



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Date: August 15, 2022

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Parks Administration Building, 2230 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes**
 - I. June 14, 2022 Meeting (attached, pp. 1-4 /action item)
 - B. Communications, Projects & Activities** (attached, pp. 5-63 /action item)
 - C. Financial & Recreation Reports – June & July 2022**
 - I. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 64-69 /action item)
 - II. Recreation Reports (attached, pp. 70-83 /action item)
 - D. Old Business**
 - I. Phase II Concessions Project at Rolling Hills (attached, pp. 84-85 /action item)
 - E. New Business**
 - I. Toro Equipment Package – Pierce Lake Golf Course (attached, pp. 86-87 /action item)
- 5. Commissioners / Directors Comments**
- 6. Adjournment**

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: June 14, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI

Members Present: Patricia Scribner, WCPARC President, Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President; Ricky Jefferson; JoAnn McCollum, Sue Shink, Robert Joerg, Robert Marans and Evan Pratt.

Members Absent: Dan Ezekiel, Secretary and Brenda McKinney,

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director (attending remotely); Ginny Leikam, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration (attending remotely); Ann Ziolkowski, Communications Manager; Michelle Billard, Corp. Counsel; Michael Auten, Assistant Corp. Counsel; Hannah Cooley, Management Analyst; Rosie Pahl Donaldson, Park Planner (attending remotely); Peter Sanderson, Project Manager.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Scribner called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 10, 2022 regular meeting were included with the agenda material.

It was moved by Mr. Joerg and seconded by Ms. Bobrin to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022, regular meeting. All ayes, the motion was approved.

4. Public Comment

Jeff Sweeney, Superior Township resident, addressed the commission with several questions regarding Swift Run Dog park. He mentioned folks are waiting to hear results from the water test. He wondered if the County could spray for ticks and asked when will other side be open? He asked if information could be posted outside of park? He also noted that the cutting of grass seems inconsistent this year.

5. Closed Session to discuss current litigation

Moved by Pratt, seconded by McCollum to move to closed session. Roll Call Vote was taken. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:06 PM.

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Shink to reconvene the meeting at 2:17 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Communications, Projects & Activities

Mr. Vaughn reported on the May communications which were included in the packet and provided a presentation summarizing the projects, programs, and events for the month.

Commission Shink complimented Ryan Heynard's photo work as one of our photo ambassadors.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Ms. Shink to accept and file the Communications, Projects & Activities for the month of May 2022, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

7. Financial & Recreation Reports – May 2022

A. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on the financials and stated that the total for the claims for the month of May was \$921,740.48. He also provided an update on the Parks fund and NAPP funds.

It was moved by Mr. Marans and seconded by Ms. Bobrin to accept and file the Financial Reports for the month of May 2022 as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

B. Recreation Reports

Mr. Brooks presented the Recreation Reports for the month of May 2022 for all park facilities.

Mr. Marans asked if Diane Carr has seen the numbers and if so, what innovations are being proposed to boost attendance and membership. Mr. Vaughn noted items are included in her workplan and she is meeting with Jason Brooks regularly.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Mr. Marans to accept and file the Recreation Reports for the month of May 2022 as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

8. Old Business

A. NAPP Outreach Opportunities

Ms. Pahl Donaldson provided an overview of outreach discussions from both NATAC and ALPAC. She noted these are consistent with the Commission's scoring and direction. Staff plan to start to send letters out to top priorities this summer and fall.

Commissioner McCollum asked how ALPAC plans to find and outreach to African American Farmers. Staff noted there are several partners that will assist with this outreach included NRCS and Conservation District who provide support to farmers in the County.

B. Other Old Business

None.

9. New Business

A. B2B Wayfinding Contract Award

Mr. Sanderson provided an overview of process for designing wayfinding along the entire B2B for consistency and branding. The Border to Border Trail (B2B Trail) has changed significantly since the last major sign update in 2008. Since then, WCPARC and its partners have redefined the boundaries of the trail and expanded it by nearly 20 miles. Many of the older trail signs across the county are showing their age and are in various states regarding condition and up to date information. None of the signs show the expanded definition of the B2B Trail from Dexter to Chelsea and on to Stockbridge.

Staff and our partners have been working to redevelop and reimagine the county-wide wayfinding system to create something that is branded, uniform, intuitive, and effective. In summary, the wayfinding plan consists of three main elements (see attachment):

1. Primary Orientation Nodes – four to six planned across the county at major trailhead access points. i.e. Robert Tetens Trailhead, Gallup Park, and Depot Town
2. Secondary Orientation Nodes – 15 to 20 planned across the county at key intersections and access locations. i.e. the B2B Trail at the Allen Creek Berm Opening project in Ann Arbor
3. Tertiary Wayfinding Elements – hundreds across the county to provide regular, intuitive, quick references to navigate the trail using a destination-based system, mile markers, confidence markers. Includes a QR code system to reference an on-line map for real time GPS location.

Commissioner Joerg asked how many primary orientation nodes are proposed. Staff responded 3-4 and proposed but only installing 1 right now. Staff and partners are still looking at partners and trail alignment. Commissioner Joerg followed up asking since material costs going up, why not ask now for quote and lock us into pricing. Staff responded that they will review. Commissioner Marans asked about the possibility of digital signs. Staff responded that most places do not have power, so alternative power via solar or extending power to the site would need to be done, which can be cost prohibitive. Mr. Vaughn noted staff have looked at them for other facilities.

Moved by Mr. Marans, seconded by Ms. Bobrin to authorize a contract to be executed with Penchura to fabricate and install wayfinding signs for the Border to Border Trail in the amount not to exceed \$316,300 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$31,630. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Other New Business

None.

10. Commissioners/Directors Comments

Mr. Vaughn provided an update on the east side recreation center. Partners are still working on location for the recreation center, but were 8-10 sites on list, which have been narrowed down to one site of old Cheney Middle School site which meets many elements of the selection criteria. The site is a 20-acre site and partners are looking at the portion that does not have the school building. The partners are starting discussions with Ypsilanti schools.

Commissioner Joerg asked how long are earmarks valid for the project. Staff noted, we are still trying to figure out. Dingell came to meeting and was part of the discussion. Hoping to still use funds for acquisition and potential demo of building if needed.

Commissioner McCollum noted she walked B2B in Ypsilanti's Hydro Park and it was beautiful.

Commissioner Marans inquired about the Learn to Swim program at Rutherford pool. Mr. Vaughn explained that he has worked with Metroparks to fund learn to swim at Rutherford. HCMA providing funding 100% this year and provide scholarships and equipment. WCPARC will provide funding next year. Details will come back to commission.

Commissioner Scribner recognized Mary Robinson, the seasonal horticulturist for parks and her hard work on the gardens at CFP.

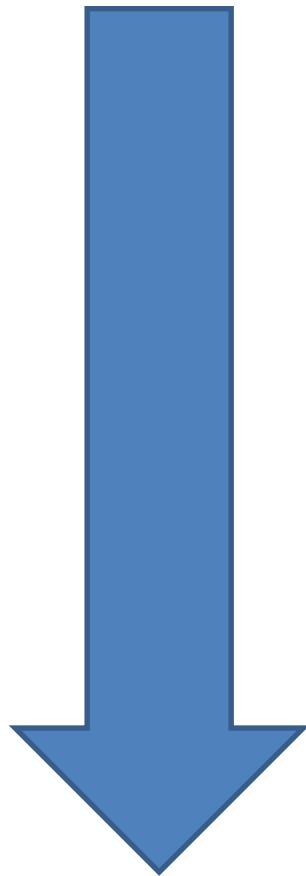
Commissioner Shink informed the Commission she was recently appointed to Tillers International board. Think there is room for connection with WCPARC.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

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

Communications, Projects & Activities





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June 6th, 2022

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Committee
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Dear Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Committee (WCPARC),

Congratulations on being recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties!

The NACo's Achievement Award is a nationally recognized and competitive award that demonstrates the dedication that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has shown to promoting sustainability and serving the community. There is no doubt that WCPARC will continue excelling in its commitment to benefitting the people, plants, and animals of Washtenaw County. I look forward to hearing more about the NAPP program and all of the other beneficial and exciting initiatives that the WCPARC has in store.

Once again, congratulations on being recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (517) 373-0828 or at DonnaLasinski@house.mi.gov.

Sincerely,

Donna Lasinski
House Democratic Leader
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Congratulations!

Meghan E. Bonfiglio

From: Coy Vaughn
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Julie Sigda; Julie Shoner
Cc: Meghan E. Bonfiglio
Subject: Phone Call - BHB

Importance: High

Hi Julie & Julie,

I just received a phone call from a woman that wanted to talk to the Director about an experience she had at BHB over the weekend – of course I was bracing for the worse. However, she just wanted to express how grateful she was for our excellent staff. She said her son (who is epileptic) had a minor injury and needed attention. The manager on duty was very attentive and caring of her child and his special needs. Then before she left more staff including all the lifeguards came to check on him and express their concern. She said that it was the best service that she has experienced anywhere in the last few years. Way to go team! Please pass this on to everyone involved.

Thanks for all you do!

Coy



Coy Vaughn

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Title IX Plaza Coming to Dexter-Huron Metropark



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**Rendering of Title IX Plaza
Located at Dexter-Huron Metropark adjacent to the Border-to-Border Trail**

From Washtenaw Co Parks & Rec

A new plaza is planned in Washtenaw County which will highlight the accomplishments of local women and the impact of Title IX legislation. Launching later this year and aligned with the 50th anniversary of Title IX, the Title IX Plaza will be located at Dexter-Huron Metropark adjacent to the Border-to-Border Trail.

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative are collaborating on this project and looking for stories to feature in the plaza.

The mission of the Title IX Plaza is to tell the story of this transformational legislation and the local women who helped break down barriers for women's participation in sports, igniting a much broader social movement for gender equity.

Visitors to the plaza will learn how Title IX became a catalyst for equity and inclusion in sport, and how it spurred a great social movement of gender equity and inclusion. The interactive environment and immersive experience allow visitors, in particular young girls and women, to envision themselves in places of triumph and achievement.

Elements, stories, and imagery within the Plaza will reflect the diversity of Washtenaw County reinforcing equitable access to recreation and a meaningful experience for all regardless of background.

The three organizations are reaching out to the community to solicit names of women who represent the scope and impact of Title IX. It is their hope to locate several dozen women to interview for this project and ultimately feature many of them in the Title IX Plaza.

Specifically, they are looking for stories of women who:

- Faced barriers to participation in sports.
- Are connected to Washtenaw County or Southeast Michigan.
- Were active in sports prior to Title IX (1972) and/or benefited from Title IX's passage.
- Participated in Title IX sports at their local school or university.
- Made contributions beyond competing—in coaching, leadership, advocacy, etc.

If you know someone who meets this criteria, submit this brief form by June 22, 2022,

<https://forms.gle/2NNSX8zowQ8mSnWo8> or email Ann Ziolkowski at ziolkowskia@washtenaw.org with contact information.

The project is expected to break ground later this fall.

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‘Title IX Plaza’ in Ann Arbor-area park to tell untold stories of local women in sports

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A conceptual rendering shows the proposed Title IX Plaza in the Dexter-Huron Metropark next to the Washtenaw County Border-to-Border Trail, meant to honor the legacy of the 1972 legislation prohibiting sex-based discrimination in any school or educational program receiving federal funding, according to the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission

By [Lucas Smolcic Larson | lsmolciclaron@mlive.com](mailto:lsmolciclaron@mlive.com)

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI - As the 50th anniversary of Title IX approaches, a new initiative in an Ann Arbor-area park intends to highlight the accomplishments of local athletes and the history of the landmark federal gender equity legislation that paved the way for greater participation in sports for women.

Planners with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, Huron-Clinton Metroparks and Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative are working together to launch a “Title IX Plaza” along the Border-to-Border Trail in the Dexter-Huron Metropark, located along the Huron River near Dexter, officials said.

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Along the way, they’re seeking the “untold stories” of women connected to Washtenaw County or southeast Michigan who “represent the scope and impact” of [the 37-word Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972](#), which explicitly prohibited discrimination “on the basis of sex” in any educational program receiving federal funding.

While the law doesn’t mention athletics in any capacity and applies to a wide range of programs, [women’s participation in sports has grown exponentially](#) in the decades since its passing.



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Parks planners hope the new plaza will let visitors learn how Title IX became a “catalyst” for equity in sport, while spurring a greater social movement for gender inclusion, the news released states, detailing plans for an “immersive experience” with women’s stories, images and other elements.

Read more: [Investing in girls’ sports will help more women become leaders, Michigan task force says](#)

The organizations behind the project hope to interview several dozen women and feature many of them in the installation.

They're looking specifically for women who are connected to the area, faced barriers to participation in sports, were active in athletics prior to 1972 and benefited from Title IX's passage, participated in Title IX sports at a school or university or made contributions beyond competing, like in coaching, leadership or advocacy.

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[An online form](#) from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission lets residents share their own stories or nominate others.

Parks officials ask those who are interested to submit a response by June 22.

The Title IX Plaza project is expected to break ground at Dexter-Huron Metropark in the fall, officials said.

More from The Ann Arbor News:

[What's new for Washtenaw County's Border-to-Border Trail? See the latest plans](#)

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Planned Title IX Plaza in Dexter will spotlight stories of local women in sports

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A rendering of the planned Title IX Plaza.

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC), in collaboration with Huron-Clinton Metroparks and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative, is seeking inspiring stories of local women in sports to feature in a planned plaza at Dexter-Huron Metropark in Dexter.

Throughout the plaza, WCPARC plans to spotlight several stories that represent the impact of Title IX, which outlawed discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded program, on women's sports since it was passed into law 50 years ago. The plaza will include eight "primary nodes" featuring the stories of eight women whose contributions to the sports world helped break down barriers for women's participation in sports, alongside a number of "secondary nodes" featuring

additional stories and historical information.

“The goal for the plaza will be for visitors to learn how Title IX became a catalyst for equity and inclusion, and how it spurred a great social movement of gender equity and inclusion,” says WCPARC communications manager Ann Ziolkowski.

The project began with a grant from the family of Karen McKeachie, a renowned Ann Arbor-based triathlete who was struck and killed by a vehicle while cycling in Lima Township in 2016.

The first woman to compete on the Dexter High School track team, McKeachie herself had a long history of breaking down barriers and defying expectations in the sports world. McKeachie once defiantly wore a homemade University of Michigan (U-M) jersey to a cross-country nationals event after her coach said she couldn't represent U-M. That jersey is now displayed in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in Lansing, and Ziolkowski says McKeachie will be one of the athletes featured in the plaza. However, Ziolkowski says, McKeachie's family "doesn't want just the emphasis specifically on her."

"They wanted it to be very much inclusive of women throughout the county that were instrumental in the impact of Title IX," Ziolkowski says.

The goal, says Ziolkowski, is for visitors to understand what Title IX "has meant to women in our county, as well as nationally and globally."

WCPARC has extended its call for story submissions through Friday, June 24. Those interested in submitting a story can do so here.

Sabine Bickford Brown is a freelance writer and editor based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She can be reached at sabinebickfordbrown@gmail.com.

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B2B Construction Update for New Huron River Dr. Segment



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Construction will soon begin to extend the B2B trail east from Zeeb and Huron River to Delhi Metropark. Photo by Doug Marrin.

By Doug Marrin, STN Reporter

Good news B2B users! The Washtenaw County Road Commission has announced construction will begin soon for the next segment of the B2B Trail (Border to Border Trail) along Huron River Drive near Dexter.

The new section D3 of the popular shared pathway will extend from where the trail currently ends at Zeeb Road and Huron River Drive for 1.1 miles to a previously completed section at Delhi Metropark.



The B2B Trail along Huron River Drive is a scenic route with two river crossings. Photo by Doug Marrin.

The trail will be on the south side of Huron River Dr and within the road and railroad rights-of-way before crossing the Huron River and entering Delhi Metropark. The trail work includes grading, paving of an asphalt trail, construction of retaining walls, installing a pedestrian bridge over the Huron River, turf restoration and plantings, and other related improvements.

After months of working through a complex design and permitting process, the WCRC expects the contractor to begin earthwork in the coming weeks.

The Border-to-Border Trail is so named because it will traverse Washtenaw County for 35 miles from Jackson to Wayne counties. The new segment along Huron River Drive will connect Delhi and Hudson Mills Metroparks with about eight miles of trail. This section is the next step in creating a shared pathway from Dexter to Ann Arbor.



B2B Trail map. The circled area is where the new construction will take place along Huron River Drive. Image courtesy of Washtenaw Co Parks & Rec.

Dexter is an intersection of two legs of the B2B. The northern route goes to Hudson Mills with plans to extend it to Pinckney, where it will connect with the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail. The western course is under development and will connect with Chelsea when completed. The B2B will eventually join Chelsea to Stockbridge, intersecting with the Lakelands trail, creating a 40-mile loop of shared pathway once all construction is completed.

Regarding the new section near Dexter, the WCRC stated in a release, “Initially, there will not be any significant impact to motorists, most of the pathway construction will take place away from the road. However, later this year, there will be brief closures on Zeeb Rd near Huron River Dr and Huron River Dr between Preserve Dr and Greenook Dr as we install two crossroad culverts. We will post an advisory in advance of these closures.”

Due to the complexity of this construction, the pathway is expected to take more than a year to complete.

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What's new for Washtenaw County's Border-to-Border Trail? See the latest plans

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A conceptual rendering from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission shows what new "primary orientation nodes" along the Border-to-Border Trail, proposed for installation in the coming years at key Parks and Recreation Commission

By [Lucas Smolcic Larson | lsmolciclaron@mlive.com](#)

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI - For years expansions to the Border-to-Border Trail have steadily linked Washtenaw County landmarks with paved pathways for cyclists and pedestrians and 2022 is no different.

This year, construction on a segment linking all three Huron-Clinton Metroparks in the county, progress on connecting Chelsea and Dexter and the beginnings of the first major signage update in nearly 15 years are all on tap.

The 35-mile network of 10-foot-wide accessible pathways runs along the Huron River and is also intended to connect western Washtenaw County cities with Stockbridge and the existing Lakelands Trail.

Border to Border trail - C...

Route status

- ☐ CURRENTLY EXISTS
- ☐ CONSTRUCTION START 2022
- ☐ FINAL ENGINEERING (2023-24 START)
- ☐ PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
- ☐ ALIGNMENT STUDY
- ☐ P = PARKING



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Many of the segments planned for construction this year are west of Ann Arbor, according to [a map of planned progress on trail linkages](#).

Among the projects is a planned pathway between Zeeb Road and the Delhi Metropark in Scio Township, slated to begin construction in July, according to Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Project Manager Peter Sanderson, the lead planner on the B2B project.

The segment, which will likely open next summer, will connect Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron and Delhi Metroparks with paved pathways and get the B2B Trail more than halfway between Dexter and Ann Arbor, where the route currently runs on Huron River Drive for a significant portion, Sanderson said.

This year between Dexter and Chelsea, trail planners are also extending the most recently completed section of trail — 1.6 miles between Dancer and Wylie roads in Lima Township — east toward Dexter another 2,000 feet, Sanderson said.

Construction is expected to be completed in the fall, and parking will remain difficult on the Dexter-Chelsea corridor until the two cities are fully connected, officials said.

Trail work this year is also slated to connect downtown Chelsea with an existing pathway now accessible from the trailhead at Lyndon Township Hall, looping together 6.3 miles of trail in the M-52 corridor.

County parks officials are working with the City of Chelsea and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative on the segment, which will likely be completed sometime this summer, with the exception of a 100-foot gap that must remain until a culvert can be installed in the fall or next spring, Sanderson said.

In the fall, officials also intend to begin construction on an extension further north from the Lyndon Township trailhead on North Territorial Road toward Stockbridge, Sanderson said. That segment will add 1.6 miles reaching Boyce Road.



A conceptual rendering from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission shows what new "secondary orientation nodes" along the Border-to-Border Trail, proposed for installation in the coming years at some access points and trail junctions, could look like. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

Wayfinding improvements slated to bring hundreds of signs, information kiosks

The last time signage on the B2B trail was updated was 2008, Sanderson said. Since then, officials have added 20 miles of pathways and redefined the scope of the project to also encompass the Dexter-Chelsea corridor and planned route to Stockbridge, he said.

The trail is due for a major wayfinding update, and that could get underway this year, as officials have designed three navigational tools of varying sizes.

Some of them are “primary orientation nodes,” large kiosks with a full map, trail rules and information at [major access points to the trail](#), with the Lyndon Township Hall trailhead slated to receive the first one, Sanderson said.

“Think about it as where you would tell someone from out-of-town to go to access the trail,” he said of the kiosks planned for four to six access points in total.

In addition, between 15 and 20 secondary navigation points are planned, similar to the map stations that are currently at parts of the trail. They’ll be located at secondary access points or key trail junctions, Sanderson said, giving the example of where the B2B Trail [connects with the Matthaei Botanical Gardens Trail](#) at the Parker Mill County Park.

County parks planners also plan to replace hundreds of small trail markers currently on the trail with similar signs that add mile makers and also QR codes for trail users to scan and open up a digital map.



Conceptual examples of wayfinding signs planned for the Washtenaw County Border-to-Border Trail would show distances to landmarks along the trail, mileage and also provide QR codes for trail users to access a digital map. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission will [consider the trail improvements](#) at its meeting on [Tuesday, June 14](#).

While officials hope to get underway with installing the signage in 2022, the full roll-out will likely take place over several years, Sanderson said.

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B2B Trail Groundbreaking Zeeb Rd. - Delhi Metropark Segment



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From WCPARC

On July 14, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC), the Huron Clinton Metropark Authority (HCMA), and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony at Delhi Metropark for the much-anticipated Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark segment of the Border To Border Trail (B2B Trail). Representatives from WCPARC, HCMA, HWPI, MDOT, the Washtenaw County Road Commission, city and state officials, and community supporters were invited to mark the occasion.

This new segment will add 1.4 miles to the B2B Trail extending from Zeeb Road to East Delhi Road along Huron River Dr. Included in this mile is the fourth B2B Trail bridge crossing over the Huron River. Coy Vaughn, WPARC Director explained that these beautiful bridge crossings, while challenging and expensive, are part of the reason why these segments of trail are so special. Once complete, this extension will connect a total of 4.4 miles of continuous trail from Delhi Metropark into downtown Dexter, and will link all three Metroparks within Washtenaw County along the B2B Trail.



central themes of the event – and
success story has happened because
our eyes on the goal,” said



Patricia Scribner, President, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.
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Amy McMillan, Huron-Clinton Metroparks Director, added, “This type of project could never happen by the efforts of one agency, whether it is the Metroparks, or the Washtenaw County Parks, [or] the fundraising that HWPI has done in making this project a model across the entire country.”

B2B Trail construction continues at a rapid pace with active projects between Dexter and Chelsea and west of Chelsea towards Stockbridge.

For more information about the Border to Border Trail visit b2btrail.org.

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Pedestrian safety efforts earn Ypsilanti Michigan's second walk friendly community label

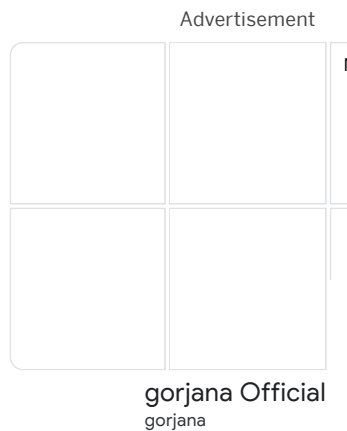
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YPSILANTI, MI - Ypsilanti's commitment to create safe and pedestrian-friendly environments has led to it becoming the second Michigan city to receive a "Walk Friendly Community" certification from a national organization.

The [program](#), operated by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center, [requires cities that apply to report](#) levels of pedestrian fatalities and injuries, how frequently residents walk to work and a range of information on planning and policies for sidewalks, bike lanes and other non-motorized infrastructure.



The group recognized Ypsilanti this year at [the silver certification level](#), the city officials said, marking the first time it has been ranked, after previously only earning honorable mention from the Walk Friendly Communities program.

Ypsilanti joins Ann Arbor, which has gold-level recognition, on the list of communities across the nation certified since 2011, according to [the program website](#). Lansing also is listed as an honorable mention.



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The [program recognized Ypsilanti](#) for being a city where 95% of residents live within a five-minute walk from a public transit stop and a 10-minute walk from a park, as well as officials' efforts to develop and update [a Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan](#).

The plan, refreshed last year, includes "aggressive targets," like increasing the proportion of residents who walk or bike for transportation to 40% by 2025, the Walk Friendly Communities organization noted.

The document also calls for eliminating all pedestrian and cyclist traffic fatalities and serious injuries by the same year.

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Ypsilanti has partnered with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission on several recent projects aimed at making the city more walkable, Ypsilanti officials said.

Among them are [Border-to-Border Trail projects in Frog Island Park](#) and an the creation of a [non-motorized crossing over I-94 for the B2B Trail on Grove Road](#).

Another long-held goal of city officials meant to boost pedestrian safety — a pathway over I-94 into Ypsilanti Township on the Huron/Hamilton Street bridge — is currently under construction as part of a large MDOT project focusing on reconstructing parts of M-17 that run through the city.

That two-year project will also bring lane reduction and bike lanes to several one-way sections of Washtenaw Avenue, Hamilton Street and Huron Street.

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Pedestrian crossing upgrades are also built into the plan and will come as part of [a planned \\$4-million reconstruction of North Huron River Drive](#) between Cornell and Leforge Roads, slated to add new sidewalk and improve existing walkways.

City residents working to make Ypsilanti a safer place for pedestrians said they were gratified to be recognized for their efforts, though there is still room to improve.

“The award is like a big hug from a mentor for a job well done,” Bob Krzewinski, chair of the city’s [Non-Motorized Advisory Committee](#), said in a statement.

“At the same time, it is also like having that mentor telling you your future looks great if you keep working hard and pursue your dreams,” he said. “We’ll keep working to achieve that gold.”

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New Border to Border Trail segment breaks ground in Scio Township

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The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative officially broke ground on a new segment of the B2B Trail at Delhi Metropark on July 14.

A new segment of the Border to Border (B2B Trail) has broken ground, connecting Delhi Metropark to Zeeb Road in Scio Township.

The new segment will add just over a mile to the current B2B Trail, including the trail's fourth bridge over the Huron River, and solidify a long stretch of trail extending east from downtown Dexter. The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) officially broke ground on the segment at Delhi Metropark on July 14. In an email interview, HWPI Executive Director Kiff Hamp

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says HWPI has funded about 30-40% of the B2B project, with other support coming from local millages as well as county, state, and federal funding.

Beyond financial contributions, HWPI also has been working to expand volunteer programs to get Washtenaw County residents involved in the project. Hamp says HWPI is launching a new Trail Ambassador Volunteer Program in pilot form next month. He says the program will include three to four volunteers who will serve as the "eyes and ears of the trail," providing information to trail users and supporting light trail maintenance.

HWPI aims to connect Washtenaw County not only through volunteer programs, but also through a physical connection stretching from Ypsilanti Township to west of Chelsea.

"The B2B Trail will quite literally link the entire county from east to west," Hamp says.

While there is no official completion date for the B2B, Hamp estimates the project should be completed within the next three to five years.

More information on the B2B, as well as a map of currently accessible trails, is available [here](#).

Rylee Barnsdale is a Michigan native and longtime Washtenaw County resident. She wants to use her journalistic experience from her time at Eastern Michigan University writing for the Eastern Echo to tell the stories of Washtenaw County residents that need to be heard.

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\$1.7M from state will help finish pathway near Ann Arbor, fund road paving project

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The Zeeb Road non-motorized pathway close to where it begins near the Scio Township Hall. Lucas Smolcic Larson | lsmolciclaron@mlive.com

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI - Scio Township is in line for another significant boost from state coffers to help local road and pathway infrastructure projects.

On Tuesday, July 26, state Rep. Donna Lasinski, who serves as the Democratic House minority leader in Lansing and lives in the township, told local officials she had secured \$1.7 million for the final phase of the Zeeb Road pathway project connecting the non-motorized route to the Washtenaw County Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail and a separate project helping to pave Park Road.

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The state dollars follow a similar \$1.5-million infusion secured by Lasinski last year for the Zeeb pathway and a pedestrian safety project where Zeeb Road crossed I-94, which is still in development.

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“One of my personal passions in communications with neighbors and others has been to connect us,” Lasinski, who is on the last year of her third and final term in the Michigan House, told the township board. “It’s really important that we have alternative ways to transport ourselves around our township.”

The state lawmaker said she and her staff surveyed the communities she represents for projects that would benefit from state support, also taking into account feedback from constituents. The two Scio projects were the ones that she was able to fund successfully in budget negotiations, Lasinski said.

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer gave a final OK to the \$76 billion budget for fiscal year 2023, the largest in Michigan’s history, at a Detroit baseball field on July 20, with Lasinski watching over her shoulder as it was signed.

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It will send \$900,000 for the [fifth and northernmost phase](#) of the paved route along Zeeb Road for pedestrians and cyclists, where the pathway will have to cross the Huron River with a pedestrian bridge and traverse the railroad to link into the B2B Trail, [a new segment of which is currently under construction between Zeeb Road and the Delhi Metropark](#).

Finishing the Zeeb pathway — which has a fourth phase under construction now — will cost roughly \$3 million, hopefully completed with a combination of federal funds the township is applying for, a county grant and the township's parks and pathways millage, according to Lasinski.

Scio Township, which includes suburban areas west of Ann Arbor, is one of Michigan's few growth areas, the legislator added, underscoring the importance of transportation beyond cars.

"We look at a lot of parts of Michigan — central, mid and northern Michigan — that are not growing, that are withering, that don't have job opportunities, that don't have employment opportunities. We are a bright spot in our state," she said.

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Also included in the state budget is an \$800,000 earmark for improvements to Park Road in the township, including paving and extending pedestrian infrastructure west of Zeeb Road.

There, the well-traveled dirt road is sandwiched between the Arbor Pointe and Country French Estates subdivisions and has long been targeted for improvements, according to Scio Township Supervisor Will Hathaway.

The developer behind the Trailwoods of Ann Arbor subdivision, being built along Staebler and Park roads, plans to pave the areas along their development, also extending a pathway near the Jackson Road Menards home improvement store south to Park Road, he said.

That would leave a short section between Cedar Ridge Drive and Zeeb Road unpaved, and the state funding would help fill the gap while also extending the pathway, according to the supervisor.

It's not enough to cover the entire project, though. "We're looking at all funding options. This money from the state makes this in some ways an easier problem to solve, but at the same time we're watching costs for construction go up," Hathaway said.

During Tuesday's meeting, Scio Trustee Kathleen Knol, who sits on the township's Roads Advisory Committee, pointed out the group has discussed the project only generally and had heard "pros and cons" from residents on the paving effort.

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"I think we need to be mindful about process," she said, adding the township board as a whole had not set the project as a top priority.

Hathaway said during the meeting the projects were presented to Lasinski as funding possibilities because they were close to "shovel ready" and good candidates for the budget negotiation process.

Still, with significant engineering and design work to be done on the last Zeeb Road pathway phase, the project likely won't head to construction until 2024, he added in an interview. The Park Road project could happen sooner, especially if developers pave their section of the roadway, he said.

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Issues of the Environment: Legacy Land Conservancy adds more Washtenaw County acreage to its conservation efforts

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Overview

- In 1971, a group of Ann Arbor community leaders were concerned about the potential development of what is now the [Bird Hills Nature Area](#), important land adjacent to the Huron River. On May 10, 1971, they officially banded together to form Washtenaw

voluntary protection of local landscape. WLC successfully acquired the parcels through a combination of gifts and donations, and fee simple acquisition, keeping Bird Hills in public trust with the City of Ann Arbor.

- Known as the Legacy Land Conservancy, the local non-profit has been protecting land throughout the [“Emerald Arc”](#) for 50 years. In that time, they have:
 - Protected nearly 10,000 acres of land in the greater Washtenaw and Jackson areas with the support of individual donors, foundations and volunteers, and the partnership of local, state, and federal agencies.
 - Worked with 75 landowners to protect over 4,000 acres of private land through conservation easements.
 - Protected over 300 acres as public nature preserves that include over 9.5 miles of trails.
 - Completed 48 projects with partners resulting in 5,288 acres protected. Legacy was founded on and helped to create a partnership of preservation alongside other conservation organizations like [Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation](#), the [Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program](#), [Huron River Watershed Council](#), and [Ducks Unlimited](#).
 - Monitored over 100 conservation easements and manages 7 public preserves.
 - Worked with over 742 volunteers and recorded more than 34,558 volunteer hours.
 - Become one of the first accredited land trusts in the nation in 2009. In 2014, and again in 2020, Legacy was re-accredited by the [Land Trust Accreditation Commission](#).
- Legacy preserves provide places of solitude and refuge for our community to safely engage with the natural world – a benefit that has become increasingly important during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- One of the strengths of the LLC is their commitment to maintaining and managing the properties in the conservancy. Volunteers remove invasive species, staff conduct ongoing assessment surveys, and holds seven preserves open to the public for hiking and enjoyment.
- In June 2022, the LLC permanently protected 90 acres of forest, prairie and wetlands, including 3,850 feet of frontage along the [River Raisin](#), in western Washtenaw County. In a unique joint effort of three different sets of landowners—John and Carol McCullough, Byron and Freida McCullough, and David and Jennifer Helmer—the McCullough-Helmer Project consists of three conservation easements in the Sharon Hills area of Manchester. The properties contain restored open prairie, multiple wetland areas and steep wooded slopes leading down to the River Raisin.
- [Diana Kern](#) has been the executive director of the Legacy Land Conservancy since 2018.

Manchester, Michigan – June 29, 2022 – Legacy Land Conservancy has permanently protected 90 acres of forest, prairie and wetlands, including 3,850 feet of frontage along the River Raisin, in western Washtenaw County.

In a unique joint effort of three different sets of landowners—John and Carol McCullough, Byron and Freida McCullough, and David and Jennifer Helmer—the McCullough-Helmer Project consists of three conservation easements in the Sharon Hills area of Manchester. The properties contain restored open prairie, multiple wetland areas and steep wooded slopes leading down to the River Raisin.

The landowners are extremely pleased to protect their properties' highly invaluable natural wetland areas and ensure the quality and quantity of water resources within the River Raisin Watershed via conservation easements with Legacy, which offers permanent protection of privately-owned land.

The three families were inspired to collaborate and protect their properties in 2016 when they observed the establishment of the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission's (WCPARC) River Raisin Preserve just up the river from their land.

"Seeing the nearby land preserved years ago motivated us to find a way to protect our land too," landowner John McCullough said. "Thanks to Legacy, WCPARC, and their partners, our vision is now a reality and the land we love is protected forever."

The McCullough-Helmer Project is partially funded by a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE) Non-Point Source Pollution Grant—a grant that aims to restore waters impaired by Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution and protect high quality waters from degradation. NPS pollution is a leading cause of pollution in waterways. It is a combination of pollutants from a large area rather than from specific sources such as discharge pipes at industrial and sewage treatment plants. As water runoff caused by rainfall or snowmelt moves over and through the ground and accumulates contaminants from sources like gardens or parking lots, it is emptied into streams or rivers.



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space, riparian area and open river along the River Raisin helps ensure there is quality water filtration and ample flood plain to maintain a healthy river downstream through more urban areas, like Monroe, and contributes positively to the overall health of the River Raisin and Lake Erie.

"Land protection in the Upper River Raisin sub-watershed remains a high priority for the

the natural land cover ensures these lands will provide significant water quality benefits in downstream areas.”

The project also adds to existing protected lands in the Sharon Hills greenway area and along the River Raisin, building on river protection momentum and benefiting water quality in the corridor. Its 3,850 feet along the river joins the string of protected lands and 43,000 feet of protected river frontage from Sharonville State Game Area, to the Nan Weston Preserve, to Sharon Mills park, to the WCPARC River Raisin Preserve, and down to Legacy’s Mann easement and WCPARC’s Leonard Preserve.

Additional funds to purchase the conservation easement from the landowners were secured in partnership with WCPARC. “Land protection is a group effort,” Legacy Executive Director Diana Kern said. “Legacy is fortunate to work with amazing landowners and partners in order to protect land and help safeguard clean water in the River Raisin Watershed and surrounding waterways.”

About Legacy Land Conservancy: Founded in 1971 as Michigan’s first local land trust, Legacy is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects land in southern Michigan. Legacy’s mission is to secure for current and future generations a land base for nature, agriculture, fresh water, and recreation in Jackson and Washtenaw counties and beyond. Legacy has helped to protect more than 9,000 acres of land (including seven nature preserves open for all to enjoy) that enhance our community’s quality of place by safeguarding water quality, conserving working farms, and protecting places to play. In a testament to 50 years of successful voluntary conservation, Legacy is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission for adhering to a set of standards designed to ensure the organization’s work will endure forever. Legacy is based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. For more information, visit www.legacylandconservancy.org.

Transcription

David Fair: This is 89 one WEMU, and welcome to a land conservancy edition of Issues of the Environment. I'm David Fair, and as our community continues to develop, there's been strong focus on purchasing and preserving land for the betterment of the ecosystem and to contribute to the health of the overall environment. And it helps our individual and collective experiences in and with nature as well. As of the end of June, you can put another 90 acres of preserved land on the western side of Washtenaw County in the books. Our guest today is Diana Kern, and she's executive director of the Legacy Land Conservancy. And thank you so much for the time today.



Diana Kern / Legacy Land Conservancy

Diana Kern

Diana Kern: Oh, glad to join you. Thanks for having me here.

David Fair: The latest land preservation that I just referenced has multiple properties involved and will better protect water quality along the River Raisin in western Washtenaw County, and that includes just under 4000 feet of water frontage. For those who haven't been over to that part of the county in Manchester, will you describe what exactly is being saved for the future?

Diana Kern: Sure. What Legacy tries to do is we work with individual landowners, and there are many landowners across the county and also in Jackson County and Lenawee County that have particularly wonderful land that maybe it's been in their family for a

the ecosystem or it's along the rivers. And they'll talk with us, and we will craft a conservation easement. And that conservation easement gets placed on that land, which then protects that land forever. So, the conservation easement actually stays on the land. So, even when the landowner then sells in the future, the new landowner will be assuming a conservation easement. And then, all of the different types of things that would be included, including things like, you know, not cutting down trees or not adding yard waste along the river, or anything else that may be outlined in that document, which is the conservation easement. And individual landowners continue to own the land but is protected under a conservation easement.

David Fair: And when they decide to sell, as you mentioned, have you found that over all the years the Legacy Land Conservancy has been doing this that impacts property values one way or the other?

Diana Kern: Well, generally. And the positive thing for farmers because we actually helped many, many farmers also place conservation easement is that when you think about it this way, you know, a landowner has a bundle of rights when they own property. And what they're doing is they're giving up one of those bundles or giving up the right to develop that or to sell it to a developer. So, therefore, in some cases, the entry rate to purchasing that land in the future may be lower, which is a positive, and for people that need more affordable housing in our counties and especially for farmers, because that development right is off the table. So, therefore, it generally will appraise for a bit less.

David Fair: Clearly, a number of entities have to be involved to get the grants and additional funding necessary to put these kinds of plans in action. And that indicates larger goals and vision than simply another 90 acres. What is the larger preservation goal in that part of the community?

Diana Kern: It's really wonderful to work with all the municipalities and the communities because they do master planning work. As part of that master plan, they do talk with various nonprofits and groups across the county to look at what is their goal for conserving land and where is that land best going to benefit our water quality or our natural habitats or habitats for species that we are continuing to see dwindle, like our butterflies and things of that nature. So, you'll see that in each county that will vary. But, for Legacy, we've identified in the counties that we operate in a bigger goal of 25 to 30,000 acres of land that we'd like to see under conservation value in the upcoming years. So far, Legacy has helped to protect about 10,000 acres of land, and there are others that do this work besides just Legacy that are helping to protect those really important pieces of land.

David Fair: This is Issues of the Environment on 89 one WFMLI and we're talking about

Land Conservancy, Diana Kern. I want to clarify. When an agreement like this is made with an individual property owner, is it a deal in perpetuity? Can it actually be reversed at some point?

Diana Kern: It cannot. It is in perpetuity, and it stays on the land forever. And that's why it's so important that land trusts like Legacy are financially strong nonprofits, because we have to be here forever to be the stewards of that land. So, even as that land passes on to landowner to landowner, we actually hold the conservation easement. We go out annually. We go out every year. We do photo monitoring with volunteers to put in hundreds of hours for us to make sure that that land is maintaining its conservation value. Things are not being violated, so, therefore, you know, trees are not being cut down or there are no violations that would lower that value of the conservation. So, that's why we exist, and it is forever.

David Fair: So, how much does it cost on an annual basis to do all of that monitoring, making sure the maintenance, and other such things are taken care of as agreed upon?

Diana Kern: Well, for Legacy--and we've been around 50 years, and we were one of the longest standing land trust in the state of Michigan ever accredited--for us, our average budget is about \$1.2 million, and that covers all of our costs. Legacy also has seven nature preserves that we own and manage. In that case, those are open to the public. And so, that's between all the monitoring of over the, you know, about 100 easements that we monitor every year. Yes. About \$1.2 or 1.3 million.

David Fair: That's a pretty significant investment in taking care of all of the grander visions for land preservation and all of the entities that are going to be involved. How valuable is volunteerism and fundraising outside of the grants that you can write and receive?

Diana Kern: It's critical. It's how we get most of our work done. Our donors, whether they're large or small donors, our partners, and the volunteers that we have are the, you know, the heartbeat of Legacy and how we're able to do what we do. We probably have work with over 700 volunteers, with over 35,000 hours of volunteer time in the last many, many years here. And we need to continue that. So, we need folks that are interested in the land, like to get out and walk, are comfortable using a little bit of technology to help us. And it's critical. So, I'm always looking to talk with people who are interested in environmental protection and conservation easement and letting them know, "Hey, you know, we know that your dollars are important when you make donations. And we hope you'll consider land conservation as part of something that you want to engage in and be part of."

David Fair: Once again, we're talking with Diana Kern on WEMU's Issues of the Environment. She serves as executive director of the Legacy Land Conservancy. And, as Washtenaw County makes all the effort it can to achieve carbon neutrality, how important a component are things like this that we don't talk about as much: land preservation and conservancy?

Diana Kern: Yeah. Thank you for bringing that up. It's probably one of the things that's really overlooked. Between people like us--the Washtenaw County Parks Land Protection Program, the Greenbelt River Watershed Council, Ducks Unlimited--there are a lot of people that are protecting land. And every time a tree is not cut down or a prairie is not destroyed, carbon is sequestered, and, therefore, we don't have carbon release. There are lots of models that actually we use and others use that can demonstrate how much carbon is kept in the land and sequestered through all this work. So, it's a critical, critical part of climate resiliency. It's the work that the land trust and land partners do.

David Fair: What was once the Washtenaw Land Conservancy is now the Legacy Land Conservancy. And, again, as mentioned, this has been going on for over 50 years now. As we gain better understanding of the threats to our environment and to the health of our air, land, and water, how were you designing the strategy for placement of conservancy?

Diana Kern: Yeah. It's very important. If you can build continuously, you know, areas of protected land, you're really helping the environment significantly. You're also helping...you know, everybody knows that we have overpopulation of deer. Every time we do developments that are one-off, we're moving and pushing wildlife in directions that are not necessarily good. So, doing this type of planning where we're looking in advance about where we should be protecting land is a benefit to everybody. And we like to say Legacy, as well as all other, you know, pretty much all people that are protecting land, there's land that should be conserved, and there's land that should be developed. And not enough effort goes into bringing everybody to the table to talk about which land should really be preserved.

David Fair: As you mentioned earlier, you have your eye on a lot more land in the area. Are there any potential new deals in the works that you can discuss right now?

Diana Kern: Sure. We actually are well aware of about five more conservation easements that will be helping to place in Jackson County and Washtenaw County. One is called a fen, which is a water feature. It's F-E-N. And we'll be closing on this 90-acre habitat sometime, hopefully, late July or August. And this is a significant save for everybody in the community. Our pipeline, however, of projects goes out for three or four years so it's just a matter of working to close on all those as we raise the money. We

landowner of a wonderful parcel of land. It's a larger parcel of land in Washtenaw County, which we can talk about soon. But we will be closing on it sometime this year, hopefully, and that will add another recreational outdoor nature preserve to our county.

David Fair: Sounds like there's going to be more occasion for us to have a conversation. Thank you so much for the time today, though. I appreciate it.

Diana Kern: Oh, I appreciate you, and I appreciate everybody. And thank you very much, WEMU, for your support.

David Fair: That is Diana Kern, and she is executive director of the Legacy Land Conservancy. To find out more about the most recent purchase and ongoing efforts at land preservation, visit our website at WEMU dot org. And they'll have all the information and links you need. Issues of the Environment is produced in partnership with the Office of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner. And you hear it every Wednesday. I'm David Fair, and this is your community NPR station, 89.1 WEMU FM Ypsilanti.

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David Fair

Nearly three-quarters of David Fair's 20+ years in radio has been at WEMU. Since 1994, he has been on the air at 5am each weekday on 89.1 FM as the local host of NPR's Morning Edition. Over the years, Fair has had the opportunity to interview nationally and internationally known politicians, activists and celebrities. But he feels the most important features and interviews have been with those who live and work here at home. He believes his professional passions and desires fit perfectly into WEMU's commitment to serving a local audience.

Waterpark Safety Depends On Logistics, Training, And Maintenance

Protecting guests is a complex, year-round effort that requires dedication in-season and off

By Jefferey Spivey

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Waterpark safety is often positioned as the responsibility of a particular group—families must take precautions to look after their children, lifeguards must oversee a certain pool or



“Once they enter the park, there’s that insinuated responsibility that, if you’re visiting the park, you’re going to be following the rules that we put in place,” says Rhonda Bouma, Park Superintendent for Rolling Hills Water Park in Washtenaw County, Mich.

That being said, patrons may have the easier job in the partnership. Waterparks oversee a round-the-clock effort, in season and off, to ensure every guest is protected.

is staffing, which has been a challenge for individual facilities and parks departments across the board.

“I think everybody in aquatics kind of feels the same pain. We all know what we’re going through this time of year,” Bouma says. For Rolling Hills, a full staff totals 180, 60 of whom are lifeguards; there were just 25 lifeguards on staff for the truncated 2021 season.

The park can accommodate up to 2,300 guests at any given time, but there must be one lifeguard per 75 patrons. Additionally, even if there are enough lifeguards, the park still needs the right headcount for other park functions, like cashiering and maintenance.

“It all kind of has to have this nice, equalized balance of staff, which is something that we’re struggling to get,” Bouma says, adding that, despite the park’s capacity, maximizing it isn’t the goal. “Even though we can have 2,300 people, is that the safest environment?”

Less manpower may mean reduced operating hours or closed features to guarantee proper coverage. However, it isn’t only guest safety that’s factored into that decision.

“One of the things we do is try not to overextend ourselves,” says Jeff Miller, who works alongside Bouma as Rolling Hills Park Manager. To keep functions running smoothly, the park

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Miller also stresses that staffing challenges require advance planning to identify days when the park may need to close or cut back. Rolling Hills uses its employees' availabilities to build schedules anywhere from 10 to 20 days out. The abridged schedule can then be communicated to the public early enough to avoid confusion or disruption of visitors' plans.

Staffing aside, however, it's thorough training and preparation that help lifeguards and park attendants keep everything under control.



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Balancing Rescues, Assists, And Rule Enforcement

At the root of waterpark safety is comprehensive knowledge.

“It starts with the staff and educating the staff about certain issues that could happen,” says Kamar Williams, Aquatics Supervisor for Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation in

This sentiment is echoed by Bouma, whose staff undergoes a robust training schedule prior to opening day. In addition to Red Cross certifications, there are in-house classes, skills trainings, and emergency-action plan training, during which first responders walk lifeguards through real-world scenarios. Once the park opens, training is still offered on a weekly basis throughout the summer.

“The constant training, the constant scenarios give them the confidence and the know-how,” Bouma says. “It’s a big point of focus for us.” And rightly so. During the season, lifeguards take part in many assists and rescues.

Rolling Hills has several features, including a main pool, wave pool, children’s activity pool, lazy river, five water slides, and spray grounds that were installed in 2018. The majority of incidents happen in the wave pool, where swimmers are caught off-guard by the waves or overestimate their swimming capabilities. Still, problems may arise in any area of the waterpark, including the children’s pool,

Beyond the work that's most obviously associated with lifeguarding, there's also the ongoing work of ensuring guests comply with park policies.

"It's a lot of rule enforcement, to prevent situations where they have to make rescues," Williams says. At both Calypso Bay and Coconut Cove, guests are introduced to the rules as soon as they step onto the grounds. Large signs outlining behavioral expectations hang at the admission booths. Williams stresses that, at all parks, these signs should be easily seen and available in multiple languages.

He also adds, "When they're buying their tickets, the cashier staff will kind of advise them."

However, in a space that encourages fun, guests can get carried away and may need reminders. Among the biggest issues is running, as parkgoers might slip on wet surfaces or on features like slides. Even on the spray grounds, intervention is needed to ensure guests of all ages and abilities can play. But in enforcing the rules, what matters most are clarity, compassion, and context.

"We do encourage staff to share with patrons why a rule is in place so that they have an understanding, and that we're not just being the fun police," Bouma says. "If the rule is in place, it's for their safety."

Employees at the Palm Beach County waterparks take a similar approach.

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many of the original features remain in place. Bouma and Miller assess the departmental budget each year to determine replacement repairs and identify the degree of effort needed to keep all structures in working order. In addition to safety, the objective is to avoid closing any part of the park while guests are present.

In-season, the park's maintenance staff does its most intensive work before opening.

At Calypso Bay and Coconut Cove, where the season starts in mid-March to accommodate Spring Break, maintenance is a full-time duty.

Williams says, "During the offseason, we have our in-house general maintenance mechanics visit our parks five days a week." He adds that larger repair projects, like retiling and switching out pumps or motors, happen in the off-season as well. Once the parks open, the crew is mostly able to forecast when replacements or repairs should be made, avoiding unnecessary shutdowns or restrictions.

Fully operational features are the key in providing an enjoyable and memorable experience. But so is planning for the

“If you plan on facility growth,” she says, “you have to plan for that early because, otherwise, you’re going to be left doing a lot of retro construction to change things or add bathrooms or add space at your concession stand.”

Even with fewer significant tasks, it’s never too early to think ahead. The waterpark season usually winds down around Labor Day, but Williams says outreach to next year’s crop of lifeguards and staff begins in November, with onboarding happening during the winter.

In the throes of this season’s obstacles, the complexities of the next one are already in view.

“That’s another challenge, trying to get high school and college students to start thinking about summer in February when we do all of our hiring,” Bouma says. “By the time they start thinking about a summer job, it’s too late to join the waterpark.”

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Digital Report - July 2022

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 - July 2022

SOCIAL MEDIA

facebook

Blue Heron Bay

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
152,250	4,093	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
9,371	466	

facebook

Independence Lake

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
86,974	37,290	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
7,252	2,120	

facebook

Meri Lou Murray

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
2,615	2,299	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
68	89	

facebook

Pierce Lake

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
26,524	13,380	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
1,624	744	

facebook

Rolling Hills

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
707,718	191,479	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
59,940	15,792	

facebook

WCPARC

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
35,318	21,288	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
1,001	884	

Instagram

Rolling Hills

Total Followers

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
1,160	1,024	

Top Post -

How many people reacted to posts

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
471	58	

Instagram

WCPARC

Total Followers

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
2,526	2,454	

Top Post -

How many people reacted to posts

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
	80	



Digital Report - July 2022

Facebook/Instagram - Top Posts

 **Rolling Hills Co...**
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days/week, 10:30-11:30am.



Total Engagements 6,495

Reactions	1,250
Comments	471
Shares	119
Post Link Clicks	—
Other Post Clicks	4,655

 **washtenawcou...**
Wed 7/13/2022 12:12 p...



Total Engagements 155

Likes	147
Comments	1
Saves	7

 **rollinghillspark** ...



471 views
rollinghillspark Our Lifeguards do weekly skills and emergency training, but they also get to have some fun with Baywatch runs. 🏊‍♂️🏊‍♂️



Digital Report - July 2022

Website, Newsletter, News

Website Statistics

washtenaw.org/parks

July 2022

Total Page Visits	This Month	Last Month	Sept. Last Year
	78,071	18,885	

Top Pages Viewed	Views
Rolling Hills Water Park	60,220
Online Tickets	30,946
Park Rates	14,940
Blue Heron Bay	7,706
Park Hours	7,300

In The News

see Powerpoint slides

Monthly Newsletter

WCPARC 50% open rate

Newsletter via MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
6,831	3,076	

Newsletter non MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
1,088	N/A	

Photography

Katie Carlisle at Independence Lake
Theia Calidris at Dominican Meadows





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: August 9, 2022
RE: Project and Activities Update – June & July 2022

Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake

- Red Hawk Disc Golf Course hosted two tournaments sponsored by local leagues; each event drew 144 players. The course also hosted DGLO, which is an established and professional tournament; more than 300 people participated in the three-day event.
- Summer Day Camp has been at capacity with thirty campers attending every week.
- There were thirty-four pavilion rentals at Blue Heron Bay (BHB) Spray Park and sixty-seven park pavilion rentals in the greater park in June and July.
- BHB has sold 220 annual passes and had forty-five group visits; the Beach Center has had seventeen group visits in June and July.
- Construction of the Disc Golf Pavilion is complete. WCPARC staff are working with an electrician to provide proper lighting controls to meet the needs of staff.
- Re-construction of the three boardwalks is complete and open to patrons.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- Summer Day Camp registration reached capacity with forty participants each week. Camp Big Heart for special-needs teens and young adults will take place in August.
- Cardio Equipment that had been moved to the gymnasium to comply with COVID protocols for equipment spacing was returned to its regular location in the cardio exercise room.
- Full-court basketball has resumed and has a regular pick-up game for patrons aged 35 and older.
- New sessions for Parent-Tot swim lessons have been added on Tuesday mornings.

Rolling Hills Park

- Summer Day Camp began in June. Campers enjoyed weekly guest visits from the Leslie Science Center, Sheriff's Department, a Yoga Instructor, and Ypsilanti Library for the Summer Challenge Champions Reading Program.
- River Walking has been wildly popular with an average fifty participants daily. Ninety-seven punch cards have been purchased, and there have been nearly 1,000 daily drop-ins.
- Online ticket sales have become an increasingly popular way for guests to visit the Water Park with more than 24,000 tickets sold online in June and July (+\$280K in revenue).
- 119 pavilions were reserved.
- Disc Golf Glow Nights are being held the fourth Friday of each month.
- The water park has been extremely busy all summer and set an all-time attendance record for the month of June (33,269 patrons).

- The Oberun 5K was held at Rolling Hills Park and Wiard's Orchard on July 29, with more than 1,500 participants. Proceeds benefitted HWPI to support the Border to Border Trail.
- The park took delivery of a new 4-wheel drive utility vehicle to assist in additional trail clearing during winter months.
- The "Family Campouts," which will be held in August, are already sold out.
- Phase II of the concessions renovations for replacing the grill structure was sent out for bid to three contractors through the MiDeal purchasing program with the State of Michigan. Bids were returned on June 17 with construction anticipated to begin after the Water Park closes for the season pending Commission approval.

Staebler Farm Park

- All permits for the Multipurpose Building have been finalized and mobilization has commenced. Staff continues to work closely with the architect and contractor to ensure that the program requirements are met in a timely manner and within budget.
- Foundations and site grading have been completed. Underground utility work as well as adjustments to the Plymouth Road ROW are anticipated to be completed by the end of August.
- Staff is working with a consultant to develop a space plan and furniture selection for Multipurpose Building.
- Staff is currently in the process of reviewing and finalizing the Design and Engineering proposal from consultants for completing bid documents for the farmhouse renovation.

Special Initiatives

Border to Border Trail (B2B)

- Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (Segment DAA3) construction project is in the May 6 bid letting with MDOT. Staff will report results at the May Commission meeting. If bids are favorable, construction should begin this summer with a completion date no later than July 2023.
- Construction of the Dexter-Chelsea trail segment (CD2), Dancer Road to Wylie Road (1.6 miles), is completing final punch list items.
- Chelsea Connector segment (C1) construction is complete within Veterans Park, Weber Field, and Timbertown (south of Sibley Road). A permanent pedestrian counter was installed to collect trail use data. Work north of Sibley Road is underway and the project is expected to be completed later this year.
- Engineering and permitting are in various stages of progress for the following trail segments:
 - o Barton-Bandemer Tunnel and Trail (Segment DAA7 - Ann Arbor)
 - o Delhi Metropark to Wagner Road (Segment DAA4)
 - o Dexter-Chelsea (Segments CD2 & CD3) Wylie Road to Parker Road, and to Mill Creek Park in Dexter
 - o M-52 from North Territorial Road to Boyce Road (Segment CS3)
 - o Hudson Mills Metropark to Stinchfield Woods and Silver Lake State Park

Connecting Communities

- Staff has been meeting with representatives from various communities to discuss potential grant submissions, which are due August 31.

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Acquisition

- NAPP closed on the 38-acre Northfield Hills property, which will be maintained as part of Whitmore Lake Preserve.

- Legacy Land Conservancy closed on the McCullough-Helmer conservation easements to which NATAC contributed funds. These easements are along the River Raisin between WCPARC's River Raisin Preserve and Leonard Preserve.
- Staff mailed letters to the first round of landowners, as determined by the outreach strategy created by NATAC and presented to the Commission in June.

Stewardship

- Threatened Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes have been observed in the fen at Park Lyndon. These are the first confirmed sightings since 2017 and will be reported to MDNR and US Fish and Wildlife Service to support conservation efforts.
- The first generation of Mitchell Satyr Butterflies were observed in the Park Lyndon fen during summer surveys since pregnant females were released in 2021. Partners are very excited that the facility can provide habitat for growing this species population.
- The western fields of Lost Wagon Lake Preserve have been planted for restoration of grassland and wetland habitat by US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- The parking lot at Northfield Woods Preserve has been redressed with gravel.
- Due to positive public feedback, the Chelsea District Library will keep the location of the Storybook Trail at Baker Woods Preserve. WCPARC and library staff are collaborating to improve signage and the trail for visitors. The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study has also installed trail counters to monitor use of the Storybook trail.
- Stiltgrass at Watkins Lake County Preserve has been mapped and the Jackson-Lenawee-Washtenaw (JLW) CISMA will be paying a contractor to treat the invasive through funding from the State of Michigan.
- WCPARC and JLW CISMA staff presented a webinar on Stiltgrass to a dozen attendees.
- Initial botanic surveys and the Huron River Watershed Council bioreserve assessment have been completed in the highest quality habitats at Lost Wagon Lake Preserve.

Interpretive Programming

- Over 1,110 patrons attended nature programs during the month of June and July. These programs included field trips at the end of the school year for students, archery programs, free fishing weekend, day camps at all of WCPARC sites, Junior Naturalists, sunrise hikes, family nature programming and preschool hikes.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

June 2022 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 1,401.75	\$ 8,032.57	\$ 27,550.36	\$ 36,984.68
Recreation Center	19,726.41	2,135.75	27,893.46	49,755.62
Park Maintenance	1,149.66	7,658.51	35,063.94	43,872.11
Pierce Lake Golf Course	1,275.63	9,464.24	42,974.01	53,713.88
Independence Lake	2,436.11	5,217.49	26,696.23	34,349.83
Rolling Hills	28,045.89	10,246.12	64,202.74	102,494.75
Parker Mill	113.63	-	-	113.63
Sharon Mills	55.82	311.97	-	367.79
Staebler Farm	285.85	592.64	-	878.49
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	1,600.00	1,600.00
Capital Improvement	-	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 54,490.75	\$ 43,659.29	\$ 255,980.74	\$ 354,130.78
 Road Millage Fund	 -	 -	 372,100.50	 372,100.50
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,100.50	\$ 372,100.50
 Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 685,226.12	\$ 685,226.12
Preserve Management	-	3,284.34	5,231.61	\$ 8,515.95
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425,717.00	\$ 425,717.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 3,284.34	\$ 1,116,174.73	\$ 1,119,459.07
 TOTAL	\$ 54,490.75	\$ 46,943.63	\$ 1,744,255.97	\$ 1,845,690.35

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\$ 1,845,690.35



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

July 2022 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 165.23	\$ 10,340.31	\$ 80,129.76	\$ 90,635.30
Recreation Center	25,588.77	5,935.18	21,982.91	53,506.86
Park Maintenance	955.01	2,516.62	8,968.22	12,439.85
Pierce Lake Golf Course	2,166.89	7,511.06	45,695.42	55,373.37
Independence Lake	4,141.00	6,593.20	19,599.01	30,333.21
Rolling Hills	519.78	15,604.12	53,648.57	69,772.47
Parker Mill	686.40	-	66.00	752.40
Sharon Mills	113.44	-	35.00	148.44
Staebler Farm	-	-	152.00	152.00
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	-	-	419,094.24	419,094.24
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 34,336.52	\$ 48,500.49	\$ 649,371.13	\$ 732,208.14
Road Millage Fund	-	-	181,279.65	181,279.65
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181,279.65	\$ 181,279.65
Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,257.28	\$ 30,257.28
Preserve Management	-	557.29	6,230.29	\$ 6,787.58
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 557.29	\$ 38,787.57	\$ 39,344.86
TOTAL	\$ 34,336.52	\$ 49,057.78	\$ 869,438.35	\$ 952,832.65

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WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - JUNE 30, 2022

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	16,261,408		50%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	8,681,375	8,518,149		98%	(163,226)
State Grant Funds	-	-			-
Fees & Services	3,635,000	1,800,539		50%	(1,834,461)
Interest Earnings	100,000	32,348		32%	(67,652)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>30,000</u>	<u>2,640</u>		9%	<u>(27,360)</u>
Total Revenue		12,446,375	10,353,676	83%	(2,092,699)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(6,909,556)	(2,691,316)		39%	4,218,240
Supplies & Other Services	(2,549,600)	(1,067,391)		42%	1,482,209
Internal Service Charges	(939,876)	(477,611)		51%	462,265
Capital					
Land Acquisition	-	-		-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(702,226)		23%	2,397,774
Contingency	(400,000)	(114,634)		29%	285,366
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(181,100)</u>	<u>(60,854)</u>		34%	<u>120,246</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,681,100)	(877,714)		24%	2,803,386
Transfers Out	(547,249)	(266,270)		49%	280,979
Total Expense		<u>(18,308,481)</u>	<u>(6,258,016)</u>	34%	9,247,079
Surplus/(Deficit)		(5,862,106)	4,095,660		
Operating Reserve		(8,681,375)	(8,681,375)		
Funding Commitments (Partnerships)		<u>(8,128,730)</u>	<u>(266,270)</u>		
		(16,810,105)	(8,947,645)		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/22)		<u>(6,410,803)</u>	<u>11,409,423</u>		

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - JULY 31, 2022

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	16,261,408		58%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	8,681,375	8,463,646		97%	(217,729)
State Grant Funds	-	-			-
Fees & Services	3,635,000	2,786,475		77%	(848,525)
Interest Earnings	100,000	44,509		45%	(55,491)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>30,000</u>	<u>2,640</u>		9%	<u>(27,360)</u>
Total Revenue		12,446,375		11,297,271	91% (1,149,104)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(6,909,556)	(3,442,481)		50%	3,467,075
Supplies & Other Services	(2,549,600)	(1,375,926)		54%	1,173,674
Internal Service Charges	(939,876)	(548,364)		58%	391,512
Capital					
Land Acquisition	-	-		-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(1,121,321)		36%	1,978,679
Contingency	(400,000)	(117,334)		29%	282,666
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(181,100)</u>	<u>(64,666)</u>		36%	<u>116,434</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,681,100)	(1,303,321)		35%	2,377,779
Transfers Out	(547,249)	(266,270)		49%	280,979
Total Expense	<u>(18,308,481)</u>	<u>(8,239,682)</u>		45%	7,691,020
Surplus/(Deficit)		(5,862,106)			3,057,588
Operating Reserve		(8,681,375)			(8,681,375)
Funding Commitments (Partnerships)		<u>(8,128,730)</u>			<u>(266,270)</u>
		(16,810,105)			(8,947,645)
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/22)		<u>(6,410,803)</u>			<u>10,371,351</u>

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - JUNE 30, 2022

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	8,127,796	50%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	4,622,888	4,531,201	98%	(91,687)
Federal Revenue	-	-		-
Interest Earnings	25,000	16,045	64%	(8,955)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>28,883</u>	578%	<u>23,883</u>
Total Revenue	4,652,888	4,576,128	98%	(76,760)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(700,883)	(281,906)	40%	418,977
Supplies & Other Services	(336,200)	(220,885)	66%	115,315
Internal Service Charges	(20,612)	(11,201)	54%	9,411
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(2,550,000)	(2,322,094)	91%	227,906
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	0%	<u>5,000</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,555,000)	(2,322,094)	91%	232,906
Total Expense	<u>(3,612,695)</u>	<u>(2,836,086)</u>	79%	776,609
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,040,193	1,740,043		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/22)	<u>9,167,989</u>	<u>9,867,839</u>		

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - JULY 31, 2022

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	8,127,796		58%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	4,622,888	4,515,084		98%	(107,804)
Federal Revenue	-	-			-
Interest Earnings	25,000	21,926		88%	(3,074)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>28,883</u>		578%	<u>23,883</u>
Total Revenue	4,652,888	4,565,893		98%	(86,995)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(700,883)	(328,149)		47%	372,734
Supplies & Other Services	(336,200)	(265,258)		79%	70,942
Internal Service Charges	(20,612)	(11,201)		54%	9,411
Capital					
Land Acquisition	(2,550,000)	(2,322,094)		91%	227,906
Land Development	-	-			-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(498)</u>		10%	<u>4,502</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,555,000)	(2,322,593)		91%	232,407
Total Expense	<u>(3,612,695)</u>	<u>(2,927,201)</u>		81%	685,494
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,040,193	1,638,693			
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/22)	<u>9,167,989</u>	<u>9,766,489</u>			

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	GATE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	1,074	760	1,909	1,870	\$ 32,220	\$ 22,800	\$ 57,270	\$ 56,100
NON-RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	114	62	179	233	5,130	2,790	8,055	10,485
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	3,366	844	3,810	5,824	20,196	5,064	22,860	34,942
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	3,785	418	1,990	7,322	37,850	4,180	19,900	73,216
SENIOR (DAILY)	166	31	182	216	498	93	546	648
SENIOR NON-RES. (DAILY)	77	9	32	137	462	54	192	822
GLOW GOLF DROP-IN	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
BUSES (DAILY)	42	-	-	17	1,260	-	-	510
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	300
MINI BUS	4	1	1	5	60	15	15	75
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,628</u>	<u>2,125</u>	<u>8,104</u>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>\$ 97,676</u>	<u>\$ 34,996</u>	<u>\$ 108,843</u>	<u>\$ 177,098</u>

PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:

9.60%	7.54%	8.57%	11.08%
52.23%	32.80%	33.62%	55.26%

WATER PARK POOL ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>21,485</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5,890</u>	<u>33,269</u>	<u>\$ 195,683</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>	<u>\$ 53,760</u>	<u>\$ 399,270</u>
	21,485	4	5,890	33,269	\$ 195,683	\$ 48	\$ 53,760	\$ 399,270

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,549	-	1,262	2,751	\$ 41,835	\$ -	\$ 34,085	\$ 74,272
AQUATICS PROGRAMS	94	-	-	-	283	-	2,304	-
RIVER WALK			726	1,558			-	5,072
DISC GOLF	3,572	1,291	2,138	2,110	7,144	2,582	4,276	4,220
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1,936</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>24,356</u>	<u>2,845</u>	<u>11,252</u>	<u>6,034</u>
	7,151	1,641	4,415	6,624	\$ 73,618	\$ 5,427	\$ 51,917	\$ 89,598

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PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS (cont'd)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	12	2	19	32	\$ 1,718	\$ 280	\$ 1,995	\$ 3,215
WEEKENDS	114	15	110	116	12,442	2,055	16,725	15,675
SOCCER FIELDS	2,450	35	131	592	9,965	100	375	1,700
DISC GOLF COURSE	-	-	10	10	-	-	950	1,000
WATERPARK SHELTERS	14	-	-	-	475	-	-	-
	<u>2,590</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>\$ 24,600</u>	<u>\$ 2,435</u>	<u>\$ 20,045</u>	<u>\$ 21,590</u>
TOBOGGANS	229	-	760	535	\$ 687	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ 2,675
CROSS COUNTRY SKIS	177	-	936	512	531	-	2,808	2,560
MISC. RETAIL	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	10
	<u>406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,218</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,088</u>	<u>\$ 5,245</u>
LOCKERS	2,466	-	-	9,996	\$ 617	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,499
FOOD CONCESSIONS	23,885	-	3,247	31,613	46,329	-	5,713	75,656
MISCELLANEOUS	156	-	26	595	877	-	218	9,301
GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	32	3	-	4	311	428	-	372
	<u>26,539</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3,273</u>	<u>42,208</u>	<u>\$ 48,134</u>	<u>\$ 428</u>	<u>\$ 5,931</u>	<u>\$ 87,828</u>
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & F	66,799	3,825	23,648	99,525	\$ 440,929	\$ 43,334	\$ 245,584	\$ 780,629

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	GATE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	1,283	897	2,039	2,058	\$ 38,490	\$ 26,910	\$ 61,170	\$ 61,740
NON-RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	144	80	197	273	6,480	3,600	8,865	12,285
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	8,004	1,283	5,796	9,168	48,024	7,698	34,776	55,006
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	12,122	703	4,965	15,040	121,220	7,030	49,650	150,396
SENIOR (DAILY)	468	55	331	453	1,404	165	993	1,359
SENIOR NON-RES. (DAILY)	357	13	134	334	2,142	78	804	2,004
BUSES (DAILY)	77	-	4	54	2,310	-	5	1,620
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	2	495	15	90	300
MINI BUS	33	1	3	19	-	-	-	285
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-
	<u>22,488</u>	<u>3,032</u>	<u>13,469</u>	<u>27,400</u>	<u>\$ 220,565</u>	<u>\$ 45,496</u>	<u>156,398</u>	<u>\$ 284,995</u>

PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:

10.09%	8.19%	8.81%	11.71%
59.56%	34.86%	45.42%	61.51%

WATER PARK POOL ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>78,412</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>25,241</u>	<u>70,879</u>	<u>\$ 640,224</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>	<u>\$ 233,862</u>	<u>\$ 852,481</u>
	78,412	4	25,241	70,879	\$ 640,224	\$ 48	\$ 233,862	\$ 852,481

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,762	-	1,729	2,833	\$ 47,570	\$ -	\$ 46,670	\$ 76,502
AQUATICS PROGRAMS	469	-	1,089	-	1,735	-	3,576	-
RIVER WALK				2,849	-	-	-	9,496
DISC GOLF	3,896	1,762	2,388	2,531	7,792	3,524	4,776	5,062
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1,996</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>29,551</u>	<u>2,851</u>	<u>12,143</u>	<u>8,753</u>
	8,123	2,114	5,627	8,687	\$ 86,648	\$ 6,375	\$ 67,165	\$ 99,812

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PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS (cont'd)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	21	-	29	36	\$ 2,158	\$ (20)	\$ 2,595	\$ 3,430
WEEKENDS	129	7	131	142	13,812	530	17,735	17,980
SOCCER FIELDS	2,477	35	131	592	11,015	100	375	1,700
DISC GOLF COURSE	-	-	10	-	-	-	950	1,175
	<u>2,627</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>\$ 26,985</u>	<u>\$ 610</u>	<u>\$ 21,655</u>	<u>\$ 24,285</u>
TOBOGGANS	229	-	760	535	\$ 687	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ 2,675
CROSS COUNTRY SKIS	177	-	936	512	531	-	2,808	2,560
MISC. RETAIL	-	-	-	2	52	-	-	10
	<u>406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,270</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,088</u>	<u>\$ 5,245</u>
LOCKERS	12,256	-	1,660	18,202	\$ 3,064	\$ -	\$ 415	\$ 4,551
FOOD CONCESSIONS	71,585	-	24,566	67,332	141,923	-	45,110	171,430
MISCELLANEOUS	415	-	152	595	2,222	-	961	12,513
GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	39	3	-	4	411	428	-	372
	<u>84,295</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>26,378</u>	<u>86,133</u>	<u>\$ 147,620</u>	<u>\$ 428</u>	<u>\$ 46,486</u>	<u>\$ 188,865</u>
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & F	196,351	5,195	72,712	194,919	\$ 1,123,312	\$ 52,957	\$ 530,654	\$ 1,455,683

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MEMBERSHIPS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	541	337	187	358	\$ 106,122	\$ 60,905	\$ 32,809	\$ 83,379
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDE	12	5	3	8	3,930	2,060	729	2,926
S/Y/D RESIDENT	740	422	202	341	123,730	67,757	32,231	71,181
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	3	2	-	2	790	520	-	876
FAMILY RESIDENT	186	133	83	103	59,678	34,107	16,751	33,589
FAMILY NON-RESIDENT	2	1	1	-	1,480	735	767	-
FAMILY - ADDT'L MEMBEI	11	13	4	-	682	483	150	75
SENIORS OVER 80	228	110	81	138	13,680	6,180	4,665	10,210
PERSONAL TRAINERS	10	2	-	-	3,130	655	-	-
MILITARY PASS	2	2	1	5	360	180	204	1,134
30-DAY PASS	487	257	437	254	21,780	10,532	19,360	16,270
SEASONAL PASS	137	-	-	-	10,960	-	-	-
REPLACEMENT PASS	-	33	4	1	-	33	4	1
	<u>2,359</u>	<u>1,317</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>\$ 346,323</u>	<u>\$ 184,146</u>	<u>\$ 107,670</u>	<u>\$ 219,641</u>
PASS FACILITY USE	96,581	43,173	34,528	49,918				
PERCENT OF NON-RESID	1.15%	0.89%	0.84%	1.23%				

DAILY ENTRIES

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	5,434	2,552	-	1,474	\$ 43,472	\$ 20,416	\$ -	\$ 14,738
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDE	555	212	-	140	4,995	1,908	-	1,678
S/Y/D RESIDENT	4,491	2,122	2	1,355	26,946	12,732	12	9,093
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	204	105	-	790	1,428	735	-	5,271
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS RES	95	46	-	-	760	264	-	-
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS NOI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS RESIDE	237	129	-	-	1,422	756	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS NON-RI	4	3	-	-	28	14	-	-
DAILY PASS/GIFT CERTIF	-	-	-	-	2,718	-	-	-
	<u>11,020</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3,758</u>	<u>\$ 81,769</u>	<u>\$ 36,825</u>	<u>\$ 12</u>	<u>\$ 30,780</u>
PERCENT OF NON-RESID	6.92%	6.19%	0.00%					

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OTHER REVENUE								
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	3,182	31	10	2,769	\$ 85,902	\$ 840	\$ 270	\$ 74,775
RECREATION PROGRAM:	21,506	8,589	16,975	11,379	120,642	25,584	21,046	87,516
FACILITY RENTALS	189	106	-	-	4,538	2,554	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISC. RETAIL	246	81	37	9	6,548	2,220	1,193	42
LOCKERS	18,868	9,068	2,360	5,840	4,717	2,267	590	1,460
VENDING	-	-	-	-	774	1,148	-	-
	<u>43,991</u>	<u>17,876</u>	<u>19,382</u>	<u>19,997</u>	<u>\$ 223,121</u>	<u>\$ 34,614</u>	<u>\$ 23,099</u>	<u>\$ 163,793</u>
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION &	153,951	67,535	54,915	74,884	\$ 651,213	\$ 255,585	\$ 130,781	\$ 414,214

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MEMBERSHIPS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	601	334	206	395	\$ 119,617	\$ 59,788	\$ 37,430	\$ 93,259
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	14	5	4	11	4,275	2,060	1,074	4,007
S/Y/D RESIDENT	822	421	244	416	136,255	67,326	39,264	79,278
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	3	2	-	4	790	520	-	876
FAMILY RESIDENT	197	131	86	123	63,787	32,995	18,618	37,937
FAMILY NON-RESIDENT	2	1	1	-	1,480	735	767	-
FAMILY - ADDT'L MEMBER	11	13	4	1	701	483	150	75
SENIORS OVER 80	258	111	104	164	15,240	6,180	6,225	10,860
PERSONAL TRAINERS	12	1	3	-	3,680	303	800	-
MILITARY PASS	2	2	1	6	360	180	204	1,134
30-DAY PASS	543	257	522	333	24,140	10,532	23,105	18,821
SEASONAL PASS	140	-	-	-	11,040	-	-	-
REPLACEMENT PASS	-	33	6	1	-	33	6	1
	<u>2,605</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>1,181</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>\$ 381,365</u>	<u>\$ 181,136</u>	<u>\$ 127,642</u>	<u>\$ 246,247</u>
PASS FACILITY USE	110,834	43,173	54,016	86,851				
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDE	1.16%	0.89%	0.92%	1.58%				

DAILY ENTRIES

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	6,003	2,552	4	1,773	\$ 48,024	\$ 20,416	\$ 32	\$ 17,128
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	634	212	1	165	5,706	1,908	9	1,930
S/Y/D RESIDENT	5,196	2,122	2	1,458	31,176	12,732	12	10,137
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	225	105	-	1,402	1,575	735	-	6,196
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS RESIDENT	144	46	-	-	896	264	-	-
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS RESIDENT	313	129	-	-	1,685	756	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	4	3	-	-	28	14	-	-
DAILY PASS/GIFT CERTIFICATE	-	-	-	-	3,006	-	-	-
	<u>12,519</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4,798</u>	<u>\$ 92,096</u>	<u>\$ 36,825</u>	<u>\$ 53</u>	<u>\$ 35,391</u>
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDE	6.89%	6.19%	14.29%	32.65%				

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	OTHER REVENUE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	3,249	23	15	2,769	\$ 87,733	\$ 630	\$ 405	\$ 74,770
RECREATION PROGRAMS	23,823	8,589	19,789	13,479	111,859	25,584	22,884	88,418
FACILITY RENTALS	183	106	-	-	4,388	2,554	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISC. RETAIL	281	81	50	10	7,493	2,220	1,648	50
LOCKERS	21,748	9,068	2,600	6,960	5,437	2,267	650	1,740
VENDING	-	-	-	-	1,135	1,148	-	-
	<u>49,284</u>	<u>17,868</u>	<u>22,454</u>	<u>23,218</u>	<u>\$ 218,045</u>	<u>\$ 34,404</u>	<u>\$ 25,587</u>	<u>\$ 164,978</u>

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	GREEN FEES							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
WEEKDAYS								
REGULAR - 9	406	263	379	149	\$ 2,930	\$ 2,922	\$ 4,160	\$ 3,630
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	177	197	206	170	2,556	3,450	3,428	3,633
LEAGUES - 9	4,084	2,771	3,439	3,618	65,611	47,585	58,463	65,820
REGULAR - 18	899	1,439	1,631	2,578	26,377	41,465	54,564	76,220
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	1,278	1,042	1,792	1,465	25,336	25,012	41,107	36,754
TWI-LIGHT	828	643	709	511	13,581	12,640	13,404	10,117
WEEKENDS								
REGULAR - 9	126	75	81	151	2,798	1,948	2,056	4,613
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	15	9	9	43	240	171	171	875
REGULAR - 18	1,448	1,171	2,459	1,299	48,667	42,464	90,993	50,339
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	61	97	152	160	1,586	2,813	4,388	5,280
TWI-LIGHT	523	470	427	227	11,918	11,860	10,738	6,300
EARLY BIRD - 9	25	8	15	5	400	152	285	115
MEMBERSHIPS								
ULTIMATE PACKAGE	187	156	420	92	9,500	15,775	24,898	45,925
WEEKDAY PACKAGE	294	386	639	17	9,400	10,257	14,921	12,875
WEEKEND PACKAGE	60	-	102	2	750	-	800	1,650
TWI-LIGHT PACKAGE	175	152	148	24	5,525	3,850	4,575	8,225
OUTINGS (WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS)	<u>602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>18,017</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,862</u>	<u>11,616</u>
	11,188	8,879	12,904	10,843	\$ 245,192	\$ 222,364	\$ 341,814	\$ 343,987

	PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
CARTS	6,663	5,139	8,953	7,858	\$ 44,522	\$ 36,051	\$ 61,495	\$ 47,576
RENTALS	<u>26</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>
	6,689	5,140	8,971	7,858	\$ 44,782	\$ 36,061	\$ 61,675	\$ 47,576
FOOD & BEVERAGE	18,249	6,887	21,181	18,955	\$ 49,463	\$ 20,701	\$ 60,142	\$ 55,109
PRO SHOP	1,716	669	1,579	1,345	18,545	7,463	21,147	19,463
DISCOUNTS	-	-	-	-	(29,199)	(33,970)	(54,291)	-
VENDING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>-</u>
	19,965	7,556	22,760	20,300	\$ 39,012	\$ (5,508)	\$ 27,435	\$ 74,572
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	37,842	21,575	44,635	39,001	\$ 328,986	\$ 252,917	\$ 430,924	\$ 466,135

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	GREEN FEES							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
WEEKDAYS								
REGULAR - 9	607	434	546	246	\$ 4,616	\$ 4,494	\$ 6,332	\$ 6,150
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	283	302	355	250	4,146	5,276	6,020	5,327
LEAGUES - 9	4,122	2,771	3,439	3,740	65,931	47,585	58,463	66,577
REGULAR - 18	1,386	2,434	2,247	6,317	41,222	72,500	80,367	114,373
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	2,248	2,097	2,958	2,976	45,744	50,447	69,189	58,244
TWI-LIGHT	1,264	1,129	1,048	710	20,737	22,376	19,989	13,986
WEEKENDS								
REGULAR - 9	171	106	119	219	3,834	2,763	2,983	6,701
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	29	17	9	43	464	323	171	875
REGULAR - 18	2,133	1,933	3,154	1,815	71,552	70,084	115,983	69,652
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	125	151	358	260	3,250	4,379	10,524	8,521
TWI-LIGHT	753	719	555	307	17,148	17,941	13,965	8,690
EARLY BIRD - 9	40	24	20	5	640	456	380	115
MEMBERSHIPS								
ULTIMATE PACKAGE	215	250	470	104	9,500	15,775	24,898	45,925
WEEKDAY PACKAGE	461	639	939	24	9,400	10,257	14,921	13,225
WEEKEND PACKAGE	94	-	144	4	750	-	800	1,650
TWI-LIGHT PACKAGE	233	198	179	30	5,525	3,850	4,575	8,225
OUTINGS (WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS)	<u>645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>19,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,198</u>	<u>24,633</u>
	14,809	13,204	17,100	17,709	\$ 323,594	\$ 328,506	\$ 451,758	\$ 452,869

	PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
CARTS	10,335	9,349	13,123	11,409	\$ 70,581	\$ 65,495	\$ 90,809	\$ 70,245
RENTALS	<u>43</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
	10,378	9,355	13,148	11,409	\$ 71,011	\$ 65,555	\$ 91,059	\$ 70,245
FOOD & BEVERAGE	26,909	15,298	31,337	29,229	\$ 72,587	\$ 42,473	\$ 88,257	\$ 85,468
PRO SHOP	2,274	1,481	2,267	1,989	25,639	16,795	29,991	28,234
DISCOUNTS	-	-	-	-	(44,128)	(51,986)	(79,020)	-
VENDING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>-</u>
	29,183	16,779	33,604	31,218	\$ 54,428	\$ 8,020	\$ 39,959	\$ 113,702
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	54,370	39,338	63,852	60,336	\$ 449,033	\$ 402,081	\$ 582,776	\$ 636,815

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JUNE**

	GATE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	739	665	1,058	937	\$ 22,162	\$ 19,950	\$ 31,740	\$ 28,110
NON-RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	126	115	290	311	5,670	5,175	13,050	13,995
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	1,908	1,799	2,634	2,516	11,448	10,794	15,804	15,096
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	1,629	1,258	2,891	2,505	16,290	12,580	28,910	25,050
SENIOR (DAILY)	120	137	231	204	360	411	693	612
SENIOR-NON RES. (DAILY)	88	64	141	190	528	384	846	1,140
BUSES (DAILY)	1	-	-	5	30	-	-	150
ANNUAL BUS	1	-	-	1	150	-	-	150
MINI BUS	3	-	1	4	45	-	15	60
ANNUAL MINI BUS	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>
	4,616	4,040	7,249	6,676	\$ 56,758	\$ 49,444	\$ 91,283	\$ 84,588
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:								
	14.6%	14.7%	21.5%	24.9%				
	45.8%	40.6%	51.4%	49.8%				

BLUE HERON BAY ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
BHB ANNUAL PASSES	104	-	-	52	\$ 1,871	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,620
BHB DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>3,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,105</u>	<u>13,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,056</u>
	3,423	-	-	4,157	\$ 15,273	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,676

BLUE HERON BAY RETAIL OPERATION

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS	3	-	10	21	\$ 90	\$ -	\$ 565	\$ 1,670
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	7	-	-	-	705	-	-	-
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	11	-	10	21	\$ 845	\$ -	\$ 565	\$ 1,670
LOCKERS	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	3,263	40	65	5,034	6,630	37	67	11,679
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>
	3,280	40	65	5,046	\$ 6,647	\$ 37	\$ 67	\$ 11,696

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PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,326	-	1,818	1,894	\$ 35,815	\$ -	\$ 49,095	\$ 51,126
DISC GOLF	139	2,238	3,440	1,777	278	4,476	6,880	3,554
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>94</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>1,702</u>	<u>575</u>	<u>5,856</u>	<u>5,170</u>
	1,559	2,273	5,740	3,902	\$ 37,795	\$ 5,051	\$ 61,831	\$ 59,850
 FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	15	4	7	26	\$ 1,550	\$ 440	\$ 560	\$ 2,900
WEEKENDS	<u>59</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>6,995</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>7,410</u>	<u>8,740</u>
	74	33	68	109	\$ 8,545	\$ 3,940	\$ 7,970	\$ 11,640
 ROW BOATS-HOURLY	49	-	49	42	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ 245	\$ 210
ROW BOATS-DAILY	15	-	15	11	300	-	300	220
PADDLE BOATS-1/2 HOUR	<u>140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,505</u>	<u>959</u>
	204	-	279	190	\$ 1,525	\$ -	\$ 2,050	\$ 1,389
 FOOD CONCESSIONS	1,843	1,765	2,494	2,322	\$ 3,110	\$ 3,882	\$ 5,294	\$ 4,825
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>
	1,847	1,770	2,504	2,334	\$ 3,125	\$ 3,907	\$ 5,309	\$ 4,843
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION	15,014	8,156	15,915	22,435	\$ 130,513	\$ 62,379	\$ 169,075	\$ 197,352

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JULY**

	GATE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	893	946	1,244	1,080	\$ 26,788	\$ 28,380	\$ 37,320	\$ 32,400
NON-RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	154	169	323	354	6,930	7,605	14,535	15,930
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	3,719	3,777	4,287	4,018	22,314	22,662	25,722	24,108
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	3,156	2,930	4,473	4,587	31,560	29,300	44,730	45,870
SENIOR (DAILY)	312	339	428	417	936	1,017	1,284	1,251
SENIOR-NON RES. (DAILY)	202	173	225	372	1,212	1,038	1,350	2,232
BUSES (DAILY)	5	-	-	12	150	-	-	360
ANNUAL BUS	1	-	-	1	150	-	-	150
MINI BUS	15	3	2	20	225	45	30	300
ANNUAL MINI BUS	7	3	4	3	525	225	300	225
	8,464	8,340	10,986	10,864	\$ 90,790	\$ 90,272	\$ 125,271	\$ 122,826

PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:

14.7%	15.2%	20.6%	24.7%
45.4%	43.0%	49.9%	52.8%

BLUE HERON BAY ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
BHB ANNUAL PASSES	132	-	-	125	\$ 2,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,530
BHB DAILY ENTRANCE	9,035	-	241	11,196	33,012	-	837	49,572
	9,167	-	241	11,321	\$ 35,400	\$ -	\$ 837	\$ 55,102

BLUE HERON BAY RETAIL OPERATION

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS	4	-	15	44	\$ 115	\$ -	\$ 475	\$ 2,770
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	16	-	-	-	1,366	-	-	-
SPECIAL EVENTS	1	-	-	-	50	-	-	-
	21	-	15	44	\$ 1,531	\$ -	\$ 475	\$ 2,770
LOCKERS	34	-	-	-	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	7,318	113	261	11,909	15,281	121	667	28,198
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	34	1	3	27	49	25	28	47
	7,386	114	264	11,936	\$ 15,339	\$ 146	\$ 695	\$ 28,245

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JULY**

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,470	-	1,848	2,072	\$ 39,677	\$ -	\$ 49,905	\$ 55,939
DISC GOLF	170	2,793	4,211	2,161	340	5,586	8,422	4,322
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>74</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>3,181</u>	<u>1,220</u>	<u>6,226</u>	<u>5,475</u>
	1,714	2,857	6,581	4,473	\$ 43,198	\$ 6,806	\$ 64,553	\$ 65,736
FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	18	7	15	32	\$ 1,830	\$ 760	\$ 1,300	\$ 3,600
WEEKENDS	<u>66</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>7,845</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>8,480</u>	<u>9,460</u>
	84	30	85	120	\$ 9,675	\$ 3,510	\$ 9,780	\$ 13,060
ROW BOATS-HOURLY	97	-	99	80	\$ 485	\$ -	\$ 495	\$ 400
ROW BOATS-DAILY	22	-	26	19	440	-	520	380
PADDLE BOATS-1/2 HOUR	<u>271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>1,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,968</u>	<u>1,904</u>
	390	-	549	371	\$ 2,822	\$ -	\$ 3,983	\$ 2,684
FOOD CONCESSIONS	4,479	4,842	5,523	4,166	\$ 7,513	\$ 10,078	\$ 11,988	\$ 8,704
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>28</u>
	4,501	4,861	5,545	4,184	\$ 7,596	\$ 10,187	\$ 12,049	\$ 8,731
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION	31,726	16,202	24,266	43,313	\$ 206,351	\$ 110,921	\$ 217,643	\$ 299,153



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: August 9, 2022
Re: Rolling Hills Waterpark – Phase II Concessions Building Improvements - Grill Structure

Background

Opening in 1991, the Rolling Hills Waterpark welcomed guests with a large activities pool, a wave-action pool, two large waterslides, volleyball courts, and a bathhouse with associated staff offices. In 2002, the concessions building, the lazy river water feature, and adjacent spray structure amenities were added due to the overwhelming popularity of the original waterpark. The waterpark was again expanded in 2013 with the addition of two “plunge peak” waterslides, new bathhouse, new ticket sales and entry gate plaza, and the Park Headquarters building. The 2013 expansion increased waterpark patron capacity to 2300 occupants, which resulted in higher demands on the operations of the Concessions building and timely food delivery levels.

Staff recognized that adjustments needed to be made to the concessions service delivery, both operationally and physically. In 2019, staff worked with CHM to complete an analysis and feasibility study of renovations to the Rolling Hills concessions. They conducted an analysis of the existing space configurations, review of competitors, pricing, demands of food preparation, delivery, and clean-up processes, and overall “flow” of the building interior. CHM also incorporated input from employees on the facility layout to aid in preparing design alternatives to enhance the concession operations. In 2020, WCPARC staff engaged the architectural services of JFR Architects in conjunction with staff input to make the necessary modifications to enhance user experience and address existing issues with the demands of food preparation and delivery processes. From this analysis, JFR developed construction plans for the renovations of the concession building and replacement of the existing grill structure. Phase I (Concession Building Renovation) was completed in 2022.

Discussion

Due to the disrepair of the roof and grill itself, Phase II consists of replacing the existing grill structure that has not been utilized in recent years, which has created a loss of revenue for the park. Proposed plans include a new grill structure that meets all applicable codes and needs of park staff. Plans also incorporate a series of alternates that includes shade structures and picnic pavilions for patrons to utilize and enjoy. The new grill structure (base bid) was estimated by JFR Architects at \$298,872. Construction is expected to begin mid-September of this year and be completed by May 1, 2023, to not disrupt concession operations and provide full access to the Waterpark for our patrons.

In order to streamline the bidding process and ensure that the project will be completed on time by responsive Contractors, WCPARC staff requested bids for this Project through the State of Michigan cooperative purchasing program known as MiDeal. MiDeal allows Michigan municipalities and other agencies to buy goods and services from vetted state vendors. Since 1984, local governments have benefited directly from the reduced cost of goods and services and indirectly by eliminating the time needed to process bids. This process is similar to the municipal purchasing program utilized by Parks and was discussed and approved by County Purchasing.

On May 24, 2022, WCPARC staff sent Bid Documents (plans, specifications, price sheet and contract template) to three of the four Contractors with contracts on the MiDeal program. The fourth vendor, Allied Building Services Company of Detroit, was awarded the Phase 1 portion of the project and had shown no interest in bidding on Phase II. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on June 7, 2022 with one contractor (Laux Construction) attending. One proposal was received on June 17, 2022 when bids were due.

Laux Construction LLC (Mason, MI) \$453,900 (Base Bid - Grill Structure + Condiment Station)

Although only one Bidder responded, WCPARC staff sent the proposal to two other Contractors. Both stated that they were interested at that time the proposal was sent, however due to their current workload and staff shortages, they believed they could not be competitive at this time nor provide a high level of service to the Owner.

Alternates included in the Laux Construction's Bid included the following:

- Alternate 1 is to replace exterior concrete to match existing finish floor elevations of the Concession Building.
- Alternate 2 is to add a large concrete patio with 4 shade structures for patrons to utilize.
- Alternates 3 and 4 includes two picnic pavilions that guests can reserve for parties and gatherings.

After reviewing with Rolling Hills staff, it was determined that the Condiment Station could be eliminated from the project at a cost savings of \$20,000.

Recommendation

After conducting a careful investigation into the Bidder and their bid, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission award a Service Contract in the amount of **\$433,900** (Base Bid minus Condiment Station) to **Laux Construction LLC** for this project and include **Alternate #1** in the amount of **\$36,000** for a **Total Contract Price** of **\$469,900**. I am requesting an additional **10% (\$46,990) contingency** of the Total Contract Price for potential change orders.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: August 9, 2022
Re: Pierce Lake Golf Course – Toro Equipment Purchase for 2024 Season

Background

Beginning in 2001, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) began leasing John Deere golf course turf equipment in five-year cycles. The decision at the time aligned with the technical expertise of our hired positions as it kept the fleet in newer condition, avoiding the need for intensive repairs. Due to recent changes in departmental position control, Pierce Lake Golf Course now employs a Golf Course Greens Manager and an Assistant Greens Manager. The addition of these positions has increased our in-house mechanical abilities.

Our most recent lease is paid annually through six monthly payments made in May through October and totals \$11,846 monthly. Since WCPARC does not own equipment, payments of personal property tax are also made, typically twice annually, totaling approximately \$6,500. These payments total approximately \$77,500 annually and leave no residual equipment value at the end of the lease term. Additionally, WCPARC is responsible for funding repairs not covered by manufacturer warranty as necessary. In 2021, these invoices totaled \$22,496.

Discussion

In anticipation of the expiration of the current five-year lease in fall 2023, Pierce Lake Golf Course staff formed a committee to evaluate long-term equipment needs. Staff on the committee have experience with golf course turf equipment and repair and considered factors such as parts and service availability, ease of use and repair, longevity and service intervals, price, and dealer support. Three manufacturers were evaluated in this process, all of which provided pricing in alignment with a current state equipment bid or a Washtenaw County accepted municipal joint purchasing program, which negates the requirement of issuance of a formal County RFP. Each of the proposals included options for leasing the equipment or outright purchase.

After evaluating the needs of Pierce Lake Golf Course and assessing the proposals featuring the proprietary equipment offered by each vendor, staff reached the conclusion that buying, rather than leasing, turf equipment best aligns with capabilities afforded by the new staffing structure. Outright purchase of turf equipment also provides WCPARC with the flexibility to either trade-in or continue using equipment at the end of a timeframe of our choosing. The manufacturer of the equipment best suited to the needs of Pierce Lake Golf course, as determined by staff using criteria cited above, is Toro and, if approved by the Commission, would be purchased through the Toro regional sole distributor, Spartan Distributors.

The total cost of turf equipment for Pierce Lake Golf Course, inclusive of OMNIA cooperative purchasing discounts, is \$663,177.75. It is recommended that a purchase order be established in 2022 to allow for

the ordering of equipment to ensure in time arrival given supply chain bottlenecks. Budget impact would be experienced in 2023, resulting in a planned use of fund balance of \$663,178. The expenditure budget for Pierce Lake Golf Course would subsequently be reduced in years 2024 – 2028 by approximately \$87,500 annually.

Recommendation

Based on staff review, it is my recommendation to authorize the purchase of Toro turf equipment in the fall of 2023 in the amount of \$663,177.75 and to authorize staff to amend the 2023 budget as follows:

Line	Title	Type	Amount
20807500.679300	Fund Bal Prior Years	Revenue	\$663,178
20807590.962000	Machinery & Equipment	Expenditure	\$663,178