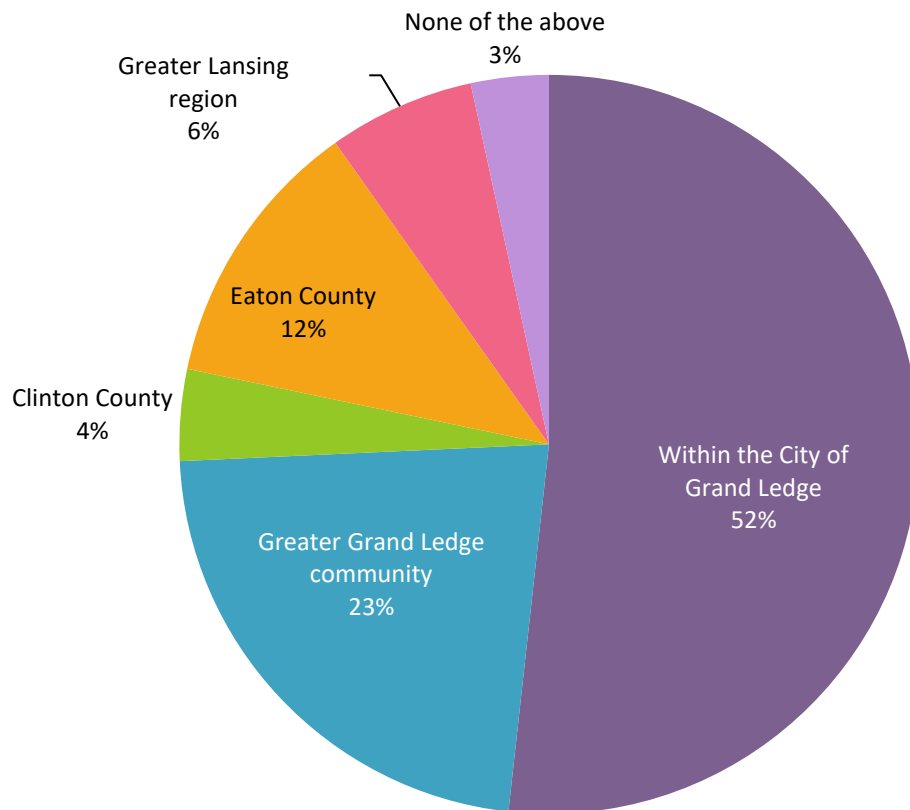


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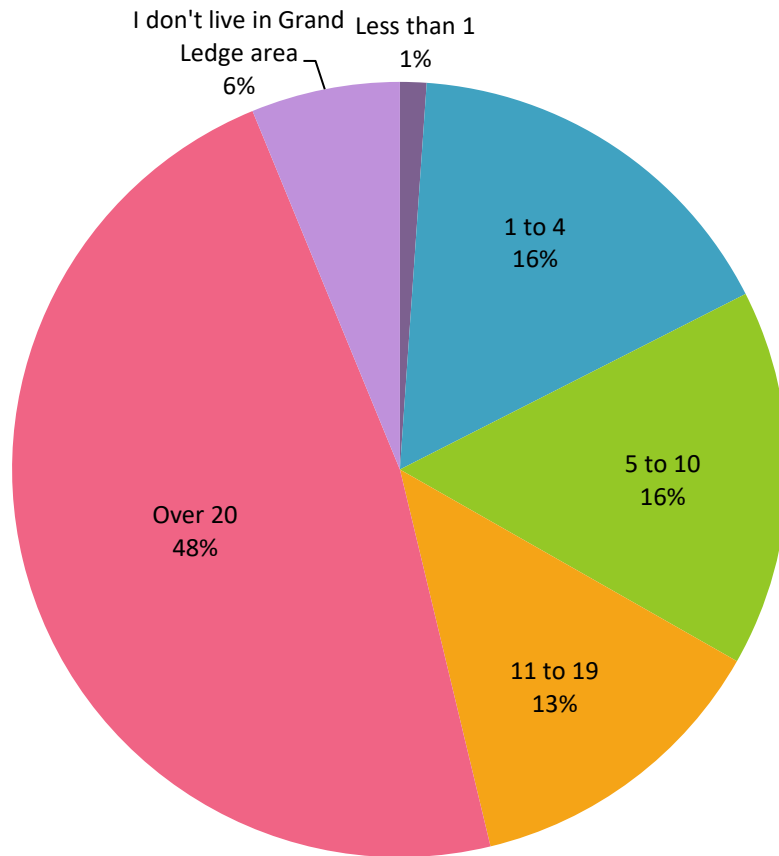
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Where do you live?



Value	Percent	Count
Within the City of Grand Ledge	51.7%	273
Greater Grand Ledge community	22.5%	119
Clinton County	4.0%	21
Eaton County	11.9%	63
Greater Lansing region	6.4%	34
None of the above	3.4%	18

How many years have you lived in the Grand Ledge area?

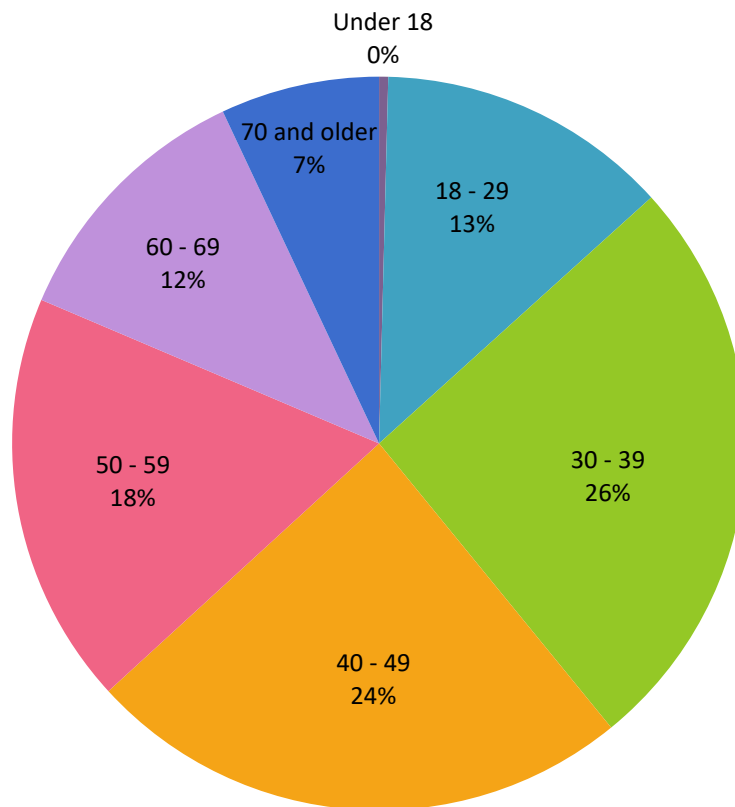


Value	Percent	Count
Less than 1	1.1%	6
1 to 4	16.4%	87
5 to 10	15.7%	83
11 to 19	13.0%	69
Over 20	47.5%	252
I don't live in Grand Ledge area	6.2%	33

How many people from each of the following age groups live in your household?

	1	2	3	4	5+
Under 18	78 24.8%	116 36.8%	33 10.5%	13 4.1%	5 1.6%
18 - 29	83 39.3%	53 25.1%	5 2.4%	4 1.9%	4 1.9%
30 - 39	62 28.6%	92 42.4%	3 1.4%	0 0.0%	1 0.5%
40 - 49	74 33.0%	78 34.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.4%
50 - 59	71 37.4%	59 31.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.5%
60 - 69	40 24.8%	43 26.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.6%
70 and older	31 24.4%	18 14.2%	0 0.0%	1 0.8%	1 0.8%

What is your age?



Value	Percent	Count
Under 18	0.4%	2
18 - 29	12.9%	68
30 - 39	25.8%	136
40 - 49	24.1%	127
50 - 59	18.2%	96
60 - 69	11.6%	61
70 and older	7.0%	37

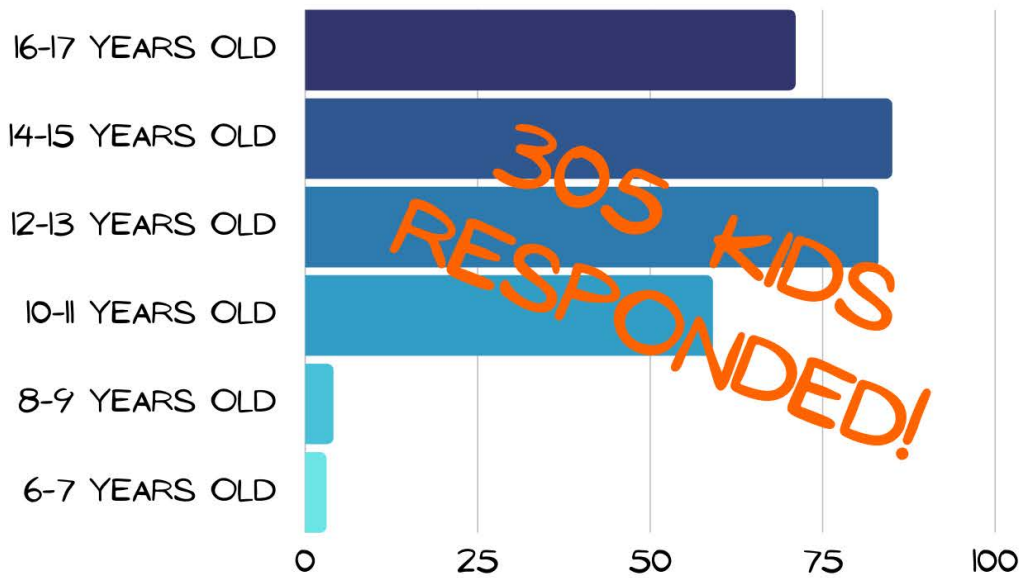
The City of Grand Ledge created a four (4) question, electronic survey sent to Grand Ledge Public School (GLPS) K-12 students to better understand their perspective of our parks. In one week, we collected 305 responses from children ages 6-17 years old, showing tremendous interest in our parks.

Each of the four (4) survey questions is marked with "Parks Survey - GLPS Grades K-12" and the following questions:

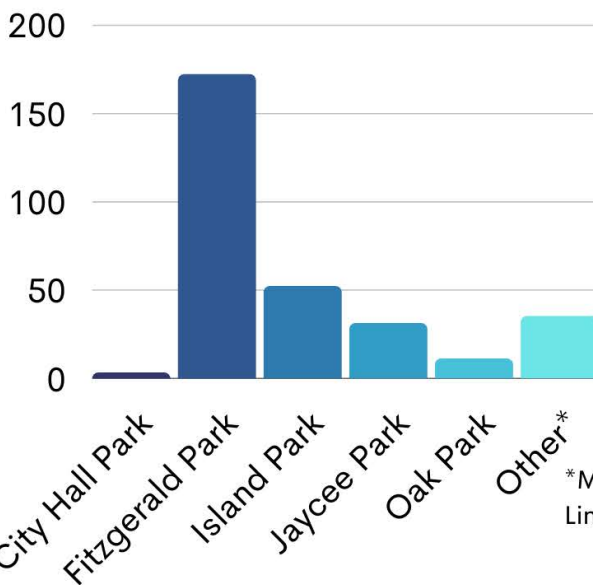
- Q1. How old are you?
- Q2. What is your all-time favorite park in Grand Ledge?
- Q3. What is your favorite thing about this park?
- Q4. If you were in charge for one day, what would you do to make the parks better?

Parks Survey: GLPS Grades K-12

Q1. HOW OLD ARE YOU?



Parks Survey: GLPS Grades K-12



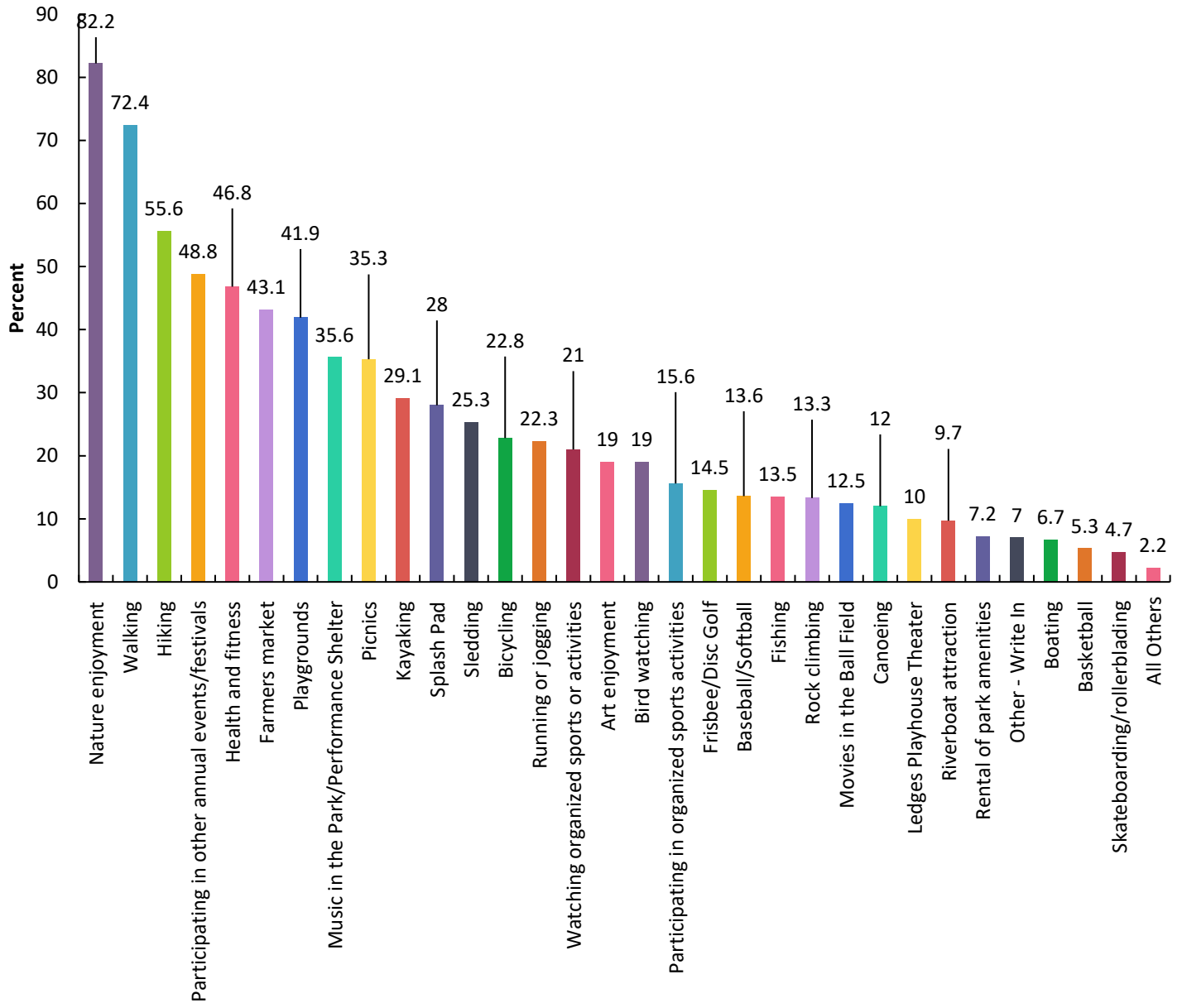
Q2. WHAT IS YOUR ALL-TIME FAVORITE PARK IN GRAND LEDGE?

*Majority of responses named, Lincoln Brick Park.

Considering all area parks and open space facilities owned and/or operated by the City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County Parks, and Grand Ledge Public Schools as referenced on the map above, how often have you visited the following facilities in the past years?

	10 or more times	5 - 9 times	1 - 4 times	Not at all
Bridge Street Plaza	131 22.2%	90 15.3%	208 35.3%	161 27.3%
City Hall Park	44 7.5%	36 6.1%	133 22.6%	376 63.8%
Colonial Park	22 3.7%	19 3.2%	122 20.8%	424 72.2%
Elaine Dible Memorial Park	23 3.9%	23 3.9%	72 12.2%	471 80.0%
Fieldview Open Space	25 4.3%	18 3.1%	89 15.2%	455 77.5%
Fitzgerald Memorial Field	163 27.7%	94 16.0%	179 30.4%	152 25.9%
Fitzgerald Park	316 53.2%	126 21.2%	124 20.9%	28 4.7%
Grand Ledge Public School outdoor recreation facilities	169 28.7%	79 13.4%	126 21.4%	214 36.4%
Island Park	343 57.9%	105 17.7%	102 17.2%	42 7.1%
Jaycee Park	324 54.8%	88 14.9%	96 16.2%	83 14.0%
Lincoln Brick Park	189 32.0%	84 14.2%	192 32.5%	126 21.3%
"Little Fitz" (area adjacent to Fitzgerald Park, off of Gulf Street)	43 7.3%	48 8.1%	109 18.5%	389 66.0%
Oak Park	133 22.3%	88 14.7%	170 28.5%	206 34.5%
Oakwood Greenspace	24 4.1%	28 4.8%	107 18.3%	425 72.8%
Riverwalk Trail	260 44.1%	108 18.3%	126 21.4%	95 16.1%
Riverfront Park	199 33.9%	88 15.0%	145 24.7%	155 26.4%
Unimproved pathway between Island and Fitzgerald Park	202 34.2%	98 16.6%	145 24.5%	146 24.7%
Wide Walk	132 22.6%	60 10.3%	117 20.0%	275 47.1%

Based upon your responses in Question 1, why do you visit area parks and open spaces? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent	Count
Nature enjoyment	82.2%	494
Walking	72.4%	435
Hiking	55.6%	334
Participating in other annual events/festivals	48.8%	293
Health and fitness	46.8%	281
Farmers market	43.1%	259
Playgrounds	41.9%	252
Music in the Park/Performance Shelter	35.6%	214
Picnics	35.3%	212
Kayaking	29.1%	175
Splash Pad	28.0%	168
Sledding	25.3%	152
Bicycling	22.8%	137
Running or jogging	22.3%	134
Watching organized sports or activities	21.0%	126
Art enjoyment	19.0%	114
Bird watching	19.0%	114
Participating in organized sports activities	15.6%	94
Frisbee/Disc Golf	14.5%	87
Baseball/Softball	13.6%	82
Fishing	13.5%	81
Rock climbing	13.3%	80
Movies in the Ball Field	12.5%	75
Canoeing	12.0%	72
Ledges Playhouse Theater	10.0%	60
Riverboat attraction	9.7%	58
Rental of park amenities	7.2%	43
Other - Write In	7.0%	42
Boating	6.7%	40
Basketball	5.3%	32
Skateboarding/rollerblading	4.7%	28

Value	Percent	Count
Volleyball	2.2%	13

Based upon your responses in Question 1, why do you visit area parks and open spaces?

- Dog walking
- cross country skiing
- Photographs
- Photography
- Pokémon Go
- BOAT LAUNCH
- Covid
- Disc Golf
- Dog walking
- Dogs
- Ducks
- Horseshoe
- I checked other because of COVID I didn't go to any school sports events. Otherwise would have many times
- I use my mobility cart
- Just plain relaxing
- Kayaking
- Longboarding
- Meeting friends
- Michigan State University geology class field trips
- Playing Pokemon Go
- Pokémon Go
- Relaxing in area by and around the dam.
- Swimming
- Walking my dog
- Work for the Eaton county park
- dog walking
- dog walking, socializing
- geology
- skateboarding
- swimming

Please provide your overall opinion regarding the following aspects of City operated parks and open spaces.

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Don't Know
Park Maintenance/Appearance	134 23.8%	389 69.2%	28 5.0%	11 2.0%
Variety of Amenities/Facilities	74 13.2%	372 66.3%	93 16.6%	22 3.9%
Safety	142 25.3%	370 65.8%	29 5.2%	21 3.7%

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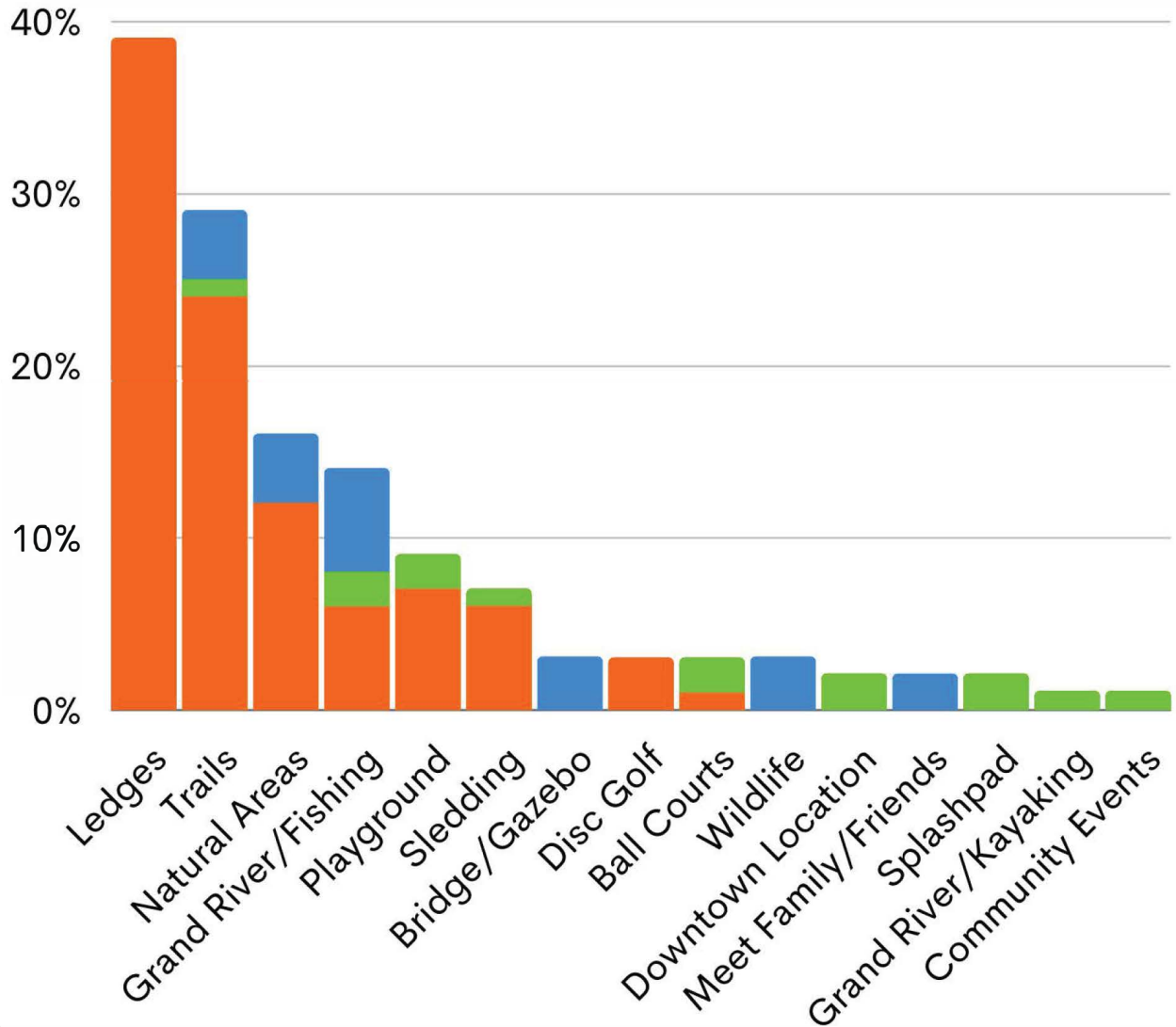
Q3. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THIS PARK?

Answers from the top 3 parks:

FITZGERALD PARK

ISLAND PARK

JAYCEE PARK



"GOOD WALKING TRAILS." "LOVE ALL THE TREES!" "THE LEDGES."

"I LIKE THE NATURE AROUND IT BECAUSE I LOVE NATURE."

"IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL WITH THE RIVER ALL AROUND IT."

"AMAZING SCENERY, A GREAT PLACE TO MEET FRIENDS."

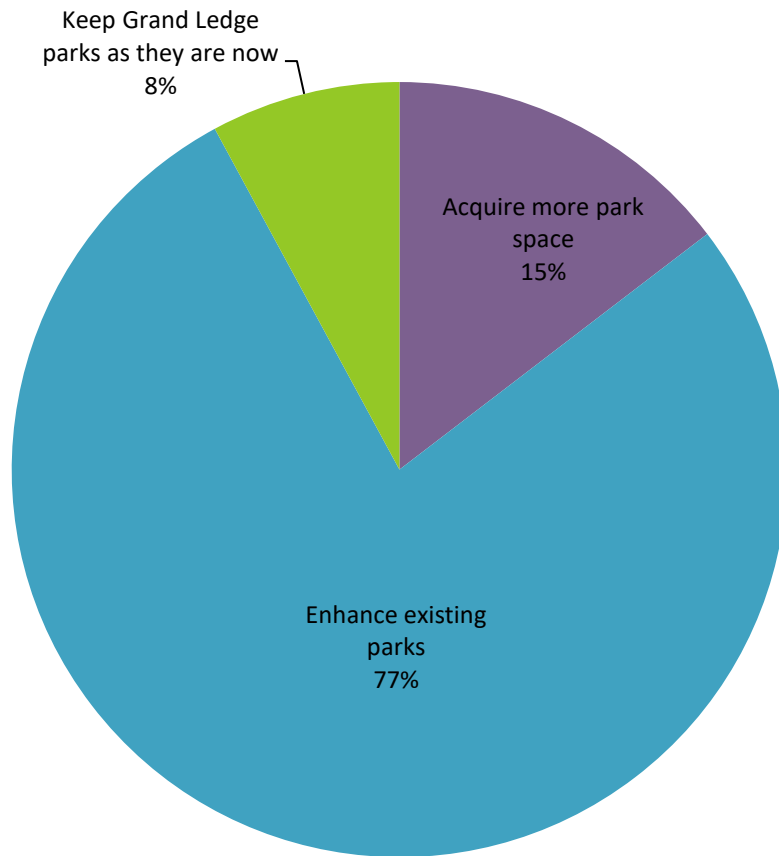
"I LOVE THAT IT'S BIG AND REALLY LIKE ACCESS TO THE RIVER"

"IT'S FUN TO PLAY BASKETBALL." "SPLASHPAD AND RIVER WALK"

Please provide your opinion regarding these recreational statements.

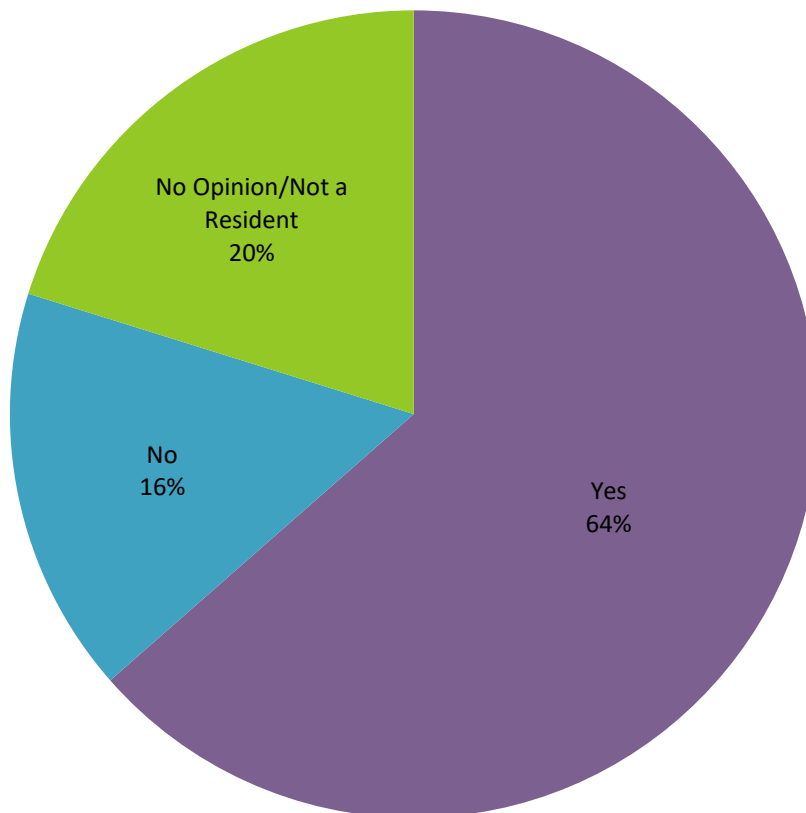
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Indifferent	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It is important to enhance recreational opportunities along the Grand River.	310 55.4%	189 33.8%	49 8.8%	8 1.4%	4 0.7%
It is important to preserve, protect, and enhance public access to the Grand River.	354 63.1%	174 31.0%	27 4.8%	5 0.9%	1 0.2%
It is important to provide outdoor recreational facilities and athletic fields within the Grand Ledge park system.	238 42.4%	204 36.4%	96 17.1%	15 2.7%	8 1.4%
It is important that Grand Ledge parks have non-motorized pathways and trails.	374 66.7%	161 28.7%	20 3.6%	4 0.7%	2 0.4%
Open greenspace is an important element of Grand Ledge parks.	258 46.1%	232 41.4%	64 11.4%	4 0.7%	2 0.4%

Considering the resources and funds available, which of the following is most important for City operated parks and open spaces in the next 5 years?



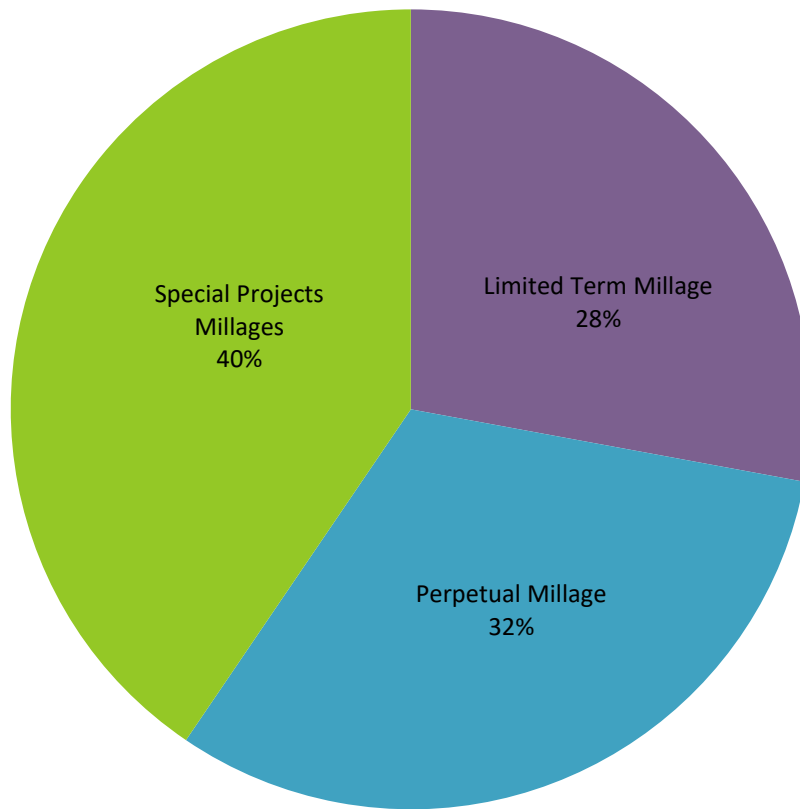
Value	Percent	Count
Acquire more park space	14.6%	82
Enhance existing parks	77.5%	434
Keep Grand Ledge parks as they are now	7.9%	44

Currently, the City levies 0.8 mills for Parks and Recreation, generating approximately \$162,000 annually to cover basic mowing, trimming, trash collection, and general maintenance for over 46-acres of City parks. In considering future Parks and Recreation revenue, adjusted for Tax Increment Financing, if one additional mill was levied this would generate an estimated \$200,000 annually allowing for park enhancements. For a home valued at \$100,000, that would be about \$50 additional per year, or for a home valued at \$200,000, that would be about \$100 additional per year. Would you consider supporting a millage increase for park enhancements?



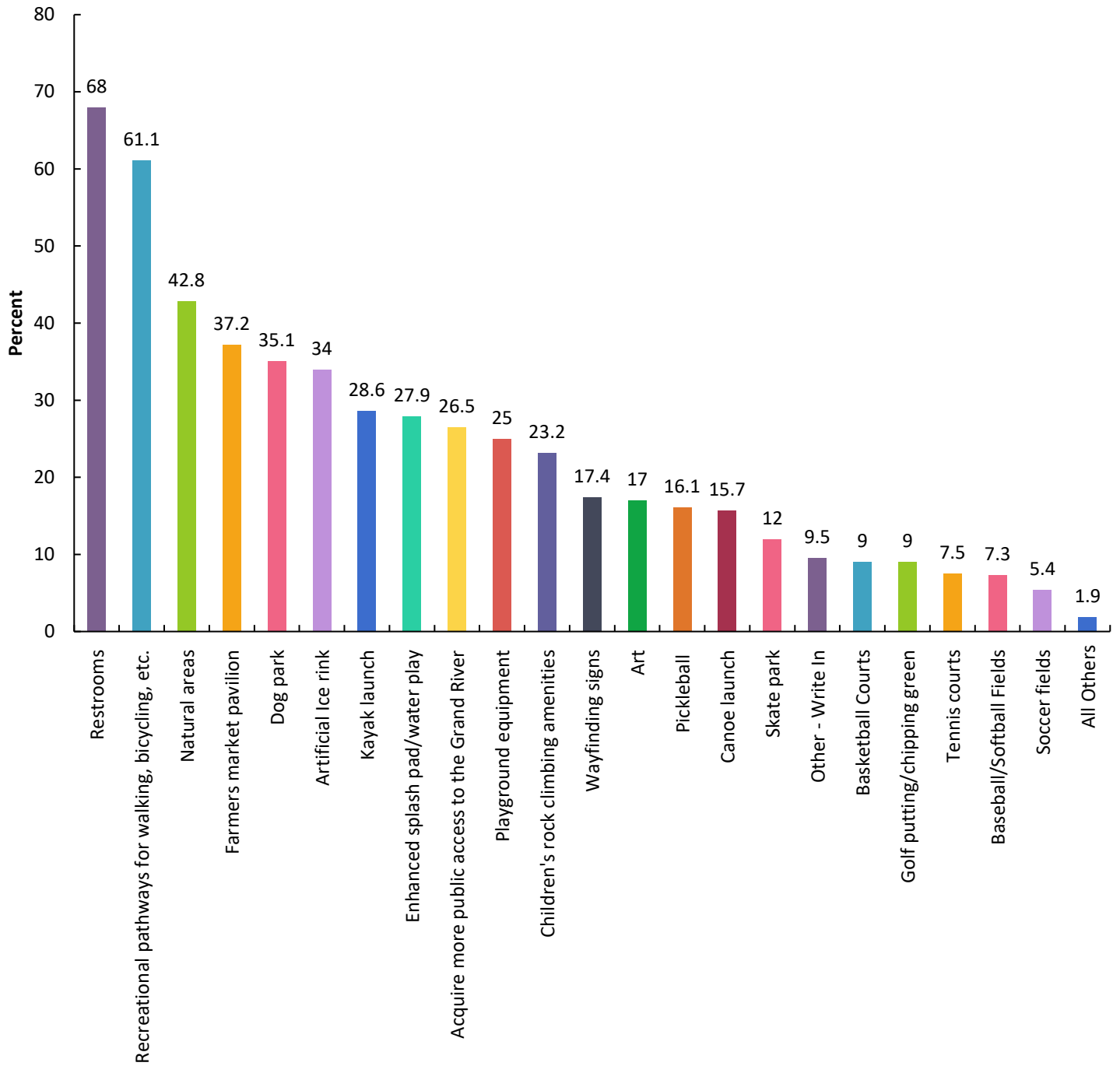
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	63.6%	356
No	16.3%	91
No Opinion/Not a Resident	20.2%	113

If you would support a millage, what type of millage would you support?



Value	Percent	Count
Limited Term Millage	27.9%	97
Perpetual Millage	31.6%	110
Special Projects Millages	40.5%	141

What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to City operated parks and open spaces? Please check all that apply.

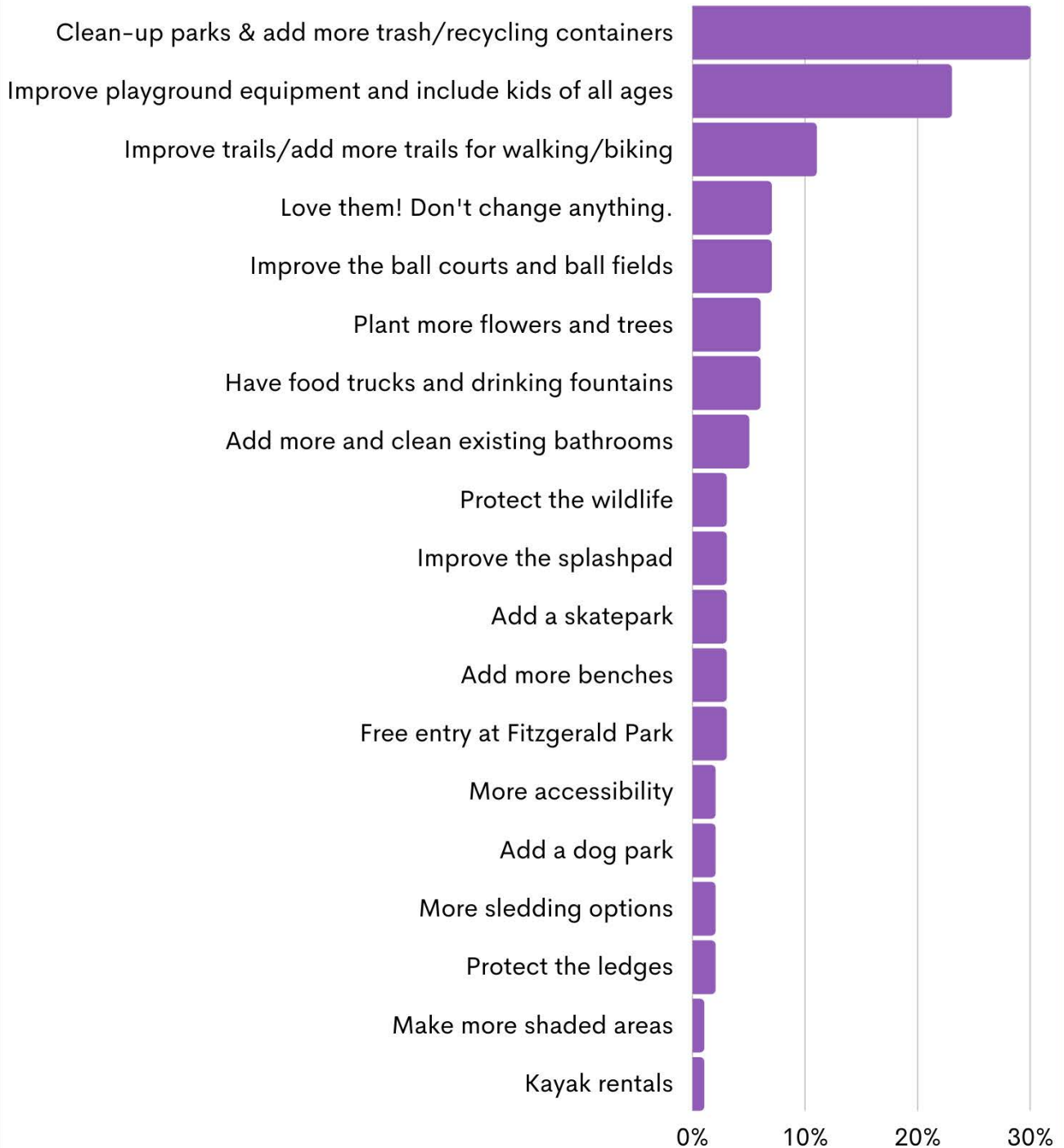


What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to City operated parks and open spaces? Please check all that apply

Value	Percent	Count
Restrooms	68.0%	364
Recreational pathways for walking, bicycling, etc.	61.1%	327
Natural areas	42.8%	229
Farmers market pavilion	37.2%	199
Dog park	35.1%	188
Artificial Ice rink	34.0%	182
Kayak launch	28.6%	153
Enhanced splash pad/water play	27.9%	149
Acquire more public access to the Grand River	26.5%	142
Playground equipment	25.0%	134
Children's rock climbing amenities	23.2%	124
Wayfinding signs	17.4%	93
Art	17.0%	91
Pickleball	16.1%	86
Canoe launch	15.7%	84
Skate park	12.0%	64
Other - Write In	9.5%	51
Basketball Courts	9.0%	48
Golf putting/chipping green	9.0%	48
Tennis courts	7.5%	40
Baseball/Softball Fields	7.3%	39
Soccer fields	5.4%	29
No changes	1.9%	10

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Q4. IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE FOR ONE DAY, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE THE PARKS BETTER?



"ADD RECYCLING BINS AND MORE TRASH CANS TO REDUCE LITTER."

"BUILD A BRIDGE TO CONNECT FITZGERALD AND LINCOLN BRICK PARKS."

"ADD LOTS OF FLOWERS AND MAKE IT REALLY PRETTY."

"ADD MORE TRAILS TO MAKE FOR LONGER HIKE." "MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS"

"ADD PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR BIGGER KIDS
- TEENS LIKE TO PLAY TOO, YOU KNOW."

"ADD MORE SWINGS!"

What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to City operated parks and open spaces? Please check all that apply

Other – Write In

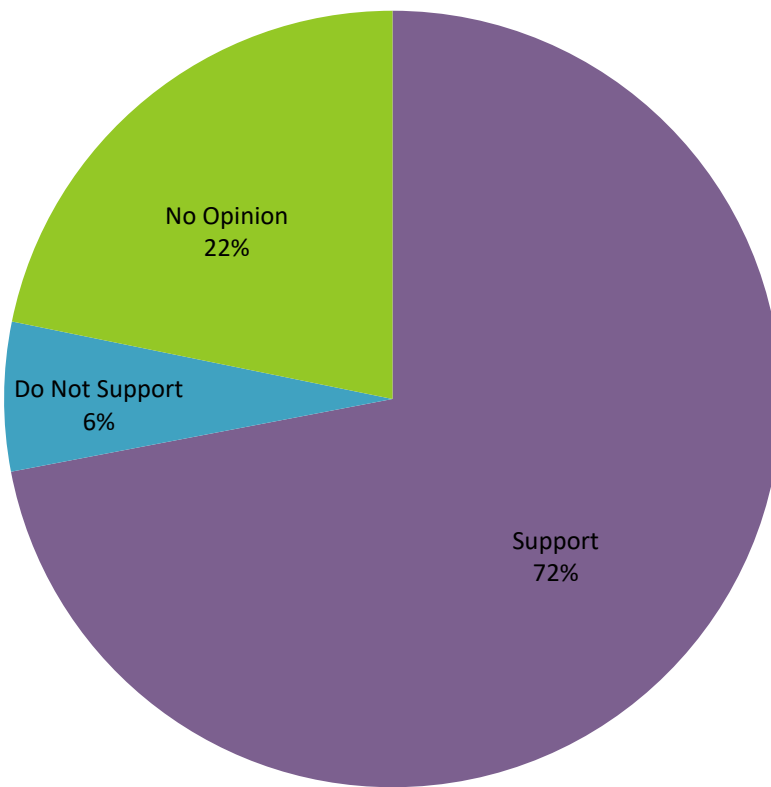
- Recycling bins
- A public pool/water park
- Accessibility for senior citizens
- Add more disc golf holes
- Additional trash bins
- Address ongoing erosion issues at Oak Park
- Better parking lot in oak park
- Better steps and boat dock at oak park
- Bike repair stations, lighting along the river front path for safety.
- Clean up the trails. There is so much garbage, broken glass, at Fitzgerald
- Connection between Oak Park and Island Park or Fitzgerald
- Disc golf course other than fitzgerald
- Enhance information about historical significance of various areas
- Enhance the walk (#14 on map) so it is t so muddy and treacherous.
- Erosion control w/in Oak Park
- Exercise equipment. Pull up bars dip bars.
- Free disc golf course
- Gardens
- Historical and/or interpretive signage
- I would like to see more preservation of nature. Less concrete. Less black top. Less "sculptures" More natural art. More natural playgrounds.
- I would like to see the bike path that runs on 43 go all the way to Jefferson
- IMPROVE YOUR CURRENT PARKS! Oak park needs a lot of work to it, it seems as if you don't know the trail goes down to the river and only focus on the open green space near the parking lot.
- Ice skating
- Improve Riverwalk Trail Safety between island and fitz park
- Improved signage at oak park for rules/safety guidance for climbers
- Lacrosse Field, move disc golf courses
- Maintain current infrastructure. MAINTENANCE NOT GOOD
- Making the river trail safer
- More and improved disc golf
- More areas for runners and walkers
- More blacktop side walks like in Saginaw highway by 22 acres
- More focus on farmer market and vendors, a community garden, more flowers and native plants, a butterfly garden.
- More informational signage about the geology/science of the ledges
- More non motorized trails
- More paved trails and longer paved trails
- Mountain bike trails and more walking trails
- Pickleball and would love a winter ice skating rink again
- Playground checked for Lincoln Brick
- Remove excessive signage and move trash cans to parking lot so vehicles don't compact the soil as they drive they the park rain or shine. Treat the parking lots to keep the dust down. The city employees are talented. Utilize that talent.
- Restrooms are of utmost importance and should be available at all parks that have playground equipment
- Sensory playground
- Updated playground at jaycee park for the kids

- bike and walking trails that connect so some of the longer lansing trails.
- cement skate park like Charlotte
- disc golf
- drinking fountains
- if you increase taxes anymore, I will have to sell my house. PLEASE don't. Grand Ledge is too expensive. Please consider all income brackets, not just the wealthiest. I won't be able to live here anymore.
- rock climbing
- upgrade play equipment
- volleyball courts

If you or a family member has a disability, please indicate which of the following are needed in the City operated parks and open spaces. If no one in your family has a disability, please skip to Question 10.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Flatter, easier grades	39 22.4%	54 31.0%	72 41.4%	6 3.4%	3 1.7%
Accessible playgrounds	42 25.1%	50 29.9%	68 40.7%	3 1.8%	4 2.4%
Accessible parking	62 31.8%	57 29.2%	70 35.9%	2 1.0%	4 2.1%
Accessible waterfront access	47 25.0%	58 30.9%	78 41.5%	1 0.5%	4 2.1%
Accessible restrooms	73 39.7%	59 32.1%	49 26.6%	1 0.5%	2 1.1%
Paved trails	52 26.9%	54 28.0%	74 38.3%	8 4.1%	5 2.6%
Accessible spectator viewing areas	52 28.0%	57 30.6%	71 38.2%	2 1.1%	4 2.2%

Do you support an extension of the existing Wide Walk to loop and connect to Fitzgerald Park?



Value	Percent	Count
Support	72.0%	347
Do Not Support	6.2%	30
No Opinion	21.8%	105

What park do you use most and what amenity do you wish it had? (405 Responses)



City Hall Park

- I wish it had a swing set for my daughters.
- needs updated playground equipment, swings and a play structure for younger children.
- I wish it had more playground equipment and things for kids to do.
- We use the park at city hall the most and would love to see an addition of swings!
- Could use more/better playground equipment.

Elaine Dible Memorial Park

- Please add a playground and play set to Dible Park and perhaps a half court basketball court. We have a large amount of children in the Candlewood and east side neighborhoods without quick access to other city parks.

Farmers Market

- More accessible to people who cannot climb hills or walk great distances.

Fieldview open public space park

- It has nothing and no purpose. Many use it to exercise and their children play
- playground
- an off leash fenced in dog park option would be great!

Fitzgerald

- would be nice if it was fully paved.
- biking trails, kayak launch
- park trails, wish it was paved, I am blind and it is very difficult to navigate
- playground equipment appropriate for younger children (1-3 years old)
- trash cans along trails and water pump
- dog park
- Dog park
- keep natural but add a dog park at the new part little Fitzgerald park area
- more shelter
- mountain bike trails
- winter ice skating
- a dog park
- disc golf warning signs for people.
- I wish it had a dog park.
- could really use a kayak launch above and below the dam
- field, needs a better playing surface. Too many rocks and dips all over. The hill is not safe by the stands. Need safe access from bridge st to the stands.

- Wish it had a restroom and a few more trash/recycle bins.
- More restrooms
- None
- None
- a kayak launch below the dam would be nice, as well as better enforcement of dog leash laws. Right now the biggest safety hazard in the park is people letting their dogs run loose after other dogs and people and there seems to be no enforcement of leash laws by park staff.
- Concessions
- enclosed dog area
- I wish it was cleaner. We went on a long hike and ended up surrounded by Broken glass, tires, and trash.
- more pavilions and restrooms near parking.
- Natural areas for walking and bird watching. More nature interpretive signs.
- I wish it had more nature trails. They go quickly
- I wish it had a splash area or at least something for smaller children to do.
- rock climbing
- I like it the way it is
- I would like to see the river trail improved as there are places on the unimproved trail that can at times be difficult to use. I would also like to see the trail extended to the west end of the park.
- more restrooms
- paved trails and improved bathroom facilities and daughter says skate park
- would like to see more area that would attract more birds, and other small wild life.
- easier access to paths for handicap that can't climb steps
- it would be cool if the drinking fountains were opened as soon as the health department allows it.
- better fishing accessibility
- can't think of any additional amenities.
- I wouldn't change it.
- More picnic spaces with grills. Easy accessibility to each picnic area. Accessible outlook over river/dam for walkers, scooters, etc.
- pickle ball courts
- A canoe or kayak launch
- Bark on paths
- Better canoe (and add kayak) rentals
- I love it as it is!
- Wish it had a bridge to Lincoln Brick.
- Accessible bathrooms on the disc golf course. Maybe in the area surrounding holes 9, 17, 18. A redesign of the course to move holes 1-6 away from the main park.
- I wish it had a dog park.
- I wish the trails could be cleaned up and better maintained.
- Longer trails
- More bathrooms available
- More/longer trails.
- My little guys would love a cement skate park like the one in Charlotte Mi
- The ball fields need to be usable for youth baseball and softball
- improved trail signage
- more disc golf holes and bathroom facilities
- better walking path for strollers, better bathrooms.
- Splash pad for kids
- pickleball
- pickleball courts
- better bathrooms.
- a store

- access to river
- Bathrooms opened, and the resource area opened by the dam
- dog park
- more paved trails
- nicer bathrooms in the back by the nature center.
- Better fishing access below the dam
- Groomed ski trails
- Love it there
- Maybe work on the trail because it tends to get really muddy and slippery in the spring and fall
- More bathrooms and perhaps a tennis court!
- Paved parking.
- Add softball fields for men's leagues
- Better bathrooms. Definitely ditch the always full portapottys.
- Better trail to the city park.
- Bike paths connecting the whole town
- Bridge connecting to Lincoln Brick park.
- Clean the logs off the dam. Looks awful. Disgusting that this hadn't been done for so long.
- Dog park
- Fitness equipment
- I would really enjoy a mountain bike trail and skate park . This could really be anywhere in our parks here but we have very limited locations for any type of bike use.
- more and safer play equipment
- No further amenities needed.
- Wish it had more paved walking trails and/or a track. Easy to get lost in woods, but do enjoy and use same.
- a clean dam.
- concessions
- Groomed ski trails.
- we love sledding and don't want to see it destroyed due to updated water treatment plant
- an off leash fenced in dog park option would be great!
- I wish it had more trash cans in the walking trails.
- pet dropping pickup would be nice to see. Better sledding hill.
- I think connecting the wide walk to Fitz would be amazing. It would be great also if there was a dog park.
- had more pathways through the lower (wetter) areas, and easier access through the more vertical areas.
- Perhaps more fishing docks/piers. Also a better dock/portage system for kayaks/canoes at the dam at Fitzgerald park
- If I could rent a kayak here, I would 100%

Grand Ledge High School track.

- Grand Ledge High School track Waiting for it to be open again. Overall more walking trails would be great.

Greenwood

- Greenwood is closest and wish it had a little bit more choices for activities

Island Park

- to have dog accessible drinking fountains that fill a bowl at bottom, but still regular fountain on top
- kayak launch area. don't need an amenity, just less goose poop
- better parking

- needs playground equipment and bathrooms. It'd be great to have a large wooden playground somewhere that older kids can enjoy too, instead of just basic swings and slides (think wacousta's dream depot or lake odessa's Swifty's park)
- needs restrooms. Would love an ice skating rink.
- recycling bins
- I enjoy the park as it is. Only issue I've ever noticed is the geese making a mess on the path.
- more bathrooms and eating areas
- quality, indoor, permanent restrooms
- restrooms or porta potty
- wish erosion wasn't making it vanish
- I wish it had restrooms open year-round near the parking lot/ball fields.
- I wish the bathrooms or pottapotty was unlocked during normal hours.
- I'd rather it not change significantly.
- Restrooms
- restrooms
- bathrooms
- restrooms near by. I know there are benches, but don't remember seeing picnic tables.
- Bathroom
- I use the Island most and I wish it had more festivals
- I wish there was an ice skating rink at the island park ball diamond like there was when I was a kid.
- I wish there was still a skating rink under the bridge. It was a shame to ruin it to have a grass infield for baseball. The skating rink was used by everyone, young and old, in Grand Ledge.
- needs simple drain of the walk where it puddles at the far end
- Restroom
- goose poop clean up
- Take care of the island before its gone!

Jaycee Park

- restrooms
- bathrooms
- bigger splash pad
- nothing, it's great!
- bathrooms
- Better restrooms
- more teen activities and updated pavilion roof. Roof makes park look run down when the other areas of it are new.
- Dog park
- bathrooms
- could use new play equipment and enhance the splashpad.
- I'm content with the current layout
- larger, clean bathrooms
- new, improved playground, enhanced. More art! More vibrant! More color!
- playground, fishing, basketball and splash pad Just open the splash pad this year please!
- Restrooms
- Restrooms
- restrooms
- Restrooms
- would like to see restrooms. Our family visits Fitzgerald Park often - enjoy the hiking trails, playground and open spaces.
- restrooms...not portapotties...near splashpad!!!! Neff playground would be used as it is nearer but always locked!!
- accessible restroom

- a better playground for the kids or an ice rink for winter.
- I wish it had the restroom and more seating for the splash pad and some shade for it as well
- Bathrooms, picnic tables, shade, area for dogs to run, lighting at night
- The park is so nice but has an outdated run down playground. It also doesn't seem that safe. Other parks have really nice playgrounds but not this one
- a bathroom closer to the boat launch.
- improved farmers market
- needs a real restroom
- needs restrooms.
- Restrooms
- should have a year-round bathroom. Here it is late April and there is no bathroom.
- updated/additional playground equipment.
- Pickleball courts!
- public restrooms
- I wish it did have some restrooms
- bigger and better splashpad!
- cages around basketball hoop pad to limit potential for lost ball
- geese deterrent
- I wish it had more smaller pavilions instead of one bigger one. Also wish it had restrooms.
- on site kayak, canoe rental
- Bathrooms, updated playground without weeds, shade on top of the playground, and soft wood chips. Also more picnic tables and a drinking fountain!
- Dog friendly play area. Trash cans closer to kayak launch area. Doggie splash pad
- I wish there were "real" restrooms (not porta potties).
- More playground structures and restrooms.
- Better restrooms.
- Bigger splash pad and playground area.
- I wish it had a really nice bathroom facility. Kids using the splash pad, families enjoying the playground, music in the park, and the farmers market need more than porta potties. I also feel like it could use a more substantial playground. When I visit towns like Lake Odessa and Hastings they have restrooms and large, wooden play structures at their city parks.
- I wish it had lighting on the wide river front path so it could be more utilized in the winter months when it gets dark earlier.
- It needs restrooms, especially considering families with young children use the playground and splash pad. Would be useful for events and during the farmers market.
- Not sure.
- Restrooms
- Restrooms!!
- RESTROOMS!!!!!! Pickle Ball Courts.
- Restrooms.
- Year round porta johns. People use the area all four seasons, permanent facilities would be great.
- more playground equipment.
- sturdier playground equipment since it shakes a bit or some smaller equipment for younger kids. Nice bathrooms instead of portapotties is always a plus! An ice skating rink anywhere in GL in the winter would be amazing!!!
- dog park. I'm a new resident in the area it was a negative that there was not a dog park when I was evaluating cities. The boat launch outweighed this although for the tax rate I pay we should have competitive park amenities with neighboring communities like Eaton Rapids and Hastings.
- enhanced splashpad and better playground equipment for children.
- fishing platform
- Enhanced water pad
- Restrooms.

- Enhanced splash pad and putting green
- Improved playground.
- N/a
- Bathrooms needed badly... Not porta johns
- more pavilions
- better stuff on splash pad, more playground options
- Restroom
- expanded splash pad
- bathroom
- drinking fountain
- restrooms
- Additional fishing docks with handicap access.
- Better Splash pad, bigger play place, better restrooms and an ice rink.
- Easier walking access from River St Such as staircases.
- Bathrooms that are actually open regularly!
- bathrooms and with easy access.
- Wish it had a decent bathroom Wish more free parking days at fitzgerald
- Kayaking
- Dog park
- I wouldn't mind some machines with bird feed around so people could feed the geese.
- I wish the playgrounds were nicer. Jaycee park playground is awful and falling apart. I would take my kids there so much more of the playground was good. I actually drive far out of grand ledge just so my Kids can play on a fun playground. Portland has some good ones. Also the splash pad could be better. It's a cement slab with water shooting out of the ground, my kids got bored of it fast.
- The Jaycee park playground is always in awful shape. No new wood chips, broken equipment, not mowed. It looks horrible and is unsafe. I have no idea why there is no pride taken in this playground
- I wish the goose poop was cleaned away daily near the park and others along the river.
- more picnic tables in Jaycee Park with more benches around playground.
- Would like to see restrooms.

Lincoln Brick Park

- a dedicated dog area for them to swim
- Bathrooms
- Better foot path trails with better access to a restroom.
- Like it just the way it is.
- I like it natural I hope you don't change anything there
- bathrooms with sinks
- We love it the way it is!
- needs more restrooms
- Perfect as is
- bathrooms by the parking lot would be nice.
- I wish it had some garbage cans along the trails.
- I nicer restroom
- River walk
- restrooms
- Swimming
- recycle bins
- perfect the way it is. Maybe a bathroom by the playground in the wide open area.
- rest room not so far away. Move the amenities (playground, picnic tables, and restrooms) out of seclusion.
- I would like to see better wayfinding signs into the park from the Tallman Rd/Main St. side. (Oak Park if only talking Grand Ledge Parks).

- Drinking fountain and clean flush toilets
- Tennis or Pickle Ball
- No WWTP-more security
- environment, more upgrades like playground, picnic areas. Move Farmers market back to Bridge Street
- ORV trail
- We use the soccer fields and the trails. It would be great to have trail signs as well as a skate park for the kids.
- We would love the playground at Lincoln brick extended as it's close to our house. We would love to see Lincoln Brick get bathrooms. The water to be clean with a decent beach area.

Oak Park

- I am a rock climber and go to Oak Park twice a week. There needs to be improvement to the stairs accessing the river front and almost all the existing landscape ties need to be replaced or repaired. It would also be nice to see a trash can put at the bottom or top of each staircase. Signage about littering and keeping dogs on leash should be placed along the river. Most of the climbers try to do their part picking up trash but this would make it all that more convenient. Thank you.
- I don't understand the 4 ft high posts marking the property. Usually things like that are in ground. Also the porta John Next to the peoples house on the hill by the kayak launch screens rude. Would you like a porta John next to your front yard? Its not like there wasn't any other spot.
- Bathrooms More parking
- needs one or two more trash cans in the parking lot. I pick up the trash of others quite often.
- none
- Better, delineated parking. Better surface under the cliffs. Improved anchors for climbers up top.
- improvements on benches and drainage in climbing area
- More grass growing where it should be but can't because it is driven on every Monday Wednesday Friday to collect one bag of trash. A simple solution would be to unchain the trash can from the tree and place it in the parking lot.
- more trails & more riverside access
- rock climbing, restrooms.
- A restroom would be awesome... but I love Oak Park even without one!
- Oak park for the sole use of rock climbing. There needs to be a public restroom built as most of us are there from dawn till dusk when we visit, most of us are driving from all over the state. Rarely do I see a local there.
- I wish it had a family climbing club!
- I wish that the grass was allowed to be longer and the leaves remain in the fall.
- kids playground and paved parking lot
- restrooms would be fantastic but not a must. Keep rock climbing accessible! I know tons of people that come to GL solely to climb but also end up having dinner and putting into the local businesses
- Restrooms. As a female climber that likes to spend the day out there, that would be an amazing addition.
- Oak park rock climbing by far. Only outdoor climbing in 300 miles. Grand ledge doesn't realize what a gold mine they have.
- bathrooms
- bathrooms or even continuing the porto john would be nice
- Better bathroom with running water
- grand ledge misses the supporting businesses to reach a real tourism highlight it should be with its unique features. City counsel needs to all resign in my personal opinion, they don't seem to have the city's well being at heart amid this covid nonsense. Choose to push fear over facts.
- I wish it had permanent restroom facilities. Also because of the sheer number of people who set up top ropes at Oak Park I would lime to see more permonant anchors at the top of the cliffs
- more accessibility for climbers/ over beautification of the area

- portapotties or restroom
- preservation - just good natural undisturbed nature is best
- restroom
- Restroom
- Restrooms
- Restrooms
- restrooms
- restrooms
- walkway that was plowed in the winter
- How about work out equipment?
- Bathrooms
- I wish there were better stairs leading to the bottom of the climbing area
- Improved pathways over muddy areas to keep people on trail instead of trampling off trail to avoid water. Restroom.
- restroom facilities, paved parking
- N/A
- would love to see a permanent restroom on site.
- need bathrooms the ones that have them to keep them at all parks unlocked and maintained year round or at least 10 months.
- improved stairway to bottom of oak park
- a dock like island park so the riverboat can dock. Also better steps down to the river.
- Restrooms

Riverwalk

- I would like to see additional trails for walking and biking.
- bathrooms,/ changing rooms by splashpad
- less geese
- No changes
- Wish there were picnic tables, covered would be nice, around the splash pad. I wish for pickleball courts. I wish the playground at the riverfront was rebuilt with more safety in mind.
- Riverfront park/ music in the park. Restrooms.
- Riverfront walking trail
- Rest rooms
- Year-round bathroom.
- I believe they need year-round restrooms. I understand having open restrooms is a security hazard, but these parks are used year-round. Porta-potties are not cutting it.
- Riverwalk needs pavement or improvement - many portions are narrow and unsafe due to erosion over time
- It's hard with COVID but more events would be great.
- restrooms year round

Not Specified

- A connected safe continuous trail system or path.
- A fenced in dog park would be nice.
- a skate park because with out one public property is getting ruined there is more than one area around town were skaters including me have left marks that would take a lot of work to get rid of
- a skate park--such a positive thing for youth
- All of our parks could benefit from signage with park names
- I don't visit Grand Ledge parks often enough to speak to this.
- I currently use all. I like the change of scenery. No other amenities are needed
- I walk a lot and enjoy the community events such as the music and movies
- I wish there were more bike paths & sidewalks connecting all of grand ledge

- I would like to see a youth sports complex with more baseball and softball fields available
- I would like to see the splash pad improved, there isn't much there, it's more of a fountain that should be in a downtown area. It would be nice to have better parking and better access to the island parks and pathway. We would also love to see more pathways/walkways/boardwalk trails around the water.
- More clean restrooms
- More paved trails please.
- N/A
- No comment
- Pollinator planting more. Mowing less.
- Trails. More Trails.
- We are happy with the parks we visit
- We like to visit as many parks as we can but with the lack of people social distancing and wearing mask in the community we do not feel safe.
- Kayak access more year round
- Walking path. I would like something other than walking along the very busy and very loud M43.
- Grand ledge needs some Fenced in Dog run areas within their Parks. Some for Big Dogs and some for Small Dogs.
- Walking and hiking. Loved the farmers market in the old location and with more farmer vendors. Loved concerts, movie, theater in the park. Love festivals in the park. Need more restrooms.
- The splash pad. A better splash pad.
- We need more green spaces that people can walk to. We need more blacktop along Saginaw connecting to Jefferson street and maybe on both sides of the highway.
- More benches and informative signs

Fitzgerald and Island Park

- Bird boxes and maybe a nesting platform should be added to the inaccessible islands to add a variety of birds to the area. I do think more should be done to prevent the Islands erosion.
- bathrooms, working outlets, resting spots
- Bathroom, seating to sit along water,
- Seating looking at the river at Fitzgerald and a variety of plants that do not need much maintenance - grasses, hostas, perennials - perhaps at the entrance to both parks.
- A bathroom or upgraded bathroom would be nice.
- More/better restrooms and much enhancement is needed to the trails that connect the 2 parks
- There are places along the unimproved trail between island and Fitz that are hard to traverse, especially when muddy, that would be helped by some stones or boardwalk.
- Unimproved path between Island Park and Fitzgerald Park. A few sections have noticeable washout, general maintenance on these would make it a little less precarious with little children.
- Walkway & trail from island to Fitz park. Improved trail along river. I see people have trouble with all the tree roots and muddy areas.
- An ice rink or dog park nearby would be great in any park that can accommodate them.
- I am older now and a wide path from the island to Fitz would be appreciated.
- I'd like if there was more art and perhaps more flowers to look at.
- So wish that was an actual maintained path. It's gorgeous to walk that route!
- And it needs a bathroom not ports pot
- wish GL had a dog park and would love the river trail to be paved.
- Reopen drinking fountains

Fitzgerald and Oak Park

- park-paths accessible to Visitors with mobility issues

Fitzgerald and Jaycee Parks

- Please consider a skate park as we drive to Charlotte and Holt many times Spring, Summer and Fall to use their parks so our three little boys can practice on bikes, scooters and skateboards. Give kids that may or may not already play "sports" something fun and challenging to do outside.
- We'd love to see an artificial ice rink in winter, with so many young families in the area! More updated playground equipment in those 2 parks as well.
- wish both of them had functional restrooms that aren't porta potties
- Wish the limited pathways between Jaycee and the island would extend further in any direction and/or wish that Grand Ledge had a river trail like Portland does. Fitz is great the way it is when I don't have to pay to get in.
- I wish there was more equipment for the kids to play on, enhanced splash pad

Fitzgerald and Lincoln Brick

- dog park.
- trash cans out on hiking trails. A bridge connecting the two and/or connecting the wide walk loop to Fitzgerald would be nice too.
- better parking areas and safer playground equipment along with safe trails for small children
- Like them as is! Wish we had a place to play pickle ball!
- Both are fantastic parks. Just maintain current level
- A water fountain at LBP would be wonderful.
- more/better bathrooms.
- No amenity extras-
- Need a dog park
- I wish the trails were better maintained, graffiti and littering was discouraged, and that there was better signage about the geological and natural importance of the area
- Would love so graded, paved trails in Ftz and Brick for more use to a wider audience
- RESTROOM facilities would be awesome. We go to these specifically because we have children and having somewhere we can clean up would be great. Some facilities for younger children would be great too (2-5 year olds) some of the playground equipment is a little large (slides)

Island and Jaycee Parks

- I wish there was more bench seating around the area.
- I wish there were less bugs. BUT mainly bathrooms.
- Bathrooms would be nice. A dog park would be nice. Splash pad turned out horrible. Should see the one north of us in Carson city! It is amazing! But there is a lot of water used.
- year around public bathrooms
- Improved retaining wall at the island(by stairs) Improved playground equipment and bathrooms for Jaycee park Actually open the splash pad! And provide more shade
- There are no trash bins from Island Park until picnic area and I think adding more would help stem the littering problem.
- Restrooms
- More native vegetation, less invasive species planted for aesthetics.
- Better restrooms and more paths along the river.
- Both need restrooms that are clean & actually open/available to be used
- the huge hill from parking to playground-- need steps down
- . Lighting along the wide path (between JC park and the Island park) for safety, and to be able to use the trail at night, would be so nice. It would also allow for winter / evening events and festivities (as it gets darker earlier).
- Restrooms would be nice. We also miss the ice rink

Widewalk

- Again I wish that the bike path would make a loop down 43 to Jefferson so when riding a bike one would not have to ride on the road. I often drive to Portland to use their bike path as it's safer.
- Bike path along the river like Portland has.

- I wish it was extended and it would be nice to have some history or nature signage along the way. Maybe more benches or a watering fountain for the summer time
- Most important is the connection to Fitzgerald Park wide walk and the trail along the river connecting the Island and Fitzgerald. The city needs to really take advantage of our ability to walk and bike along the river! Look at Delta Township model! We drive there to use their trails! Serious upgrade needed at Fitzgerald Park also!
- resurface

Colonial Park

- LOVE that space for playing with the kids

Bridge Street Plaza

- Public Bathrooms and a few benches with sun shades.

Mount Hope Park

- be a great choice for a splash pad

Rotary Park

- If anything, another bathroom, or at least don't close down the one at Rotary Park in the winter.

12. What is the park you use least and what is it missing? (223 Responses)



Bridge Street Plaza

- nothing there but a sign
- miss having events (music and movies) here. Was centrally located. Had made events a night, with stops at Jaycee part and a local restaurant before stopping for music or movies.
- everything
- I think this should be developed with a building. Its too noisy downtown with all the traffic to use as a park. Its much more peaceful at Jaycee or Fitzgerald Parks.
- Nothing's there anymore. No concerts, no nothing. Maybe have it an outdoor patio for socializing. Maybe have food trucks come in.
- it's just really plain. I think it should have more trees and put farmers market there
- Not easy for me bc parking but there is nothing that can be done about that.

City Hall Park

- didn't know it existed
- n/a
- needs to be improved/updated.
- nothing missing
- I don't know, as I don't use it.
- I didn't know it exist. Grand Ledge does not mail out an annual guide to parks and features similar to other communities do. Many long term residents don't know all options.
- A resting/setting/viewing space

Colonial Park

- never knew it was a city park
- not enough nature hiking
- a play structure.
- the memorial park back in the nice neighborhood and any of the green spaces. Honestly I feel those benefit mostly the residents of those areas because it's open, undeveloped space that I'm sure they take more advantage of but they do have "attractions" to draw other people in. I think that's fine, however, if you want people to be aware of and use these spaces, then you need a reason for them to visit it.
- Doesn't have a park feel. It is like an extension of the property owner's backyard.
- Needs playground and better signs to let people know the park is there. I've lived here 40yrs and just learned about it.
- No easy access.

- No great access and feels as if you're in people's backyards.
- playground/playset, children's amenities
- Playground equipment Oakwood greenspace, the one memorial park, Little Fitz. Didn't even know they existed.
- didn't even know it was a park
- it is in the middle of peoples back yards. It doesn't feel like a public space.

Elaine Dible Memorial Park

- other small spaces which shouldn't be parks or need to be maintained by the city at public cost.
- Didn't know several of these parks existed. Isn't little fitz a vacant building?
- didn't realize how many parks i've never been too. plan to now try and visit them. so it wouldn't be fair fir me to answer
- Don't know
- Don't know
- Don't know
- didn't know it was there
- A reason to go there.

Fieldview Open Space

- Not missing anything—just not in an area I would consider walking on my route (across Saginaw).
- Pickle ball and tennis courts.

Fitzgerald Park

- missing skate park
- just overall not thrilling for young couple without kids. Haven't returned to it. Maybe more hiking or viewing places?
- more playground structures
- Ability to climb
- Not enough walking paths

Not Specified

- All None
- All Nothing
- All of the others!
- All the little "private" parks in subdivisions...who knew? How are they accessible other than through homeowner's yards?
- Any of the free space parks. Never knew they existed.
- Any of the parks without play equipment or bathrooms.
- Any of the small ones in town, hiking trails and nature.
- any of the smaller 'random' parks. I didn't even know they existed.
- Anything besides oak park
- Anything with little to no parking.
- Athletic. Not my thing
- Ay of the greenspaces. I didn't know they existed.
- Boring open spaces
- Brickyard
- Green spaces. Trails
- I did not know about 7 of the parks.
- I didn't know about half of the parks listed at the beginning of this survey. I wonder how inviting they look (like non-sketchy). You could mention them on the Grand Ledge community page more for visibility, awareness.
- I didn't know about the ones I've never visited.

- I didn't know that half of these existed.
- I do not know the names of half the parks for question #1 to answer this adequately. I do not use ball fields, and either invest in an outdoor farmers market space or give it up. More people go to Flour Child than any of the stalls by the river.
- I dont know
- I don't know
- I don't know
- I don't know because I didn't recognize half of the parks listed at the beginning.
- I dont think i have an answer for this..... maybe some signage indicating that it is a park or green space or city owned? Or some kind of general attraction?
- I don't think the parks are missing anything. Please do not put in a bunch of signs on trails that take away from the natural beauty of our parks.
- I had no idea some parks like colonial park even existed even though it's not far from my house. I think a better way of communicating where parks are and what amenities they have would be helpful. Signage downtown and in neighborhoods to provide information on park locations and amenities would be helpful.
- I have been a grand ledge resident/lansing west side resident for most of my life, and I have never been to or heard of several of the parks listed. Better advertising or amenities at those sites?
- I haven't visited all the parks, and I really should! My favorite parks are those that have lots of space to walk and bird watch and nature watch
- I tend to use the parks closest to me and within walking distance. There were several on the list I didn't know and haven't visited.
- I use all of them
- I use the inner city parks the least because I am not in those areas and they are not large enough to support hiking/biking
- I wasn't aware of most of the other parks even existing!
- I wasn't even aware of some of the neighborhood parks. Maybe some of them could be used for a dog park?
- Im not sure, maybe better sinage or some kind of attraction(s)?
- I've lived here most of my life and haven't heard of a few of the parks. Marketing and events a different parks would help get the word out.
- I've lived in Grand Ledge for most of the 41yrs I've been alive. Some of these parks I have never been too. I have a 12yr old daughter and a 22yr old son to give some perspective. I also have a disabled brother. Anything that would improve the parks for children and those with disabilities would be good. As an avid disc golfer anything that would bring more of the growing sport to the Grand Ledge area would be welcomed also.
- I can't think off the top of my head which I don't use at all
- Knowledge that they are available for us
- Lot of smaller parks, just due to location (if going to a park it's usually to walk/hike, so usually visit Fitzgerald, Lincoln-Brick, Island, or Riverwalk).
- Many and I wouldn't know their names but also newer to the area
- Many of the parks on the first page I've never even heard of, and I've lived in GL for 25 years. Dible park, Fieldview greenspace, if the map was on this page, I could give you more. I don't live close to them and have no reason to visit them.
- Many of them I didn't even know existed ! If I'm not in the neighborhood I guess I am not aware it even existed!?! Some I use often others never
- More natural areas, less amenities
- Most of the smaller parks, but only because of the pandemic.
- Most of them - distance, need to pay to enter, some I did not know about - are they open to everyone, or only those living in those neighborhoods?
- N A
- N/a
- N/A

- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- Na
- NA
- NA
- Na
- Neighborhood ones, just don't live there too small
- No useful opinion.
- No answer
- No comment
- No opinion
- No opinion
- No opinion.
- None
- None
- None
- none I got to most of park in town or out of town they are fine way they are
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Not sure what to put.
- Not sure, we look for fun playgrounds for our kids.
- Not sure.
- Not sure.
- Not sure.
- Nothing I try to go everything evenly.
- Open space parks, I have no current use or need to go there.
- Parks that are off by themselves ex: Dible Park. Not connected to anything, too isolated.
- Probably one I haven't heard of, so that's why we wouldn't go.
- Probably one of the lesser known ones, although last year is the first time I heard of Lincoln break park and went to it. I was pleasantly surprised.
- Public bathrooms are needed in general for kids
- Random neighborhood ones, didn't even realize they existed
- Restrooms.
- Size. Access.
- Small green spaces. Like them as is.
- Small parks in town - no outdoor rec opportunities (wildlife viewing or water access).
- Smaller parks could go away, don't utilize
- Some I them I had no idea they even existed.
- Some of the smaller neighborhood parks. Just not something we've ever considered accessing.
- Some of the smaller parks are mistaken for "neighborhood" exclusive parks. If they are open to all public, they should maybe have a theme to draw in people outside the neighborhood.
- Splash pad
- Splash pad park (Jaycee?) is too busy for me I prefer quiet and less people but that has nothing to do with that park as far as a negative thing.
- The ones I didn't list owned run by city.
- The ones I don't visit is just because I don't frequent those areas of town as much.
- The ones in the neighborhoods, sell them those are not very public
- The ones that are not near our home, they do not look inviting so we go elsewhere

- The open spaces... Fieldview, Elaine Dible, Colonial Park... Just no reason to go there. Maybe it would be a good spot for a few picnic tables, horseshoe pits, dog park etc...
- The parks I don't use are because they aren't really advertised.
- The parks I use least are the ones that don't have a paved trail.
- The playground near town hall is an embarrassment. It's overgrown and has hardly anything. It's needs an entirely new awesome play set.
- The walkway need to be completed around the town
- There are many parks I didn't even know of till I saw the map at the beginning of this survey. I wish I could find more information about them and that they were advertised more.
- There are quite a few I've never used because I didn't know they were there
- There are several small parks that I did not know existed, therefore, have never used them.
- There are several that I've never heard of. Maybe what's missing is City advertising. What are the amenities at Elaine Dible park?
- There are several we've never visited.
- There were some on the list that I simply didn't know existed.
- Too many to name. Mostly that I didn't know they existed, as there have never been public events there, that I was aware of.
- Trash cans
- Unknown
- Unknown
- Unsure
- Use most all of them. Missing anything that takes away from the natural beauty.
- Use the park that used to have music for some musical performances also. That had a very good audience ambience. Should still be used.
- Wasn't aware of all the park land but maybe some could be developed more to make them more usable
- We don't use any of the parks like: colonial park and Dible, as it feels as though you are trespassing on home owners property.
- We probably use the neighborhood parks the least. They are valuable, but we just don't have reason to visit them.
- We try to frequent them all, we do wish there were swings at the city hall park
- We've never been to a few, that is just because we have not looked for them. Other than what has already been mentioned, there is nothing more to add.

Jaycee Park

- I
- really wish that they would put restrooms (not port a johns) at Jaycee park. Sometimes that park is crowded.
- more playground equipment
- needs bathrooms.
- bathrooms
- splash pad. Restrooms with changing area for the splash pad is needed.
- has no restrooms
- It's just small and doesn't have the nature that I like when I go to a park.
- pickleball courts
- Jaycee's Playground is always covered in goose poop so we avoid the Music in the Parks and stopped using the playground.
- We visit Jaycee the least because it isn't accessible for my disabled sister. We don't participate in music in the park anymore and way less farmer's markets since they have moved as well. The ground is not level and very difficult to access for handicap and elderly.

Lincoln Brick Park

- I don't feel safe being there, it is too remote and there are too many places for someone to hide
- A nice swimable lake ! Without a giant hill..
- A trail network connecting parks would be welcome.
- needs a better swimming area and Restrooms/changing area.
- Could use a restroom but that's not why I don't go there often.
- new items
- a connection to Fitzgerald across the river and pave Tallman Road with a trail to get to the park by walking and bicycle.
- it's beautiful, just haven't explored it much
- It is a pain to pay for parking and entry.
- A great big updated playground for kids
- Restrooms.
- We like walking to the parks we go to and that's too far away
- bike trails

Oak Park

- playground, seating, parking, & restrooms
- restrooms.
- More information about the attractions at these parks
- has nothing for small children to do safely.
- better accessibility
- bicycle rack
- equipment rental for rock climbing
- have young grandchildren, they want playgrounds.
- improved paths, steps and trails for safer use and access. River access point for kayaks and boats.
- missing amenities. More defined park boundaries. I use paths, but worry I am trespassing on neighboring land.
- playgr
- playground or children's climbing equipment
- Not many trails
- Everything
- Lack of access from the other parks that I frequent as well as minimal/no facilities.
- To many trouble kids , drugs
- it is good for hammocking i just don't go there frequently
- Not a rock climber
- it always smells very strongly of marijuana
-

Oakwood Greenspace

- could use some trees
- Never knew they were there. Nor do I know what they offer.
- No point to it being there. It is a waste of mowing time
- would be nice to have a garden club to grow vegetables and fruit for kids and people in needed.

Riverfront Park

- difficulty in seating , no parking , accessibility fir senior citizens is very limited . Stopped going to music in the park for all these reasons .
- Prior to this survey, I was unaware the area was actually a park.

Are there any other comments you wish to add? (177 Responses)



- The park system has improved a great deal in the last 6 years. It is apparent there is a vision and priorities to improve the park system, creating local leisure activities right in your hometown.
- Bathrooms at Jaycee are a must. The pathway along the river from island to Fitz would be amazing! Improving it so you don't kill your self walking it. Some areas are pretty treacherous.
- Upkeep on the playground equipment at Jaycee Park is needed. Restoration of the shoreline on Island is needed.
- Please do not remove disc golf holes from Fitzgerald Park; there are many residents who enjoy the entire course and don't want to see it carved into pieces or made smaller.
- It would be nice if Grand ledge had more doggie clean up stations around town, in general
- I love the parks and amenities in Grand Ledge and would like to see them improved and enhanced in the future.
- The playground at city hall has some potentially dangerous rusty and broken equipment. At least it did a year ago...
- Need to finish the walkway from the end of the island to the trestle and complete the walkway all the way around town
- We are considering moving out of Grand Ledge because of the lack of trails for walking and biking.
- As a business owner I've offered to donate to sponsor a dog park with no response from the city.
- Add river access behind the recycle center.
- Better security in all parks maybe cameras or patrol more often.
- Thank you for the great parks, keep up the great work!
- No
- Don't sell any parks. They are such as asset to the city and bring in people from all over the Lansing area.
- No but appreciate the opportunity!
- Instead of turning GL into a strip mall you need to fix up the downtown. Also more activities for all(community pool, roller skating facility etc....)
- Here is a Pokemon Go community in the greater Grand Ledge area. This game is developed to get people to visit local areas to play the game and experience the outdoors. The local Pokemon Go community is take great steps to add games features in our local parks. This may be an opportunity for the city to develop a partnership with this Pokemon Go community in the hopes to attract visitors who are interested in playing the game but result in those visitors falling in love with GL.
- Appreciate the survey, and the continued development of the parks
- This survey shouldn't say only families with disability should answer those questions. We all have an opinion on that hugely important question.
- Please keep adding amenities that will provide recreation for all age groups and all abilities. Keeping our community active will benefit everyone.

- If there was a park program to borrow trash reacher grabbers and a bag, I would take one with me while I walked and clean as I went. I think that would be a cool friends of the park program.
- Be nice to have additional areas along river to exit the river in kayak and park vehicles
- It would be nice to have more art in places like under the bridge
- I love Grand Ledge! Any comments I make are not a criticism, but out of a desire to help make our great city even better. Although I'm not a city resident, we live close to the city and utilize the parks often. We would contribute to fundraisers because our taxes don't contribute to the parks.
- If you want to people to use parks and be more active you need a safe way to get there by foot or bicycle. Invest in more sidewalks & bike paths.
- Portland's bike/walk trail is amazing. GI should take notes on that!
- We pick up trash along JC and Island Park, as do others. We also take the time to educate others to keep the area clean, and that racoons are some of the biggest culprits of trash. :)
- Like showing off the city parks to visitors, Modify portions of the river to make kayak challenge course
- I would like a dog park, somewhere i can let my dog run around freely, as I live in the city and do not have a fence. I have visited my sister and my dog is soon excited just to run! I wish the parks had made improvements for children while my kids where little. Again, see the splash pad in Carson City ! See how it brings the community together there! Our little slab of cement that spits water is silly.
- Please look at my ideas. I wish there was just more to do.
- Please don't spend money punishing people disobeying mask mandates etc.
- A dog park is definitely needed and could be a good draw to the parks
- I enjoy all of GL parks. I love to see families out enjoying nature, and each other's company.
- Make the River corridor more touristy.
- I absolutely love living within walking distance of all the parks; Oak Park and Lincoln Park being my favorites. They are well maintained and great for hiking. A few garbage cans along the trails would be helpful.
- The improvements at Jaycee park have been amazing. Splash pad, kayak launch, the new amphitheater. That stretch between Jaycee to Island park could be packed with people (once it's safe to do so) multiple times a year. The festival that happened last year was amazing to have it stretch out. The farmers market could do something similar maybe-how about a couple breakfast/brunch food trucks come park by Jaycee during a farmers market and have activities at the island or ball field. If that was once a month, you'd draw a big crowd and get better farmers market vendors. Definitely keep up music in the park because it was greatly missed last year - but even that I think could have more vendors selling goods/food
- I wish there was some way to connect Lincoln brick and fitzgerald park. Also, I wish there could be a bike path going from Grand Ledge to Lansing someday.
- Please fence in some Dog Runs for Big and Small Dogs.
- Looking forward to indoor rec facilities. A community fitness center would be amazing during winter months. Only true facility with good equipment and pool is YMCA and it's a drive outside of grand ledge.
- No.
- Improve the existing parks. There is not a need for more parks.
- Down town development should be enhanced. Store fronts , island enhanced & do more with the island to draw people. Ie. Color cruise, art fair
- Thank you.
- I would love for Fitz park to have more amenities seeing that its a park you pay to enter.
- Grand Ledge has great parks. I am happy we moved here. I wish I had more free time to enjoy them more.
- Would love to see a bike path connect to Delta township by way of Willow hwy. We have a huge community of bikers that would love a safe bike path
- No
- Parks and GL area need more paved areas and restrooms

- The parks are one of the best things about living in grand ledge. Being able to safely walk thru town, visit the parks is wonderful. Anything to enhance them I am 100% on board with
- Thank you for seeking public input and for taking accessibility into consideration.
- Extending the wide walking trail down m43 to Jefferson and to the park would be amazing. Pickleball courts in the area would be awesome.
- Let's pass that bond!
- No
- We enjoy the parks and open space available. Wish there was a swimming area available
- More bike paths connecting delta, grand ledge, wacousta etc. we are light years behind progressive growing cities. (Portland, Lansing, etc)
- I love walking the trails of all the parks and dont care for any of the amenities. Love the rustic simplicity.
- Please add bathrooms. Real ones, not random outhouses
- I like what we have
- Please invest some money into the island park before it's gone, make the festivals grand again.
- My grown children use city parks and the county leased and owned parks.
- Keep our parks clean and safe without taking away from the natural beauty.
- I don't know if this affects Grand Ledge directly, but I've heard that Fitzgerald Park might close the back half in favor of expanding the water treatment plant, and I'm really hoping that there's a better solution. The back half of Fitzgerald Park is slowly becoming more ideal because of the nature trails.
- No thank you
- If possible, I'd like to see more bicycle trails, even outside of town
- No
- Love to see the natural beauty that grand ledge is privy to preserved
- Natural areas and open space are fantastic. So too are non-motorized paths in non-park areas. Thank you for having great parks!
- Thank you for updating our parks!! We love them and want to see them evolve and adapt.
- You could do an ice rink on the island that doubles for a stage during festivals
- No
- A mountain bike trail would be nice somewhere along Grand River if possible
- Try to get rid of the bees at Fitzgerald Park near the playground
- Thank you for the beautiful parks.
- no
- The Island Art Fair is in a problem area. It is a very crowded space, too soggy if it has rained, and too much goose poop. It is attractive in good weather but the space limits possibilities for growth and charm. A farmers market area could be set up near the Art Fair and have a real food area, maybe a food truck. I would like to see murals on the sides of some of the exposed building walls downtown. Make the Bridge Street Plaza more attractive with a garden mural and some plants.
- Please connect the wide walk and river trail to Fitzgerald Park! It is a must! Clean-up and upgrade Lincoln Brick and Fitzgerald Park! These are gems that we need to maintain better. Connecting Lincoln Brick over the river to Fitzgerald would be awesome! 21st Century thinking!
- Pathways for bikes and walking will always get our vote
- Love the many parks and facilities GL offers. Wish Jaycee still had a building rental. That was so nice for graduations and other gatherings.
- Preserve the outcrop with the coal near the nature center in Fitzgerald Park for all the geology classes in the lower peninsula thank you
- More art around town would be nice. I'd like to see something on the blank brick wall across the street from the log jam
- Improvement to the walking path between Fitzgerald and the island park, as well as Improvements to protecting and preserving the island park are on the top of my list of things that need to be addressed.

- I know this is about city parks but many sidewalks on Gretchen and Burlington are extremely dangerous.
- We need more protected bike paths
- Would love to continue the river walk with a paved trail for bikes and dogs. The trail between Island and Fitz would make sense. Then continue from Fitz to the new trail on M43
- The grand ledge parks are good and don't need too much improving.
- Great park system. I use it for walking, running, kayaking and concerts. And I often visit area restaurants when doing these activities. Thanks
- Love the Grand Ledge community, and love the ability to visit several parks close to home.
- I hate to beat it up but a better bike trail connecting the parks as best as possible would be a great asset.
- The splash pad was not a good idea. I don't support that improvement as it brings out of towners who don't support GL with their tax dollars. It's also a liability.
- No
- I hope the splash pad and music in the park is returned.
- N/A
- I would love improved restrooms that are open year round. Being able to connect the wide walk to Fitzgerald would be awesome.
- n/a
- Overall the parks are very nice and kept up well.
- Would like to also see the sidewalk extended to a complete circle
- Clean up the trails at Fitzgerald. Love the park naturalist At Fitzgerald and love the observatory at fox park.
- We love Grand Ledge - all of our relatives think it is beautiful and it is wonderful to be out in nature. Keeping our natural landscape and enhancing what's there would be awesome
- I think the city needs to think more environmentally about the city plan and this includes the parks. When developing something new, and when maintaining lawns, etc. we should be thinking more about Low Impact Development, and Green Infrastructure, and green energy. These types of things are what would mark us as "progressive". I personally have sent emails on grant opportunities etc for non point source pollution reduction, and green infrastructure, and didn't even get a response.
- A pedestrian river crossing at the dam or train bridge would be amazing. More and improved disc golf would be great. Improved facilities for the farmers market would be great. Keep parks pedestrian friendly and safe. The parking lot at island park can be dangerous.
- Thanks for asking us! Love when the parks are clean and trimmed without weeds!
- I'd like to see natural areas stay natural
- Jaycee park needs permanent restrooms, opened year round. People walk on trails all year. GL needs a grant to clear downed tree and other debris from the river to make it safer for boaters. If GL parks dept doesn't want people climbing on the ledges, a stairway from the lower paths to the Gulf St area green space & path would be useful.
- Do not add anymore construction projects and disrupt businesses and that small town feeling and quaintness we have been known for. If you want to enhance the parks please do with much consideration on how it will affect the community either by disruption or inception.
- Over all Grand Ledge Parks are great. Our grand children and great grandchildren use them often. Some are not so easy for senior use and access ability.
- We spend time in GL Parks all year round. We love the parks and appreciate the variety and all that they have to offer. We are not residents in the City of GL but, drive to the parks from Eagle. GL Parks is a huge draw to this community. The City of Grand Ledge is built to take advantage of the amazing setting it falls on. I hope the City of GL and the Parks Dept is able to continue to grow and expand upon this. I believe future growth and improvements will be a huge draw for people considering moving into our community and will continue to make GL a destination for recreation.
- We love the uniqueness of the Grand Ledge parks and their natural beauty
- With the rise of climbing's popularity and the pandemic forcing many of the climbers outside, Oak Park has seen an incredible increase in climbing traffic. More Climbers is great for the city of

Grand Ledge and its climbing community. Climbers spend money and encourage each other to grow! However simple improvements could be made that would lessen the impact of this traffic on the natural beauty that are the ledges. A better boardwalk/trail system would be a great place to start. Some railroad ties that were installed to protect riverbank erosion could use updating. There is a dedicated, if loosely organized, community of climbers that would be eager to work with the city to improve Oak Park, as well as national organizations like the American Alpine Club and the Access Foundation that would likely lend their expertise if not also grant money. Bruce Bright is a knowledgeable resident who has lived and climbed the ledges for something like 60 years and would be a great person to talk to about Oak Park and working with those national organizations. Unfortunately I don't have a contact for him besides talking to him at Oak Park. My own contact is benpoulson@gmail.com

- Keep grandledge open to climbers. As the sport grows access has been shrinking. Do not close to climbing please consider other avenues when considering safety and maintenance.
- Please keep rock climbing accessible!!
- Don't wreck nature.
- Oak park rocks
- Nope. Thanks for reaching out to the community
- Would like better bike path connections to the surrounding community; all Grand Ledge schools should be accessible via bike
- I like the wild life that I see at Fitzgerald park and hope to still see said wild life after the ball fields are installed at start of Fitzgerald park but the loud equipment could scare them off and that would be a loss of wild life to be viewed by people who come to the park to see nature and wildlife
- 1. There is a great need for recycling bins. I see all kinds of recycling items (plastic & cans) littered all over all parks. Provide recycling cans to reduce trash that will end up in the river. 2. Focus on what we have and make it great.
- It is necessary to evaluate the budget as is and not automatically ask for mileage increases.
- Not sure if this is still a plan, but I strongly disagree with any plans to expand or build water treatment plants within Fitzgerald Park. Doing so would greatly reduce the recreational appeal of the park and would be an ecological travesty.
- Generally, we are impressed with the Park system and the maintenance thereof. Most of our comments are minor complaints, and do not interfere with our enjoyment of the parks.
- Oak Park is a valuable facility for climbers in the power peninsula. I know climbers will do whatever is necessary to keep climbing access open at the park.
- My family enjoys the local parks and paths. They are one of the best things about being in the City. One of the best things about the past year with the pandemic was to see more people enjoying them, too.
- I come from grand rapids to climb at oak Park. Maintaining access to rock climbing there is important to me and other climbers from the grand rapids area. Keeping to rock ledge open to climbing probably helps bring in a lot of visitors from out of town for you guys.
- Fitzgerald Park is beautiful. I will bring friends there for their first time visiting the park. Also, when I'm walking the trails it is not uncommon for out of town visitors to ask me questions about the Park. I am so fortunate to live in a city that has this park.
- Parks and greenspaces are vital to the health and wellbeing of area citizens and must be prioritized, especially in this challenged time. More resources need to be devoted to improving the parks and greenspaces already within the system.
- It would be great to work with the climbing community to do more to prevent erosion at Oak Park. Many of us are concerned and would volunteer to help protect the park.
- Another fun attraction would be something like the tricycle track at lake Lansing South Park. Just something different and fun for kids!!
- I would love to help build a skate park I will do anything that helps my email is barberlogan35@gmail.com
- Please keep allowing climbing at oak park. It's one of the only areas in lower Michigan.

- Park maintenance should include best practices for maintaining and increasing biodiversity within the ecosystems that the park incorporates. Green grass in open areas are not as great for wildlife as they are for people. Need to consider ecosystems instead of what humans think "looks good".
- Rock climbing!
- Public access is important, AND preserving the river front's natural habitats is much much more important. The river front is not a renewable resource. Additionally, more accurate historical markers at the parks are needed, particularly in collaboration with local Anishinaabeg. See MSU Indigenous Studies Program or Nokomis Learning Center for support. The historical markers at Oak Park are incomplete and can be done better.
- Do Not Develop
- please add more public bathrooms - Jaycee park really needs one.
- We love the outdoor space here which is a big reason we bought a house in the area. We're also expecting so the playgrounds and splash pad will become more relevant soon. Would like better communication on park events in the future though. We love those
- Thanks for asking
- None that have been stated. Please improve Oak Park, it seems neglected besides what is climbers try to do.
- Thanks for working to improve our parks. They are one of the best things about living in GL!!
- We love the parks, keep improving them, it would be nice to see food trucks down at Jaycee in the summer, maybe during music in the park, whenever that returns
- Please reconsider the major changes and/or elimination of the sledding hill and other amenities at Fitzgerald Park without a replacement plan. I understand the need to modernize the water treatment facility and yet this needs to be a balanced approach. The recreational assets at Fitzgerald Park have been a jewel for this community for many years and should not be eliminated without replacement.
- It would be nice to see the farmer's market come back to the Bridge Street Plaza where it is more visible and allows for more foot traffic.
- I value and treasure the parks system and natural resources Grand Ledge has to offer. I would like to see greater education to the public on the importance of preserving natural resources and protecting wildlife. People need to understand the impact their actions have and be better stewards for the environment. Feeding junk food to the birds, harassing the wildlife, and littering are all examples of the behavior I've observed.
- I love this city and the many parks around. I don't mind if my tax dollars go to improve them for everyone :)
- Keep it natural, I work in grand ledge. People are traveling from all over the state to hike the ledges. Maybe a pedestrian bridge from Fitzgerald to oak park?? People outside of grand ledge have no idea those are active train tracks. At least signs stating it is active train tracks. A connection from oak park to lincoln brick park?
- I would love to see Grand Ledge have a trail simliar to the portland rail trail!!!
- I like the parks. If the city water plant expands, need to ensure the park gets more land added. Grant funds given to those parks have long term strings attached.
- We recently took a hike at Woldumar and I loved the way the trails were marked and they had a lot of large plaques explaining the area. More of that on the Grand Ledge Trails would be nice. That being said, I love the parks in GL
- I don't want to lose any of our park space!!!
- Very clean and maintained parks, nice job on snow removal at Fitzgerald for sledding parking
- Routine maintenance on trails and pathways is lacking. Boardwalks rotting, missing railings, wood unprotected and deteriorating. Garbage/trash lying about.
- More access to pools please!
- Love Grand Ledge!!
- No longer have teens in the house but years ago there was supposed to be a skate park. That never happened. We need to provide for them. A teen group should be formed to assess what is needed for that age group.

- Open the splash pad this year! Also back in the day as a kid, the baseball field under the bridge was turned into ice skating in the winter. That would be awesome to bring back! Something for families in the winter - sell hot cocoa and popcorn
- I would like to see a ban on hammocks. I was hiking in LBP and saw teenagers having sex in one, there was a family with very young children not too far away. There are quite a few people in hammocks who are noisy, leave trash, disturb the peace. 2) a sign warning people about using strollers on the Ledges trail from Island Park to Fitzgerald Park. I've seen people try using one, not realizing the type of trail it is. I've seen people use a stroller on the train tracks too.
- I would like to see Grand Ledge embrace the natural beauty we have in this community vs adding man made things to keep people entertained. I would like to see programs for our youth that teach and get them involved with preserving our natural areas. I would like to see activities for our youth and community as a whole that focus on embracing the natural beauty that is our town. Getting them involved may help us save some of it vs tearing it apart to make room for the next best thing that is vandalized or ignored within a few years anyways.
- Bridge connecting Fitzgerald to Lincoln Brick would be awesome
- I love the community events that are held at some parks. I liked it when the farmer's market was at the Bridge Street Plaza.
- Glad to see that the parks are being looked at for improvement.
- No
- Thank you for all the improvements to JC and the expansion of all the parks!
- No
- We have used the parks more in the last 2 to 3 years than the 30 previous years
- Make yearly county park passes purchaseable online.
- I love that Grand Ledge has so many parks and that they are well cared for. We enjoy walking the paths and also the farmers market, but wish it could be more visible and have more options. Gladwin has a wonderful pavilion and it's always full with a large variety of vendors. I often wonder why GL is unable to support a similar model
- Thank you for everything you do!
- A dog park would be so well utilized and there is space for it at Fitzgerald.
- Fitzgerald Park needs to be free to seniors!!!!
- Just would like some pickleball courts
- I love the Grand Ledge parks and look forward to seeing how they are enhanced in the future!
- Thank you for the variety of places to visit & for maintaining them so well. We love Grand Ledge!
- A local small dog park would be super nice!
- Preserving land along the river for public enjoyment is my top priority.
- I hope the parks continue to grow and improve!
- I really like the recent improvements too all of the parks and paths.
- Love the variety of parks and walking spaces
- Fitzgerald get a kayak launch like Jaycee has.