Ice Skating	1 per 100,000 people	1 per 1,900 people

Source: MDNR Suggested Facility Development Standards

## MNRTF Grant Status Report

South Rockwood has been fortunate to receive the following grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in the past:

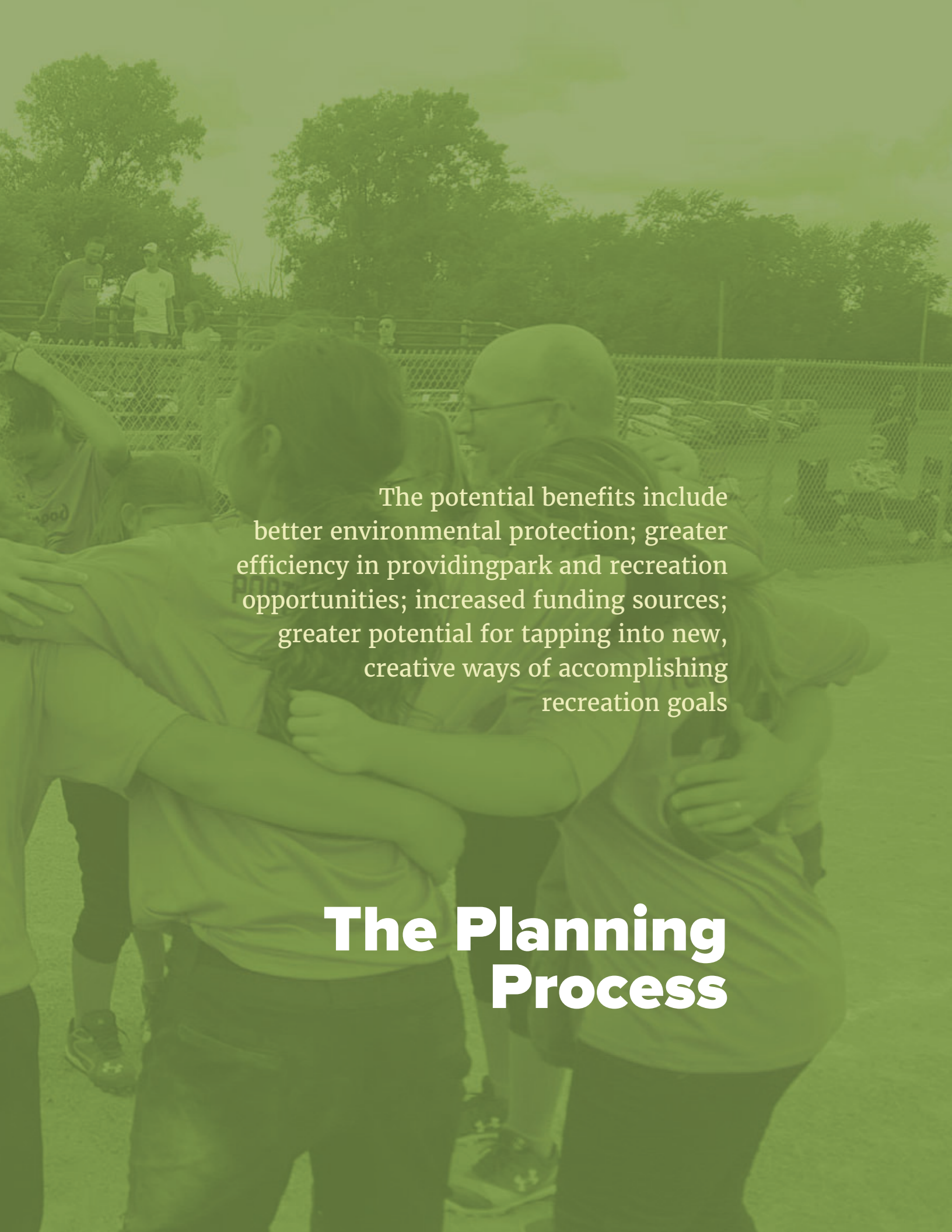
**Table 8: Past MNRTF Grant Awards to the Village of South Rockwood**

Park	Grant Number	Type of Grant	Project Elements	Amount	Current Condition
Labo Park	TF01-052	Acquisition	1.9 acres of land	\$16,280	Land acquired – park no longer encroaches on neighboring property
Morley Riggs Park	BF93-042	Development	Pavilion, Paved Walkway	\$42,900	Improvements are in good condition and used frequently

Source: South Rockwood, 2014 and 2018





A photograph of a group of people, likely a sports team, hugging each other on a field. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. In the background, there are trees and a chain-link fence. The text is centered over the image.

The potential benefits include  
better environmental protection; greater  
efficiency in providing park and recreation  
opportunities; increased funding sources;  
greater potential for tapping into new,  
creative ways of accomplishing  
recreation goals

## **The Planning Process**

#### TASK ONE

### Community Description

The first task was to obtain a description of South Rockwood's physical and social features. These features include land use, community facilities, environmental and natural features, as well as population characteristics including age distribution, household size, and income. The Community Description can be found in Chapter 2.

#### TASK TWO

### Parks and Recreation Inventory

The parks and recreation inventory includes written descriptions of facilities in South Rockwood including both Village parks and facilities and recreational amenities operated by other entities. The information includes the acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of recreation facilities, and other descriptions of the physical attributes of the area's facilities. The Inventory can be found in Chapter 4.

#### TASK THREE

### Administrative Structure and Funding

The administrative structure of the Village's parks and recreation facilities and programs, and well as budget and funding information, can be found in Chapter 3.

#### TASK FOUR

### Public Participation

The following public participation methods were conducted during the process of preparing the Plan:

**Open House:** An Open House to collect public comment was held at Morley Riggs Park on a sunny Sunday afternoon in September following the popular annual "Quarry Run" which was staged in front of the Village Hall next to Morley Riggs Park.

A staffed station with large maps and a board for public input was set up next to the refreshment stand. A summary of the results can be found in Chapter 6, with full results in the Appendix.

**Public Review Period:** December 5, 2018 to January 4, 2019

**Joint Planning Commission and Village Council Meeting:** December 19, 2018. The focus of this meeting was to receive comment regarding the recently purchased 22 acres adjacent to Morley Riggs Park.

**Public Hearing:** January 22, 2019

#### TASK FIVE

### Analysis

Based on the data collected in tasks one through four, the information was analyzed in accordance with national and state guidelines, local needs, the experience of Village staff and consultants, the desires of the residents, and potential funding sources. Goals and objectives were developed from the analysis.

#### TASK SIX

### Action Plan

Considering the analysis, goals and objectives and public input results, a five-year plan was created. The Plan provides the Village a checklist of what action is to be accomplished, when and where it will occur, who will accomplish it, how much it will cost, and potential funding sources. The Goals and Objectives of this plan can be found in Chapter 5, and the Action Plan can be found in Chapter 6.


#### TASK SEVEN

### Plan Completion and Adoption

The Planning Commission approved the draft plan on November 14, 2018 to be made available to the public on December 5, 2018. The Public Review Period lasted from December 5, 2018 to January 4, 2019. A Public Hearing was held by the Village Council on January 22, 2019, and the Plan was adopted that night.







Citizen input played a critical role in the development of this Plan. As a result, recommendations described within the action plan reflect the needs and ideas of those who use the Village's parks and recreation facilities. The process included seven tasks that are discussed on the following page.

## Public Input

## Quarry Run Open House Event

At the Quarry Run Open House Event, members of the McKenna team engaged residents, stakeholders and community members in a variety of quick and fun engagement exercises. In total, the McKenna team gathered over 50 comments from people of all ages, including many youth comments. The following summarizes the exercises and identifies common themes:



### WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?

Participants shared their “Parks and Recreation Big Idea” on post-it notes. The post-it notes were placed on a large display board where residents were able to read and dialogue with the facilitators regarding ideas that had already been placed on the board.

Input collected from the Quarry Run Open House Event highlighted developing new facilities and maintaining and improving existing parks.

The table below shows the most frequently shared Big Ideas from Field Day. See Appendix for a list of all shared Big Ideas. (Note: residents were not necessarily segregated from non-residents.)

**Table 9: “What’s Your Big Idea?”**

COMMENT	TIMES MENTIONED
Sledding hill	3+
Tennis Courts	3
Trails (includes bike)	3
Nature Trails	2
Swimming pool	2
Restroom facilities	2
Basketball Courts	2
Updated Dugouts	2
Overnight Camping for Kayaking	2

Source: South Rockwood Field Day Event 2018







## RESOURCE MAPPING

Participants placed sticky notes and/or sticker icons depicting recreational resources (i.e. dog park, bicycle paths, boat launches, camping/picnicking, tennis courts, etc.) on large display-sized maps at the locations they felt the resources were most needed. Tennis Courts were very popular. People of all ages expressed an interest in non-motorized trails and gaining access to the Huron River. Some participants also stated the need to halt the erosion along the banks of the Huron River. The most frequently mentioned ideas are below in the table.

**Table 10: Resource Mapping Results**

PARK	RESOURCES MAPPED
<b>Labo Park</b>	Trails and/or connections with regional trails (3) Wooden walkway along river – Eastern portion of Park Maintenance: flooding and erosion (2)
<b>Morley Riggs Park</b>	Tennis Courts: 4 courts (5) Football field (regional) (2)
<b>Dodge Brothers Park</b>	Trails (3) – designate, mark, especially along river starting at SW side of Park, bicycle trail also - all with nature focus Park maintenance/clean-up (2)

Source: South Rockwood Field Day Event 2018





## Morely Riggs Park

What would you like to see or add to this park?



## Labo Park

What would you like to see or add to this park?

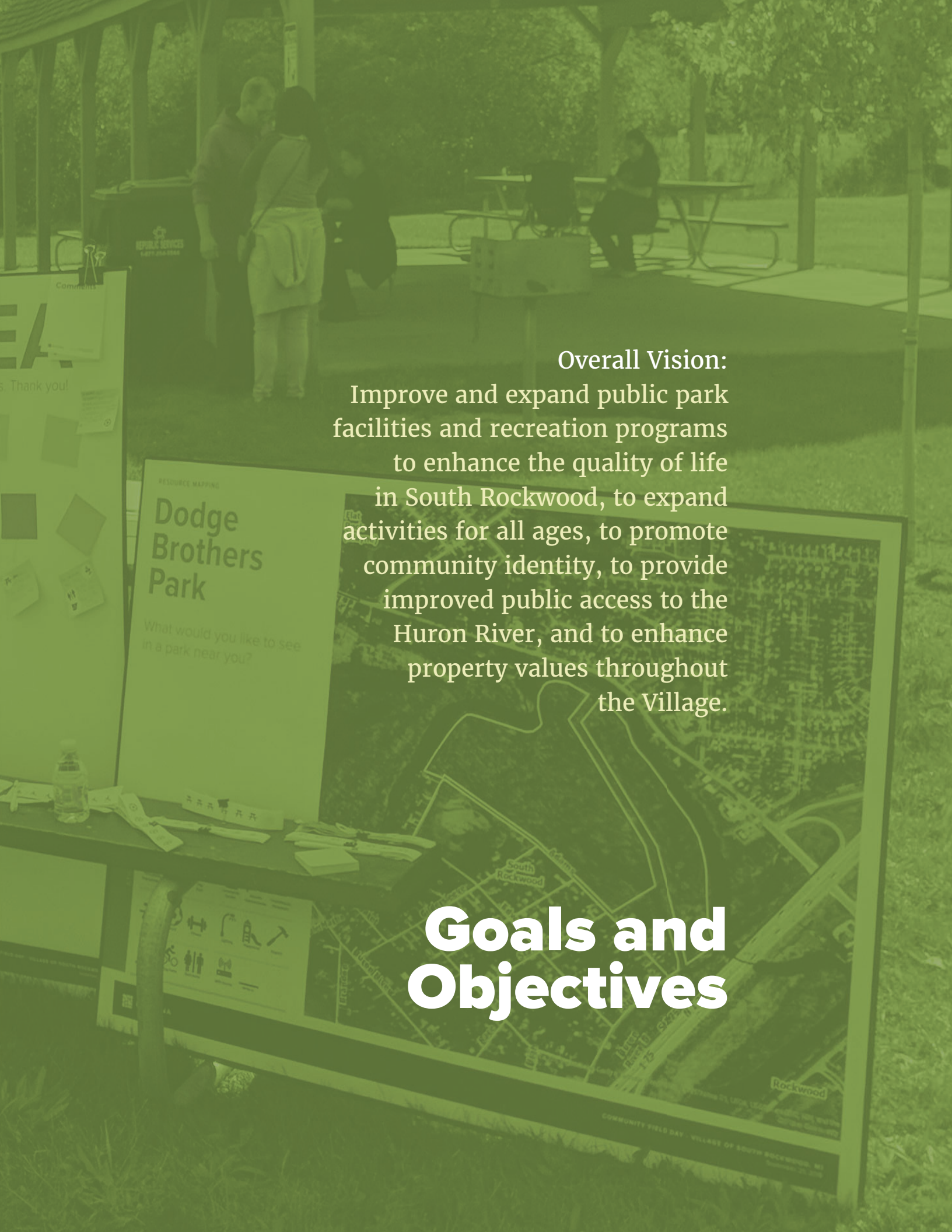


# BIG IDEAS

Share your big idea for South Rockwood parks

Have comments about South Rockwood Parks? Call 910-300-2222



A photograph of a community meeting held outdoors at Dodge Brothers Park. In the background, several people are gathered around picnic tables under a large wooden shelter. In the foreground, a table is set up for a resource mapping activity. On the table, there is a large map of the park area, a sign that reads "Dodge Brothers Park" and "What would you like to see in a park near you?", and various materials like a water bottle, pens, and a clipboard. The entire image has a green tint.

Overall Vision:  
Improve and expand public park  
facilities and recreation programs  
to enhance the quality of life  
in South Rockwood, to expand  
activities for all ages, to promote  
community identity, to provide  
improved public access to the  
Huron River, and to enhance  
property values throughout  
the Village.

## Goals and Objectives





**Goal 1:** Maintain and improve existing Village parks for more public access to activities.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- a. Continue to improve accessibility of Labo Park by controlling riverbank erosion and flooding and considering a wooden walkway in the eastern portion of the Park along the Huron River water trail, that would create better accessibility for all users.
- b. Provide additional park infrastructure at Labo Park, such as restrooms.
- c. Provide additional park equipment at Labo Park.
- d. Improve Dodge Park for passive recreation by designating, marking and maintaining nature trails along the Huron River water trails.
- e. Provide additional park infrastructure at Dodge Park, such as restrooms.
- f. Continue to expand the park facilities at Morley Riggs Park and develop this site as a community Park by updating the dugouts, providing restrooms and drinking fountains.
- g. Develop plans for better parking and access for the Parks.





## **Goal 2:** Develop a robust system of non-motorized trails and work with neighboring communities to make regional connections.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- a. Create/join a multi-jurisdictional task force with the City of Rockwood and other neighboring communities to coordinate planning and construction of non-motorized trails.
- b. Formulate and implement a community-wide trail plan that focuses on trails within the Village that can link Labo Park and other South Rockwood amenities with community trail systems in Wayne County such as Flat Rock, Rockwood, and other communities, including connections to the Downriver Linked Greenways: with priority being trails within the Village.
- c. Start connecting regional trails with a bike path along Dixie Highway.
- d. Determine a location for a bridge over the Huron River, and work with the City of Rockwood and other partners to construct it.
- e. Trails should connect to other amenities, activities, county parks, sports areas, water trails, and historical sites (such as Hull's Trace), while connecting to other trails.
- f. Trail development should include walking and bicycle paths along the Huron River water trail and South Huron River Drive.
- g. Trail development at Dodge Park should focus on nature along the Huron River water trail.
- h. Trail development at Labo Park should include a connection to a potential trail along South Huron River Drive.
- i. Trail development at Morley Riggs should link the apartments on the east side of the Park to Ritter Elementary School.

## **Goal 3:** Partner with other entities to provide recreational opportunities.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- a. Partner with Airport Community Schools to ensure student and public access to quality recreational facilities that serve both Airport Community Schools and the public.
- b. Partner with the Wesburn Golf Course to ensure that it is a community asset, and assist in the marketing of the Golf Course through wayfinding signage and other methods.
- c. Partner with non-profit recreation agencies to investigate arranging discount recreation passes for metro-parks and regional recreational opportunities such as the YMCA.
- d. Gauge community interest in a regional youth league football field at Morley Riggs Park and partner with appropriate agencies.
- e. Partner with non-profit groups as well as the Huron River Watershed Council to provide camping opportunities.
- f. Partner with appropriate entities to explore available rights-of-way for trails.

## **Goal 4:** Develop new recreational facilities as opportunities arise

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- a. Assess the impact of new development upon the Village's ability to provide park facilities and recreation programs.
- b. When warranted, require developers to provide walking and biking trails, and or neighborhood parks.
- c. New facilities that should be considered as Village budget allows are: sledding hill, facilities for camping, boat launches, basketball courts, tennis courts, ballfield improvements, additional picnic benches, playground equipment, pavilion at Labo Park, swimming pool, bathrooms and drinking fountains at parks within the Village, soccer, skateboard park, and an elevated community garden.
- d. Develop a recreational plan for using the additional 22 acres of land adjacent to Morley Riggs, potentially upgrading Morley Riggs from a Neighborhood Park to a Community Park.
- e. Explore easement acquisition(s) for strategic property connections to activity areas.

## **Goal 5:** Enhance visibility and high-quality public access to the Huron River.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- a. Determine improvements to waterfront parks that would assist residents and visitors in experiencing the river such as: reducing erosion, improving fishing access and better launching for watercraft – especially at Dodge Park - and consideration of a wooden walkway in the eastern portion of Labo Park for viewing and fishing access.
- b. Support Huron River Watershed Council's efforts to promote recreation on the Huron River, including an overnight campsite.
- c. Protect the Huron River through zoning standards and infrastructure investments that reduce runoff, erosion, and sedimentation.
- d. Improve public accessibility to the Huron River water trail at the Dodge Park (Metroparks property) by providing for additional facilities such as additional nature trails, improved fishing access and possible overnight camping areas.



## System Wide Recommendations

In addition to capital investments in programs and facilities, the Village must also evaluate the current system and review long-range options for providing parks and recreation services. The following are system wide recommendations that should be evaluated annually and used in the long-range planning of parks and recreation.

### DEVELOP NEW RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

While the Village has plenty of park acreage, it is lacking some important facilities. South Rockwood aspires to develop new facilities to give residents broader recreational choices. South Rockwood recognizes that some of these new facilities may draw people from the surrounding communities, as well.

### PATHWAY/BIKE PATH CONNECTIONS

The Village is committed to providing pedestrian and bicycle pathways and connections throughout the greater South Rockwood area. The Village should continue to develop pathways and connections.

### BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has established guidelines to provide barrier-free accessibility at all public facilities. It is important to provide access to the Village's facilities according to these guidelines so that all residents may enjoy them. As parks and recreation facilities are improved or developed, a high priority must be placed on upgrades that improve barrier-free accessibility with improvements to proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment that provides universal access.

### CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Village should continue to solicit residents' suggestions on planning, use, and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and programming. This can be accomplished with focus groups, public meetings, surveys, website input, or through resident feedback solicited at Village events.











# Action Plan





Table 11, on the following page, summarizes the overall system recommendations as well as specific improvements to individual parks. Some are multi-year efforts that will involve time and coordination, while others are park improvements that require largely monetary investment. The table on the following page incorporates the top recommendations that require capital improvement in the next five years for planning purposes.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities; particularly grants and partnerships. In particular, costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are in 2018 dollars and are strictly preliminary. Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys,

programming elements, and engineering plans are developed if applicable, as well as through further analysis of the proposed improvement. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the Plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

#### FUNDING SOURCES

<b>D/P</b>	Donation or Partnership
<b>GR</b>	Grants (MNRTF, TAP, etc)
<b>VGf</b>	Village General Fund
<b>OG</b>	Other Government Resources
<b>MC</b>	Monroe County
<b>ACS</b>	Airport Community Schools



**Table 11: Parks and Recreation Action Plan**

Year	Project	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
<b>Year 1</b> (2019)	Research possible funding sources for accessibility, erosion control, trail, infrastructure and facility improvements recommended in the Goals, Objectives and Action Plan and develop a timeline for improvements.	\$1,200	VGF GR MC
	Produce a site plan for the land adjacent to Morley Riggs Park for new recreational amenities and non-motorized trails connections.	\$4,000 - \$8,000	VGF OG D/P
	Pursue opportunities to improve Huron Water River Trail accessibility at Labo and Dodge Parks by controlling riverbank erosion, as well as considering alternative access in flood prone areas such as raised walkways.	\$450,000	D/P VGF GR OG
<b>Year 2</b> (2020)	Formulate a community-wide non-motorized land-based trail plan within the Village as well as one that will connect Village parks and neighborhoods and link with trail systems in Flat Rock, Rockwood, and other communities, including connections to the Downriver Linked Greenways; prioritize trails within the Village.	\$25,000	D/P VGF GR OG
<b>Year 3</b> (2021)	Initiate construction of non-motorized trails within the Village.	\$250,000	VGF MC GR
<b>Year 4</b> (2022)	Develop facilities based on plans conceived in the prior years of this Action Plan.	\$150,000 - \$300,000	D/P VGF GR ACS OG
<b>Year 5</b> (2023)	Improve Dodge Park and the Metroparks land to improve access to the riverfront by adding/maintaining walking trails with a natural focus, improving fishing access and installing an improved boat/kayak launch and possibly overnight camping facilities with bathrooms, as available funding permits.-	\$150,000	VGF GR OG
	Continue construction of facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and continue bathroom construction, as available funding permits.	TBD	VGF MC GR
	Update the Village's Parks and Recreation Plan.	\$7,000	VGF

## Review and Adoption Process

The Parks and Recreation Plan review and adoption process is described below:

**30-Day Comment Period:** ..... December 5, 2018 to January 4, 2019  
**Public Hearing:** ..... January 22, 2019  
**Village Council Adoption:** ..... January 22, 2019  
**Distribution to SEMCOG and Monroe County:** ..... January 31, 2019



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## COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION 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 and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **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 February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

#### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan

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

Village of South Rockwood

Monroe

January 2019

#### 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

**Recreation 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 December 5, 2018 12:01 am

Type of Notice Village Website, Newspaper

Plan Location village hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 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 January 8, 2019

Name of Newspaper Monroe News

Date of Meeting January 22, 2019

☒ 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: 1/22/19

☒ 2. Official minutes of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 1/9/19

☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 1/30/19

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 1/30/19

**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*

Village of South Rockwood

(Local Unit of Government)

*includes the required content, as indicated*

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

Willene Harold, Admin  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/28/19  
Date

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



RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
Village of South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan 2019  
Village of South Rockwood  
Monroe County, Michigan

19-001

WHEREAS, the Village of South Rockwood has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2019 through 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Rockwood began the process of developing a parks and recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guideline developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Village of South Rockwood were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was give a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodation to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 22, 2019 at the Village of South Rockwood Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Village of South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan 2019.

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Council of the Village of South Rockwood voted to adopt said Village of South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan 2019.

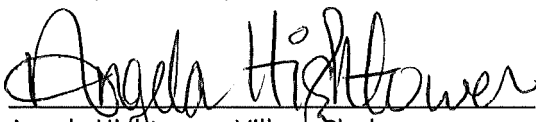
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of South Rockwood Council hereby adopts the Village of South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan 2019.

Yeas: Bondy, Clore, Horn, Puhutski, Wenzel


Nays: None

Absent: Horvath

I, Angela Hightower, Village Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of South Rockwood Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019

  
Angela Hightower, Village Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the South Rockwood Village Council at 6:30 p.m. at the South Rockwood Village Hall, 5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd., South Rockwood, Michigan at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider comment on the updated Parks and Recreation Plan for the Village in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF MONROE

VILLAGE OF SOUTH ROCKWOOD,  
MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
HAS SCHEDULED A 30 DAY  
PUBLIC REVIEW FOR ITS PARKS  
AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

30 Day Public Review Period:

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 - Friday, January 4, 2019

Notice is given to any and all interested parties that the draft 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Village of South Rockwood, Monroe County, Michigan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Monday, December 3, 2018 at the following location during regular business hours:

**The Village Hall, 5676 Carleton Rockwood Road,  
South Rockwood, Michigan.**

The Village of South Rockwood is preparing this five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years. Written comments on the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan can be submitted to the Village Clerk's office at the above address or mailed to P.O. Box 85, South Rockwood, Michigan 48179. Comment will be accepted until the close of business on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

December 5, 2018

Angela Hightower  
Village Clerk

SS

Patricia O'Brien being first duly sworn, says that she is the Principal Clerk of The Monroe News, a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character and legal news and which is a duly qualified newspaper, published and circulated in the County of Monroe. The annexed notice is a printed copy contained in said newspaper, and has been duly published in said newspaper for one insertions, and that the first publication thereof was on the 5th day of December A.D. 2018 and the last publication thereof was on the 5th day of December A.D. 2018.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of January A.D. 2019.

My commission expires

*Angela Hightower*  
JANET LATONDRON  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF MONROE  
My Commission Expires January 25, 2025  
Acting in the County of \_\_\_\_\_



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Janet Latondress  
JANET LATONDRESS, Notary Public, Monroe County, Mich.

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF MONROE

My Commission Expires January 25, 2025

Acting in the County of

**Village of South Rockwood  
Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Patrick Lewis. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Chairman Patrick Lewis, Councilman John Clore, Willene Harold, Matthew LaFleur, Rodney Metzger

Members Absent: President Dan Tilley, Debra Ramsey

Staff: Denis Budds, Village Attorney  
Susan Cronander, McKenna Associates, Village Planner

Citizens: John Beaudrie, 6644 South Huron River Drive  
Karen Budds, 5920 Purple Martin Drive  
Dave and Jeanette Frederick, 5343 Carleton-Rockwood Road  
Robert LeBlanc Jr., 5229 Carleton-Rockwood Road  
Steve Pohutski, 5800 Carleton-Rockwood Road  
Gary Smith, 6077 Carleton-Rockwood Road  
Councilman Arthur Wenzel, 6731 South Huron River Drive

**New Business:**

**1. Minutes from the November 14, 2018 Regular Meeting**

The Minutes from the November 14, 2018 Regular Planning Commission Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion: It was moved by Willene Harold and supported by Councilman Clore to approve the November 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Minutes from the December 19, 2018 Special Joint Meeting / Public Hearing**

The Minutes from the December 19, 2018 Special Planning Commission / Village Council Joint Meeting / Public Hearing were presented for approval.

Motion: It was moved by Councilman Clore and supported by Willene Harold to approve the December 19, 2018 meeting minutes.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. 2018 Planning Commission Annual Report**

Chairman Lewis presented the required 2018 Annual Report, and highlighted items of interest.

Motion: It was moved by Matthew LaFleur and supported by Councilman Clore to approve and file the 2018 Planning Commission Annual Report

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Recreation Plan Update**

Village Planner Susan Cronander presented the draft of the Village Recreation Plan for discussion, and comments were received from Commission members and other citizens present. Some modifications were made to the draft action plan and the Chairman provided other minor edits to Ms. Cronander, who will incorporate the revisions into the document to be presented for the Village Council at their public hearing on January 22.

Motion: It was moved by Rod Metzger and supported by Matthew LaFleur to approve the plan as revised and forward to the Village Council for approval.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Residential Exterior Building Materials Ordinance**

Action: This item was postponed until the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Capital Improvements Plan**

Action: This item was postponed until the next meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion: It was moved by Councilman Clore and supported by Matthew LaFleur to adjourn the meeting.

Action: The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.



**VILLAGE OF SOUTH ROCKWOOD  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

A Public Hearing of the Village of South Rockwood Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with President Tilley presiding. Roll call and pledge to the flag followed.

Councilmembers Present: Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski,  
Councilmembers Absent: Horvath, Wenzel  
Councilmembers Excused: Horvath, Wenzel  
Officers Present: Attorney Budds, Clerk Hightower, Administrator Harold,  
Treasurer Beaudrie  
Citizens Present: Deborah Brick, Lavonna Wenzel, Irene Thompson, Dave  
Frederick, Dan Peterson, John Beaudrie, Kerry Guiliano, Kathy  
Pohutski, Jenna Pennington, Brandon Pennington, Melissa Morse  
Dickinson, David Gilley, Dominic Cappuccilli III, Diane Bielski –  
Susan Cronander of McKenna

The purpose of this meeting was to give the citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan Update for 2019. A discussion was held.

M-1 Moved by Councilmember Clore, supported by Councilmember Bondy to seat Councilmember Wenzel at 6:39.

Voting "Yes" Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski

Voting "No" None

Absent: Horvath

MOTION CARRIED

M-2 Moved by Councilmember Clore supported by Councilmember Bondy to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Voting "Yes" Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy

Voting "No" None

Absent: Horvath

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by:

Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Tilley, President

  
Angela Hightower, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH ROCKWOOD  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Village of South Rockwood Council was called to order at 8:09 p.m. with President Tilley presiding. Roll call and pledge to the flag followed.

Councilmembers Present: Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel  
Councilmembers Absent: Horvath  
Councilmembers Excused: Horvath  
Officers Present: Attorney Budds, Clerk Hightower, Administrator Harold,  
Treasurer Beaudrie, Chief Wright  
Citizens Present: Deborah Brick, Lavonna Wenzel, Irene Thompson, Peggy  
Deitrich, Mat VanWassehnova, Barbara Forrest Dan Peterson,  
Diane Bielski, Melissa Morse Dickinson, David Gilley, John  
Beaudrie, Dave Frederick- Susan Cronander of McKenna  
Associates

M-1 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel, supported by Councilmember Horn to approve the minutes of the regular Council Proceedings dated January 7, 2019.

Voting "Yes" Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-2 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel, supported by Councilmember Horn to approve the joint Council & Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated December 19, 2018.

Voting "Yes" Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy

Voting "No" None

Absent: Horvath

M-3 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel supported by Councilmember Pohutski to approve the Council Bills due and payable January 22, 2019. Totals are: General Fund -\$67,435.91, Major Street Fund -\$6,605.96, Local Street Fund- \$3,996.19, Riverside Cemetery Fund- \$3,400.80, Sewer Fund - \$30,574.56, Equipment Fund - \$3400.30, Water O&M Fund - \$13,543.71, Community Room Fund - \$322.24.

Voting "Yes" Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy, Clore

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-4 Moved by Councilmember Horn supported by Councilmember Bondy to approve the Police Department to hold CPR/First Aid Training at a cost of \$250.00.

Voting "Yes" Horn, Horvath, Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy, Clore

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019  
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M-5 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel, supported by Councilmember Bondy to approve the purchase of a new Lidar Laser Gun for the Police Department in an amount of \$2500.00.

Voting "Yes" Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy, Clore, Horn

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-6 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel, supported by Councilmember Horn to approve the fees of \$2500.00 associated with the new Police Radio Microphones.

Voting "Yes" Wenzel, Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski

Voting "No" None

Absent: Horvath

M-7 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel supported by Councilmember Horn to approve the sale of the "abandoned property" in the Police Department including an utility trailer and 2 bicycles.

Voting "Yes" Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-8 Moved by Councilmember Bondy supported by Councilmember Horn to add an elevated garden to the Parks and Recreation Plan Update as Plan Goal 4 Objective C.

Voting "Yes" Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-9 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel, supported by Councilmember Horn to adopt a resolution approving the 2019 Parks and Recreation Plan Update.

Voting "Yes" Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy, Clore

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-10 Moved by Councilmember Bondy supported by Councilmember Horn approve the purchase of a new scanner for the Clerk's office at a cost of \$259.99 from Office Depot

Voting "Yes" Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy, Clore, Horn

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 22, 2019  
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M-11 Moved by Councilmember Horn, supported by Councilmember Bondy to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for December, 2018.

Voting "Yes" Wenzel, Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-12 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel supported by Councilmember Bondy to approve the advertisement of the Community Room Rental availability in the Downriver Trader, purchasing a 4x2 space for a 3 month trial period.

Voting "Yes" Bondy, Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-13 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel, supported by Councilmember Horn to approve the estimate from All Done Construction for the addition of lighting in the Library Storage Room in the amount of \$450.00.

Voting "Yes" Clore, Horn, Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-14 Moved by Councilmember Horn, supported by Councilmember Bondy to approve the estimate for the conceptual start of a site plan from Hennessey Engineers of \$500.00 on the 22 acres adjacent Morley Riggs Park.

Voting "Yes" Horn, Bondy

Voting "No" Clore, Pohutski, Wenzel

MOTION FAILED

Absent: Horvath

M-15 Moved by Councilmember Wenzel, supported by Councilmember Clore to file the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated January 9, 2019.

Voting "Yes" Pohutski, Wenzel, Bondy, Clore, Horn

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

M-16 Moved by Councilmember Bondy, supported by Councilmember Horn to replenishment of the Special Petty Cash Fund of \$250.00 from Recreation Tipping Fees.

Voting "Yes" Wenzel, Bondy, Clore, Horn, Bondy

Voting "No" None

MOTION CARRIED

Absent: Horvath

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Tilley, President

Submitted by:

  
Angela Hightower, Clerk



**MCKENNA**

January 30, 2019

Jeff McBee  
Director  
Monroe County Planning Commission  
125 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Monroe, MI 48161

**Subject: Village of South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan**

Dear Mr. McBee:

Enclosed is a copy of the **Village of South Rockwood Parks and Recreation Plan**. We have submitted this plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for certification and to SEMCOG to ensure cooperation and coordination of recreation planning efforts.

This plan was formally adopted by the Village of South Rockwood Council on January 22, 2019.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (248) 596-0920.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cronander  
Senior Planner

Enclosure

Cc: Willene Harold, Administrator, Village of South Rockwood, 5676 Carleton-Rockwood Road, South Rockwood, MI 48179



**MCKENNA**

January 30, 2019

SEMCOG Southeast Michigan Council of Governments  
1001 Woodward Avenue  
Suite 1400  
Detroit, MI 48226

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Susan Cronander  
Senior Planner

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## Grant History

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**Grantee**

**Village of South Rockwood - Monroe County**

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<b>Project No.</b> BF93-042	<b>Project County:</b> Monroe	<b>Project Year:</b> 1993
<b>Project Title:</b> Village Park Improvements		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$42,900.00

**Scope Item:**

10 Picnic Tables  
4 Picnic Grills  
5 Bleachers  
Pave Lot and Walkways  
Picnic Shelter

**Project Description:** Paving parking area, and a handicap accessible walkway. Also add picnic shelter, tables and grills.

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<b>Project No.</b> TF01-052	<b>Project County:</b> Monroe	<b>Project Year:</b> 2001
<b>Project Title:</b> LaBo Park Addition		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$16,280.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition of about 2.8 acres adjacent to LaBo Park with Huron River frontage. A Small Acquisition Grants Initiative (SAGI) project.

<b>Total Number of Projects:</b>	2
<b>Total Amount of Grant Given:</b>	\$59,180.00

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

**GRANTEE:** Village of South Rockwood - Monroe County

**PROJECT NUMBER:** BF93-042

**PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** Village Park Improvements

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Pave parking & handicap walkway. Add picnic shelter, tables, grills.

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

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Village of South Rockwood	Willene Harold	Administration/ Clerk
Address	Telephone	
5676 Carleton Rockwood Road	734 379 3683	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
South Rockwood, MI 48179	villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

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

☐ 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**

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

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Parking area is maintained

### 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

For rental of concession stand and pavilion - \$75.00 each per day.

Includes use of accessible restrooms and use of all sports fields.

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

6:00 am to 10:00 pm

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



## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

### CERTIFICATION

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

**Willene Harold**

Please print

*Willene Harold*  
Grantee Authorized Signature

*1/28/19*  
Date

*Darrin Wright*  
Please print

*Darrin Wright*  
Witness Signature

*1/28/19*  
Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

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**GRANTEE:** Village of South Rockwood - Monroe County

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF01-052

**PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** LaBo Park Addition

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Acquire about 2.8 acres adjacent to LaBo Park. A SAGI project.

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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

The Park is maintained regularly.

### 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.

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

6:00 am to 10:00 pm

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Darin Wright

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Witness Signature

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Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**





# South Rockwood Field Day 9/23/18

## Public Comments

### FROM THE BIG IDEA BOARD – GENERAL COMMENTS

- Move parking at Labo
- Sledding hill
- Connect to trail at Wayne Co. park – Labo
- Keep nature area at Dodge (trails)
- Water rescue emergency services on river because boat launches
- Playground equipment for all ages adult/child swings
- Group camp, nonprofit groups, overnight kayak/camping, fire rings
- Swimming area/splash pad
- Updated dugouts
- Restrooms (better? access)
- Hiking trails/bike paths
- More trash cans (by softball fields)
- Basketball courts
- Tennis courts (4 preferably)
- Sledding hill (6 votes 'O')
- Connection/proximity to other amenities, YMCA, county parks, private sports, (fares? tunes?) discounted recreation passes for Village
- A better basketball court and a tennis court and a swimming pool, South Rockwood and a campsite with a boat launch
- Riverbank erosion control
- Drinking fountain at Morley Riggs Park
- Walking paths at Morley Riggs Park for easier access to fields
- Tennis courts at Morley Riggs Park
- Security cameras at Morley Riggs Park
- Picnic benches at Labo Park and concrete dugouts at Morley Riggs Park
- Community garden near Library, bathroom (please?) at Labo Park, recycling (place?) at Morley Riggs Park

### LABO PARK – WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A PARK NEAR YOU?

- More regional connections can start with regional bike trail, bike path – Dixie Highway
- Connect above with bike trail/lane all along Huron River Drive
- Also walking path/trail along Huron River Drive
- Labo Park always floods
- Wooden walkway along river, eastern portion of Park
- Boat launch and fishing somewhere near walkway, eastern portion of Park
- Halt erosion

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### **MORELY RIGGS PARK – WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A PARK NEAR YOU?**

- Ice Rink
- ORV trails
- Moto Cross Track/Area
- Put in 4 tennis courts(twice)
- Put tennis courts at Morley Riggs Park
- Football field for yellow jackets
- Dog park
- Soccer?
- Tennis courts
- Basketball with real courts, then use the rest of the paved area for tennis courts

### **DODGE BROTHERS PARK – WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A PARK NEAR YOU?**

- Nature Focus
  - Nature trails
  - Bicycle trails
- Park maintenance
- Clean up
- mark trails
- Boat/kayak launch access
- Trail along river starting from south west side of park
- Mark / designated trail
- Camping
- Security
- Playground: southeast corner of park by Adams St.