



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: January 11, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center, 2960 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order / Moment of Silence**
- 2. Roll Call and Announcement of Location**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes**
 - A. December 14, 2021 Meeting (attached, pp. 1-8 /action item)
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Communications, Projects & Activities** (attached, pp. 9-23 /action item)
- 6. Financial & Recreation Reports – December 2021**
 - A. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 24-26 /action item)
 - B. Recreation Reports (attached, pp. 27-32 /action item)
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. Best Asphalt Contract Change Order (attached, p. 33 /action item)
 - B. Other Old Business
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Election of Officers (action item)
 - B. NAPP – USDA ACEP grant application (attached, pp. 34-37 /action item)
 - C. Other New Business
- 9. Commissioners / Directors Comments**
 - A. Update on Fees/Seasonal Wages
- 10. Adjournment**

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: December 14, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Digital Meeting

Members Present: Patricia Scribner, WCPARC President (attending from Pittsfield Township, MI), Daniel Ezekiel, WCPARC Secretary/Treasurer (attending from Ann Arbor, MI), Robert Joerg (attending from Delta Township, MI), Robert Marans (attending from Ann Arbor Township, MI), Brenda McKinney (attending from Superior Twp, MI), Ricky Jefferson (attending from Ypsilanti, MI) Jo Ann McCollum (attending from Ypsilanti Township, MI), Sue Shink (attending from Northfield Township, MI) and Evan Pratt (attending from Scio Twp, MI)

Members Absent: Janis Bobrin

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; Diane Carr, Park Superintendent; Rhonda Bouma, Park Superintendent; Brian Klender, Golf Course Superintendent; Hannah Cooley, Management Analyst, and Rosie Pahl-Donaldson, Park Planner

1. Call to Order/Moment of Silence

Ms. Scribner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a moment of silence for all those impacted by the Oxford School shooting.

2. Roll Call and Announcement of Location

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting were included with the agenda material.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Ms. McCollum to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Bobrin, Jefferson), the motion was approved.

4. Public Comment

Jim Schultz, resident of Superior Township, spoke in favor of the Gotfredson/Raniszkeski property proposal. He explained that while he supported the acquisition, that he owned the 40-acres to the east and is concerned about the proposed trail configuration and that it may encourage parking along the road to access the trail.

Communications, Projects & Activities

Ms. Vaughn reported on the November communications which were included in the packet. He also provided a year in review presentation of the 2021 highlights that included important projects, programs, and awards.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Ms. Shink to accept and file the Communications, Projects & Activities for the month of November 2021, as submitted. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Bobrin, Jefferson), the motion was approved.

5. Financial & Recreation Reports – November 2021

A. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on the financials and stated that the total for the claims for the month of November was \$2,507,508.39. Mr. Marans asked about the two B2B segments in the Chelsea area and asked that additional detail regarding B2B projects at a future meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. McKinney to accept and file the Financial Reports for the month of November 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Bobrin, Jefferson), the motion was approved.

B. Recreation Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on recreation reports for the month of November 2021 and highlighted the impact of the pandemic on the attendance of our park facilities.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Mr. Ezekiel to accept and file the Recreation Reports for the month of November 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Bobrin, Jefferson), the motion was approved.

6. Old Business

A. Staebler Farm Multi-Purpose Building Award

Mr. Vaughn presented the proposal to construct a multi-purpose building at Staebler Farm County Park. He explained 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. Subsequently, TCI addressed Commissioners' concerns regarding design elements of the new building to ensure it complements the historical character of the park. After a year-long hiatus due to COVID-19, the Commission approved release of a Request for Proposal (RFP #8167) to solicit bids for Multipurpose Building construction and supporting site development in accordance with the County's standard procurement protocol and was advertised by the Purchasing Department.

Mr. Vaughn explained that TCI has provided detailed estimated costs, construction drawings, and material specifications for the multipurpose building. The cost estimated for the building is \$3.7 million. Additional site elements include installation of well and septic field for the building; pathways to allow for connectivity between parking lot, building, and existing workshop; paving and extending the existing parking lot; and construction of a left-hand turn lane required by the WCRC along Plymouth Road. There is currently \$4.4M planned in the CIP for the construction of the building and site elements.

Representatives from 31 companies (including general contractors and specialists) attended a pre-bid meeting held on October 18, 2021; eight proposals were submitted on November 16. The project base sum costs ranged from \$3,489,818 to \$4,593,000. A bid tabulation was presented that included the submitted bid sum totals, as well as a 2% reduction consideration for local vendors, per the Purchasing Department policy. The RFP was structured to allow selection of the contractor who would be the most advantageous regarding price and quality of service, as well as consideration of qualifications and capabilities to successfully complete the project, among other factors. On November 30 and December 1, TCI architects conducted Scope Reviews with the four lowest bidders, all of whom provided bids below the architect's estimated project costs. In addition, the bidders were asked specific Parks Commissioner "Responsible Contracting" questions.

Mr. Vaughn noted that after the interviews, parks staff and TCI architects discussed their findings, and it was determined that the third lowest bidder, Phoenix Contractors, Inc. of Dexter, Michigan, would provide the best service based on project understanding, completion of projects with similar scope, successful experience completing past Parks Commission projects, and being lowest Washtenaw County bidder.

Mr. Ezekiel asked if the proposed building would be all electric or if there was still a natural gas furnace. Mr. Vaughn responded that the building would be 100% electrical. Mr. Marans asked if there would be solar power for the building. Mr. Vaughn responded that it was decided that a significant amount of solar would not fit on the roof of the building and a ground array was not in keeping with the historical character of the farm. However, he explained that a solar project will be pursued off-site to help offset the energy used by the proposed building.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Ms. McCollum that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission award a Service Contract in the amount of \$3,797,000 to Phoenix Contractors, Inc. for this project (RFP #8167) and include an additional 20% (\$760,000) contingency for potential change orders. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Bobrin), the motion was approved.

B. Other Old Business

None.

7. New Business

A. Adoption of the 2022 Annual Meeting Calendar

The proposed calendar was included in the packet.

It was moved by Ms. McKinney and seconded by Mr. Pratt to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Calendar. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Bobrin), the motion was approved.

B. 2022 Facility Rate Modifications

Ms. Bonfiglio presented proposed rate increases for several WCPARC facilities. She noted that WCPARC takes great pride in our history of providing quality recreation opportunities to County residents at the most affordable rates possible. Periodically, the Commission adjusts fees in keeping with industry trends and changes in the local market. The last fee modifications were done in 2020. Staff has researched competitor fees and proposed revisions to the current fee schedule for the Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center, Pierce Lake Golf Course and Rolling Hills County Park. (Do you want to

add a sentence how the increase compare to our competitors? i.e. our rates were lower than/ in line with, etc. I remember you mentioning that)

Ms. Bonfiglio presented a detailed fee schedule proposal for each facility and recommended that fee changes would go into effect January 1st. She noted that additional rate increases are likely needed and will continue to be reviewed annually. Staff will continue to evaluate costs, compare rates of other nearby facilities, and make further recommendations as additional modifications are warranted.

Ms. McCollum asked how the monthly rate worked at the Meri Lou Murray Rec Center. Ms. Bonfiglio explained that the monthly fee is structured to be slightly more than paying for an entire year. This creates an incentive to purchase an annual membership. The monthly fee is also utilized by new patrons who are interested in trying out the facility for 30-days. Those patrons who elect to become annual members, are allowed to roll that first monthly fee into the cost for the annual pass.

Mr. Ezekiel asked if we offer a special rate for veterans. Ms. Bonfiglio explained that we offer the veterans the same discounted rate that we offer our seniors. She added that it has been coordinated with our Office of Veteran Affairs. Mr. Ezekiel asked why we are proposing to close an hour earlier at the Rolling Hills Waterpark. Ms. Bouma responded that it allows greater efficiency with our staff coverage since the open hours can be covered in one shift. It also provides simplification of our rate structure.

Ms. Shink asked if we have a scholarship at Rolling Hills or any of our facilities. Ms. Carr responded that at MLM we offer scholarships for day camps, but not for membership fees. Ms. Shink added that she would like to see more scholarship opportunities at all our facilities.

Mr. Marans asked about the elimination of the over 80 years old rate at MLM and expressed his support. He suggested that staff should get out a communication ASAP so our members are aware of the changes.

Mr. Joerg asked why staff felt it was warranted to raise the rates. He voiced his concern regarding a 15% increase and suggested that a stepped increase would be more reasonable. He also asked to understand how this new revenue would be spent. Ms. Bonfiglio responded that the 15% increase applies to the monthly and annual membership categories with a modest increase in daily entry fees for individuals and seniors. She also added that new membership categories options—teens and 6 months—have been proposed to better accommodate needs. Ms. Bonfiglio added that the rate increase will help to address the current facility budget deficit. And while a stepped fee increase could be implemented, the current increase is not enough to meet current expenses due to inflation, minimum wage increase and operational expenditures. Ms. Bonfiglio stated that the increase allows us to maintain, and hopefully restore our operating hours & class offerings by the end of the first quarter of 2022.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Ms. McCollum that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the proposed fee modifications and other associated policy changes as presented for Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center, Pierce Lake Golf Course and Rolling Hills, effective January 1, 2022. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 4 Nays (Shink, Joerg, Jefferson, McKinney), 1 Absent (Bobrin), the motion was approved.

C. ALPAC Budget Adjustment

Mr. Brooks explained that within the last year, WCPARC has closed on two conservation easements which were eligible, in portion, for reimbursement through the United State Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS). In addition, and although unlikely, the conservation easement on the Poulter Farm property may close in December 2021, necessitating additional budgeted funds. Though the Director can authorize intra-fund budget adjustments, provided there are no implications on the operating reserve, large adjustments are brought to the Commission to ensure detailed financial oversight.

Mr. Brooks presented details and noted that a reimbursement in the amount of \$364,449 is anticipated for the Karnatz Farm/Selter and Bassett & DeLoof easements. Representative totals are \$147,624 for Karnatz Farm/Selter and \$216,825 for Bassett & DeLoof, respectively. Completion of this adjustment increases the Federal Revenue line and the Land Acquisition line within the ALPAC fund. The conservation easement on the Poulter property was approved by the Commission in September 2021 for a total of \$468,222 to be paid by WCPARC and \$480,000 by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development and WCPARC at closing. Mr. Brooks stated that staff recommends a budget adjustment to increase the 2021 ALPAC budget by a net amount of \$832,671.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. Shink that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize a budget adjustment to increase the 2021 ALPAC budget by a net amount of \$832,671, in alignment with Federal Revenue received from the USDA-NRCS in 2021, reduction in the planned contribution to fund balance due to 2021 acquisitions, and the potential closing of the Poulter conservation easement. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Bobrin), the motion was approved.

D. Maisel Property

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson presented the Maisel property in Northfield Township and explained that it was nominated to the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program for consideration of fee simple acquisition in late 2020. The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) designated as a Tier 1 priority for Round 21, as consideration for a new nature preserve.

The roughly 220-acre Maisel property currently under consideration is in close proximity to WCPARC's existing Northfield Woods Preserve. There is possibility of future direct connection to Northfield Woods Preserve, but the Maisel property also has a suitable site for a parking lot and is large enough to host its own trails.

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson explained that the City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt has been an active partner in this project from its beginning. The Greenbelt ordered an appraisal that was completed in February 2021. The appraised value was determined to be \$1,429,000 based on 219.87 acres, or roughly \$6,499/acre. The landowner has reviewed the appraisal and is willing to move forward at that price. NATAC recommended at their October 4, 2021 meeting to move forward with a sales contract, contingent upon 75% contribution from outside funding. Ann Arbor City Council recommended at their December 6, 2021 meeting to contribute 75% of the purchase price. WCPARC will own and manage the property.

Mr. Pratt commented that this area near Horseshoe Lake is the worst area of the County for flooding. He added that there is a public benefit to limiting the amount of development and impervious surfaces in the area.

Ms. Shink noted that she lives near this parcel and that it is a popular area for bikers from the Ann Arbor area to visit. She added that this will be welcome addition to preservation efforts in Northfield Township.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Ezekiel that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize preparation of a sales contract in the amount of \$1,429,000, to be adjusted on a per-acre basis by the surveyed acreage, and contribute \$357,250 (or 25% of the purchase price) for the fee simple purchase of the Maisel property in Northfield Township, contingent upon completion of all necessary due diligence investigation and final approval by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Bobrin), the motion was approved.

E. Jansen Property Partnership

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson explained that in August 2021, Legacy Land Conservancy submitted the Jansen farm to the Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP) for consideration of partnership in a conservation easement purchase. The Bridgewater Township property was subsequently scored and included in ALPAC's 2021 annual prioritization of properties. With a score of 57, the property is eligible for ALPAC participation.

Legacy is using a confident estimate of \$475,000 for the 130 acres. Legacy applied for and was awarded a USDA-NRCS ACEP-ALE grant that covers 50% of that purchase price. Legacy is requesting 40% of the final purchase price from WCPARC, not to exceed \$190,000. The final 10% is anticipated to be a donation by the landowner. Legacy will be responsible for due diligence and monitoring and enforcing the conservation easements. After review of the nomination, ALPAC recommended to partner with the Legacy Land Conservancy and contribute the requested \$190,000 toward the easement purchases.

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel and seconded by Ms. Shink that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission partner with the Legacy Land Conservancy for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Jansen property in Bridgewater Township and contribute 40% of the total purchase price, not to exceed \$190,000, and contribute \$7,500 to the stewardship special revenue fund to cover potential future costs associated with monitoring and enforcement of the conservation easement, contingent upon an appraisal, attorney review of documents, and execution of participation agreement. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Bobrin), the motion was approved.

F. Gotfredson & Ranieszski Property

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson presented the Gotfredson and Ranieszski properties that were submitted to NAPP in Round 20 (2020), for fee simple purchase. The properties, 101-acres combined, are separated by an ITC-owned power line corridor. NATAC identified the properties together as a Tier 1 priority for acquisition and recommended to purchase the property. The Parks Commission approved a sales contract on April 13, 2021.

While there is easy public and stewardship access onto both properties from Warren Road north of the pond, accessing the forests south of the pond will be a challenge to address in the future. However, the primary goal for public access to this preserve would be to provide visitors access to the pond for bird observation, which can be done from the north side. ITC has approved staff's request for a trail access license across the property for locations on both the north and south side of the pond, but attorneys still need to prepare and review the license.

Appraisals for the two properties were conducted by Affinity Valuation Group in November 2020. Superior Township will be making their commitment of \$250/acre to the project on December 20. Per the terms of the sales contract, due diligence for each property has been completed. A purchase of the Gotfredson and Raniszeski properties the amounts of \$603,026 and \$276,440 respectively is proposed.

Mr. Pratt asked how pedestrian access will be provided to both side of the pond. Ms. Pahl-Donaldson responded that the final trail layout is not complete, but one option is to terminate the trail with an overlook at the edge of the pond.

Ms. McCollum asked if hunting would be allowed at this property. Ms. Pahl-Donaldson responded that hunting would not be allowed and that the rules will be posted and enforced.

Mr. Ezekiel asked about the concern that was raised by the neighbor at the beginning of the meeting during public comment. Ms. Pahl-Donaldson responded that public access would not be allowed from Gotfredson Road and the easement between the two properties is intended for use by our staff and maintenance crew.

It was moved by Ms. Shink and seconded by Mr. Pratt that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the purchase of the Gotfredson and Raniszeski properties the amounts of \$603,026 and \$276,440 respectively contingent upon attorney approval of final documents. Further, a \$30,000 contribution is approved to the stewardship special revenue funds for the future maintenance and management of the property Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Bobrin), the motion was approved.

G. Ducks Unlimited Property

Ms. Leikam presented details on a 266-acre property in Lodi Township at the corner of Zeeb and Waters Roads. She explained that the property is currently owned by Ducks Unlimited and that it has been offered to WCPARC for purchase. She added that staff will continue to investigate this opportunity and that it would be brought back to the Commission if there is interest in acquisition.

H. Other New Business

None.

8. Commissioners/Directors Comments

Mr. Marans commented about the proposes rate increases and that it received several votes of NO from his fellow commissioners. He encouraged staff to follow up on several of the concerns brought up including looking into more scholarship opportunities. Mr. Pratt concurred and added that staff should look into creative ways of administering a scholarship program that would be easy to administer and verify income levels. Mr. Pratt also noted that transportation is big obstacle for many low-income residents.

Ms. McCollum commented that she has learned so much during her first year on the Commission and that she is happy to be part of all the great work that is happening at WCPARC.

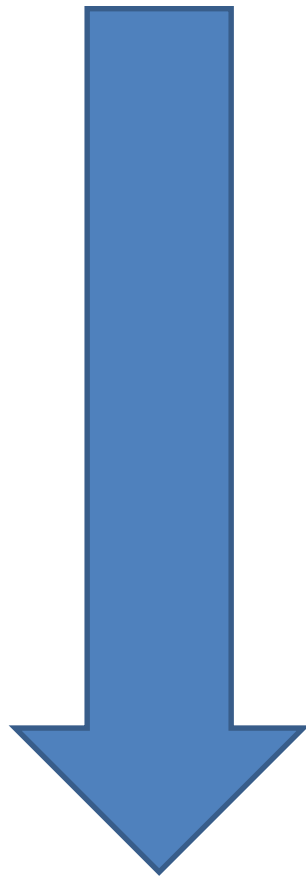
Ms. Scribner thanked all staff for their hard work and wished all a warm and happy holiday season.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Communications, Projects & Activities



Meghan E. Bonfiglio

From: Julie Sigda
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 9:45 AM
To: Coy Vaughn; Meghan E. Bonfiglio
Subject: Almost Solstice Event
Attachments: Almost Solstice Nigh Hike 2021 a.jpg; Almost Solstice Nigh Hike 2021 b.jpg; Almost Solstice Nigh Hike 2021 c.jpg; Almost Solstice Nigh Hike 2021 d.jpg; Almost Solstice Nigh Hike 2021 e.jpg

Good morning,

I wanted to pass on to you that we had a fantastic event on Friday! There were about 60+ people, lots of kids and dogs at the Almost Solstice Night Hike. It was awesome to see full time staff with families, seasonal staff and even former staff. We also received the following message on FaceBook;

Just want to say that was the BEST lantern night walk I ever been on, you guys went way beyond the expectations! The fire pits I loved how it was spread out. My dad passed almost a year on the 24 and my friend and I looked at each other and giggled saying this is how your dad would have done it.

The staff did a great job and all made it on to Santa's good list.

I have attached a few photos of how the park looked.

Thanks,

Sigda



Julie Sigda

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Meghan E. Bonfiglio

From: Ginny L. Leikam
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Meghan E. Bonfiglio; Coy Vaughn
Subject: FW: Great article

This was a very thoughtful email from Sylvia. I'm lucky to have such an awesome job and work with great people.



Ginny Leikam

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From: Sylvia Taylor <smtaylor@umich.edu>
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Subject: Re: Great article

Although it is a great delight to see recognition for Jinny in the Ann Arbor News, I could not help but think of the actual scope of her unique positive impact on both the Greenbelt and NAP programs. It's something that cannot be appreciated within a newspaper article, however complementary. Back when I was a member of the first Ann Arbor Greenbelt Commission Jinny was preceded by a competent coordinator who, nevertheless, lacked some of the versatility needed for this particular City of Ann Arbor assignment.

The Conservation Fund administrator transferred him to another Michigan position and Jinny was his replacement. Henceforth this young woman's seamless ability to blend government and nonprofit administration needs, ideas and expertise, with those of commissioners, landowners and the general public, brought a much improved joint focus on basic goals being obtained through realistic program solutions.

With Jinny's career transfer to the Washtenaw County Parks NAP program, followed by her increasing responsibility within the county park system, she has expanded staff inclusion of our NAP members (originally appointed primarily as public representatives, of varying expertise, in the field of natural areas).

Today we are better informed regarding the broad scope of county park operations, and have increased special assistance by dedicated staff members. We receive their contributed relevant information through Rosie; Jinny's very competent inheritor of NAP program coordination. Parks division staff provide well researched and illustrated background help materials for on-the-ground field evaluations. Some may occasionally attend to assist with logistics or other matters.

The strength of such consistent support has greatly enhanced our ability to contribute the best of our own experience and knowledge to the NAP program. All this becomes available to collaborators, landowners and the many others who have been involved in the impressive natural area preservation accomplishments within Washtenaw County during these past two decades. Ginny has been a big part of the action.

-Sylvia

On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 11:50 AM Catherine Riseng <criseng@umich.edu> wrote:

Totally agree, we are all lucky to have you and Rosie.
Catherine

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 3:13 PM Susan Lackey <slackey1192@gmail.com> wrote:

David Lutton and I were discussing that n this weekend. Good job! You - and the County - deserve a lot more credit than you generally n receive for the work you do. Bravo!

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021, 9:16 AM Robert Grese <bgrese@umich.edu> wrote:

Ginny, it's great to see [the article this morning](#) in the Ann Arbor News about you and the County's Natural Areas Program!

Bob

Robert E. Grese, FASLA, FCELA
Professor Emeritus of Environment and Sustainability

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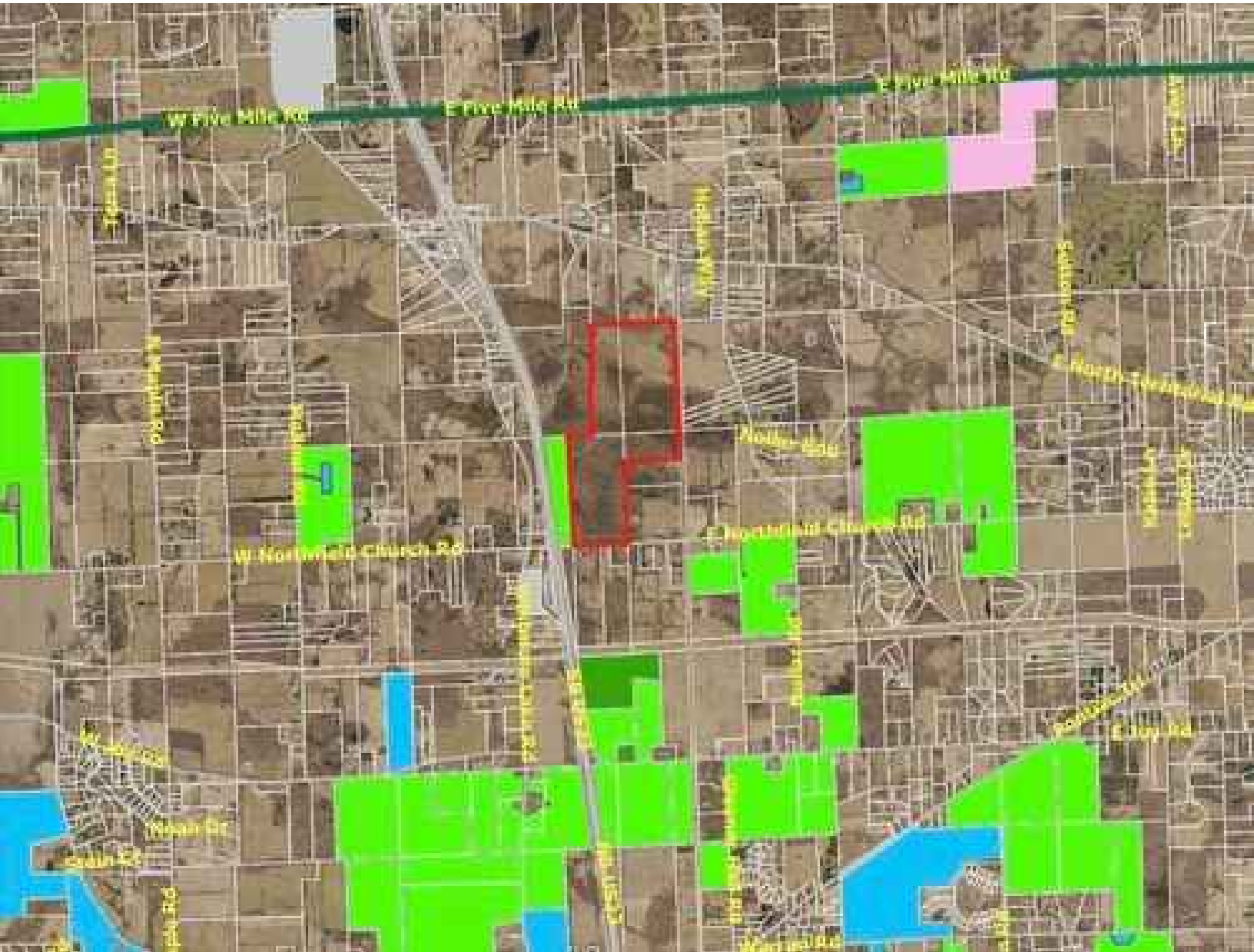
Catherine Riseng, PhD
Emeritus Associate Research Scientist, SEAS
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which I work, and pay my respects to the Elders, past and present.

Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor greenbelt program helping protect another 334 acres surrounding city

Updated: Dec. 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m. | Published: Dec. 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m.



Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County are teaming up to preserve this 220-acre property off Northfield Church Road in Northfield Township, shown outlined in red in relation to other protected properties. City of Ann Arbor

By [Ryan Stanton | ryanstanton@mlive.com](mailto:ryanstanton@mlive.com)

ANN ARBOR, MI — Local officials are taking steps to permanently protect another 334 acres of land in townships surrounding Ann Arbor.

That includes a 220-acre property in Northfield Township and two properties in Scio Township totaling nearly 114 acres.

The Ann Arbor City Council unanimously OK'd agreements and allocations from the city's greenbelt fund for the properties this past week, partnering with other entities.

That includes an agreement with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission for the \$1.4 million purchase of the 220-acre property owned by EN Maisel Associates LLC off Northfield Church Road, with over \$1 million coming from the city's greenbelt fund and \$357,250 from the county.

The county will become the fee title holder of the property and will be responsible for the property's stewardship, including development of a parking lot, trails and signage.



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"This acquisition would establish one of largest publicly accessible sites in the Ann Arbor area," Remy Long, the city's greenbelt program manager, told council in a memo. "As well, the property's protection would conserve one of the largest intact woodlands in the Ann Arbor area."

The cost of the conservation easement is being covered by \$432,333 from the city's greenbelt fund, \$432,333 from the county, \$377,333 from Scio Township, \$928,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and \$825,000 from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County are teaming up to preserve this 12.5-acre property off Daleview Drive along the Huron River in Scio Township, shown outlined in red in relation to other protected properties. City of Ann Arbor

Council also OK'd an agreement with the county for the \$460,000 purchase of 12.5 acres of land owned by John Russell off Daleview Drive along the Huron River in Scio Township, with the city and county evenly splitting the cost.

The county parks commission will add the property to its portfolio of public nature preserves with ongoing stewardship covered by the county, Long said.

Ann Arbor's greenbelt program is funded by a 30-year tax approved by city voters in 2003. In cooperation with other land-conservation programs and outside funds, it has helped permanently preserve several thousand acres of farmland and natural areas in township areas ringing the city.

A new GIS tool developed by UM for the city's greenbelt program was used to calculate the carbon storage value of the 220-acre woodland site that's being protected, Long said.

It calculated 39,613 metric tons of "carbon dioxide equivalent," which equates to over \$1 million worth of carbon when using the Environmental Protection Agency's Social Cost of Carbon standard, Long said. For the city, it amounts to a nearly one-to-one return on investment from a carbon-storage perspective.

MORE FROM THE ANN ARBOR NEWS:

[Save the farm, plan the park: Meet the head of Washtenaw County's homegrown conservation program](#)



Digital Report - December 2021

This monthly report will highlight our social media outreach, website analytics, newsletters, items in the news, and recent snapshots around the parks.

Monthly comparisons will be used to track data and improve our outreach.

Useful definitions for this report

Impressions

A Facebook metric related to the visibility of our posts is referred to as impressions. Impressions measure the number of times our posts were seen. That includes if one post was seen multiple times by a single user.

Engagement

Engagement measures the number of times someone took action on our posts. That could mean clicking a link, sharing our post, making a reaction or leaving a comment.



Digital Report - December 2021

SOCIAL MEDIA

facebook

Blue Heron Bay

Monthly Impressions

December	Last Month	Last Year
689	589	

Total Post Engagement

December	Last Month	Last Year
4	0	

facebook

Independence Lake

Monthly Impressions

December	Last Month	Last Year
10,755	5,728	

Total Post Engagement

December	Last Month	Last Year
298	187	

facebook

Meri Lou Murray

Monthly Impressions

December	Last Month	Last Year
2,883	2,329	

Total Post Engagement

December	Last Month	Last Year
128	56	

facebook

Pierce Lake

Monthly Impressions

December	Last Month	Last Year
2,107	2,801	

Total Post Engagement

December	Last Month	Last Year
31	60	

facebook

Rolling Hills

Monthly Impressions

December	Last Month	Last Year
49,618	41,156	

Total Post Engagement

December	Last Month	Last Year
876	1,282	

facebook

WCPARC

Monthly Impressions

December	Last Month	Last Year
14,250	17,749	

Total Post Engagement

December	Last Month	Last Year
776	1,273	

Instagram

Rolling Hills

Total Followers

December	Last Month	Last Year
973	976	

Top Post - Passes

How many people reacted to posts

December	Last Month	Last Year
11	N/A	

Instagram

WCPARC

Total Followers

December	Last Month	Last Year
2,349	2,345	

Top Post - Bald Eagle at Watkins Lake

How many people reacted to posts

December	Last Month	Last Year
48	98	



Digital Report - December 2021

Facebook/Instagram - Top Posts

 Washtenaw Co... Wed 12/22/2021 7:35 a...	 Washtenaw Co... Tue 12/21/2021 6:00 am...	 Washtenaw Co... Fri 12/10/2021 11:41 am...	 Independence ... Tue 12/21/2021 6:36 am...
The Carolina Wren (Thryothorus ludovicianus) seems like it's the 	Happy Solstice, Everyone! In winter everything lies dormant in the silent earth. It is a 	Our #photoambassador @kuroganeig spotted a bald eagle 🦅 at Watkins Lake. 	Thank you to everyone that came to the Almost Solstice Night Hike. If you missed the 
Total Engagements 203	Total Engagements 139	Total Engagements 94	Total Engagements 87
Reactions 100	Reactions 73	Reactions 46	Reactions 13
Comments 9	Comments 6	Comments 4	Comments 3
Shares 11	Shares 9	Shares 4	Shares 0
Post Link Clicks —	Post Link Clicks —	Post Link Clicks 2	Post Link Clicks 21
Other Post Clicks 83	Other Post Clicks 51	Other Post Clicks 38	Other Post Clicks 50



Digital Report - December 2021

Website, Newsletter, News

Website Statistics

washtenaw.org/parks

December 2021

Total Page Visits	December	Last Month	Sept. Last Year
	15,493	14,019	

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Top Pages Viewed	Views
Meri Lou Murray Rec Center	4,139
Rolling Hills	1,309
MLM - Fitness/Aquatics	1,179
Rolling Hills County Park	873
MLM - Rec Rates	752

Monthly Newsletter

WCPARC

December Newsletter via MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
6,817	2,627	238

December Newsletter non MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
1,116	N/A	

Photography

In The News

Concentrate Media

What are you most excited for in Washtenaw County in 2022?

Sarah Rigg, On the Ground Ypsilanti project manager: "I'm looking forward to seeing the completion of projects that help pedestrians and cyclists connect safely between the City of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township and improvements to the B2B Trail."



Night Hike at Indy Lake



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: January 11, 2022
RE: Project and Activities Update – December 2021

Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake

- Two programs were held as part of the Friday Night Park Program series. Yule Log making, held on December 3, reached maximum attendance with twelve families. Almost Solstice Night Hike, held December 17, welcomed more than fifty hikers. The Indy Woods paved path was lit with luminaries and lanterns for a self-guided walk.
- Staff is offering concurrent in-person and virtual yoga classes this winter, which is making it more accessible to attend.
- Maintenance staff have been preparing for winter park use.
- Staff has been focusing on administrative tasks to prepare for summer operations.
- Staff began interviews for 2022 seasonal summer employees.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- The fall session concluded on December 18. A free two-week interim session was held December 19–27 and Winter Session registration began.
- More than 100 “blessing bags” were delivered to the Delonis Center. Each bag was filled with small gifts and personal hygiene items donated by staff and patrons.
- Patrons donated three barrels of food to Food Gatherers before the Christmas holiday.

Nelson Meade County Farm Park

- The Field Operations Building driveway security gates and a spilt rail fencing adjacent to the new entry drive are in the process of being installed.

Rolling Hills Park

- Fifteen people participated a lifeguard training course held December 27-29.
- Maintenance staff have been preparing for winter park use.
- 2022 Vehicle Passes became available December 1; 90 passes were sold during December.
- Renovation of the Waterpark’s concession stand continues.

Staebler Farm Park

- Architects from The Collaborative have begun schematic design for farmhouse rehabilitation. It is anticipated that its design and cost opinions will be completed in March.
- Staff is drafting a contract for Phoenix Contractors, Inc. in Dexter for construction of the new Multipurpose Building and site amenities. A pre-construction meeting will be held mid-January.
- December MFS classes: nine classes including Blacksmithing 101, Bladesmithing, Basketry, Spooncarving, Soapmaking, and Homesteading.

Special Initiatives

Border-to-Border Trail (B2B)

- Construction of the Dexter-Chelsea trail segment (CD2), Dancer Road to Wylie Road (1.6 miles) is complete except for final restoration, which will occur in the spring.
- Chelsea Connector segment (C1) construction is complete within Veterans Park, Webber Field, and Timbertown (south of Sibley Rd). North of Sibley, the trail is graded and has stone base placed across the city-owned property. Work has been suspended until spring. The remainder of the project within the MDOT right of way up to Werkner Road will be completed in 2022.
- Gallup Park reconstruction, a partnership project led by the City of Ann Arbor, is complete except for restoration work that will be finalized in the spring.
- Engineering and permitting are in various stages of progress for the following segments:
 - o Barton-Bandemer Tunnel and Trail (Segment DAA7 - Ann Arbor)
 - o Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (Segment DAA3) and Delhi Metropark to Wagner Road (Segment DAA4)
 - o Wylie Road to Parker Road, to Mill Creek Park, Dexter (Segments CD2 and CD3)
 - o North Territorial Road to Boyce Road (Segment CS3)

Watkins Lake Trail

- Construction on the first two phases of the Watkins Lake gravel rail-trail conversion is substantially complete from Noggles to Austin roads. It is anticipated that the trail will be extended to the parking lot in Jackson County this year.

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Stewardship

- Construction of the parking lot and kiosk at Dominican Meadows Preserve is complete.
- About twenty-five acres were mowed to maintain grassland bird habitat at West Lake Preserve.
- Invasive shrubs, vines, and trees were removed high-quality woodlands in Draper-Houston Meadows, Goodrich, and Kosch Headwaters preserves.
- Staff has received permits for reconstructing the boardwalks at Draper-Houston Meadows Preserve; work will begin once freezing temperatures are present.
- Fencing has been repaired along the multi-use trail and installed along the southern boundary of the restoration at Watkins Lake Preserve.
- USFWS has completed construction of a 1.5-acre wetland at Northfield Woods Preserve. The wetland will be seeded in spring and is surrounded by 28 acres of grassland planting that was completed in spring 2021.

Interpretive Programming

- About 50 patrons participated in nature program events in December. Events included Junior Naturalist and Senior Naturalist solstice hikes, nature craft event and winter birding event.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

December 2021 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 1,184.70	\$ 2,000.72	\$ 23,118.96	\$ 26,304.38
Recreation Center	22,057.17	1,358.23	20,933.30	44,348.70
Park Maintenance	2,151.42	5,534.77	4,296.57	11,982.76
Pierce Lake Golf Course	2,351.01	1,669.52	5,856.57	9,877.10
Independence Lake	2,565.23	4,386.46	13,521.87	20,473.56
Rolling Hills	3,546.82	16,308.97	13,853.59	33,709.38
Parker Mill	347.02	-	480.00	827.02
Sharon Mills	88.58	-	2,205.88	2,294.46
Staebler Farm	236.39	162.21	175.92	574.52
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	-	-	362,419.20	362,419.20
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	425.00	425.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 34,528.34	\$ 31,420.88	\$ 447,286.86	\$ 513,236.08
Road Millage Fund	-	-	424,834.32	424,834.32
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 424,834.32	\$ 424,834.32
Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ 2,654.00	\$ 20,467.07	\$ 23,121.07
Preserve Management	-	4,990.46	951.09	\$ 5,941.55
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,721.00	\$ 1,721.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 7,644.46	\$ 23,139.16	\$ 30,783.62
	34,528.34	31,420.88	872,121.18	938,070.40
TOTAL	\$ 34,528.34	\$ 39,065.34	\$ 895,260.34	\$ 968,854.02

It was moved by _____ and supported by _____
to approve payment of claims in the amount of..... \$ 968,854.02

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

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/21)	17,612,810		100%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	7,949,931	8,451,995		106%	502,064
State Grant Funds	-	-			-
Fees & Services	3,560,000	2,398,700		67%	(1,161,300)
Interest Earnings	150,000	66,026		44%	(83,974)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>30,000</u>	<u>33,353</u>		111%	<u>3,353</u>
Total Revenue	11,689,931	10,950,073		94%	(739,858)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(6,231,847)	(5,605,842)		90%	626,005
Supplies & Other Services	(2,390,854)	(2,047,746)		86%	343,108
Internal Service Charges	(940,957)	(950,548)		101%	(9,591)
Capital					
Land Acquisition	-	-		-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(2,176,468)		70%	923,532
Contingency	(400,000)	(102,033)		26%	297,967
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(172,300)</u>	<u>(81,473)</u>		47%	<u>90,827</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,672,300)	(2,359,974)		64%	1,312,326
Transfers Out	(808,000)	(808,000)		100%	-
Total Expense	<u>(14,043,958)</u>	<u>(11,772,110)</u>		84%	2,271,848
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,354,027)	(822,037)			
Operating Reserve	(7,832,444)	(7,832,444)			
Funding Commitments (Partnerships)	<u>(2,589,546)</u>	<u>(808,000)</u>			
	(10,421,990)	(8,640,444)			
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/21)	<u>4,836,793</u>	<u>8,150,329</u>			

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

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/21)	6,662,301	100%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	3,936,536	4,210,019	107%	273,483
Federal Revenue	364,449	364,449		-
Interest Earnings	50,000	28,177	56%	(21,823)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,044</u>	101%	<u>44</u>
Total Revenue	4,355,985	4,607,689	106%	251,704
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(675,600)	(509,427)	75%	166,173
Supplies & Other Services	(332,600)	(219,297)	66%	113,303
Internal Service Charges	(22,840)	(17,272)	76%	5,568
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(3,522,005)	(2,196,605)	62%	1,325,400
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	0%	<u>5,000</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,527,005)	(2,196,605)	62%	1,330,400
Transfers Out	(7,500)	(33,950)	453%	
Total Expense	<u>(4,565,545)</u>	<u>(2,976,551)</u>	65%	1,615,444
Surplus/(Deficit)	(209,560)	1,631,138		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/21)	<u>6,452,741</u>	<u>8,293,439</u>		

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

	GATE					
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	1,487	1,273	2,225	\$ 40,770	\$ 38,190	\$ 66,750
NON-RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	178	106	216	6,840	4,770	9,720
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	12,744	4,129	9,513	76,464	24,774	57,078
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	18,904	1,621	8,777	189,040	16,210	87,770
SENIOR (DAILY)	900	240	546	2,700	720	1,638
SENIOR NON-RES. (DAILY)	624	32	267	3,744	192	1,602
GLOW GOLF DROP-IN	-	20	5	-	100	25
BUSES (DAILY)	132	-	4	3,960	-	120
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINI BUS	44	1	4	660	15	60
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>35,013</u>	<u>7,422</u>	<u>21,557</u>	<u>\$ 324,178</u>	<u>\$ 84,971</u>	<u>\$ 224,763</u>

PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:

ANNUAL	10.69%	0.076867	0.088488
DAILY	58.87%	27.45%	47.34%

WATER PARK POOL ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>123,418</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>38,778</u>	<u>\$ 1,040,014</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>	<u>\$ 402,006</u>
	123,418	4	38,778	\$ 1,040,014	\$ 48	\$ 402,006

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
DAYCAMP	1,941	-	1,759	\$ 52,405	\$ -	\$ 47,485
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	34	-	-	8,162	-	-
AQUATICS PROGRAMMING	726	-	1,453	2,731	-	4,952
DISC GOLF	4,488	3,092	3,180	8,976	6,184	6,360
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>3,481</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>1,755</u>	<u>35,080</u>	<u>10,952</u>	<u>22,216</u>
	10,670	3,958	8,147	\$ 107,354	\$ 17,136	\$ 81,013

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

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS (cont'd)						
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
FACILITY RENTALS						
WEEKDAYS	26	2	44	\$ 2,543	\$ 40	\$ 4,505
WEEKENDS	160	17	152	17,862	1,560	20,100
SOCCER FIELDS	5,289	192	192	15,200	550	550
DISC GOLF COURSE	-	-	475	-	-	950
WATERPARK SHELTERS	33	-	-	1,240	-	-
	<u>5,508</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>863</u>	<u>\$ 36,845</u>	<u>\$ 2,150</u>	<u>\$ 26,105</u>
TOBOGGANS	229	-	760	\$ 687	\$ -	\$ 2,280
CROSS COUNTRY SKIS	177	-	936	531	-	2,808
MISC. RETAIL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>\$ 1,218</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,088</u>
LOCKERS	23,002	-	5,420	\$ 5,751	\$ -	\$ 1,355
FOOD CONCESSIONS	113,264	-	42,038	226,386	-	80,216
MISCELLANEOUS	596	-	299	3,198	-	1,738
GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	44	4	4	777	478	602
	<u>136,906</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>47,761</u>	<u>\$ 236,111</u>	<u>\$ 478</u>	<u>\$ 83,911</u>
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	311,921	11,599	118,801	\$ 1,745,720	\$ 104,783	\$ 822,886

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

MEMBERSHIPS

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	1,062	395	830	\$ 222,072	\$ 73,046	\$ 95,273
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	22	6	16	6,670	2,070	1,784
S/Y/D RESIDENT	1,539	483	1,409	252,971	81,080	92,497
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	4	3	1	1,050	788	278
FAMILY RESIDENT	313	139	388	121,300	45,269	42,076
FAMILY NON-RESIDENT	2	1	3	1,480	735	767
FAMILY - ADDT'L MEMBER	20	9	11	1,268	607	214
SENIORS OVER 80	446	147	584	26,670	9,000	13,891
PERSONAL TRAINERS	19	1	12	6,235	550	1,075
MILITARY PASS	4	5	8	540	918	576
30-DAY PASS	816	480	830	35,517	19,764	37,662
SEASONAL PASS	126	-	-	9,920	-	-
REPLACEMENT PASS	-	37	9	-	37	9
SUB-TOTAL	4,373	1,706	4,101	\$ 685,692	\$ 233,864	\$ 286,102
PASS FACILITY USE	173,131	56,353	104,829			
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	0.95%	0.97%	0.76%			

DAILY ENTRIES

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	9,277	2,552	639	\$ 74,216	\$ 20,416	\$ 5,665
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	1,016	212	153	9,144	1,908	2,459
S/Y/D RESIDENT	8,149	2,122	709	48,894	12,732	4,782
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	364	105	41	2,548	735	296
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS RESIDENT	217	-	1	1,312	264	8
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	6	-	-	9	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS RESIDENT	608	-	-	3,365	756	-
SENIOR FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	18	-	-	35	14	-
DAILY PASS/GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	-	-	3	4,704	450	634
SUB-TOTAL	19,655	4,991	1,546	\$ 144,227	\$ 37,275	\$ 13,844
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	7.14%	6.35%	12.57%			

OTHER REVENUE

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
DAYCAMP	3,299	23	13	\$ 89,077	\$ 630	\$ 360
RECREATION PROGRAMS	38,336	16,389	27,989	215,084	35,060	80,179
FACILITY RENTALS	280	106	100	6,712	2,554	2,400
POOL/STUDIO/GYM	-	-	-	-	-	-
PARTY PAVILION	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISC. RETAIL	-	102	104	11,892	2,838	3,230
LOCKERS	33,102	9,068	5,600	8,276	2,267	1,400
VENDING	-	-	-	1,809	1,208	-
SUB-TOTAL	75,017	25,688	33,806	\$ 332,850	\$ 44,557	\$ 87,569

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	272,176	88,738	144,283	\$ 1,162,770	\$ 315,696	\$ 387,515

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

GREEN FEES

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
WEEKDAYS						
REGULAR - 9	943	708	780	\$ 7,483	\$ 8,028	\$ 9,316
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	525	671	666	7,532	11,325	11,151
LEAGUES - 9	4,104	2,771	3,439	65,931	47,585	58,463
REGULAR - 18	2,163	3,995	3,436	64,694	120,367	117,536
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	4,379	3,481	4,645	88,380	83,348	109,134
TWI-LIGHT	1,948	2,140	1,512	32,318	42,495	29,025
WEEKENDS						
REGULAR - 9	250	261	244	5,486	6,713	6,159
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	39	38	12	624	722	228
REGULAR - 18	3,647	3,621	5,349	121,243	129,314	194,296
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	289	252	496	7,514	7,288	14,532
TWI-LIGHT	1,295	1,390	819	29,665	35,440	20,666
EARLY BIRD - 9	58	36	35	928	684	665
MEMBERSHIPS						
ULTIMATE PACKAGE	426	523	681	9,500	14,776	26,598
WEEKDAY PACKAGE	765	1,218	1,518	9,400	10,257	14,921
WEEKEND PACKAGE	139	-	183	750	-	800
TWI-LIGHT PACKAGE	355	320	284	5,525	3,850	4,575
OUTINGS (WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS)	<u>1,176</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>35,911</u>	<u>2,668</u>	<u>28,810</u>
	22,501	21,517	24,887	\$ 492,885	\$ 524,860	\$ 646,875

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
CARTS	17,554	16,932	20,384	\$ 118,507	\$ 116,564	\$ 143,451
RENTALS	<u>66</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>390</u>
	17,620	16,960	20,423	\$ 119,167	\$ 116,844	\$ 143,841
FOOD & BEVERAGE	45,070	30,652	49,034	\$ 120,885	\$ 83,482	\$ 136,280
PRO SHOP	3,371	2,803	3,533	37,896	34,105	45,381
DISCOUNTS	-	-	-	(70,937)	(89,287)	(135,486)
VENDING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>817</u>	<u>1,299</u>	<u>1,058</u>
	48,441	33,455	52,567	\$ 88,661	\$ 29,599	\$ 47,233
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	88,562	71,932	97,877	\$ 700,713	\$ 671,303	\$ 837,950

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

	GATE					
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	996	1,060	1,345	\$ 28,920	\$ 31,800	\$ 40,350
NON-RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	176	192	345	7,380	8,640	15,525
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	5,666	5,299	6,769	33,996	31,794	40,614
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	4,920	4,565	6,848	49,200	45,650	68,480
SENIOR (DAILY)	581	524	769	1,743	1,572	2,307
SENIOR-NON RES. (DAILY)	323	262	401	1,938	1,572	2,406
BUSES (DAILY)	19	-	8	570	-	240
ANNUAL BUS	8	-	-	150	-	-
MINI BUS	20	3	10	300	45	150
ANNUAL MINI BUS	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>300</u>
	12,724	11,908	16,499	\$ 124,722	\$ 121,298	\$ 170,372
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:						
ANNUAL	15.0%	15.3%	20.4%			
DAILY	45.6%	45.3%	49.0%			

BLUE HERON BAY ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
BHB ANNUAL PASSES	132	-	12	\$ 2,388	\$ -	\$ 300
BHB DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>12,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,723</u>	<u>47,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,372</u>
	12,857	-	6,735	\$ 49,600	\$ -	\$ 27,672

BLUE HERON BAY RETAIL OPERATION

	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
FACILITY RENTALS	4	-	25	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ 925
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	15	-	-	1,541	-	-
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>
	22	-	26	\$ 1,871	\$ -	\$ 1,105
LOCKERS	143	-	-	\$ 36	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	10,229	118	7,361	21,434	125	15,755
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>39</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>83</u>
	10,411	120	7,392	\$ 21,524	\$ 175	\$ 15,838

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

	PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS					
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
DAYCAMP	1,490	6	1,960	\$ 40,217	\$ 150	\$ 52,910
DISC GOLF	333	4,871	5,408	666	9,742	10,816
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>362</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>6,602</u>	<u>6,104</u>	<u>10,892</u>
	2,185	5,226	8,203	\$ 47,485	\$ 15,996	\$ 74,618
FACILITY RENTALS						
WEEKDAYS	73	9	22	\$ 4,725	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,170
WEEKENDS	<u>86</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>10,175</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>10,340</u>
	159	43	119	\$ 14,900	\$ 5,100	\$ 12,510
ROW BOATS-HOURLY	144	-	136	\$ 720	\$ -	\$ 680
ROW BOATS-DAILY	32	-	39	640	-	780
PADDLE BOATS-1/2 HOUR	<u>449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>3,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,123</u>
	625	-	764	\$ 4,503	\$ -	\$ 5,583
FOOD CONCESSIONS	6,972	5,287	6,536	\$ 11,876	\$ 10,739	\$ 14,910
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>33</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>102</u>
	7,005	5,308	6,551	\$ 12,006	\$ 10,851	\$ 15,012
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	45,988	22,605	46,289	\$ 276,611	\$ 153,420	\$ 322,709



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: January 11, 2022
Re: County Farm Park and MLM Recreation Center Paving Projects – Change Order Recommendation

Background

In August last year, the Commission awarded a contract to Best Asphalt, Inc. for the expansion and reconstruction of parking lots at Nelson Meade County Farm Park and Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center, a new entry drive to the Field Operations building, and reconstruction of the pathway along Washtenaw Avenue. Work began in September and progressed on schedule throughout the following weeks. However, unfavorable weather and unforeseen site conditions created several delays in getting these projects fully completed this fall. Outstanding work to be finished spring of 2022 include restoration grading, seeding, and the full reconstruction of pathway on Washtenaw Avenue. All sites are currently open to full use by park patrons.

Discussion

While work was underway on these projects, several unforeseen conditions were encountered. Within the existing County Farm/Administration parking lot, unsuitable soils were discovered under a large portion of the northern parking area. Therefore, these poor soils required removal, disposal off-site, and replacement with specified stone materials. Additionally, it was originally planned to retain the existing asphalt surfaces within all parking areas and install an overlay of new asphalt. However, due to significant deterioration, it was determined that all these materials should be removed and replaced to extend service life of the new products.

While expansion of the Recreation Center parking lot was under way, staff requested that the entire facility's existing parking lot surface be seal coated and re-stripped. Seal coating had not been performed in several years and given the facility was being closed for excavation work during a 24-hour period, it made sense to get this done now. The contractor executed this seal coating at an additional \$11,500 unexpected expense to the contract. Furthermore, the driveway surface area adjacent to already scheduled work was in very poor condition and needed replacement to properly complete the project in this area. This was also added at an additional cost.

The Commission included a 10% (\$62,900) contingency in their awarded contract to Best Asphalt, Inc. in August. Nevertheless, the costs to achieve all the required revision exceeds this amount by an additional \$47,619.37. The additional costs for all the above revisions and additions are based on unit pricing that was competitively bid as part of the original contract. The improvements contribute to a better product for the Commission's investment and the new infrastructure should provide suitable service life performance for the next 20 to 25 years.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission approve Change Order No.1 to Best Asphalt, Inc. for a \$110,519.37 increase and establish a new contract total of \$739,612.87.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: January 11, 2022
Re: 2022 Regional Conservation Partnership Program ACEP-ALE Grant applications

Background

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) awards matching grant funds up to 50% of the appraised fair market value of conservation easements on prime farmland up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 per acre. Anticipated deadlines for grants are in March.

Discussion

In September 2021, ALPAC identified several nominated properties as top priorities for preservation. The highest ranked properties were also considered for potential applications to grant programs for matching funds. ALPAC recommended applying for grant funds for three properties, detailed below. WCPARC will be using the newest USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) in which WCPARC is a partner, described in the September 2020 Commission packet, which has allocated ACEP funds to participants. To summarize, although WCPARC must submit RCPP ACEP-ALE grant applications for these individual properties, the awards are already generally guaranteed.

Property	Location	Acres	Est. FMV	Est. Grant Request	Est. Partner Funds	Est. NAPP Commitment
Weidmayer, K. #2	Freedom	63.5	\$158,750	\$79,375	\$0	\$79,375
DeForest Salem	Salem	126	\$957,600	\$478,800	\$0	\$478,800
Bristle	Freedom	109	\$272,500	\$136,250	\$0	\$136,250

While discussions have been had with the landowners about the conservation easement arrangement (e.g. building envelopes, land divisions, etc.), the maps and acres shown here do not necessarily represent the final easement configurations. The Commission will review more finalized easement arrangements when staff request approval to enter sales contracts.

Recommendation

Based on the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee and staff review of the properties, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission apply for matching grant funds to the USDA-NRCS RCPP ACEP-ALE program for the Weidmayer K #2, DeForest Salem, and Bristle properties as detailed above.

Attachments

Weidmayer, K 2 Property: Local Area Aerial

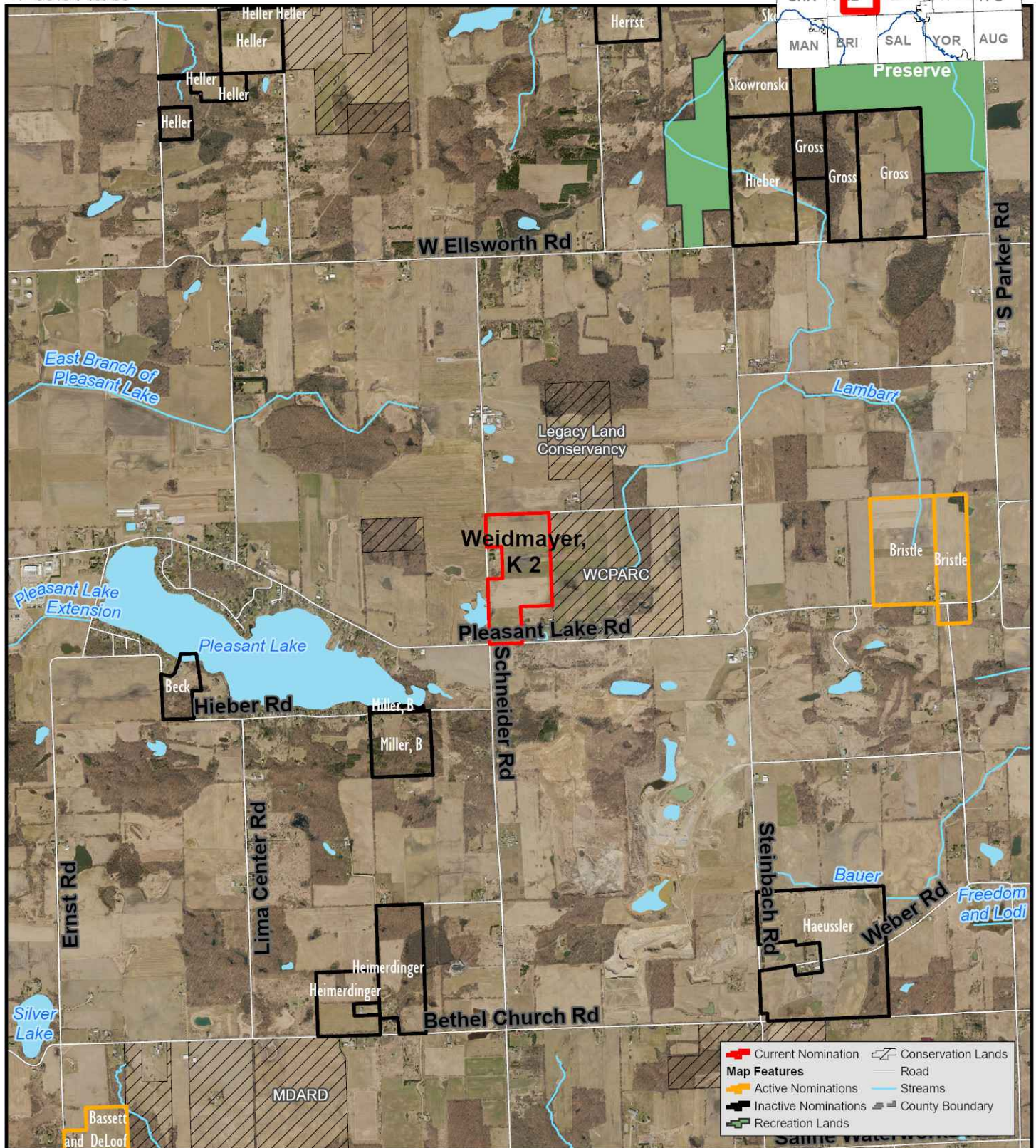
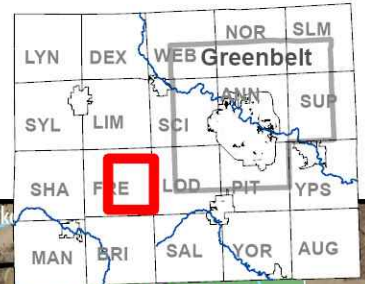
Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID:A21.147

Freedom Township

+/-63.5 Acres

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Locator Map



DeForest Salem Property: Local Area Aerial

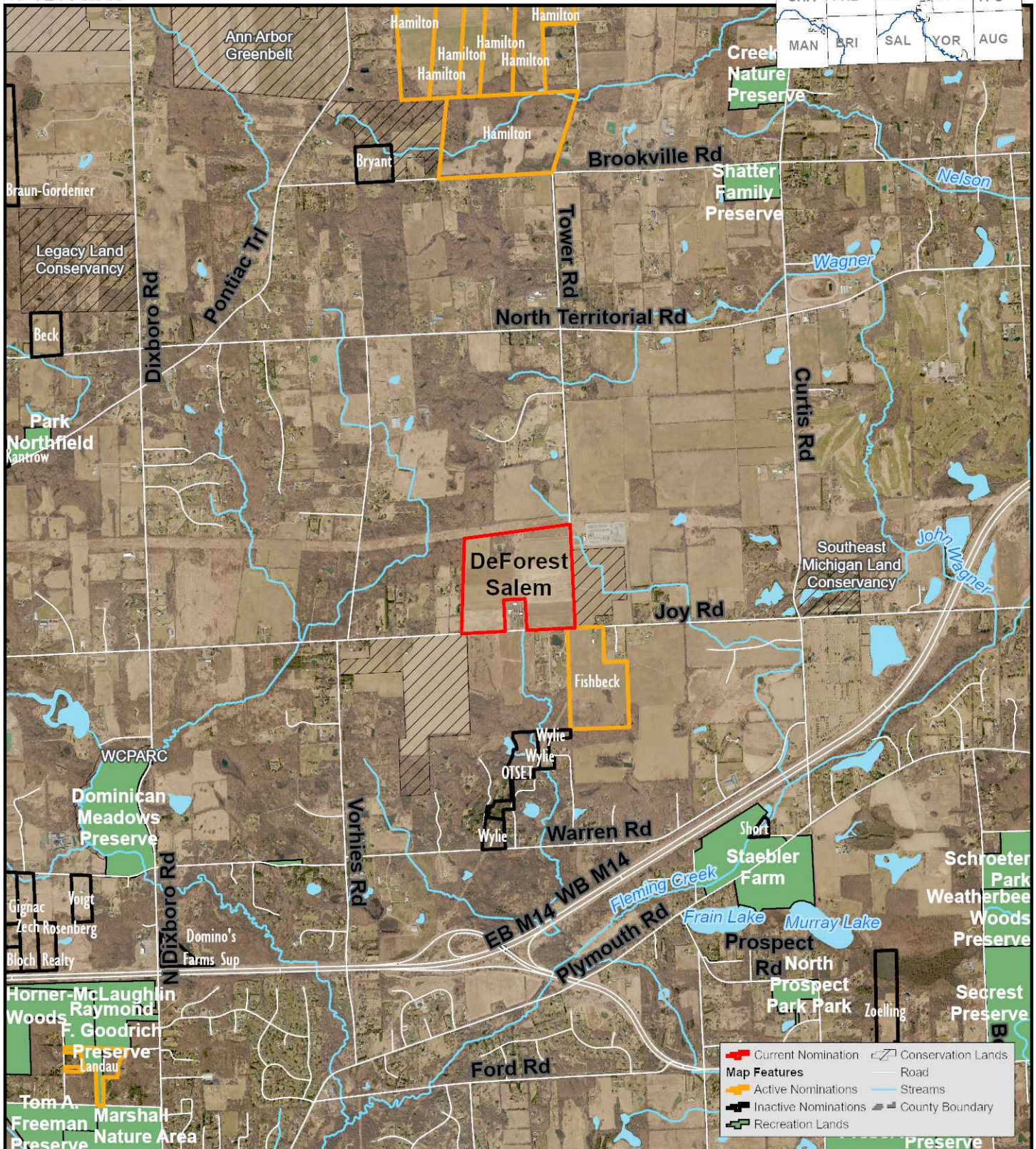
Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID: A20.138

Salem Township

+/-126 Acres

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Locator Map



Bristle Property: Local Area Aerial

Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID:A21.145

Freedom Township

+/-109 Acres

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Locator Map

