



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: June 8, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting on Zoom available to the public at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151917749>

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order / Moment of Silence**
- 2. Roll Call and Announcement of Location**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes**
 - A. April 19, 2021 Working Session (attached, pp. 1-2 /action item)
 - B. May 11, 2021 Meeting (attached, pp. 3-9 /action item)
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Communications, Projects & Activities** (attached, pp. 10-27 /action item)
- 6. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Mitchell Satyr Butterfly Safe Harbor Agreement (attached, pp. 28-29 /action item)
 - B. Draper Houston Boardwalk RFP (attached, pp. 30-31 /action item)
- 7. Financial & Recreation Reports – May 2021**
 - A. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 32-34 /action item)
 - B. Recreation Reports (attached, pp. 35-40 /action item)
- 8. Old Business**
 - A. Michigan MAUI Update (presentation at meeting)
 - B. B2B Website Update (presentation at meeting)
 - C. Sharon Mills Livery Design (presentation at meeting)
 - D. B2B – Award of Dexter-Chelsea Segment (attached, p. 41 /action item)
 - E. Other Old Business
- 9. New Business**
 - A. Independence Lake Disc Golf Pavilion Award (attached, pp. 42-43 /action item)
 - B. NAPP – McCullough Partnership (attached, pp. 44-52 /action item)
 - C. Other New Business
- 10. Commissioners / Directors Comments**
- 11. Adjournment**

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MINUTES OF MEETING – Working Session

Date: April 19, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Digital Meeting

Members Present: Patricia Scribner, WCPARC President (attending from Pittsfield Township, MI); Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President (attending from Ann Arbor, MI); Daniel Ezekiel, WCPARC Secretary/Treasurer (attending from Ann Arbor, MI), Ricky Jefferson (attending from Ypsilanti Township, MI), Robert Joerg (attending from Delta Township, MI), Robert Marans (attending from Ann Arbor, MI), Jason Morgan (attending from Ann Arbor, MI), Brenda McKinney (attending from Superior Township, MI), and Evan Pratt (attending from Ann Arbor, MI)

Members Absent: Jo Ann McCollum

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Leikam, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration; Ann Ziolkowski, Communication Manager; and Hannah Cooley, Management Analyst.

Others Present: Toni Kayumi, CEO of the Ann Arbor YMCA; Amy Heydlauff, Executive Director of the Five Healthy Towns Foundation

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Scribner called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Heather Jarrell-Roe, Ypsilanti Township Clerk, offered her support for the East Washtenaw YMCA project.

3. Discussion

A. Healthy Washtenaw Initiative

Mr. Vaughn reported on the important role that recreation/wellness centers play in our community and gave an overview of the three largest facilities in the County: The Meri Lou Murry Rec Center (WCPARC), The Ann Arbor YMCA, and The Chelsea Wellness Center. He emphasized a demonstrated need for a community recreation center in the Ypsilanti area and referenced the results of a recent community survey indicating strong community support. Mr. Vaughn described an initiative based on a partnership between WCPARC, The Ann Arbor Y, and the Five Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) where the three agencies would collaborate on the construction of a new East Washtenaw YMCA and pursue expansion/renovation of the Meri Lou Murray Rec Center and the Chelsea Wellness Center. This could be

accomplished by eliminating competition between the three agencies and combine resources to leverage both private and grant funding.

Mr. Vaughn introduced Toni Kayumi, CEO of the Ann Arbor YMCA, and Amy Heydlauff, Executive Director of 5HF. Ms. Kayumi and Ms. Heydlauff each gave a presentation highlighting their respective organizations and the facilities that they operate.

Mr. Marans commented that the presentations were very impressive and asked if the YMCA partners with Jewish Family Services to assist with immigrant families and marginalized communities? Ms. Kayumi responded that they have partnered on many programs, including English as a second language and teaching job skills.

Ms. McKinney commented that she appreciated the presentations and the investments made in the community by all three agencies. She suggested that we pursue federal grants for the proposed projects.

Mr. Jefferson asked if all the programs that are proposed for the new Ypsilanti YMCA are also housed at the Ann Arbor YMCA. Ms. Kayumi responded that most of the programs and amenities that are proposed in Ypsilanti are also found at the Ann Arbor YMCA.

Mr. Ezekiel commented that is admirable to focus on communities that are disconnected or marginalized. You often do not even know the huge impact that you have in a life.

Mr. Pratt Commented that he would be interested in seeing the updated feasibility study for the proposed East Washtenaw YMCA. We need to make sure we have a viable project that can eventually be self-sustaining.

Mr. Jefferson stated that since he joined the Commission in 2012 his goal has been to promote for the construction of a new recreation facility in the Ypsilanti area. He asked how many membership scholarships the YMCA gives out per year. Ms. Kayumi responded that she does not know the exact number, but the value is typically around \$350K per year.

Mr. Marans commented that he was happy to hear that we are considering reciprocal memberships that would be accepted at multiple facilities.

B. 2021-2026 Construction Planning

Ms. Leikam presented the Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years and gave an overview by facility which included past projects from the recent years.

C. Budget and Fund Balance Discussion

Mr. Brooks provided an overview of the various millages and other funding sources that support WCPARC and how capital improvements are planned and financed. He explained that the annual CIP budget was typically around \$3.5M and was funded by the development millage. He pointed out that WCPARC historically does not bond for larger capital projects but elects to build up sufficient fund balance to pay for projects.

Ms. Scribner thanked staff and guests for an excellent presentation and a productive working session. Mr. Morgan seconded the comment.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.



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MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: May 11, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Digital Meeting

Members Present: Patricia Scribner, WCPARC President (attending from Pittsfield Township, MI); Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President (attending from Glen Arbor, MI); Daniel Ezekiel, WCPARC Secretary/Treasurer (attending from Glen Arbor, MI), Ricky Jefferson (attending from Ypsilanti Township, MI), Robert Joerg (attending from Delta Township, MI), Robert Marans (attending from Ann Arbor Township, MI), Jo Ann McCollum (attending from Ypsilanti Township, MI), Evan Pratt (attending from Scio Township, MI) and Jason Morgan (attending from Ann Arbor, MI)

Members Absent: Brenda McKinney

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Leikam, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration; Ann Ziolkowski, Communication Manager; Peter Sanderson, Park Planner; Kira Macyda, Park Planner; and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson, Park Planner

Others Present: Toni Kayumi, CEO of the Ann Arbor YMCA

1. Call to Order/Moment of Silence

Ms. Scribner called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. with a moment of silence in appreciation of first responders.

2. Roll Call and Announcement of Location

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 23, 2021 working session were included with the agenda material.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Ms. McCollum to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 working session. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney), the motion was approved.

The minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting were included with the agenda material.

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel and seconded by Ms. Bobrin to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney), the motion was approved.

4. Public Comment

Barry Lonik spoke in favor of the Schwark partnership project in Webster Township and the Rosko partnership project in Scio Township.

Heather Jarrell-Roe, Ypsilanti Township Clerk, spoke in favor of the Ypsilanti Township YMCA project but asked that it not be referred to as a "Community Center". She commented that she didn't see any reference to early childhood development in the project description.

Ms. Bonfiglio commented about the 128 survey respondents to the Michigan Folk School-initiated survey and the 24 letters of support that were received for the Staebler Farm site plan development. She also noted that three additional letters were submitted that were not included in the packet. These letters are from Josh Williams, Maker Works; David Staebler; and William & Mary Ellen Doty.

5. Communications, Projects & Activities

Mr. Vaughn reported on the March communications which were included in the packet.

It was moved by Ms. McCollum and seconded by Mr. Joerg to accept and file the Communications, Projects & Activities for the month of April 2021, as submitted. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney) the motion was approved.

6. Consent Agenda

Mr. Joerg requested that item 6A, Award of the Watkins Lake Trail Construction, be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted upon separately.

A. Award of the Watkins Lake Trail Construction

Mr. Joerg expressed his concern that the low bid on the project, submitted by JB Contractors of Detroit, was considerably less than the engineers estimate and the next lowest bid. He asked if staff could provide more detail regarding the low bid. Mr. Sanderson explained that the contractor understood the scope of the project and was likely lower because JB Contractor is a smaller firm with less overhead, and possibly more hungry for work. Mr. Vaughn noted that staff would look into the matter in more detail and provide a follow up at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Pratt commented that he too was curious and supported the idea of seeing additional detail on future bids if it is recommended to award a bid that is significantly higher or lower than the other bids.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. McCollum to award the Watkins Lake Trail Construction project, RFP 8101, to JB Contractors in the amount of \$731,313.00 and authorize a 10% contingency of \$70,000. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney) the motion was approved.

B. B2B Special Revenue Fund

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel and seconded by Mr. Marans to make a one-time deposit to the Special Revenue Fund for trail maintenance of \$808,000 and allow the fund to grow, without withdrawals until 2026 or later and authorize staff to amend the budget in alignment with this deposit. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney) the motion was approved.

C. Kosch Wetland Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. McCollum to authorize staff to execute the project agreement with the Washtenaw County Road Commission for the Kosch Wetland Project contingent upon final review and acceptance by legal counsel and the Washtenaw County Road Commission. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney) the motion was approved.

7. Financial & Recreation Reports – April 2021

A. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks reported and stated that the total for the claims for the month of April was \$515,711.67.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Mr. Morgan to accept and file the Financial Reports for the month of April 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney), the motion was approved.

B. Recreation Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on recreation reports for the month of April 2021 and highlight the impact of the pandemic on the membership categories at the MLM Recreation Center.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Morgan to accept and file the Recreation Reports for the month of April 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney), the motion was approved.

8. Old Business

A. Adoption of Site Development Plan – Staebler Farm

Ms. Macyda explained that in the winter 2020, staff engaged The Collaborative Inc. to develop a comprehensive Park Development Plan for Staebler Farm Park. The goal of the plan was to incorporate the southside development with program elements north of Plymouth Road and guide development over the next 10+ years. In preparing the plan, input was obtained from Parks Commissioners, stakeholder groups, other government and non-profit agencies, and members of the public. At the March 2021 Parks Commission meeting, TCI presented a draft of the plan to confirm that its general direction aligned with Commission priorities. She noted that the plan was made available for additional public comment since last meeting and it is now time to adopt the final plan.

Mr. Ezekiel asked if we anticipated using fossil fuel to heat the proposed buildings. Ms. Leikam responded that we are not approving specific buildings at this time. She added that current plans are for new buildings to be all electric.

Mr. Marans asked how we will be communicating to the public that the Site Mast Plan has been approved and that there is exciting new development planned for Staebler Farm. He suggested a press release would be appropriate and reaching out specifically to the Ann Arbor Observer.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. McCollum to adopt the Staebler Farm County Park Site Development Plan. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney), the motion was approved.

B. Staebler Farmhouse/Multi-Purpose Building RFP's

Ms. Leikam explained that O | X Associates completed a condition assessment report (CAR) of the farmhouse at Staebler Farm Park in 2017. Based on the CAR, critical repairs were completed in 2018 to stop further deterioration of the house for 5-7 years until redevelopment plans could be implemented. She added that there is currently \$500,000 in CIP for renovations to the farmhouse.

Ms. Leikam noted that In 2019, staff engaged architects from The Collaborative Inc. (TCI) to provide programming and schematic design of a multipurpose building at Staebler Farm County Park to accommodate WCPARC needs and classes for partner, the Michigan Folk School. At the October 2019 Parks Commission meeting, architects from TCI presented the initial design of the building. Subsequent to the meeting, TCI addressed Commissioners' concerns regarding design elements of the new building to ensure it complements the historical character of the park including repeating elements on the existing structures, such as roof pitch and window ratios. In addition, TCI investigated and modified elements to address the sustainability concerns of the Commission, including the design of an all-electric building.

Staff also engaged consultants, Bonner Advisory Group and Gritter Real Estate Services, to conduct a cost benefit analysis for the construction of the multipurpose building and renovations to the farmhouse and evaluate partnership with the Michigan Folk School. Their recommendations included moving forward with construction of the multipurpose building and renovations to the farmhouse. These recommendations were presented to the Commission in March 2021.

Ms. Leikam outlined the next phase of this project which is to prepare and release a Request for Proposal in order to receive bids for the construction of the building, extension of the parking lot, installation of necessary infrastructure, and construction of the left hand turn lane on Plymouth Road. In addition, staff will need to engage an architecture firm to develop drawings for renovations to the farmhouse.

Ms. Bobrin offered a cautionary note regarding the Zeeb Road project that was developed years ago by the County on a tight budget. She explained that many corners were cut on that project and the result is a very unpleasant office building. Mr. Pratt agreed with her comment.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. Bobrin to authorize staff to work with County Purchasing to prepare and release bid documents for the construction of the multi-purpose building at Staebler Farm Park and authorize staff to engage an architecture firm to develop necessary construction documents for renovations to the farmhouse. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (McKinney), the motion was approved.

C. Contribution to the East Washtenaw YMCA

Mr. Vaughn presented a proposal to partner with the Ann Arbor YMCA and Ypsilanti Township to construct a new East Washtenaw YMCA facility on a 25-acre parcel in Ypsilanti Township. He also provided background regarding previous efforts to build similar facilities in the Ypsilanti area. He emphasized a demonstrated need for a community recreation center and referenced the results of a recent community survey indicating strong community support. Mr. Vaughn indicated that a \$3.5M request had been made by the Ann Arbor Y to serve as a catalyst for kicking off the capital campaign that will focus on raising the needed funds to complete the project.

Mr. Vaughn explained that the facility design and program development elements will be facilitated by GRO Development and informed through three steering committees comprised of the representatives of the project partners, as well as community leaders in the Ypsilanti area. The three

steering committees are *Design/Construction*, *Community Engagement*, and *Capital Campaign*. He emphasized the need for drafting a Memorandum of Understanding to outline the scope of the project and the roles and responsibilities of each partner. He explained that the \$3.5M financial commitment will also serve as the initial contribution to the Healthy Washtenaw Initiative, that will ultimately provide funding for renovating the Meri Lou Murray Rec Center and the Chelsea Wellness Center.

Ms. Bobrin commended staff for putting forward a proposal that not only addresses the need on the east side of the County, but also includes much needed updates to the Meri Lou Murray Rec Center and potential future contributions to a west County facility. She added that the recent working sessions were helpful to understand all of our capital needs for the next several years and constraints of our current budget situation.

Mr. Marans expressed his appreciation for the three steering committees and that he felt the WCPARC staff and Commission should be represented.

Mr. Morgan indicated that he was supportive of the proposal, but somewhat concerned that the Ypsilanti Township Supervisor feels that she is being left out on some of the communications. He also mentioned the \$5M funding request that was recently submitted to Representative Dingell's office.

Mr. Jefferson wanted to make sure there is an understanding of the exact scope of the project and avoid duplicating other services that are already established in the community. He indicated that he would like to see the results of the feasibility study. He suggested that "Eastside" should not be used in the name of the facility. Mr. Jefferson also emphasized the importance of carrying out the Equity Resolution and taking community disparities into consideration. He opined that \$3.5M was not enough and believed that WCPARC should do more.

Ms. McCollum commented that she was not familiar with the Five Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) and asked if they were introduced at a previous meeting. Mr. Vaughn answered that 5HF was introduced and presented to the Commission at two previous meetings.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Mr. Marans to authorize staff to work with project partners and legal counsel to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the terms and conditions of the East Washtenaw Community Recreation Center project and contingent upon a successfully executed MOU, make a financial commitment of \$3,500,000 towards the project. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (McKinney and Joerg), the motion was approved.

D. Other Old Business

None

9. New Business

A. NAPP – Schwark Partnership Project

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson reported that the 80-acre Schwarck property was located on the northeast corner of Merrill and Barker Roads, at the edge of the county. Pasture and some hay fields can be seen from several spots along its nearly one mile of road frontage. There are no other conservation easements in the nearby area, but Independence Lake County Park and Mud Lake Bog are just a half-mile away. She noted that the Schwark property received 60/88 points on ALPAC's scoring system. Notable high-

scoring areas include its prime farmland composition (95% prime or important) and its 4300+ feet of road frontage.

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson explained that Webster Township ordered an appraisal that was completed in January 2021 and valued the 80-acre conservation easement at \$520,000 or \$6,500/acre. Webster Township applied for and was awarded an ACEP-ALE grant for 45% of the value. They are requesting \$235,200 (45%) from WCPARC. Webster Township will contribute \$49,600 (10%) and be responsible closing and due diligence for monitoring and enforcing the conservation easement. ALPAC recommended to partner with Webster Township and contribute \$235,200 at their March 2021 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel and seconded by Mr. Pratt to partner with Webster Township for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Schwarck property in Webster Township and contribute \$235,200 toward the purchase and \$7500 to the stewardship special revenue fund, contingent upon attorney review of documents and execution of participation agreement. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (McKinney and Joerg), the motion was approved.

B. NAPP – Rosko Partnership Project

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson explained that the highlight of the Rosko property is its adjacency to NAPP's Scio Woods Preserve. The Rosko property alone abuts about 14% of the perimeter of the preserve; placing an easement on a preserve's neighboring property helps to protect the preserve's conservation values. This partnership follows two other active acquisitions related to Scio Woods Preserve: Kidder and Rouse. She noted that the property has no road frontage and is accessed via a 66' wide easement from Knight Road. There is an existing house and some accessory structures on the site, though they are dilapidated and will likely be replaced by the current landowner.

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson reported that the Assessment & Prioritization Mapping labeled one of the easement parcels as medium-high quality and prioritized it based on its proximity to other protected areas (Patch Expansion). It received 63/88 points on ALPAC's scoring system, which tied it for the 3rd highest scoring nomination in Round 20. Notable high-scoring areas included its prime farmland composition (89% prime or important); high percent of soils suitable for septic system development; and its proximity to available sewer service. The Commission's scoring system for NAPP properties yields 69/100 points

Scio Township ordered an appraisal that was completed in January 2021 and valued the 72.49-acre conservation easement at \$733,000 or about \$10,112/acre. Scio Township is requesting to split the cost approximately evenly among the Township, the City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt, and WCPARC. Ann Arbor City Council approved the \$244,000 contribution requested of them at their April 5, 2021 meeting. ALPAC recommended to partner with Scio Township and contribute \$244,000 at their March 2021 meeting.

Mr. Ezekiel asked for an explanation of what was proposed for the existing buildings on the site. Ms. Pahl-Donaldson explained that the dilapidated house was planned to be torn down and a new house may be constructed on the site.

It was moved by Ms. McCollum and seconded by Mr. Marans to partner with Scio Township for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Rosko property in Scio Township and contribute \$244,000 toward the purchase and \$7,500 to the stewardship special revenue fund, contingent upon attorney review of documents and execution of participation agreement. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (McKinney and Joerg), the motion was approved.

C. Other New Business

None.

10. Commissioners/Directors Comments

Mr. Vaughn suggested that a sub-committee be formed to help guide the discussion regarding the Michigan Folk School and look into alternative relationship models for WCPARC/MFS and the possibility of acquiring MFS. He asked for volunteers to serve on the sub-committee. Mr. Pratt, Mr. Marans, and Ms. McCollum agreed serve on the sub-committee.

Mr. Marans commented on how great it was to see long-time members of the Meri Lou Murray Rec Center finally starting to return after the pandemic. He noted how friendly and accommodating the staff has been at MLM.

Ms. Scribner Commented that her and some friends had an encounter with Katie Carlisle, Stewardship Coordinator, doing some work in County Farm Park. She was impressed and commented that Ms. Carlisle was knowledgeable and friendly.

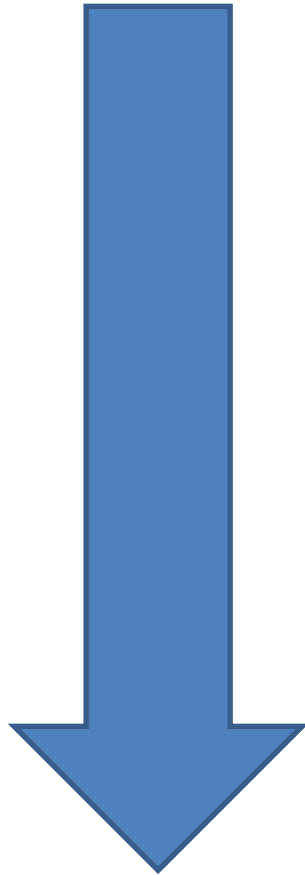
Mr. Jefferson reiterated that he would like to see Ypsilanti Township included in the memorandum of understanding (MOU) conversations with the YMCA.

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Mr. Jefferson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Communications, Projects & Activities

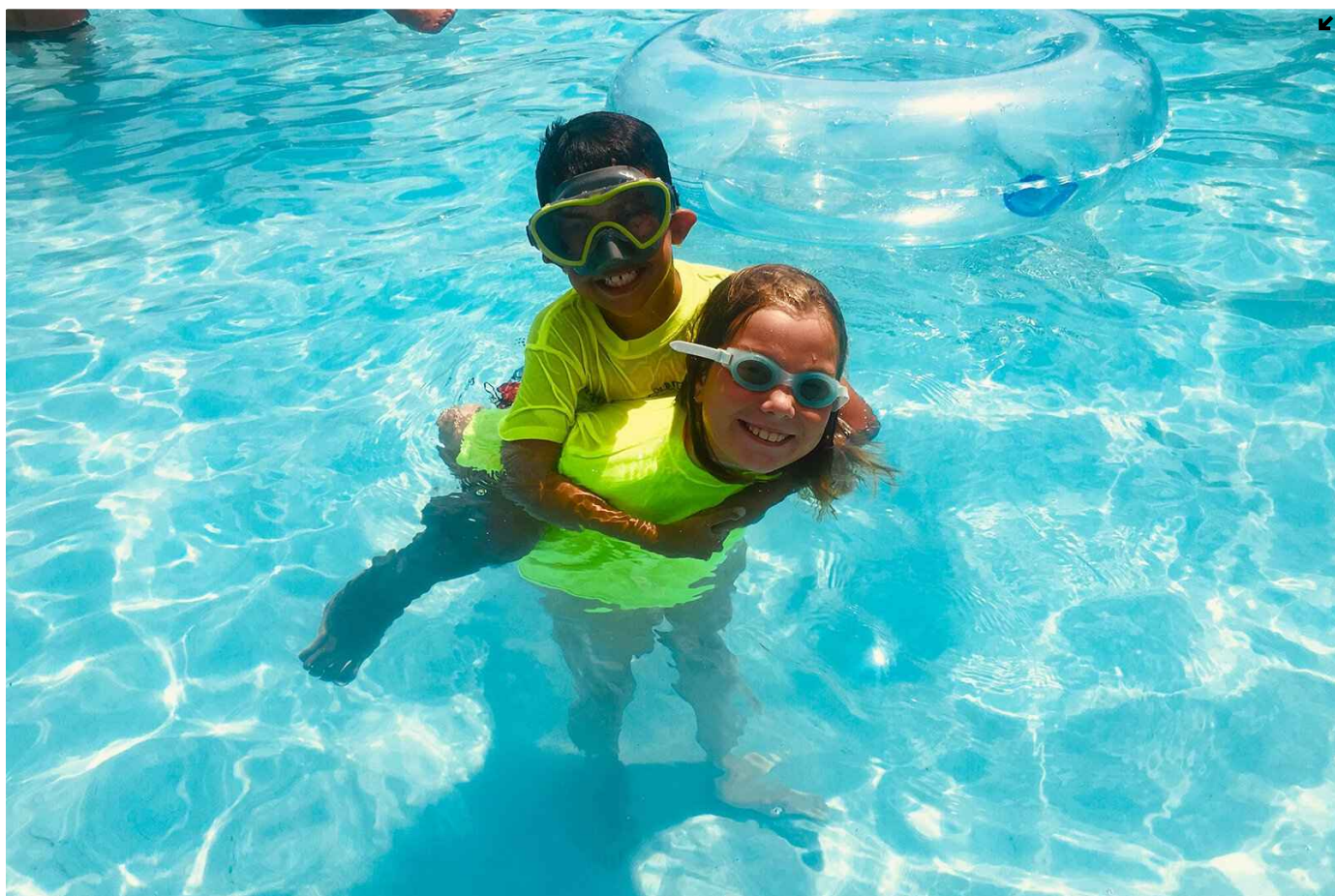


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Ypsilanti

Ypsilanti-area youth summer camps gear up for mix of virtual and in-person programming

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Rachel Cortez/Rolling Hills County Park

Participants in Washtenaw County's Rolling Hills Day Camp in 2019.

From a virtual program centered around writing to outdoor programs with an academic enrichment focus, Ypsilanti-area summer camps are finding new ways to engage with local youth.

Although COVID-19 caused some camps to cancel last year's programming, most are back this year either in a virtual format or an in-person format with COVID-19 precautions. Camp offerings range from the Ann Arbor YMCA's Camp New Heights in Ypsilanti Township to free playground camps offered by Washtenaw County to theater-themed camps offered by the Professional Youth Theater of Michigan and Center State Productions. We touched base with staff from three different summer camp programs to talk about what's on tap for summer 2021.

Parkridge Summer Learning Experience

Washtenaw Community College (WCC) offers summer camps at Parkridge Community Center on Ypsilanti's Southside each summer. Last year organizers created a hybrid model, partly virtual and partly in person, but the summer camp will return to more of a traditional model this summer.



Participants in Parkridge Community Center's 2019 summer camp.

"We're definitely excited for this year to be in person the whole time, because we believe kids benefit most from in-person instruction," says Liz Garaba, WCC's manager of college and career readiness.

The program is called a "Summer Learning Experience" because the full-day camp will offer four hours of academic enrichment every morning Monday through Thursday. The camp will be staffed by certified teachers, and organizers are aiming for a ratio of one adult to every three campers, with opportunities for one-on-one tutoring. Garaba says students will receive "over 3,000 hours of academic programming in six weeks."

"We know that because of COVID-19, students haven't been able to be in the classroom as much and need extra academic support," Garaba says.



Participants in Parkridge Community Center's 2019 summer camp.

Garaba says organizers are taking several steps to keep participants engaged with academics, including incentives for completing lessons. They're also taking time to do staff development, ensuring that staff are making their lessons interesting, fun, and project-based when possible.

"If staff are engaged and positive, students will tap into that energy," Garaba says. "Plus, staff are always asking the kids what they want to do, and that keeps them motivated."

Afternoons will be for more free-form fun activities, and each Friday will involve a field trip. Garaba says plans haven't been finalized, but potential field trip locations will include the Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Museum, and Sky Zone trampoline park in Canton.

Each week will have a different theme as well, from animals to transportation to "gross-out week," featuring slime and other icky activities.

Most activities will take place outdoors, masks are mandated for both youth and staff, and each day will start with a temperature check, in line with public health guidelines for COVID-19 prevention.

The camp is capped at 32 children this year, but that's not all bad, says Brandon Tucker, WCC's associate vice president of workforce and community development. For instance, it's much easier to coordinate a field trip for 32 children than 100.

"We have a big opportunity to impact a smaller cohort of students and will be able to do it in an intentional and intensive way," he says. "We'll really helm them from both an academic standpoint and with life skills."

More information on the Parkridge program can be found [here](#). Anyone with additional questions may email Garaba at egaraba@wccnet.edu.

Inkstains Summer Writing Camps

Inkstains Summer Writing Camps, an offering of Eastern Michigan University's (EMU) Office of Campus and Community Writing, have been offering local youth the opportunity to express themselves through writing since they started in 2004.

The program previously served middle school and high school students but expanded to include children from third through sixth grade in 2019. In 2020, the program went 100% virtual, and will be held virtually again this year.



Participants in the 2019 Inkstains Summer Writing Camp.

Inkstains camp director Angela Knight says staff learned a lot from going virtual last year and they "hope to provide something that feels more like camp than school" in 2021.

Knight says going virtual allowed Inkstains to include young people who wouldn't have been able to make the commute to Ypsilanti in the past. 2020 participants came from places including the west side of Michigan and even New York.

The program expanded last year to offer a more social outlet called Signature Saturdays, held once a month for two hours from January through May as well.

"We wanted to offer both a creative outlet for students and an opportunity to socialize with each other," Knight says. "Writers tend to be introverted, and they were stuck at home on computers all the time."

This year's sessions will be shortened to a four-hour block because some participants are feeling burned out on virtual events, Knight says.

Knight says the first day of the virtual writing camp involves a lot of icebreakers. Each day will include a variety of writing prompts, and young people can volunteer to share what they wrote based on the prompts. Volunteers will also share "mini-lessons" on topics like developing characters, exploring forms of poetry, or adding conflict to a plot. Participants also control what kind of feedback they want.

"Maybe they only want to hear praise or only questions," Knight says. By the end of the week, their peers are giving more focused, constructive criticism, but always in a positive and supportive way.

A staple activity of the in-person writing camps was a "writing marathon" where participants wore matching T-shirts and walked around EMU's campus finding spots to sit and write.



Participants in the 2019 Inkstains Summer Writing Camp.

"Sometimes they had prompts for spots, and other times we just told them to think about what they were hearing and just sit and write," Knight says.

In 2021, Inkstains used Google Earth to offer a virtual writing marathon, encouraging

students to use various locations in Michigan and around the world as writing prompts.

Ann Blakeslee, EMU's director of campus and community writing and co-founder of YpsiWrites, says her daughter has participated in the Inkstains camps over several years. She says the students perceive the passion that their writing teachers bring to the camps.

"When I walk into the room, I feel all this energy around writing, and it's a cool thing," Blakeslee says. "At the end of the program, there's a big celebration where students read their writing, and it's a really positive, uplifting, and safe experience for students. It's just incredible how they share, the pride they feel, the self-confidence they build."

More information about Inkstains Summer Camps is available [here](#).

County-sponsored Playground Camps and Rolling Hills Day Camp

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation has traditionally hosted a number of summer camps in Ypsi and Ypsi Township, but it canceled all its summer camp offerings in 2020. This year, county-sponsored summer camps are mostly returning to their pre-pandemic form.



Participants in Washtenaw County's Rolling Hills Day Camp in 2019.

Karen Harris, camp director for the county's Playground Camp program, says the main difference is that camp capacities have been cut in half, from 70 campers at three sites to 30 children at two sites. Those sites will be Grace Fellowship Church House of Solutions in the Sugarbrook neighborhood of Ypsilanti Township and Christian Love Fellowship Church in Superior Township.



**Participants in Washtenaw County's Rolling Hills Day
Camp in 2019.**

"The majority of activities will be outside, and kids are required to wear masks," Harris says. "We're also separating them into pods of 10, and they'll be with the same campers the entire duration."

Playground camps are free, and lunches are provided by Food Gatherers.

The county's Rolling Hills camp in Ypsilanti Township will also focus primarily on outdoor activities and will group participants into pods, with two counselors per 10-child pod. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, participants will go to the water park at Rolling Hills County Park, and other activities are planned for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Those other activities will include a visit from a naturalist who will lead activities like fishing and hiking. A new activity this year will be a visit from the Ypsilanti District Library's Bookmobile.

At the Rolling Hills camp, children pack their own lunches four days per week and then get a free hot-dog lunch from the water park's concession stand on Fridays. There is a cost for the Rolling Hills Day Camp but several scholarships are available.

More information about Rolling Hills Day camp is available [here](#), and more information about the Playground Camp program can be found [here](#).

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Rolling Hills Water Park, Blue Heron Bay Spray Park announce 2021 opening dates

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ANN ARBOR – The Washtenaw County Park and Recreation Commission announced on Tuesday the opening dates for several of its parks and attractions.

Due to a “significant seasonal staff shortage” as a result of the pandemic, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission director Coy Vaughn said the opening of both the water park and spray park have been delayed until late June.

“We have an amazing, dedicated team of professionals working hard to open our facilities but continue to be challenged by the lack of seasonal workers,” Vaughn said in a release.

Independence Lake County Park will have lifeguards at its beach starting on Saturday at 10 a.m. The beach will operate seven days a week during the summer. Individuals and families can swim, boat, fish, bike, hike, picnic and play volleyball at the park, which is also home to the Blue Heron Bay Spray Park.

The spray park, which features water buckets, play structures, a splash pad, water slides and concessions, is set to open in late June.

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Rolling Hills County Park also boasts numerous recreational options for visitors, including nature trails, a fishing pond, disc golf, sport fields, picnic areas and a playground.



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Rolling Hills Water Park will open on Monday, June 21 for the season. Daily hours will be noon to 7 p.m. There, visitors can enjoy a wave pool, lazy river, zero depth entry, water slides and an activity pool for young children. The facility also includes a sun deck, umbrellas, bathhouses, picnic areas and concessions.

During the 2021 season, capacity will be limited and tickets will be sold online. Tickets will go on sale on June 14 [here](#).

General Washtenaw County summer park hours at both locations are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Based on the volume of visitors, the parks may implement capacity restrictions due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Independence County Park is located at 3200 Jennings Road in Whitmore Lake.

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Rolling Hills County Park is located at 7660 Stony Creek Road in Ypsilanti.

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: June 8, 2021
RE: Project and Activities Update – May 2021

Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake

- Disc Golf Nights has begun with Glow play the second Friday of the month.
- Red Hawk Disc Golf Course hosted three tournaments in May sponsored by local leagues. Each tournament drew over 120 players each.
- Red Hawk Disc Golf course's new design continues to be received favorably.
- Two Little Free libraries were designed and constructed by seasonal park laborer Ashley Wilson. A ribbon cutting was held on May 14 where patrons were read stories by volunteers from Children's Literacy Network at the "canoe library" and naturalist Kelsey Dehring lead a program about Michigan turtles near the Blue Heron Bay SP "turtle library."
- Maintenance staff prepared the park for Memorial Day weekend, which included mowing, moving picnic tables, and adding sand to the beach.
- Operations staff is still actively recruiting, hiring, and training seasonal staff.
- "Emergency Action Planning" training was held on May 28 with the Sherriff's Department Park Service Officer Leader, Detective Ray Yee, and Nikki, a Senior Paramedic with HVA.
- Blue Heron Bay Spray Park reconstruction continues. Features have been mounted and plumbing connected. The facility is preparing for a test run of the pumps in early June.
- Staff continues to update the park's site master plan with a virtual public input session scheduled for June 9 at 7pm.
- Staff is evaluating bids for the Disc Golf Pavilion construction.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- Registration is open for the facility's first offering of a Nordic Walking Workshop to be held on June 5, where registrants will trek through adjacent County Farm Park.
- Staff is planning for the summer group exercise session, which will include 20 virtual classes and 11 outdoor classes. All of the outdoor classes, with the exception of a 4-week Nordic Walking Class, will take place on the northeast MLM patio.
- The facility is accepting registration for Private Swim Lessons on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays, which will begin on June 3.

Pierce Lake Golf Course and Park

- Work on the "Back Nine" cart path has been completed.

Rolling Hills Park

- On May 17, water parks were given clearance to open by the state. Staff worked with the Health Department to interpret the state order and implement the necessary procedures and policies.
- Operations staff have continued to interview and hire new staff, although the park is currently at 50% of full staffing numbers.
- Water Park will open to the public on June 21, with admission being via online ticket sales only.
- Two Lifeguard Certification courses were offered through May resulting in 19 new certifications and 5 re-certifications (due to lack of lifeguarding classes being held in the area, the courses are getting a large number of participants who work at other pools).
- Maintenance staff has cleaned the pools and gotten mechanical equipment operating with a few issues from equipment that has been inactive for over a year and half.
- On May 15-16, a disc golf tournament was held with MOB Disc Golf, which featured a tournament at Rolling Hills and Independence Lake parks with more than 150 players and three courses.
- Water Park passed health inspection and is ready for River Walking to start on June 1.

Sharon Mills Park

- Consultants from SmithGroup have completed a concept for a livery/canoe launch in the Maly addition off Bethel Church Road.
- Staff met with members of the Michigan Mountain Bike Assoc. to discuss potentially rerouting the trails in the Frazee addition (west side of Sharon Hollow Road).
- The contractor has completed the headwall repairs.

Staebler Farm Park

- Staff met with consultants from The Collaborative to restart discussions on the multipurpose building plans and farmhouse considerations.
- May MFS classes: 84 in-person and 9 virtual students attended classes including Blacksmithing 101, Gardening, Sandal Making, Leather Craft, and Parent/Child Blacksmithing.

Special Initiatives

Border-to-Border Trail (B2B)

- Work has begun on a small plaza near Green Lake to erect a statue of a Native American woman, which is anticipated to be complete in June.
- Engineering and permitting work continues on the following trail segments: Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (DAA3), Delhi Metropark to Wagner Road (DAA4), Dancer Road to Wylie Road (CD2), Werkner Road to Timbertown (C1), and the Grove Road Bridge over I-94 (Y7).
- Consultants from The Collaborative Inc. continue to develop designs and graphics for the B2B wayfinding project, which is nearly complete

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Acquisition

- A subcommittee of NATAC met with staff to form of plan for outreach to properties that have specific environmental attributes of interest for acquisition. Additional meetings will occur.
- City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt closed on the 30.95-acre Buesser conservation easement in Northfield Township. WCPARC via NATAC contributed to the purchase. There are significant wetlands on this property, plus the landowner has a restoration plan with USFWS for restore more wetlands and plant native warm season grassland in the uplands.

Stewardship

- 35 volunteers helped remove invasive plants such as garlic mustard and dames rocket throughout Parker Mill Park, Weatherbee Woods Preserve (in collaboration with Friends of the Rouge's Rouge Rescue), County Farm Park, and Scio Woods Preserve. Groups included the Shalom Community Church and Daisy Girl Scout Troop 40538.
- Two redbud trees at Independence Lake Park were donated and planted by Whitmore Lake Girl Scouts.
- Survey and removal of invasive spring plants continued at the highest quality forests. Facilities include: Squiers, Leonard, Weatherbee Woods, Draper-Houston, Kosch, Baker Woods, River Raisin, Watkins Lake, Brauer, and Whitmore Lake preserves and County Farm, Independence Lake, Parker Mill, and Sharon Mills parks.
- A pre-emergent spray to control stiltgrass at Botsford Preserve was completed.
- Staff has requested an updated design that includes additional helical piers for the Draper-Houston boardwalk repair. The project is being considered for an insurance claim because the current structure was compromised by flood waters.
- With help from staff from other facilities, NAPP completed prescribed fires across 21 acres at six locations. All prescribed firework was follow-up treatment for other stewardship projects.
- Site preparation has begun at Northfield Woods Preserve for the DU/USFWS restoration.
- The Reintroduction Plan for the Mitchell Satyr Butterfly at Park Lyndon has been completed and submitted to USFWS. Corporate Counsel is reviewing the legal agreement for introduction and staff are hopeful that the butterflies will be released this summer.
- 37 volunteers planted trees at Sharon Mills and Independence Lake county parks. The 70 trees planted at Sharon Mills were donated by the Dow Sustainability Fellowship Program at University of Michigan, which is valued at more than \$4500.

Interpretive Programming

- About 141 patrons attended naturalist programs in May, which included a presentation to the local PEO Chapter on Michigan birds, a survival field trip for Summers-Knoll 3rd/4th graders, and intro to archery.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: June 8, 2021
Re: Mitchell Satyr Butterfly conservation at Park Lyndon

Background

The Mitchell Satyr Butterfly (MSB) is an endangered species dependent on resources found in prairie fen habitats. The medium sized butterfly is a rich brown color with a distinctive series of orange-ringed black eyespots on the wings. MSB conservation work has been ongoing since being listed as endangered in 1991 and has included habitat preservation, biological studies, land management, and the development of a rearing program. Partners working on MSB conservation in Michigan include: US Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, The Toledo Zoo, and The Kalamazoo Nature Center.

Park Lyndon contains one of SE Michigan's most significant prairie fens. The prairie fen contains over 80 acres that are considered very high quality. A few years ago, staff were approach by MSB conservation partners to discuss releasing reared MSB butterflies at the Park Lyndon prairie fen. The site has been evaluated and recommended as a release location in 2021.

Discussion

To accept the MSB at Park Lyndon, WCPARC is required to agree with the Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) and sign a Certificate of Inclusion (COI) with USFWS. The SHA describes the requirements for a site that supports MSB populations. The COI approves the Safe Harbor Agreement and allows for the incidental take of the species under permitted management practices. These agreements will have a 20-year timeframe. Staff produced a Reintroduction Plan for the Park Lyndon prairie fen that describes habitat conservation needs and management actions in the conservation zone over the length of the agreement. The Reintroduction Plan was submitted and approved by USFWS in May.

Roughly 10 acres of the Park Lyndon Fen has been defined as the MSB conservation zone (see attached map). This area is already protected by a similar agreement with the State of Michigan for the protection of Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (EMR). The EMR agreement was approved in 2016. Though very different species, the site restrictions and habitat needs are similar. The resilient, high quality status of the Park Lyndon fen mean that most management goals are directed at preserving existing conditions rather than restoring historic conditions. Site maintenance for the two species are complimentary and can easily be incorporated into the work plans of stewardship staff.

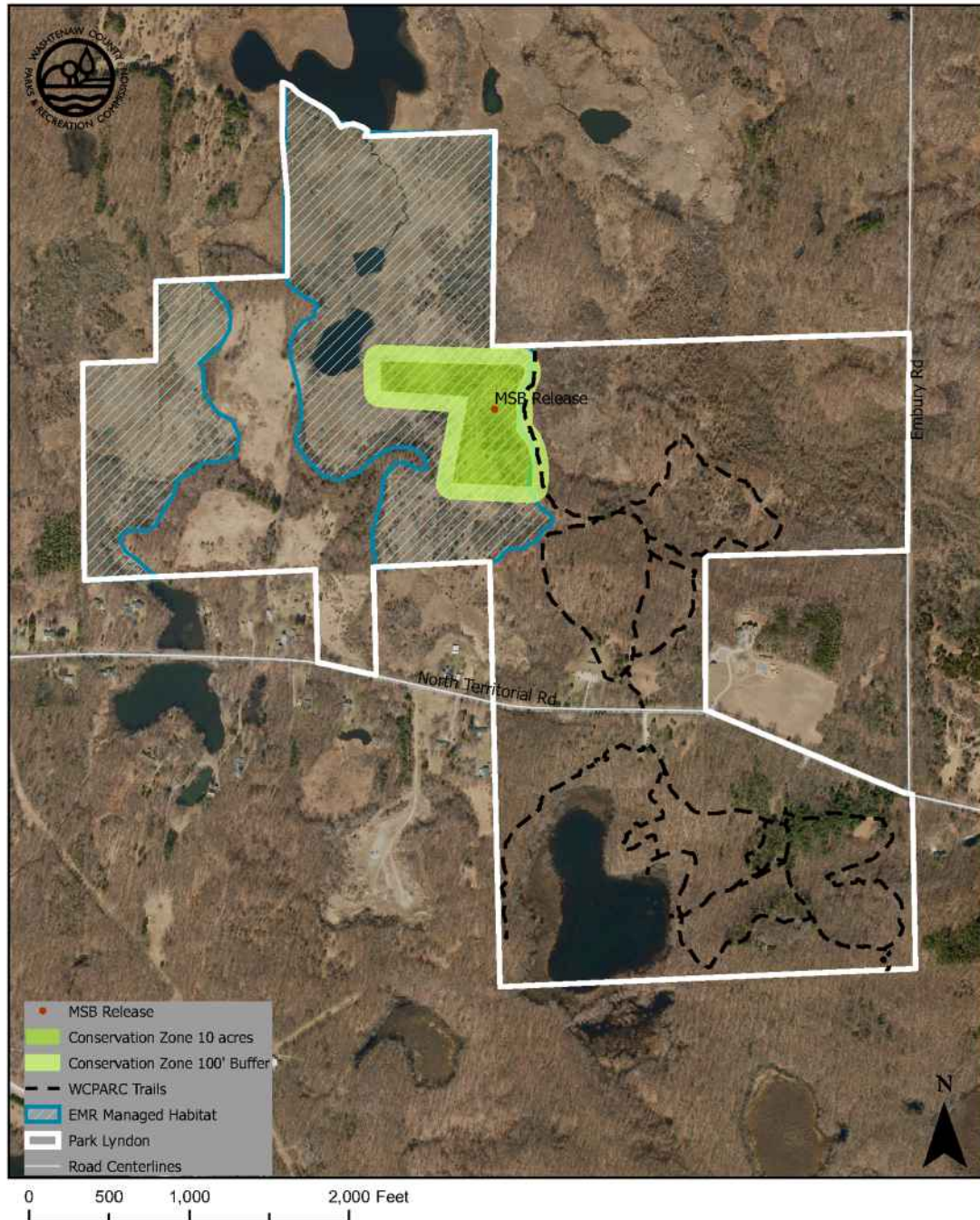
A notable requirement in the MSB agreements is that WCPARC staff will be required to conduct species surveys after release. It is the expectation that MSB release will be repeated over the next 2-5 years. During the release events, WCPARC staff will work with entomologists with the rearing program to be trained on surveying protocol. Surveys are expected 1-2 times per year.

The Park Lyndon prairie fen is a notably important habitat resource managed by WCPARC. The MSB conservation zone is outside of areas utilized for recreation at Park Lyndon and so restrictions on the habitat will not place undue burdens on any existing recreational uses in the Park. The agreement is also in line with WCPARC's focus on conservation and preservation of our community's natural resources.

Recommendation

Based on staff review, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Safe Harbor Agreement and sign the Certificate of Inclusion for reintroduction of the Mitchell Satyr butterfly at Park Lyndon prairie fen, contingent upon final review and approval by Corporation Counsel.

MAP 1.4 Park Lyndon MSB Conservation Zone & EMR Managed Land





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: June 8, 2021
Re: Draper Houston Meadows Preserve boardwalk redesign and RFP release

Background

The boardwalks at Draper Houston Meadows Preserve provide an important trail connection from the parking area to natural areas and public hiking trails. Two boardwalks were installed in 2012, after the construction of a bridge over the Saline River. The first connects from the bridge and follows across the Saline River floodplain to upland fields. The second crosses an intermittent stream further south on the trail. The original design included decking that was supported by infrastructure that did not include footings or piles. The intent of this design was to minimize disturbance to the natural areas.

Unfortunately, the 'floating' boardwalks collect debris and can be underwater or moved during heavy rain events. Despite staff's efforts to mitigate debris accumulation, in spring 2020 a heavy rain event caused significant structural damage to portions of the two boardwalks on site. Though some improvements have been made to allow for safe public use, both structures continue to be compromised and need to be replaced.

Discussion

Given the significant deterioration of original design, staff worked with our engineering consultant, ROWE Professional Services Company, during spring 2021 to determine needed improvements. The new design includes lifting the structures with helical piles which will minimize inundation and allow for debris passage under the structure during rain events. Staff is still in discussion with ROWE on determining the final design, but initial estimates are shown below.

	Location	Length	Replacement Estimate
Boardwalk 1	Connecting to bridge	185'	\$250,000
Boardwalk 2	Southern trail connection	115'	\$135,000

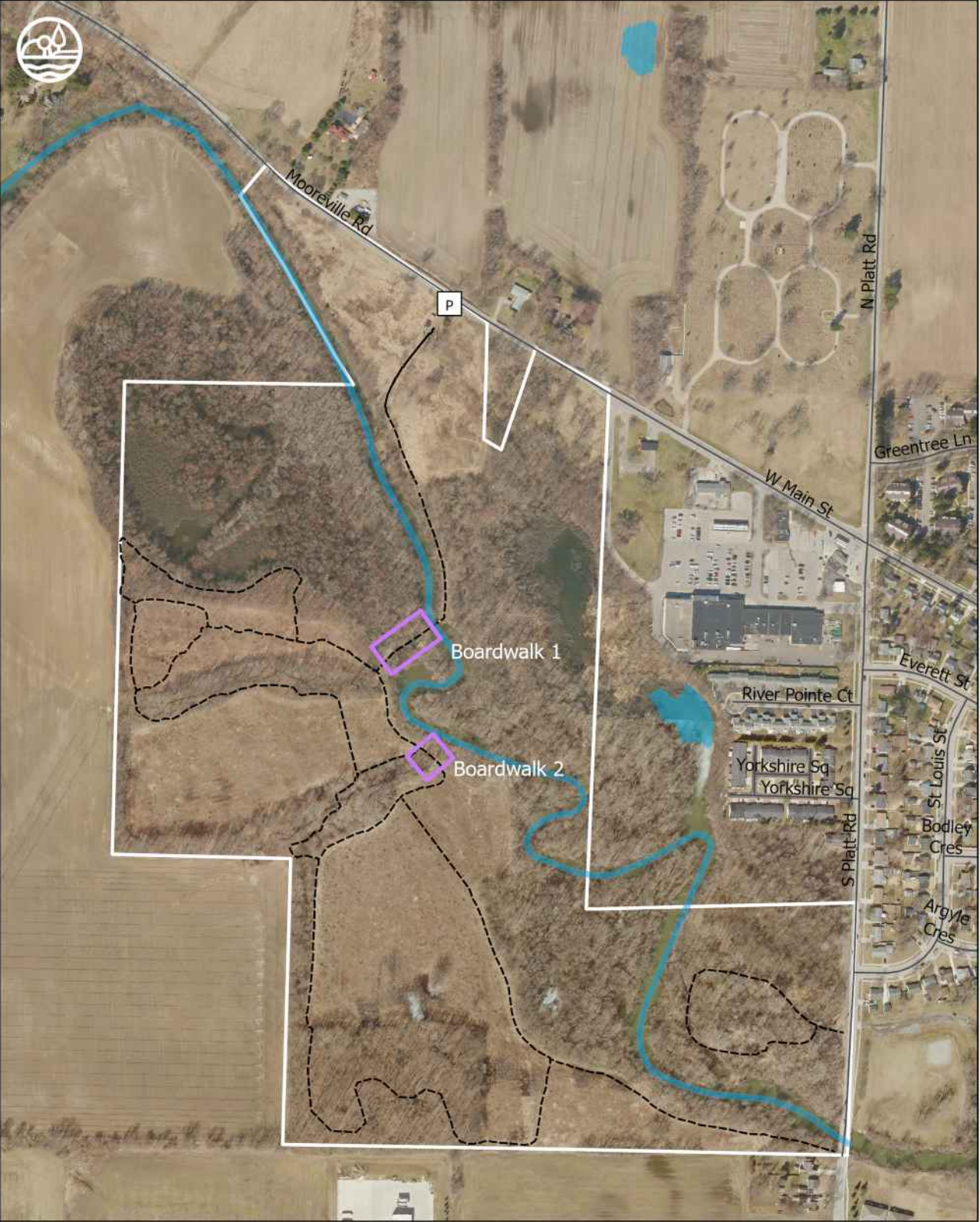
Given the damage was caused by flooding, staff is working with Risk Management on an insurance claim for the project.

As seen with other projects, the high cost of lumber and material supply is significant to the total estimated cost. However, this investment will result in a structure that will resist movement by water or debris, maintain clearance above flood water, and provide a safe hiking experience for visitors, as well as access for maintenance staff. This memo is seeking the Commission's approval to release an RFP to get bids from contractors to reconstruct the boardwalks based on engineers' specifications. Once bids have been received, a contract for award will be brought to the Commission for final approval.

Recommendation

Based on the severe deterioration of the boardwalks at the Draper Houston Meadows Preserve, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize staff to finalize design plans with ROWE and develop an RFP to be released for reconstruction of the boardwalks.

Draper Houston Boardwalks Locations





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

May 2021 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 658.48	\$ 1,475.56	\$ 13,264.75	\$ 15,398.79
Recreation Center	14,517.12	1,376.64	19,578.22	35,471.98
Park Maintenance	1,415.83	4,299.24	6,727.93	12,443.00
Pierce Lake Golf Course	1,320.12	7,849.19	34,039.51	43,208.82
Independence Lake	4,475.06	7,812.25	11,132.06	23,419.37
Rolling Hills	3,567.15	7,643.43	5,788.53	16,999.11
Parker Mill	319.25	1,216.77	58.00	1,594.02
Sharon Mills	109.84	-	481.00	590.84
Staebler Farm	171.14	392.79	624.00	1,187.93
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	-	-	73,603.50	73,603.50
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 26,553.99	\$ 32,065.87	\$ 165,297.50	\$ 223,917.36
 Road Millage Fund	 -	 -	 264.44	 264.44
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264.44	\$ 264.44
 Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,235.00	\$ 20,235.00
Preserve Management	-	876.34	10,554.58	\$ 11,430.92
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,179.00	\$ 4,179.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 876.34	\$ 34,968.58	\$ 35,844.92
 TOTAL	\$ 26,553.99	\$ 32,942.21	\$ 200,530.52	\$ 260,026.72

It was moved by _____ and supported by _____
to approve payment of claims in the amount of..... \$ 260,026.72

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - MAY 31, 2021

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/21)	17,612,810	42%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	7,949,931	8,360,366	105%	410,435
State Grant Funds	-	-		-
Fees & Services	3,560,000	648,049	18%	(2,911,951)
Interest Earnings	150,000	28,995	19%	(121,005)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>30,000</u>	<u>9,420</u>	31%	<u>(20,580)</u>
Total Revenue	11,689,931	9,046,830	77%	(2,643,101)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(6,231,847)	(1,960,275)	31%	4,271,572
Supplies & Other Services	(2,390,854)	(597,526)	25%	1,793,328
Internal Service Charges	(940,957)	(314,744)	33%	626,213
Capital				
John Deere Lease	(84,246)	-	0%	84,246
Land Acquisition	-	-	-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(315,981)	10%	2,784,019
Contingency	(400,000)	(97,431)	24%	302,569
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(172,300)</u>	<u>(14,484)</u>	8%	<u>157,816</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,756,546)	(427,896)	11%	3,328,650
Total Expense	<u>(13,320,204)</u>	<u>(3,300,441)</u>	25%	10,019,763
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,630,273)	5,746,389		
Operating Reserve	(7,832,444)	(7,832,444)		
Funding Commitments (Partnerships)	<u>(3,397,546)</u>	<u>-</u>		
	(11,229,990)	(7,832,444)		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/21)	<u>4,752,547</u>	<u>15,526,755</u>		

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - MAY 31, 2021

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/21)	6,662,301		42%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	3,936,536	4,140,117		105%	203,581
Federal Revenue	-	-			-
Interest Earnings	50,000	11,845		24%	(38,155)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>		0%	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total Revenue		3,991,536	4,151,962	104%	160,426
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(675,600)	(197,612)		29%	477,988
Supplies & Other Services	(332,600)	(68,325)		21%	264,275
Internal Service Charges	(22,840)	(5,155)		23%	17,685
Capital					
Land Acquisition	(2,550,000)	(452,359)		18%	2,097,641
Land Development	-	-			-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>		0%	<u>5,000</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,555,000)	(452,359)		18%	2,102,641
Transfers Out	(7,500)	(7,500)		100%	
Total Expense	<u>(3,593,540)</u>	<u>(730,951)</u>		20%	2,862,589
Surplus/(Deficit)		397,996	3,421,011		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/21)	<u>7,060,297</u>	<u>10,083,312</u>			

ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY

	GATE					
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	671	503	1,723	\$ 20,130	\$ 15,090	\$ 51,690
NON-RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	65	36	161	2,925	1,620	7,245
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	885	429	2,714	5,310	2,574	16,284
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	588	200	1,143	5,880	2,000	11,430
SENIOR (DAILY)	50	18	138	150	54	414
SENIOR NON-RES. (DAILY)	8	7	13	48	42	78
GLOW GOLF DROP-IN	-	-	-	-	-	-
BUSES (DAILY)	3	-	-	90	-	-
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINI BUS	-	1	1	-	15	15
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,270</u>	<u>1,194</u>	<u>5,893</u>	<u>\$ 34,533</u>	<u>\$ 21,395</u>	<u>\$ 87,156</u>
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:						
ANNUAL	8.83%	6.68%	8.55%			
DAILY	38.93%	31.65%	28.84%			

WATER PARK POOL ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>1,146</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 11,841</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	1,146	2	-	\$ 11,841	\$ 20	\$ -

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
DAYCAMP	1,201	-	765	\$ 32,426	\$ -	\$ 20,655
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	4	-	-	848	-	-
AQUATICS PROGRAMMING	57	-	100	5,332	-	300
DISC GOLF	2,863	759	1,907	5,726	1,518	3,814
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1,864</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>15,586</u>	<u>3,745</u>	<u>10,082</u>
	5,989	1,114	3,011	\$ 59,918	\$ 5,263	\$ 34,851

ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS (cont'd)

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
FACILITY RENTALS						
WEEKDAYS	5	4	10	\$ 873	\$ 580	\$ 1,160
WEEKENDS	88	13	86	10,437	2,300	14,370
SOCCER FIELDS	2,450	35	-	9,965	100	-
DISC GOLF COURSE	-	-	10	-	-	950
WATERPARK SHELTERS	4	-	-	125	-	-
	<u>2,547</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>\$ 21,400</u>	<u>\$ 2,980</u>	<u>\$ 16,480</u>
TOBOGGANS	229	-	760	\$ 687	\$ -	\$ 2,280
CROSS COUNTRY SKIS	177	-	936	531	-	2,808
MISC. RETAIL	7	-	-	52	-	-
	<u>413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>\$ 1,270</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,088</u>
LOCKERS	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	1,456	-	-	2,726	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	2	-	-	42
GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	24	3	-	159	428	-
	<u>1,480</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 2,885</u>	<u>\$ 428</u>	<u>\$ 42</u>
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	13,845	2,365	10,708	\$ 131,847	\$ 30,086	\$ 143,617

**RECREATION CENTER
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY**

MEMBERSHIPS

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	492	337	162	\$ 94,937	\$ 60,905	\$ 27,998
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	10	5	2	3,250	2,060	384
S/Y/D RESIDENT	652	420	158	108,985	67,757	24,556
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	3	2	-	790	520	-
FAMILY RESIDENT	173	133	74	51,837	34,107	12,181
FAMILY NON-RESIDENT	2	1	1	1,480	735	767
FAMILY - ADDT'L MEMBER	10	13	4	588	483	150
SENIORS OVER 80	199	109	69	11,940	6,180	3,885
PERSONAL TRAINERS	9	3	-	2,580	1,500	-
MILITARY PASS	2	2	1	360	180	204
30-DAY PASS	439	257	356	19,620	10,532	15,480
SEASONAL PASS	113	-	-	9,040	-	-
REPLACEMENT PASS	59	33	4	59	33	4
SUB-TOTAL	2,163	1,315	831	\$ 305,466	\$ 184,992	\$ 85,609
PASS FACILITY USE	82,924	43,173	26,546			
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	1.13%	0.89%	0.76%			

DAILY ENTRIES

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	4,811	2,552	-	\$ 38,488	\$ 20,416	\$ -
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	477	212	-	4,293	1,908	-
S/Y/D RESIDENT	3,891	2,122	1	23,346	12,732	6
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	174	105	-	1,218	735	-
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS RESIDENT	78	46	-	624	264	-
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS RESIDENT	207	129	-	1,242	756	-
SENIOR FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	4	3	-	28	14	-
DAILY PASS/GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	-	-	-	2,628	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	9,642	5,169	1	\$ 71,867	\$ 36,825	\$ 6
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	6.79%	6.19%	0.00%			

OTHER REVENUE

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
DAYCAMP	2,487	1,523	-	\$ 67,136	\$ 41,130	\$ -
RECREATION PROGRAMS	19,115	8,724	14,825	85,494	43,249	10,976
FACILITY RENTALS	193	104	-	4,538	2,494	-
POOL/STUDIO/GYM PARTY PAVILION	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISC. RETAIL	-	81	23	5,835	2,220	783
LOCKERS	17,191	9,068	1,480	4,298	2,267	370
VENDING	-	-	-	774	558	-
SUB-TOTAL	38,986	19,500	16,328	\$ 168,075	\$ 91,918	\$ 12,129

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	133,715	69,157	43,706	\$ 545,408	\$ 313,734	\$ 97,744

PIERCE LAKE GOLF COURSE
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY

GREEN FEES

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
WEEKDAYS						
REGULAR - 9	232	74	220	\$ 1,794	\$ 1,164	\$ 2,422
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	101	76	135	1,416	1,328	2,190
LEAGUES - 9	3,705	2,165	3,177	59,265	37,283	54,009
REGULAR - 18	503	787	1,033	14,691	11,026	32,661
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	722	250	916	13,819	5,935	19,840
TWI-LIGHT	497	271	447	8,102	5,576	8,331
WEEKENDS						
REGULAR - 9	63	34	57	1,363	918	1,430
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	9	2	9	144	38	171
REGULAR - 18	684	398	1,560	22,304	14,377	56,846
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	8	28	82	208	812	2,358
TWI-LIGHT	235	167	295	5,060	4,133	7,335
EARLY BIRD - 9	11	-	3	176	-	57
MEMBERSHIPS						
ULTIMATE PACKAGE	142	77	319	9,500	15,775	23,302
WEEKDAY PACKAGE	159	142	360	9,400	8,425	14,925
WEEKEND PACKAGE	26	-	57	750	-	800
TWI-LIGHT PACKAGE	75	82	116	4,975	3,850	4,575
OUTINGS (WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS)	112	-	100	4,737	-	3,400
	<u>7,284</u>	<u>4,553</u>	<u>8,886</u>	<u>\$ 157,704</u>	<u>\$ 110,639</u>	<u>\$ 234,652</u>

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
CARTS	4,378	1,345	5,193	\$ 22,524	\$ 9,422	\$ 33,892
RENTALS	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>
	4,389	1,345	5,203	\$ 22,634	\$ 9,422	\$ 33,992
FOOD & BEVERAGE	8,568	967	11,799	\$ 22,066	\$ 3,623	\$ 34,802
PRO SHOP	893	155	1,007	10,244	1,573	12,813
DISCOUNTS	-	-	-	(9,901)	(10,166)	(35,162)
VENDING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66</u>
	9,461	1,122	12,806	\$ 22,408	\$ (4,969)	\$ 12,519
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	21,134	7,020	26,895	\$ 202,746	\$ 115,092	\$ 281,163

INDEPENDENCE LAKE COUNTY PARK
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY

	GATE					
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	417	176	724	\$ 12,510	\$ 5,280	\$ 21,720
NON-RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	79	37	216	3,555	1,665	9,720
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	672	175	1,170	4,032	1,050	7,020
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	673	165	1,576	6,730	1,650	15,760
SENIOR (DAILY)	46	20	102	138	60	306
SENIOR-NON RES. (DAILY)	17	4	47	102	24	282
BUSES (DAILY)	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINI BUS	2	-	-	30	-	-
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,906</u>	<u>577</u>	<u>3,835</u>	<u>\$ 27,097</u>	<u>\$ 9,729</u>	<u>\$ 54,808</u>
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:						
ANNUAL	15.9%	17.4%	23.0%			
DAILY	49.0%	46.4%	56.1%			

BLUE HERON BAY ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
BHB ANNUAL PASSES	3	-	-	\$ 189	\$ -	\$ -
BHB DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	162	-	-	\$ 852	\$ -	\$ -

BLUE HERON BAY RETAIL OPERATION

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
FACILITY RENTALS	1	-	-	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2	-	-	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -
LOCKERS	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	275	-	2	551	-	2
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	275	-	2	\$ 551	\$ -	\$ 2

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: June 8, 2021
Re: Award of Dexter-Chelsea B2B Segment Construction Contract

Background

In 2020, Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) purchased an 80-acre property on the northeast corner of Dancer and Dexter Chelsea Roads. At the December 8th, 2020 regular meeting, the Commission accepted a gift of a 60-foot wide easement from HWPI to construct a portion of the Border to Border Trail (B2B Trail) across that parcel. Additionally, the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) has authorized a long-term occupancy permit to construct and maintain the B2B Trail within a portion of the former Boland Railroad on the north side of Dexter Chelsea Road that extends to Wylie Road. The easement from HWPI and the permit from the WCRC creates a 1.53-mile-long project.

Discussion

In May, staff issued RFP 8109 to solicit bids to construct the Dancer Road to Wylie Road B2B Trail segment. Five bids were received with Erie Construction being the lowest qualified bid. See tabulation below:

Contactor	Location	Total
Erie Construction	Woodhaven, MI	\$ 995,722
All-Star Construction	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI	\$ 1,049,612
LJ Construction	Clifford, MI	\$ 1,078,787
Gibraltar Construction	Trenton, MI	\$ 1,210,115
Fonson Company	Brighton, MI	\$ 1,244,647
<i>Engineer's Opinion of Cost</i>	<i>Stantec (Ann Arbor)</i>	<i>\$ 1,004,000</i>

HWPI has paid for the engineering of this project and will reimburse the Commission for \$400,000 as its contribution towards construction. Additionally, HWPI will contribute \$30,600 (1.53 miles x \$20,000/mile), which will be matched by the Commission, to the B2B Trail Special Revenue Fund upon completion of the project. The remainder of the construction funding is planned to be drawn from the Commission's portion of the road and trails millage.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission award the contract for RFP 8109 to Erie Construction in the amount of \$995,702 and authorize a 10% contingency for the project of \$99,570.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: June 8, 2021
Re: Independence Lake Park – RFP #8089 Disc Golf Pavilion Project, Contractor Award

Background

The popularity and advancement of disc golf continues to grow both locally and nationally. Out of roughly 8,000 courses across the nation, the Red Hawk Disc Golf Course at Independence Lake is ranked by players as being #17 in the state and #92 in the country. The original disc golf course started as a temporary nine-hole feature, being set-up and played only during the fall/winter seasons across the Beach Center and Gamble Group Center Area (now Blue Heron Bay Spraypark). As additional land was acquired in the east/central areas of the park, a permanent 18-hole disc course was constructed in 2009 to address increased demand. Growth and expansion of the disc golf course has continued over the years and now includes two separate 18-hole courses.

With all the improvements and popularity of the Red Hawk Disc Golf course, staff has seen an increase in volume of play and tournaments being hosted here (including a woman's national event). Quite often these tournaments draw large crowds, which require the use of temporary shelters such as pop-up canopy tents for participant registration/logistics, event support sponsors, and player meetings. These tents do not usually fare well during inclement weather conditions. Park staff has received multiple requests from the Disc Golf community and tournament hosts for a permanent structure, such as a pavilion.

In addition to the disc golf activities, a pavilion would also be utilized for other programming needs. Staff anticipates using the pavilion as a starting point for some of our night hikes and various nature programs. This would allow staff the ability to utilize a part of the park that is not normally used since it is so far from the Beach Center where most of these activities originate.

In order to address these park needs, the development of a pavilion and potential locations were evaluated by staff. An existing clearing in proximity to the disc golf parking lot and starting tee was surveyed and found to be well suited for the proposed pavilion. An additional benefit in constructing this pavilion now is the availability of materials acquired from the cancelled Livery building project. Wooden roof trusses and steel columns can be used in this new pavilion, deferring some material costs.

Staff engaged our architectural consultant, JFR Architects, to design and provide architectural drawings for the new pavilion. A request for proposal (RFP #8089) was prepared by staff for soliciting bids for the project. This documentation was assembled in accordance with the County's standard procurement protocol and was advertised by the Purchasing Department.

The new 25' x 65' pavilion will have painted steel support columns, wood frame trusses, a cultured fieldstone fireplace and adjoining seat walls, a metal roof (to match the Blue Heron Bay facility), concrete slab floor, a permanent service counter for event registration and programs, solar powered lights, and an enclosed storage room. The work will also include minimal site grading, a small gravel access driveway, and site restoration.

Nine companies attended a pre-bid meeting held on April 8th and four submitted proposals on May 4. The following is a tabulation of the four bids received:

Brock & Associates, Inc. – Novi, MI	\$244,642
The Peterson Companies, Inc. – Wixom, MI	\$325,811
R. F. Koester, Inc. – Hemlock, MI	\$400,311
A Z Shmina, Inc. – Brighton, MI	\$419,000

Discussion

Brock & Associates, Inc. submitted the lowest bid, which is somewhat higher than our architect's cost opinion of \$156,000 and roughly 25% lower than the next bid. Owner, Ken Brock operates a small business with limited overhead, often undertakes project tasks himself, and maintains a very limited workforce. As a reminder, his company has successfully executed several projects for the Commission over the past 15 years. These include repairs to the barn structures at Staebler Farm, replacement of the pedestrian bridge and overlook at Sharon Mills, and various Natural Area Preserve parking lots, boardwalks, and trails. Most recently, they reconstructed all the cart path boardwalk/bridges at Pierce Lake Golf Course. Their price seems reasonable for the work given the current volatility of the construction market. Staff are confident that Brock & Associates are capable of constructing the pavilion structure and performing associated site work.

Recommendation

Based upon the bids received, their past performance experience, and qualifications in construction of similar park projects, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission award a Service Contract in the amount of \$244,642.00 to Brock & Associates, Inc. for this project (RFP #8089) and include an additional 15% (\$37,700) contingency for potential change orders.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy Vaughn, Director
DATE: June 8, 2021
RE: Recommendation for Partnership – McCullough, Legacy Land Conservancy

Background

Legacy Land Conservancy has been working on placing conservation easements on the 90-acre McCullough property in Sharon Township. Legacy forwarded the property's information to NAPP in 2017 for review in anticipation of requesting a contribution. NATAC included the property in their 2017 annual review of nominations.

Discussion

The six McCullough parcels shelter a significant stretch of the River Raisin just south of Sharon Valley Road, only 0.3 miles upstream of WCPARC's Leonard Preserve and just down the street from WCPARC's River Raisin Preserve. NATAC included the property in its Round 17 Tier 1 category, and the Assessment and Prioritization Mapping assessed the land as high-quality and prioritized it for stream protection, patch expansion, and new patch establishment. The Commission's scoring system yielded 69 points.

The protection of this property has critical conservation and recreation value:

- The River Raisin Watershed Management Plan identifies the Upper River Raisin watershed as the highest priority for land conservation, due to the relatively intact riparian forests.
- These parcels cover both sides of the River Raisin for a contiguous 0.4 miles, plus another 0.3 miles on one side of the river.
- 90%+ of the forest and wetlands that currently cover these parcels are clearly covering the parcels in our 1940 imagery; the land was never farmed in that period.
- The land has steep slopes and highly erodible soils whose disturbance would impact River Raisin water quality.
- The landowners have noted sightings of rare or endangered plant/animal species.
- The McCullough property is just upstream of WCPARC's Leonard Preserve. Preventing development upstream protects the water quality and riparian vegetation within Leonard Preserve.
- Another 13-acre easement (Kahn) adjacent to the McCullough property is being donated to Legacy.
- WCPARC and the Village of Manchester have long been planning to enhance and promote the paddling route between Sharon Mills County Park and the Village, evidenced in part by the inclusion of a canoe/kayak livery in Sharon Mills' Capital Improvement Plan; the McCullough parcels are in the middle of that route and add to the wilderness feel of the river.

To fund the purchases, Legacy applied for a 2019 EPA 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program grant. WCPARC staff wrote a letter of support for their application, based on the favorable Assessment and Prioritization Mapping results, NATAC's evaluation, and Sharon Mills' Capital Improvement Plan.

The McCullough project is actually three separate conservation easements, because the parcels are owned by different combinations of the McCullough and Helmer families; a single easement can only be placed on parcels owned by the same person/persons/entity. They are being presented as a single project for the purposes of this memo with the assumption that all three will be completed.

The different easements are shown in their own colors on Legacy’s attached map. Each easement will have its own residential building envelope. The southernmost easement, outlined in orange, is owned together by individuals from the McCullough family and the Helmer family. A single land division is planned for this easement so the two families can own separate pieces of land in the future; there are two building envelopes here to account for the land division. All four building envelopes are sited in the optimal locations: along a road (purple), around an existing homestead (yellow), along an existing access easement (orange), and not disturbing the ecologically significant areas (all). Regardless, all available points for this category in the Commission scoring were lost.

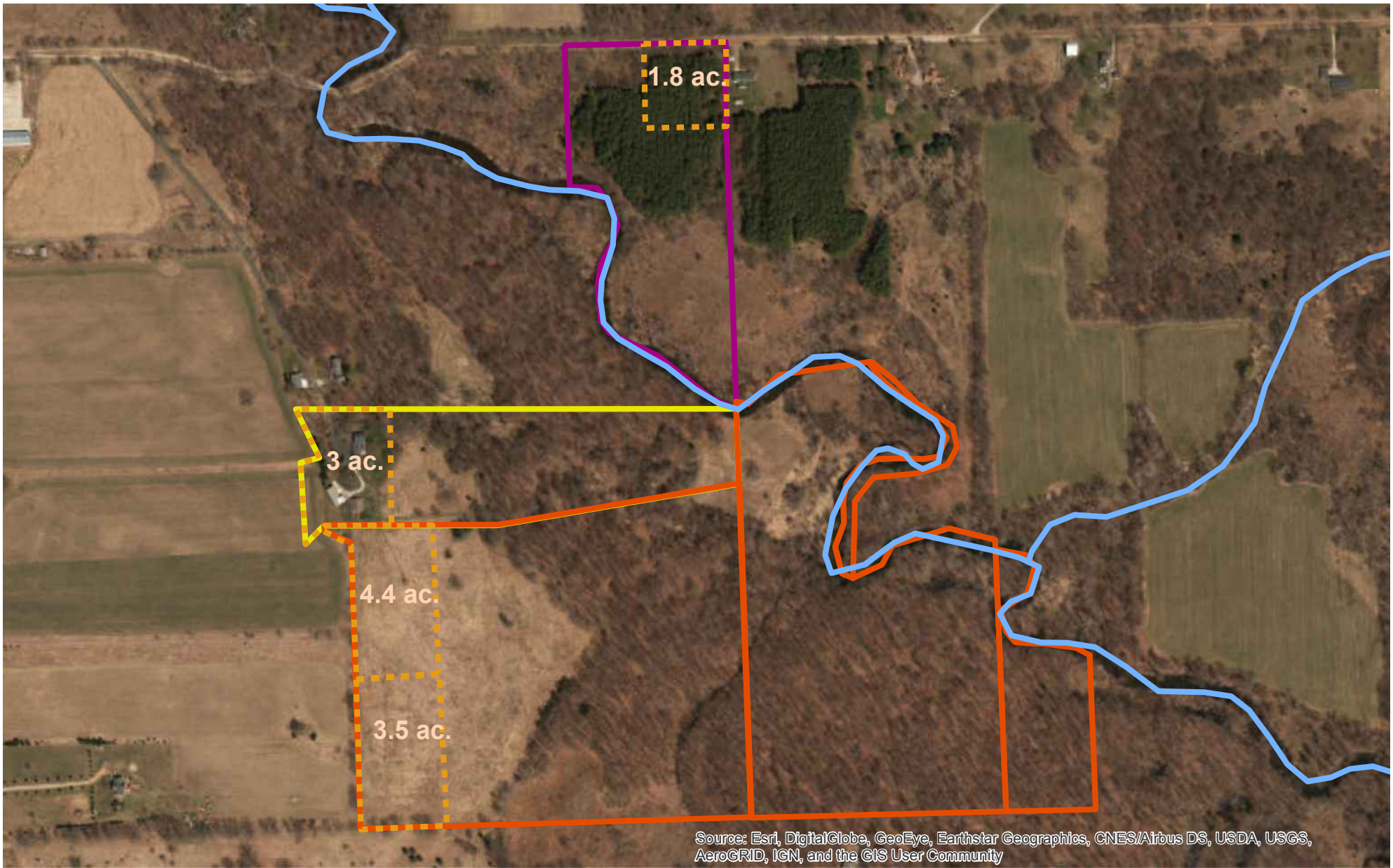
Legacy Land Conservancy is working with a confidently estimated fair market value of \$315,000 total for the 3 easements covering 90 acres. They are requesting a \$79,000 (25.1%) contribution from WCPARC towards the purchase price. Legacy’s 319 grant will fund the remaining value. Legacy will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the conservation easements. After review of the nomination, NATAC recommended to partner with the Legacy Land Conservancy and contribute the requested \$79,000 toward the easement purchases.

Legacy (319 Grant)	\$236,000 (74.9%)
WCPARC	<u>\$79,000 (25.1%)</u>
Est. FMV	\$315,000

Recommendation

Based upon the review by the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee and staff, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission partner with the Legacy Land Conservancy for the purchase of three conservation easements on the McCullough properties in Sharon Township, as identified in the attached map and contribute 25.1% of the total purchase price, not to exceed \$79,000, and a contribution of \$7,500 to the stewardship special revenue fund to cover potential future costs associated with monitoring and enforcement of the conservation easement, contingent upon completion of all three easements, attorney review of documents, and execution of participation agreement.

Attachments



McCullough & Helmer

Date last updated: 2/24/2020

- McCullough Helmer Building Envelopes
- Rivers and Streams
- MCCULLOUGH BYRON K & FRIEDA A
- MCCULLOUGH JOHN D & CAROL A
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LEGACY
Land Conservancy

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McCullough Property: Aerial & Soils

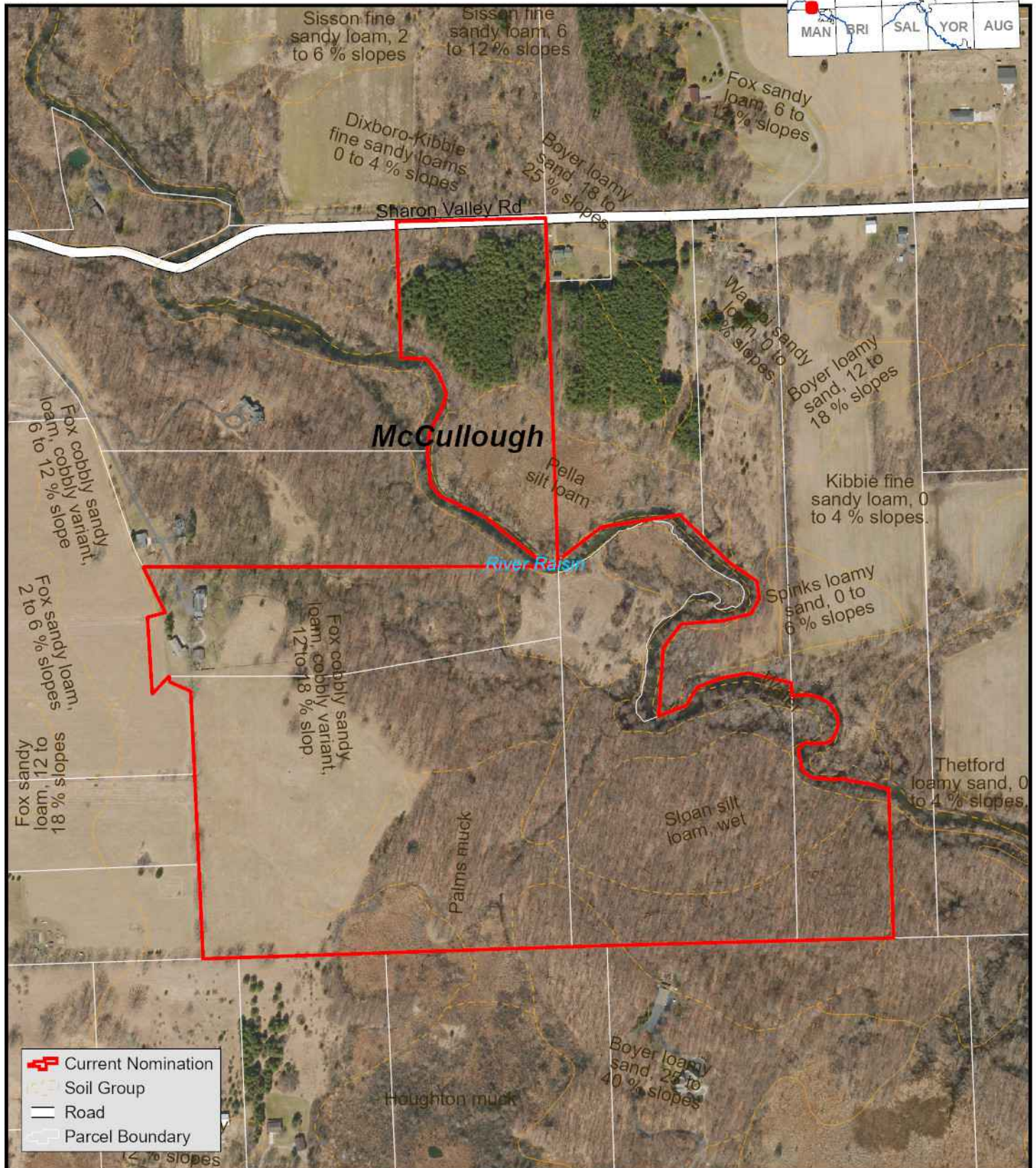
Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID: 18.291

Sharon Township

+/-90 Acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



McCullough Property: 1940 Aerial

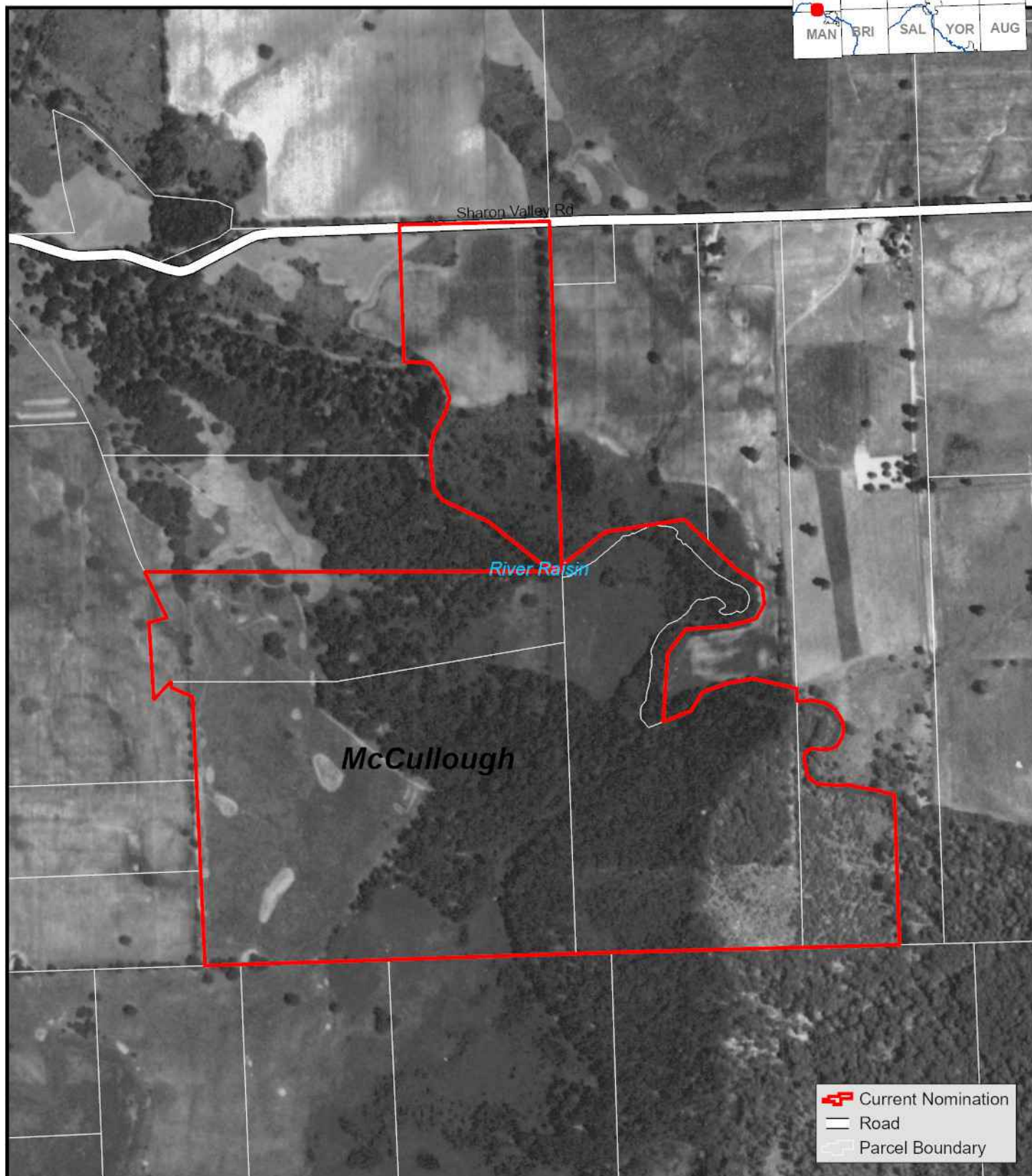
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NAPP Round 17: Local Area Aerial

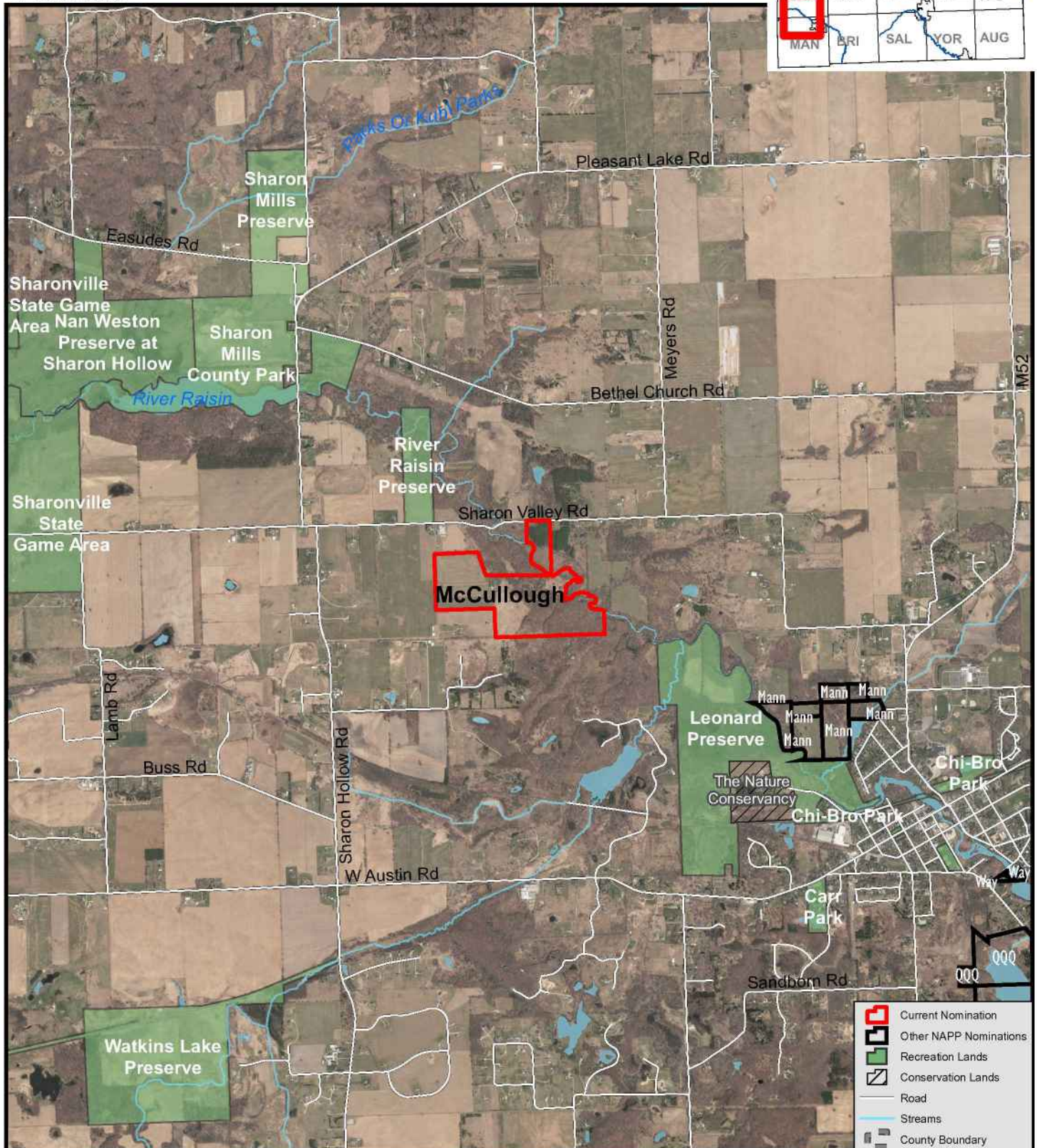
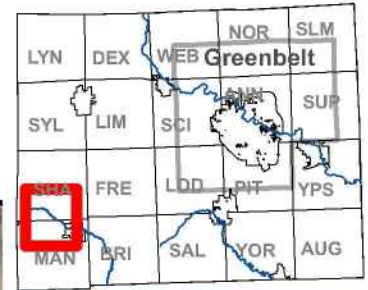
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Sharon Township

+/-125 Acres

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Locator Map



McCullough Property: Assessment & Prioritization Mapping

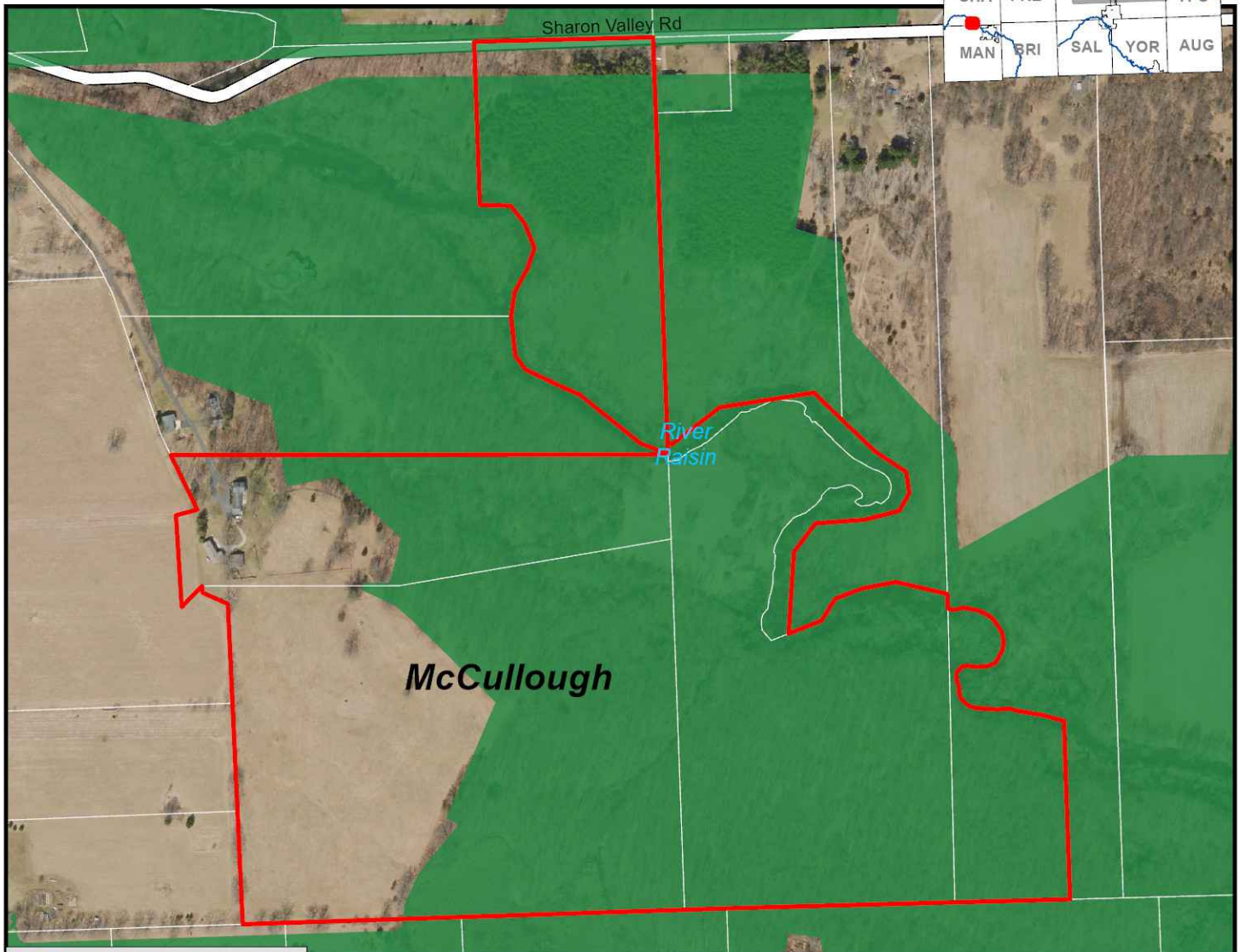
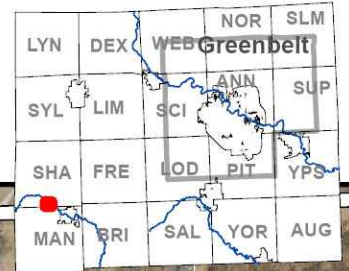
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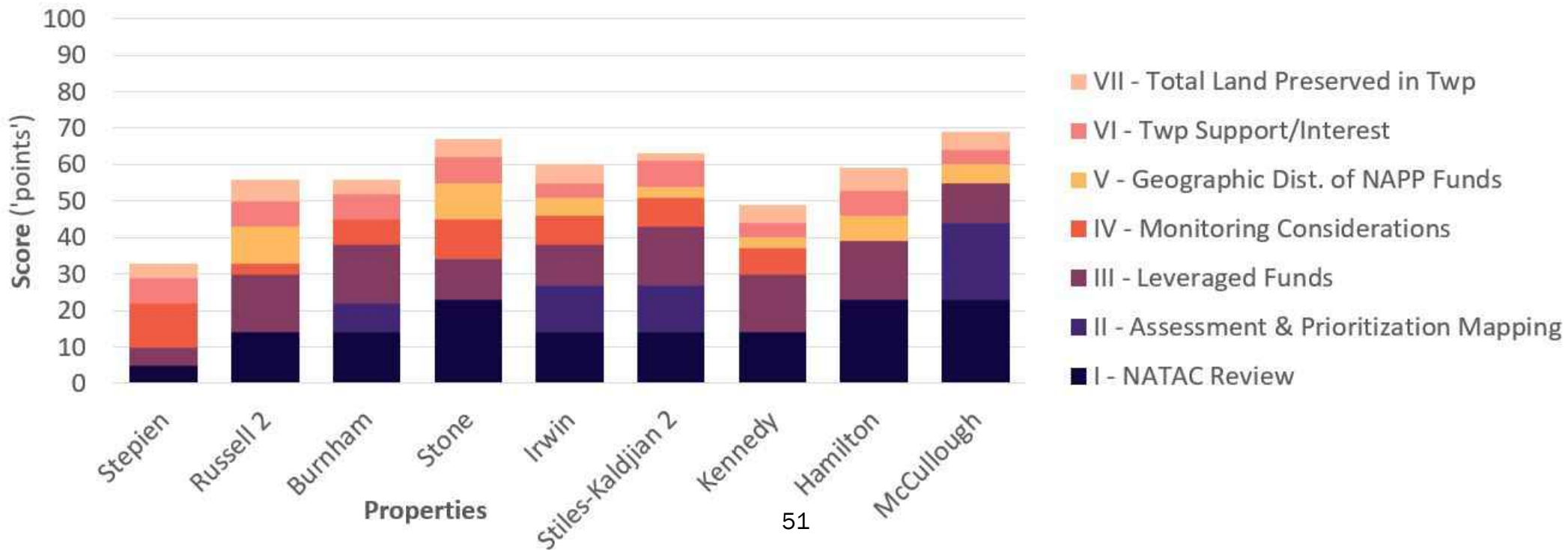
At least one parcel or area on this property was prioritized based on:

- ➔ Patch Expansion: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof enlarges the footprint of existing protected land.
- ➔ New Patch Establishment: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof helps preserve land where none is currently preserved, in a manner that still offers "stepping stone" connectivity.
- ➔ Corridor: Protection of this site protects land within an identified path of linear habitat connectivity.
- ➔ Stream Protection: Protection of this site preserves or is ecologically connected to a site that preserves creek frontage.
- ➔ Lake Plain Ecoregion: Protection of this site preserves land in the lake plain ecoregion, much of which has been developed and is significantly underrepresented in NAPP's portfolio.

Not prioritized



Parks Commission Scoring - Easements (NATAC)



PRELIMINARY CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECT REVIEW CRITERIA

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Project Name: McCullough-Helmer	Project Lead: Remy Long	Potential for Forever Fund gift: ☒ yes ☐ no
County Township and Section #: Washtenaw, Sharon, Section 33		Size (acres): 90
Address: Vacant, Sharon Valley Road, Manchester		
Current Use: Woods, wetland, native prairie planting		Date of Visit: October 16, 2017

PRIORITY

☐ Waterloo/Pinckney/Sharonville	☐ Buffer	☐ In-holding
	☐ 20 Acres adjacent	☐ 20 acres within MDNRE boundaries
☐ Farmland (for PDR)	☐ 40+ Acre of prime soils	☐ Lodi/Freedom/Lima/Scio Twp.
	☐ 1 mile of protected land	☐ 640 acre blocks available
☐ Huron River Natural Areas	☐ 20 Acres + natural area	☐ 1st or 2nd order stream
	☐ Bioreserve Score	
☒ River Raisin	☐ Adjoining already protected land	☒ Highly erodible soils
	☐ Presence of rare species	☒ 20+ acres = original ecosystem
☐ Other	☐ Priority for Partner	☐ Contiguous to protected land
Analogue: ☐ Farmland	☐ River/Watershed	☐ Natural Area/Public Lands

PRIORITY NOTES:

RESOURCE CRITERIA

☐ Prime or unique soils (Miami Loam - locally important)	☐ Habitat for rare/ threatened/ endanger- -ed species	☐ Area of Unique scenic or cultural value
☒ Wetlands, floodplains, groundwater recharge	☒ Woodlands	☒ Steep Slopes
☒ Presence of water (identify body and size)	☐ Unique geological features	☒ Linkages/corridors
☐ Open space in or near developing areas	☐ Educational/scientific value	☐ Other

RESOURCE CRITERIA NOTES:

3,850 feet of River Raisin frontage. Steep slopes along river. Significant potential to link to other protected lands along River Raisin.

GENERAL CRITERIA

☐ Subject to imminent threat of insensitive development	☒ Meets local government policies for land protection	☒ Master planned for appropriate use
☒ Accessible to public or other public benefit	☐ Currently cultivated	☒ Adjacent to protected areas
☒ Sufficient size to protect natural features	☐ Stimulate public funding or support	☐ Other

GENERAL CRITERIA NOTES:

Adjacent to Kahn property where donated conservation easement is intended. If WCPARC funding is used, VERY limited public access will be possible. Visible from public waterway.

ADVERSE CRITERIA

☐ Development intruding	☐ Parcel less than optimum size	☐ Uncertain public benefits
☐ Landowner requests rights that would diminish value	☐ Unique monitoring challenges	☐ Land contaminated
☐ Other nearby land protection unlikely	☐ Other	

ADVERSE CRITERIA NOTES:

RESERVED RIGHTS

☒ Building envelope (note complexity)	☐ Mineral extraction	☒ Forestry
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RESERVED RIGHTS NOTES:

Building envelopes requested along road frontage and access driveway. Requested locations are significantly removed from river frontage. Forestry should be allowed for planted pines, including their complete removal and restoration.

COMMENTS:

Worth noting that parcels are currently owned by different parties. It may make sense to write a single conservation easement to cover the land as a unit, but if that approach is deemed to increase monitoring burden multiple easements may result.