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# FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN

CITY OF WESTLAND  
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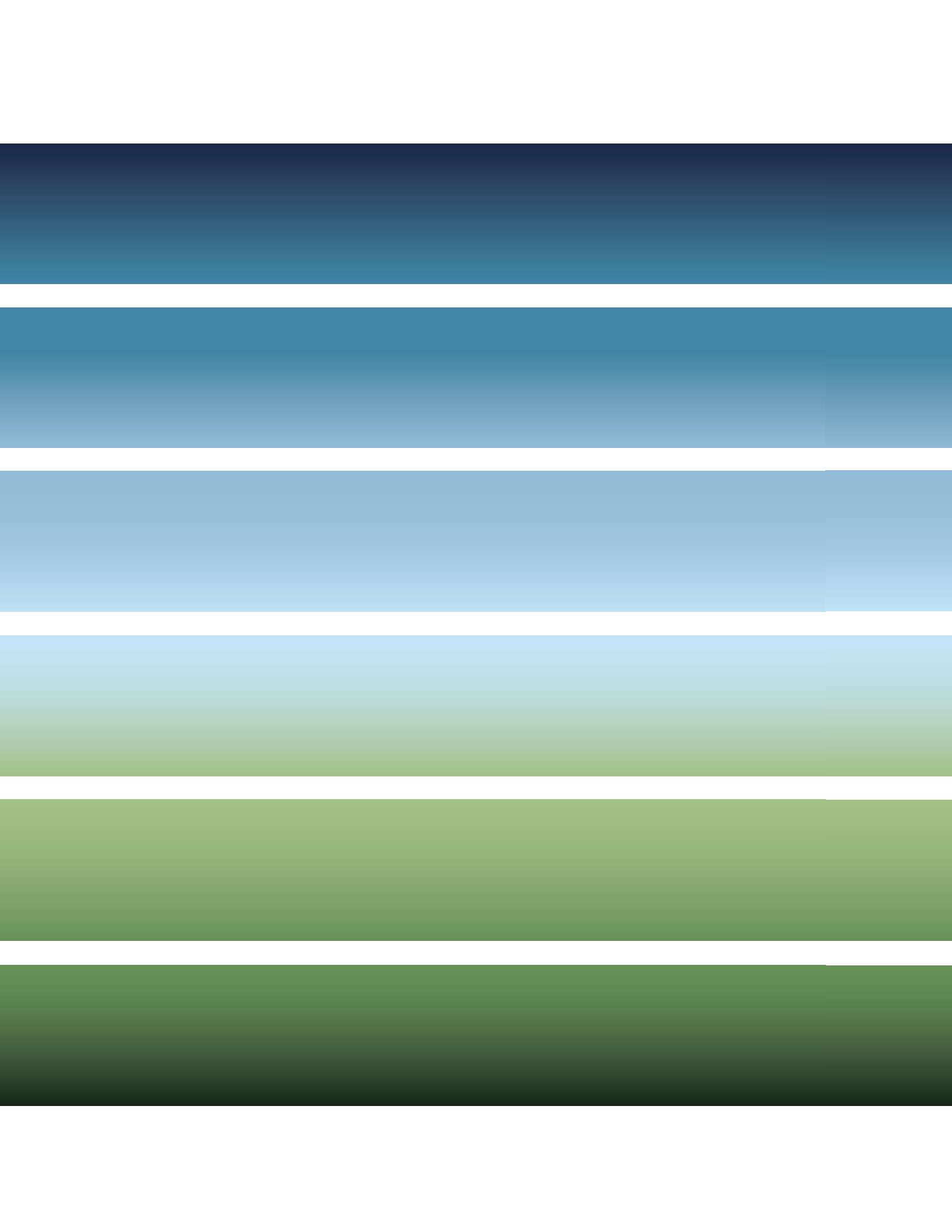
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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# Introduction

## Welcome to the City of Westland's Five-Year Recreation Plan!

**This Plan is consistent with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) guidelines for a Five-Year Recreation Plan. Westland's Plan was prepared in coordination with the City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Council (PRAC), and with strong citizen participation.**

**Community parks and facilities are essential to the quality of life for Westland residents. Not only do they provide recreational, cultural, educational, and health benefits, but they also are vital pieces of green infrastructure. Westland recognizes the benefits of parks and recreation by adopting this 2025-2029 Recreation Plan, the blueprint for the City's ongoing efforts to create, maintain, improve, and enhance its parks and facilities.**

**This Plan builds upon the previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan, adopted in 2020. Completion of the Plan is an important step in renewing Westland's eligibility for park and recreation grants through the MDNR.**





# 1.1 An Inclusive Planning Process

## Description of the Planning Process

This Five-Year Plan was developed alongside Westland's 2050 Strategic Plan (in draft form as of winter 2024) through a transparent and inclusive process. Community members, stakeholders, and municipal leaders all contributed valuable input, ensuring that both Plans reflect the needs and aspirations of the community.

Preparation of this Five-Year Plan followed an inclusive public process, as summarized in Figure 1. The resulting document is a robust public planning framework that not only represents the community's vision but also garners support for implementation in the coming years.

### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The public engagement for this Plan was multi-directional:

First, the City administered an online and hard copy survey to receive a high quantity of feedback regarding general impressions and specific desires for parks and recreation in Westland.

Second, the City held specific conversations – in the form of focus groups – around groups that have a special interest in parks and recreation in Westland, namely the aged, young, and individuals and groups with different abilities. By engaging directly with the specific groups, the City was able to hone in on priorities for future improvements that will best likely improve the quality of life of all populations.

Throughout the process, all meetings were open to the public and transparent, as required by the Open Meetings Act and the MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

Figure 1. Summary of Westland's Key Project Tasks





## 1.2 *Snapshot of the City's Recreation*

### Westland's Existing Park System

While a largely developed and built out City, Westland has preserved many important natural features within its boundaries, mainly within the park systems. In total, the City has over 318 acres of wetlands, 1,450 acres of woodlands, and over 630 acres of floodplains. In addition, there are a total of 19 city parks and indoor recreational amenities (ex: Jefferson Barns Center, the Mike Modano Ice Arena), and 500-plus acres of public open space. These assets greatly contribute to the quality of neighborhoods and resident lives.

### Building on Current City Initiatives

This Plan was prepared in conjunction with the ongoing efforts to update the City's Strategic (Master) Plan and builds off Westland's adopted 2022 Walk and Roll Plan. In addition, the City's has an ongoing partnership with Wayne, Garden City, and Inkster to develop a Safe Streets of All Action Plan (this Plan is to be completed in the fall of 2025).

All three of these Plans influence aspects of mobility and connections to park and recreation facilities, they are closely intertwined. City-wide coordination on these Plans is critical moving forward, in order to ensure success and implementation of these visions.

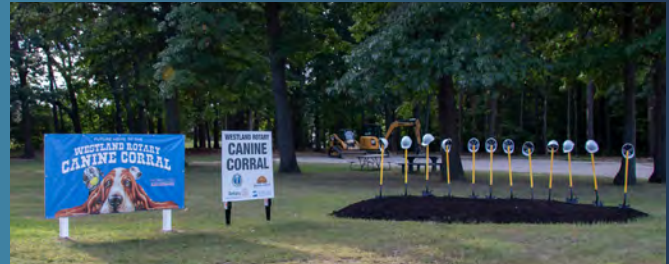


## Recent Park Investments: Key Accomplishments!

In the last five years, the Westland Parks and Recreation Department has made substantial investments to the entire park system, greatly enhancing the quality of life throughout the City. Westland continually strives to provide parks and recreation facilities that are of the highest quality and to preserve and active green space, making recreation assets accessible to all residents.

Notable projects over the last five years include:

- \$1.25 million of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding was allocated to 9 parks across Westland over the next several years, including investments within Norwayne and the Southeast Westland Neighborhood.
- Canine Corral Dog Park - Opened in partnership with the Rotary Club (2022).
- Cayley Park East/West - New structures and ADA pathways, including the fitness court at West (2024).
- Hubbard Park - New play structure (2019).
- Stottlemeyer Park - New gazebo pavilion (2020), landscape improvements (2022), and new parking lots (2024).
- Voss Park - New pavilion (2023).
- Curtis Woods Park - Pickleball courts where leagues also play (2023).
- Jaycee Park - New pavilion (2021).
- Mission to Mars Adventure in Tattan Park - an all inclusive playground (2023). At 20,000 square feet, it is one of the largest all inclusive play structures in Michigan and was the nominated for the 2023 MML Community Excellent Award.
- Corrado Park - Pickleball courts where the pickleball league plays and hosts tournaments (2022) and a new play structure (2024).
- \$12 million investment into the development of the Nankin Square and Amphitheater, adjacent to City Hall. The project is under construction and is expected to be completed by Fall of 2025.



# 1.3

## Summary of Strategic Actions

### Goal Priorities

Through the public engagement process, and guided by the PRAC, the nine guiding goals of this Plan are detailed below. For a comprehensive understanding of these goals and the corresponding objectives to help realize them, please refer to Chapter 5: Strategic Action Plan.

**The goals below are not ranked in terms of priority, however, if Goal #1 is not accomplished, the remaining goals are not reachable.** This means the Parks and Recreation Department must start planning for budget changes in early 2025 for the next fiscal cycle, in order to start making progress on achieving all the identified goals listed below.

1

Increase and improve the economic viability and stability of the Parks and Recreation Department to provide and expand exceptional services.

2

Expand mobility and access to and within the parks.

3

Increase and expand the offerings of programming and events.

4

Enhance the sustainability and resiliency of parks and facilities.

5

Ensure facilities are maintained.

6

Increase security for a more welcoming parks system.

7

Expand the variety and diversity of recreational facilities and amenities.

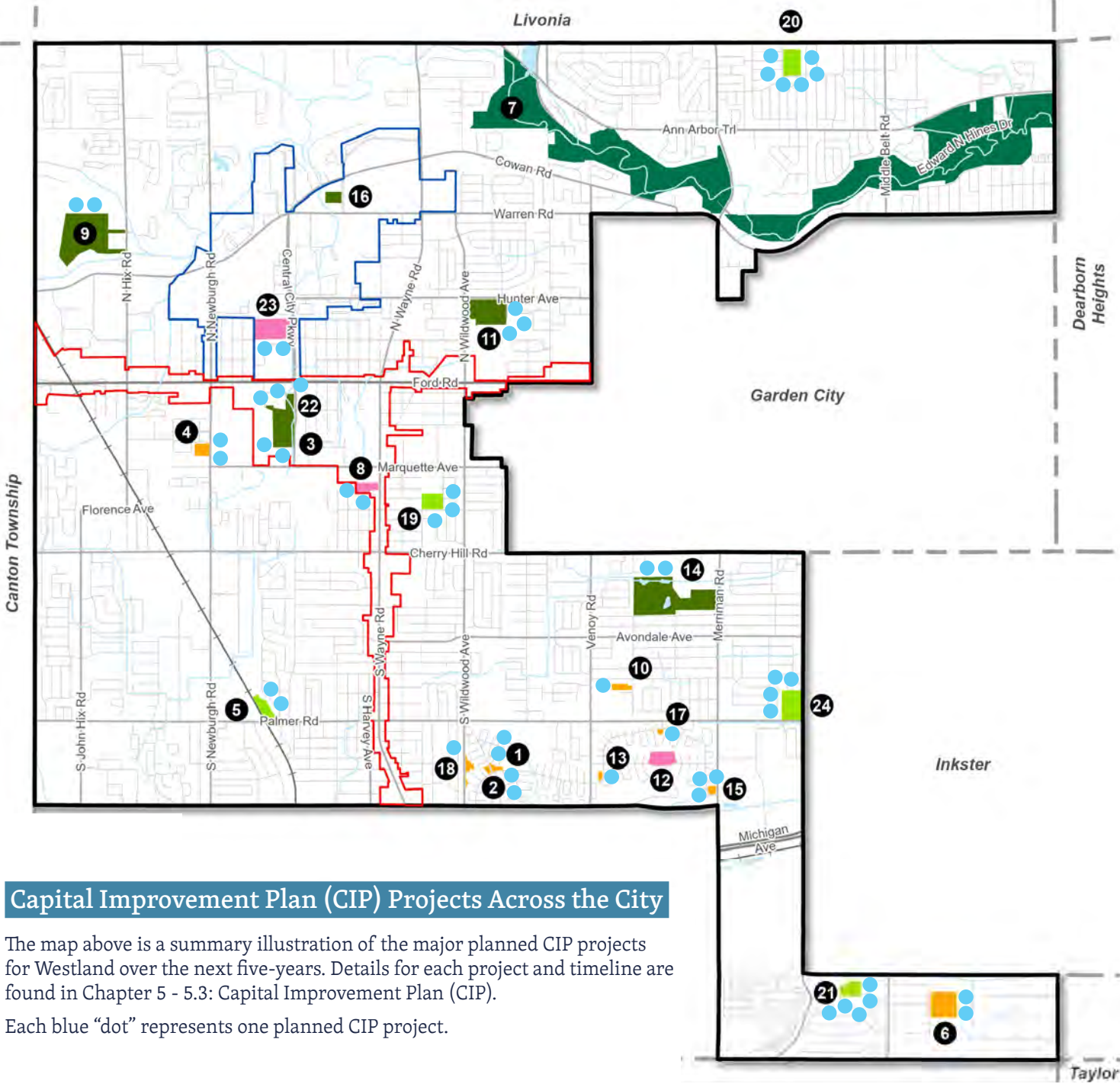
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Promote community involvement and increase marketing and public awareness of offerings.

9

Improve accessibility (universal access) within and to recreation facilities.





- Mini Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Regional Parks
- Additional Facilities
- TIFA Boundary
- DDA Boundary

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|--|--|---|
| 1 Cayley Park East                     | 10 Hubbard Park                        | 19 Rotary Park  |
| 2 Cayley Park West                     | 11 Jaycee Park/Mike Modano Ice Arena   | 20 Samuel J. Corrado Park                                 |
| 3 Central City Park                    | 12 Jefferson-Barns Center              | 21 Stottlemeyer Park                                      |
| 4 Coburn Park/Senior Friendship Center | 13 Liberator Park                      | 22 Tattan Park/Farmers and Artisans Marketplace/ H2O Zone |
| 5 Curtis Woods/Kiwanis Park            | 14 Mack Mayfield Municipal Golf Course | 23 Veteran's Memorial Garden/Faust Public Library         |
| 6 Firefighters Park                    | 15 Merriman Park                       | 24 Voss Park  |
| 7 Hines Park (Wayne County Owned)      | 16 Nankin Square and Amphitheater      |   |
| 8 Historical Village Park              | 17 Northgate Park                      |   |
| 9 Hix Park                             | 18 Public Park                         |   |

An aerial photograph of a community recreation facility. On the left, a large parking lot is filled with cars. To the right, a modern building with a large glass facade and a flat roof is visible. In the foreground, a curved concrete walkway with a metal railing runs along a pond. The pond has a circular fountain in the center. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION





# The Westland Community

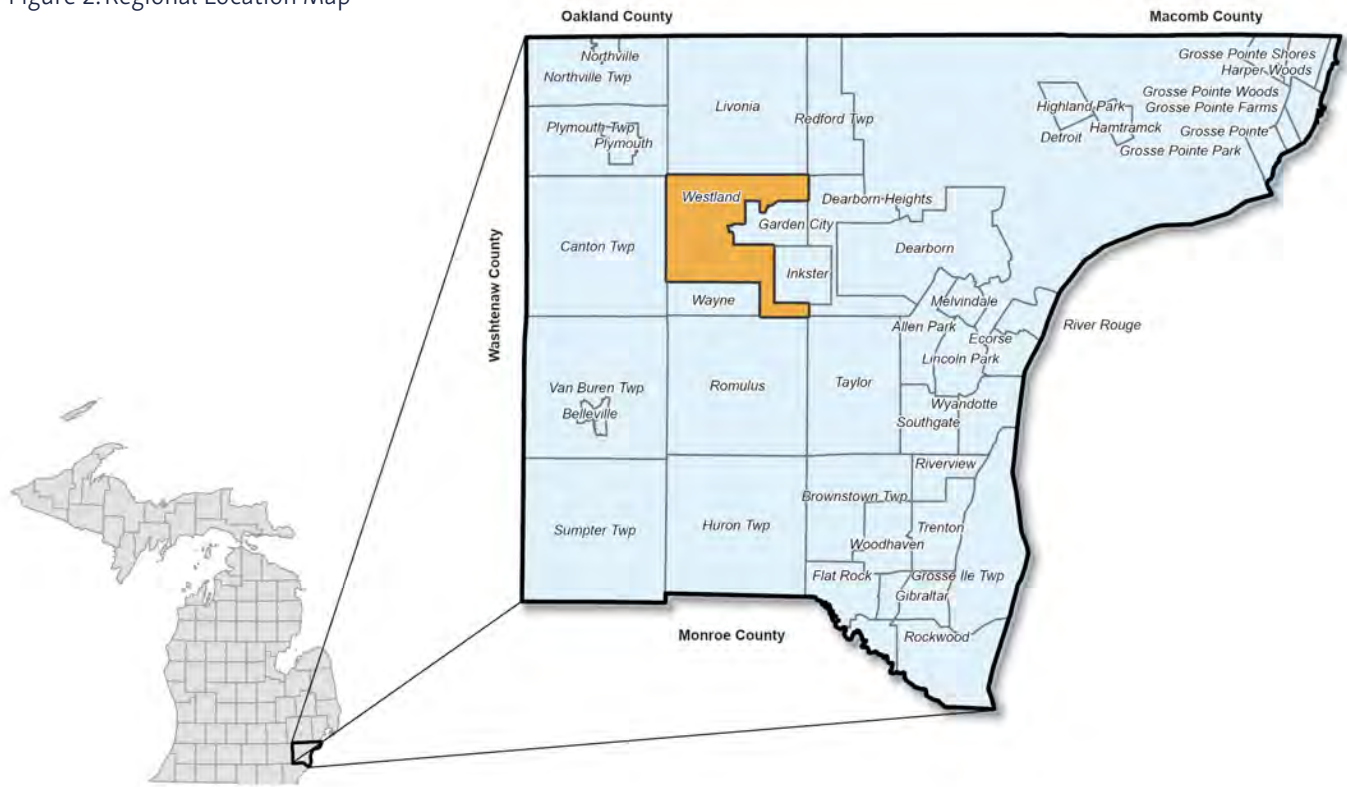
The Community Description outlines the key physical and socioeconomic features of the City. This information offers valuable insights that will guide decisions on future parks and recreation facility development, maintenance, and programming to best meet the community's needs.

This Chapter also details the administrative structure for parks and recreation management, planning, and maintenance in Westland. Under Public Act 156 of 1917, the City is empowered to oversee recreational activities and resources within the public sector, enabling Westland to manage public recreation systems and playgrounds.





Figure 2. Regional Location Map



## 2.1 Physical Description

### Regional Location

The City of Westland is located in Michigan's oldest and most populated county in the state, Wayne County, with over 1.7 million residents (as of 2024). Located 20 miles west of Detroit in central Wayne County, Westland borders 10 other Wayne County municipalities: Plymouth Township, Livonia, Redford Township, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Taylor, Romulus, Wayne, and Canton Township.

Westland is geographically bounded by two major Michigan highways: Interstate-275 and Route 12 – Michigan Ave., providing residents and visitors access to the city and its local amenities. The City is also easily accessible from other major regional destinations, offering residents a large variety of park and recreational amenities to experience.

### History

The first settlers to the Westland area were three Algonquin Indian tribes, the Potawatomi, Ojibwa, and Ottawa. These tribes established hunting territories at the site of Nankin Mills on the Middle Fork of the Rouge River. In 1824, territorial Governor William Cass created Bucklin Township in the area that would eventually make up the City of Westland. Between 1824 and 1834, Bucklin Township was further divided into Nankin and Livonia Townships. Settlers migrated to the area throughout the 1800's, building towns and railroads along the Rouge River. As the 20<sup>th</sup> century progressed, the townships experienced a commercial and residential boom paralleling the growth of the automobile industry, construction of the Willow Run bomber plant, and installation of public water and sewer services. In 1960, the neighboring City of Wayne was incorporated. Six years, later on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1966, Nankin Township became the City of Westland.

## 2.2 Demographic Profile

This section examines the demographic trends in Westland by analyzing data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Understanding the existing patterns in population and households gives insight into what Westland needs to plan for in the future. This snapshot is derived from the complete demographic profile detailed in the City's 2050 Strategic (Master) Plan.

### Demographic Key Findings:

#### PLANNING FOR AN INCREASE IN POPULATION

An increase in population and number of households, especially ages 9 and younger suggests that people are having families in Westland. The City should focus on providing facilities and services that cater toward young families and children so that it can continue to attract them.

#### MEETING THE NEEDS OF AN AGING POPULATION

An increase in aging population indicates a need for strategies that will promote Westland's residents' ability to age in place.

For parks and recreation, this means planning for senior oriented amenities in parks and prioritizing walkability and access.

#### PROVIDING ACCESS AND AMENITIES FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Approximately 16% of Westland residents have a disability, indicating there is a greater need for disability-sensitive design when constructing new recreation facilities, sidewalks, and public spaces / amenities.

The City has made a strong effort in recent years to make park amenities (and access to them) more accessible. A key goal of this Plan is to continue those efforts.





## 2.3 **Environmental Features**

Despite Westland's suburban development patterns, the City has preserved important natural features within its parks system.

Understanding the natural resources and environment in and around Westland is essential for building a sustainable future. These resources can greatly enhance the community's economic, social, educational, and cultural well-being. However, neglecting to align with the City's natural environment could lead to risks and negative impacts.

With wooded areas and wetlands, Westland offers an ecosystem that can support a rich biodiversity. Other natural features, such as the Rouge River, host a variety of fish and plant life.

### **Rivers, Creeks, and Drains**

Rivers are natural watercourses, typically originating from various sources like springs or runoff and they play a crucial role in the hydrological cycle. Creeks are naturally flowing small bodies of water, while drains are human-made or modified channels designed to manage and direct water flow, serving purposes such as drainage, irrigation, and flood control.

Within Westland are two creeks, eight drains, and three rivers:

- Tonquish Creek
- Willow Creek
- Wright Drain
- Deer Drain
- Leng Drain
- Alexander Drain
- Wilson Drain
- Butler Drain
- Morgan Drain
- Hunter Drain
- Ecorse River
- Lower Rouge River
- Middle Rouge River



## Wetlands and Floodplains

### WETLANDS

Wetlands are a transitional area between aquatic ecosystems and the surrounding upland areas (identified as low areas) which are intermittently covered with shallow water and underlined by saturated soils. Wetlands are linked with the hydrologic system, and as a result, these systems are vital to the environmental quality of Westland. They are important to preserve and are a valuable educational resources.

The majority of Westland's wetlands are located along Tonquish Creek and the Middle Rouge River in the northern portion of the City; to some extent wetlands are also located west of Wayne Road. Depending on the type of wetland, development in the area may be significant limited. These areas should be conserved and enhanced as much as possible.

### FLOODPLAINS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains (land adjacent to a watercourse that is prone to flooding) and restricts development in these areas to protect life, health, and property.

Floodplains in Westland are primarily located along Willow Creek, Tonquish Creek, and the Lower and Middle Rouge Rivers. Periodic flooding of these drainage ways is necessary (and expected) to the types of vegetation and animal species that live here. Floodplains also help contain water during periods of high stream levels. Alterations to the physical size of the floodplain disrupt drainage flow during high-water periods and can potentially cause increased flooding elsewhere.

## Woodlands and Topography

### WOODLANDS

Woodlands in Westland consist of lowland and central hardwood forests. Similar to the location of wetlands, much of the City's thickest woodlands are along Tonquish Creek and the Middle Rouge River in the north.

Woodlands offer many benefits, contributing to the quality of life for residents, animal habitats, clean air, and the City's character. Due to their significance, woodlands should be protected from the impacts of development throughout the community.

### TOPOGRAPHY AND SOIL

Topography is the arrangement and variation of natural and artificial features such as hills, rivers, and other landforms.

The topography of Westland is relatively flat and ranges from about 600- to 700-feet. The City's highest points are located on its western side while the eastern half contains the city's lowest points. Tonquish Creek and the Lower and Middle Rouge Rivers consist of some of the lowest points across the City and serve as major collective points for drainage.

The types of soil within a municipality are essential for understanding the development potential of land, among other things such as flooding and infrastructure.

In Westland, grandby loamy fine sand, tedrow loamy fine sand, kibble fine sandy loam, among others can be found throughout. These soil types generally offer adequate drainage and are largely sufficient for most construction.



## 2.4 Administrative Structure

### City Structure for Recreation

#### LOCAL ORGANIZATION

In Westland, voters elect the City Council, which in turn – upon nomination by the Mayor – appoints members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council (PRAC). The PRAC sets policies and priorities for the City, and assists the City Council with setting the budget for park operations annually.

The mission of the PRAC is to: *work with the Parks and Recreation Director to facilitate development of recreation policies, facilities, programs, and services.*

The PRAC meets monthly and is comprised of seven Westland residents who are charged with providing direction to the Director on goals, priorities, and implementation of this Plan.

#### POTENTIAL FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION

The PRAC, as directed by City Council, may wish to explore agreements with surrounding municipalities to create a broader funding base and expand the wealth of services available to community residents, in the form of a Regional Recreation Authority. This collaboration would be a similar form to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA) as one example.

To start, a pilot program could be launched. Such a partnership would ideally include the communities of Wayne, Livonia, Romulus, and Garden City. In addition to exploring a joint recreational authority, there may be other collaboration opportunities for Westland and its neighboring community to pursue in the short-term.



## Department Organization

Daily operations of the City's Parks and Recreation Department are the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Director. The Director manages one assistant parks director and one full time administrative assistant. Additionally, the Municipal Services Bureau (MSB) and Department of Public Services partner with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide daily and ongoing maintenance to parks and recreation facilities.

The Mack Mayfield Municipal Golf Course, including the pro shop, and the Mike Modano Ice Arena are operated by the Municipal Services Bureau. The MSB is a non-profit organization controlled by a five-member board of directors appointed to 3-year terms by the Mayor.

Along with the golf course and ice arena, the MSB runs the crossing guard, the senior friendship center station employees, and maintenance and code enforcement staffing. The MSB is in charge of the overall management, including employment, of these facilities and services, approximately 35 of whom are seasonal parks rangers.

From April 30<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year, construction and maintenance employees from the Department of Public Services are assigned on an as-needed basis for lawn maintenance, tree trimming,

equipment repairs, athletic field preparation, and trash removal. Those employees are funded from the construction and maintenance budget through the Department of Public Services, with funding originally from the City's General Fund. Central City / Tattan Park are maintained in the same fashion by landscaping contractors funded by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

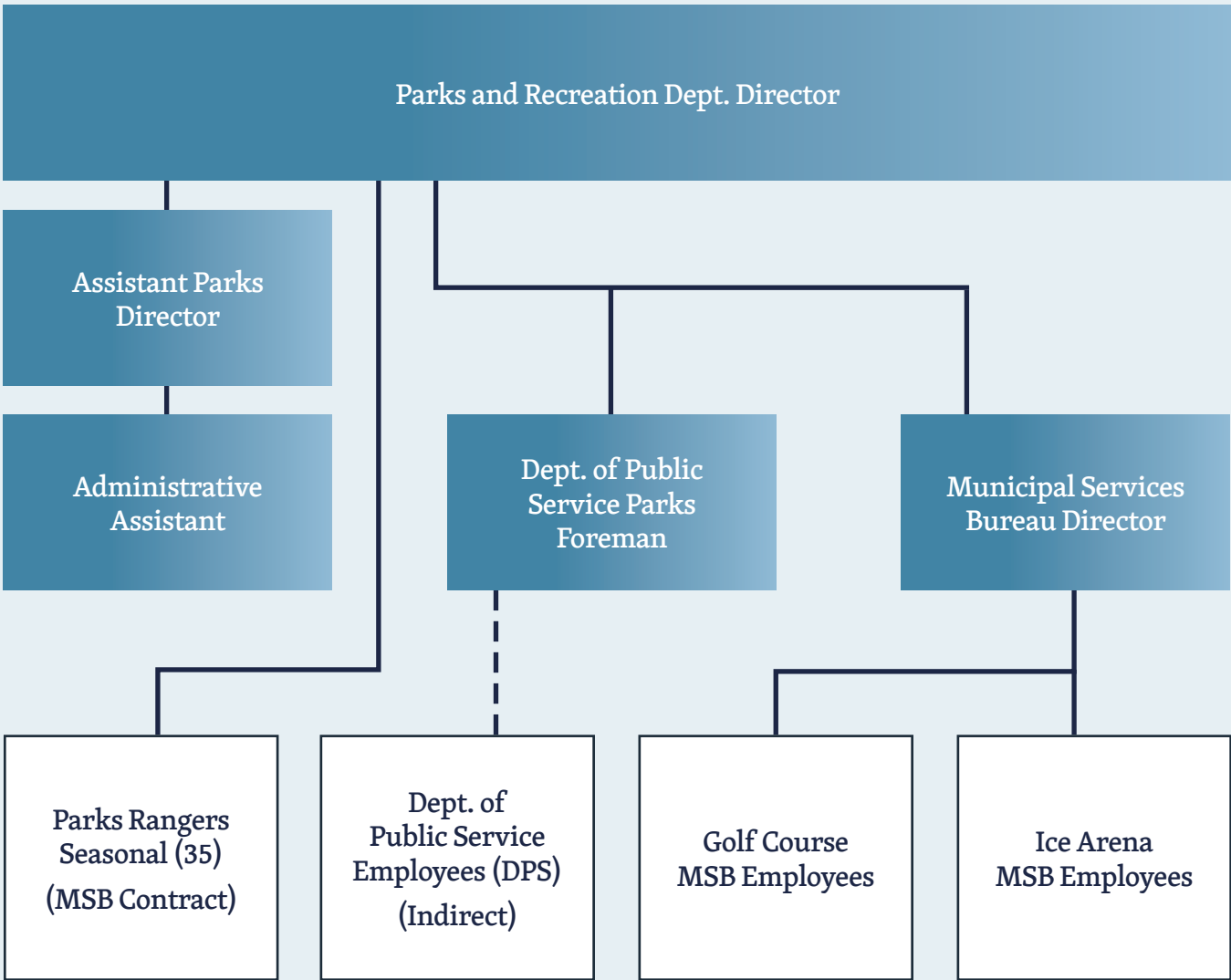
### ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department continues to take on new and added responsibilities and maintenance as Westland continues to add amenities for its residents. One such major project is Nankin Square and the amphitheater.

### VOLUNTEERS

Westland offers a wealth of opportunities for volunteerism, with numerous community groups and individuals dedicated to enhancing parks and recreation. One notable example is a group from the Living & Learning Enrichment Center, who collaborate with both the Friendship Center and the Mayfield Golf Course / Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Figure 3. Parks and Recreation Department Organization, City of Westland



Staffing and Recourse Analysis

This section compares Westland’s parks and recreation facilities with national and local benchmarks for staffing and resource allocation.

In 2020, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) introduced a nationwide benchmarking tool known as NRPA Park Metrics. Each year, NRPA releases the Agency Performance Review, summarizing benchmarking data from 1,000 park and recreation agencies in the Park Metrics database. This database also categorizes data by the size (population) of the served jurisdiction. By using the latest 2024 NRPA Park Metrics, supplemented by local Michigan cities with a similar population size, a larger comparison can be made.

STAFFING RESOURCES

For full-time equivalents, Westland has minimal staffing to accomplish all the work and goals of the Department. This directly limits the number and variety of programs the City can offer (and grow to offer).

BUDGET RESOURCES

When reviewing budget allocations, Westland’s budget is considerably less than the national average, and peer communities. Additional funding will be necessary to increase the variety, frequency and quality of programs and amenities that are offered to Westland residences. The creation of new amenities will also require an increased commitment to maintenance, to ensure that quality facilities are provided not only today, but for the next generation of the community.

STAFFING: FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTES)	NUMBER
Westland	5
Livonia	24
Troy	5+
Rochester Hills	43
Southfield	21
National Median	70
National Lower Quartile	46
National Upper Quartile	121

ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Westland	\$1,066,000
Livonia	\$8,465,362
Troy	\$7,545,580
Rochester Hills	\$8,196,030
Southfield	\$6,171,710
National Median	\$7,710,075
National Lower Quartile	\$5,348,266
National Upper Quartile	\$13,394,323





# 2.5 Funding & Grants

## Budget

The Parks and Recreation budget is a sub-account of Westland’s General Fund and is annually adopted by the City Council. User fees are charged at the golf course, arena, and splash pad, but the City subsidizes these facilities, including costs for major repairs and equipment. Westland actively pursues alternative funding sources for additional capital improvements through grant programs and private donations.

During the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year, the Parks and Recreation Department operated with an approximate budget of \$1.06 million. Major expenditures included wages for full-time and contractual employees, maintenance and repairs of existing facilities, and capital outlay for new facilities. The Department also manages the shared IGA (inter-governmental agreements) for Wayne County funding each year.

There are no millages for parks and recreation in the City. However, this topic may need to be further explored should Westland wish to fund and construct a recreation center, and other larger amenities, that were identified during the public engagement process.

Table 1. Parks and Recreation Department Expenditures

EXPENDITURES	2024-2025
Salaries	\$334,014.38
Overtime	\$10,000.00
Fringe Benefits	\$116,702.73
Operating	\$35,000.00
Concession Expenditures	\$40,000.00
Operating - Dog Park	\$5,000.00
Professional Services	\$158,000.00
Farmer’s Market	\$20,000.00
Memberships / Publications	\$1,500.00
Communications	\$1,200.00
Sports Services	\$1,500.00
Electric / Water / Sewer	\$42,000.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$150,000.00
Repair and Maintenance (Wayne Co. Millage Share)	\$131,788.00
Rentals	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,066,695.11

## Grants

When preparing a Parks and Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources mandates that information be provided regarding any past grants received for the acquisition or development of recreation facilities. As of Winter 2024, the City has secured grant funding from the following State programs listed in Table 2.

Table 2. State Awarded Grants: City of Westland

PROJECT TITLE	NO.	YEAR	GRANT AMOUNT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION / SCOPE
Jaycee Park Picnic Area	26-00096	1967	\$16,350.90	Closed	Softball and baseball backstops, 12-acre picnic area with stoves, tables and parking area, playground equipment, LWCF sign.
Acquisition of 45.95 Acres	26-00362	1972	\$99,500.00	Closed	Acquire 45.95 acres of land.
Westland Open Space Development	26-00601	1974	\$86,100.00	Withdrawn	Development of 45.95 acres withdrawn.
Westland Central City Park	26-00995	1978	\$130,962.00	Closed	8 tennis courts, combination comfort/communications station, concession building with utilities, LWCF sign, 4 bowling green comfort station, 2 picnic shelters.
Central City Park Phase III	26-01144	1980	\$17,013.73	Closed	Multiuse trail and LWCF sign.
Central City Park Phase IV	26-01238	1981	\$14,461.92	Closed	Nature trail, handicapped wheel course, play area, LWCF sign.
Corrado Park- Phase IV	BF89-040	1989	\$53,000.00	Closed	An outdoor basketball court, play area, horseshoe pits, landscaping.
Central City Enhancement	BF90-033	1990	\$83,000.00	Closed	A large pavilion for family picnics, picnic area, play center, 2 sand volleyball courts, a large berm for spectators and 100 trees.
Sam Corrado, Phase V	BF91-037	1991	\$88,725.00	Closed	3 sand volleyball courts, 2 tennis courts, pavilion, trees, fitness trail.
Hix Park Phase I	BF92-026	1992	\$127,500.00	Closed	Fencing, 2 shelters, landscaping, drainage, driveway, parking lot.
Central City Park Revitalization	CM99-125	1999	\$47,250.00	Closed	An in-line skating rink, a pavilion, the reconstruction of a tennis court.
Corrado Park Enhancement Plan	26-01558	2000	\$24,500.00	Closed	An in-line skating theme park with the addition of a rink and path.
Merriman Park Restructure Plan	CM00-072	2000	\$25,000.00	Closed	A basketball court and a picnic shelter.
Central City Park Plaza Amenities	RP12-433	2012	\$25,000.00	Closed	A planter, picnic tables, recycling bins, benches, bike racks.



# RECREATION INVENTORY







# Inventory of Recreation Facilities and Programs

An inventory of existing facilities was conducted by Westland's consultant, McKenna, throughout the summer and fall of 2024. The inventory of facilities consisted of site inspections at each of the 19 park sites, as well as the indoor facilities. This process also included a tour with Department Officials at key parks throughout the City, and discussion about the strengths and deficiencies within the park system.





## 3.1 Municipal Parks and Recreational Facilities

### Park Facilities

The following list highlights the specific parks and facilities that constitute Westland's parks and recreation.



#### **CAYLEY PARK – EAST & WEST**

Located within the Norwayne neighborhood, Cayley Park East sits on 1 acre and Cayley Park West sits on 0.7 acres. The park is split by Darwin Avenue. Together, the parks share two play structures, multiple swing sets, fitness equipment, and a basketball court.



#### **COBURN PARK**

Coburn Park shares one acre with the Westland Senior Friendship Center. The site has an outdoor performance stage, pavilion, picnic areas, and a walking path.



#### **CURTIS WOODS PARK**

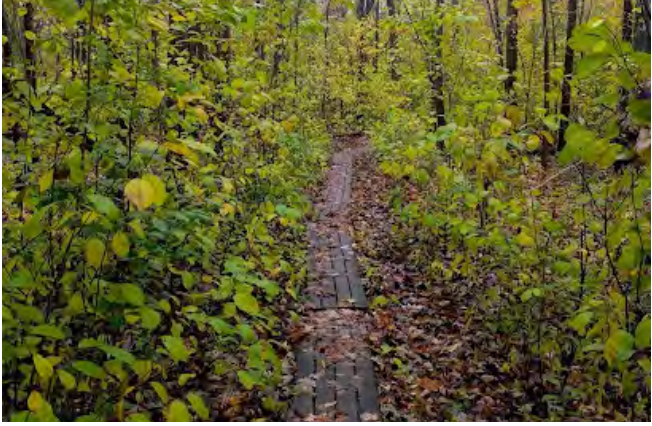
Curtis Woods Park is a total of 5.20 acres. The park features a pavilion, pickleball courts, picnic areas, a play structure, portable restrooms, soccer fields, and a walking trail.



#### **FIREFIGHTER'S PARK**

Located on 0.5 acres, Firefighter's Park is located on the corner of Annapolis Avenue and Irene Avenue, just south of Fire Station 3. It features a large playscape and swing set.





### HIX PARK

Located on Hix Road, north of Warren Road just north of Tonquish Creek. Hix Park is approximately 4.5 acres and includes a walking and jogging trail, picnic area, and a pavilion.



### HUBBARD PARK

A total of 4 acres, Hubbard Park is located on Hubbard between Parkwood and Palmer. The park has one play structure and two picnic tables.



### NORTHGATE PARK

Located within the Norwayne neighborhood, Northgate sits on 0.6 acres at the intersection of Grand Traverse and Northgate. Within the park is one play structure and two swing sets.



### SAMUEL J. CORRADO PARK

Corrado Park is 10.10 acres and hosts a variety of facilities including a native plant community garden, a pavilion, pickleball courts, a play structure, soccer, volleyball, and a walking/jogging trail.



### **JAYCEE PARK (VIRGIL R. GAGNON)**

Sitting on 2.5 acres, Jaycee Park has multiple ball fields, a fitness court, pavilions, picnic areas, and a walking/jogging trail. Also home to the Mike Modano Ice Arena, the park is located on the southeast corner of Hunter Avenue and Wildwood.



### **KOSOWSKI PARK**

Kosowski Park is within the Norwayne neighborhood and surrounds the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. Previously the recreational area for Jefferson Barns Elementary School, the park has a softball diamond, baseball diamond, play structure, picnic tables, and a pavilion.



### **LIBERATOR PARK**

About 1 acre of land, Liberator Park is located in the Norwayne subdivision just North of Grand Traverse Street at the corner of Dorsey and Venoy. The park features a pavilion, swing set, and play structure.



### **MERRIMAN PARK**

Merriman Park is on 1.4 acres of land on the northwest corner of Merriman and Grand Traverse, within the Norwayne neighborhood. The park has a basketball court, a play structure, picnic areas, and a pavilion.





### STOTTELMYER PARK

On 7.40 acres, Stottlemyer Park is located within Annapolis Park, south of Annapolis Avenue and west of Middlebelt. The park has a basketball court, pavilion, picnic areas, tennis court, and a walking/jogging trail.



### VOSS PARK

About 13.3 acres, Voss Park is located on the northwest corner of Palmer and Henry Ruff Road and has picnic areas, a play structure, basketball courts, and ball fields.



### PUBLIC PARK

Public Park is approximately 2 acres and is located just inside Norwayne's western border. Within the park is one play structure and two swing sets.



### ROTARY PARK

7.2 acres total, Rotary Park has ball fields, a basketball court, a picnic area, a play structure, and a walking/jogging trail.



### **NANKIN SQUARE**

At almost 4 acres and adjacent to City Hall, Nankin Square is an urban park that encourages spaces for socializing, gathering, and celebrating. In addition to the large amphitheater and spaces for programmable activities, including an area for food truck vendors, the park features two playground areas for active play and a number of sustainable design features and native plants.

While the park is currently under construction, it is slated to open in the fall of 2025.



### **TATTAN PARK / CENTRAL CITY PARK**

At 10 total acres, Tattan Park is located at 1901 N. Carlson at the corner of Carlson and Orr Drive. The park contains a variety of amenities for visitors of all ages and interests including but not limited to the H2O Water Park, farmer's market, a large inclusive playground, soccer fields, the Concrete Jungle skate park, and a basketball court. Many of Westland's events are held at Tattan Park.

The H2O Zone Spray Park serves as an excellent summer recreation opportunity for residents. The water park features over 20,000 square feet of play area, including an 18-foot helicopter that sprays water from its rotors, a large dump bucket, and more. The Spray Park also includes a concessions area.





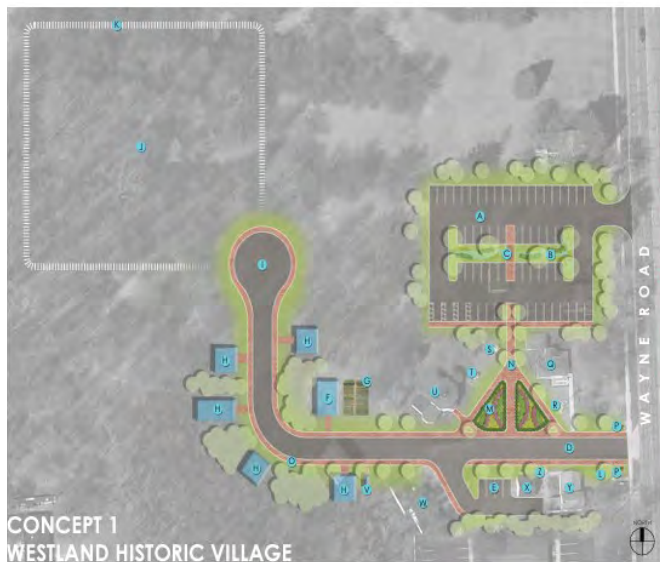
### HISTORIC VILLAGE PARK

Created in 1970, the Westland Historic Village Park is a city-owned park of approximately 4.5 acres, located on Wayne Road and north of Cherry Hill Road in the heart of the City of Westland. The park promotes the history of Nankin Township, the City of Westland, and the history of the Wayne County General Hospital and Eloise Complex.

In its mission to collect, preserve and protect the historical documents and artifacts of the City, the park holds multiple historic buildings that are significant to the Westland's history.

In 2017, the City adopted a community-wide land use plan which listed several alternatives for the Historic Village Park (shown on the following page). One recommendation of this Plan is for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council to work with the Parks and Recreation Department and refine these concepts, and achieve consensus with the public on a preferred vision and plan to move forward with and implement.

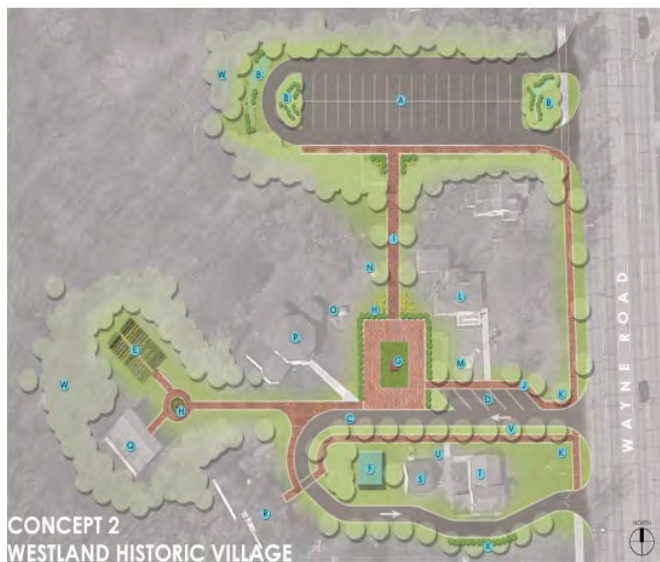




*Potential concepts for future discussion:*

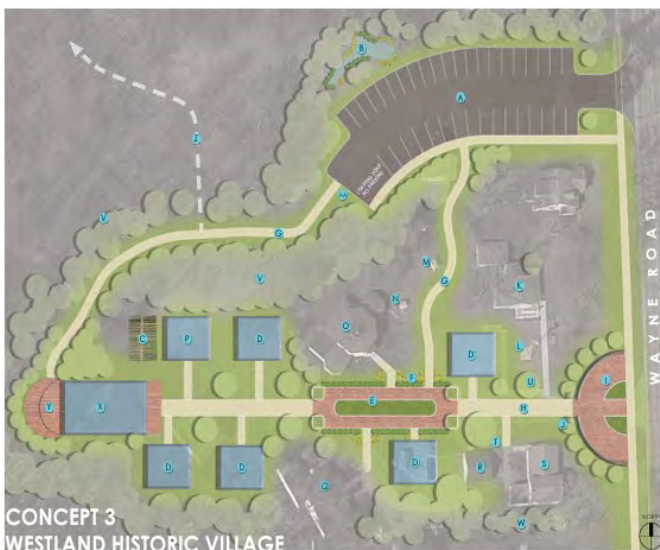
### **HISTORIC VILLAGE PARK: CONCEPT 1**

A functional design that allows for easy vehicular and pedestrian access and modern, curvilinear roads for future expansion. This design layout, while located in a historic village, displays a more modern layout with a predominant vehicular accommodation.



### **HISTORIC VILLAGE PARK: CONCEPT 2**

A resourceful design that accommodates both pedestrian and vehicular access, with a higher focus on walkability and less of a focus on vehicular accommodation, as compared to concept 1. This design layout takes advantage of the existing site layout, but also emphasizes and adds strategic design elements to develop a more dynamic historical experience.



### **HISTORIC VILLAGE PARK: CONCEPT 3**

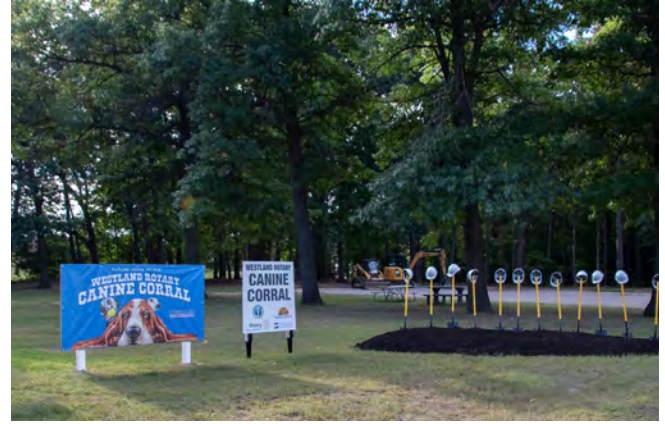
Of the three concepts for the Historic Village, concept 3's site layout is most reflective of a true historic village setting. Notable for its exclusively pedestrian design, this concept encourages visitors to forego their vehicles and experience the site as one would have experienced a town or village in years past, before vehicles became the focus of community design.



Westland Farmer's Market. Photo Credit: Bill Bresler

### FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET

The Westland Chamber of Commerce hosts and manages the weekly Farmers Market at Central City/Tattan Park from May through October of each year, for which the Parks and Recreation Department provides pavilion space.



### WESTLAND ROTARY CANINE CORRAL DOG PARK

In August 2022, the City opened its first park dedicated to Westland's canine residents and visitors. Sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club, the off-leash dog park features a half-acre section for small dogs and a one-acre section for large dogs, separated by a perimeter fence. Other dog park amenities include a dog water station, agility courses, and benches for human companions.



### CONCRETE JUNGLE

Located just west of Tattan Park, Westland's Concrete Jungle is a 17,000-square-foot concrete and asphalt skate park. The park includes 3 bowls, a large half pipe, large ramps, one fun box, and a ten-stair ramp with a handrail.



### CITY HALL BANQUET AND CONFERENCE ROOMS

Westland City Hall has multiple spaces available for large events including birthday parties, business meetings, office parties, showers, and more. The City offers access to a warming kitchen that includes a freezer, refrigerator, warming box, ice maker, commercial sink with a garbage disposal, and a prep area.





### JEFFERSON BARNES COMMUNITY VITALITY CENTER

Jefferson Barnes is located at the center of the Norwayne neighborhood provides space for various community organizations and programs. The community center is available for rental to community groups and private parties. Many programs hosted at Jefferson Barnes are open to all Westland residents and most programs have no fee for participation. Some of the community center's features include:

#### LEARNING LAB

The learning lab offers in-person tutoring and individualized academic support with skilled and qualified tutors and support staff. Staff can assist with all subject areas including math, reading, and writing. Academic enrichment opportunities include technology and coding lessons, 3D printing, digital design, and virtual reality.

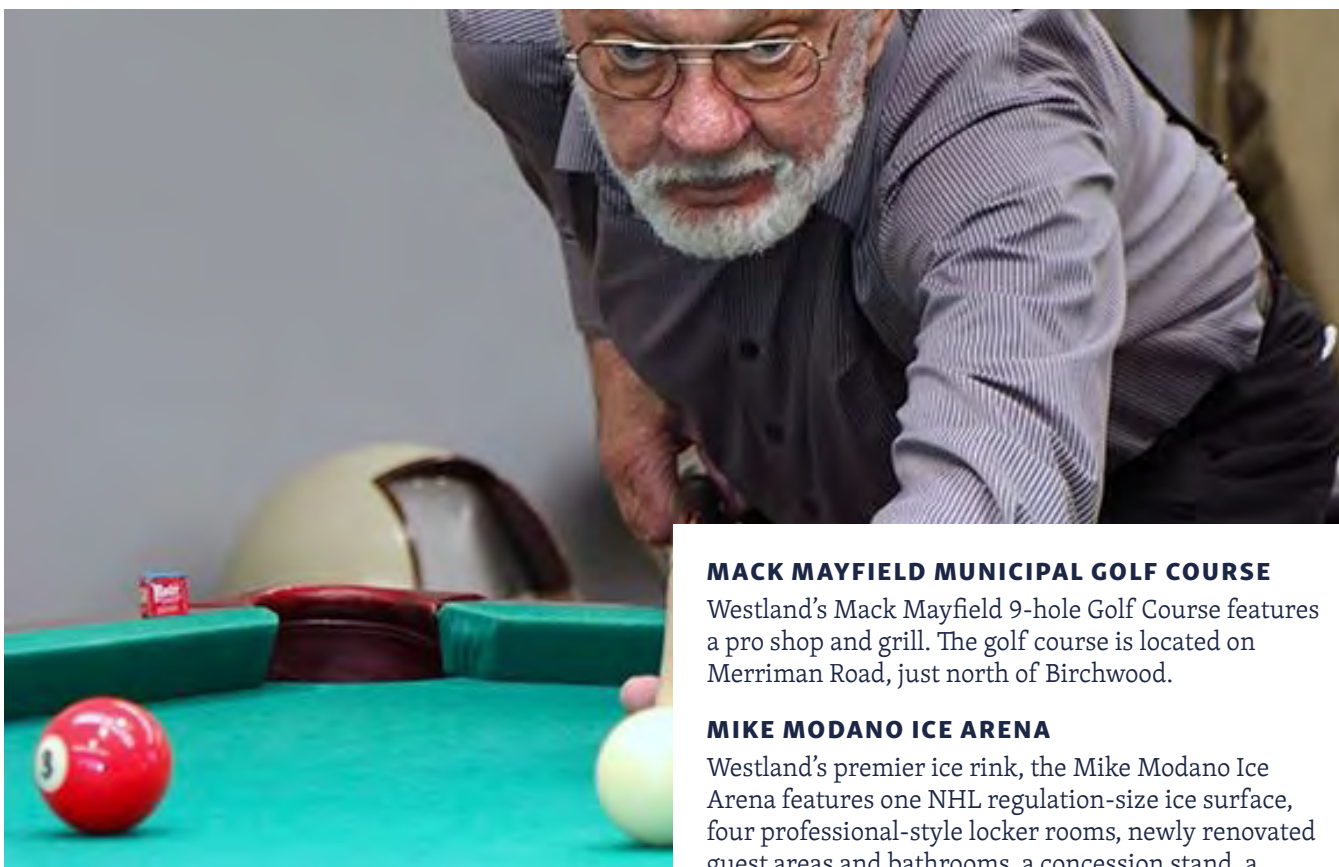
#### READING ROOM

The goal of the Jefferson Barnes reading room is to connect Westland to the joy of reading and enrich lives, build community, and foster success by bringing people, information, and ideas together. The library is open to everyone.

#### KRONK BOXING GYM / ESCOT

The Kronk Boxing Gym / ESCOT serves as a vital source of support and community for youth in the community. It provides a structured program of mentoring and development for young adults.





### **MACK MAYFIELD MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

Westland's Mack Mayfield 9-hole Golf Course features a pro shop and grill. The golf course is located on Merriman Road, just north of Birchwood.

### **MIKE MODANO ICE ARENA**

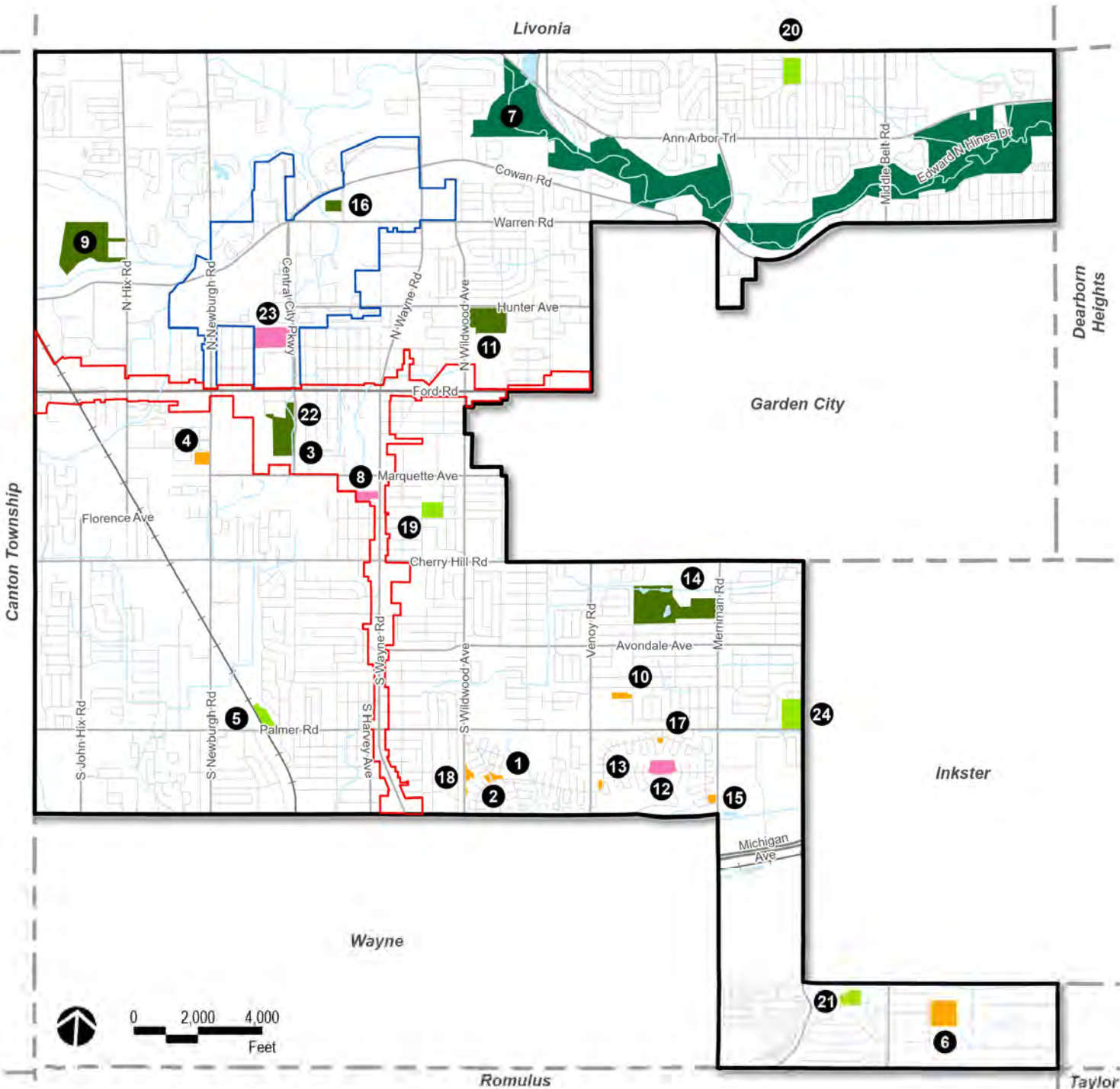
Westland's premier ice rink, the Mike Modano Ice Arena features one NHL regulation-size ice surface, four professional-style locker rooms, newly renovated guest areas and bathrooms, a concession stand, a community room for special occasion rentals, and a new Zamboni. The facility offers programs for people of all ages, including but not limited to recreational skating, beginner lessons, competitive United States Figure Skating (USFS) programs, compulsory teams, hockey conditioning, and hockey teams (6 – 18 years of age).



### **SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Coburn Park and the Senior Friendship Center are Westland's exclusive senior centers. The Friendship Center is a focal point for Westland's senior population and provides recreational and social activities. In addition, the Friendship Center offers many programs and services aimed at helping residents who are 50 years and older to successfully live the happiest, healthiest, most fulfilling lives possible.





## Parks and Recreation Facilities Locations

- |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
|  Mini Parks            | 1 Cayley Park East                     | 10 Hubbard Park                        | 19 Rotary Park   |
|  Neighborhood Parks    | 2 Cayley Park West                     | 11 Jaycee Park/Mike Modano Ice Arena   | 20 Samuel J. Corrado Park                                |
|  Community Parks       | 3 Central City Park                    | 12 Jefferson-Barns Center              | 21 Stottlemeyer Park                                     |
|  Regional Parks        | 4 Coburn Park/Senior Friendship Center | 13 Liberator Park                      | 22 Tattan Park/Farmers and Artisans Marketplace/H2O Zone |
|  Additional Facilities | 5 Curtis Woods/Kiwanis Park            | 14 Mack Mayfield Municipal Golf Course | 23 Veteran's Memorial Garden/Faust Public Library        |
|  TIFA Boundary         | 6 Firefighters Park                    | 15 Merriman Park                       | 24 Voss Park   |
|  DDA Boundary          | 7 Hines Park (Wayne County Owned)      | 16 Nankin Square and Amphitheater      |  |
|  | 8 Historical Village Park              | 17 Northgate Park                      |  |
|  | 9 Hix Park                             | 18 Public Park                         |  |





Opportunity Tennis Academy

## 3.2 Recreational Programming

### Limited Existing City Sponsored Programming

The City desires to offer a wide variety of recreational programming to all of its residents. In order to achieve that, the Department will need to align its financial resources and staffing in order to expand and enhance services. This is one of the goals of this Plan and the Department - to provide the best programming services in the most cost efficient manner. However, currently, the City must partner with existing organizations to provide services.

### Shared Facilities to Continue

The following organizations are continued partners with the City, in that they rent and use city-owned facilities. Collaboration such as this is ideal, to support both organizations. Examples include:

#### **WESTLAND YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WYAA)**

Westland Comets/Meteors – Youth tackle football, cheer programs. WYAA Baseball – Youth baseball for kids 12 and under. Westland's Parks and Recreation Department provides field access for practice at Voss Park and Jaycee Park.



### WAYNE / WESTLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

Youth soccer league in Wayne/Westland area. Westland's Parks and Recreation Department provides access to Corrado Park, Central City Park, and Curtis Woods Parks for practices and games.

### NORWAYNE BOXING GYM (NBG) - KRONK BOXING

Youth development boxing gym helping youth with academic support, physical activity, leadership training, and community involvement.

Westland's Parks and Recreation Department provides access to space at Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center where NBG operates.

### WAYNE-WESTLAND FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Youth figure skating organization that utilizes the Mike Modano Ice Arena as "home ice". Westland's Parks and Recreation Department provides access to Mike Modano Ice Arena.

### OPPORTUNITY TENNIS ACADEMY (OTA)

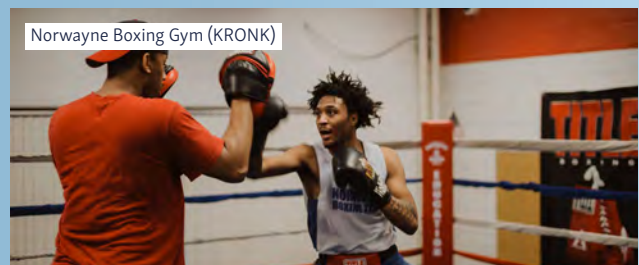
OTA focuses on the establishment of competitive, developmental, educational and recreation tennis programs for youth at all skill levels.

Westland's Parks and Recreation Department provides access to the tennis courts at Stottlemeyer Park for their programs.

### LIVONIA-WESTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber is a business networking organization that forms partnerships with local businesses and advocates on behalf of both communities.

The Chamber hosts and manages the weekly Farmers Market at Central City/Tattan Park from May through October of each year, for which the Parks and Recreation Department provides the pavilion space.





### 3.3

# School Facilities

The Wayne-Westland Community School District, headquartered in the City of Westland, provides public educational services to the cities of Westland, Romulus, Wayne, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, and Canton. The School District operates the following elementary, middle, and high schools which host recreation facilities for students:

- John Glenn (STEM Center)
- Wayne Memorial
- William D. Ford Career/Technical Center
- Adams
- Franklin
- Stevenson
- Edison
- Elliot
- Graham
- Hamilton
- Hicks
- Roosevelt-McGrath
- Schweitzer
- Stottlemeyer Early Child Center
- Taft-Galloway
- Walker-Winter
- Wayne Westland Innovative Academy (held at the former Hoover facility)
- Wildwood

Elementary school facilities serve residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. Middle and high schools typically serve a broader population base. Some of the recreation facilities operated by the Wayne-Westland Community School District offer opportunities to the general public through open-enrollment programs.

In addition, Westland also has students in the Livonia School District, these include:

- | ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  | MIDDLE SCHOOLS   |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hayes</li><li>• Kennedy</li><li>• Rosedale</li><li>• Cooper Upper Elementary</li><li>• Johnson Upper Elementary</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emerson</li><li>• Frost</li></ul>      |
|   | HIGH SCHOOLS   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Churchill</li><li>• Franklin</li></ul> |



## 3.4

# Private Regional Recreation Options

## Privately Owned Recreation

Various privately-owned recreation facilities are located within Westland. Although use of these facilities is limited to those who can afford the fees, they do address certain recreation needs and provide some unique recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the City alike.

Private recreation facilities include Mickey's Golf Range, and gyms including the following: Anytime Fitness, Crunch, The Edge Fitness Club, Planet Fitness, the Forum Fitness Center, and WestFit Gym. Additionally, there are multiple bowling alleys, Sportway of Westland (go-cart racing and miniature golf), The Dance Academy (dance classes), and the Coliseum Racquet Club (racquetball courts). Please note, this is a summary of recreation providers, there are many within the City that offer residents unique offerings.

## Regional Recreation

Regional recreation areas are large facilities serving people within a broad geographic area. The region has been defined as the area within roughly an hour driving radius of Westland. The size and type of facilities vary, but in general these facilities are 200 acres or more in size.

Regional park facilities closest to the City include Holiday County Forest and Wildlife Preserve, Nankin Mills Nature Center, Warren Valley County Golf Course, Inkster Valley County Golf Course, and River Rouge County Park System (Hines Parkway).

Table 3. Regional Recreation Facilities

REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES (WITHIN 30 MILES OF WESTLAND):	
Indian Springs Metropark	Chelsea State Game Area
Pontiac Lake State Park	Park Northfield County Park
Waterford Oaks County Park	Parker Miller County Park
Dodge Brother State Park #4	County Farm Park
Highland State Recreation Area	Rolling Hills County Park
Proud Lake State Recreation Area	Holiday County Forest & Wildlife Preserve
Huron-Clinton Metropark	Nankin Mills Nature Center
Freedom Hill County Park	Bell Creek County Park
Red Oaks County Park	Lola Valley County Park
Detroit Zoological Park	River Rouge County Park System (Hines Parkway)
Catalpa Oaks County Park	Warren Valley County Golf Course
Glen Oaks County Park	Inkster Valley County Golf Course
Lyon Oaks County Park	Belle Isle
Maybury State Park	Tricentennial State Park
Kensington Metropark	Lower Huron Metropark
Island Lake State Park	Willow Metropark
Huron Meadows Metropark	Crosswinds March County Park
Brighton State Recreation Area	Oakwood Metropark
Independence Lake County Park	Elizabeth County Park
Hudson Mills Metropark	Lake Erie Metropark
Dexter-Huron Metropark	Pointe Mouillee State Game Area
Delhi Metropark	Sterling State Park

# BASIS FOR THE ACTION PLAN





04

## Laying the Foundation for Recommendations

In preparation of this Five-Year Plan, the City provided numerous opportunities for residents to express their opinions and preferences concerning the parks and recreation environment in Westland.

Throughout the processes, Westland received meaningful input regarding existing and future parks and recreation facilities and programs; pertinent highlights which are highlighted in this Chapter.

These results formed the basis of the Action Plan and Capital Improvement Plan (see Chapter 5 for details).





## 4.1

# The Public Engagement Process

### Public Engagement Overview

The public engagement for this Five-Year Plan was multi-directional:

#### COMMUNITY-WIDE SURVEY

A community-wide survey was made available through the months of June, July, and August 2024 to solicit feedback on residents' goals and priorities for future of parks and recreation in Westland. The survey was promoted (and paper copies made available) at multiple community institutions, including the Jefferson Barns Center, City Hall, and the Library. The survey and planning process were also promoted online (via the City's website, social media channels, and existing email distribution lists), and at various events, including at the Farmer's Market, and as part of the Mayor's 2024 Listening Tour (which provided informal gatherings in different neighborhoods and business corridors across the City).

In total, 360 responses were gathered. Key responses are detailed on the following pages, followed by a full report of the response data in the appendix.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council (PRAC) discussed the draft Plan and priorities at multiple meetings throughout 2024. Throughout the process, all meetings were open to the public. Notices were posted beforehand, as required by the Open Meetings Act and the MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

**FOCUS GROUPS**

In addition to the survey, the City focused specific conversations on September 16<sup>th</sup> – in the form of roundtable discussions – around groups that have a special interest in parks and recreation in Westland, namely the aged, young, and individuals and groups with different abilities. The following representatives specifically attended:

- Commission on Aging
- Disability Advocacy Committee
- Youth Advisory Board
- Sports League Representatives and Recreation Providers

By engaging directly with the special groups, the City was able to home in on priorities for future improvements that will best likely improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations. Direct feedback on making Westland’s parks more accessible to all users was especially helpful, the Westland Disability Advocacy Committee provided specific recommendations.

Public Comment Period

The draft Plan was made available for the 30-day public comment period from December 9, 2024 - January 9, 2025. The draft was available on the City’s website and paper copies were made available at City Hall, the Jefferson Barns Center, and at the Senior Friendship Center.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Westland’s City Council conducted the required Public Hearing on January 21, 2025, notice of which was printed in the Westland Marketplace and posted consistent with the Open Meetings Act.

**KEY PLANNING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**VIRTUAL / IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS**

- Community-Wide Survey
- Farmers Market Pop-Up – July 18, 2024
- Focus Groups - September 16, 2024
- Mayor’s Coleman’s Listening Tours (multiple dates in 2024)

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- PRAC Discussion: August 26, 2024
- PRAC Discussion: September 23, 2024
- PRAC Discussion: October 28, 2024
- PRAC Discussion: November 18, 2024
- PRAC Discussion: December 4, 2024
- City Council Public Hearing and Adoption - January 21, 2025



## 4.2 Public Engagement Feedback

### Community-Wide Survey: Key Takeaways

The following themes emerged from the responses (the detailed report of which is provided in the appendix), as follow:

#### EXISTING CONDITIONS

Residents generally find the parks and recreation facilities as positive community assets. 60% of respondents rated the parks and recreation offerings in Westland as “excellent” or “good”. Only 7% find that the parks and recreation facilities are in “poor” condition.

#### CONNECTIVITY

Residents want to see more sidewalks, bike lanes and trail connections across the City. 50% of respondents stated yes, with another 25% split on unsure where they were needed. Multiple residents provided specific recommendations on where to prioritize future investments. Mentioned street segments include sidewalk gaps and poor intersections on the following corridors: Merriman, Joy, Palmer, Warren, Cherry Hill, and Middlebelt.

The biggest barriers to residents walking or bicycling more frequently in Westland were:

- personal safety;
- lack of sidewalks; and
- lack of crosswalks.

These concerns can largely be addressed by improving the safety of non-motorized users, simply by expanding and enhancing infrastructure within street rights-of-way.



#### TOP PRIORITIES

Top recreation amenities for the City to prioritize in the next five-years are:

Trails and sidewalk connectivity:	19.77%
Aquatics:	19.20%
Other:	16.91%*
Park space for passive recreation (ex: walking paths, picnic areas, etc.):	15.19%
Recreational programming:	14.33%

\*The “Other” responses were primarily focused on developing a recreational center with a pool facility, to provide more activities for users of all ages, to increase accessibility (both within parks and to them), and to increase year-round activities (for all seasons).

Top programming / events / activities for the City to prioritize providing (or enhancing if they already exist) are:

Festivals (ex: Blues, Brews, and Barbecue):	70.35%
Farmer's Market:	63.08%
Food Truck Hub / Rally:	58.43%
Art Fairs:	55.23%

## Focus Groups: Key Takeaways

Session 1 (afternoon) and Session 2 (evening): Representatives included members from the Disability Advocacy Committee, Opportunity Tennis Academy (OTA), Commission on Aging, the City's Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Parks and Recreation Advisory Council, and residents. Highlights of the discussion include:

### QUESTIONS (Q):

#### Q: What are the strengths of the Parks and Recreation Department that should be continued?

- Strong Parks Department with great leadership.
- Good communication with user groups and partnerships with other community organizations.
- Wealth of current program offerings.
- Improvements in expanding accessible facilities.
- Maintenance of existing facilities.

#### Q: What are key objectives that Westland should establish in this Plan?

- Greater accessibility to address the fact that a greater percentage of the population has a disability in Westland. Both Tattan and Central City Park are the gold standard for inclusive design in parks.
- Increase lighting at parks to provide safer areas.
- Expand the Parks Department to ensure programming is sustainable. Need more staffing to continue to offer more to the community and maintain existing facilities / program levels.
- Ensure that facilities are available across Westland, not limited to one or two areas (ex: if I live on the east side, must travel to the southwest side for tennis courts).
- Unused space at parks is an opportunity to partner more with organizations.

## Opportunities for Increasing Accessibility

Key Disability Advocacy Committee Board recommendations from the September focus groups:

- Signage of a description of the layout of the park and its amenities in Braille.
- Audible crosswalk prompts for streets near parks.
- Expand paved areas to all park amenities (no gravel) and ensure unobstructed entrances.
- Barrier free zones properly marked and enforced, including parking areas.
- Extra trash cans to encourage easier disposal of trash to keep debris off pathways.
- Wheelchair accessible restrooms.
- Benches properly spaced out on pathways for people who cannot walk far distances.
- Watering areas for service dogs.
- Create reduced noise zones, especially near picnic areas.
- Addition of wheelchair swings.



**Q: What types of amenities would be beneficial to the senior community? At which park locations? What about for teenagers? At which park locations?**

- Senior amenities: At Colburn Park, behind the Senior Friendship Center, add in game tables, updated seating, lawn bowling, etc.
- Youth amenities: Increase partnerships with the Youth Advisory Board and Youth Assistance Program to run programming and events in parks; develop more holiday-related activities in all parks; and Corrado Park, Rotary Park, Cayley Parks (East and West), Central City Park, Jaycee Park, and Stottlemeyer Park are all near school facilities and should have free Wi-Fi available so kids can do their homework in the park.

**Q: Have you ever walked, biked or taken public transportation to a park? If no, why not? If yes, how was it?**

- Lots of teenagers and students ride bikes. However, with limited sidewalk and bike lane connectivity, kids are walking / riding in the streets.
- Connect all six parks in the Norwayne neighborhood.
- Connectivity could be much better, a major area for improvement.

**Q: Are there any specific parks that need to be particularly addressed? (urgent priorities!)**

- Hix Park does not feel safe. Needs connections to residential areas and improved access for walkers and bikers to increase usability.
- Public Park and Firefighters Park have serious issues with flooding.

**Q: Are there any existing park facilities/ equipment that should be eliminated or repurposed?**

- At Stottlemeyer Park, the volleyball courts become a mud pit when it rains, and they are not used often (in general). Replace with another amenity that the neighborhood can use.
- At Stottlemeyer Park, remove the baseball fields and replace those with more tennis courts.
- Eliminate the outdated playground equipment at Northgate Park.

**Q: What do you want Westland parks and recreation to be known for?**

- Welcoming and friendly, safe, and accessible: community facilities and amenities that serve everyone.
- Clean and modern.
- Innovative and adaptive.
- Smaller neighborhood parks – unique parks to each neighborhood.

**Q: Miscellaneous Input / Recommendations:**

- Add more basketball courts throughout the city.
- Add cooling water features to the larger parks (some residents may not have air conditioning at home).
- Music is a gateway to younger people and for people with disabilities, use sound as a guide and amenity.
- Add senior exercise equipment and a second pavilion to Curtis Park.
- Add senior exercise equipment to Colburn Park / Senior Friendship Center.

## 4.3 Analysis of Existing Facilities

### Indoor and Outdoor Facilities

This section compares Westland's parks and recreation facilities with national benchmarks. In 2020, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) introduced a nationwide benchmarking tool known as NRPA Park Metrics. Each year, NRPA releases the Agency Performance Review, summarizing benchmarking data from 1,000 park and recreation agencies in the Park Metrics database. This database also categorizes data by the size (population) of the served jurisdiction. By using the latest 2024 NRPA Park Metrics, a comparison of Westland's parks and recreation facilities can be made with data from similar-sized communities, providing a valuable perspective. This data is a foundation and is only complemented by community-specific insights and experiences to determine the best combination of facilities.

#### OUTDOOR FACILITIES ANALYSIS

Westland has a comprehensive range of outdoor park and recreation facilities. Table 4 reveals that the City is close to meeting its provision of most facility types and by the national average.

#### RELIANCE ON SCHOOL SITES

Not represented in Table 4 are public school facilities, as these amenities are not guaranteed to remain as dedicated public recreation in the future.

However, great opportunity for collaboration exists between the City and the local school districts, including the Wayne-Westland Community School District and the Livonia Public School District, for the use of recreation facilities and for programming. This successful cooperation and collaboration should continue in the future, as supported by input received during the planning process and by the administration's current focus on partnerships for enhanced service delivery.

### How to Interpret the Facilities Analysis

The data in the table to the right has been compiled by the National Recreation and Parks Association. It contains four key pieces of information:

**Percent of Agencies with Facilities:** This percentage indicates how many of the surveyed agencies have the specific facility in their system.

**Median Number of Residents per Facility:** This figure tells us approximately how many people each facility serves in communities with populations ranging from 50,000 to 99,999.

**Number of Facilities Benchmark:** To contextualize Westland's situation, we've established a benchmark. This involved dividing Westland's total population by the median number of residents served by agencies within the 50,000 to 99,999 population range. This benchmark aids in estimating the likely presence of each facility in Westland based on its population size. Given Westland's placement at the upper end of this population range, this benchmark must be taken into account with other factors.

**Actual Facilities:** The actual number of facilities in Westland, as shown in the last column of the table, can be easily compared to the benchmark.



Table 4. Outdoor Facilities Analysis: City of Westland, 2024

FACILITY TYPE	PERCENT OF AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE FACILITY	PRESENCE OF FACILITY IN WESTLAND	MEDIAN NUMBER OF RESIDENTS/ FACILITY	NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
				BENCHMARK <sup>1</sup>	CURRENTLY IN WESTLAND
Play Structures	93%	Yes	3,707	22.3	19
Tot Lots	53%	Yes	12,443	6.6	1
Diamond Fields	85%	Yes	3,675	22.5	9
Rectangular Fields	83%	Yes	4,070	20.3	7
Synthetic Rectangular Fields	25%	No	36,000	2.3	0
Basketball Courts	84%	Yes	8,363	9.9	10
Tennis Courts	72%	Yes	5,865	14.1	2
Pickleball Courts	42%	Yes	10,500	7.9	8
Volleyball Courts	23%	Yes	26,612	3.1	2
Dog Parks	68%	Yes	55,135	1.5	1
Community Gardens	52%	Yes	56,150	1.5	1 <sup>2</sup>
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	49%	No	46,353	1.8	0
Splash Pads	23%	Yes	54,100	1.5	1
Waterparks	07%	No	76,780	1.1	0
Skateboard Parks	46%	Yes	60,904	1.4	1
Golf Course (18-hole)	29%	No	68,208	1.2	0
Golf Course (9-hole)	10%	Yes	61,757	1.3	1
Driving Range Station	28%	No	4,914	16.8	0
Disc Golf Course	20%	No	58,603	1.4	0
Ice Rinks (outdoors)	19%	No	29,378	2.8	0 <sup>3</sup>
Exercise Zones / Stations	22%	Yes	35,000	2.4	2
Walking Loops / Running Tracks	19%	Yes	20,527	4.0	6
Racquetball / Handball / Squash Courts	09%	No	43,857	1.9	0

<sup>1</sup> Based on the 2023 ACS population of 82,574.<sup>2</sup> Two community gardens are located in the Norwayne neighborhood, however these are not city-owned or run.<sup>3</sup> Have an interior ice rink.



### INDOOR FACILITIES ANALYSIS

Indoor park and recreation facilities are often more costly to build, staff, and maintain than outdoor facilities. Consequently, fewer peer communities have such facilities, as is reflected by the percentages in the Table 5. The table is intended to only capture indoor facilities owned and operated by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. It should be noted that Westland is fortunate to have community partners that fulfill many of the indoor recreational needs of the community.



Table 5. Indoor Facilities Analysis: City of Westland, 2024

FACILITY TYPE	PERCENT OF AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE FACILITY	PRESENCE OF FACILITY IN WESTLAND	MEDIAN NUMBER OF RESIDENTS/ FACILITY	NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
				BENCHMARK <sup>1</sup>	CURRENTLY IN WESTLAND
Recreation Centers	62%	No	39,886	2.1	0
Community Centers	59%	Yes <sup>2</sup>	52,000	1.6	1
Senior Centers	40%	Yes <sup>3</sup>	67,190	1.2	1
Performance Amphitheaters	40%	Yes <sup>4</sup>	59,000	1.4	1
Nature Centers	34%	No <sup>7</sup>	71,360	1.2	0
Aquatic Centers	30%	No	60,824	1.4	0
Permanent Restrooms	28%	Yes <sup>5</sup>	5,520	15.0	4
Stadiums	19%	No	64,150	1.3	0
Teen Centers	12%	Yes <sup>2</sup>	58,712	1.4	1
Indoor Ice Rinks	12%	Yes <sup>6</sup>	53,224	1.6	1
Arenas	09%	No	68,104	1.2	0

<sup>1</sup> Based on the 2023 ACS population of 82,574.

<sup>2</sup> Jefferson Barns Center.

<sup>3</sup> Friendship Center.

<sup>4</sup> Inspire Theater, a 501c3 non-profit community theatre located in Westland.

<sup>5</sup> Locations include Central City Park, the Ice Arena, and the Golf Course (and Nankin Square, under construction).

<sup>6</sup> Mike Modano Ice Arena.

<sup>7</sup> The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center (Wayne Co.) is available to residents.

# STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

A green-tinted photograph of a community event, likely a fair or festival, with people gathered around tables. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a cowboy hat is looking down at something in his hands. To his left, another man with sunglasses is also looking down. In the background, several other people are standing and talking. The scene is outdoors, with trees and a building visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is casual and community-oriented.







## Westland's Future Policies

Chapter 5 describes recommendations for a set of actions for improvement and enhancement to the Westland parks and recreation system according to the analysis conducted for this planning process. System-wide actions to support the Plan's goals and objectives are described along with a recommended timeframe for implementation.

Recommended short-term actions and the associated relative scale of investment required for implementation are identified for both capital projects and policy recommendations. Some projects are multi-year efforts that will involve time and coordination with other agencies, while other projects are park-specific improvements that require largely monetary investment.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities.





# 5.1

## Goals and Objectives

The recommendations of this Five-Year Plan are grounded in insights gathered through a comprehensive community engagement process. This section summarizes the key feedback from Westland residents and stakeholders, transforming it alongside technical analysis into clear Goals and Objectives.

These goals aim to preserve and enhance a system of accessible, high-quality parks, recreation opportunities, and open spaces that serve the diverse needs of the community. The recommendations are informed by public input, technical evaluations, and the context provided by related planning efforts, all of which contribute to realizing this vision.

Future projects should be assessed through the framework of these goals and objectives to ensure alignment with the overall vision of this Plan.

**These goals are not ranked in terms of priority, however, if Goal #1 is not accomplished, the remaining goals are not reachable.**

### Goal #1

**Increase and improve the economic viability and stability of the Parks and Recreation Department to provide and expand exceptional services.**

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Increase the budget allocation, full- and part-time staffing levels, and other resources necessary to meet City demands for programming and maintenance.
- Continue to seek outside funding sources, including ARPA funding, other state and federal funding programs, and the use of volunteers along the way.
- Review this Five-Year Recreation Plan quarterly to establish ongoing priorities and responsibilities with the PRAC, in advance of the City's annual budgeting process.
- Update this Plan every five years to maintain a current assessment and ensure grant funding eligibility.

### Goal #2

**Expand mobility and access to and within parks.**

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure that sidewalks and trails connect parks to other recreation destinations, and that parks are well connected to neighborhoods, schools, institutional uses, etc.
- Ensure that crosswalks to parks are lighted and highly visible.
- Install bike amenities and develop a wayfinding program for a future trail / greenway network that directs users of the non-motorized paths to City parks and other destinations.
- Continue to engage in Safe Routes to School projects with the School District.
- Work with Wayne County to develop pathway connections with surrounding communities and to Hines Park.

### Goal #3

**Increase and expand the offerings of programming and events.**

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Expand seasonal and holiday events, especially during the winter months, to increase usage.
- Increase the number of individuals involved in recreation, including young adults, parents, and seniors.
- Continue to monitor recreation programs to ensure they meet the desires of residents and accommodate enrollment figures.

**Goal #4****Enhance the sustainability and resiliency of parks and facilities.****OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop a Climate Action Plan with the City (broader plan, focused on all aspects of sustainability).
- Ensure effective waste and recycling operations to reduce solid waste.
- Increase the tree canopy by planting both street trees and trees within the park.
- Incorporate green stormwater infrastructure to mitigate park flooding, where possible and appropriate (ex: native plantings, rain gardens, bioswales, etc.).
- Continue responsible preservation of open space and forestry by certified individuals.
- Reduce emissions by promoting walking, biking, and public transportation.
- Promote the Rouge River Corridor to encourage the preservation, enhancement and increase community understanding of this important watershed.

**Goal #5****Ensure facilities are maintained.****OBJECTIVES:**

- Improve (or remove) deteriorated and out-of-date facilities.
- Address ADA-accessible deficiencies in existing parks/equipment.

**Goal #6****Increase security for a more welcoming parks system.****OBJECTIVES:**

- Install pedestrian, scale (non-invasive) lighting at parks.
- Where appropriate, add cameras and signage identifying that parks are under surveillance to better target vandalism and theft.
- Allocate resources for a dedicated community officer to be engaged with park facilities and its residents / users.
- Continue to support, promote, and expand recreation programs in cooperation with residents and the business community (increasing park activity).

**Goal #7****Expand the variety and diversity of recreational facilities and amenities.****OBJECTIVES:**

- Introduce additional movable and less permanent park amenities such as chess and checkerboard tables, horseshoe pits, cornhole, etc.
- Encourage inter-generational facilities.
- Incorporate art / sculptures into park designs.
- Evaluate the feasibility and need for additional indoor recreation facilities, including a recreation center.
- Add opportunities for cultural programming, such as art fairs, concerts and additional non-recreational programming in parks.



**Goal #8****Promote community involvement and increase marketing and public awareness of offerings.****OBJECTIVES:**

- Maintain open dialogue between the recreation department, residents, and neighborhood groups to facilitate volunteer efforts.
- Integrate technology with operations to increase access and efficiency of services. Ex: consider a universal QR code to park signage that allows residents to sign up and get involved.
- Continue to partner with the business community and service organizations for park sponsorships and adopt-a-park beautification.
- Evaluate existing methods of publicity and outreach to identify potential improvements.

**Goal #9****Improve accessibility (universal access) within and to recreation facilities.****OBJECTIVES:**

- Link all amenities within parks to make them accessible from parking lots and sidewalks.
- Implement the recommendations of the Westland Disability Advocacy Committee.







## 5.2

# System-Wide Actions and Policies to Implement

### Recommendations Across All Facilities

This section describes recommendations for a set of actions for improvement and enhancement to Westland's parks and recreation system according to the analysis conducted for this planning process.

System-wide actions to support the Plan's goals and objectives are described along with a recommended timeframe for implementation.



**ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY:** System-Wide Recommendations

AMENITY / ENHANCEMENT	STRATEGY	RECOMMENDATION	CANDIDATE FACILITIES	EST. TIMEFRAME
Bicycle Infrastructure (Racks/ Maintenance Stations)	The 2022 Walk and Roll Plan identified parks as the top destination for non-motorized travel. However, only 3 parks have bicycle racks, which can discourage ridership.	Budget and develop a bike infrastructure plan (including the selection of model facilities) and install across all parks. This includes more modular bike racks that don't require foundations (to be moved and located according to use and demand).	All parks (excluding Tattan, Veteran's Memorial Garden, and Stottlemeyer).	Short-term: Develop plan Mid-term: Implement and install
Develop Bike Lanes / Bike Corridors	The 2022 Walk and Roll Plan identified several priority bike lanes / corridors, some of which support increased access to parks.	Work with the City Planning and Engineering Departments to implement and sign for the bike lanes / corridors.  Partner with the School District to prioritize safe routes to school for children.	Priority segments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marquette Ave. (Newburgh to Carlson)</li> <li>Palmer Road (Hannan to Treadwell)</li> <li>Central City Pkwy (in conjunction with Nankin Square)</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Sidewalk Gaps	A number of public parks and facilities are missing sidewalks for a portion of their street frontage.	Budget and work with the City Planning and Engineering Departments to install sidewalk at these sites, in conjunction with other planned projects.  Partner with the School District to prioritize safe routes to school for children. The National Kidney Foundation (NKFM) has started work in this regard by conducting walk audits and is another identified partner to make these improvements.	Priority sidewalk gaps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jaycee: No continuous sidewalk on Hunter or Wildwood.</li> <li>Mack Mayfield Golf Course: No sidewalk along Merriman Road.</li> <li>Corrado: No continuous sidewalk on Flamingo.</li> <li>Stottlemeyer: No continuous sidewalk from Dancy Boulevard to the south.</li> </ul>	Short-term: Develop plan Mid-term: Implement and install
Connect Existing Amenities	Park amenities are only usable if there are accessible routes for all users to be able to reach them.	Connect existing amenities within parks to the park entrances, to each other, and to any off-street parking areas.	All parks.	Mid-term

\*\* Denotes a top priority, as identified by the PRAC.

**TIMEFRAME:**

Short-term:	1-3 years
Mid-term:	4-5 years
Long-term:	6-10+ years
Ongoing:	-

**EXPAND DIVERSITY OF AMENITIES:** System-Wide Recommendations

AMENITY / ENHANCEMENT	STRATEGY	RECOMMENDATION	CANDIDATE FACILITIES	EST. TIMEFRAME
Recreation Center	Stakeholders expressed a desire for a recreation center.	Conduct a feasibility study for the development and construction of such a facility, including identifying / creating staffing capacity for maintenance, identifying a location, developing a conceptual site plan, and cost estimates, including a millage.	Location TBD	Mid-term
Swimming Pool	Stakeholders expressed a desire for a recreation center.		Location TBD	Mid-term
Food Trucks / Mobile Vendors	Food and beverage service within parks can provide additional social connections and support park activities.	Add support for mobile or permanent vending at strategic parks, prioritizing support of existing events. Develop a policy for regular use / fees.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog park (ex: Saturday's with coffee).</li> <li>• Parks with larger events.</li> </ul>	Mid-term
Lawn Games / Mobile Equipment	Stakeholders identified a desire for lawn games to be incorporated into parks to allow for a greater range and diversity of users, some suggestions included cornhole, oversized chess, game tables, etc.	Install semi-permanent or permanent lawn games and partner with community organizations to provide equipment for use of games.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coburn (senior style games)</li> <li>• Historic Village</li> <li>• Stottlemeyer</li> </ul>	Short-term
Wi-Fi Connections **	Stakeholders suggested enhancing parks (especially for youth, completing homework, socializing, etc.), by providing wi-fi and charging stations. This could also include interactive kiosks.	Currently, wi-fi is only available at the Historic Village and Central City, and will be installed at Nankin Square (under construction).  Install infrastructure to provide free wi-fi and charging stations.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caylay East / West</li> <li>• Kosowski</li> <li>• Rotary</li> <li>• Jaycee</li> <li>• Historic Village</li> <li>• Corrado</li> <li>• Stottlemeyer</li> </ul>	Mid-term
Fitness Stations	Stakeholders identified a desire for greater adult and senior-oriented fitness zones / equipment.	Install fitness equipment for various age-groups.	Priority adult fitness facilities at Stottlemeyer.  Priority senior-oriented fitness facilities at Coburn.	Long-term
Dog Waste Stations / Fountains	Dog waste stations and drinking fountains help keep the park clean and inviting for pets, but also for service dogs, making parks more accessible.	Install pet waste stations and drinking fountains to become more pet friendly.	All parks.	Mid-term

\*\* Denotes a top priority, as identified by the PRAC.

**TIMEFRAME:**

Short-term:	1-3 years
Mid-term:	4-5 years
Long-term:	6-10+ years
Ongoing:	-



**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:** System-Wide Recommendations

AMENITY / ENHANCEMENT	STRATEGY	RECOMMENDATION	CANDIDATE FACILITIES	EST. TIMEFRAME
Recycling Facilities	Recycling facilities only exist at Tattan Park.	Deploy recycling receptacles adjacent to waste receptacles at all parks.	Remaining parks where recycling facilities do not exist.	Ongoing
Green Stormwater Infrastructure	Parks are ideal locations to enhance the natural environment and minimize flooding.	Seek opportunities for green stormwater infrastructure in all park designs.	All parks, but especially where there is consistently standing water: Stottlemeyer, Public, and Northgate.	Mid-term
Native Plantings	As steward of many acres of public land, Westland has an opportunity to set an example, educate the public, and reduce maintenance obligations through the use of native plants.	Short-term, develop (and publicize) an approved list of native plant species appropriate for park and recreation applications. Long-term, commit to utilizing native plantings whenever feasible for park design and landscape features.	All parks.	Short-term: develop list Mid-term: implement policy
Tree Canopy (within the interior park space)	A healthy tree canopy provides numerous environmental benefits, including reduced flooding, but also provides shade for park users.	Increase the tree canopy within park spaces.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hubbard</li> <li>• Northgate</li> <li>• Public</li> <li>• Curtis Woods</li> <li>• Stottlemeyer</li> <li>• Voss</li> <li>• Kosowski</li> </ul>	Short-term
Tree Canopy (street trees)		Increase the tree canopy along the perimeter of parks, buffering the sidewalk from the road for more enjoyable pedestrian and bicycle access to and from destinations.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caylay East</li> <li>• Firefighters</li> <li>• Hubbard</li> <li>• Merriman</li> <li>• Curtis Woods</li> <li>• Rotary</li> <li>• Voss</li> <li>• Kosowski</li> </ul>	Short-term
Sustainability Education	Parks offer robust opportunities to advance the City's environmental sustainability goals.  This includes education on nature and wildlife.	Develop an interpretive signage / experience program in parks to expand educational opportunities about environmental protection.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public</li> <li>• Corrado</li> <li>• Stottlemeyer</li> <li>• Voss</li> <li>• Veteran's Memorial Garden (Library partnership)</li> <li>• Hix (with Friends of the Rouge)</li> <li>• Historical Village</li> </ul>	Mid-term

**TIMEFRAME:**

Short-term:	1-3 years
Mid-term:	4-5 years
Long-term:	6-10+ years
Ongoing:	-

**INCLUSIVE SPACES:** System-Wide Recommendations

AMENITY / ENHANCEMENT	STRATEGY	RECOMMENDATION	CANDIDATE FACILITIES	EST. TIMEFRAME
Universal Playgrounds **	Upgrade park equipment to be more accessible for all community members.	Install playground equipment that meet best practices for universal playground design and accessibility.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jaycee</li> <li>• Hubbard</li> <li>• Curtis Woods</li> <li>• Rotary</li> <li>• Stottlemeyer</li> <li>• Kosowski</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Inclusive Fall Surfaces at Play Structures	Woodchip fall surfaces under a play structure is not as safe or accessible for those with disabilities.	Replace woodchip fall surfaces under existing playground equipment with an at grade Poured-in-Place (PIP) rubberized material surface.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cayley East (excluding 1 structure)</li> <li>• Corrado (excluding 1 structure)</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Permanent Restrooms	Permanent restrooms are essential for inclusion, public convenience, and to support park programming and events.	Install permanent restrooms at select park facilities, focusing on parks with pavilions/picnic areas, sport fields, and those away from convenient public restrooms. Explore infrastructure and identify staffing capacity.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stottlemeyer</li> <li>• Jaycee</li> </ul>	Long-term
Pathway Seating	Exercise is easier and more enjoyable for all users when there are adequate rest stops along walking paths and near amenities.	Installation benches, with space for a wheelchair, along existing pathways and adjacent to amenities. Some parks may currently have a few benches, however stakeholders identified a need for more in these priority locations.	Priority facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cayley West</li> <li>• Coburn (work with the Friendship Center to determine the best locations)</li> <li>• Hubbard</li> <li>• Public</li> <li>• Rotary</li> <li>• Corrado</li> <li>• Jaycee</li> </ul>	Ongoing

**INCREASED SAFETY:** System-Wide Recommendations

AMENITY / ENHANCEMENT	STRATEGY	RECOMMENDATION	CANDIDATE FACILITIES	GENERAL TIMEFRAME
Designated Community Officer	Additional municipal presence that can foster a positive relationship with park users would be a benefit to city parks.	Work with the Public Safety Department to have dedicated a community officer near and in the parks.	All parks.	Short-term
Park Lighting **	Lighting in parks increases visibility and can be done in a decorative, non-glare manner.	Develop a feasibility plan for adding lighting to parks, focusing on areas with existing utilities, walking paths, and areas where users naturally congregate.	All parks, especially Stottlemeyer.	Mid-term

\*\* Denotes a top priority, as identified by the PRAC.

**TIMEFRAME:**

Short-term:	1-3 years
Mid-term:	4-5 years
Long-term:	6-10+ years
Ongoing:	-



## 5.3 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

### 5-Year CIP: Near-Term Projects

Recommended short- and mid-term actions (5-years or less) and the associated relative scale of investment required for implementation are identified for both capital projects and policy recommendations. Some projects are multi-year efforts that will involve time and coordination with other agencies, while other projects are park-specific improvements that require largely monetary investment. Projects listed in the CIP are estimated to be \$5,000 or greater in costs.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and the Parks and Recreation Department, and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities.



Table 6. Capital Improvements Plan: City of Westland, 2025-2029

IMPROVEMENTS: INFRASTRUCTURE OR POLICY		TIMEFRAME	SCALE OF INVESTMENT	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Cayley Park - East / West				
	Improve the entrance to both parks with lighting and enhanced visibility crosswalks for pedestrian safety.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF / G
Central City Park				
	Explore the feasibility of adding a Bike Pump Track, near the Skate Park (with a comparison to installing such a facility at Lincoln Johnson Field).	2025 - 2026	TBD	DDA / GF
	Enhance the Skate Park (revamp needed).	2027 - 2029	\$150,000	DDA
Coburn Park				
	Reconstruction the stage and provide new seating. Make the park more welcoming (ex: improve the entrance gate to adjacent residential to encourage greater use of the park by all generations).	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF / G
	Outdoor senior fitness equipment in NW corner.	2027 - 2029	\$20,000	GF / G
Corrado Park				
	Create a natural barrier between the soccer field and the parking lot to reduce park damage (ex: trees and boulders).	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF / G
	Connect the sidewalk gap on Flamingo Blvd. and improve the sidewalk conditions in the NE corner of the park.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF
	Improve drainage at south playground area.	2025 - 2026	\$20,000	GF
	Remove hard surface in the southwest corner and replace with a rain garden.	2027 - 2029	\$15,000	GF / G
	Expand pickleball facilities with two more courts.	2027 - 2029	\$90,000	GF
	Continue to work with the 3 Bees organization on enhancements to the community garden.	Ongoing	TBD	GF / G

**FUNDING SOURCES**

ARPA American Rescue Plan Act

DDA Downtown Development Authority

G Grants / Foundations

GF

MDNR

WCP

General Fund

MDNR Grants

Wayne County Parks Millage



Table 7. Capital Improvements Plan: City of Westland, 2025-2029 Continued

IMPROVEMENTS: INFRASTRUCTURE OR POLICY		TIMEFRAME	SCALE OF INVESTMENT	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Curtis Woods Park				
	Install a sidewalk on Palmer Road (and connect to the crosswalk to the east). Develop an interior pathway connection to the north, to run into the neighborhood off Dowling Street.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF / G
	Replace picnic tables.	2025 - 2026	\$6,000	GF / G
Firefighters Park				
	Replace benches and picnic tables.	2025 - 2026	\$8,000	GF
	In partnership with the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, develop plans for an additional amenity in the southern portion of the park (that is being remedied by new stormwater infrastructure).	2027 - 2029	\$15,000	GF
Hix Park				
	Construct park improvements per the city's concept plans (including an upgrade to the pavilion, adding amenities such as pickleball, adjusting parking lot, etc.).	2025 - 2026	1.97 million (funding secured, except for \$130,000)	WCP
	Continued trail maintenance.	Ongoing	Varies	WCP / GF / G
Hubbard Park				
	Extend the existing pathway through the park and create a pavilion.	2025 - 2026	\$160,000	ARPA
Jaycee Park				
	Install 18-hole disc golf course (carefully integrated to preserve existing vegetation).	2025 - 2026	\$30,000	GF
	Construct permanent restrooms.	2027 - 2029	\$60,000	GF / G
	Replace ball field lightings (both the poles and lights, conversion to LED). Install dugout fencing upgrades and benches.	2027 - 2029	\$150,000	ARPA

**FUNDING SOURCES**

ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act	GF	General Fund
DDA	Downtown Development Authority	MDNR	MDNR Grants
G	Grants / Foundations	WCP	Wayne County Parks Millage

Table 8. Capital Improvements Plan: City of Westland, 2025-2029 Continued

IMPROVEMENT: INFRASTRUCTURE OR POLICY		TIMEFRAME	SCALE OF INVESTMENT	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Kosowski Park				
	Replace playground equipment.	2025 - 2026	\$60,000	GF
	Ongoing ball field maintenance.	2027 - 2029	Varies	GF
Liberator Park				
	In partnership with the Norwayne Citizens Council, conduct a feasibility study to redevelop the park and add amenities desired by residents.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF
Mack Mayfield Golf Course				
	Replace the T-box and the protective course netting along residential boundaries.	2025 - 2026	\$150,000	GF
	Install a sidewalk along Merriman Road.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF / G
Merriman Park				
	Install new play equipment.	2025 - 2026	\$100,000	ARPA
	Remove chain link fence from a portion of the park's perimeter, add street trees and boulders.	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF
	Upgrade basketball hoops, reline the court, and add benches.	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF
Mike Modano Ice Arena				
	New Zamboni (will need one in 5 years).	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF
	Replace compressors for the ice (current is from 2010).	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF
Northgate Park				
	Remove playground equipment. In partnership with the Norwayne Citizens Council, conduct a feasibility study to redevelop the park and add amenities desired by residents and to address flooding challenges.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF
Public Park				
	Connect neighborhood stub streets and improve neighborhood with sidewalk connections across Wildwood Avenue to the park and to Ackley Street.	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF / G

**FUNDING SOURCES**

ARPA American Rescue Plan Act

DDA Downtown Development Authority

G Grants / Foundations

GF

MDNR

WCP

General Fund

MDNR Grants

Wayne County Parks Millage

Table 9. Capital Improvements Plan: City of Westland, 2025-2029 Continued

IMPROVEMENT: INFRASTRUCTURE OR POLICY		TIMEFRAME	SCALE OF INVESTMENT	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Rotary Park				
	Reline the basketball court.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF
	Add seating along pathway and connect walking path around the ball field to the other amenities .	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF
	Replace the tot lot.	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF / G
Stottlemeyer Park				
	In conjunction with the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, develop plans for additional amenities in the 3+ acres that is currently vacant and prone to flooding (this area could accommodate soccer fields for example).	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF / G
	Install park lighting.	Ongoing	TBD	GF / G
	Resurface the basketball courts and tennis courts.	2025 - 2026	TBD	GF
	Install green infrastructure.	2027 - 2029	\$40,000	GF / G
	Add shadesails to high-traffic areas.	2027 - 2029	TBD	GF
Tattan Park				
	Increase seating in the H20 zone and outside of it.	2027 - 2029	\$15,000	DDA
	Create pedestrian curb cuts and sidewalks to the neighborhood streets.	2027 - 2029	TBD	DDA
	Increase pedestrian scale lighting.	2027 - 2029	TBD	DDA
Veteran's Memorial Garden				
	Construct bioswales within the parking lot islands.	2027-2029	\$20,000	GF / G
	Continue brick repair / monument restoration.	Ongoing	Varies	GF
Voss Park				
	Continue ball field maintenance.	Ongoing	TBD	GF / G
	Where the two smaller ball diamonds are located, add soil and raise up the grade of the earth, then construct a practice football field.	2025-2026	TBD	GF
	Replace and/or improve basketball hoops.	2025-2026	\$10,000	GF
	Reconfigure southern parking lot and remove "extra" curb approach from Palmer road (the entrance with the guardrail).	2027-2029	TBD	GF / G
Westland Historic Village Park				
	Install outdoor lighting.	2025-2026	TBD	GF / G
	Install pavilion.	2027-2029	TBD	G



# APPENDICES





