

2024-2028



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN



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RESOLUTION 2023-19

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024-2029 SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department of Springfield Township has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between and 2024 and 2029, and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 12, 2023 at the Springfield Township Civic Center to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department of Springfield Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Springfield Township Park Commission voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Springfield Township Board hereby adopts the 2024-2029 Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township of Springfield.

Yes: Dubre, Hopper, Miller, Moreau, Vallad, Whitley

No: None

Absent: Pliska

Resolution of Adoption

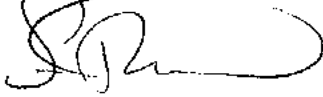
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RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Sean R. Miller, the duly qualified and elected Clerk of Springfield Charter Township, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on November 9, 2023.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD



SEAN R. MILLER, Clerk



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION October 10, 2023

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I, Roger Bower, Springfield Township Park Commission Chairperson, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Springfield Township Park Commission at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 10th day of October, 2023.

Roger Bower
Springfield Township
Park Commission Chairperson

Acknowledgements



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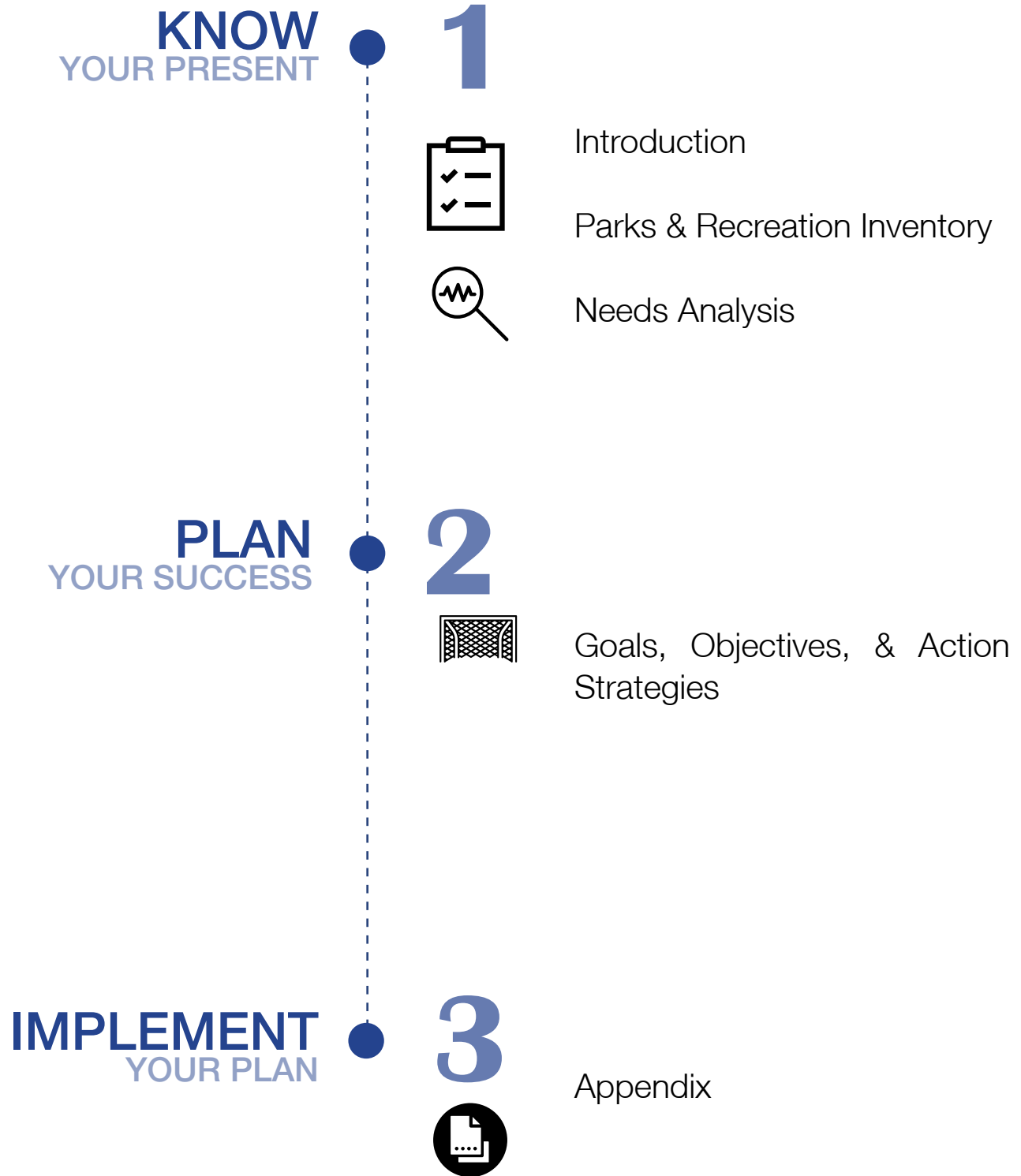
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What is in this Recreation Plan?



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Introduction



Introduction

Springfield Township prepared this Recreation Plan to:

- Create an inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities in and around the township
- Gain community input on parks and recreation strengths and weaknesses
- Develop goals and objectives that will lead to future improvements
- Establish a framework for future park and recreation improvements
- Provide the planning basis for grants and other funding resources

This plan will address parks located within and under the jurisdiction of Springfield Township. The previous Recreation Plan, adopted in 2019, will be reviewed and updated to address input received as part of this update.

Community Description

LOCATION

Springfield is located in the northwest quadrant of Oakland County. The Township is about 20 miles from the cities of Pontiac and Flint, and about 50 miles from Detroit. Springfield residents enjoy a quiet country atmosphere, contrasted with the faster-developing townships immediately to the south and east. Springfield Township is a member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), a seven-county planning region encompassing the Detroit metropolitan region.

POPULATION

Springfield Township experienced rapid growth through much of the latter half of the 20th century, but its population is beginning to stabilize. SEMCOG population forecasts predict a growth rate of -1.61% from 2020 to 2045. The total population is expected to have peaked in 2020 at 14,703 residents, and will experience a slight decline to 14,467 residents by 2045.

The nearby townships of Groveland and Rose are projected to see population declines, although quite a bit greater at -15.0% and -5.3%, respectively. The other surrounding townships are forecasted to grow between 3.2% and 8.8%. Excluding the city of the Village of Clarkston and the villages of Holly, and Ortonville, the projected growth percentage for the area including and immediately adjacent to Springfield Township is 3.81%; when including Clarkston and the villages, the average drops slightly to 3.40%.

A variety of factors influence population changes. Population changes are impacted by older residents who, more and more, are “aging in place.” Improvements in technology and transportation make it possible for residents to live independently for a much longer period than in previous decades. As the average age of the population increases, the average household size decreases. Household sizes have dropped across the country, from 2.62 in 2000 to 2.55 in 2020. Michigan has experienced a larger drop, from 2.75 to 2.44, with local communities following suit.



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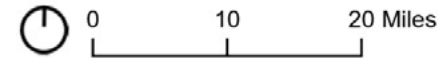
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REGIONAL LOCATOR
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

LAND USE PATTERNS

Like much of southeast Michigan, Springfield Township's land use is dominated by single-family residential development. Much of the commercial development of the Township is centered along Dixie Highway between Davisburg Road and I-75. This area has a more suburban feel than the western sections of the Township, which are much more rural in nature. The Township also includes the unincorporated downtown area of Davisburg, found on Davisburg Road between Andersonville Road and Mill Pond Park. Recreation and water parcels makes up 15% of the land use. A fairly high amount of vacant parcels (nearly 15%) could present further opportunities for conservation or development.

The Township has a long history of preserving natural areas; the 2009 Master Plan and subsequent revisions emphasizes preservation and future open space acquisition. This focus on preservation of agricultural and natural assets will be crucial in helping to retain the Township's rural character in the years to come.

NATURAL FEATURES

Springfield's natural resources play a major role in attracting and influencing growth and development. The landforms are characterized by very hilly to undulating end and ground moraines, which include kettles, outwash plains, and drainage channels. In turn, topography and soils resulted from glacial activity and plant communities developed in response to soil conditions.

The Township's Parks make substantial use of the community's water resources. For example, the Shiawassee River flows through several of the parks and several parks have frontage on lakes, such as Long Lake and Davis Lake at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve and Green Lake at Green Lake Park.

The Indian Springs Metropark in particular has a number of pristine wetlands. The Park's Environmental Discovery Center provides educational activities for the area's wetlands, prairies, and other ecosystems, and includes an underwater pond viewing room giving visitors an under-the-water view of pond life.



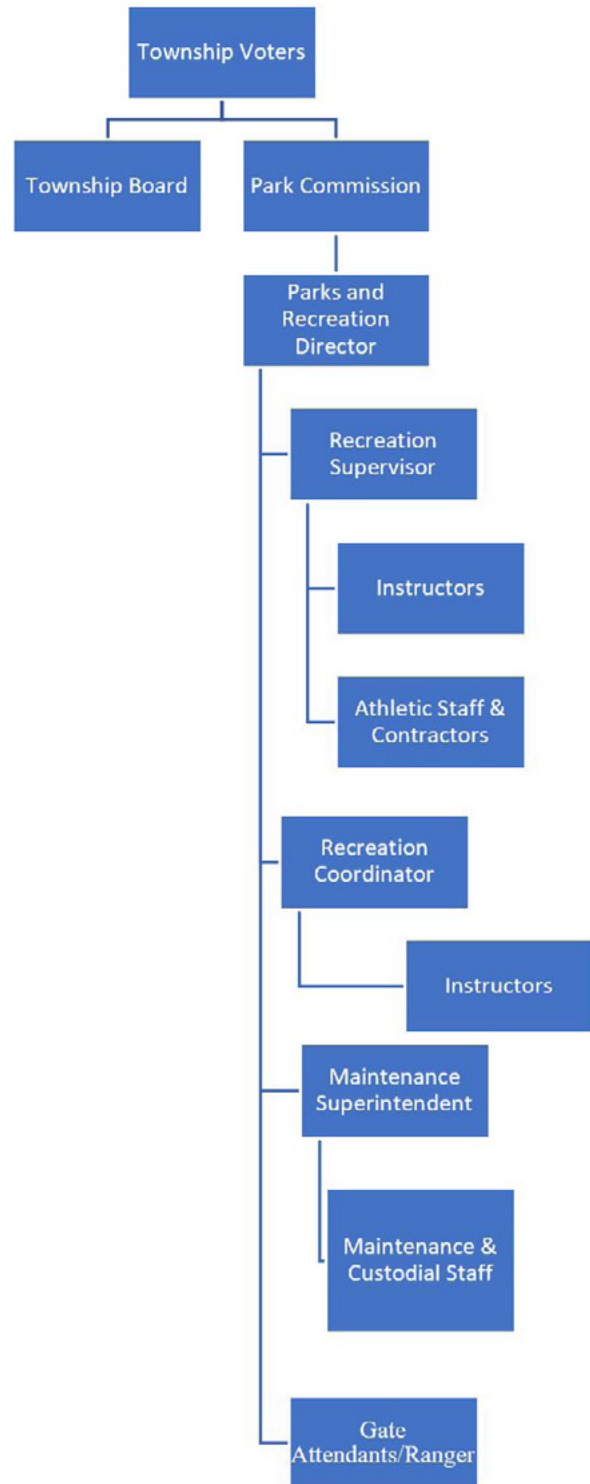
Trail in fall
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Administrative Structure

The administration of Springfield Township Parks and Recreation activities is the responsibility of the Springfield Township Park Commission. The Springfield Township Board of Trustees created the Park Commission in 1953 with the aim of advising the Board of Trustees on issues relating to recreation in the Township. The Park Commission was established under the Michigan enabling Act 157 of 1905, Township Parks and Places of Recreation. The Commission is comprised of seven elected officials and is responsible for the department's budget. They must approve all expenditures over \$4,000 through an annual budget process. In addition, any expenditure over \$4,000 must be approved by the Park Commission.

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for day-to-day operations of the facilities and programs. The Parks and Recreation Director reports to the Park Commission. The Department includes additional full time staff, including a Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator, Park Maintenance Superintendent, and Park Maintenance. The Department also employs part-time and seasonal staff in various capacities.

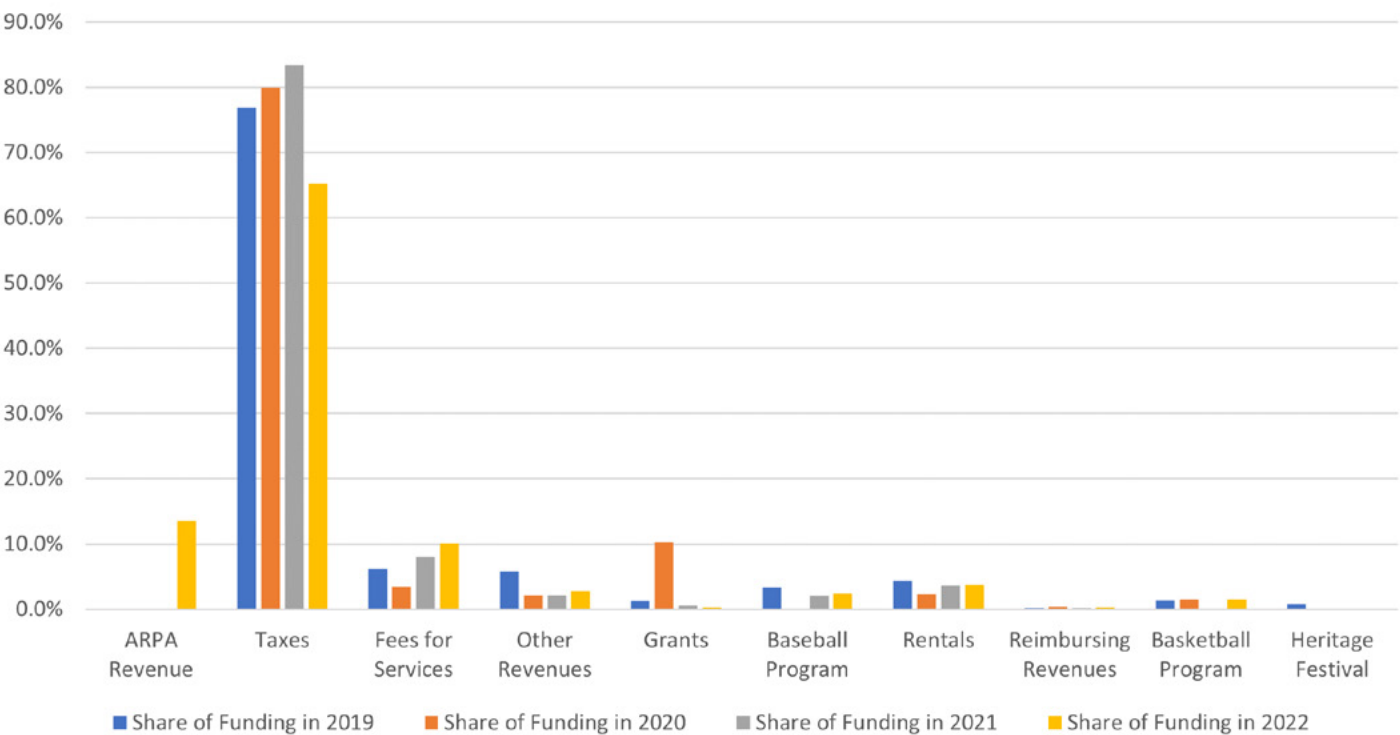
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Funding Sources

Park maintenance and improvements budgets come from multiple sources, and those sources vary from year to year. Grant funding in particular varies. Revenue sources over the past four years varied widely, mostly due to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2019, pre-pandemic, events such as the Heritage Festival were held and programming was strong and consistent with previous years. In 2020, many programs were not held and in some cases, whole sports seasons were lost. In 2022, funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were a large, one-time source of revenue. Funding sources, as percent of all funds for that year, are presented below in [Figure 1](#) for 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Figure 1. Parks and Recreation Department Funding Sources, 2019-2022



A summary of park financing for 2019 - 2023 is presented in [Table 1](#) on the following page.

Table 1. Parks and Recreation Budget Summary

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
REVENUES					
ARPA Revenue	-	-	-	\$110,863.00	-
Taxes	\$480,462.86	\$502,240.08	\$518,291.49	\$531,038.40	\$551,200.00
Fees for Services	\$38,539.00	\$21,382.22	\$50,125.78	\$82,217.00	\$56,750.00
Other Revenues	\$36,183.35	\$13,725.23	\$13,279.01	\$22,924.97	\$27,700.00
Grants	\$7,876.57	\$64,693.19	\$3,334.94	\$2,477.93	
Baseball Program	\$20,527.50	-	\$12,564.25	\$19,725.00	\$16,600.00
Rentals	\$27,238.56	\$14,574.00	\$22,503.00	\$30,533.00	\$22,650.00
Reimbursing Revenues	\$1,084.16	\$2,228.99	\$949.37	\$2,604.00	\$1,200.00
Basketball Program	\$8,710.00	\$9,475.00	-	\$12,155.00	\$11,200.00
Heritage Festival	\$5,085.00	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$625,707.00	\$628,318.71	\$621,047.84	\$814,538.30	\$687,300.00
Expenditures					
Commission Personnel	\$4,998.99	\$5,956.02	\$5,137.46	\$4,774.82	\$6,650.00
Utilities	\$9,009.29	\$9,984.58	\$10,140.75	\$10,462.95	\$12,300.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$49,186.30	\$15,711.93	\$55,470.50	\$48,540.08	\$31,400.00
Stewardship	\$857.96	\$34.99	\$89.98	\$254.98	\$700.00
Supplies and Equipment	\$37,014.20	\$10,863.24	\$18,992.95	\$30,358.52	\$9,350.00
Administration Personnel	\$180,535.42	\$190,358.39	\$201,489.70	\$229,332.73	\$242,450.00
Maintenance Personnel	\$132,954.99	\$126,246.93	\$126,494.68	\$151,790.48	\$197,740.00
Mill Pond Beach Costs	\$1,974.22	\$1,750.00	-	-	-
Programs/Events Instructors	\$18,131.16	\$8,158.65	\$20,456.54	\$41,399.50	\$26,050.00
Programs/Events Supplies	\$24,960.93	\$21,666.69	\$24,753.73	\$32,997.94	\$37,200.00
Senior Citizen Program	\$7,960.15	\$2,806.04	\$4,220.42	\$5,927.59	\$9,200.00
Baseball Program	\$18,657.66	\$542.85	\$9,850.53	\$12,824.06	\$15,600.00
Facilities Operational Supplies	\$23,390.87	\$22,345.79	\$20,192.66	\$18,655.08	\$34,750.00
Basketball Program	\$5,548.28	\$4,980.94	\$594.94	\$9,167.73	\$10,775.00
Consultant/Contractor	\$51,315.90	\$50,811.59	\$52,366.17	\$59,294.33	\$92,450.00
Credit Card Services	\$1,258.53	\$920.67	\$1,623.51	\$2,443.02	\$2,200.00
Heritage Festival	\$2,067.30	-	-	-	-
Capitol Outlay	-	\$14,200.00	\$1,265.00	\$32,815.00	\$56,500.00
Contingency	-	-	-	-	\$5,000.00
Tax Tribunal Refunds Ordered	\$27.67	\$83.02	-	\$70.81	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$569,849.82	\$487,422.32	\$553,139.52	\$691,109.62	\$790,815.00

Grant History

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisition or development of recreation facilities. In the past, Springfield Township has received five Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants. Those grants are provided below in [Table 2](#).

Table 2. Grant History

Grant Number	Year	Amount	Facility	Purpose/Status
*26-00189	1969	\$24,500	Mill Pond	Acquisition of 7.3 acres of land, now part of Mill Pond Park. The park remains in heavy use and is in good overall condition
26-01303	1984	\$30,906	Mill Pond	Construction of two tennis courts, paved parking lot, picnic equipment, playground equipment, and signage. All have been upgraded or replaced since the original installation.
TF1077	1985	\$527,000	Shiawassee	Acquisition of 394.42 acres of land, including a 31-acre lake in North Shiawassee. Continued improvements are planned, although the facility is in excellent condition due to diligent stewardship efforts. Shiawassee remains an important source of passive recreation in the community.
TF90-050	1990	\$129,000	Shiawassee	Construction of two softball fields, one soccer field, picnic area, trails, access road, and parking lots on property purchased with MNRTF. Facilities are in good condition and are heavily used for active recreation.
CM99-282	1999	\$42,372	Mill Pond	Construction of fishing deck, walking path, parking area, entrance sign, and other amenities. Some amenities have been replaced, but overall are in good condition.

Additionally, the Township is a recipient of the Oakland County Senior Center Matching Grant program. It was awarded \$50,000 for renovations to the Hart Community Center which includes replacing and updating the front exterior doors and ADA door opener system, replacing two interior doors, replacing ceiling tiles, replacing flooring throughout the center and renovating the kitchen.



VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Parks and Recreation Department relies heavily on volunteers. Volunteers are crucial for special events, sports leagues, and even for ongoing stewardship and improvements to parks.

Springfield recognizes the importance of developing successful long-term relationships in the community and maintaining working partnerships with like-minded agencies. The Department partners with a variety of governmental and other organizations to help administer programs and maintain properties, including:

- The Holly and Clarkston School Districts. The school districts help distribute information about recreation opportunities through the Township. Many Parks and Recreation programs are cooperative efforts with one or both districts.
- Independence Township Parks, Recreation, & Seniors Department. Springfield Township and Independence Township share equipment, particularly equipment used only for special events, an important cost-savings relationship.
- Rose Township. In 2010, Rose Township and Springfield Township entered into an inter-local agreement lasting through 2025. Through a consent judgment Rose Township acquired a 35-acre parcel located in Springfield Township. Rose Township agreed to transfer ownership of that 35 acre parcel to Springfield Township in exchange for resident rates for Springfield Township Parks and Recreation governed programs/events and facilities. This arrangement has been valuable to Springfield Township, and a continuation of the agreement or a similar one is desirable.
- Community Organizations. Local organizations such as the Friends of the Springfield Township Parks and the Springfield Garden Club continue to support the Parks and Recreation Department through their help with programs, events, and specific projects.



Holly Hoops Event

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Related Planning Initiatives

While change is inevitable and declines in both population and housing are predicted to occur, Springfield Township is committed to managing that change to enhance economic benefit, recreational activities, and overall quality of life for all its residents. Maintaining the rural character of the community is considered critical by residents and Township leaders alike. Understanding planning efforts that have occurred or are occurring in the area is essential when planning for recreation improvements within the Township.

A variety of planning efforts have had important roles in helping to shape the character of Springfield Townships. Below are the planning practices that Springfield Township should be aware of when making recreation plans and improvements:

SPRINGFIELD MASTER PLAN

At the time of this writing, the Township is in the process of updating its Master Plan. One draft goal supported by Planning Commissioners is to “provide for accessible, safe, and welcoming community spaces, facilities, and programs for residents and visitors”. To achieve this goal, the Parks and Recreation Plan would be used in addition to the new Master Plan to guide decisions on future investments to ensure the recreation system continues to be an asset to the community. Another objective under this goal is to improve and expand passive and active recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy. A priority to achieve this goal is to maintain and improve community facilities in a way that is consistent with the other master plan goals.

Other draft goals focus on protecting the quality of air, land, and water resources in the Township and preserving its rural character. These goals were in the previous master plan, and their importance to the community is evident. Preserving and protecting open spaces and, more specifically, considering the system of open space and recreation opportunities that are available in the Township when making decisions about land use and development, were identified as strategies to reach these goals.

It is clear from these goals that access to open space, recreation facilities, and programs is desirable by the community, and there is support for the Parks and Recreation Department’s work.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PATHWAYS PLANNING

Ordinance number 2018(4), which describes regulations related to safety path development in priority zones in Springfield Township, was adopted on August 9, 2018. Chapter 40, Article V, Division 7 of the Springfield Township Code of Ordinances requires the installation of non-motorized pedestrian pathways in accordance with the [Springfield Township Priority Pathways Planning Map](#) shown on [page 19](#). All development plans submitted to the Township for review must include plans and specifications for pathway construction, and the developer must provide an easement adjacent to the right-of-way to accommodate the trail development. For those properties not in the Priority Pathway development zone, an easement must still be granted for future trail development.

In instances where the path will not connect with existing pathways, or is not anticipated to do so within ten years, the developer can pay into a development fund to defer construction. The developer is still required to provide an easement, however. This allows the Township to have adequate funds to strategically construct pathways along priority corridors, while ensuring that easements are in place for future developments.



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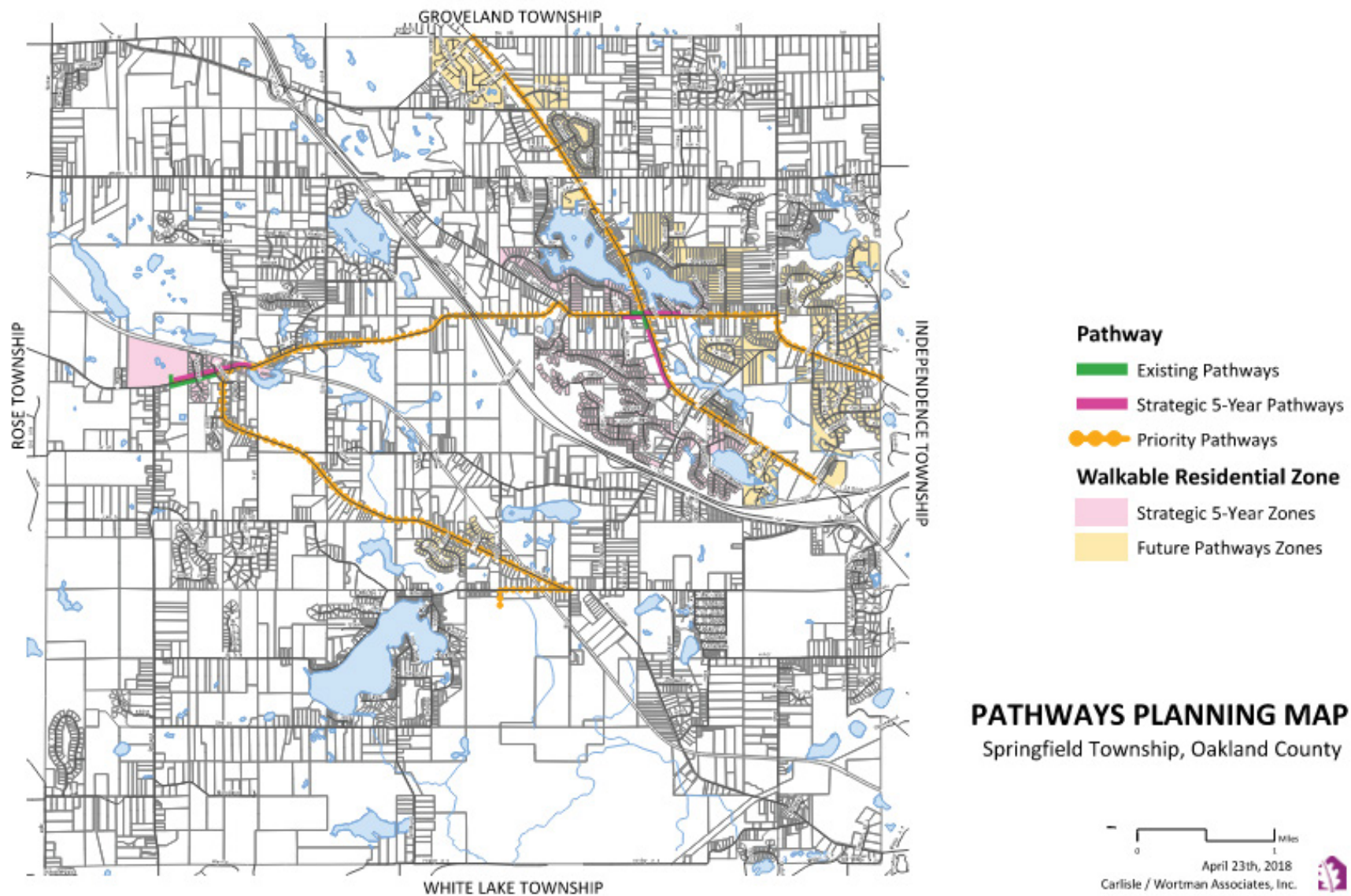
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Map 1. Springfield Township Priority Pathways Planning Map

FIGURE 12: SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PRIORITY PATHWAYS PLANNING MAP



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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The 10-member Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission (OCPRC) oversees 13 facilities totaling just over 6,700 acres; two of these parks are located in Springfield Township (see [Area Parks and Recreation Facilities on page 24](#)). Springfield Oaks Golf Course and County Park is home to the annual Oakland County Fair and offers 330 acres of active and passive use facilities. An 18-hole golf course covers the northern end of the park.

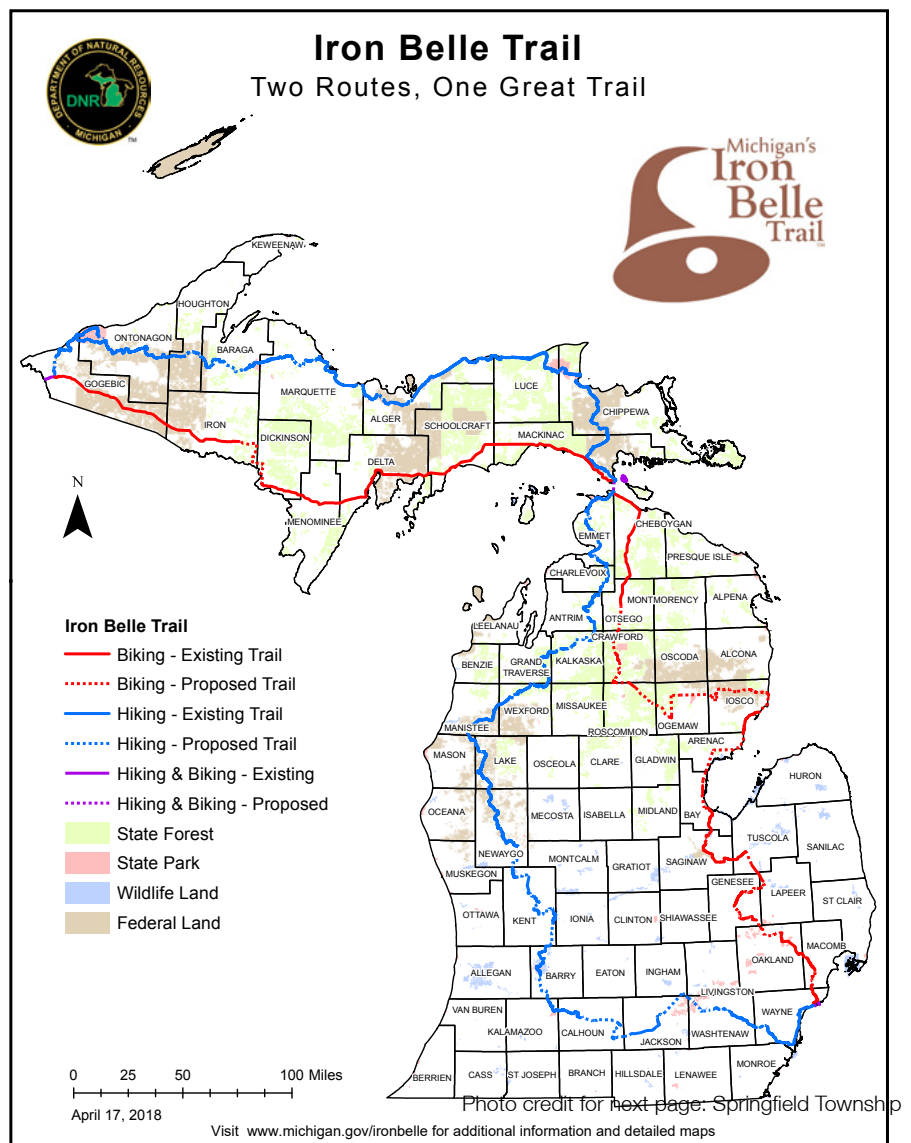
Springfield Township and the OCPRC are working together to address maintenance and structural issues for the Davisburg Dam. More information about this project can be found on the inventory pages for [Mill Pond Park](#).

SEMCOG 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

The SEMCOG plan is a joint effort between Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The Regional Transportation Plan provides a high-level look at trends related to bicycling throughout the region, but does not provide much detail about local bicycle infrastructure needs. No bicycle infrastructure projects have been identified for Springfield Township in this Plan. The 2045 Plan was adopted in March of 2019 and creation of the 2050 plan is currently underway.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IRON BELLE TRAIL

The Iron Belle Trail extends more than 2,000 miles across the state of Michigan. The trail consists of a bicycle route and a separate route for hiking. When completed, the two routes will connect Ironwood, the far western corner of the Upper Peninsula, to Belle Isle in Detroit. While the trail does not go through Springfield Township, it is close enough to afford residents many miles of biking and hiking opportunities.



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GREAT LAKE-TO-LAKE TRAIL

The Great Lake-to-Lake (GLTL) Trail is a destination trail of 275 miles of sequestered rail trails, linear parks, and pathways from South Haven to Port Huron, which connects Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. The GLTL Trail intersects other trails and bike routes, connecting the trail to areas in Michigan and nearby states as well as Canada. This trail also does not go through Springfield Township, but is close enough to provide recreation opportunities for a day trip or longer.



MICHIGAN BLUEWAYS & WATER TRAILS

Unfortunately, the river systems in Springfield are generally too shallow to allow development of water trail networks. Below are two systems in close proximity to the Township, giving residents relatively easy access to excellent canoeing and kayaking.

- The closest water trail for Springfield residents is the Clinton River Water Trail (CRWT). The CRWT winds through a variety of settings along its 81.5 mile route, ultimately meeting up with Lake St. Clair and Great Lakes Shoreline waters trails. The closest access point is in Rochester Hills, approximately 25 minutes from the Township with additional access points further east along the river.
- The Shiawassee River Trail winds 85.2 miles north from Holly to Chesaning. With a fairly slow-moving current, the river trail is very suitable for families in a canoe or groups of novice kayak paddlers. The closest access point to this trail for Springfield Township residents is in Holly.

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Area Parks and Recreation Facilities

Springfield residents are fortunate to have several regional, county, and state parks and recreation facilities near them as well as schools and private facilities. The section below briefly describes these parks and facilities.

COUNTY/REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

COUNTY PARKS – SPRINGFIELD OAKS

Oakland County operates the Springfield Oaks County Park, located south of Downtown Davisburg on the corner of Andersonville and Hall Roads. Home to the annual Oakland County Fair, the 330-acre park includes animal barns, a stadium for fair festivities, and a golf course. In addition to the County Fair, Springfield Oaks also hosts scouting and 4-H events. It is home to the historic Ellis Barn.

ROTARY PARK

Rotary Park is a one-acre park located on Broadway in Downtown Davisburg across the street from Mill Pond Park. The park has a scenic view of the stream and the water wheel. Upon completion of the Dam removal and Restoration, OCPRC shall retain a survey consultant to redraw the real property boundary lines consistent with the conceptual drawings of the Mill Pond Dam Removal Project. The Parties shall convey the real property as depicted and described in the survey pursuant to a warranty deed.

INDIAN SPRINGS METROPARK

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a regional park district that encompasses the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston. Since its inception in 1940, the HCMA has obtained over 20,000 acres of parkland, all located in the metro Detroit region. Indian Springs Metropark, located partially in Springfield Township, is centered around the headwaters of the Huron River. At 2,215 acres, Indian Springs is the largest natural/recreational area in the Township and features a golf course, nature trails, paved bike trails, the Environmental Discovery Center, playground areas, a splash pad and preserved habitat.

STATE-OWNED FACILITIES

DNR BIG LAKE BOAT RAMP

A DNR Boat Ramp is located off of Big Lake Road, providing public access to Big Lake. The facility includes parking.

DNR STATE LAND

The DNR has a 110 acre facility located off of Davisburg Road. Hunting is allowed.

QUASI-PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES

There are two quasi-public/private recreational facilities in Springfield Township; both are golf courses. Heather Highlands Golf Course is located in the northern part of the Township, along Holly Road near Dixie Highway. Shepherd’s Hollow Golf Club is located in the southeastern portion of the Township, just south of I-75 near Big Lake Road.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Opportunities

In addition to the regional, county, and state parks nearby, Springfield residents are also fortunate to have many Township parks and recreation facilities available for their enjoyment (See [Springfield Township Recreation Facilities on page 27](#)). This section describes these parks and facilities and provides an assessment of the accessibility of each park. Programming and classes are listed after the inventory of the parks and facilities.

BARRIER-FREE ANALYSIS

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. Therefore, a critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access to accommodate the needs of visitors with physical and/or mental disabilities. Barrier-free access includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that adequate barrier-free parking spaces, sidewalks, trails, picnic tables, and playground equipment are provided for renovated or new recreational facilities.

Springfield Township has taken great strides to ensure that its facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and continues to work towards bringing all facilities into compliance. The MDNR Guidelines require that a barrier-free ranking be given to each facility for assessing its accessibility to people with disabilities. Standards from The Accessibility Checklist, a guidebook founded upon the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) and the codes and standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), were used to verify barrier-free compliance. A checklist was used to evaluate each facility's accessibility. This checklist was developed using New England ADA Center and Michigan Recreation and Parks Association guidelines, and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The assessment considers the accessibility of both the facilities themselves as well as the access routes to them. Facilities are assigned a score from 1 to 5, where 1 = none of the elements meet 2010 ADA Standards, and 5 = the facility meets universal design principals. The following system, provided by the MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (01/27/06), was used to assess each park:

- Level 1: None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes few areas with accessible surfaces and facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
- Level 2: Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways do not have an accessible surface, but both are not lacking in this way. Many of the facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are not easily accessible.
- Level 3: Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways have accessible surfaces and some facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are accessible but may not be completely barrier free.
- Level 4: The entire park meets accessibility guidelines. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are easily accessible.
- Level 5: The entire park was developed/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.

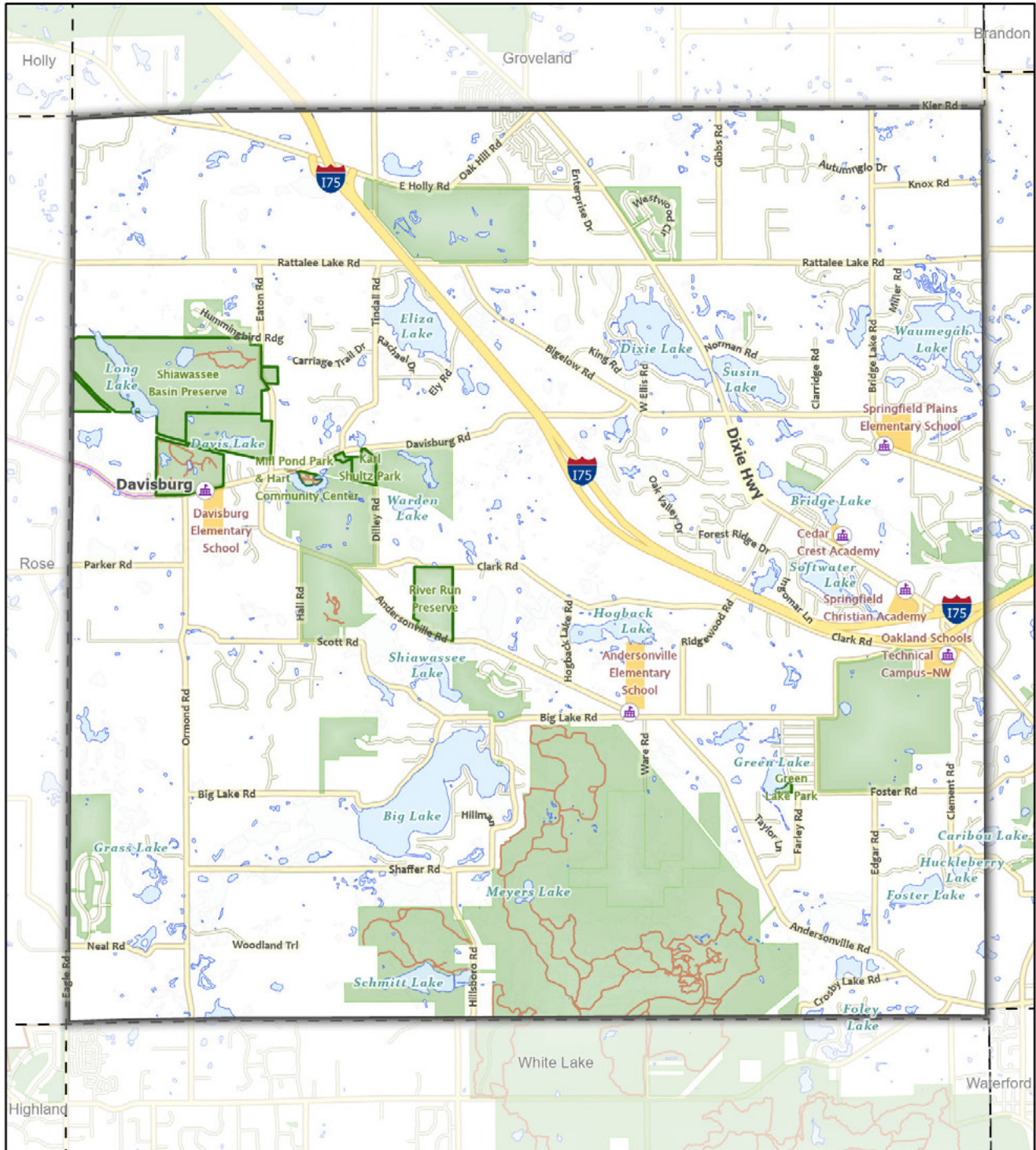
ACCESSIBILITY

The U.S. Access Board is designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as the agency responsible for developing minimum accessibility guidelines to ensure that new construction and alteration of facilities covered by ADA are accessible and usable by people with disabilities. The Access Board has published the following guidelines that should be used by Access to Recreation applicants to determine the criteria they must exceed to achieve universal accessibility:

- 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design: <https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards.pdf>
- 2012 Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Accessibility-Guide-Book.pdf>
- The National Center on Accessibility is a collaborative program of Indiana University and the National Park Service and also provides information on access for people with disabilities in recreation: <http://ncaonline.org/>



Map 2. Springfield Township Recreation Facilities



Data Source: Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA Roads, Landuse and Parks: SEMCOG 2022. Community Facilities: Access Oakland. ©2022 Giffels Webster.

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- Schools
- Park Path
- Proposed Pathway
- Educational Facility
- Recreation Land
- Township Park

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES
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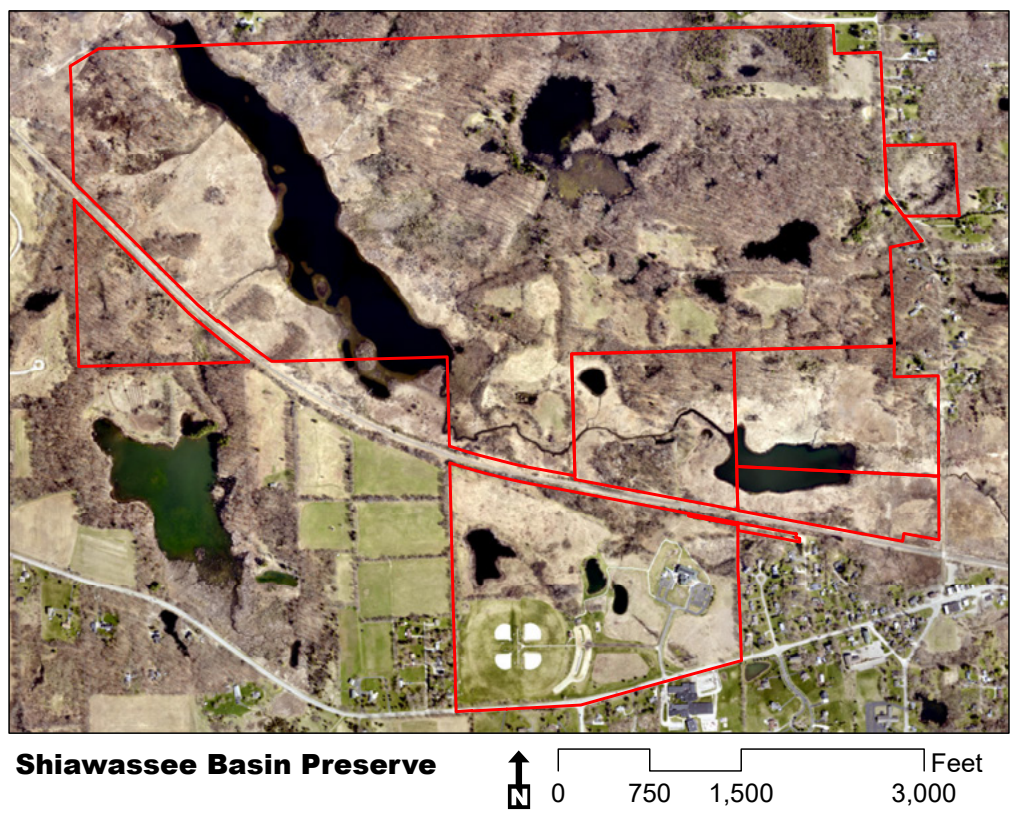
Shiawassee Basin Preserve

Description	Amenities
<p>Address: 12000 Davisburg Road</p> <p>Type: Community Park</p> <p>Size: 606 acres</p> <p>Uses: Passive use in northern portion, active use in the southern portion</p> <p>The Shiawassee Basin Preserve is Springfield Township’s “gem”, featuring a high quality fen ecosystem with rare and threatened plants and wildlife, stunning vistas, and miles of trails. The preserve attracts visitors from many surrounding communities. The trails are only accessible to walkers to prevent damage to the ecosystem that higher impact activities can cause. The Southern portion is designated as an active recreation area with play equipment, ball fields, and public restrooms. The portion north of the railroad tracks, totaling approximately 55 acres, was added to the Township’s property in 2018. This acquisition consolidates all parcels north of the railroad track and protects critical habitat for future generations to enjoy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play equipment• Picnic pavilion available for rent• Ballfields available for rent• Seasonal hunting and fishing allowed in some areas of the preserve• Pedestrian trails• Restrooms• Interpretive signage

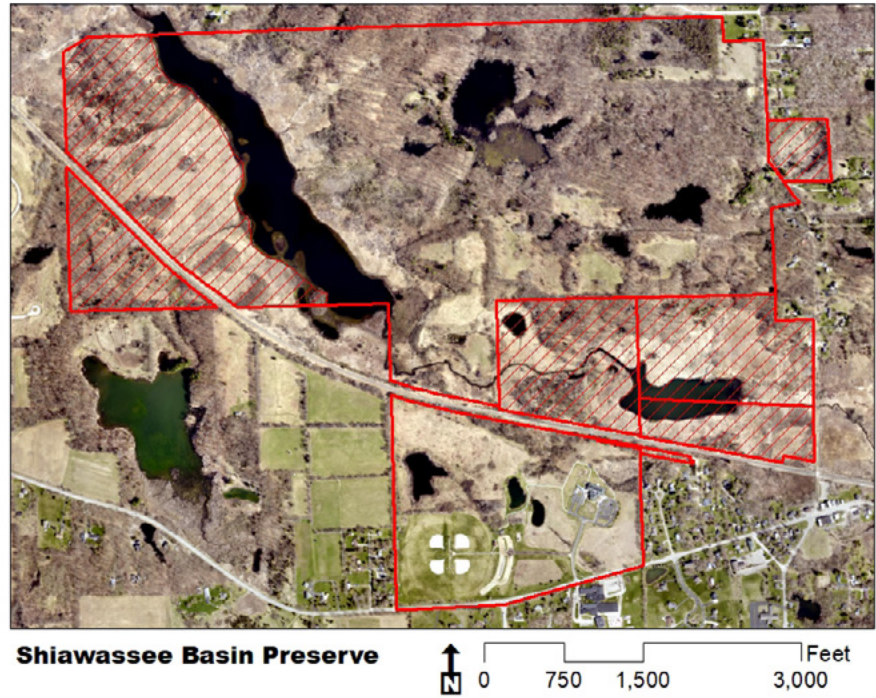


Storybook Trail
Photo credit: Mike Forst

Map 3. Shiawassee Basin Preserve Land



Map 4. Hunting and Non-Hunting Areas in the Shiawassee Basin Preserve



Map 3 shows the entire Shiawassee Basin Preserve. The hashed areas on map 4 show where hunting is prohibited compared to the entire site.

ACCESSIBILITY ANALYSIS

Shiawassee Basin Preserve North / Davis Lake Overlook

Overall Park Rating: 1

Parking

N	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
N	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
N	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high

Play Areas

N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court

Park Amenities

N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide.
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
N	Safety is promoted by good street/parking lighting
N/A	Ramps are non-slip
N/A	If public restroom facilities are present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom

Trails and Sidewalks

Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
N/A	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt) and have curb cuts
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
N/A	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths

Notes/Comments

This park will be challenging to bring to compliance due to steep terrain. Upgrading trail surfaces to compacted limestone or EWF surfacing will make more level areas accessible while some grading will be required in other locations. Gravel parking lot should include concrete handicapped spaces.



ACCESSIBILITY ANALYSIS

Shiawassee Basin Preserve South - Civic Center

Overall Park Rating: 2

Parking

Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
Y	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high

Play Areas

Y	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
N	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
N	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
Y	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court

Park Amenities

Y	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide.
Y	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
N	Safety is promoted by good street/parking lighting
N/A	Ramps are non-slip
Y	If public restroom facilities are present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom

Trails and Sidewalks

Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt) and have curb cuts
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths

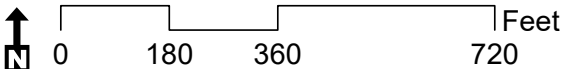
Notes/Comments

The park includes an accessible play structure, restrooms, and pavilion, but connections to these facilities are missing. The Storybook Walkway is now ADA compliant. Gravel parking lot should be upgraded to include concrete handicapped spots, and an additional space must be added (five are required).

Shultz Park	
Description	Amenities
<p>Address: Corner of Davisburg Road (Broadway) and Dilley</p> <p>Type: Neighborhood Park</p> <p>Size: 18.5 acres</p> <p>Uses: Primarily active-use</p> <p>The park features two baseball/softball fields. The Park also features limited play equipment, a picnic pavilion, accessible restrooms, and a trail from the cemetery to the park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picnic pavilion available for rent• 2 softball fields• Swingset• Restrooms



Shultz Park



ACCESSIBILITY ANALYSIS

Shultz Park

Overall Park Rating: 2

Parking

Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
Y	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high

Play Areas

N	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
N	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
N	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court

Park Amenities

Y	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide.
Y	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
N/A	Safety is promoted by good street/parking area lighting
N/A	Ramps are non-slip
N	If public restroom facilities are present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom

Trails and Sidewalks

Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
N/A	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt) and have curb cuts
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
N	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths

Notes/Comments

Gravel parking lot should include four concrete handicapped parking spaces. There is no accessible path to the swingset, benches or ballfields.



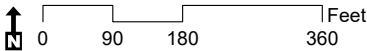
Pavilion at Shultz Park
Photo credit: Springfield Township

Mill Pond Park & Hart Community Center

Description	Amenities
<p>Address: 495 Broadway</p> <p>Type: Community Park</p> <p>Size: 5.5 acres</p> <p>Uses: Active and passive recreation uses</p> <p>Adjacent to Downtown Davisburg, Mill Pond Park and Hart Community Center provide many recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The Community Center hosts many programs including the senior activities and special events, and is available for rent. Efforts are currently underway towards renovating the Hart Community Center.</p> <p>A 2011 engineering study and later video inspection revealed that the dam has significant deficiencies and associated safety/liability issues. Alternatives for the dam were identified beginning in 2018, and these were presented to the public in 2019. After careful study by the Township Board and Oakland County , it was determined best to remove the dam and restore the river corridor. Construction is anticipated to begin in May or June of 2023. The total project is expected to cost \$4.6 million, and \$825,000 in grant funds have already been awarded as of April 2023. Plans for the work include a wetland trail and new culvert. Plans and renderings are available in the Appendix.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play equipment• Tennis courts• Basketball courts• Horseshoe pits• Shuffleboard court• Hart Community Center• Pavilion• Grills• Restroom



Mill Pond Park



ACCESSIBILITY ANALYSIS

Mill Pond Park & Hart Community Center

Overall Park Rating: 3

Parking

Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
Y	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high

Play Areas

N	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
N	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
Y/N*	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court

Park Amenities

Y	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide.
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
Y	Safety is promoted by good street/entrance lighting
N/A	Ramps are non-slip
Y	If public restroom facilities are present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom

Trails and Sidewalks

Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt) and have curb cuts
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
N	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths

Notes/Comments

*There is at least one accessible route to both sides of the shuffle board court, but not the basketball or tennis court, nor the horseshoe pit.

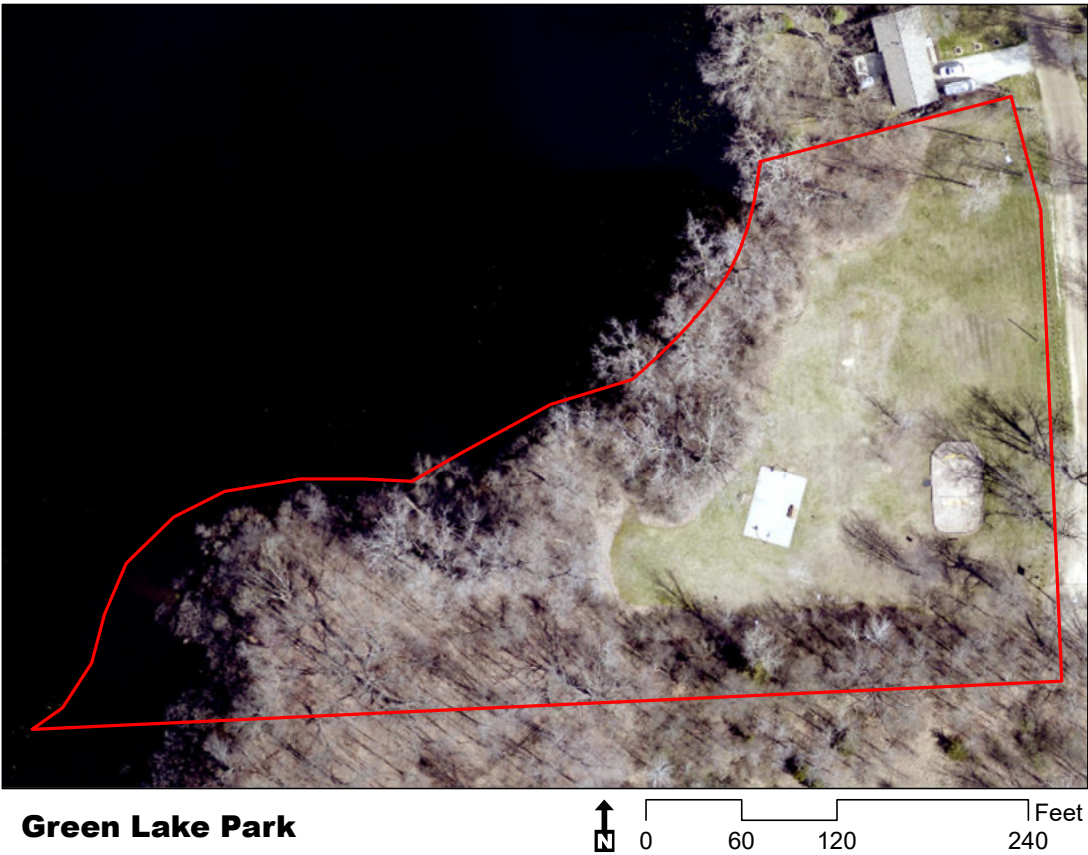


Left: Hart Community Center

Above: Basketball courts, picnic table, and playscape

Photo credit: Springfield Township

Green Lake Park	
Description	Amenities
<p>Address: West corner of North Bay and Foster Road</p> <p>Type: Neighborhood Park</p> <p>Size: 1.5 acres</p> <p>Uses: Mostly passive uses</p> <p>Green Lake Park is located within a residential neighborhood along Green Lake. The lake is marshy and not appropriate for water-based recreation, so there is no water access from the Park. The eastern edge of the Park along North Bay is fairly steep, making access somewhat difficult. The Park does not offer parking for more than two vehicles, but does have a large residential population within walking distance so it is regularly used.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball court• Climbing Structure• Swingset• Open fields• Picnic table



ACCESSIBILITY ANALYSIS

Green Lake Park

Overall Park Rating: 2

Parking

N/A	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
N/A	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
N/A	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high

Play Areas

N	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
N	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
N	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
N	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court

Park Amenities

N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide.
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
Y	Safety is promoted by good street/entrance lighting
N/A	Ramps are non-slip
N/A	If public restroom facilities are present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom

Trails and Sidewalks

Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
N/A	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt) and have curb cuts
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
N	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths

Notes/Comments

No access to amenities. Playground surfacing is not accessible, and equipment is not designed for all abilities to use it.

River Run Preserve

Description	Amenities
<p>Address: Near Andersonville Road and Clark Road</p> <p>Type: Specialty Park (Preserve)</p> <p>Size: 71.5 acres</p> <p>Uses: Passive uses</p> <p>This Park hosts the headwaters of the Shiawassee River and important habitat space for a variety of plant and animal species along with rustic trails on the Andersonville Road entrance. There are parking lots at both the Andersonville Road and Clark Road entrances. Future improvements include expanding trails on the northern side of the park and joining the northern and southern trail system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rustic trails• Parking



River Run Preserve 0 180 360 720 Feet

ACCESSIBILITY ANALYSIS

River Run Preserve

Overall Park Rating: 1

Parking

N	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
N	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
N	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high

Play Areas

N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court

Park Amenities

N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide.
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
N	Safety is promoted by good street/entrance lighting
N/A	Ramps are non-slip
N/A	If public restroom facilities are present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom

Trails and Sidewalks

Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
N/A	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt) and have curb cuts
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
N	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths

Notes/Comments

Park is currently under development. As trails are developed, consider limestone/EWF treatment. Gravel parking lot should include concrete accessible spaces.



River Run Preserve Trail

Photo credit: Springfield Township

Sidewalks and Connector Trails

Several of the parks offer internal path systems, but there are a few other nonmotorized facilities within the community. A limited amount of sidewalks can be found in Downtown Davisburg, notably connecting Davisburg Elementary School and the Civic Center complex with downtown Davisburg and ending at Mill Pond Park.

Sidewalks are important for mobility and increasing access throughout a community, as well as for recreation purposes. As can be seen in [Map 1. Springfield Township Priority Pathways Planning Map](#), Springfield Township does not have many sidewalks but is interested in adding them along Davisburg Road, Dixie Highway, and part of Andersonville Road directly south of Davisburg Road. Connecting key destinations throughout the Township, including the parks, is a priority and noted in the current draft of the Master Plan and by Township ordinances that require easements for pathways for new developments as described on [page 18](#) herein.

Programs and Classes

Springfield residents are able to take advantage of a wide variety of programs offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. Springfield Township Parks & Recreation offers outstanding youth team and individual sport opportunities, youth, adult, and senior programming, and special events to Township residents and non-residents. The following is a representative list of the Department's program offerings:

- Adult Programs
 - A Matter of Balance
 - Golf Lessons - Adults and Seniors
 - Pickleball
 - Pilates
 - Tai Chi
 - Tennis Lessons - Teen & Adult
- Baseball, Softball, & T-Ball
 - Boys Baseball 9 & 10
 - Boys Baseball 11 & 12
 - Boys Baseball 13 & 14
 - Boys Baseball 15 - 18U
 - Co-Ed Coach Pitch
 - Co-Ed T-Ball
 - Co-Ed T-Ball Clinic
 - Girls Softball 9 & 10U
 - Girls Softball 11 & 12U
 - Girls Softball 13 & 14U
 - Girls Softball 18U
- Basketball
 - Bronco Basketball (3rd-6th Grade)
 - Field Rentals
 - Holly Hoops Clinic



Co-ed T-ball

Photo credit: Springfield Township



- Camps
 - o Junior Golf Camp
 - o Art Camp by The Artist's Apprentice
- Enrichment Workshops
 - o Babysitter Safety
 - o Basket Making
 - o Cookie Decorating
 - o CPR/First Aid Training
 - o Estate Planning Workshops
 - o Financial Workshops
 - o Hunter's Safety
 - o Medicare Made Easy Workshop
 - o Pottery Classes
 - o Self-Defense for Children
 - o Self-Defense for Women
 - o Spanish Classes

- Family Activities
 - o Grand Tradition Martial Arts
 - Karate for Beginners
 - Continuing Karate
 - Lil Dragons
 - o Geocaching
 - o Instructional Archery
 - o Learn to Skate Programs
 - Snow Plow Sam (ages 3-5)
 - Basic Skills Skating (ages 6-13)
 - Adult Level Skating (ages 14 & up)
 - Atoms Learn to Play Hockey (ages 4-12)
 - o Painting the Bob Ross Way
 - o Raising Monarch Butterflies
- Guided Hikes with Natural Resources Manager



Left: Holly Hoops



Top right: 2023 Broncho Basketball Champions, 5th and 6th grade



Bottom right: Painting the Bob Ross Way

Photo credit: Springfield Township

- Special Events
 - Spaghetti Dinner
 - Princess Party
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Easy Bake Oven Bake Off
 - National Trails Day Hike
 - Fishing Derby
 - Magical Fairy Adventure
 - Halloween Event
 - Santa Event
- Young at Heart (50+ Senior Group)
 - Trips
 - Weekly Lunches and Activities
- Youth Programs
 - Amazing Tots
 - Amazing Athletes
 - Junior Tennis
 - Kids Art
 - Kids into Culinary Nutrition
 - Little Chefs
 - Cheer 101
 - Intro to Dance
 - Creative Movement



Top left: 2022 Santa Event

Bottom left: Young at Heart

Right: Junior golf

Photo credit: Springfield Township



Independence Township Recreation Partnership for Seniors

In addition to the activities provided for Springfield's seniors at the Hart Community Center, Springfield Township seniors can also use the Independence Township Senior Center at the same rate as Independence Township residents. Those 50 years of age or older are eligible to participate in these programs.

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Needs Analysis



Needs Analysis

This section of the plan will consider what recreation facilities the Township has in relation to national standards and best practices, as well as feedback from the community. This information will help inform the goals and action strategies outlined in the next section.

National Recreation Standards

To analyze the recreational needs of township residents and determine deficiencies within recreation programs, it is helpful to consider standards for recreation service areas, land needs based on future population, and the ultimate size and extent of recreation facilities and their location.

These recreation planning standards are a useful tool in making an assessment of future recreation needs. Standards may be used effectively only as a means for comparing present conditions to what is thought to be suitable or desirable, and as a general guide toward estimating future needs and demands.

The following organizations have developed guidelines for recreation, which are referenced in this analysis of Springfield Township’s recreation facilities:

- 1. **Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service (HCRS)**
The HCRS recommends standards based on compiled data on standards used or recommended by various city, county, metropolitan, state, and federal park and recreation agencies.
- 2. **Urban Land Institute (ULI)**
The ULI, a private research organization concerned with planning and development of land, recommends standards for recreation areas for community and neighborhood development.
- 3. **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)**
NRPA developed the following recommended standards and guidelines for recreation, parks and open space.



Types of Community Recreation Facilities

The major types of community recreation facilities recommended by the above organizations include:

1. **Playgrounds/Mini-Parks**

Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population, or specific groups such as small children or senior citizens. For example, suggested recreational amenities for an individual mini-park are a tot lot, two picnic tables and ½ acre open space.

2. **Playfield or Athletic Fields/Neighborhood Park**

Neighborhood parks should offer a variety of activities to accommodate a range of ages, physical abilities, and recreational interests. Therefore, it is recommended that neighborhood parks should be comprised of approximately 50% active uses (fields, courts, playgrounds, skating, etc.) and 50% passive uses (trails, picnic areas, etc.). It is recommended that a minimum of 7-10 parking spaces should be provided.

3. **Community Parks**

Community-wide parks include larger parks with diverse environmental quality. A variety of passive and active uses are provided, including athletic fields, sledding hills, trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds. Typically, uses are separated by activity and age group to limit potential conflicts between different types of users. Other potential activities include outdoor swimming, lighted spectator-type athletic fields, ice skating, and ample off-street parking.

4. **Connector Trails**

Connector trails would include a multi-use trail to give non-motorized access to parks and other uses throughout Springfield Township, as well as also provide connections to other regional trails in the area. Modes of travel include walking, biking, and in-line skating. These trails could be located in an independent right-of-way, such as along the utility corridors, or within the road rights-of-way. There are no current standards for trails within/around a community.

NRPA Annual Agency Review

Each year, NRPA surveys parks and recreation agencies across the US and shares this data to help communities benchmark their programs and facilities against similar-sized peers. NRPA recognizes that applying standards and guidelines often prove challenging due to the variety of populations served and funding sources available. [Table 3](#) shows current benchmarks for certain park facilities based on populations less than 20,000. The list illustrates the number of facilities that might be expected within Springfield Township, based on its current and future population.

Table 3. NRPA Recreation Amenities Recommendations for Communities with Less than 20,000 Residents, 2020 and 2045 Population Estimates

Recreation Amenities	Number of Residents per Facility*: Population less than 20,000	Benchmark Number of Facilities for 2020 Springfield Township (14,441 persons)	Benchmark Number of Facilities for Projected 2045 Springfield Township (14,467)	Current Number of Facilities***
Playgrounds	1,986	7	7	2
Basketball courts	3,750	4	4	2
Tennis courts (outdoor only)	2,723	5	5	2
Diamond fields: baseball - youth	3,107	5	5	6; 2 softball fields at Shultz Park, 4 ball fields at Shiawassee Basin Preserve
Diamond fields: softball fields - youth	11,339	1	1	
Diamond fields: baseball - adult	7,954	2	2	
Diamond fields: softball fields - adult	5,667	3	3	
Rectangular fields: soccer field - youth	3,504	4	4	0
Rectangular fields: soccer field - adult	8,017	2	2	
Rectangular fields: football field	8,004	2	2	0
Rectangular fields: lacrosse field	6,690	2	2	0
Rectangular fields: field hockey**	0	0	0	0
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	4,362	3	3	0
Multi-purpose synthetic fields	12,962	1	1	0
Overlay fields	3,771	4	4	0
Dog parks	11,100	1	1	0
Swimming pools (outdoor only)	8,637	2	2	0
Tot lots	6,642	2	2	0
Community gardens	8,773	2	2	0
Multiuse courts - basketball, volleyball	5,400	3	3	0
Skate parks**	11,100	1	1	0
Ice rinks (outdoor only)**	7,997	2	2	0
Pickleball	3,446	4	4	0
Regulation 18-hole courses	9,183	2	2	0
Driving range stations	5,055	3	3	0

*Findings from the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review uses data from Park Metrics, NRPA's park and recreation agency performance benchmarking tool, from years 2019-2021

**These benchmark numbers are from the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review from years 2017-2019

*** Facilities within Township owned and maintained parks; schools and other community sites may supplement this number



Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Recommended Classification System

The DNR has a Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails to assist in the development of recreation plans. [Table 4](#) provides recommendations on various park, trail, open space, and recreation facility types while [Table 5](#) provides recommendations on amenities (similar to those provided in [Table 3](#)).

On the pages that follow, the DNR's standards outline recommendations for developed recreation acreage and for various types of recreation amenities. However, these standards should be used as guidelines and the Township should consider input from community members, what other recreation opportunities exist within the area, and the ability to maintain community facilities. All of these recommendations are based on the 2020 population and 2045 population estimate provided by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Table 4. MDNR Recreation Facility Recommendations, 2020 and 2045 Springfield Township Population Estimates

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population	Needs Based on 2020 Township Population (Min - Max)	Needs Based on Projected 2045 Township Population	Existing Facilities	Recommended
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	Min: 0.25 acres Max: 0.5 acres	4-7 acres	4-7 acres	1.5 acres at Green Lake Park	Explore opportunities throughout the community and with future development
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	Min: 1 acres Max: 2 acres	14-29 acres	14-29 acres	None	
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable-depends on function.	Variable	Variable	Variable	None	The township currently utilizes several school facilities to meet the recreation needs of the residents; additional opportunities should be explored
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	Min: 5 acres Max: 8 acres	72-116 acres	72-116 acres	575 acres combined between Shiawassee Basin Preserve South, Shultz Park, and Mill Pond Park	Continue to maintain high quality community parks
Large Urban Park								Not needed

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population	Needs Based on 2020 Township Population (Min - Max)	Needs Based on Projected 2045 Township Population	Existing Facilities	Recommended
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/ buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.	Variable	Variable	Variable	126.5 acres between Shiawassee Basin North and River Run	Continue to maintain and preserve unique natural resource areas
Regional / Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.	Min: 5 acres Max: 10 acres	72-144 acres	72-145 acres	2,547 acres at Indian Springs MetroPark	
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.	Variable	1+	1+	None	Consider how to increase connectivity between park system components with nonmotorized transportation
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.	Variable			None	Explore in the future if this is of interest to residents
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.	Variable			None	
Private Park/ Recreation Facility	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.	Variable			None	
Park Trail	Multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type I: Separate/ single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists / in-line skaters. Type II: Multipurpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians and bicyclists/in-line skaters. Type III: Nature trails for pedestrians. May be hard or soft-surfaced. 	Variable.	Park Trail			Walking trails exist at Shiawassee Basin Preserve, River Run, and Shultz Park	Continue to maintain trails for use and adding directional and interpretive signage where appropriate



Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population	Needs Based on 2020 Township Population (Min - Max)	Needs Based on Projected 2045 Township Population	Existing Facilities	Recommended
Connector Trails	Multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community. Focus is as much on transportation as it is on recreation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type I: Separate/ single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists / in-line skaters located in independent r.o.w. (e.g., old railroad r.o.w.). Type II: Separate/ single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists/ in-line skaters. Typically located within road r.o.w. 	Variable.	Connector Trails			None	Consider if connector trails would be a useful addition to the pathways plan
On-Street Bikeways	Paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic.	<p>Bike Route: Designated portions of the roadway for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.</p> <p>Bike Lane: Shared portions of the roadway that provide separation between motor vehicles and bicyclists, such as paved shoulders.</p>	Variable.	On-Street Bikeways			None	Consider if on-street bikeways would be a useful addition to the pathways plan
All-Terrain Bike Trail	Off-road trail for all-terrain (mountain) bikes.	Single-purpose loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.	Variable.	All-Terrain Bike Trail			None	
Cross-Country Ski Trail	Trails developed for traditional and skate-style cross-country skiing.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.	Variable.	Cross-Country Ski Trail			None	Consider options at Shiawassee Basin Preserve North
Equestrian Trail	Trails developed for horseback riding.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas. Sometimes developed as multipurpose with hiking and all-terrain biking where conflicts can be controlled.	Variable.	Equestrian Trail			None	

Table 5. MDNR Recreation Amenity Recommendations, 2020 and 2045 Springfield Township Population Estimates

Amenity	Standard	Needs Based on 2020 Township Population	Needs Based on Projected 2045 Township Population	Existing Facilities	Recommended
Developed Local Park Land (acres)	10 acres / 1,000 population	144	145	703	Continue to maintain parks
Archery Ranges (including private & commercial)	1 / 50,000 population	0	0	0	
Ballfields (not including school facilities)	1 / 3,000 population	5	5	6	Continue to maintain fields
Outdoor Basketball Courts (not including school facilities)	1 / 5,000 population	3	3	2	Explore where another court could be added
Bicycle Trails (miles)	1 / 40,000 population	0	0	0	
Golf Courses (including private & commercial)	1 / 25,000 population	1	1	1	
Indoor Ice Rinks	1 / 50,000 population	0	0	0	
Outdoor Ice Rinks	1 / 20,000 population	1	1	0	Consider where an outdoor ice rink could be made in the winter
Picnic Areas (tables)	1 / 200 population	72	72	54	Continue to maintain picnic tables. Determine if more are needed
Playgrounds (not including school facilities)	1 / 3,000 population	5	5	2	Consider where other playgrounds could be added, and what type of equipment would be most appropriate
Rifle Ranges (including private & commercial)	1 / 50,000 population	0	0	0	
Shotgun Ranges (including private & commercial)	1 / 50,000 population	0	0	0	
Sledding Hills (not including school facilities)	1 / 40,000 population	0	0	0	
Soccer Fields (not including school facilities)	1 / 20,000 population	1	1	0	Determine if fields are needed and if so, where they may be sited
Outdoor Swimming Pools	1 / 40,000 population	0	0	0	
Outdoor Tennis Courts (not including school facilities)	1 / 4,000 population	4	4	2	Determine if additional courts are needed and if so, where they may be sited
Public Boat Launches (parking)	1 / 400 population	36	36	15	Determine if there is a need for additional parking. Another launch may be needed to allow access to the lake.
Campground Sites (including commercial)	1 / 150 population	96	96	0	If desired, consider where in the Township camping may be permitted
Cross-Country Ski Trails (miles)	1 / 10,000 population	1	1	0	Explore options for trails at Shiawassee Basin North and River Run Parks
Fishing Access (feet)	1,000 / 1,000 population	14,441	14,467	1,613	Explore options to expand fishing area at Mill Pond Park
Fishing Piers	1 / 100,000 population	0	0	2	Continue to maintain piers
Hiking Trails (miles)	1 / 5,000 population	3	3	5.25	Continue to maintain trails
Horseback Trails (miles)	1 / 20,000 population	1	1	0	
Nature Areas (each)	1 / 50,000 population	0	0	0	
ORV Areas (acres)	1 acre / 7,500 population	2	2	0	Determine if the community is interested in ORV activities and if so, explore where they may be allowed
ORV Trails (miles)	1 / 10,000 population	1	1	0	
Snowmobiling Land (acres)	10 acres / 1,000 population	144	145	0	Determine if the community is interested in snowmobiling activities and if so, explore where they may be allowed
Snowmobiling Trails (miles)	1 / 3,000 population	5	5	0	
Swimming Beaches	1 / 25,000 population	1	1	0	



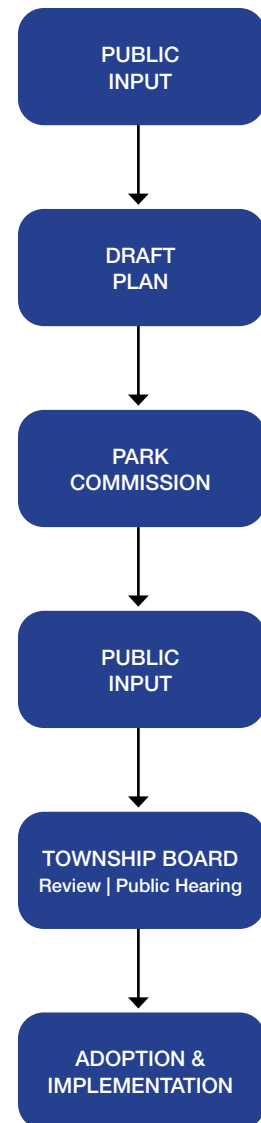
Public Input

THE PLANNING PROCESS

The recreation planning process in Springfield Township is intended to involve individuals who represent a broad cross-section of the community's population.

The planning process began with an inventory of all Springfield Township parks facilities. A survey was then developed and posted online for all residents and community stakeholders to provide feedback. PictureThis!, a platform where users can post pictures of what they would like to see in specific areas, make comments, and like other's comments was promoted to allow community members to show each other their ideas at various parks and public spaces throughout the Township. The survey and PictureThis! were available from early October through November, 2022. The survey was available online and also via paper copies available at the Township Offices. Over one hundred people attended the open house held in November 2022 to share their ideas and feedback, building off many of the themes identified from the survey and PictureThis!.

Using the inventory and findings from the survey, PictureThis! and the open house, this Parks and Recreation Plan notes the strengths and opportunities of the current parks' facilities, and suggests goals for the future. The plan was developed with the assistance of the Park Commission, Township staff and officials, as well as the residents of Springfield. The draft plan and 5-year action program of priority projects will be reviewed by the Park Commission. Following the recommendation of approval by the Commission, the plan will be presented to the Township Board for their review. The draft plan will be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Park Commission and Township Board. Notice of the public review period will be provided in the local newspaper. The plan will be presented at a public hearing held by Township Board. Copies of the notices announcing the review period and public hearing will be included in the Appendix.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS

Two hundred and forty-nine respondents, mostly residents (94%), completed the survey (See [Appendix G: Survey Results](#) for the full survey results).

ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS

- About one-third (35.48%) have lived in the Township for over 25 years, over a quarter (28.11%) have lived here 15-25 years, and almost another quarter have lived in the Township 10-15 years.
- Half of the respondents intend to live in the Township for at least 15 more years.
- Almost half of respondents live in 2 person households, and almost 40% live in households with 3-5 people.
- 34% of respondents were over the age of 65, 26% were 55-64 years old, and 16% were 45-54 years old. The remaining 22% were under the age of 45. Five respondents (2%) preferred not to provide their age.

PARKS AMENITIES AND PROGRAMMING

Springfield Township’s recreational amenities and programming are regarded as a community strength. When asked to rate various community aspects, “parks, open spaces, and recreational activities” were identified as one of the top five most important groups by 80% of respondents. Despite the positive comments that respondents and participants of the activities shared about parks, it was evident that additional investments in parks are highly desirable. During the open house, participants were asked to “budget” parks funds, and of the different funding allocation options, recreational amenities surfaced as the community’s highest priority. Some of the areas that the community identified for additional parks investment included:

- Pickleball: During the Open House, pickleball was heavily favored. When asked which recreational amenities participants would like to see in the Township, forty-one placed a sticker next to “pickleball courts.” Pickleball was also added as an “other” option at the neighboring station which asked participants to respond to a general list of park amenities that did not include pickleball. Pickleball was mentioned several times at the “king/queen for a day” station, where participants were asked to share ideas of what they would do if they were the King or Queen of Springfield Township for a day. The PictureThis! activity also received a couple of submissions suggesting pickleball, which were heavily supported during the open house.
- Senior Programming: When asked about programming for different age groups, respondents of the survey had lower levels of satisfaction with programming for older adults. In addition, while the seniors surveyed shared a high level of satisfaction with community parks, satisfaction with recreational and cultural activities was lower. “Senior activities and trips,” were also favored during the open house when participants were asked to select types of parks and recreation programming they would like to see in the Township and “senior exercise classes” were additionally suggested as an “other” option on a post-it note.
- Live music: Live music also surfaced as recreational programming that the community would like to see more of. At the open house, the Downtown Davisburg station asked participants to identify uses for the old lumber mill lot, and concerts in the park were most frequently selected. In addition, when asked what types of programs and activities the community would like to see in parks, live music was the most popular answer. When asked what types of parks programming/activities they participate in, survey respondents answered “special events” the most.



Parks for an Aging Population

While there are no general standards for parks aimed at the aging population, many communities and other organizations are recognizing the importance of keeping older adults active as well as socially engaged. In addition to ensuring parks are accessible for those of all ages and abilities, equipment and facilities aimed at older adults are being recommended for inclusion in parks and recreation facilities.



Examples of playground equipment for people of all ages

Photo Source: SeniorPlanet.org



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Open House

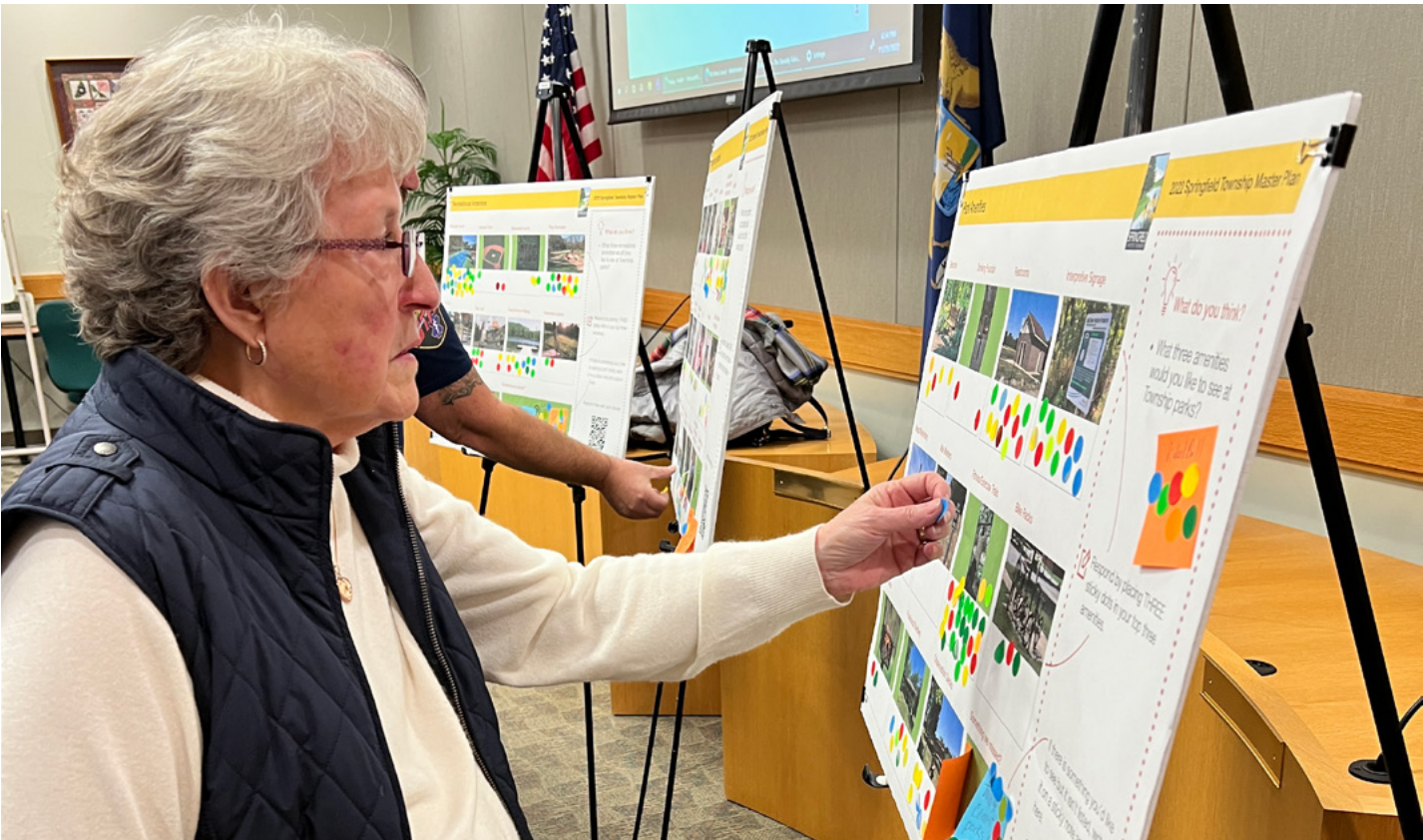
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NONMOTORIZED CONNECTIONS

In addition to having more parks, more non-motorized connections are desired, particularly between neighborhoods and parks. Trails, sidewalks, and bicycle paths were mentioned during the various engagement activities, reflecting the community’s high value on recreational amenities and nature. The PictureThis! results included three images that suggested a riverwalk along the Shiawassee River near Mill Pond Park. At the open house, when respondents were given the opportunity to share comments or show support for other answers, one of the images of a riverwalk received the second highest level of support of the twenty-one images. At the open house, one participant left a comment on the PictureThis! board noting they would like to see more trails connecting parks and township properties.

This sentiment was also echoed at the tables focused on parks and recreation, where participants were asked what amenities they would like to see at Township Parks. The most popular answer was “fitness exercise trails,” with thirty-three stickers. In addition, participants added other answers using post-its, including bike trails and trails to county parks. Even though “trails to county parks” was not provided as an option at the onset of the event, this answer garnered strong support and was voted on as the third most desired amenity.

The survey results shared similar support for non-motorized pathways and trails and cited this as an area of needed improvement for the Township. When asked to select concerns that were viewed as major challenges for respondents, “lack of sidewalks/ bike paths” was the second concern most frequently identified as a major challenge. Further, when asked about satisfaction with parks facilities, respondents indicated the lowest satisfaction with paved pathways, with 22.06% answering that they were “Very Unsatisfied” or “Unsatisfied”.



November 29, 2022 Open House

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Goals, Objectives, & Action Strategies



Goals, Objectives, & Action Strategies

The Action Program

The Action Program is intended to detail the direction that the Township wishes to take over the next five years in order to improve recreation opportunities within the community. This includes the establishment of goals and guidelines to direct recreation operation and policies as well as capital improvements to implement the Master Plan. As discussed previously, Springfield Township is basing recreation improvement and service decisions on recreational trends, national standards, existing facilities, community opinion, and needs identified and observed by the Commission and Board. Demographic trends and the bounds of Township resources and its capacity available for long-term maintenance and operation are also considerations in decision making.

The Park Commission’s mission statement serves to guide their overall progress and direction. Their mission is:

To enhance each resident’s quality of life and leisure by providing programs and facilities while being committed to the preservation of our natural environment.

Goals & Objectives

Goals are statements that describe how the Township views its own future. They are the long-term ideal or end product that is desired. Goals should meet the following guidelines:

- Provide guidance, but not be too detailed;
- Be realistic and achievable; and,
- Inspire people to action

The goals and action strategies are intended to be as significant as the capital improvements schedule and serve to provide further guidance and direction to the Township over the next five years.

WHAT ARE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTION ITEMS?

- **Goals** are general guidelines that explain what the community wants to achieve. Goals are usually long-term and represent global visions such as “protect the Township’s natural resources.” Goals define the “what” but not the “how.”
- **Objectives** identify the milestones that mark progress in achieving goals – more of the “how.” For example, the goal of “protect the Township’s natural resources” could be measured in terms of “Maintain the Township’s tree cover.” Objectives are plan-specific and are included here.
- **Action items** are more specific and define the steps to accomplish objectives and attain the identified goals – these could be considered the “who” and “when.” The most effective action strategies will include who will tackle that task and when it should be accomplished. An example of an action item is to relocate picnic tables and benches to places that are accessible for all park visitors.



Goals and Objectives for Springfield Parks and Recreation

The following goals and objectives are intended to guide decision making for the Township's Parks and Recreation facilities for the next five years. These goals should be continually reviewed and modified as necessary.

Goal 1. Provide a variety of parks and recreation experiences that are desired by the community for passive and active recreation that supports the community values.

- 1.1 Maintain a system of parks and green spaces that meet the needs of the Township, including striving to meet NRPA standards.
- 1.2 Improve non-motorized connections within and between parks and natural areas. Enhance non-motorized connections to improve ADA accessibility when costs and physical characteristics are not prohibitive.
- 1.3 Enhance and utilize existing parks and facilities to include amenities suitable for park visitors with different needs and abilities.
- 1.4 Preserve natural features and open space.
- 1.5 Prioritize the maintenance and conservation of topography and natural features in all development considerations.

2. Develop core recreation services to maximize the Parks and Recreation Department resources and support other service providers in the region by working together to serve people of all ages to enjoy recreation opportunities, both passive and active.

- 2.1 Confirm core recreation services the Park and Recreation Department will be maintaining and developing over the next ten years, i.e. adult fitness and wellness, special events, 50+ adult programs, youth programs, nature and environmental programs, and special interest clubs.
- 2.2 Review and assess policies for the pricing of services, partnership development and earned income development as it applies to recreation programs and services.
- 2.3 Continue the strong volunteer program that helps staff in managing events, programs and parks.
- 2.4 Utilize additional methods for marketing programs to the public and ensuring maximum participation.
- 2.5 Continue to foster relationships with local community groups and organizations to reach shared goals.
- 2.6 Review and assess program standards and performance measures for recreation programs to demonstrate consistency and value on the delivery of services to the community.

3. Prioritize funding streams to create options for the Parks and Recreation Department to access and meet the unmet needs of the community for parks, recreation and facilities for the future.

- 3.1 Review and evaluate financial tools to ensure financial performance and sustainability through cost of service analysis for significant operations of the Department such as maintenance management, an equipment replacement schedule and facility replacement standards.
- 3.2 Continue the capital improvement program for the Township Park System. Prioritize what the community and Commission desires in the most cost-effective manner as possible
- 3.3 Review and evaluate policies to leverage opportunities to increase resources to develop the Parks and Recreation system to its highest capability.

Action Strategies

The following action strategies are proposed as steps that the Township could take to reach the objectives and ultimately the goals outlined previously. These are organized as overall strategies for the parks or park-specific. Some strategies are multi-year efforts that will require time and coordination while others are park improvements that will require large monetary investment. These action strategies are prioritized as either high, medium, or low, and potential funding opportunities were identified to assist in having the resources necessary to carry out the action strategy. It is envisioned that these action strategies will be reviewed on a regular basis and be utilized during the regular decision making process.

Table 6. Action Strategies

Action Strategy	Priority	Funding Opportunities
1. Maintain and Upgrade Existing Park Facilities		
A. Maintain safety surface under play structures utilizing engineered wood fiber (EWF) to regulated depth and fall zones.	High	LF, G, D
B. Maintain buildings, bridges, and other structures as needed with roof repair, exterior painting, and other to ensure they remain in good operating condition.	High	G, D
C. Strive to upgrade park equipment, pathways, and amenities to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards where appropriate and feasible.	Medium	LF, G, D
D. Assess the need for park furnishings, such as benches, trash receptacles, and others at each facility; maintain an inventory of the condition and replacement timeline for all existing furnishings. Replace/add park furnishings as needed.	Medium	LF
2. Improve Shiawassee Basin South		
A. Connect north and south sections of Shiawassee Basin from the Township Civic Center to the Hartman Property.	High	LF, G
B. Improve existing trail surfaces as needed. Continue to construct trails using crushed limestone to provide slip-free and stable surface and with a minimum width of 6'.	Medium	LF
C. Provide handicapped accessible parking pads near trail entrance near pathway to ballfields.	Medium	LF, G, D
D. Ensure benches are located in areas that are accessible to residents with different needs/abilities.	Low	LF, D
3. Improve Shiawassee Basin North		
A. Improve Trail Signage, including wayfinding and trail marker system with mileages and trail difficulty destinations.	Medium	LF, G, D
B. Relocate picnic tables and benches to places that are accessible for all park visitors.	Medium	LF
C. Provide one handicapped accessible parking pad near trail entrance at each parking lot.	Low	LF, G, D
D. Improve trail to Davis Lake Overlook and selected additional trails to improve accessibility, regrading where feasible. Consider incorporating materials and designs that improve accessibility or are ADA compliant where feasible.	Low	LF, G, D

LF = Local Funds, G = Grants, D = Donation



Action Strategy	Priority	Funding Opportunities
4. Improve River Run Preserve		
A. Continue to develop trail system that strives to incorporate ADA compliant materials and designs when feasible	Medium	LF, G, D
B. Improve trail signage, including wayfinding and trail marker system with mileages and trail difficulty designations.	Medium	LF, G, D
C. Provide one handicapped accessible parking pad near trail entrance.	Low	LF
D. Construct a picnic pavilion near parking lot on south side of preserve.	Low	LF, G, D
5. Improve Mill Pond Park		
A. Upgrade pathways between park amenities to improve accessibility. Strive to incorporate ADA compliant materials and designs when feasible.	High	LF
B. Relocate benches to locations accessible to all park visitors.	High	LF
C. Evaluate opportunities for the addition of Pickleball Courts, additional swing sets, and playscape.	High	LF, G, D
D. Evaluate opportunities for improvement of Hart Community Center.	High	LF, G, D
6. Improve Shultz Park		
A. Provide the required handicapped accessible parking pads near ballfields and pavilion.	Low	LF
B. Relocate picnic tables and benches to locations accessible to all park visitors.	Low	LF
C. Construct wetland overlook with educational signage on South Side of Park.	Low	LF, G, D
7. Improve Green Lake Park		
A. Construct pathway from northwest side of park to playground and basketball court	Low	LF, G, D
8. Develop Trail Network		
A. Create a non-motorized trail or pathway between Mill Pond Park and Downtown Davisburg.	High	LF, G
B. Work with the Board of Trustees to establish a trail network connecting schools, businesses, residential neighborhoods, and recreation properties. Utilize Pathways Planning Map developed in April of 2018 for planning purposes.	Medium	LF, G
9. Continue Collaboration and Partnership		
A. Continue coordination and involvement with other area recreation providers and community groups.	High	LF
B. Continue to develop conservation easements with land conservancy organizations or other similar partners to preserve key wetland parcels in perpetuity and assist with stewardship efforts.	Low	LF
10. Provide for the Efficient Administration of Parks		
A. Maintain appropriately sized and skilled parks and recreation department staff.	High	LF, G, D
B. Retain qualified service firms as needed to ensure park amenities are safely and expertly maintained.	High	LF, G, D
C. Pursue state, federal, and other grants for park development and programming.	High	LF
D. Continue to encourage and work with volunteer groups and partner organizations when possible.	Medium	LF

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Possible Funding Sources

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides only a limited amount of funds for park development and improvements. The amount is well short of the expenses involved in completing all of the actions outlined above. The following pages describe possible funding sources that may be available for various recreation-related projects. Funding sources change on a continual basis and therefore consistent time and resources are needed to ensure complete awareness of opportunities.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (MDOT)

Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities are federally funded, community-based projects that expand the intermodal transportation system and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the 12 TE activities and relate to surface transportation. Activities that relate to the implementation of this Master Plan include:

FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

Includes new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, bus racks, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses.

- Paved shoulders four or more feet wide
- Curb lane width greater than 12 feet
- Bike lanes
- Pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks
- Shared use paths 10 feet wide or greater
- Path/trail user amenities
- Grade separations
- Bicycle parking facilities
- Bicycle accommodations on public transportation
- Streetscape improvements

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Projects that enhance National Register listed historic districts, locally designated districts, or National Heritage Areas. Preservation of original properties and promotion of cultural tourism.

ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

Water quality projects that have positive effects on watersheds and water bodies and drafting of watershed management plans.

A minimum 20% local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

The MNRTF provides funding for both the purchase of land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty and the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation use. Goals of the program are to: 1) protect Michigan's natural resources and provide for their access, public use, and enjoyment; 2) provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes, and facilitate their recreation use; 3) meet regional, county, and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities; 4) improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in Michigan's urban areas; and, 5) stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation-related tourism and community revitalization.



Any individual, group, organization, or unit of government may submit a land acquisition proposal. However, only state and local units of government can submit development proposals. All proposals for grants must include a local match of at least 25% of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$500,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of outdoor recreation facilities. Minimum grant requests were \$30,000 and maximum grant requests were \$300,000. The match percentage must be 50% of the total project cost. Applications are due April 1st.

RECREATION PASSPORT GRANTS

The Recreation Passport program is to provide funding to local units of government for the development of public recreation facilities. These funds may be for new facilities or rehabilitation of older facilities. A 25 percent local match is required, and grants range from \$7,500 to \$150,000. Applications are due April 1st.

PEOPLE FOR BIKES

The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories:

- Facility
- Education
- Capacity Building

Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and transit, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. More information can be found at <https://peopleforbikes.org>.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM/ RECREATION IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund is administered by the MDNR for trails on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. The DNR division must always be the applicant but can be developed as a joint application with a local unit of government. Applications are typically due in June of each year. Additional information can be found on the MDNR-Grants website.

THE DETROIT EDISON TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The Detroit Edison Tree Planting Program began as DTE joined the US Department of Energy's voluntary Climate Challenge Program to address greenhouse gas emissions. Cost-share funds are available to municipalities in the Detroit Edison service area on a competitive basis for tree planting projects. A total of up to \$4,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50% local match. Applications are typically due in February.

ACCESS TO RECREATION

Access to Recreation focuses on creating universal access of people of all abilities to a wide variety of recreation opportunities. There are two primary grant programs under this source of funding:

RECREATION ACCESS MATCHING GRANT

This grant provides up to 50% matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities.

ACCESSIBLE BY DESIGN AWARDS

This award is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with a 25% minimum match.

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Mill Pond Park Conceptual Masterplan



Mill Pond Dam Removal and Restoration







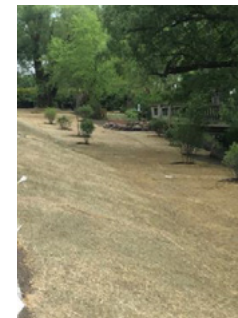
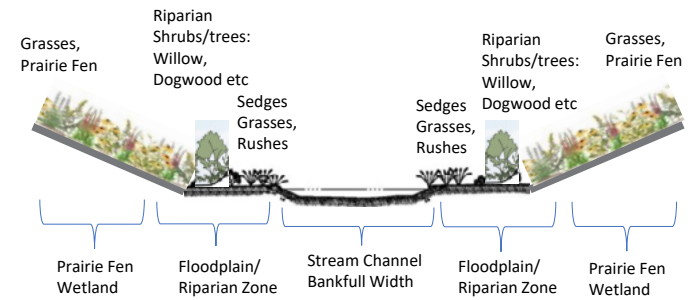
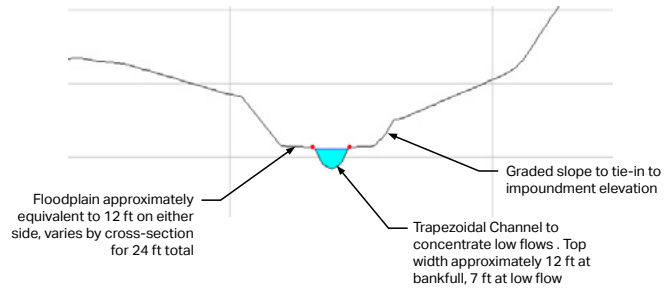
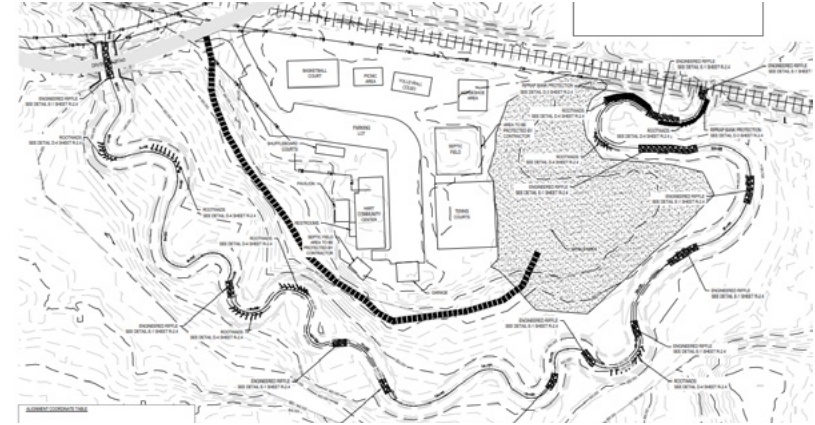
Mill Pond Park Conceptual Birdseye



Mill Pond Dam Removal and Restoration



Proposed Channel Configuration



Channel Restoration Examples

Mill Pond Dam Removal and Restoration



Pre-Cast Open-Bottom Crossing Examples



Brick formliner patterns could be used for the face of the culvert wing walls

Brick Formliner Patterns



Walkway/trail will be incorporated through the culvert alongside the stream

Open-Bottom Culvert Examples

Mill Pond Dam Removal and Restoration



Conceptual View From Davisburg Road



Mill Pond Dam Removal and Restoration



Conceptual View of Stream Culvert and Trail Crossing



Mill Pond Dam Removal and Restoration



Appendix B: List of Acronyms

ACS

American Community Survey

GLWA

Great Lakes Water Authority

HCMA

Huron Clinton Metropark Authority

OCPRC

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission

RCOC

Road Commission for Oakland County

SEMCOG

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

Appendix C: Open House Promotional Flyer/Agenda

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Springfield Township Master Plan

Help plan for Springfield Township's future

Housing • Transportation • Senior Services • Natural Resources
Parks and Recreation • Economic Development • Community Identity

Your Input is Needed!

Picture This:

Submit photos of the things you love or want to see here in Springfield Township.



Survey:

Answer a 15-20 minute survey to share your aspirations for Springfield's future





More Information:
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Supervisor's Assistant
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Appendix D: Notice of Availability of Draft Plan for the Review Period and Public Hearing



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12000 DAVISBURG ROAD**

**DAVISBURG, MI 48350
Attention: Michelle Cox**

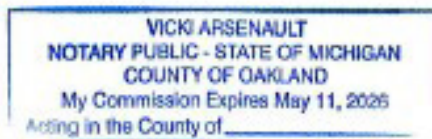
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Springfield Township Park Commission is seeking public input regarding the Springfield Township 2024/2028 Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the parks and recreation master planning process. The public review process will commence on July 27 and a hearing for adoption of the Plan will be held following completion of the 30-day review period on September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Offices located at 12000 Davisburg Road, Springfield, MI 48350.

A hard copy of the draft master plan is available for review at the following locations:

Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

The draft plan is also available online on the Township's website at MasterPlan.springfield-twp.us.

For questions or comments, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 645-6558.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 645-6558 (voice) at least one day in advance to request to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Appendix E: Meeting Minutes from Hearing and Adoption at Public Meeting



Springfield Township Park & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairperson Bower at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Roger Bower

Anne Loncar

Dennis Omell

Rich Parke

Staff Present:

Sarah Richmond

Commissioners Absent:

Diane Baker with notification

Angela Spicer with notification

Jean Vallad with notification

IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL

Director Richmond requested to add "August Budget Reports" as item G under the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Parke moved to approve agenda revised. Supported by Chairperson Bower. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, and Parke; No: None; Absent: Baker, Spicer, and Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2023 with Additional Disbursements of \$4,823.58 for the Parks & Recreation Fund and \$1,100.00 for Trust & Agency
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for August
- C. Receipt of Financial Summaries
- D. Receipt of Progress Report for August
- E. Receipt of Natural Resource Manager August Monthly Report
- F. Receipt of September & October 2023 Young At Heart Newsletter
- G. Receipt of August Budget Reports

Receipt of Communications

Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, 12000 Davisburg RD, Davisburg, MI 48350
248-846-6558 *Fax:248-846-6557*parkandrec@springfield-twp.us *www.springfield-twp.us

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INVENTORY



NEEDS ANALYSIS



GOALS & ACTION
STRATEGIES



APPENDIX

Commissioner Omell moved to accept the consent agenda as revised. Supported by Commissioner Loncar. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, and Parke; No: None; Absent: Baker, Spicer, and Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING- Hearing for the Commission to receive comments and suggestions on the proposed 2024-2029 Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Chairperson Bower explained that the public hearing this evening was to hear any public comment on the proposed 2024-2029 Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Chairperson Bower formally opened the public hearing for the proposed 2024-2029 Springfield Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan at 6:38 pm.

Chairperson Bower hearing no comments from the public closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm.

VIII. Director's Update

Director Richmond stated that evening that she wanted to inform the Park Commission that the Shiawassee Basin Preserve multipurpose building had to be closed due to needing to be rechlorinated due to the water testing coming back with positive for E. coli bacteria in one of the restroom sinks and coliforms bacteria in another sink. The well will be rechlorinated by the well contractor and a representative from the Oakland County Health Department will be coming out on Wednesday to inspect the well head and the faucets, etc. Once there are two clean tests, negative for both, then the restrooms will be reopened.

Director Richmond wanted to also bring a question to the Commission upon the request of a staff member. On Thursday, September 14th Director Richmond is scheduled to work a half day as she had previously already put in for a half day of PTO, Recreation Supervisor VanGilder is scheduled to work her normal Thursday senior schedule of 7 am to 3 pm. The other office staff member is scheduled to work until 5 pm on Thursday, however she is inquiring if it would be possible for her to close the office a half hour early in order for her to leave to go to a personal function. She is aware that if the Commission does not approve closing early then she will be responsible for covering the office until 5pm.

Commissioner Parke inquired if the Parks and Recreation office hours are posted until 5 pm.

Director Richmond stated that the Parks office hours, being open until 5 pm, are posted on the website, on their door, in the brochure, on the cable channel and the Facebook page.

Commissioner Parke said that unfortunately in this particular scenario it is unfortunate that there is no one else available to cover the office but it seems that other had their requests in prior to her and the policy is not to close unless it is an emergency situation, an Parks and Recreation sponsored event or staff training.

Commissioners discussed the current policy and this request.

The Commission stated that unfortunately based on the policy they will not be able to honor her request to close the office early on September 14th.

Chairperson Bower asked if Director Richmond had any updates on the removal of the dam and placement of the culvert in downtown Davisburg at Davisburg Mill Pond.

Director Richmond gave brief update that the draw down of the pond is continuing and that there is a possibility that the road closure for the removal of the dam could happen prior to October 16th. Director Richmond stated that all updates on the project are on the Township website under the "Our Community" heading Mill Pond Dam. She encouraged everyone to check this page for the most recent updates on this ongoing project.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Second Draft of 2024 Parks & Recreation Budget

Director Richmond presented the 2nd draft of the 2024 budget. The differences between the first draft and the second draft include the following:

1. Increased Pickleball revenue by \$1,000
2. Increased Community Programs revenue by \$1,350
3. For the expenditures the Supplies & Equipment Cost Center was increased by \$5,400 which includes funds for a new weed whip, half of the anticipated cost for the limestone pathway that leads to the Hartman property from the existing limestone trail by the Civic Center. Director Richmond also increased the funds for athletic meal and added replacement of 4 tables for the Hart Community Center.
4. The Administration Personnel Cost Center was increased by \$2,000 for the Mpark conference.
5. Increased Facilities Operational Supplies Cost Center by \$1,000 to accommodate both the workers compensation and the fire and casualty insurance lines.

Director Richmond stated that the Commission this evening needs to decide what percentage of a wage increase they would like to have budgeted for in the 2024 budget. Director Richmond stated that she believes that the Township is anticipating budgeting three percent for their wage increases.

Based on the five percent wage increase numbers our expenditures total is \$860,900 and our revenue is \$802,750. This would have us utilizing \$58,150.00 of our prior year fund.

Director Richmond also wanted to remind the Park Commission that the Township Board will be holding their budget workshop on Wednesday, September 27th at 6 pm and the Parks Fund Budget will be the first budget discussed that evening.

The Commission discussed which wage increase amount they would like to see in the budget. The Commission stated that if they budgeted for a five percent wage increase it does not guarantee that is the amount that will be given as the increase when wage increases are set in January of 2024.

Commissioner Loncar moved to approve the second draft of the 2024 budget using five percent wage increase amounts as presented in Director Richmond's memo dated September 8, 2023. Supported by Commissioner Omell. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, and Parke; No: None; Absent: Baker, Spicer, and Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of 2024-2029 Parks & Recreation Master Plan & Resolution for Master Plan

Director Richmond stated that this evening the Commission was here to discuss any public comment on the proposed master plan. If there are no comments, then she is requesting that the Park Commission table the matter of approving the resolution to adopt the 2024-2029 Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the regularly scheduled October meeting of the Park Commission. This will allow the Township Board an opportunity to provide us with feedback on the plan, which they have until September 28th to do so.

Commissioner Parke moved to table the discussion of the 2024-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Resolution Adopting the Master Plan to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Supported by Commissioner Loncar. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, and Parke; No: None; Absent: Baker, Spicer, and Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

B. Discussion of Five-Year Plans

Director Richmond reviewed the five-year plans that were included in the Park Commission packets. These plans are for each park, equipment and general items that apply to all parks. Director Richmond stated that the Commission will notice that in the Mill Pond Park five-year plan that they are some very large ticket items in 2025 and she did that to showcase items that they are trying and will continue to try and get grants for. If they are not awarded the grant funding those items will have to be moved in the plan as they continue to seek grant funding for those items.

The Commission discussed the items that were highlighted in the plans and reiterated that these are just plans that fluctuate as needs change.

Commissioner Parke moved to approve the five-year plans as outlined in the memo dated September 8, 2023. Supported by Chairperson Bower. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, and Parke; No: None; Absent: Baker, Spicer, and Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

C. Discussion of Doors for Mill Pond Park Outdoor Restrooms

Director Richmond stated per her memo that she is seeking approval this evening to award the replacement of the two outdoor restroom doors and frames at the Mill Pond Park to L&R Construction at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. These doors could be replaced while the front doors of the Hart Community Center are being replaced.

Commissioner Omell moved to award the replacement of the two outdoor restroom doors and frames at the Mill Pond Park to L&R Construction at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Supported by Commissioner Loncar. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, and Parke; No: None; Absent: Baker, Spicer, and Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

XI. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Bills List

Commissioner Omell moved to approve the September bills list totaling \$19,305.34 and Trust in Agency totaling \$275.00. Supported by Chairperson Bower. Vote on the

motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, and Parke; No: None; Absent: Baker, Spicer, and Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

XIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Chairperson Bower commented on how much he liked the new trail maps.

Director Richmond stated that Pete Moreau of Moreau Creative donated his services to create the new trail map and brochure for us and they look fabulous.

Commissioner Omell stated that he thought that the new Fall and Winter brochure looks very nice.

Commissioner Loncar told Director Richmond good job on the 2024 budget and the five-year plans.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chairman Bower moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:18 pm.

Appendix F: Transmittal Letters to Oakland County and SEMCOG



December 13, 2023

Oakland County Parks and Recreation
1200 N. Telegraph Road
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

SUBJECT: *Springfield Township Recreation Plan*

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Springfield Township, we are hereby transmitting a copy of the recently adopted Springfield Township Recreation Plan (2024-2028) for your records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Osborn".

Stephanie Osborn
Associate Planner
Giffels Webster



December 13, 2023

SEMCOG
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400
Detroit, MI 48226

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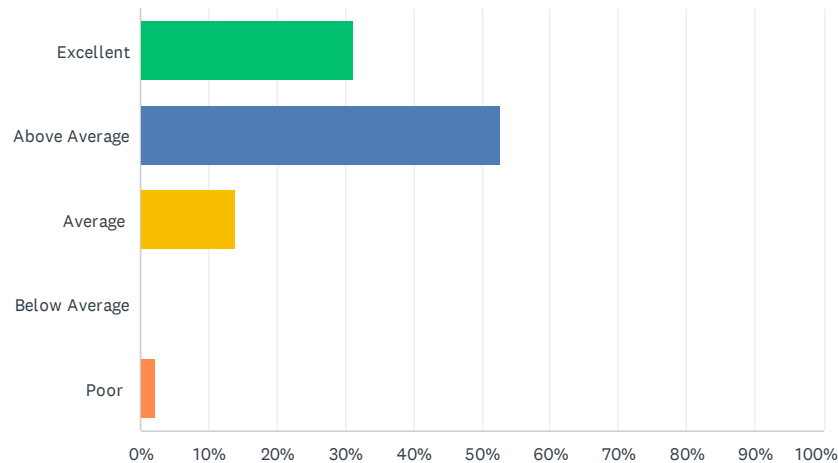
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Appendix G: Survey Results

Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

Q1 The overall quality-of-life in SpringfieldTownship is:

Answered: 237 Skipped: 13

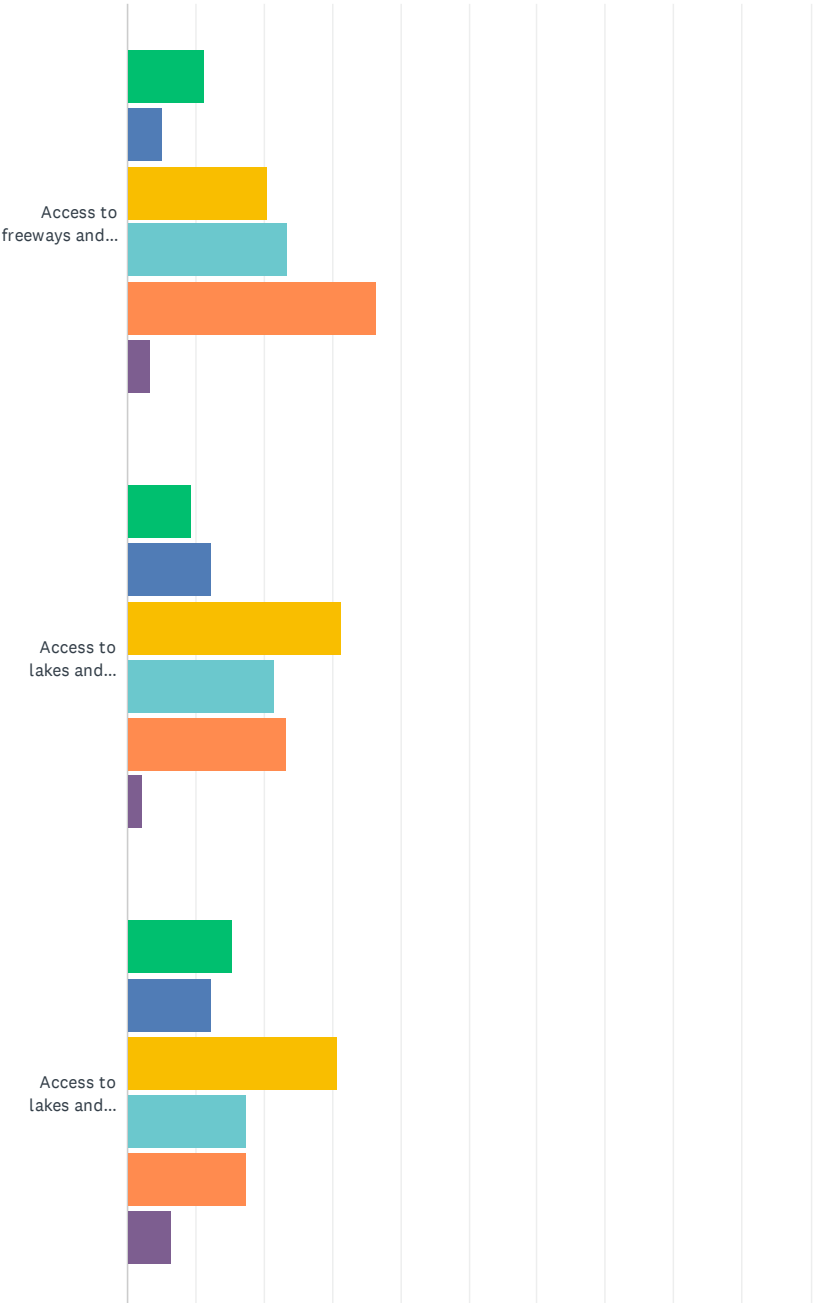


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	31.22%	74
Above Average	52.74%	125
Average	13.92%	33
Below Average	0.00%	0
Poor	2.11%	5
TOTAL		237

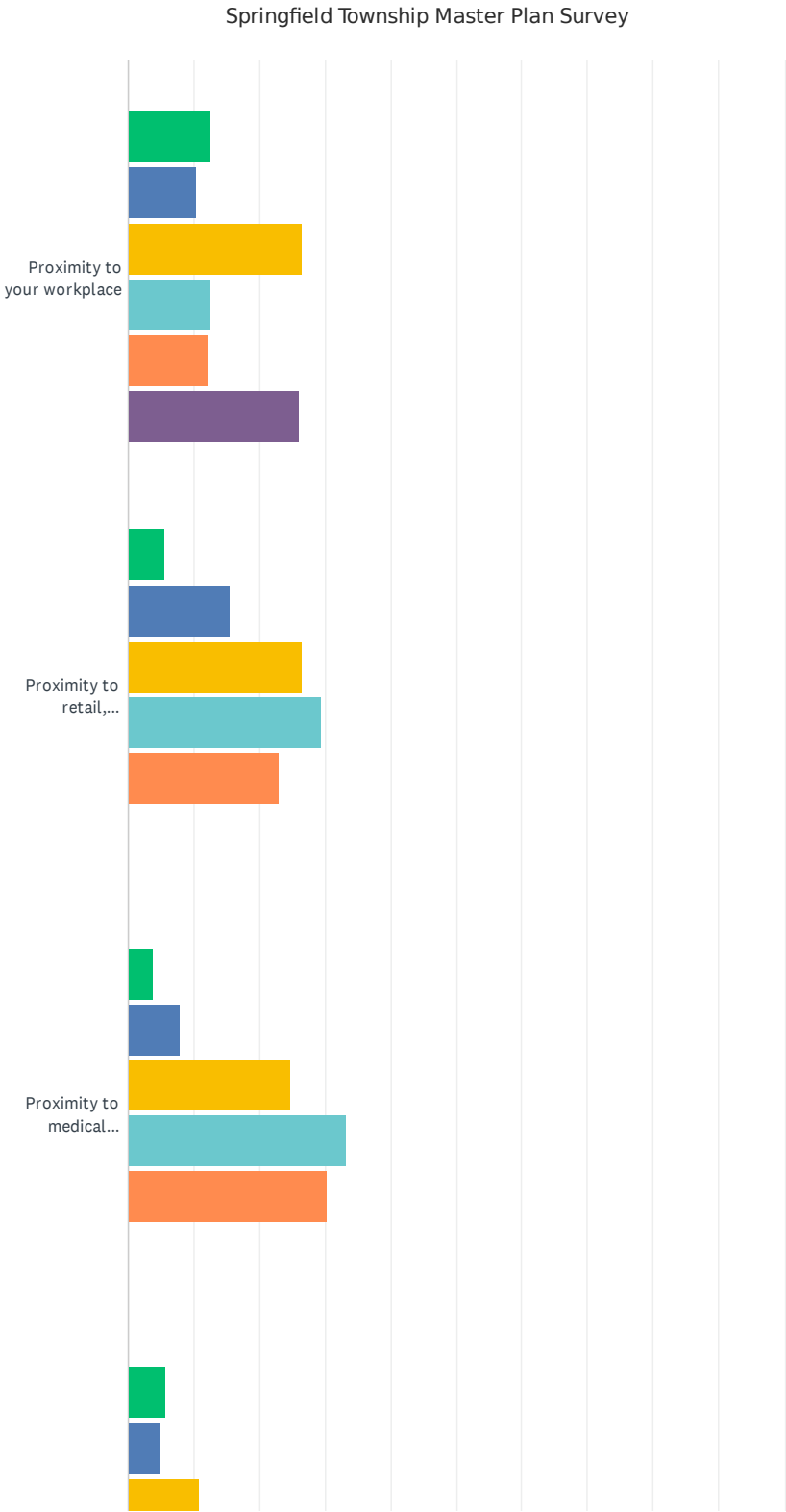
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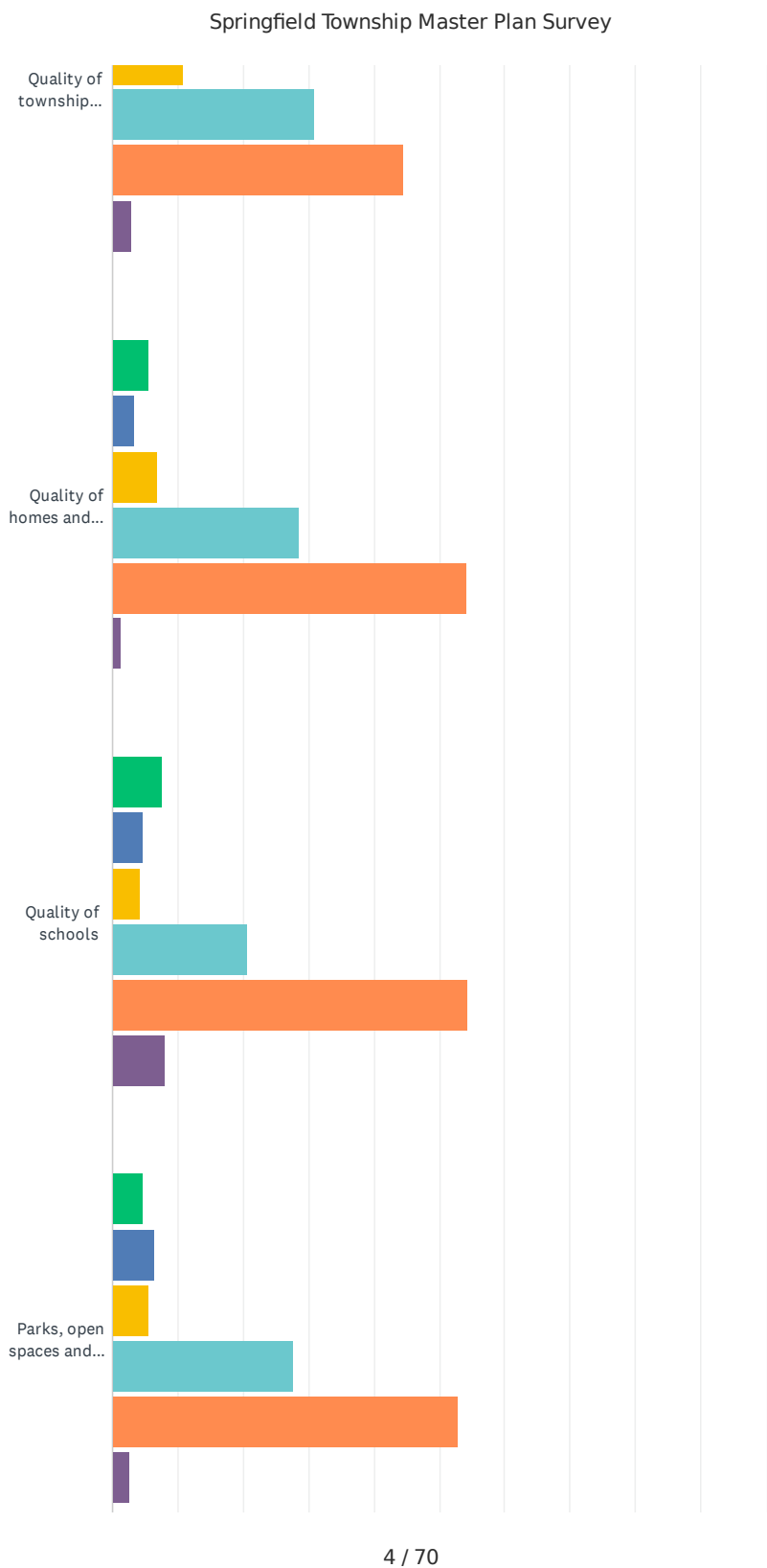
Q2 Indicate how important each of the following is to you on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being "Very Unimportant" and 5 being "Very Important":

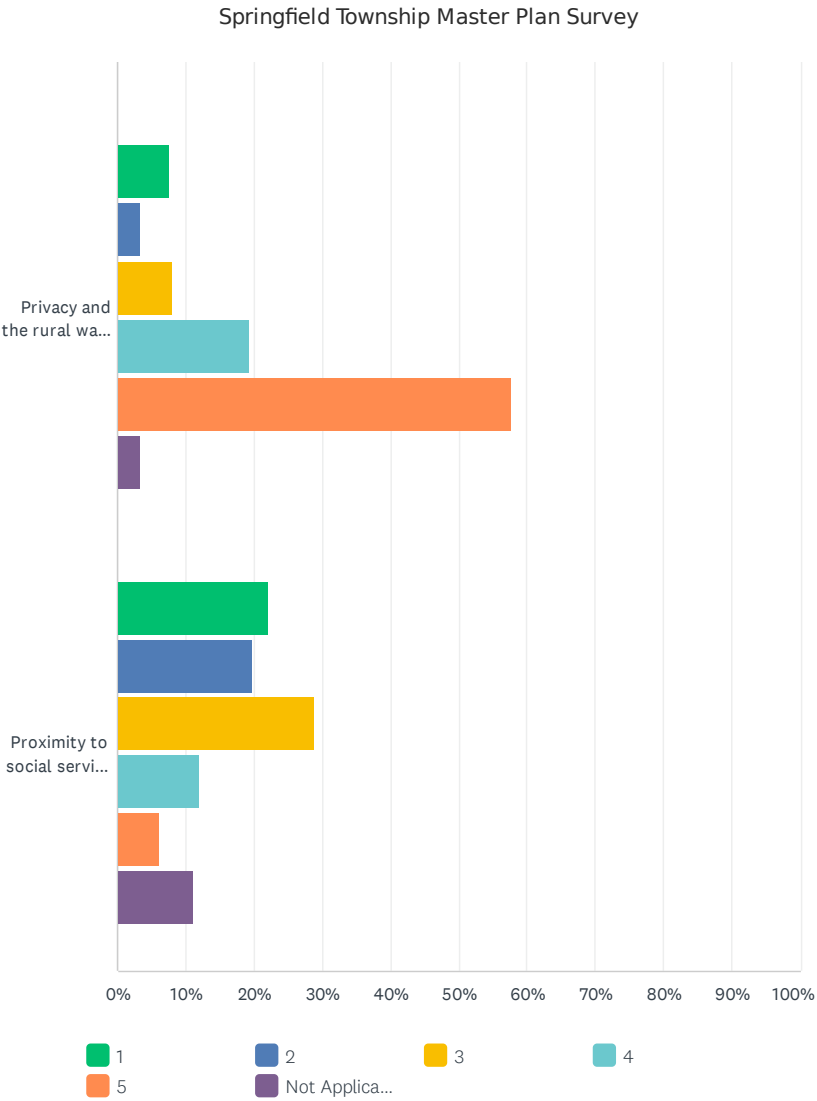
Answered: 240 Skipped: 10



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Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

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Access to freeways and major roads such as Dixie Highway and I-75	11.30% 27	5.02% 12	20.50% 49	23.43% 56	36.40% 87	3.35% 8	239
Access to lakes and waterways without a boat	9.44% 22	12.45% 29	31.33% 73	21.46% 50	23.18% 54	2.15% 5	233
Access to lakes and waterways for boating	15.38% 36	12.39% 29	30.77% 72	17.52% 41	17.52% 41	6.41% 15	234
Proximity to your workplace	12.55% 29	10.39% 24	26.41% 61	12.55% 29	12.12% 28	25.97% 60	231
Proximity to retail, restaurants, and/ or consumer amenities	5.63% 13	15.58% 36	26.41% 61	29.44% 68	22.94% 53	0.00% 0	231
Proximity to medical services	3.90% 9	7.79% 18	24.68% 57	33.33% 77	30.30% 70	0.00% 0	231
Quality of township services	5.68% 13	4.80% 11	10.92% 25	31.00% 71	44.54% 102	3.06% 7	229
Quality of homes and neighborhoods	5.63% 13	3.46% 8	6.93% 16	28.57% 66	54.11% 125	1.30% 3	231
Quality of schools	7.76% 18	4.74% 11	4.31% 10	20.69% 48	54.31% 126	8.19% 19	232
Parks, open spaces and recreational activities	4.76% 11	6.49% 15	5.63% 13	27.71% 64	52.81% 122	2.60% 6	231
Privacy and the rural way of living	7.76% 18	3.45% 8	8.19% 19	19.40% 45	57.76% 134	3.45% 8	232
Proximity to social service offices (food and housing assistance, disability advocates, etc.)	22.12% 50	19.91% 45	28.76% 65	11.95% 27	6.19% 14	11.06% 25	226



Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

Q3 List three things you like most about Springfield Township:

Answered: 218 Skipped: 32

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1)	99.54%	217
2)	96.79%	211
3)	92.20%	201

Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

Q4 List three things you would improve in Springfield Township:

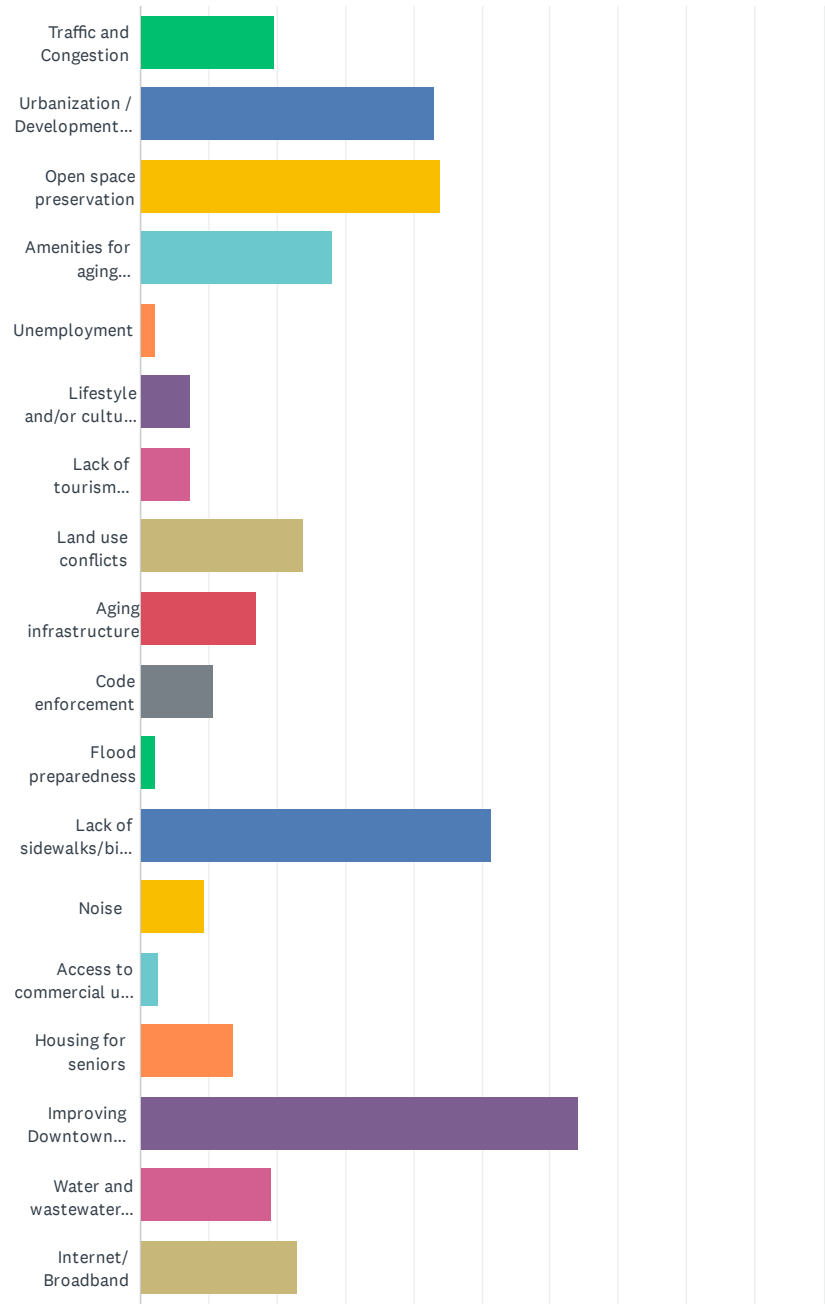
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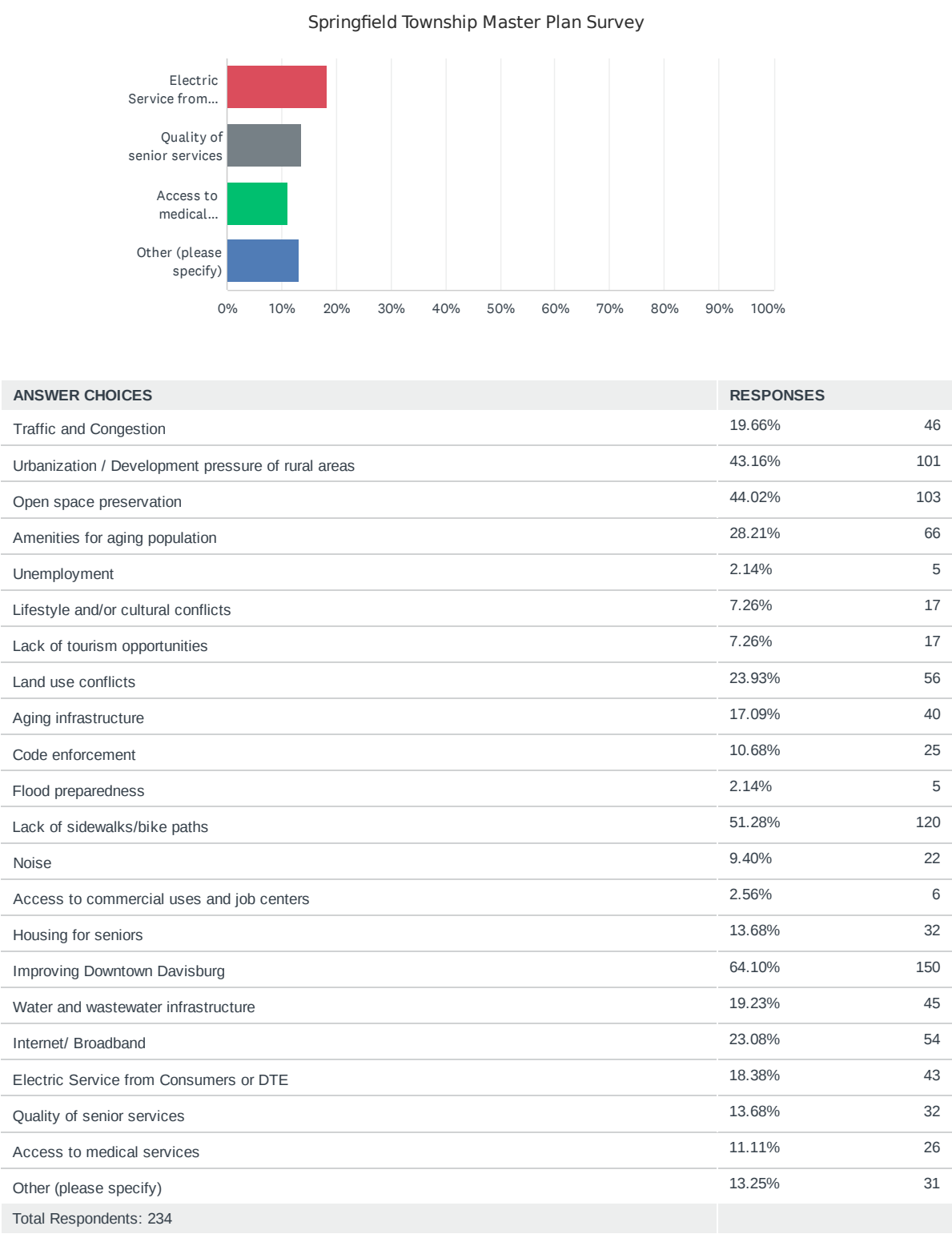
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1)	100.00%	211
2)	86.26%	182
3)	71.09%	150

Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

Q5 What are the major challenges facing Springfield Township? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 234 Skipped: 16

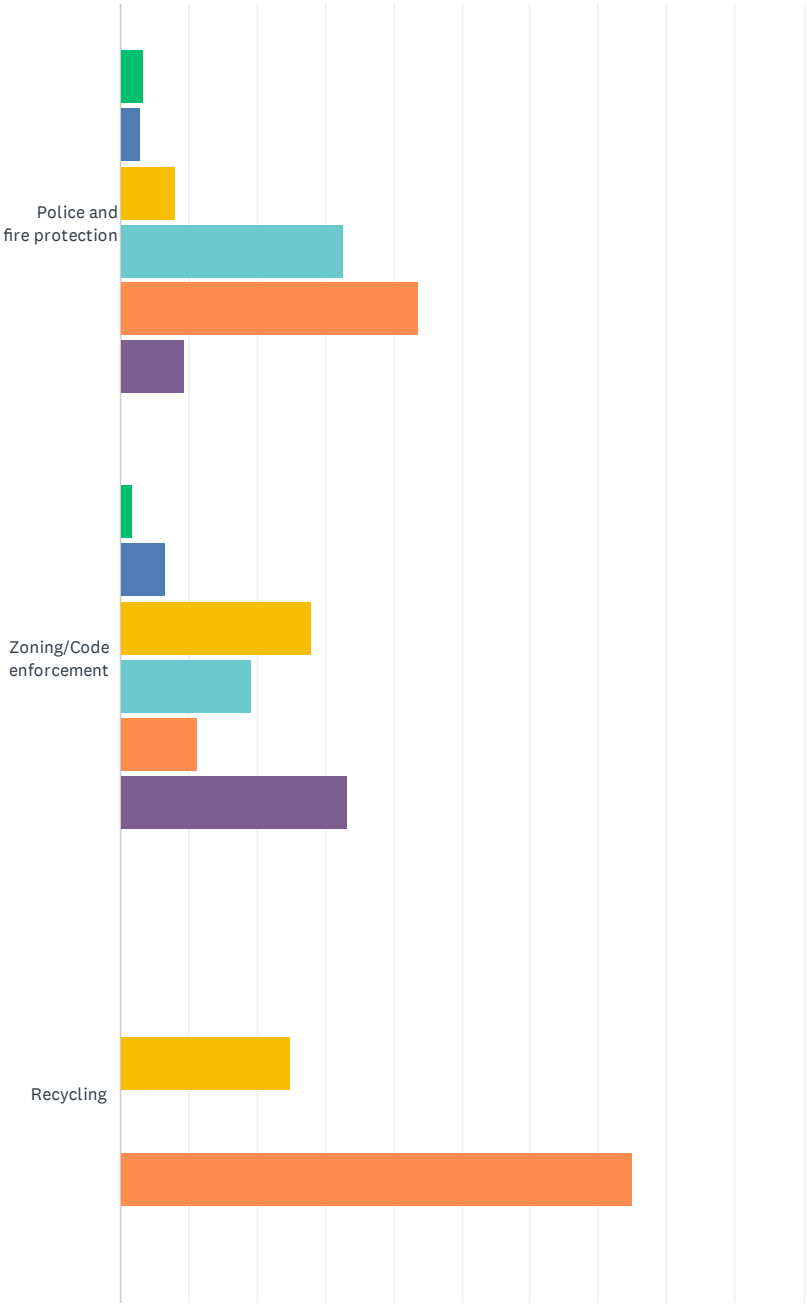


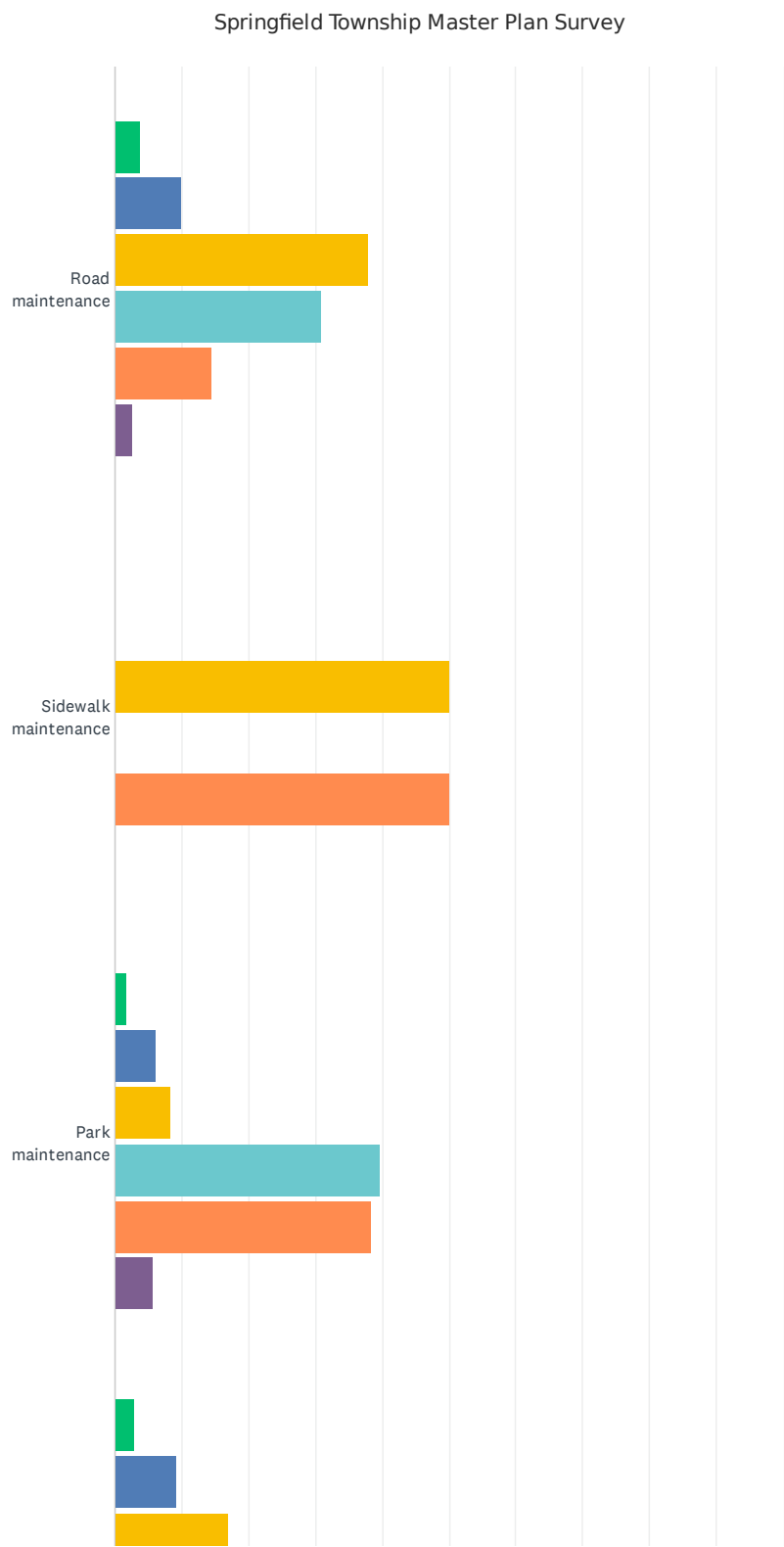


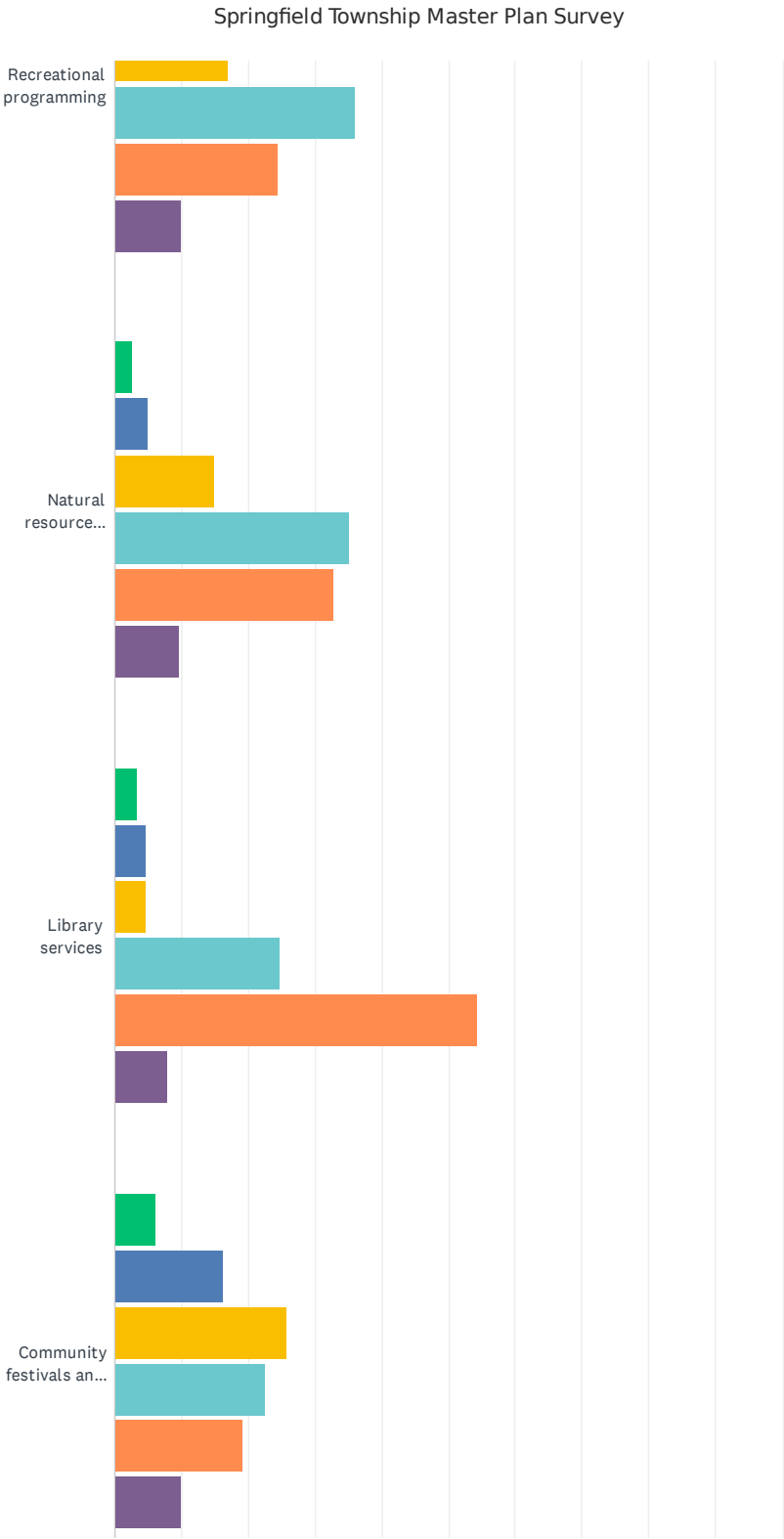
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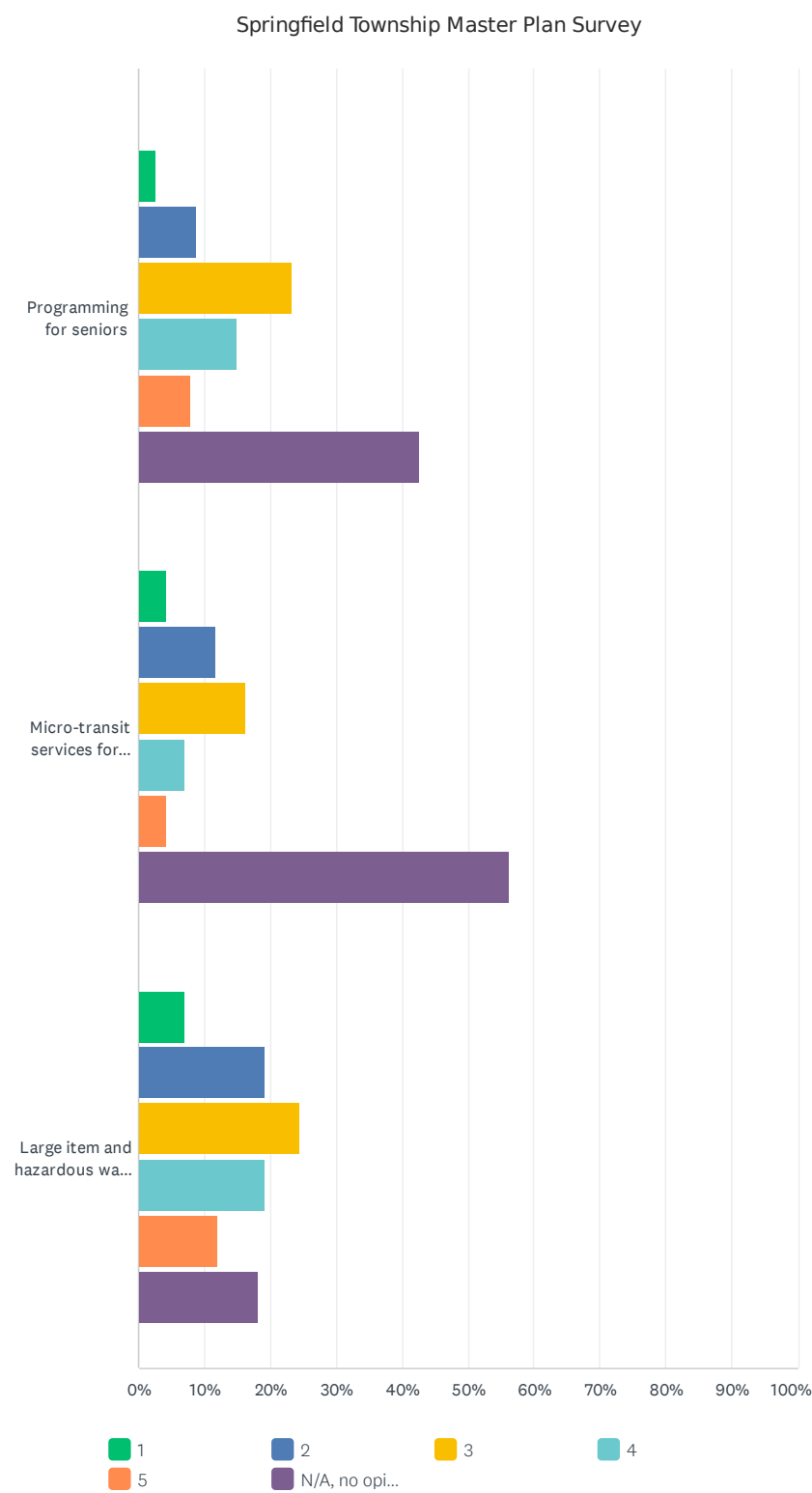
Q6 Rate each of the following services from 1 to 5 with 1 being "Very Poor" and 5 being "Excellent".

Answered: 237 Skipped: 13









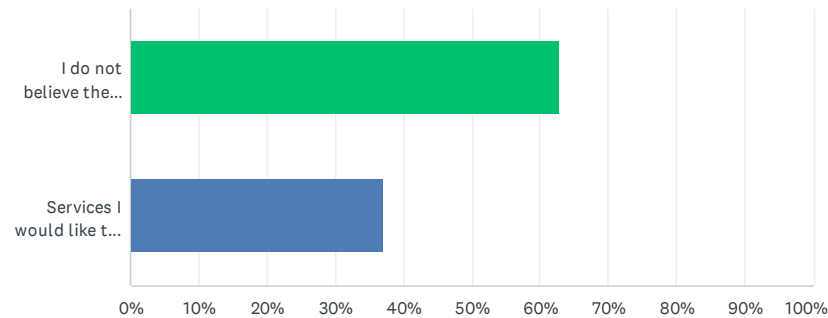
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Police and fire protection	3.39% 8	2.97% 7	8.05% 19	32.63% 77	43.64% 103	9.32% 22	236
Zoning/Code enforcement	1.75% 4	6.55% 15	27.95% 64	19.21% 44	11.35% 26	33.19% 76	229
Recycling	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	75.00% 3	0.00% 0	4
Road maintenance	3.93% 9	10.04% 23	37.99% 87	31.00% 71	14.41% 33	2.62% 6	229
Sidewalk maintenance	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	4
Park maintenance	1.75% 4	6.11% 14	8.30% 19	39.74% 91	38.43% 88	5.68% 13	229
Recreational programming	3.07% 7	9.21% 21	17.11% 39	35.96% 82	24.56% 56	10.09% 23	228
Natural resource protection	2.63% 6	4.82% 11	14.91% 34	35.09% 80	32.89% 75	9.65% 22	228
Library services	3.48% 8	4.78% 11	4.78% 11	24.78% 57	54.35% 125	7.83% 18	230
Community festivals and events	6.11% 14	16.16% 37	25.76% 59	22.71% 52	19.21% 44	10.04% 23	229
Programming for seniors	2.63% 6	8.77% 20	23.25% 53	14.91% 34	7.89% 18	42.54% 97	228
Micro-transit services for those with greater mobility needs	4.37% 10	11.79% 27	16.16% 37	6.99% 16	4.37% 10	56.33% 129	229
Large item and hazardous waste disposal	7.11% 16	19.11% 43	24.44% 55	19.11% 43	12.00% 27	18.22% 41	225

Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

Q7 Are there any other services you would like to see offered in the township that are currently not provided by existing businesses?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 40

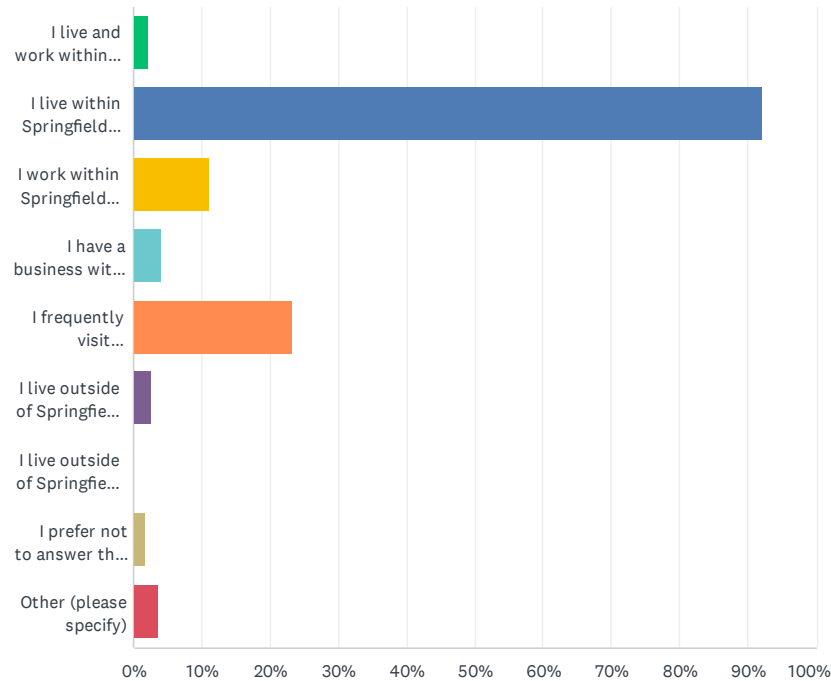


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not believe the township is missing any services	62.86%	132
Services I would like to see:	37.14%	78
Total Respondents: 210		

Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

Q8 What is your connection to Springfield Township? (select all that apply)

Answered: 242 Skipped: 8

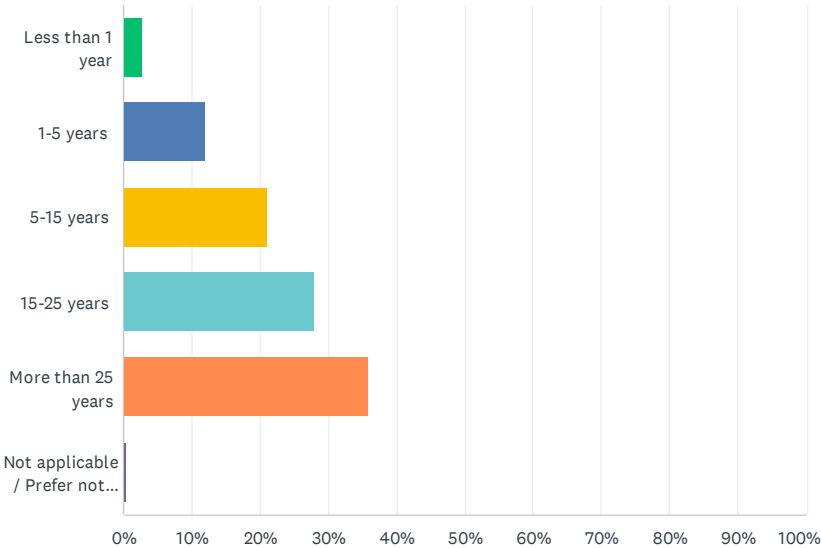


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live and work within Springfield Township	2.07%	5
I live within Springfield Township	92.15%	223
I work within Springfield Township	11.16%	27
I have a business within Springfield Township	4.13%	10
I frequently visit businesses, friends, family, etc., within Springfield Township	23.14%	56
I live outside of Springfield Township but within Oakland County	2.48%	6
I live outside of Springfield Township but within Macomb County	0.00%	0
I prefer not to answer this question	1.65%	4
Other (please specify)	3.72%	9
Total Respondents: 242		

Springfield Township Master Plan Survey

Q9 Please indicate how long you have lived in Springfield Township:

Answered: 218 Skipped: 32

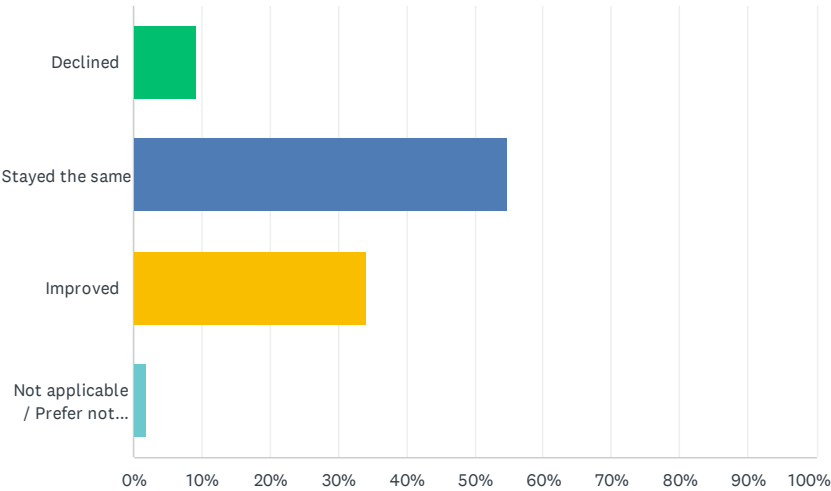


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	2.75%	6
1-5 years	11.93%	26
5-15 years	21.10%	46
15-25 years	27.98%	61
More than 25 years	35.78%	78
Not applicable / Prefer not to answer	0.46%	1
TOTAL		218

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Q10 Since you have been living in Springfield Township, the quality-of-life in the township has:

Answered: 217 Skipped: 33

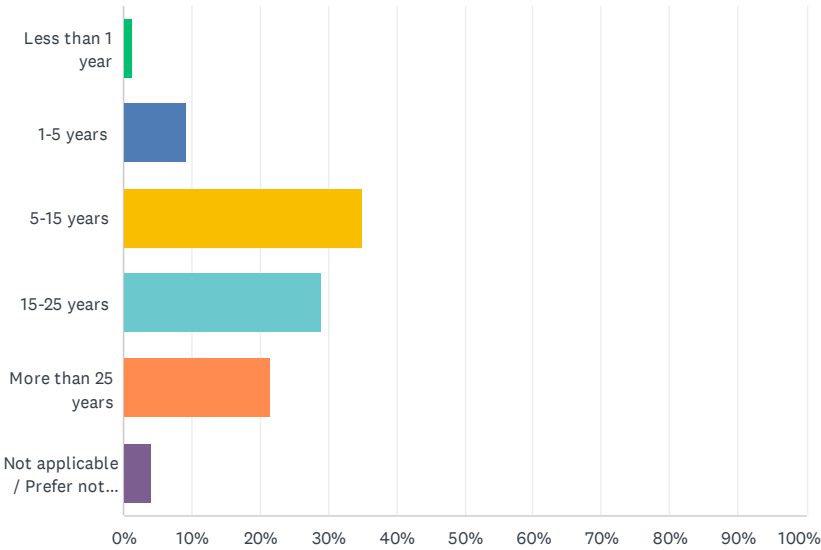


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Declined	9.22%	20
Stayed the same	54.84%	119
Improved	34.10%	74
Not applicable / Prefer not to answer	1.84%	4
TOTAL		217

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Q11 Please indicate how much longer you are planning to live in Springfield Township:

Answered: 218 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	1.38%	3
1-5 years	9.17%	20
5-15 years	34.86%	76
15-25 years	28.90%	63
More than 25 years	21.56%	47
Not applicable / Prefer not to answer	4.13%	9
TOTAL		218

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Q12 Based on your response to the previous question, why do you plan to leave or stay in Springfield Township?

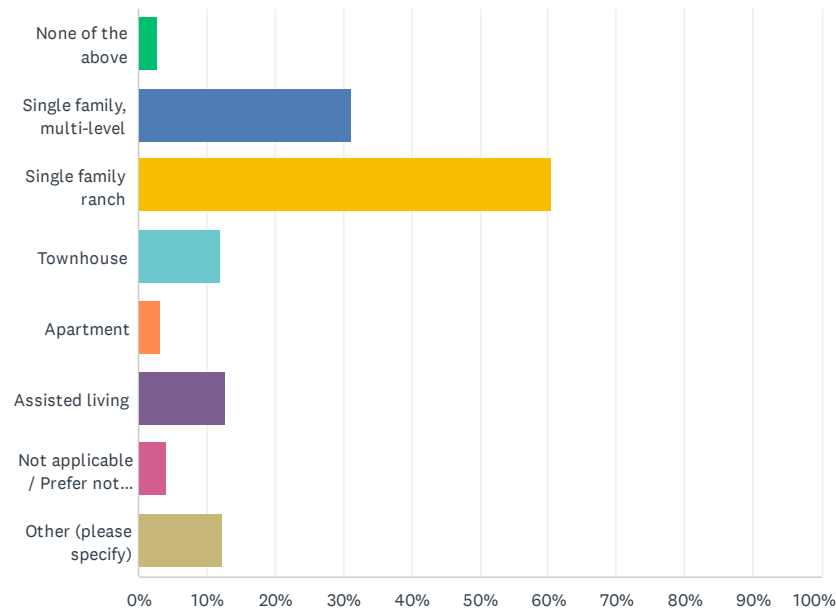
Answered: 206 Skipped: 44

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Q13 Which housing type(s) do you think will meet your future housing needs in 10-15 years? Check all that apply

Answered: 218 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	2.75%	6
Single family, multi-level	31.19%	68
Single family ranch	60.55%	132
Townhouse	11.93%	26
Apartment	3.21%	7
Assisted living	12.84%	28
Not applicable / Prefer not to answer	4.13%	9
Other (please specify)	12.39%	27
Total Respondents: 218		

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Q14 Would you recommend Springfield Township to your friends as a desirable place to live?

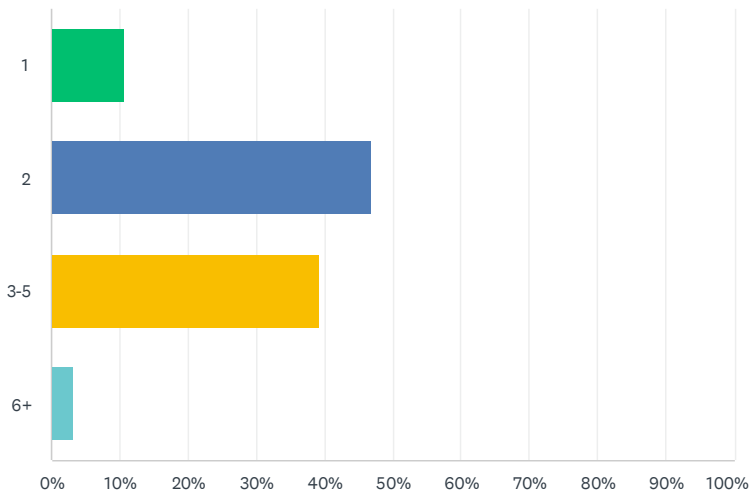
Answered: 204 Skipped: 46

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, because:	93.14%	190
No, because:	17.65%	36

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Q15 Please indicate how many total people are in your household, including yourself:

Answered: 217 Skipped: 33

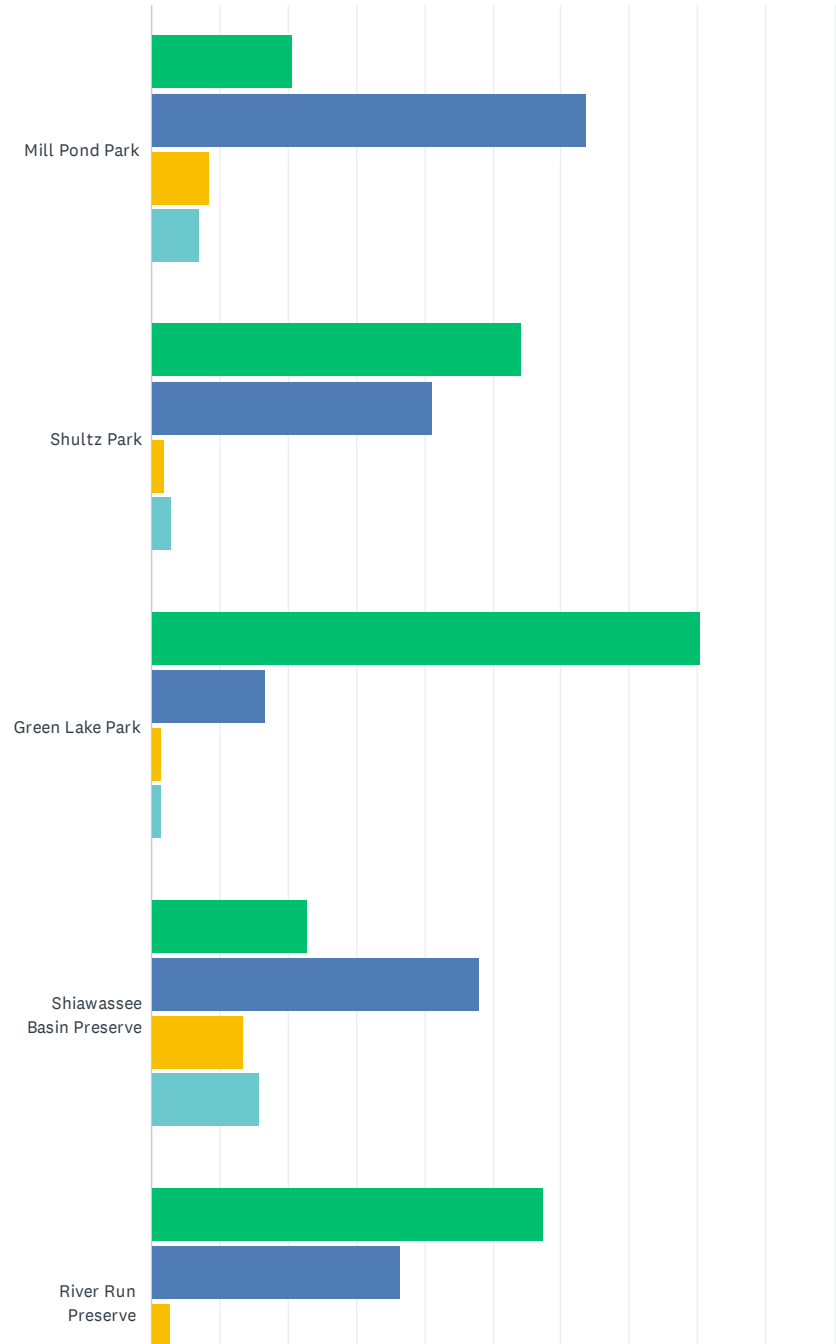


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	10.60%	23
2	47.00%	102
3-5	39.17%	85
6+	3.23%	7
TOTAL		217

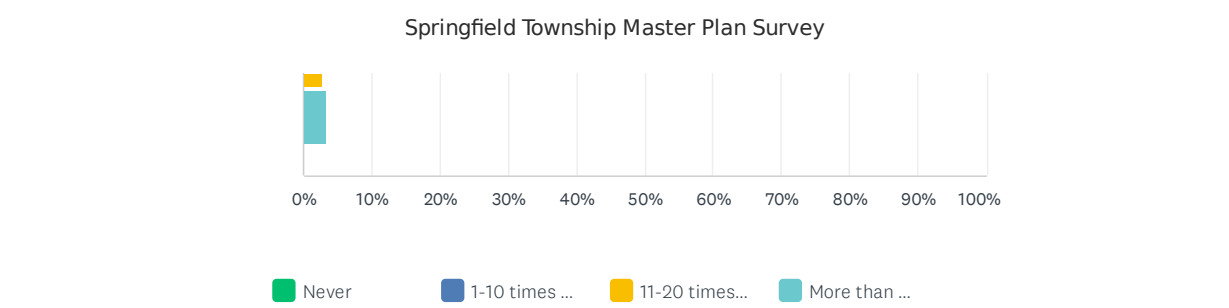
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Q16 How frequently do you visit each of the following parks?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 33



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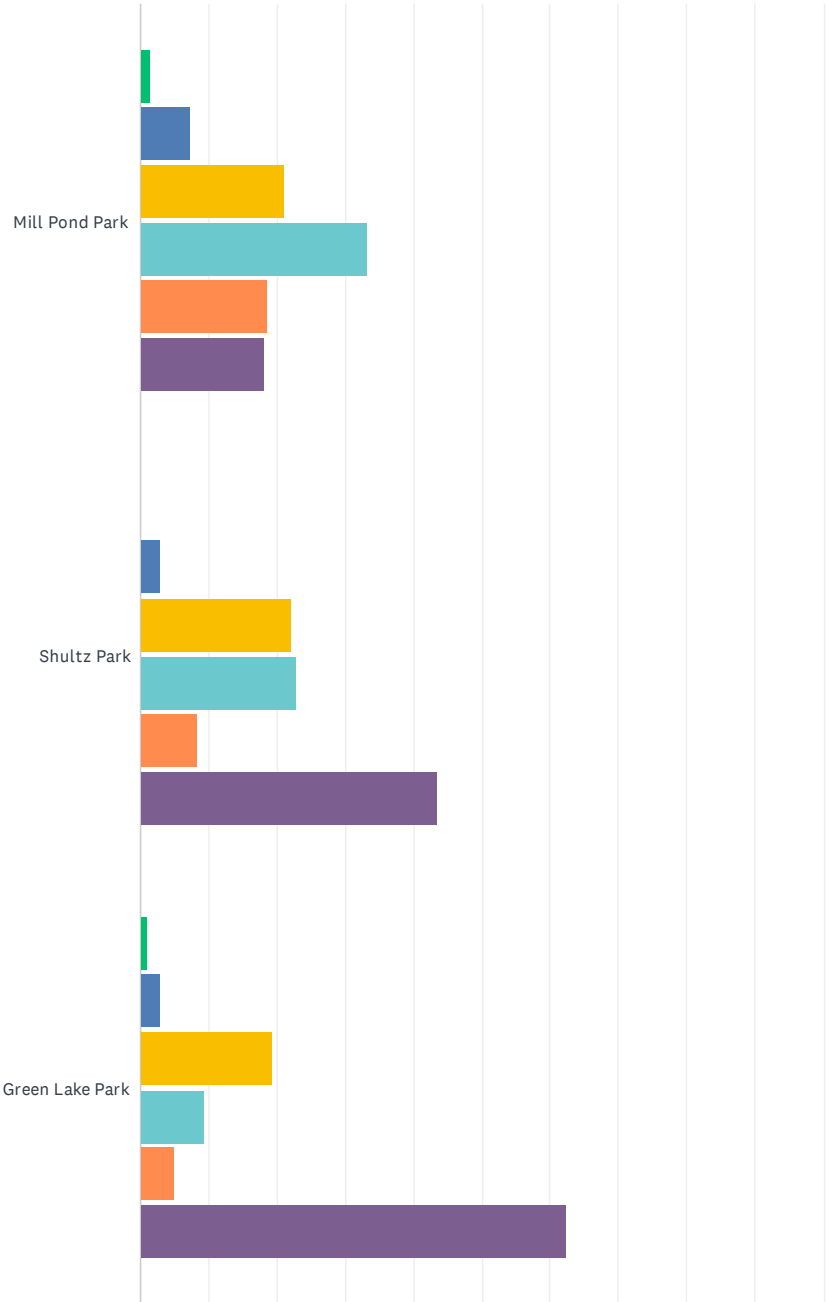


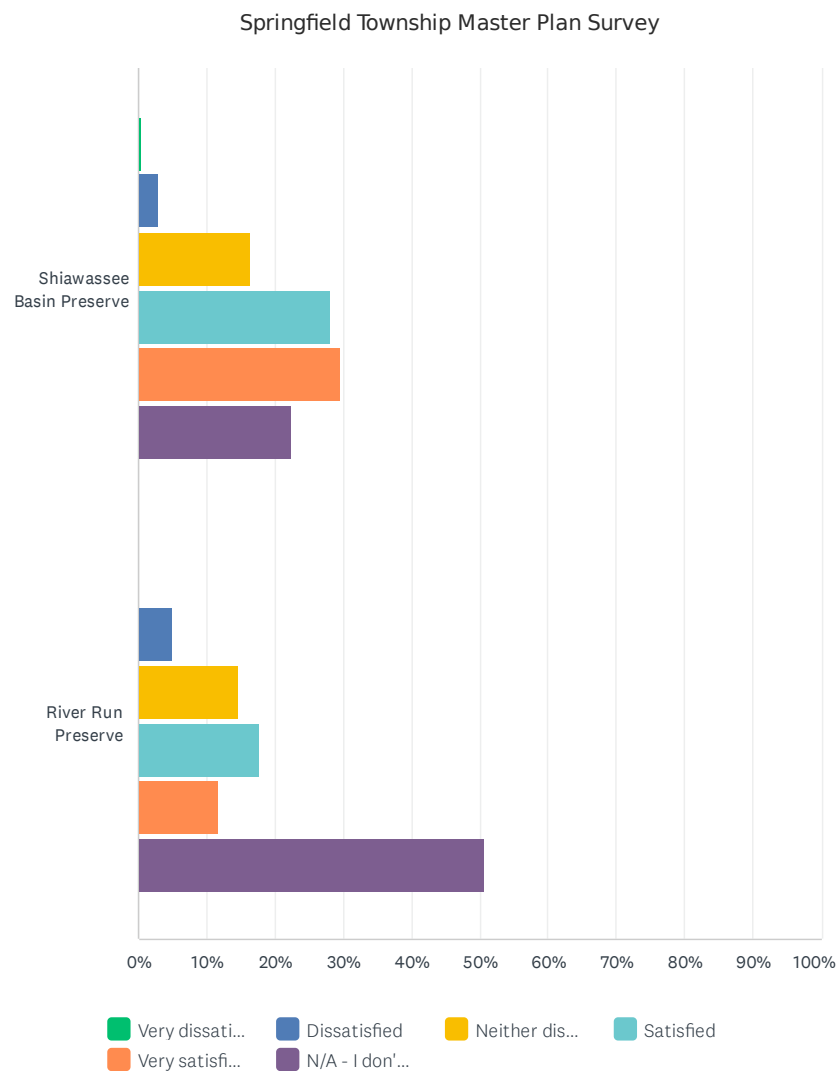
	NEVER	1-10 TIMES A YEAR	11-20 TIMES A YEAR	MORE THAN 20 TIMES A YEAR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Mill Pond Park	20.66% 44	63.85% 136	8.45% 18	7.04% 15	213	2.02
Shultz Park	54.11% 112	41.06% 85	1.93% 4	2.90% 6	207	1.54
Green Lake Park	80.49% 165	16.59% 34	1.46% 3	1.46% 3	205	1.24
Shiawassee Basin Preserve	22.79% 49	47.91% 103	13.49% 29	15.81% 34	215	2.22
River Run Preserve	57.42% 120	36.36% 76	2.87% 6	3.35% 7	209	1.52

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Q17 How satisfied are you with the Springfield Township Parks? Please rate each park and provide any comments in the box below.

Answered: 206 Skipped: 44



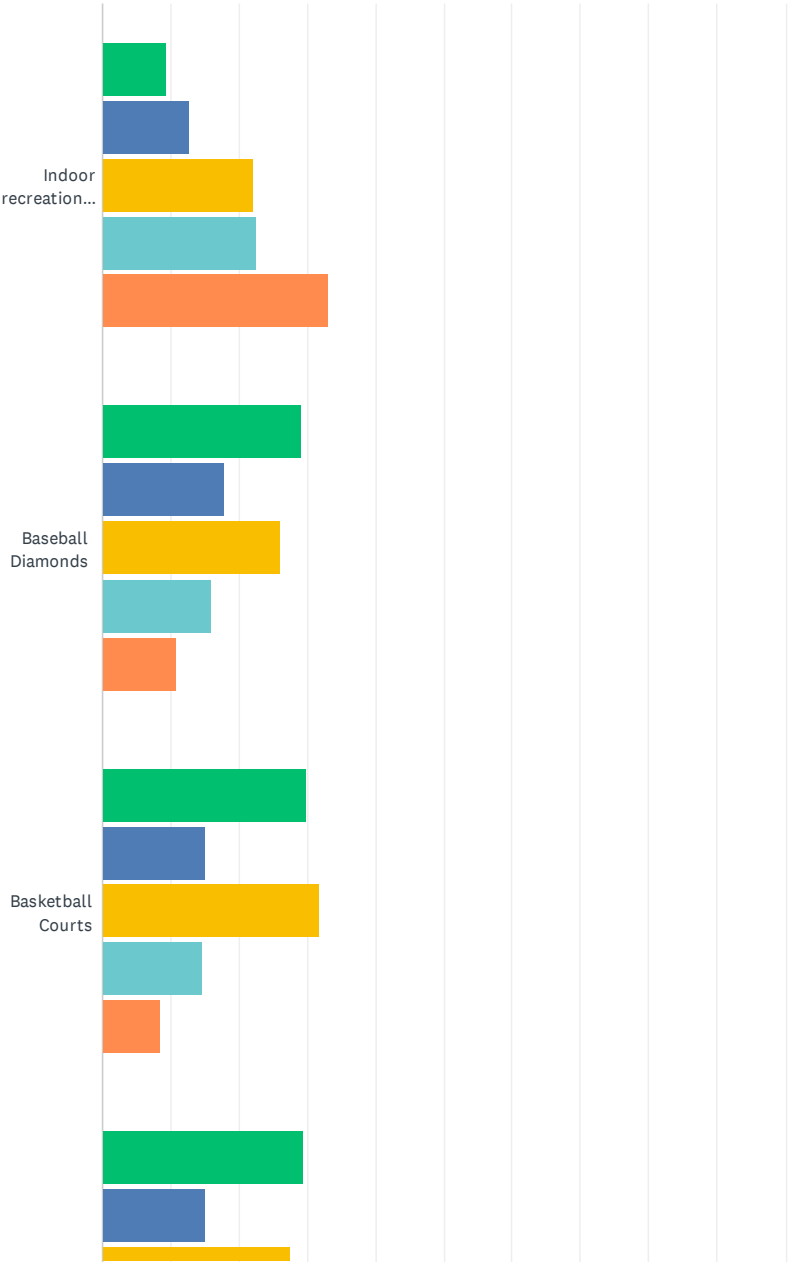


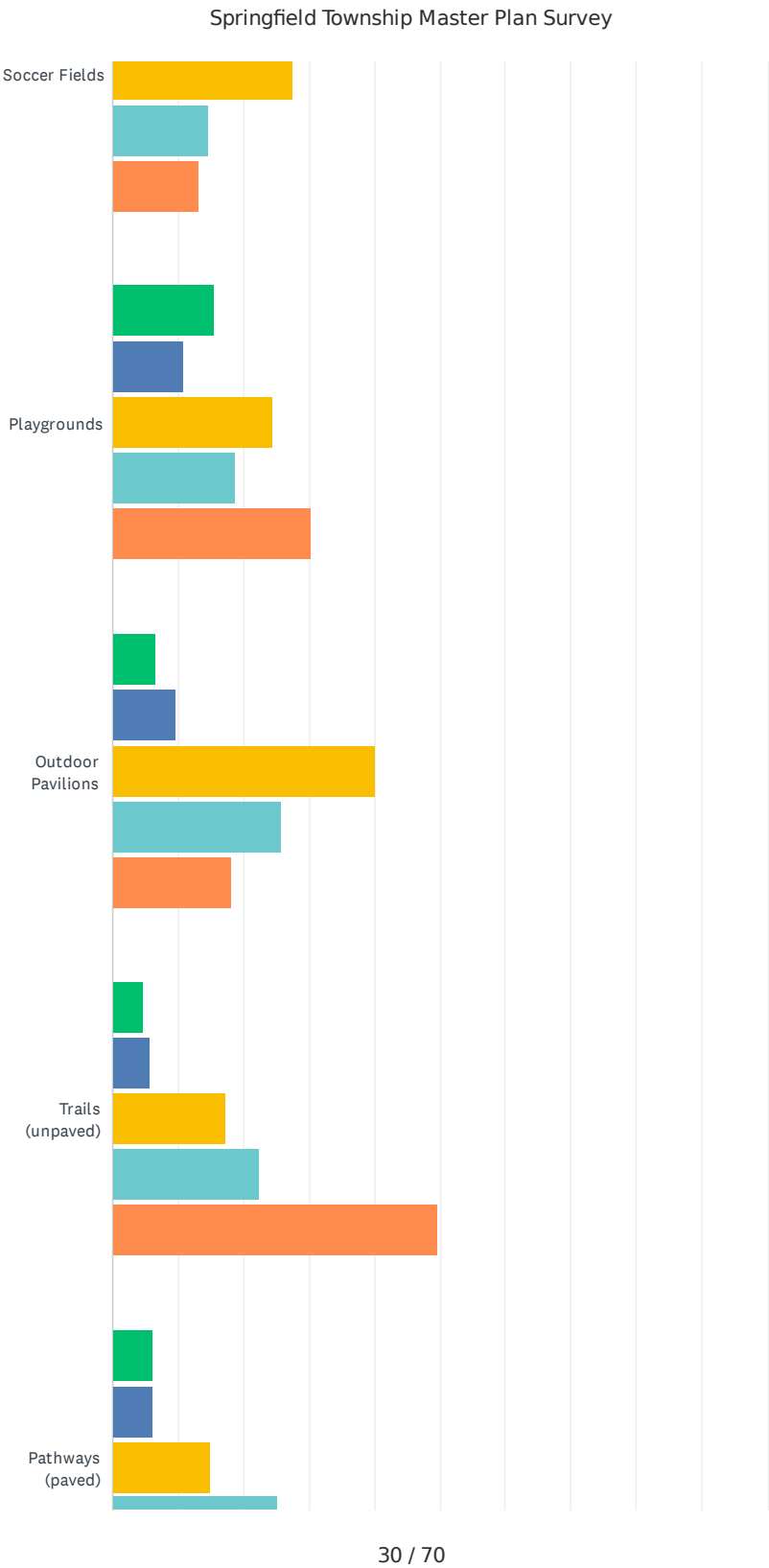
	VERY DISSATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	N/A - I DON'T USE THE PARKS	TOTAL
Mill Pond Park	1.47% 3	7.35% 15	21.08% 43	33.33% 68	18.63% 38	18.14% 37	204
Shultz Park	0.00% 0	2.97% 6	22.28% 45	22.77% 46	8.42% 17	43.56% 88	202
Green Lake Park	0.99% 2	2.97% 6	19.31% 39	9.41% 19	4.95% 10	62.38% 126	202
Shiawassee Basin Preserve	0.49% 1	2.91% 6	16.50% 34	28.16% 58	29.61% 61	22.33% 46	206
River Run Preserve	0.00% 0	4.93% 10	14.78% 30	17.73% 36	11.82% 24	50.74% 103	203

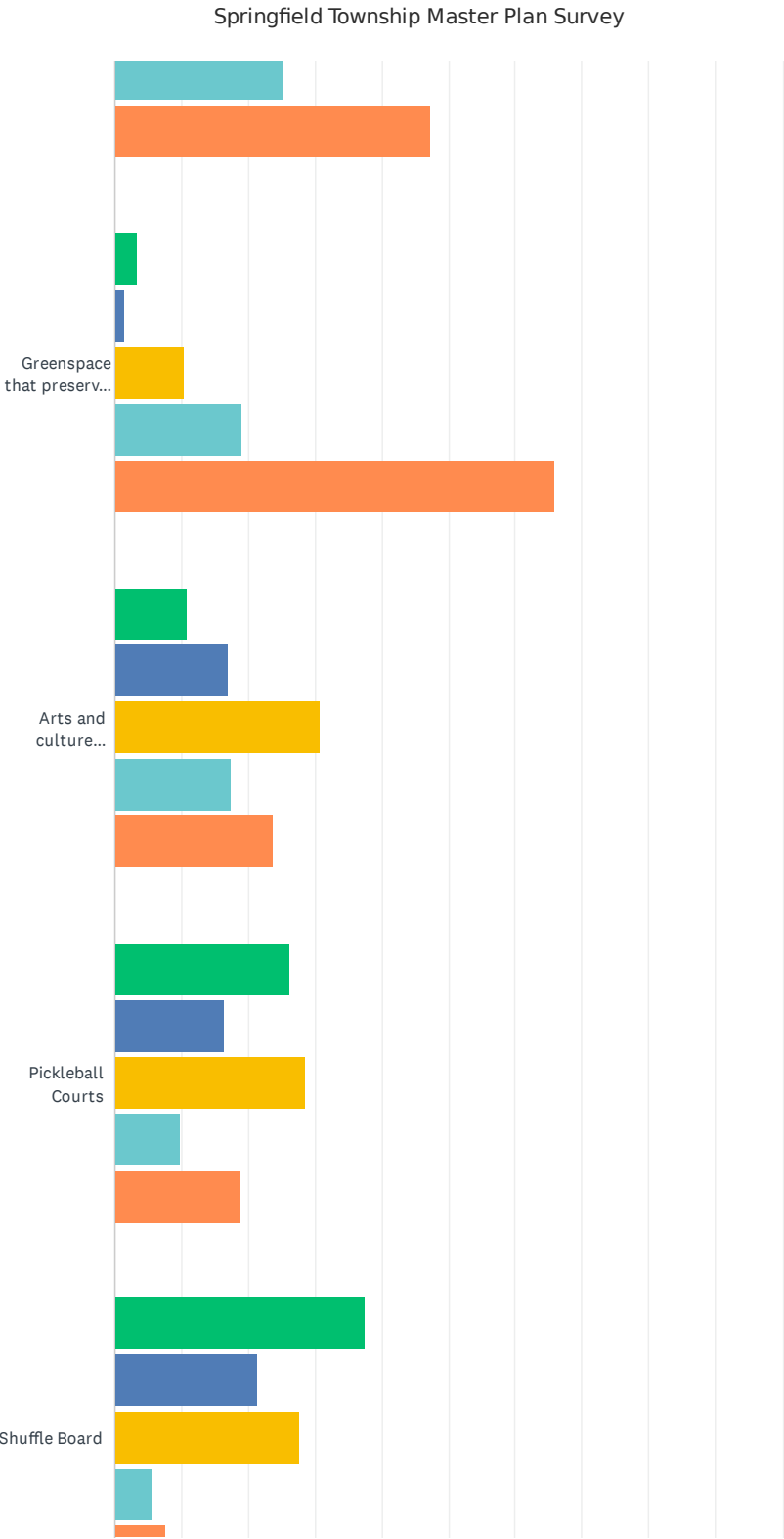
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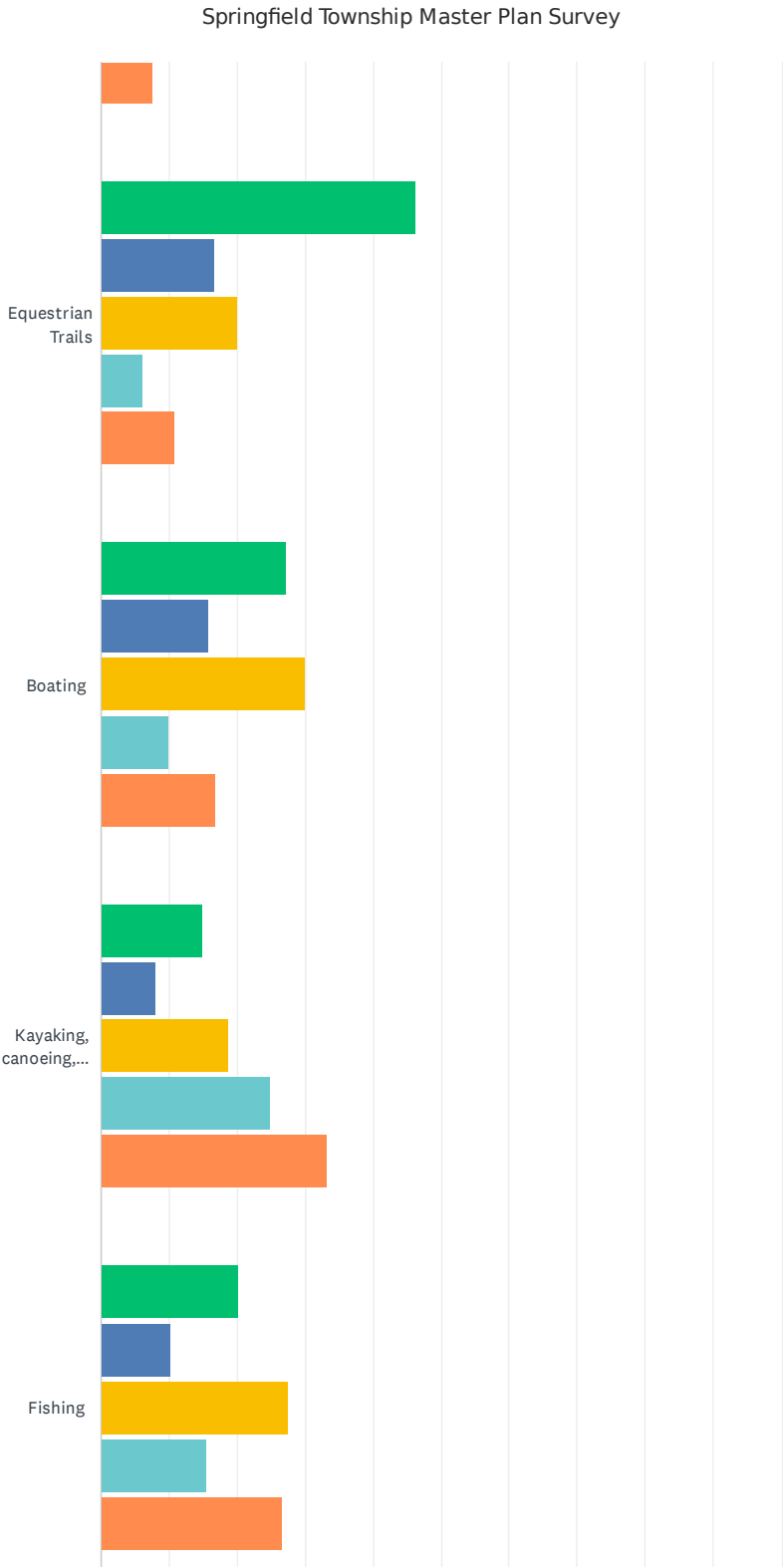
Q18 In general how important are the following to your household? Please rate each on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "Very Unimportant" and 5 being "Very Important".

Answered: 215 Skipped: 35

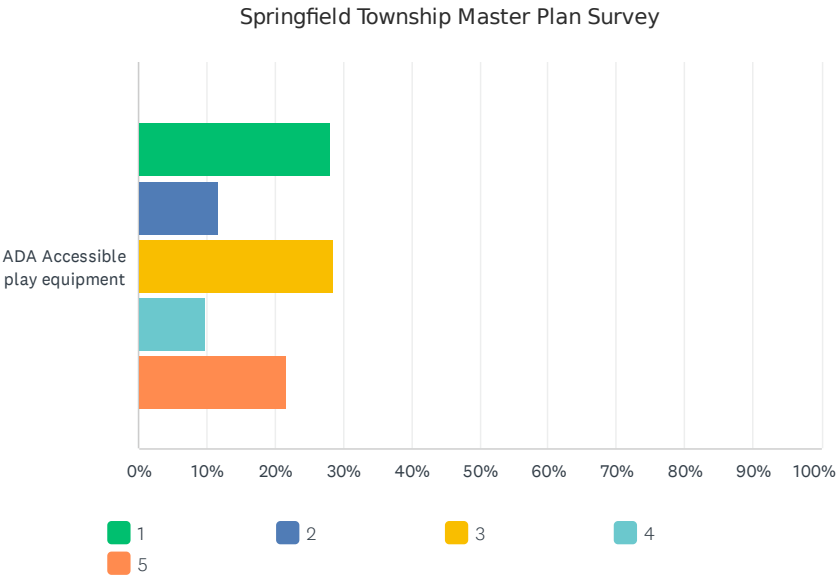








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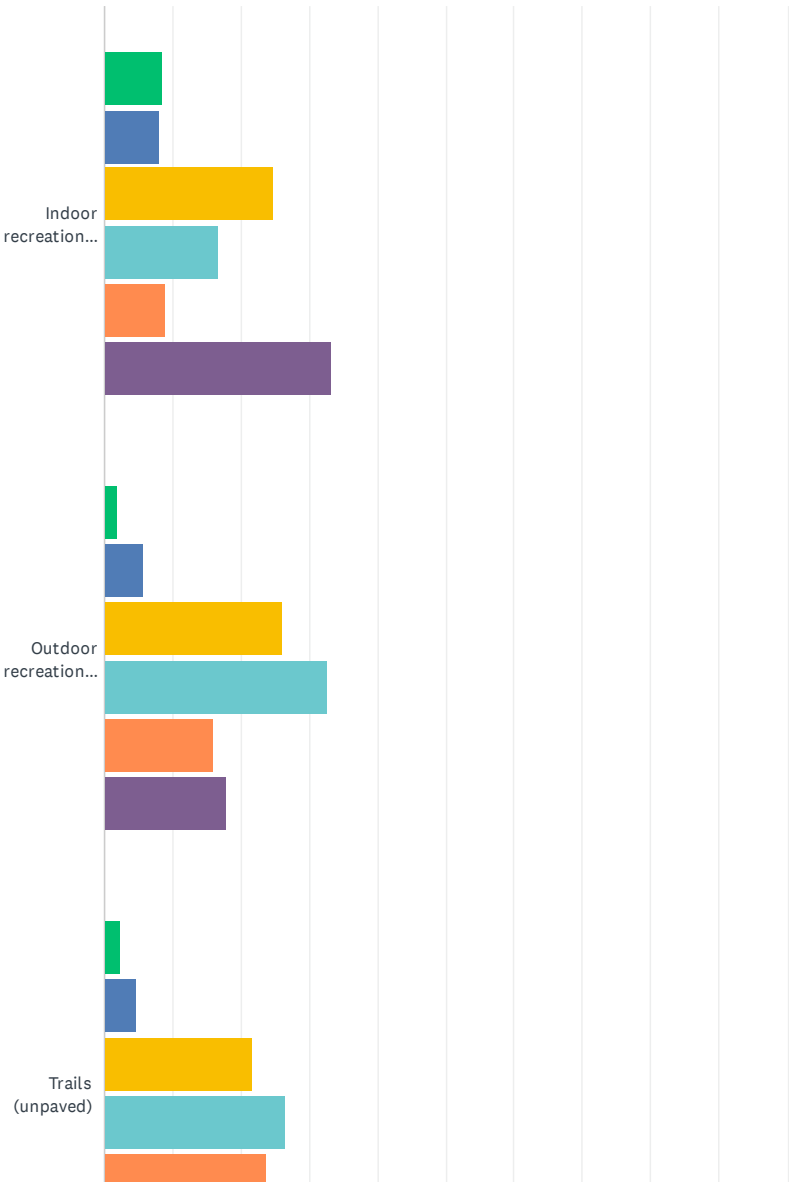
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Indoor recreation areas (courts, stage, walking path, party rooms, fitness center)	9.43% 20	12.74% 27	22.17% 47	22.64% 48	33.02% 70	212
Baseball Diamonds	29.25% 62	17.92% 38	25.94% 55	16.04% 34	10.85% 23	212
Basketball Courts	29.86% 63	15.17% 32	31.75% 67	14.69% 31	8.53% 18	211
Soccer Fields	29.38% 62	15.17% 32	27.49% 58	14.69% 31	13.27% 28	211
Playgrounds	15.57% 33	10.85% 23	24.53% 52	18.87% 40	30.19% 64	212
Outdoor Pavilions	6.67% 14	9.52% 20	40.00% 84	25.71% 54	18.10% 38	210
Trails (unpaved)	4.78% 10	5.74% 12	17.22% 36	22.49% 47	49.76% 104	209
Pathways (paved)	6.28% 13	6.28% 13	14.98% 31	25.12% 52	47.34% 98	207
Greenspace that preserves natural and open areas	3.32% 7	1.42% 3	10.43% 22	18.96% 40	65.88% 139	211
Arts and culture facilities, such as theaters, historic sites, visual, and performing arts	10.90% 23	17.06% 36	30.81% 65	17.54% 37	23.70% 50	211
Pickleball Courts	26.29% 56	16.43% 35	28.64% 61	9.86% 21	18.78% 40	213
Shuffle Board	37.62% 79	21.43% 45	27.62% 58	5.71% 12	7.62% 16	210
Equestrian Trails	46.19% 97	16.67% 35	20.00% 42	6.19% 13	10.95% 23	210
Boating	27.27% 57	15.79% 33	30.14% 63	10.05% 21	16.75% 35	209
Kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding	14.90% 31	8.17% 17	18.75% 39	25.00% 52	33.17% 69	208
Fishing	20.29% 42	10.14% 21	27.54% 57	15.46% 32	26.57% 55	207
ADA Accessible play equipment	28.16% 58	11.65% 24	28.64% 59	9.71% 20	21.84% 45	206

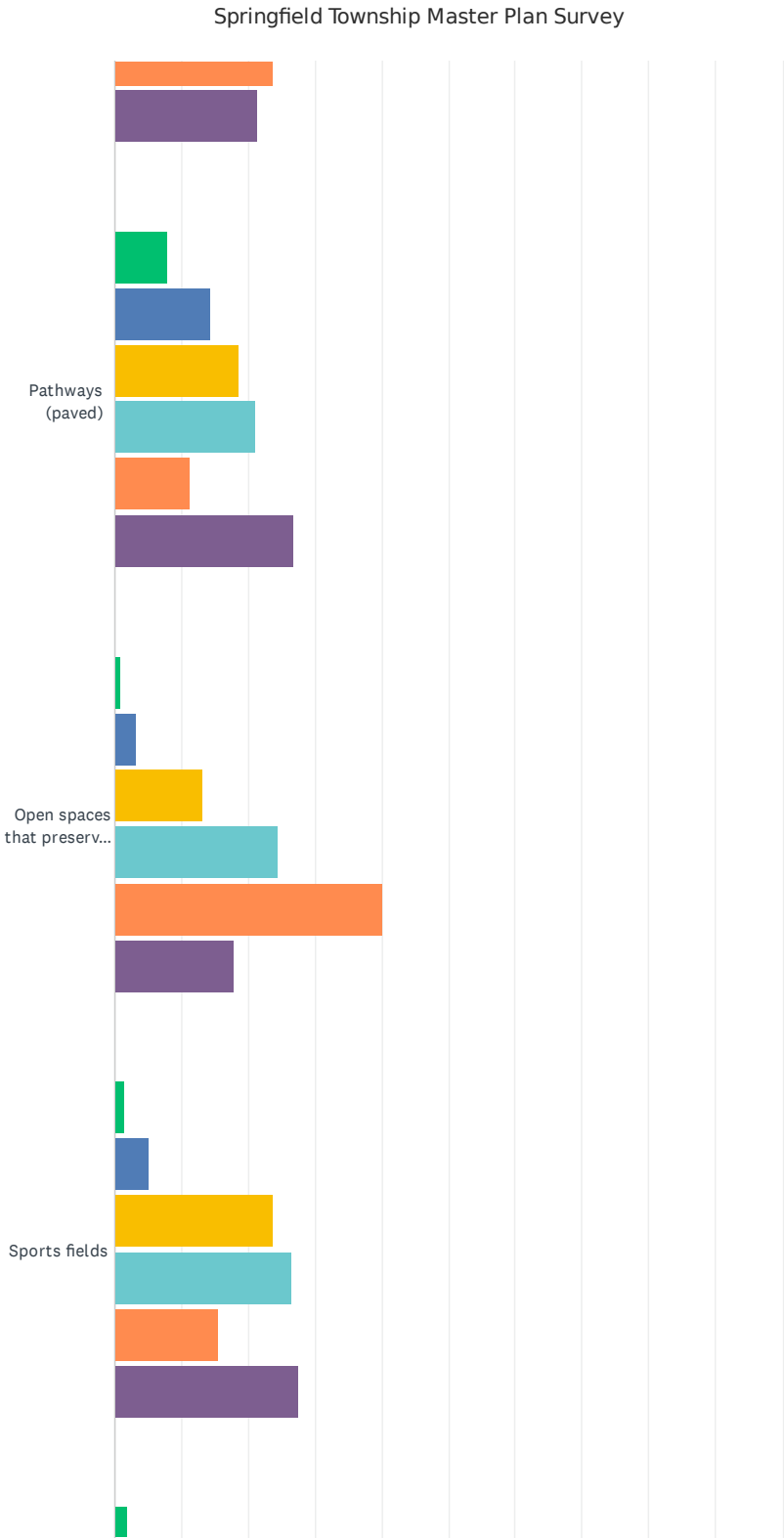


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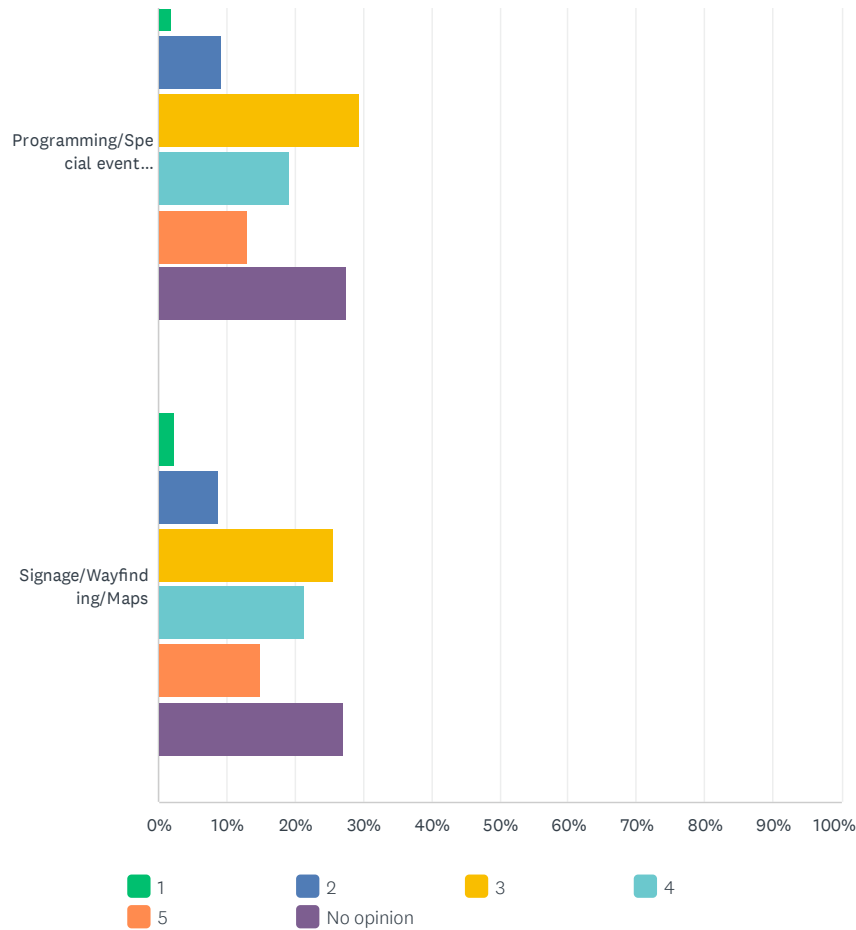
Q19 Rate your level of satisfaction with the facilities that currently exist within the township parks (Mill Pond Park, Shultz Park, Green Pond Park, Shiawassee Basin Preserve, River Run Preserve) on a 1 to 5 scale, with 1 being "Very Unsatisfied" and 5 being "Very Satisfied". Feel free to provide comments to support your rating.

Answered: 213 Skipped: 37





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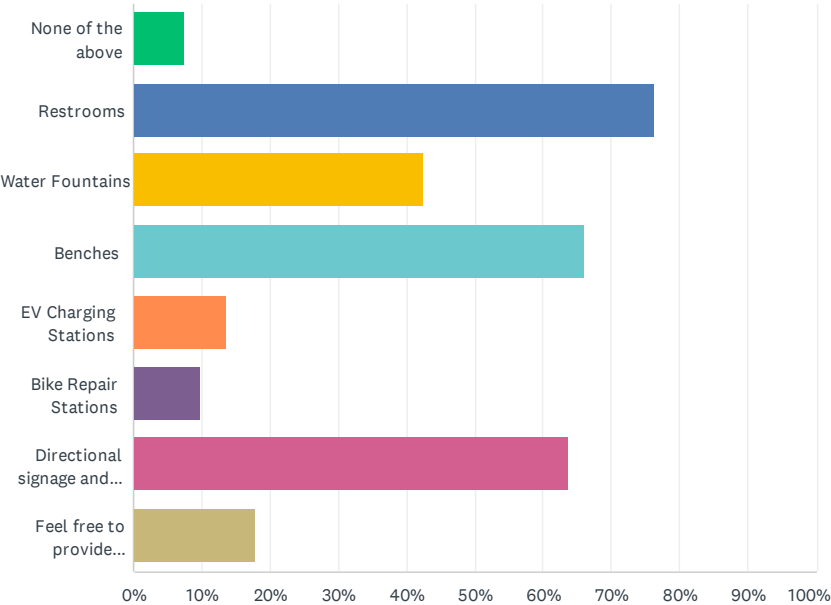
	1	2	3	4	5	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Indoor recreation facilities	8.53% 18	8.06% 17	24.64% 52	16.59% 35	9.00% 19	33.18% 70	211
Outdoor recreation facilities	1.89% 4	5.66% 12	25.94% 55	32.55% 69	16.04% 34	17.92% 38	212
Trails (unpaved)	2.36% 5	4.72% 10	21.70% 46	26.42% 56	23.58% 50	21.23% 45	212
Pathways (paved)	7.84% 16	14.22% 29	18.63% 38	21.08% 43	11.27% 23	26.96% 55	204
Open spaces that preserve natural areas	0.94% 2	3.30% 7	13.21% 28	24.53% 52	40.09% 85	17.92% 38	212
Sports fields	1.42% 3	5.21% 11	23.70% 50	26.54% 56	15.64% 33	27.49% 58	211
Programming/Special event space	1.92% 4	9.13% 19	29.33% 61	19.23% 40	12.98% 27	27.40% 57	208
Signage/Wayfinding/Maps	2.42% 5	8.70% 18	25.60% 53	21.26% 44	14.98% 31	27.05% 56	207

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Q20 What amenities would you like to see at the parks you visit? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 212 Skipped: 38

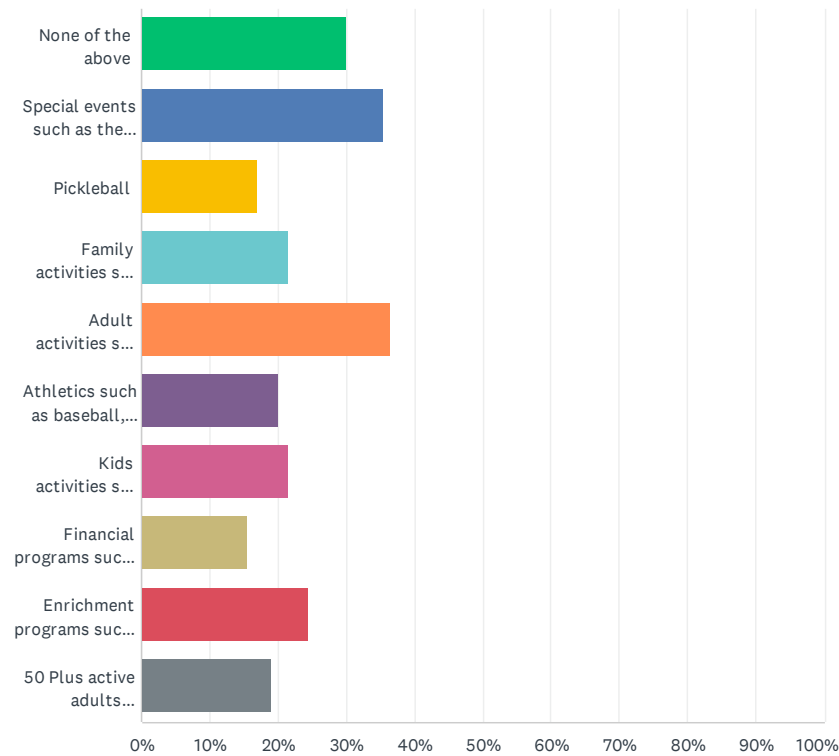


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	7.55%	16
Restrooms	76.42%	162
Water Fountains	42.45%	90
Benches	66.04%	140
EV Charging Stations	13.68%	29
Bike Repair Stations	9.91%	21
Directional signage and maps	63.68%	135
Feel free to provide additional items and/or specific locations as applicable:	17.92%	38
Total Respondents: 212		

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Q21 Which of the following special events, programming activities, and classes do you take advantage of? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 200 Skipped: 50



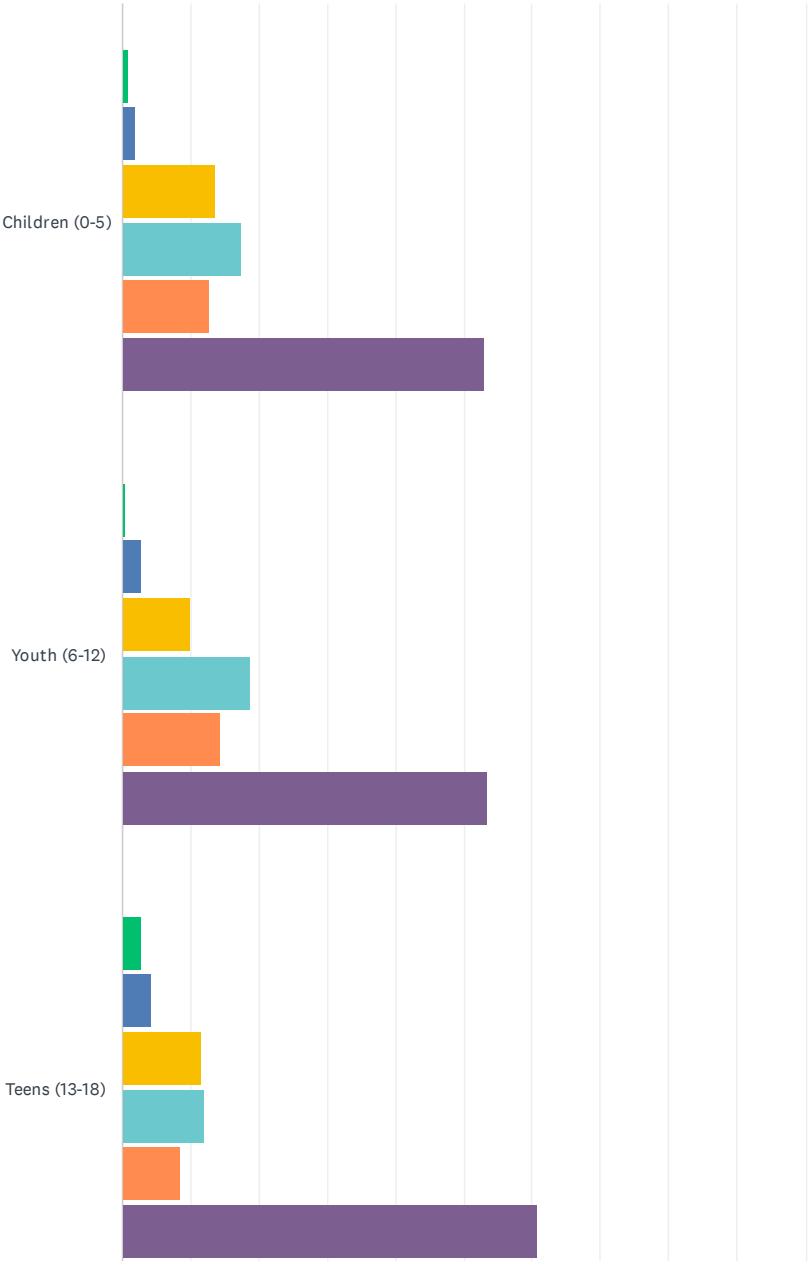
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	30.00%	60
Special events such as the Easter egg hunt, fishing derby, Halloween, Christmas, etc.	35.50%	71
Pickleball	17.00%	34
Family activities such as ice skating, karate, archery, painting, etc.	21.50%	43
Adult activities such as tai chi, yoga, golf, tennis, basket weaving, cooking classes, etc.	36.50%	73
Athletics such as baseball, softball, basketball, etc.	20.00%	40
Kids activities such as golf, tennis, art camp/classes, cooking, etc.	21.50%	43
Financial programs such as Medicare, estate planning, etc.	15.50%	31
Enrichment programs such as hunter's safety, self-defense, environmental classes	24.50%	49
50 Plus active adults programming and activities	19.00%	38
Total Respondents: 200		

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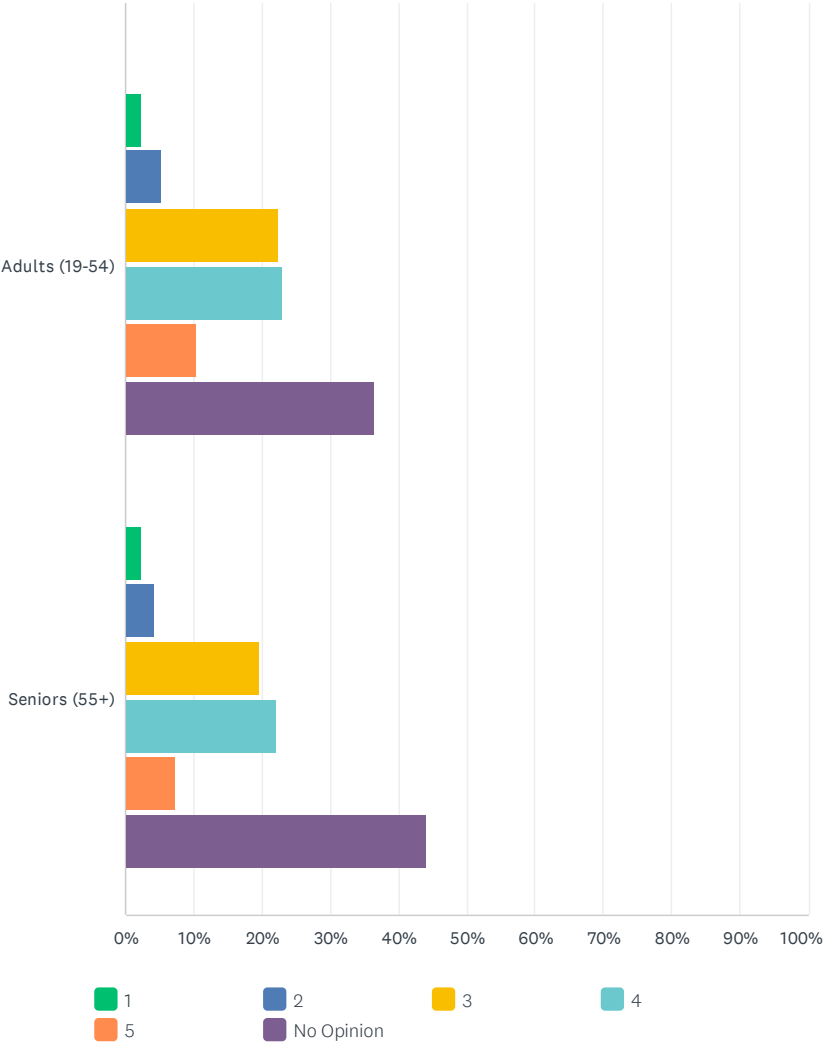
Q22 Rate your level of satisfaction with the parks, recreation and cultural activities in Springfield Township for the following age groups on a 1 to 5 scale, with 1 being "Very Unsatisfied" and 5 being "Very Satisfied".

Answered: 213 Skipped: 37



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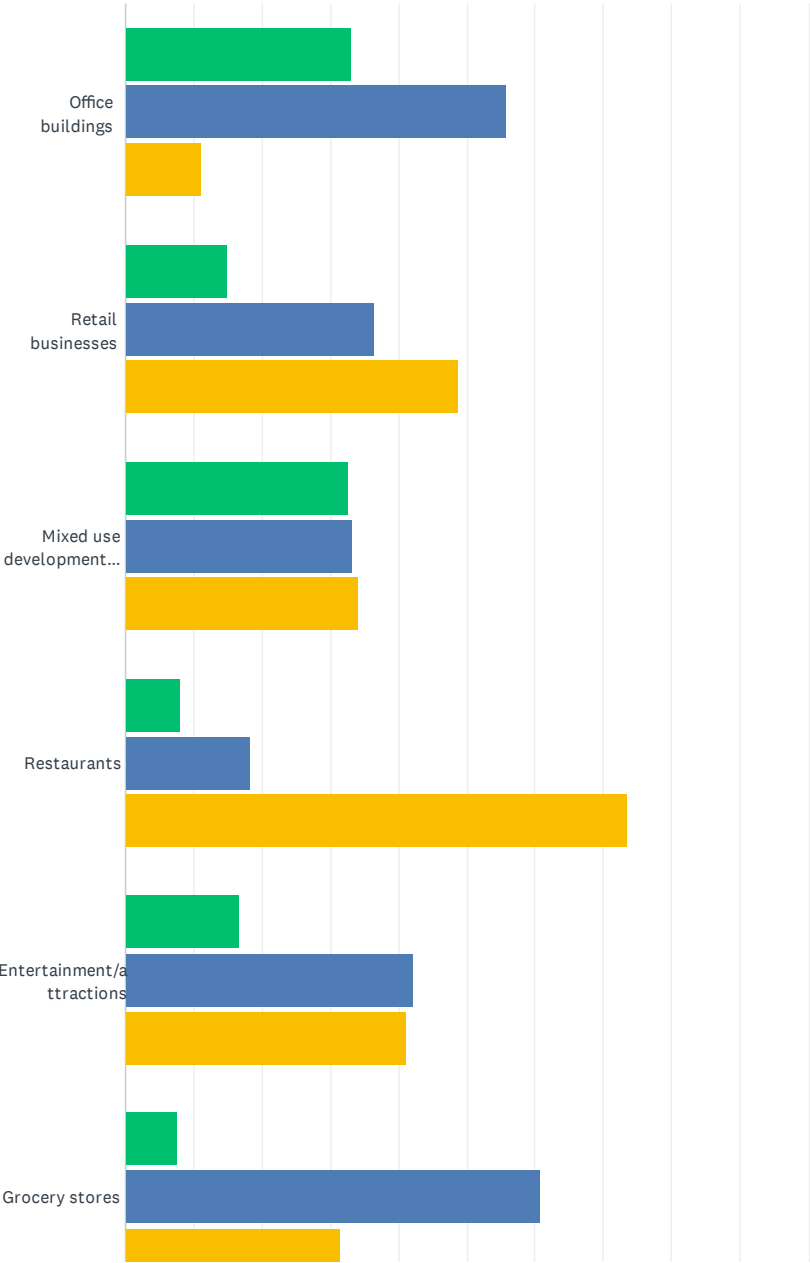


	1	2	3	4	5	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Children (0-5)	0.95% 2	1.90% 4	13.74% 29	17.54% 37	12.80% 27	53.08% 112	211
Youth (6-12)	0.48% 1	2.87% 6	10.05% 21	18.66% 39	14.35% 30	53.59% 112	209
Teens (13-18)	2.87% 6	4.31% 9	11.48% 24	11.96% 25	8.61% 18	60.77% 127	209
Adults (19-54)	2.39% 5	5.26% 11	22.49% 47	22.97% 48	10.53% 22	36.36% 76	209
Seniors (55+)	2.40% 5	4.33% 9	19.71% 41	22.12% 46	7.21% 15	44.23% 92	208

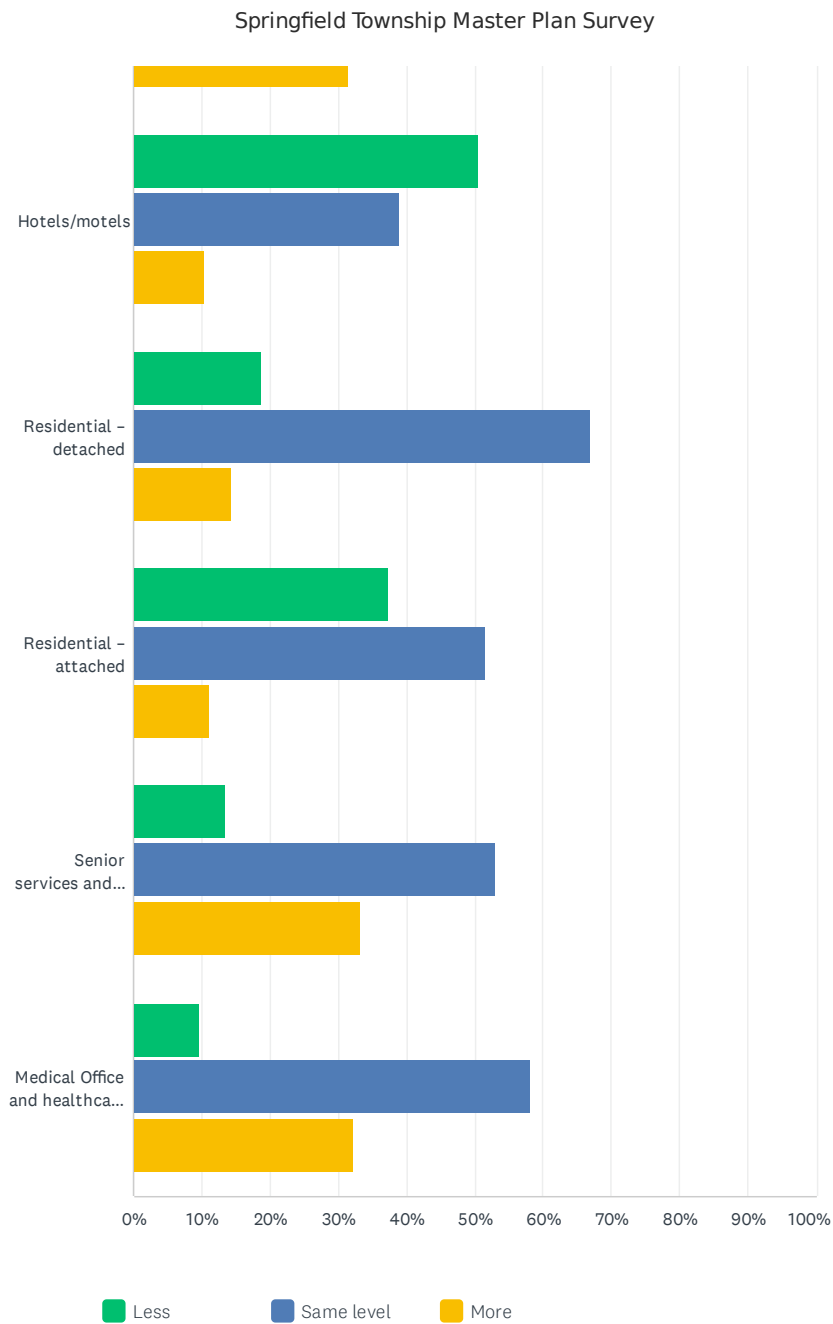
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Q23 Dixie Highway: Which of the following types of developments would you like to see less/more of? Please choose one for each development type

Answered: 215 Skipped: 35



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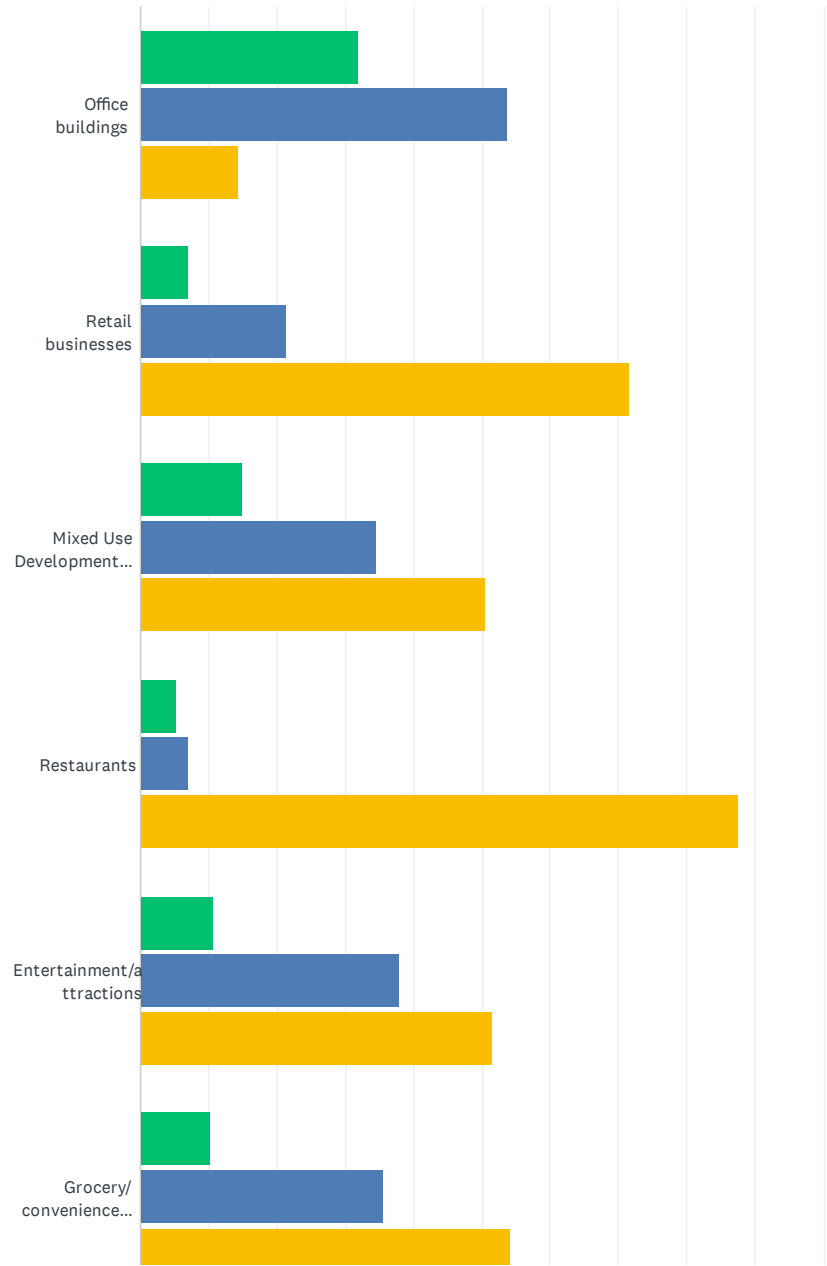
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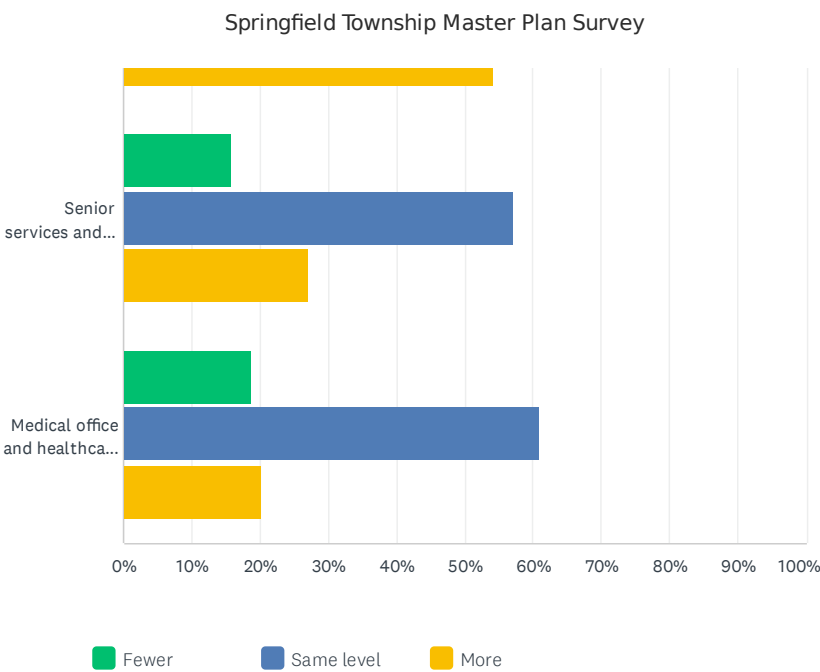
	LESS	SAME LEVEL	MORE	TOTAL
Office buildings	33.01% 68	55.83% 115	11.17% 23	206
Retail businesses	14.83% 31	36.36% 76	48.80% 102	209
Mixed use development (e.g. retail ground floor with office or residential on the 2nd floor)	32.67% 66	33.17% 67	34.16% 69	202
Restaurants	8.02% 17	18.40% 39	73.58% 156	212
Entertainment/attractions	16.67% 34	42.16% 86	41.18% 84	204
Grocery stores	7.77% 16	60.68% 125	31.55% 65	206
Hotels/motels	50.50% 101	39.00% 78	10.50% 21	200
Residential – detached	18.72% 38	67.00% 136	14.29% 29	203
Residential – attached	37.37% 74	51.52% 102	11.11% 22	198
Senior services and housing	13.53% 28	53.14% 110	33.33% 69	207
Medical Office and healthcare services	9.62% 20	58.17% 121	32.21% 67	208

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Q24 Downtown Davisburg: Which of the following types of developments would you like to see less/more of? Please choose one for each development type

Answered: 215 Skipped: 35



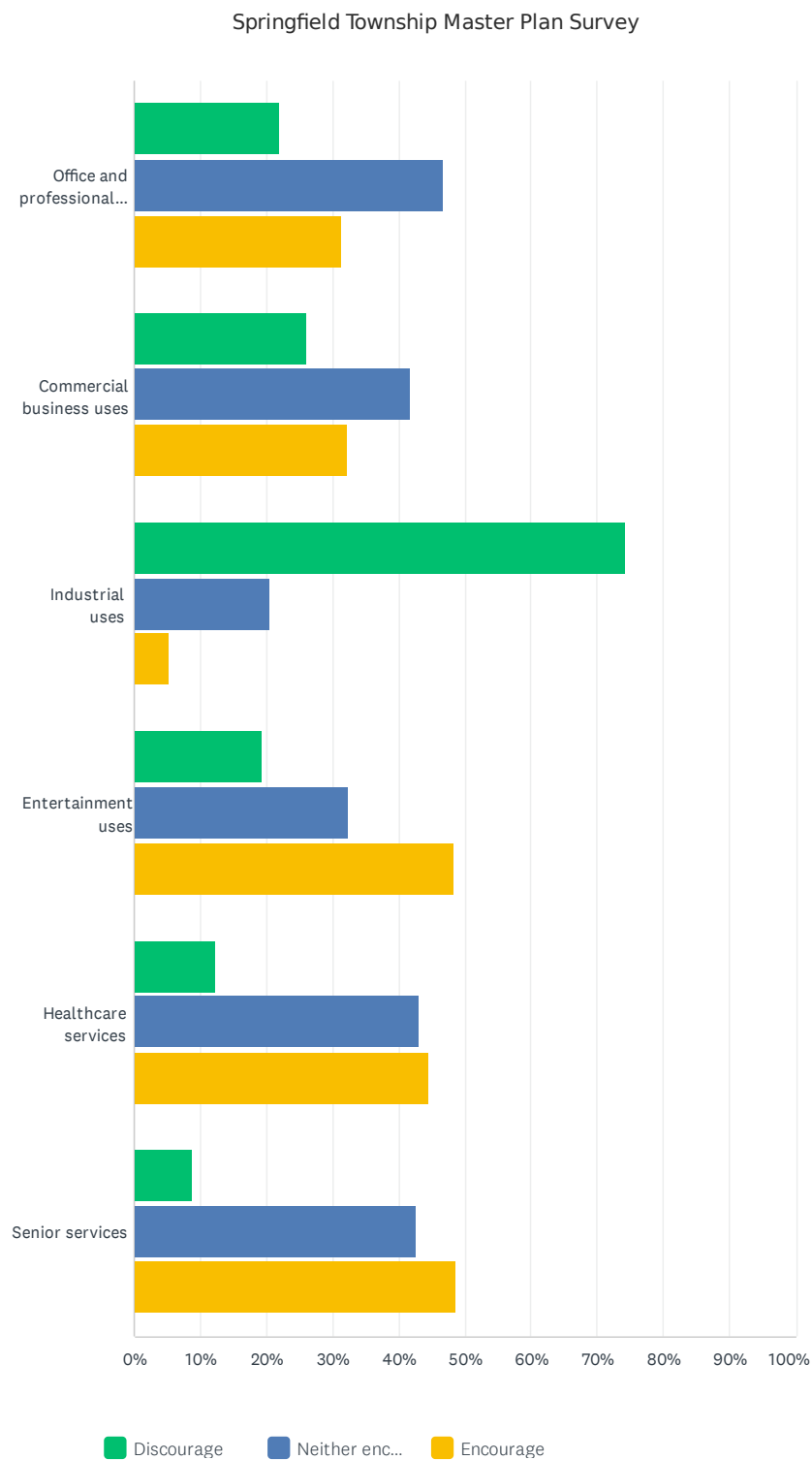


	FEWER	SAME LEVEL	MORE	TOTAL
Office buildings	32.02% 65	53.69% 109	14.29% 29	203
Retail businesses	7.11% 15	21.33% 45	71.56% 151	211
Mixed Use Development (e.g. retail ground floor with office or residential on the 2nd floor)	14.90% 31	34.62% 72	50.48% 105	208
Restaurants	5.24% 11	7.14% 15	87.62% 184	210
Entertainment/attractions	10.61% 21	37.88% 75	51.52% 102	198
Grocery/ convenience stores	10.24% 21	35.61% 73	54.15% 111	205
Senior services and housing	15.76% 32	57.14% 116	27.09% 55	203
Medical office and healthcare services	18.72% 38	61.08% 124	20.20% 41	203

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Q25 Please indicate the extent to which you would encourage or discourage the following types of non-residential development in Springfield Township in the future:

Answered: 212 Skipped: 38



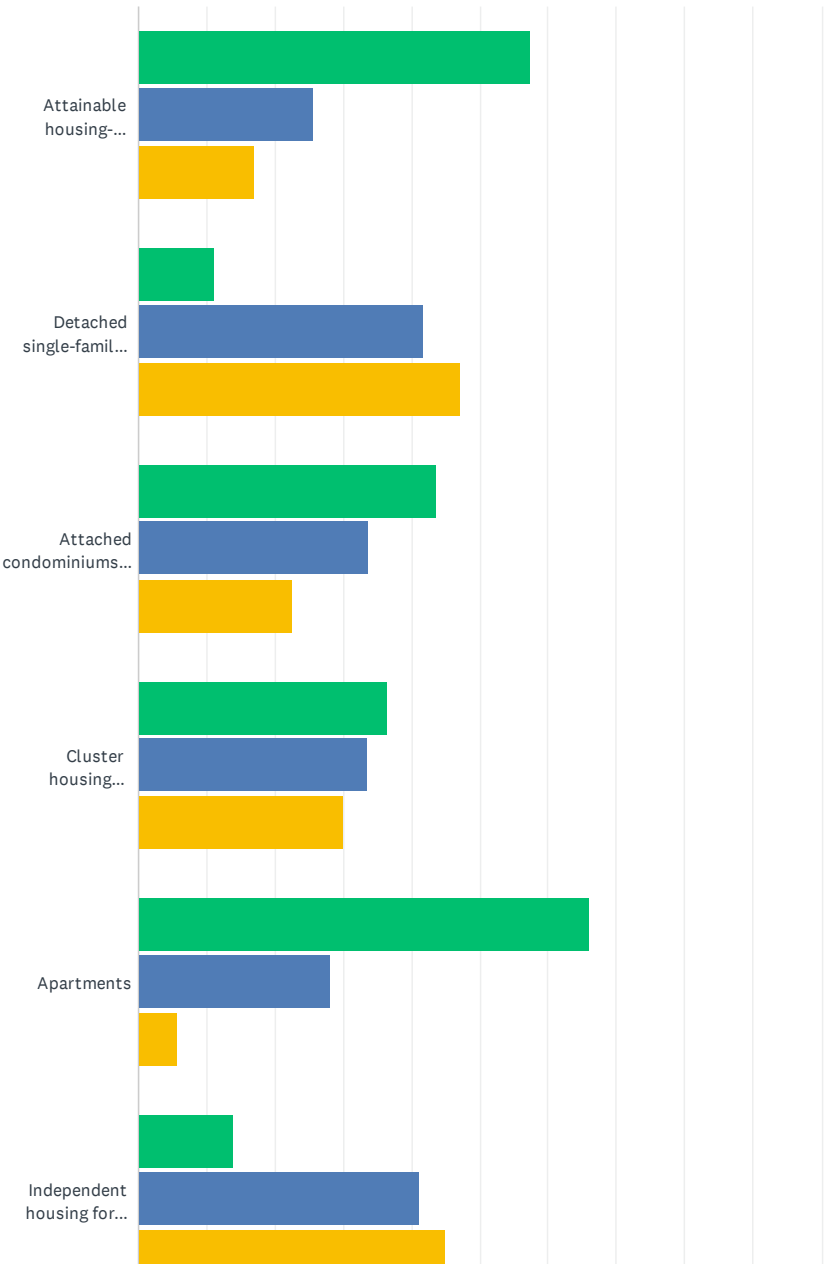
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	DISCOURAGE	NEITHER ENCOURAGE NOR DISCOURAGE	ENCOURAGE	TOTAL
Office and professional uses	21.90% 46	46.67% 98	31.43% 66	210
Commercial business uses	25.96% 54	41.83% 87	32.21% 67	208
Industrial uses	74.16% 155	20.57% 43	5.26% 11	209
Entertainment uses	19.32% 40	32.37% 67	48.31% 100	207
Healthcare services	12.44% 26	43.06% 90	44.50% 93	209
Senior services	8.82% 18	42.65% 87	48.53% 99	204

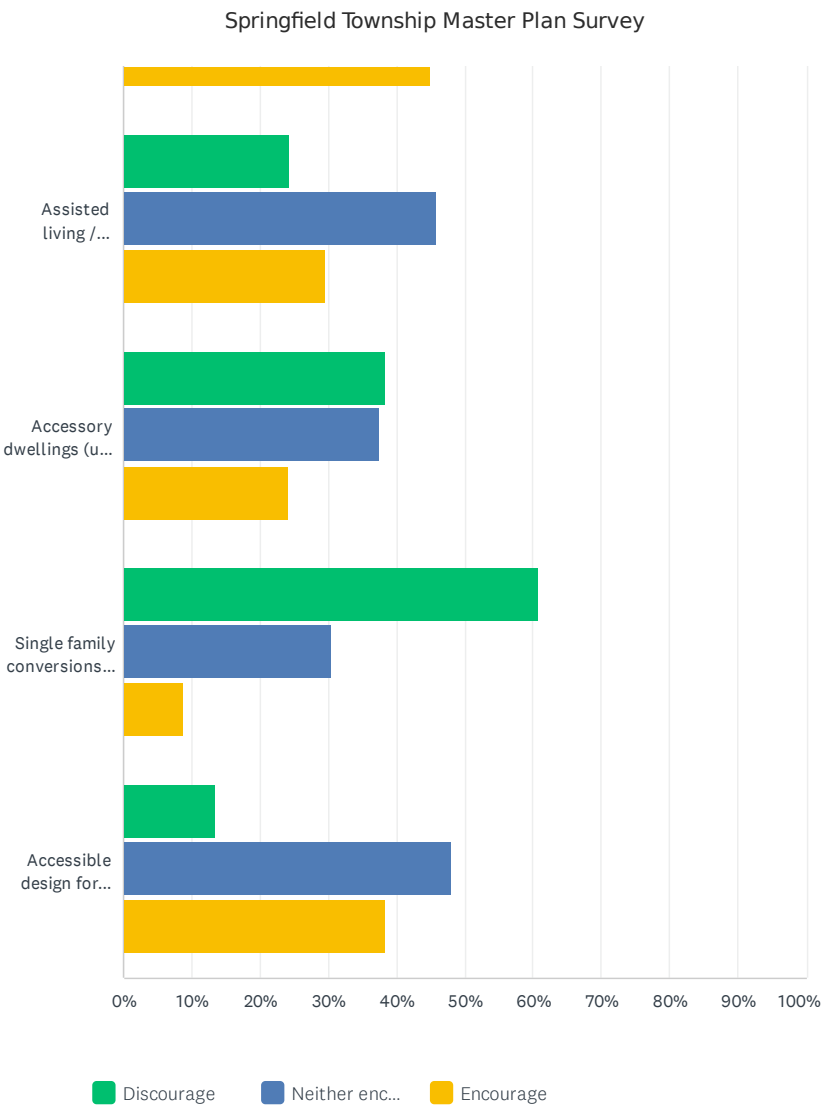
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Q26 Indicate the extent to which you would encourage or discourage the following types of residential development in Springfield Township in the future:

Answered: 212 Skipped: 38



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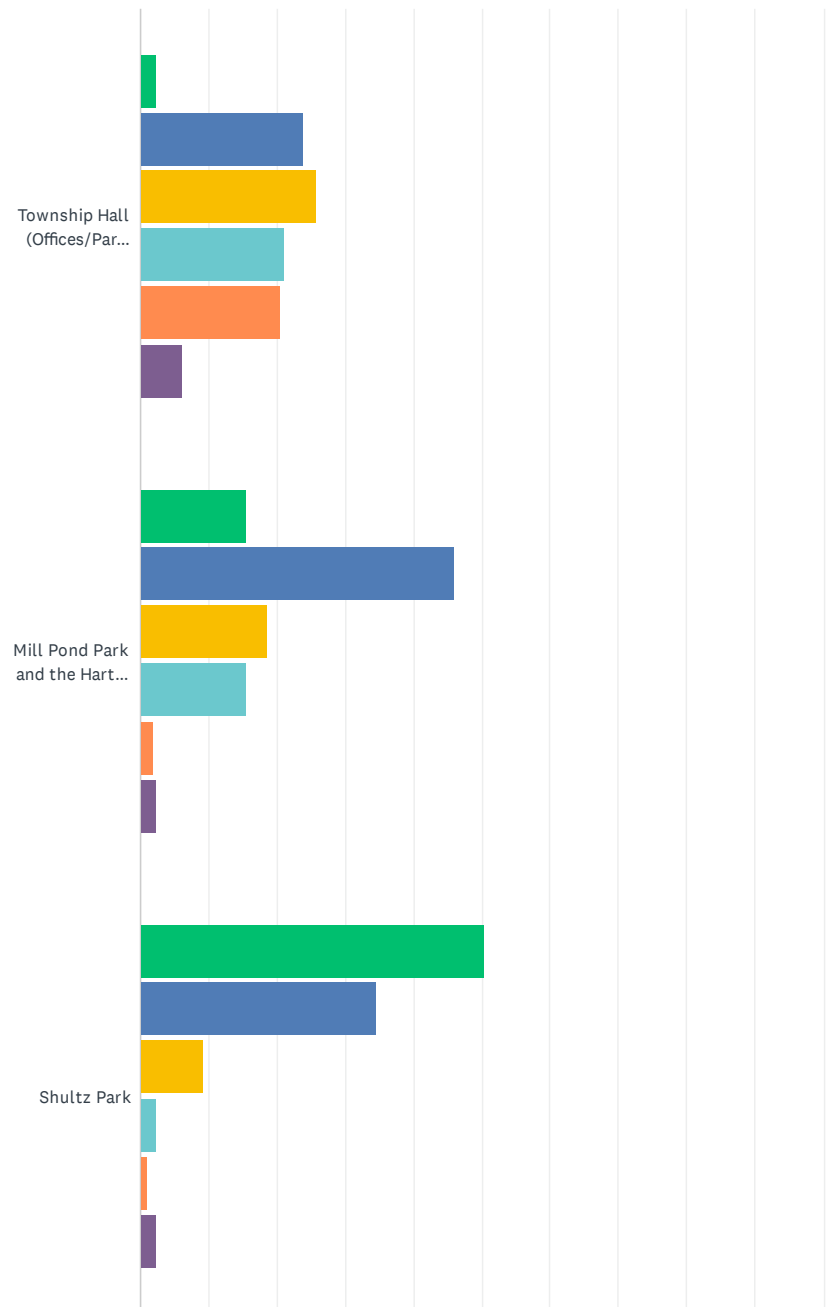
	DISCOURAGE	NEITHER ENCOURAGE NOR DISCOURAGE	ENCOURAGE	TOTAL
Attainable housing- housing priced below the average home value	57.35% 121	25.59% 54	17.06% 36	211
Detached single-family homes	11.06% 23	41.83% 87	47.12% 98	208
Attached condominiums/townhouses	43.75% 91	33.65% 70	22.60% 47	208
Cluster housing (single-family detached w/common space)	36.41% 75	33.50% 69	30.10% 62	206
Apartments	66.02% 136	28.16% 58	5.83% 12	206
Independent housing for seniors	13.88% 29	41.15% 86	44.98% 94	209
Assisted living / nursing care facilities	24.40% 51	45.93% 96	29.67% 62	209
Accessory dwellings (unit over garage, tiny house in back yard behind main house, etc.)	38.46% 80	37.50% 78	24.04% 50	208
Single family conversions (duplexes or triplexes)	60.87% 126	30.43% 63	8.70% 18	207
Accessible design for single family homes	13.46% 28	48.08% 100	38.46% 80	208

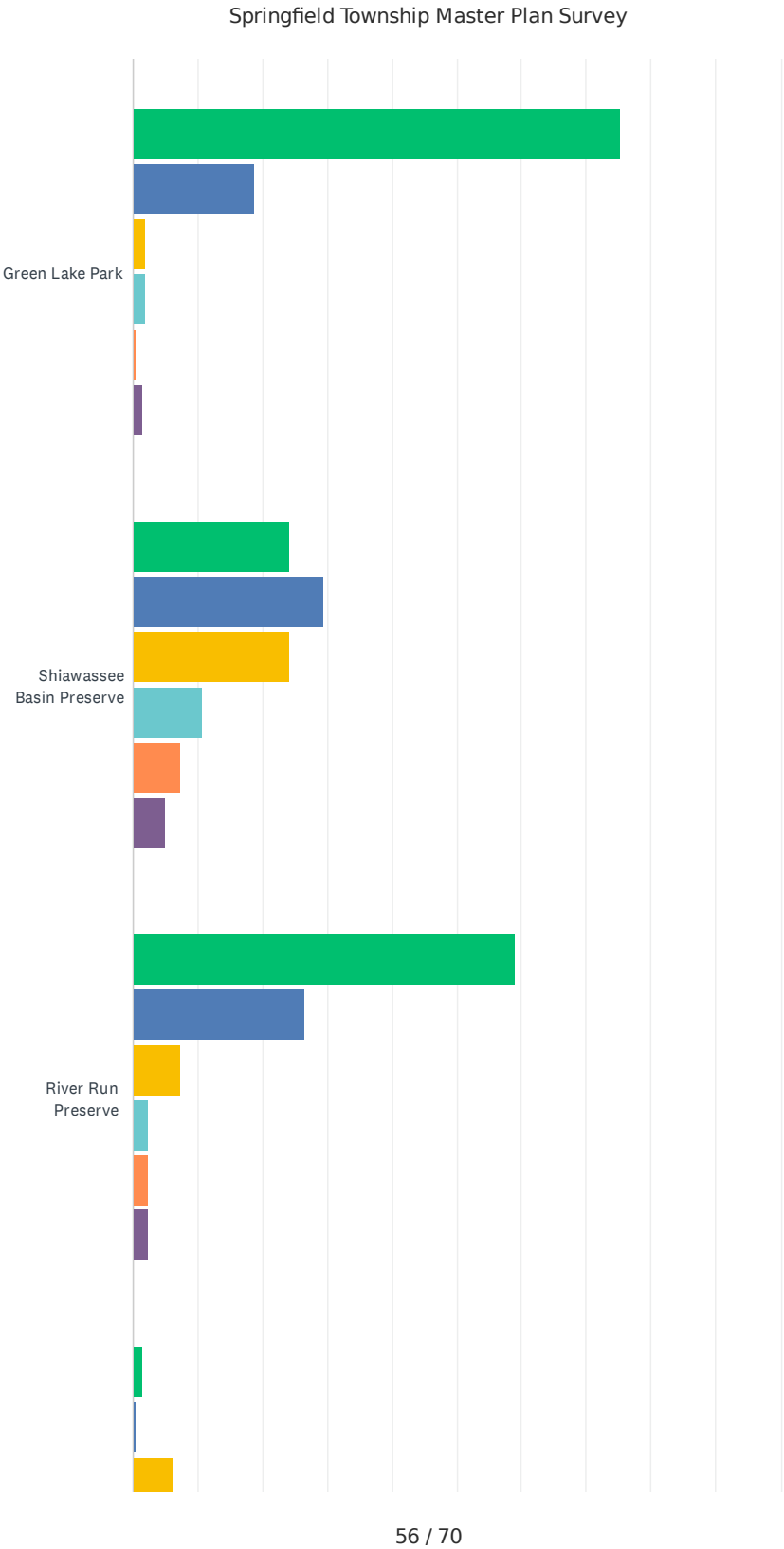


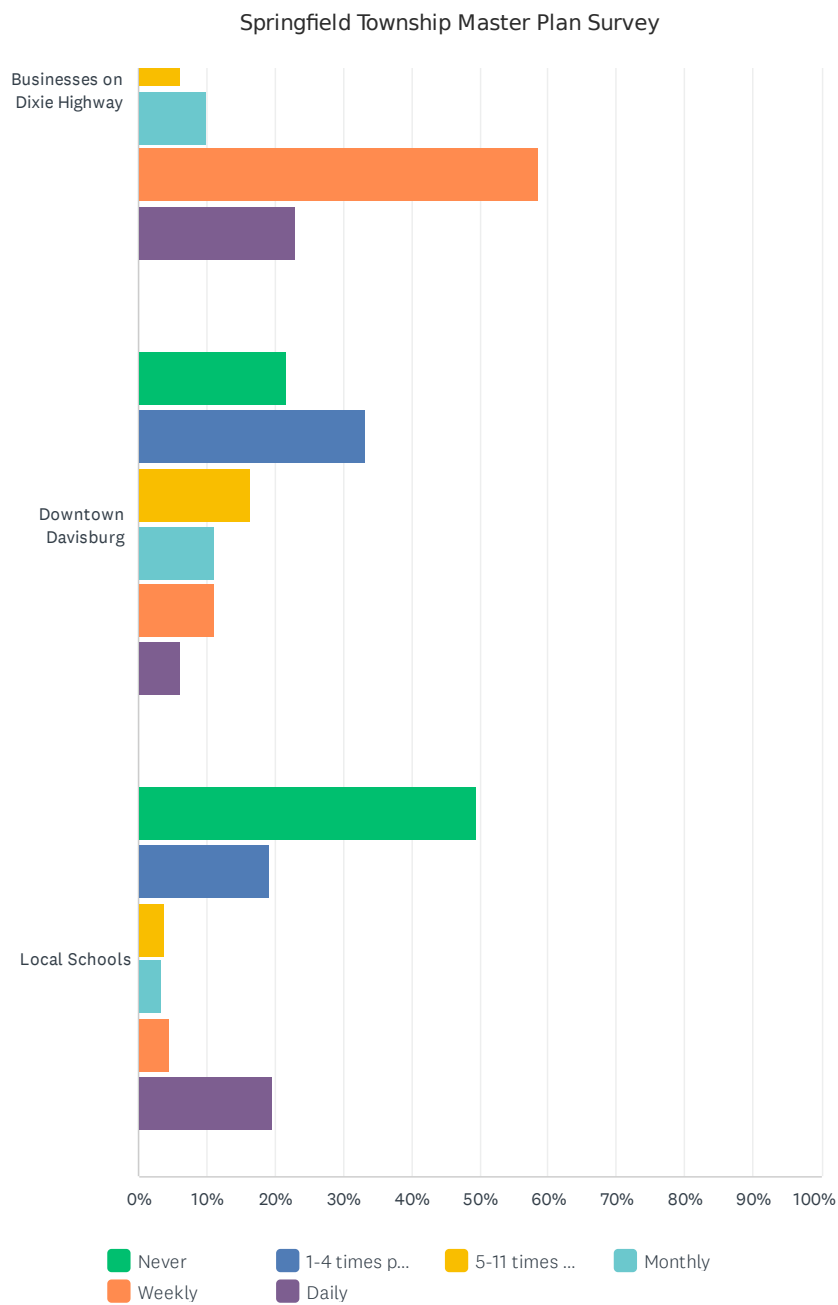
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Q27 How often do you access the following nearby destinations by car?
Please choose one answer for each destination.

Answered: 210 Skipped: 40







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	NEVER	1-4 TIMES PER YEAR	5-11 TIMES PER YEAR	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	TOTAL
Township Hall (Offices/Park/Library)	2.39% 5	23.92% 50	25.84% 54	21.05% 44	20.57% 43	6.22% 13	209
Mill Pond Park and the Hart Community Center	15.53% 32	46.12% 95	18.45% 38	15.53% 32	1.94% 4	2.43% 5	206
Shultz Park	50.24% 103	34.63% 71	9.27% 19	2.44% 5	0.98% 2	2.44% 5	205
Green Lake Park	75.37% 153	18.72% 38	1.97% 4	1.97% 4	0.49% 1	1.48% 3	203
Shiawassee Basin Preserve	24.04% 50	29.33% 61	24.04% 50	10.58% 22	7.21% 15	4.81% 10	208
River Run Preserve	59.02% 121	26.34% 54	7.32% 15	2.44% 5	2.44% 5	2.44% 5	205
Businesses on Dixie Highway	1.44% 3	0.48% 1	6.25% 13	10.10% 21	58.65% 122	23.08% 48	208
Downtown Davisburg	21.74% 45	33.33% 69	16.43% 34	11.11% 23	11.11% 23	6.28% 13	207
Local Schools	49.51% 101	19.12% 39	3.92% 8	3.43% 7	4.41% 9	19.61% 40	204

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Q28 Which three destinations would you like to be able to reach by walking or bicycle, rather than in your car? If none, please type "None".

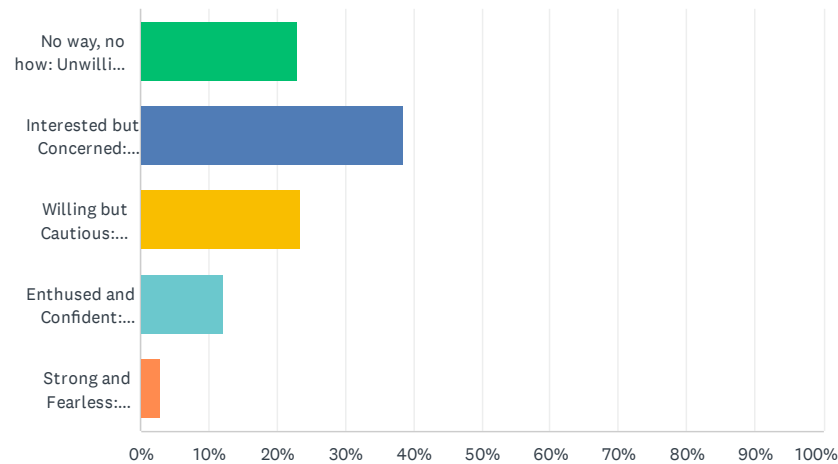
Answered: 194 Skipped: 56

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1)	100.00%	194
2)	47.42%	92
3)	38.66%	75

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Q29 How would you describe yourself as a cyclist? Check one option below.

Answered: 205 Skipped: 45

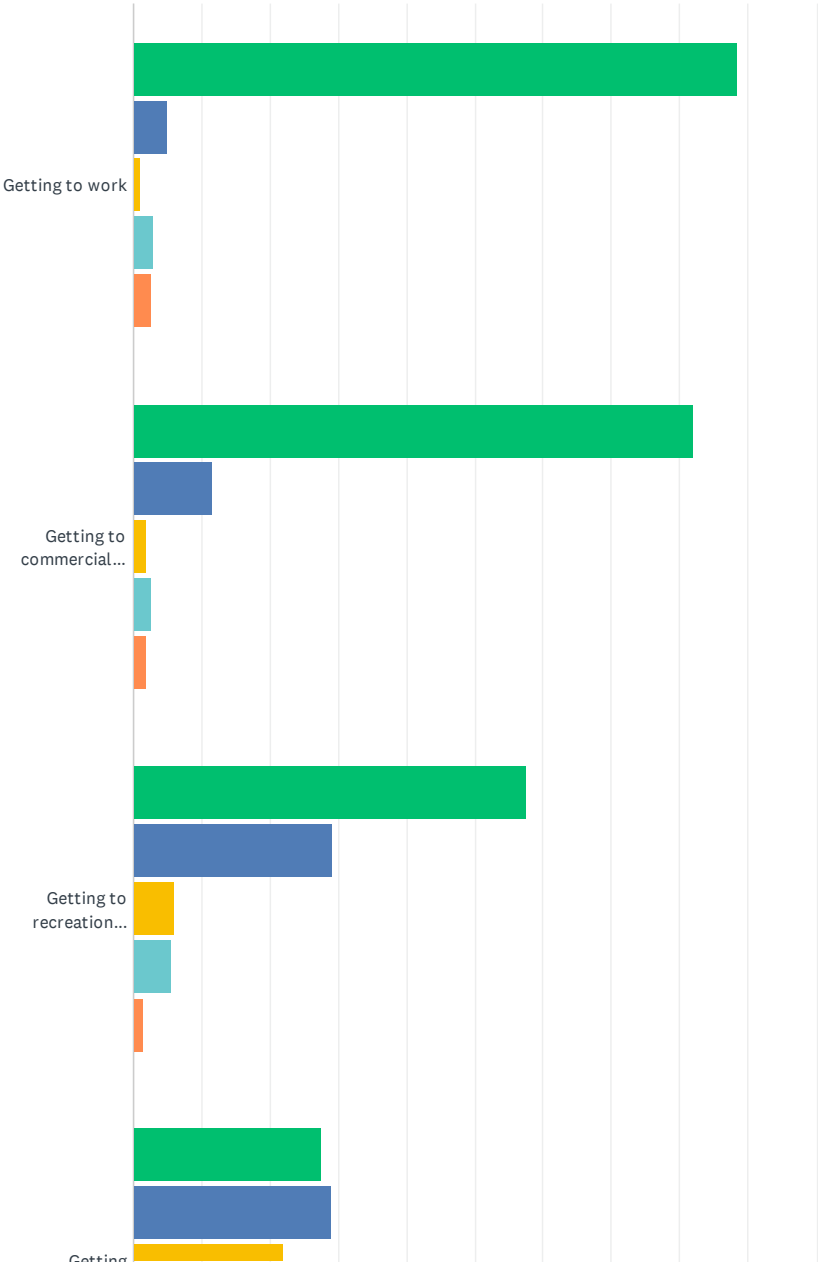


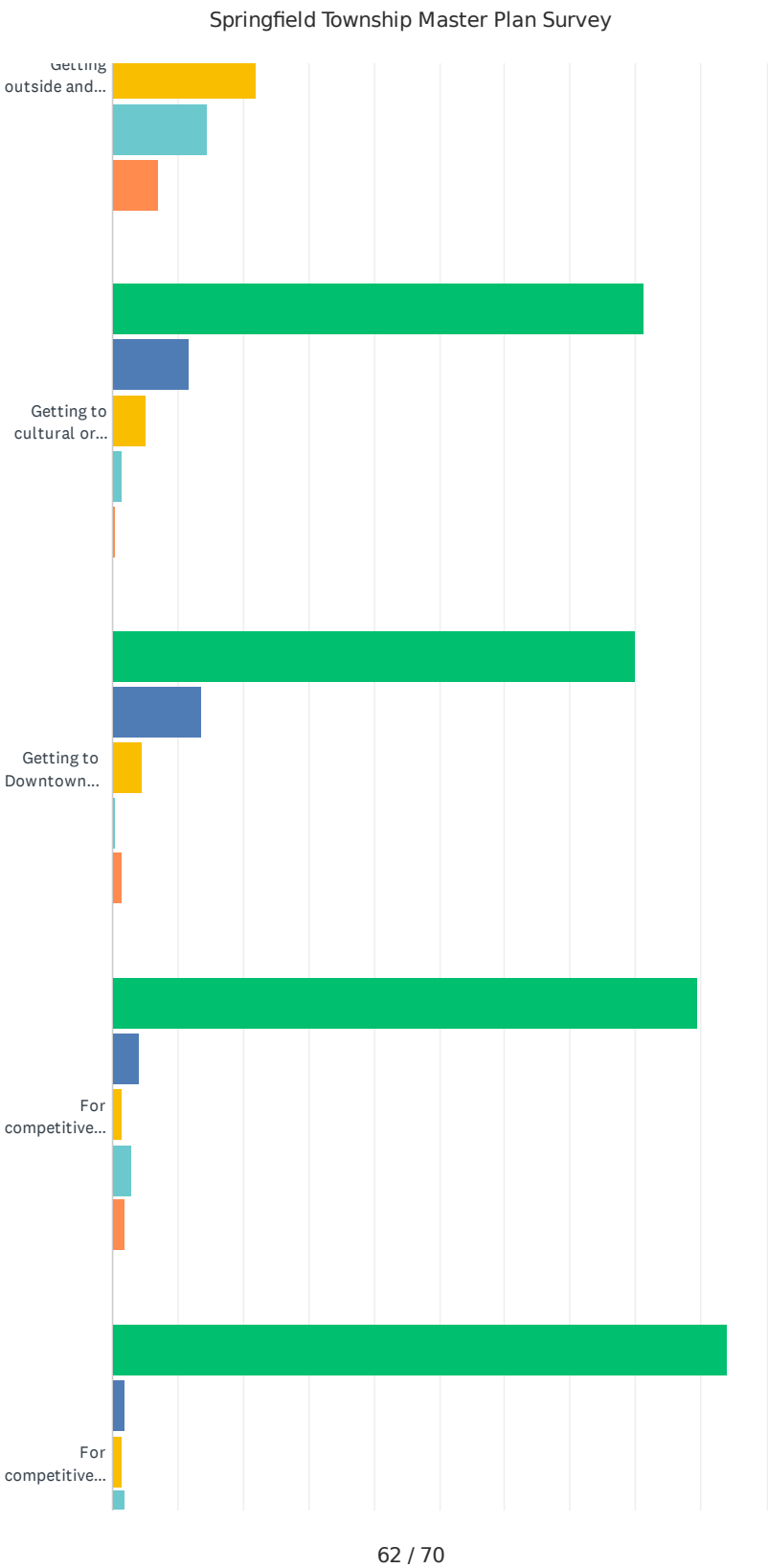
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No way, no how: Unwilling or uninterested in bicycling	22.93%	47
Interested but Concerned: Willing to bicycle but only on off-road trails or where high-quality bicycle accommodations are provided (e.g. separated bike lanes or side paths outside of the roadway).	38.54%	79
Willing but Cautious: Willing to bicycle within a roadway but only if comfortable bike accommodations are present (e.g. buffered bike lanes or wide bike lanes).	23.41%	48
Enthusied and Confident: Willing to bicycle within a roadway but only on lower traffic streets or if modest bike accommodations are present (e.g. conventional bike lanes or share the road markings)	12.20%	25
Strong and Fearless: Willing to bicycle in a roadway with limited or no bike accommodations	2.93%	6
TOTAL		205

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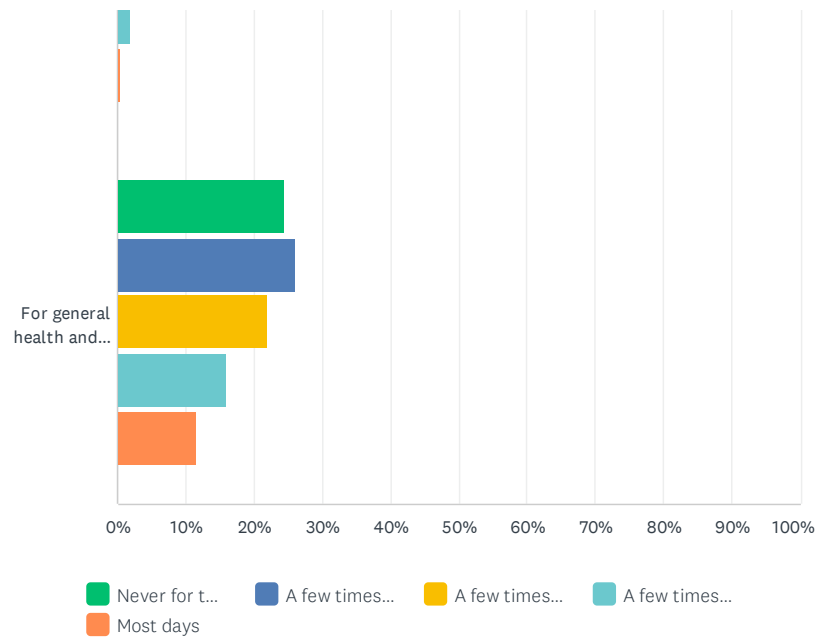
Q30 How often do you currently use sidewalks, bike paths, and/or paved shoulders) for various activities/tasks? For each activity listed below, respond using the following scale:

Answered: 205 Skipped: 45





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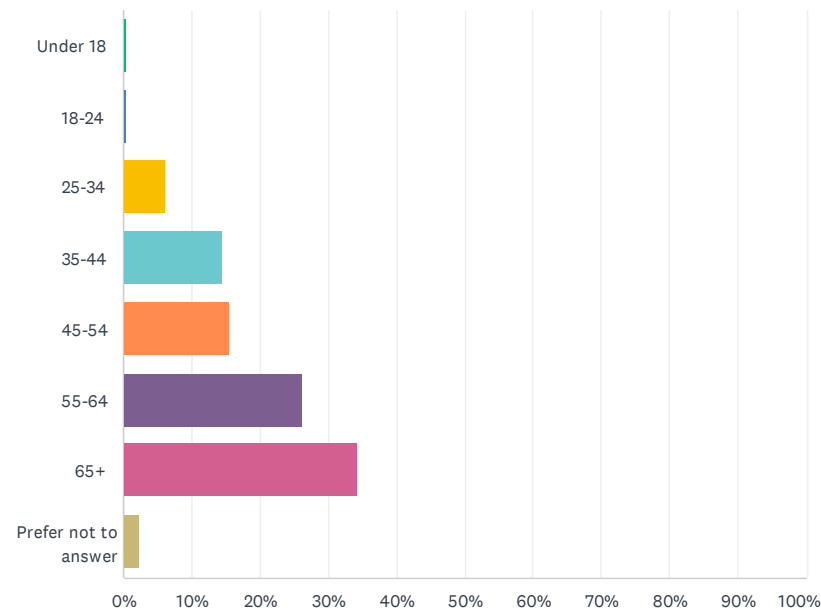


	NEVER FOR THIS PURPOSE	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	A FEW TIMES A WEEK	MOST DAYS	TOTAL
Getting to work	88.56% 178	4.98% 10	1.00% 2	2.99% 6	2.49% 5	201
Getting to commercial destinations (shopping centers, services, etc.)	82.00% 164	11.50% 23	2.00% 4	2.50% 5	2.00% 4	200
Getting to recreation destinations (parks, recreation centers)	57.58% 114	29.29% 58	6.06% 12	5.56% 11	1.52% 3	198
Getting outside and access to nature	27.50% 55	29.00% 58	22.00% 44	14.50% 29	7.00% 14	200
Getting to cultural or entertainment destinations (theater, library, etc.)	81.22% 160	11.68% 23	5.08% 10	1.52% 3	0.51% 1	197
Getting to Downtown Davisburg	79.90% 159	13.57% 27	4.52% 9	0.50% 1	1.51% 3	199
For competitive running training	89.50% 179	4.00% 8	1.50% 3	3.00% 6	2.00% 4	200
For competitive cycling training	94.00% 188	2.00% 4	1.50% 3	2.00% 4	0.50% 1	200
For general health and fitness (walking, jogging, bicycling)	24.50% 49	26.00% 52	22.00% 44	16.00% 32	11.50% 23	200

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Q31 Indicate your age group

Answered: 213 Skipped: 37

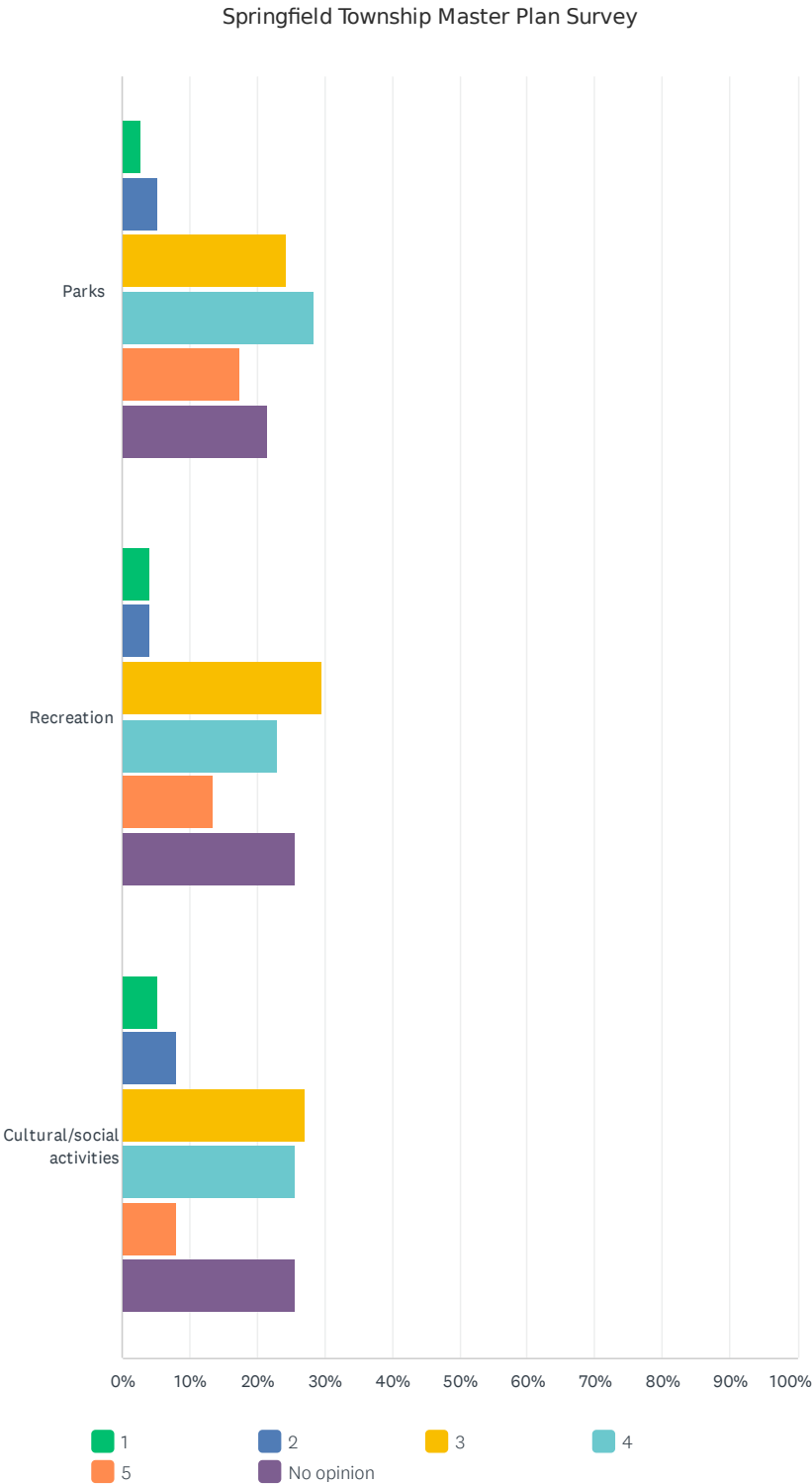


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Under 18		0.47%	1
18-24		0.47%	1
25-34		6.10%	13
35-44		14.55%	31
45-54		15.49%	33
55-64		26.29%	56
65+		34.27%	73
Prefer not to answer		2.35%	5
TOTAL			213

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Q32 Rate your level of satisfaction with the parks, recreation and cultural activities specific to seniors in Springfield Township on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "Very Unsatisfied" and 5 being "Very Satisfied".

Answered: 74 Skipped: 176



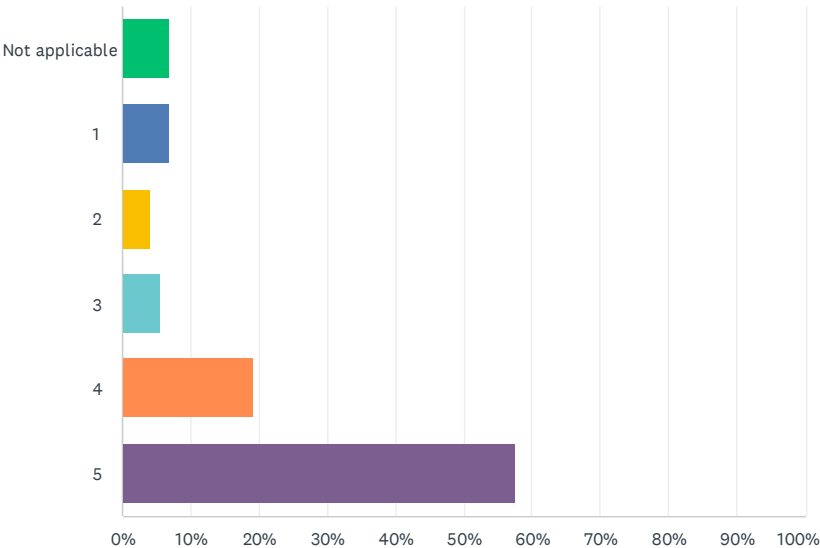
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	1	2	3	4	5	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Parks	2.70% 2	5.41% 4	24.32% 18	28.38% 21	17.57% 13	21.62% 16	74
Recreation	4.05% 3	4.05% 3	29.73% 22	22.97% 17	13.51% 10	25.68% 19	74
Cultural/social activities	5.41% 4	8.11% 6	27.03% 20	25.68% 19	8.11% 6	25.68% 19	74

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Q33 Rate how easy it is for you to get to places you need or would like to go on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "Very Challenging" and 5 being "Very Easy".

Answered: 73 Skipped: 177

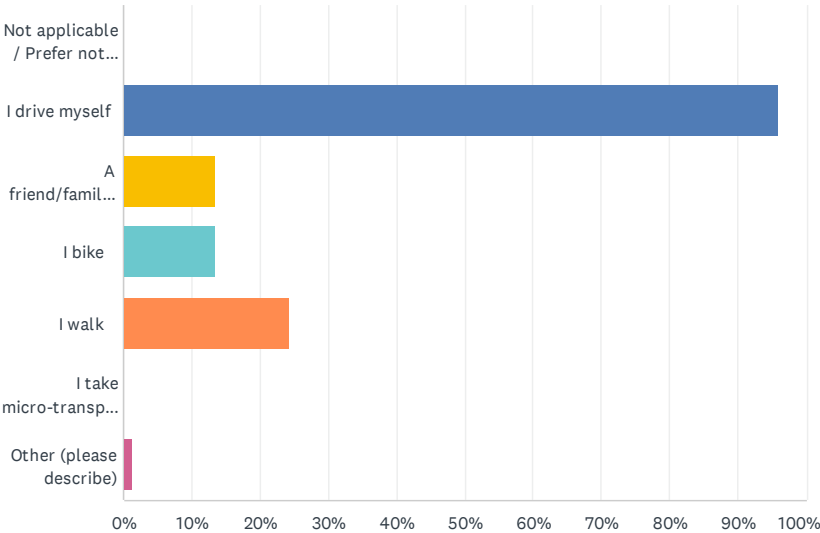


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable	6.85%	5
1	6.85%	5
2	4.11%	3
3	5.48%	4
4	19.18%	14
5	57.53%	42
TOTAL		73

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Q34 Select all of the ways you get to the places you need or want to go.

Answered: 74 Skipped: 176



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable / Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
I drive myself	95.95%	71
A friend/family member drives me	13.51%	10
I bike	13.51%	10
I walk	24.32%	18
I take micro-transportation, such as a senior ride service	0.00%	0
Other (please describe)	1.35%	1
Total Respondents: 74		

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Q35 Please provide any additional comments that may assist the Township in updating the Master Plan:

Answered: 96 Skipped: 154

