



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: September 13, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order / Moment of Silence**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes**
 - A. August 15, 2022 Meeting (attached, pp. 1-5 /action item)
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Communications, Projects & Activities** (attached, pp. 6-32 /action item)
- 6. Financial & Recreation Reports – August 2022**
 - A. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 33-35 /action item)
 - B. Recreation Reports (attached, pp. 36-42 /action item)
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. NAPP – Maisel Final Approval (attached, pp. 43-48 /action item)
 - B. Folk School Acquisition Update (presentation at meeting)
 - C. Other Old Business
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Other New Business
- 9. Commissioners / Directors Comments**
- 10. Adjournment**

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Date: August 15, 2022

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

Members Present: Patricia Scribner, WCPARC President; Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President; Dan Ezekiel, Secretary; Ricky Jefferson, Brenda McKinney, and Robert Marans.

Members Absent: JoAnn McCollum, Sue Shink, Robert Joerg, and Evan Pratt

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration

Special meeting held to consider items originally appearing on the August 9, 2022 regular meeting agenda but held due to lack of a quorum.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Scribner called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. She explained that the purpose of this special meeting was to act on the agenda items from the August 9th regular meeting since there was not a quorum present at that meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

None

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

I. June 14, 2022 Meeting

Moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Ms. McKinney to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting. All ayes, the motion was approved.

B. Communications, Projects & Activities

Moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Ms. McKinney to accept and file the Communications, Projects & Activities for the months of June and July, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

C. Financial & Recreation Reports – June & July 2022

Moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Ms. McKinney to approve and file the Financial Reports and the Recreation Reports for the months of June and July, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

D. Old Business

I. Phase II Concessions Project at Rolling Hills

Moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Ms. McKinney to award a service contract in the amount of \$433,900 to Laux Construction, LLC, and include presented alternate #1 in the amount of \$36,000 for a total contract price of \$469,000 and to approve an additional 10% contingency, up to an additional \$46,990, for potential change orders. All ayes, the motion was approved.

E. New Business

I. Toro Equipment Package – Pierce Lake Golf Course

Moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Ms. McKinney to authorize the purchase of Toro turf equipment in the fall of 2023 in the amount of \$663,117.75 and authorize staff to amend the 2023 budget. All ayes, the motion was approved.

5. Commissioners / Directors Comments

Ms. Bobrin commented that County Farm Park looks beautiful.

6. Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Mr. Jefferson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



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Members Present: Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President; Dan Ezekiel, Secretary; Brenda McKinney, JoAnn McCollum, and Evan Pratt.

Members Remote: Patricia Scribner, WCPARC President, Robert Marans

Members Absent: Ricky Jefferson, Robert Joerg, Sue Shink

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Leikam, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration (attending remotely); Brian Klender, Golf Course Manager; Ann Ziolkowski, Communications Manager; Hannah Cooley, Management Analyst; David Ries, Park Planner.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Bobrin called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. She explained that since there was not a quorum present for the meeting there would be no votes taken on action items. The Commission will hold a subsequent special meeting where action will be taken on agenda items requiring a vote.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes - Reviewed

The minutes of the June 14, 2022 regular meeting were included with the agenda material.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Communications, Projects & Activities

Director Vaughn reported on the June/July communications which were included in the packet and provided a presentation summarizing the projects, programs, and events for the past two months.

Commissioner Bobrin complimented the BHB staff on the positive feedback from a patron.

Commissioner Ezekiel asked if the B2B Trail segment between Zeeb – Delhi has been awarded.

Director Vaughn stated the bid was accepted and awarded on May 6.

Commissioner McKinney inquired about the date of the Playground Camp picnic. Specialist Cooley stated the date is Thursday, August 18th, and staff would send out the invite to the Commission.

6. Financial & Recreation Reports – June/July 2022

A. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on the financials and stated that the total for the claims for the month of June and July was \$1,845,690.35.

B. Recreation Reports

Mr. Brooks presented the Recreation Reports for the month of June/July 2022 for all park facilities. He noted that annual vehicle passes are up 63% since 2019. He also pointed out the significant increase in revenue at Rolling Hills Water Park for the month of June and July.

7. Old Business

A. Rolling Hills Concession Project Phase II

Mr. Ries provided an overview of Phase II of the concession project at Rolling Hills. 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. 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.

Laux Construction LLC, out of Mason, MI, was the only firm to bid on the project. After conducting a careful investigation into the Bidder and their bid, staff recommended that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission award a Service Contract in the amount of \$433,900 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. An additional 10% (\$46,990) was recommended for contingency.

Commissioner Ezekiel asked if there's any plan to reduce concession waste. Deputy Director Bonfiglio stated that zero waste efforts began in 2019. Commissioner Pratt inquired about the shade structures and if we really need them, why not include them as part of this project. Mr. Ries is planning to re-evaluate the shade structures and agreed that they should be included.

Other Old Business

None.

8. New Business

A. Pierce Lake Golf Course - Toro Equipment Package

Brian Klender, Golf Course Manager, provided an overview of turf equipment. 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. 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.

Commissioner Ezekiel inquired if electric mowers were an option. Mr. Klender responded that the technology is starting to come out for large farm equipment and that he expects our fleet could be electric in 10 years. Commissioner McKinney complimented Mr. Klender on moving from leasing to purchasing the equipment.

B. Other New Business

None.

9. Commissioners/Directors Comments

Director Vaughn gave an update on the 50th Anniversary planning (2023) and asked if any commissioners are interested in being involved in the committee planning. Commissioners Maren and Bobrin both expressed interest.

Director Vaughn shared that Diane Carr, Superintendent at Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center, is putting together a Pickleball training lesson if any Commissioners would like to attend. He will let them know the date.

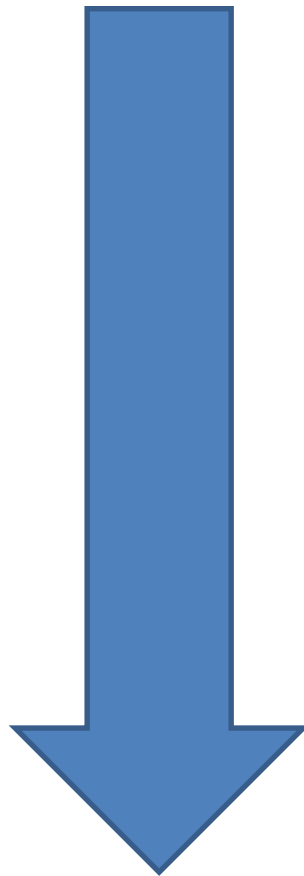
Commissioner Ezekiel complimented the MLM staff stating how welcoming they are every time he's there.

It was determined by the Commissioners present and those attending virtually to hold the Special Meeting on Monday, August 15, at 10:30AM to vote on the action items from this meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Communications, Projects & Activities



From: [Rhonda Bouma](#)
To: [Kira Macyda](#)
Subject: FW: THANKS!!
Date: Saturday, September 3, 2022 11:23:25 PM

Kira,
Here is an email I received from a parent after attending Special Needs Swim Day if you can incorporate that in the Commission presentation. I put a photo of her and her son Owen in the photo folder.

Rhonda- wanted to express gratitude for the Special Needs Swim Day opportunity 8/20 at Rolling Hills...it was SO GREAT to spend the morning floating, splashing and sliding in the sun with my son Owen (19), living with profound nonverbal Autism. What a blessing for families like ours to be welcomed and accommodated for a successful outing at your wonderful venue.

Thanks,
Rhonda



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Great golf and bonding experience at the Pierce Lake Golf Course Employee Golf Tournament



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A look at the course. photo courtesy of the Pierce Lake Golf Course website

The 3rd Annual Pierce Lake Golf Course Employee Golf Tournament was another success.

The tournament was a time of having fun on the golf course while connecting with fellow employees in a challenging team versus team competition.

To see how things went this year, the Sun Times News followed up with John Eisley, a Pierce Lake Golf Course (PLGC) Ranger and Volunteer Golf Tournament Organizer.

“Our 3rd Annual PLGC Employees Best Ball Golf Tournament went outstanding!” he said.

There were nine employee foursomes selected based on their handicap golf score. Eisley said they placed different department employees within each foursomes and one could not play with members who they

played with the past two years.

Teams can be a mix of maintenance, rangers, clubhouse managers, concession and supervisor employees each year within a different foursome.

Eisley described this year's tournament as having unbelievable, competitive team scores.

The team that won, made up of Dan Cooperrider, Mike Schanz, Jerry Martel and Wes Keiser, scored a 62 or -10 under par. There was a tie for second with two teams coming in at -9 under. From there, there were more ties and great scores at par or better.



Winning Foursome:(from left to right) Dan Cooperrider, Mike Schanz, Jerry Martel, and missing is Wes Keiser. photo courtesy of Pierce Lake Golf Course

Eisley said something that stood was the "high five your team members after a birdie/eagle shot".

“I truly believe great bonds build great working teams!” Eisley said of the tournament, which is more than an annual competition.

“This is an annual activity that PLGC host so staff can connect with each other both inside and outside of the work environment,” Eisley describes it.

PLGC provides employment to around 50 local employees at a course that is beautiful yet challenging. It’s owned by Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, and it's meant for locals and out-of-towners.

The course is described as having rolling terrain, scenic vistas, quality amenities and reasonable fees while being an exceptional golfing experience. All skill levels enjoy playing the front nine, while the wooded areas, wetlands and tighter fairways of the back nine can challenge the more experienced golfers. The 18-hole championship layout was designed by Harry Bowers.

They recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. They continue to work on improving the course, most recently with a big cart path project.

There’s also a 26-acre park that is situated on the northern boundary of the course. It has a boardwalk and paved trail along the wetlands and scenic lake.

“We are so blessed to have a local golf course in Chelsea,” Eisley said.

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7 things to do in Washtenaw County before summer ends

SABINE BICKFORD BROWN | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022

It's easy to feel like the season is slipping away, but there are still plenty of ways to get the most out of your summer in Washtenaw County.



Doug Coombe

Rayce Biggs performing at the John E Lawrence Summer Jazz Concert Series.





With the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and Ann Arbor Art Fairs already come and gone, it's easy to feel like summer is slipping away. But there are still plenty of ways to get the most out of your summer in Washtenaw County! Here are seven things to do in our community before the season ends.

1. Cool down or glow up at Rolling Hills in Ypsilanti

Rolling Hills Water Park is a great way to cool down and have a blast in the summer heat, but did you know that Rolling Hills County Park also offers hiking, fishing, and a full disc golf course? This summer the park is also offering "glow nights" where you can play disc golf in the dark on a course illuminated with colorful glowing lights!

2. Walk, bike, or rollerblade along the county's B2B Trail



The B2B trail in Dexter.

The Border to Border Trail features eight trail corridors that connect to cities, parks, and destinations throughout Washtenaw County. With thirty-five miles of fully ADA-compliant trail completed (and even more to come), the trail is a great way for everyone to get outdoors and explore the county. Do you know where the closest segment of trail is to your home – or is there a new stretch you'd like to explore elsewhere in the county? Now's the time, before leaves (and, more importantly, snowflakes) start to fall.

3. Attend a festival or music series





Petals Sandcastle at the Say Yes Fest opening at CultureVerse.

Although several prominent summer events have already wrapped up, many local festivals and weekly music events are still going on in August and September. In Ypsilanti, check out the John E. Lawrence Summer Jazz Concert Series at Ford Lake Park for renowned local and national jazz performers every week. In Ann Arbor, the inaugural Say Yes Fest mixes art with activism for a variety of events that will nourish your creative side and empower you to make a difference. And the A2 Summer Streets series brings a wide variety of live music to the heart of downtown Ann Arbor. Meanwhile, Saline's Salty Summer Sounds series brings live music and dancing to Main Street every Thursday evening.

4. Investigate clues for the AADL Summer Game



Clues for the AADL Summer Game at the downtown branch.

You may have already spotted a secret code hidden around town for the Ann Arbor District Library's Summer Game. It's not just for kids — anyone can sign up for this city-wide scavenger-hunt-style event. Earn points and win prizes by finding clues in person, online, and in the library's catalog.

5. Wine and dine in York's outdoor courtyard



York's outdoor courtyard.

Ricewood BBQ, the Bao Boys food truck, and a bar and cafe can all be found on-site at York, 1928 Packard St. in Ann Arbor. The variety of food and drinks offer a perfect solution when your group can't decide on one place, and York's shaded outdoor courtyard also offers several visually impressive murals and sculptures from local artists.

6. Browse local produce and goods at a market or stand



The Dixboro Farmers Market.

Did you know that Washtenaw County has over 15 farmers markets and farm stands? Stop by a weekly farmers market this summer for locally grown fruits and veggies, allergy-inoculating local honey, and handmade goods from all over southeastern Michigan. Or head to an on-site farm stand like the one at White Lotus Farms at 7217 W. Liberty in Scio Township!

7. Beat the heat with a cone of local ice cream



Go! Ice Cream.

Washtenaw County is home to many fabulous frozen dessert shops, but we particularly love Ypsi's Go! Ice Cream and Ann Arbor's Blank Slate Creamery, which both make their own delicious ice cream with fresh ingredients. With so many unique and delicious flavors at both locations, it's hard to go wrong! Elevate your palate with Blank Slate's Basil Peach Swirl flavor or indulge your sweet tooth with Go!'s decadent new Bruleed Banana.

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All photos by Doug Coombe.

DNR's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program offering an archery deer hunting workshop in Washtenaw County

August 31, 2022

Contact: [Michelle Zellar](#) (BOW), 906-293-5131, ext. 4004 or [Allison Kreuger](#) (Washtenaw County), 734-971-6337, ext. 317

In a new and exciting partnership, the DNR's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program has scheduled a "Beyond BOW" archery deer hunt workshop in cooperation with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Registration for the weekend program, which is scheduled from Sept. 30-Oct. 2, is now open. The program is for women with no previous hunting experience or those who would like to expand their abilities and acquire new skills.

"We have had numerous requests to hold more BOW events in the Lower Peninsula," said Michelle Zellar, BOW coordinator for the DNR. "This is a fantastic opportunity for at least a handful of those Lower Peninsula ladies looking for BOW activities closer to home."

Enrollment is limited to six participants. Cost is \$100 per participant. The deadline to register is Sept. 16. Lunch will be provided Friday and Saturday. Lodging and additional meals will be the responsibility of participants.

Class information and registration materials are available online at Michigan.gov/BOW. Registered participants will be required to attend a video orientation session prior to the event. This will be a rain or shine event.

The workshop will be held at the [Watkins Lake State Park Preserve in Manchester](#). The preserve is co-managed by the DNR and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. The DNR manages 717 acres in Norvell Township in Jackson County and the commission oversees 405 acres in Manchester Township, primarily through the commission's Natural Areas Preservation Program.

Administrators of the program purchase unique natural areas to ensure their preservation for the benefit of all Washtenaw County residents, plants, animals and

people. The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission manages the program, identifying and caring for lands with special ecological, recreation and educational benefits. So far, over 9,100 acres have been preserved.

“There is no public hunting permitted typically on Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission lands, however, unique programs such as this help us with preservation efforts by reducing significant deer browse on the property, which has been a problem,” said Allison Krueger, stewardship manager for the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

In 2019, Washtenaw County partnered with Ducks Unlimited and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Private Lands Office to restore over 70 acres of grassland and wetlands. With a few years’ growth, the native plantings have increased across the site to produce a rich habitat for deer, birds and other wildlife.

This workshop is open to any properly licensed woman hunter, 16 years of age or older. No experience is required. Compound archery or crossbow equipment are both acceptable. Much of the equipment will be provided, but organizers also welcome participants to bring their personal archery equipment. Proper safety and hunting techniques will be taught and followed.

On Friday, participants will gain knowledge of deer biology, habitat, archery hunting techniques, hunting ethics, general archery safety, shooting, tree stand safety and hunting blind set up. They will then be paired with hunting mentors and set afield to hunt.

On Saturday, participants and mentors will meet and prepare for the afternoon hunt. Following the hunt, participants will learn how, and have the opportunity to participate in, field dressing and properly registering their harvested deer.

To attend this event, you must have a Michigan base hunting license and a deer or universal antlerless deer hunting license, which is available with an apprentice option and is purchased prior to attending the workshop.

Hunting licenses are available for purchase at [any license agent](#) or online at Michigan.gov/DNRLlicenses.

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New Ann Arbor-area nature preserve honors legacy of ‘Grampa Don’

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI — Just beyond Ann Arbor’s western border is a wooded area off Miller Road by M-14 where the songs of birds echo through the forest and where deer prance and wildflowers cover the ground each spring.

It’s been a place of refuge and recreation for many visitors over the decades, purchased in 1975 by [the late Don Botsford](#), affectionately known to many as “Grampa Don.”

After years of questions about what would come of the property following his death and multiple legal battles, Botsford’s legacy now will live on as the land he loved is permanently becoming a public-access nature preserve named in his honor.

The legal dust has settled and the quest by local officials to protect Botsford's 20 acres — along with another 20 acres to the west extending to Wagner Road — is now complete.

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"I have been working on the preservation of this property since I started doing land preservation in 2005 — it's one of those deals," said Ginny Leikam, Washtenaw County's superintendent of park planning and natural area preservation, who first got involved with the property while working for Ann Arbor's greenbelt program, which protects land outside the city.

"This was a longstanding vision of Don Botsford," she said. "He wanted to see this piece of property preserved but also available for recreation."

Man has dream to blend nature, health activities

By DON FABER
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

MAY 15 1997

Just a couple of miles from downtown Ann Arbor lies a lush 20-acre recreational preserve most people haven't heard about. Trillium carpets the forest floor and wild-life abound.

The owner of the Botsford Recreational Preserve has a strong commitment to health and conservation. Don Botsford opened the area's first fitness club — Ann Arbor Gymkhana — in 1956.

In 1975, Botsford bought 20 wooded acres off Miller Road just west of Maple Road and the M-14 overpass. The idea was to expand Gymkhana and "save the place from bulldozers."

Well, Gymkhana closed in 1986 after losing out to Vic Tanny and other glitzy health spas. The 'dozers are still at bay on the preserve, but lack of financing has kept Botsford from developing his dream of a nature

preserve and recreational facility.

What you'll see on the premises are walking/jogging trails, a Native American teepee and sweat lodge, an exercise building and oodles of potential. The main building houses two floor-level trampolines and exercise equipment.

A planned addition would be available for dances, aerobics, martial arts, yoga and craft/drawing classes, as well as meetings

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Don Botsford, shown near an elaborate tree house he built on 20 acres of woods he owns near M-14 and Miller Road, has not given up on his dream of developing a full-fledged nature preserve on the property.

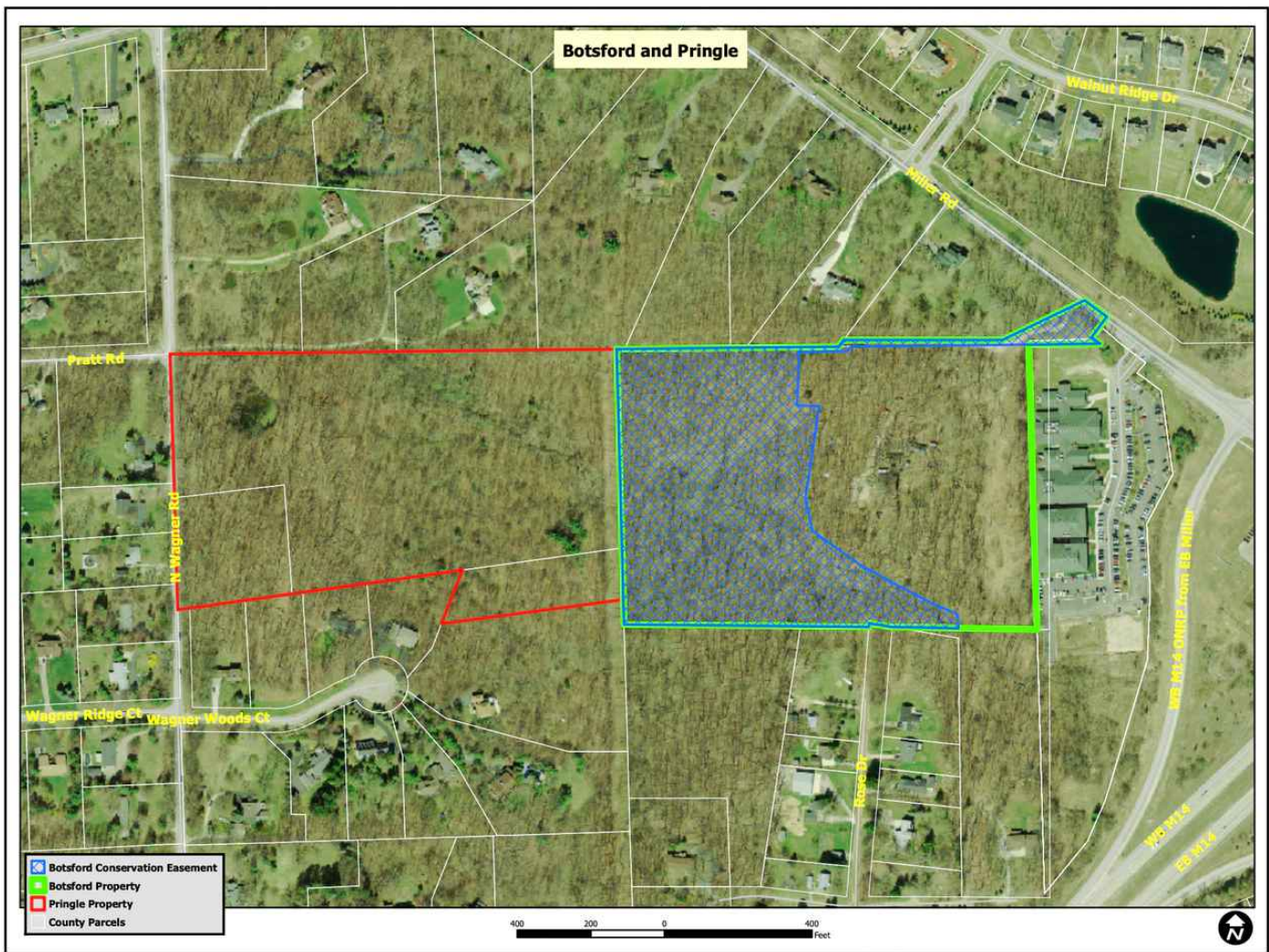
A story about 'Grampa Don' Botsford's dream for his nature preserve off Miller Road in Scio Township in 1997. Ann Arbor News archives courtesy of OldNews.AADL.org

Botsford, an athlete and fitness enthusiast who started Ann Arbor's first commercial gym known as the Gymkhana on Maple Road in 1956, died in 2011 at the age of 82.

He lived a life filled with ups and downs, earning respect for coaching weightlifters and trampolinists to state and national titles, eventually closing his Maple Road gym in 1986 after losing business to newer competitors. But even when he fell on hard times, he never let go of the woods he called the Botsford Recreational Preserve, where he carved trails, gave tours, built treehouses and attempted to reestablish a recreation center with mixed success, living there while struggling financially.

Botsford's preserve and adjacent land has been protected piece by piece over the last 14 years, starting with Scio Township and Ann Arbor paying Botsford \$312,000 in 2008 to buy the development rights to his back 10 acres, putting a permanent conservation easement in place on half his land. Nearly a decade later, the county purchased the adjacent Pringle property.

The late Mary Hathaway also worked with the Legacy Land Conservancy in 2009 to protect 4.7 acres she owned next to Botsford's land.



A map of the Botsford Preserve at 3015 Miller Road in Scio Township, just outside Ann Arbor between M-14 and Wagner Road. Washtenaw County

Even with those pieces protected, the fate of Botsford's front 10 acres was still in question after his death. The land had been placed in a family trust with former Washtenaw County Prosecutor Brian Mackie serving as trustee, per Botsford's wishes.

But when Mackie allowed a logging company to come through and cut down dozens of trees in recent years, Scio Township sued, claiming damage was done to the protected land. The township was awarded \$75,000 in a recent legal settlement.

Mackie maintains the tree-removal work was permitted and necessary to pay taxes on the property and only a small fraction of the thousands of trees in the woods were cut down. The trust was paid \$20,000 by the logging company.

"We acted in good faith," Mackie said.

Mackie and the trust also listed the 20 acres for sale, marketed as ideal for development of several high-end homes. There were various prospective buyers, including a couple that wanted to build a single home, but when the city was notified in 2020 of a pending sale for \$350,000, City Council voted to exercise a right of first refusal to purchase the property to transfer it to the county.

The prospective buyer filed a lawsuit, but the city prevailed in court and finally closed on the purchase this spring. The county then purchased it from the city for \$276,500 in May.

"We now own 40 acres there, which is referred to as the Botsford Preserve," Leikam said.

While remnants of Botsford's old trails still can be found among the woods, along with the various shed, cabin and treehouse structures he built, the county is holding off on inviting the public to hike through just yet, Leikam said.

"While we intend for the site to have public use, we will hold off until we get a parking lot constructed, trails better maintained, trail map with kiosk and preserve sign so there are amenities for the public," she said. "We'll have an opening when it is ready."

It could take up to 18 months, she said.

Some of the site's natural features include an oak-hickory forest covering most of the hilly upland area and two small perennial streams, part of the Honey Creek watershed. Birds such as wood thrush and scarlet tanager, which need forested areas for nesting, have been spotted in the woods.

"It's a feel-good story," said Dan Ezekiel, a retired Ann Arbor science teacher and county parks commissioner. "It's just a beautiful piece of property."

Ezekiel said he knew "Grampa Don" and remembers going to his Gymkhana as a kid.

"That was a fun place. I loved it," he said. "I loved playing spaceball there, which was just a crazy game they had on trampolines with volleyballs."



Don Botsford, owner of the Ann Arbor Gymkhana at 415 S. Maple Road, in a spaceball game with his son Bob in 1984. Robert Chase | Ann Arbor News archives courtesy of OldNews.AADL.org

Ezekiel said he became friends with Botsford a decade before his death, after they successfully protested against the school district cutting its environmental education program.

Even when Botsford was poor and living out in the woods, he still wouldn't sell his land to developers, said Ezekiel, whose daughter Elaine made a [short documentary film about Botsford](#), interviewing him on camera not long before he died.

"I feel I am so lucky to have found these woods and was able to purchase these woods, even though I struggled," Botsford said in the video, recalling resorting to selling walnut trees from his land to pay back taxes and save the property.

"And that sometimes broke my heart," he said.

Botsford also recalled various gimmicks he tried to make money at the Gymkhana in hard times.

"I even emptied out the downstairs of all the exercise equipment and put in pinball machines," he said. "Also, I had a teen disco idea and we called it Close Pincounters of the Third Kind People said, 'Oh, that's a great idea.' Nobody came."

The hilly, sloping terrain of the Botsford Preserve makes it so the adjacent highway noise is barely noticeable, Ezekiel said.

"It's so quiet there," he said. "You would think that you were in some far-off Up North nature preserve."

Scio Township Supervisor Will Hathaway said he lives in the house his mother used to own next to Botsford's land, and the new county preserve is a fitting tribute to Botsford and achieves a dream his late parents also shared. They used to have "trillium parties" in the spring to admire the wildflowers.



Digital Report - August 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 - August 2022

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Blue Heron Bay

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
51,964	152,250	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
2,909	9,371	

facebook

Independence Lake

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
63,566	86,974	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
3,704	7,252	

facebook

Meri Lou Murray

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
1,653	2,615	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
67	68	

facebook

Pierce Lake

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
15,054	26,524	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
1,174	1,624	

facebook

Rolling Hills

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
450,928	707,718	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
28,900	59,940	

facebook

WCPARC

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
12,631	35,318	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
341	1,001	

Instagram

Rolling Hills

Total Followers

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
1,178	1,160	

Top Post -

How many people reacted to posts

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
41	471	

Instagram

WCPARC

Total Followers

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
2,550	2,526	

Top Post -

How many people reacted to posts

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
70	80	



Digital Report - August 2022

Facebook/Instagram - Top Posts

 **washtenawcou...**
Thu 8/25/2022 1:05 pm ...

You never know what you'll see at Pierce Lake Golf Course! Here's a clip of a fo...



Total Engagements **74**

Likes **74**

Comments **0**

Saves **0**

 **washtenawcou...**
Thu 8/11/2022 6:50 am ...

Remember going to summer day camp when you were a kid? Here's a clip of our...



Total Engagements **41**

Likes **41**

Comments **0**

Saves **0**



Digital Report - August 2022

Website, Newsletter, News

Website Statistics

washtenaw.org/parks

August 2022

Total Page Visits	This Month	Last Month	Sept. Last Year
	269,086	78,071	

Top Pages Viewed	Views
Rolling Hills Water Park	35,224
Online Tickets	17,272
Park Rates	8,691
Blue Heron Bay	5,143
Park Hours	5,268

In The News

see Powerpoint slides

Monthly Newsletter

WCPARC 50% open rate

Newsletter via MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
6,856	4,408	704

Newsletter non MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
1,088	N/A	

Photography



Photo
Ambassador
photos from
August, by
Germaine
Gebhard, taken
at Trinkle Marsh
at Easton Farms
Preserve



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: September 13, 2022
RE: Project and Activities Update – August 2022

Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake

- Red Hawk Disc Golf Course hosted two tournaments that were sponsored by local leagues; each event drew 144 players.
- Summer Day Camp concluded with full capacity, with thirty campers attending every week.
- There were eighteen pavilion rentals at Blue Heron Bay Spray Park (BHB) and thirty-one general park pavilion rentals.
- BHB had twenty-nine group visits; the Beach Center had eight group visits in August.
- Operations staff are preparing for the off-season and shutting down BHB.
- WCPARC staff are working with an electrician to provide proper lighting controls to meet the needs of staff at the new Disc Golf Pavilion.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- Eight special needs teens and young adults attended Camp Big Heart Program, from August 8 - 12. Campers participated in games, sports, arts and crafts, swimming, and other water activities.
- MLMRC's annual two-week shutdown began on August 22 and provided an opportunity for staff to complete intrusive building projects that cannot be completed during normal operating hours. Some projects completed during the shutdown include draining the pool for cleaning and maintenance; refinishing the gym and studio floors; cleaning carpeted areas in exercise room; cleaning all exercise equipment, etc.; and refinishing track and stairwell.
- Staff participated in in-service trainings and emergency preparedness drills.
- MLMRC leadership team met with Parks Administration to begin work on the strategic plan and upcoming marketing initiatives.

Rolling Hills Park

- Family Campouts took place the first two weekends in August. 240 participants enjoyed stargazing with the EMU Astronomy Club, a movie under the stars, and pancake breakfast. Thirty-seven families opted to stay two nights in the park.
- More than 150 patrons participated in Special Needs Swim Day (formerly Autism Swim Day) on August 20.
- Seasonal employees took part in our all-staff party on August 27 and enjoyed much-deserved fun at the Water Park.
- Eleven weeks of Summer Day Camp concluded on August 26, with more than 350 campers participating throughout the summer.
- The facility hosted a disc golf tournament with MOB Disc Golf on August 27.

- River Walking concluded on August 28, with more than 1,400 drop-ins, and more than 100 punch cards purchased during the season.
- The county-wide employee cookout was hosted on August 26. Staff is looking forward to working with County Administration to grow this event in the future.
- Disc Golf Glow Night was held on August 26.
- Phase II of the concessions building renovation to replace the grill structure and associated concrete flatwork is scheduled to begin construction this fall.

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.
- The septic field and tanks have been installed and inspected. Underground utility work, as well as adjustments to the Plymouth Road ROW, are anticipated to be completed by the end of September.
- 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.
- August MFS classes: eighteen classes, including Blacksmithing 101, Blacksmithing for Kids, Bladesmithing, Coin Ring, Cooking by Campfire, Wilderness Survival, and Earth Oven Workshop.

Special Initiatives

Border to Border Trail (B2B)

- Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (Segment DAA3) construction project should be beginning construction work in September pending receipt of Amtrak's permit to enter the right of way. The construction team has been working behind the scenes to review and approve shop drawings for the new pedestrian bridge, retaining walls, and other items. The project has an anticipated completion date in the summer of 2023.
- Punch list items are nearly complete for construction of the Dexter-Chelsea trail segment (CD2), Wylie Road east 2,000 feet.
- Chelsea Connector segment (C1) from Veterans Park to Werkner Road is complete except for replacing a culvert, which is scheduled for 2023 by MDOT.
- 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

Watkins Lake County Park Trail

- In 2021, JB Construction built a gravel trail surface from Austin Road to Noggles Road (2.4 miles). This year the contractor extended the trail west by 1.1 miles, connecting it to the existing parking lot on DNR land in Jackson County. Final site restoration will occur this fall.

Connecting Communities

- Staff has been meeting with representatives from various communities to discuss potential grant submissions.

- Grant cycle closed August 31. Seven applications were received for both planning and construction grants. Staff will update the Commission on the projects at their October meeting.

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Stewardship

- Stiltgrass control continues at Botsford and Watkins Lake Preserves. At Botsford Preserve control efforts and outreach have been supported by Ann Arbor City NAP staff. 10 community members attended a jointly hosted Stiltgrass Workshop at Botsford Preserve in late August. The Jackson-Lenawee-Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (JLW Cisma) is paying for the cost of treatment at Watkins Lake Preserve.
- Staff has been successful in collecting drone imagery and building detailed aerial maps using ArcGIS software. This technology has been used to map and monitor flooding at Gosline Preserve.
- Gravel redresses at the following parking lots have been completed: Trinkle Marsh, Leonard, Draper Houston, Brauer. Additionally, the ADA trails at Trinkle Marsh Preserve and the pedestrian entrance at Meyer East Preserve have also been redressed for improved accessibility.

Interpretive Programming

- More than 472 patrons attended nature programs during the month of August.

Other

- Staff has been preparing a Cultural Resource Management Plan to help guide planning and preservation efforts for cultural assets.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

August 2022 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 2,070.10	\$ 6,988.53	\$ 69,852.23	\$ 78,910.86
Recreation Center	20,734.28	2,643.13	21,322.54	44,699.95
Park Maintenance	1,579.20	2,654.52	5,110.74	9,344.46
Pierce Lake Golf Course	2,195.65	7,255.92	49,337.60	58,789.17
Independence Lake	4,326.40	7,785.32	14,947.48	27,059.20
Rolling Hills	44,433.05	11,837.83	65,579.48	121,850.36
Parker Mill	223.42	-	33.00	256.42
Sharon Mills	102.61	-	70.00	172.61
Staebler Farm	245.35	-	550.00	795.35
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	3,638.00	3,638.00
Capital Improvement	-	-	260,992.47	260,992.47
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	10,500.00	10,500.00
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 75,910.06	\$ 39,165.25	\$ 501,933.54	\$ 617,008.85
 Road Millage Fund	 -	 -	 386,333.55	 386,333.55
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 386,333.55	\$ 386,333.55
 Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,165.00	\$ 137,165.00
Preserve Management	-	717.68	732.02	\$ 1,449.70
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,035.00	\$ 101,035.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 717.68	\$ 238,932.02	\$ 239,649.70
 TOTAL	\$ 75,910.06	\$ 39,882.93	\$ 1,127,199.11	\$ 1,242,992.10

It was moved by _____ and supported by _____
to approve payment of claims in the amount of.....

\$ 1,242,992.10

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

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	16,261,408		67%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	8,681,375	8,766,264		101%	84,889
State Grant Funds	-	-			-
Fees & Services	3,635,000	3,506,415		96%	(128,585)
Interest Earnings	100,000	61,801		62%	(38,199)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>30,000</u>	<u>3,140</u>		10%	<u>(26,860)</u>
Total Revenue		12,446,375	12,337,620	99%	(108,755)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(6,909,556)	(4,183,202)		61%	2,726,354
Supplies & Other Services	(2,549,600)	(1,684,912)		66%	864,688
Internal Service Charges	(939,876)	(635,547)		68%	304,329
Capital					
Land Acquisition	-	-		-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(1,382,313)		45%	1,717,687
Contingency	(400,000)	(117,334)		29%	282,666
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(181,100)</u>	<u>(96,065)</u>		53%	<u>85,035</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,681,100)	(1,595,713)		43%	2,085,387
Transfers Out	(547,249)	(266,270)		49%	280,979
Total Expense		<u>(14,627,381)</u>	<u>(8,365,644)</u>	57%	6,261,737
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,181,006)	3,971,976		
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>(2,729,703)</u>	<u>11,285,739</u>		

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

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	8,127,796	67%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	4,622,888	4,663,323	101%	40,435
Federal Revenue	-	-		-
Interest Earnings	25,000	30,182	121%	5,182
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>28,883</u>	578%	<u>23,883</u>
Total Revenue	4,652,888	4,722,389	101%	69,501
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(700,883)	(368,460)	53%	332,423
Supplies & Other Services	(336,200)	(271,365)	81%	64,835
Internal Service Charges	(20,612)	(16,295)	79%	4,317
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(2,550,000)	(2,557,094)	100%	(7,094)
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(498)</u>	10%	<u>4,502</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,555,000)	(2,557,593)	100%	(2,593)
Total Expense	<u>(3,612,695)</u>	<u>(3,213,712)</u>	89%	398,983
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,040,193	1,508,677		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/22)	<u>9,167,989</u>	<u>9,636,473</u>		

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

	GATE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	1,334	1,008	2,096	2,111	\$ 40,020	\$ 30,240	\$ 62,880	\$ 63,330
NON-RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	149	88	203	283	6,705	3,960	9,135	12,735
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	11,778	1,908	8,020	11,966	70,668	11,448	48,120	71,794
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	18,345	1,012	7,907	20,177	183,450	10,120	79,070	201,766
SENIOR (DAILY)	818	91	465	631	2,454	273	1,395	1,893
SENIOR NON-RES. (DAILY)	592	20	228	496	3,552	120	1,368	2,976
BUSES (DAILY)	123	-	4	79	3,690	-	120	2,370
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	300
MINI BUS	44	1	4	28	660	15	60	420
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>33,183</u>	<u>4,128</u>	<u>18,927</u>	<u>35,772</u>	<u>\$ 311,199</u>	<u>\$ 56,176</u>	<u>\$ 202,148</u>	<u>\$ 357,584</u>

PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:

ANNUAL	10.05%	8.03%	8.83%	11.82%
DAILY	60.05%	34.05%	48.95%	62.14%

WATER PARK POOL ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>120,363</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>39,389</u>	<u>103,681</u>	<u>\$ 1,024,944</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>	<u>\$ 401,673</u>	<u>\$ 1,184,705</u>
	120,363	4	39,389	103,681	\$ 1,024,944	\$ 48	\$ 401,673	\$ 1,184,705

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,941	-	1,759	2,913	\$ 52,405	\$ -	\$ 47,485	\$ 78,648
AQUATICS PROGRAMMING	726	-	1,453	-	2,731	-	4,952	-
RIVER WALK				3,514				11,996
DISC GOLF	4,114	2,095	2,565	2,677	8,228	4,190	5,130	5,354
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>2,074</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>1,119</u>	<u>26,583</u>	<u>2,932</u>	<u>13,801</u>	<u>12,014</u>
	8,855	2,474	6,493	10,223	\$ 89,947	\$ 7,122	\$ 71,368	\$ 108,011

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

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS (cont'd)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	24	2	37	43	\$ 2,318	\$ 40	\$ 3,175	\$ 4,075
WEEKENDS	142	9	145	165	14,687	160	18,925	20,475
SOCCER FIELDS	2,450	70	131	592	9,965	200	375	1,700
DISC GOLF COURSE	-	-	10	-	-	-	950	1,175
	2,616	81	323	800	\$ 26,970	\$ 400	\$ 23,425	\$ 27,425
TOBOGGANS	229	-	760	535	687	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ 2,675
CROSS COUNTRY SKIS	177	-	936	512	531	-	2,808	2,560
MISC. RETAIL	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	10
	406	-	1,696	1,049	\$ 1,218	\$ -	\$ 5,088	\$ 5,245
LOCKERS	21,400	-	4,197	22,834	\$ 5,350	\$ -	\$ 1,049	\$ 5,709
FOOD CONCESSIONS	112,438	-	42,034	98,570	224,605	-	80,212	239,927
MISCELLANEOUS	593	-	285	1,129	3,187	-	1,685	14,043
GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	39	3	-	-	411	428	-	372
	134,470	3	46,516	122,533	\$ 233,553	\$ 428	\$ 82,947	\$ 260,050
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	299,893	6,690	113,343	274,058	\$ 1,687,831	\$ 64,174	\$ 786,649	\$ 1,943,021

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

MEMBERSHIPS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	620	330	241	469	\$ 123,780	\$ 59,058	\$ 45,768	\$ 101,592
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	14	5	4	11	4,275	2,060	1,074	4,007
S/Y/D RESIDENT	862	419	277	465	143,290	67,117	45,136	85,244
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	3	2	-	5	790	520	-	1,401
FAMILY RESIDENT	202	131	92	127	66,955	32,678	22,358	40,039
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	267	110	122	177	15,780	6,125	7,330	11,705
PERSONAL TRAINERS	13	1	3	1	4,230	303	800	225
MILITARY PASS	2	2	1	8	360	180	204	1,562
30-DAY PASS	563	256	593	355	25,040	10,532	26,300	19,913
SEASONAL PASS	136	-	-	-	10,720	-	-	-
REPLACEMENT PASS	-	33	7	1	-	33	7	1
SUB-TOTAL	2,695	1,303	1,345	1,620	\$ 397,400	\$ 179,824	\$ 149,894	\$ 265,764
PASS FACILITY USE	118,283	43,173	74,658	100,236				
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	1.12%	0.90%	0.81%	1.49%				

DAILY ENTRIES

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	6,381	2,552	5	1,949	\$ 51,048	\$ 20,416	\$ 40	\$ 18,838
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	674	212	11	184	6,066	1,908	99	2,158
S/Y/D RESIDENT	5,561	2,122	3	1,560	33,366	12,732	18	10,853
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	233	105	-	892	1,631	735	-	6,377
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS RESIDENT	155	46	-	-	960	264	-	-
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS RESIDENT	341	129	-	1	1,841	756	-	5
SENIOR FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	11	3	-	-	28	14	-	-
DAILY PASS/GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	-	75	-	-	2,948	450	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	13,356	5,244	19	4,586	\$ 97,888	\$ 37,275	\$ 157	\$ 38,231
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	6.87%	6.19%	57.89%	23.46%				

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

		OTHER REVENUE							
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP		3,282	23	15	2,762	\$ 88,617	\$ 630	\$ 405	\$ 74,580
RECREATION PROGRAMS		26,344	8,604	21,825	14,349	113,616	25,927	33,020	114,101
FACILITY RENTALS	POOL/STUDIO/GYM	206	106	-	-	4,948	2,554	-	-
	PARTY PAVILION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISC. RETAIL		306	81	66	-	8,273	2,220	2,190	-
LOCKERS		22,708	9,068	3,120	7,720	5,677	2,267	780	1,930
VENDING		-	-	-	10	1,135	1,208	-	50
	SUB-TOTAL	52,846	17,883	25,026	24,841	\$ 222,266	\$ 34,807	\$ 36,395	\$ 190,661
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:		187,180	67,603	101,048	131,283	\$ 717,555	\$ 251,906	\$ 186,446	\$ 494,655

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

	GREEN FEES							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
WEEKDAYS								
REGULAR - 9	821	585	691	301	\$ 6,218	\$ 5,969	\$ 7,762	\$ 7,540
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	377	390	433	368	5,556	6,810	7,384	7,915
LEAGUES - 9	4,104	2,771	3,439	3,884	65,931	47,585	58,463	67,529
REGULAR - 18	1,673	3,369	2,965	7,950	50,787	102,931	102,197	151,263
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	3,280	2,989	4,050	3,822	67,498	71,974	95,315	81,888
TWI-LIGHT	1,634	1,641	1,293	824	26,915	32,432	24,677	16,739
WEEKENDS								
REGULAR - 9	196	123	158	266	4,401	3,200	4,014	8,138
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	32	31	9	43	512	589	171	875
REGULAR - 18	2,857	2,925	4,378	2,235	95,584	105,479	160,044	86,290
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	243	209	442	366	6,318	6,041	12,960	12,019
TWI-LIGHT	1,038	1,099	682	365	23,638	27,731	17,243	10,412
EARLY BIRD - 9	52	34	33	10	832	646	627	230
MEMBERSHIPS								
ULTIMATE PACKAGE	237	320	534	258	9,500	15,775	24,898	46,355
WEEKDAY PACKAGE	616	906	1,233	24	9,400	10,257	14,921	13,225
WEEKEND PACKAGE	110	-	164	4	750	-	800	1,650
TWI-LIGHT PACKAGE	292	235	206	43	5,525	3,850	4,575	8,225
OUTINGS (WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS)	<u>741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>22,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,198</u>	<u>35,790</u>
	18,303	17,627	21,270	21,714	\$ 401,477	\$ 441,269	\$ 558,249	\$ 556,083

	PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
CARTS	13,999	13,642	17,376	14,835	\$ 96,093	\$ 95,375	\$ 122,798	\$ 90,213
RENTALS	<u>58</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>70</u>
	14,057	13,660	17,407	14,842	\$ 96,673	\$ 95,555	\$ 123,108	\$ 90,283
FOOD & BEVERAGE	36,099	24,603	41,684	38,515	\$ 97,219	\$ 67,495	\$ 116,178	\$ 112,200
PRO SHOP	2,793	2,241	2,995	2,596	31,413	26,537	38,271	37,634
DISCOUNTS	-	-	-	-	(61,028)	(82,345)	(119,749)	-
VENDING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>-</u>
	38,892	26,844	44,679	41,111	\$ 68,238	\$ 12,750	\$ 35,537	\$ 149,833
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	71,252	58,131	83,356	77,667	\$ 566,388	\$ 549,573	\$ 716,895	\$ 796,199

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	GATE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	924	997	1,295	1,100	\$ 27,720	\$ 29,910	\$ 38,850	\$ 33,000
NON-RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	159	181	336	359	7,155	8,145	15,120	16,155
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	5,220	4,391	6,002	5,065	31,320	26,346	36,012	30,390
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	4,474	3,620	6,118	5,696	44,740	36,200	61,180	56,960
SENIOR (DAILY)	514	410	659	557	1,542	1,230	1,977	1,671
SENIOR-NON RES. (DAILY)	301	215	349	455	1,806	1,290	2,094	2,730
BUSES (DAILY)	19	-	8	18	570	-	240	540
ANNUAL BUS	1	-	-	1	150	-	-	150
MINI BUS	20	3	10	35	300	45	150	525
ANNUAL MINI BUS	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>225</u>
	11,639	9,820	14,781	13,289	\$ 115,828	\$ 103,391	\$ 155,923	\$ 142,346
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:								
ANNUAL	14.7%	15.4%	20.6%	24.6%				
DAILY	45.4%	44.4%	49.3%	52.2%				

BLUE HERON BAY ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
BHB ANNUAL PASSES	132	-	-	125	\$ 2,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,530
BHB DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>12,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,183</u>	<u>14,809</u>	<u>47,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,142</u>	<u>65,254</u>
	12,285	-	6,183	14,934	\$ 49,600	\$ -	\$ 25,142	\$ 70,784

BLUE HERON BAY RETAIL OPERATION

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS	4	-	24	48	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ 990	\$ 2,980
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	15	-	-	-	1,541	-	-	-
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>
	22	-	25	48	\$ 1,871	\$ -	\$ 1,170	\$ 2,980
LOCKERS	34	-	-	1	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0
FOOD CONCESSIONS	10,229	118	7,096	14,753	21,434	125	15,213	36,201
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>39</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>55</u>
	10,302	120	7,125	14,787	\$ 21,497	\$ 175	\$ 15,284	\$ 36,256

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PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,490	6	1,960	2,149	\$ 40,217	\$ 150	\$ 52,910	\$ 58,036
DISC GOLF	213	3,546	4,575	2,337	426	7,092	9,150	4,674
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>175</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>3,703</u>	<u>1,875</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>6,085</u>
	1,878	3,676	7,121	5,073	\$ 44,346	\$ 9,117	\$ 68,961	\$ 68,795
 FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	61	8	17	34	\$ 4,080	\$ 4,080	\$ 880	\$ 3,850
WEEKENDS	<u>71</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>9,910</u>
	132	30	99	126	\$ 12,455	\$ 12,455	\$ 3,480	\$ 13,760
 ROW BOATS-HOURLY	136	-	134	95	\$ 680	\$ -	\$ 670	\$ 475
ROW BOATS-DAILY	30	-	36	25	600	-	720	500
PADDLE BOATS-1/2 HOUR	<u>424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>2,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,948</u>	<u>2,331</u>
	590	-	734	453	\$ 4,248	\$ -	\$ 5,338	\$ 3,306
 FOOD CONCESSIONS	6,778	5,235	5,989	4,946	\$ 11,523	\$ 10,659	\$ 13,720	\$ 10,553
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>32</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>28</u>
	6,810	5,256	6,004	4,964	\$ 11,652	\$ 10,771	\$ 13,821	\$ 10,581
	 2019	 2020	 2021	 2022	 2019	 2020	 2021	 2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	43,658	18,902	42,072	53,674	\$ 261,497	\$ 135,909	\$ 289,119	\$ 348,807



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: September 13, 2022
RE: Final Approval: Maisel – Northfield Township

Background

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

Discussion

The 221.54-acre Maisel property currently under consideration is in close proximity to WCPARC's existing Northfield Woods Preserve. There is possibility of future direct connection to Northfield Woods Preserve, but the Maisel property also has a suitable site for a parking lot and is large enough to host its own trails.

NATAC visited the site in late 2020 as part of their evaluation of Round 21 nominations. The land's primary value as a protected area is its massive size for just a single purchase. The large size offers core habitat for wildlife. The land is a variety of wet vegetation communities with interspersed upland knolls. The property was identified as a Tier 1 priority for Round 21 nominations. The Assessment and Prioritization Mapping identified the property as medium-low quality and did not prioritize it. The Commission's scoring yielded 55/100.

There were two additional tax parcels nominated that NATAC is not moving forward with. These are a 40-acre, industrial-zoned parcel fronting on Territorial Road that was appraised for \$2,000,000. The 50-acre farm parcel is being considered separately for a conservation easement. The City of Ann Arbor is the lead agency with the conservation easement property under their "Buy, Protect, Sell" program. Earlier this year, the Parks Commission approved a contribution to participate with the City of Ann Arbor on the 50-acre portion.

In December 2021, the Parks Commission approved sales contracts for the purchase of the property. Per the terms of the sales contracts, due diligence has been completed including:

- Appraisal was completed for the property, based on 220 acres.
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments showed no recognized environmental conditions.
- Boundary surveys including legal descriptions have been prepared. Final acreage is 221.54 acres.

The City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt has been an active partner in this project from its beginning. The City of Ann Arbor is contributing 75% of the purchase price, as outlined below. The property will be owned and managed by NAPP.

City of Ann Arbor	\$1,071,750.00 (75%)
WCPARC	\$368,038.00 (25%)
FMV	\$1,439,788.00

Recommendation

Based upon the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee and staff review of the property, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the fee simple purchase of the Maisel property in the amount of \$1,439,788.00, contingent upon attorney approval of final documents and the City of Ann Arbor's contribution of \$1,071,750 (75%) toward the purchase price. I further recommend that \$110,000 be contributed to the stewardship special revenue fund for the future maintenance and management of the land

Attachments

Maisel Property: Aerial & Soils

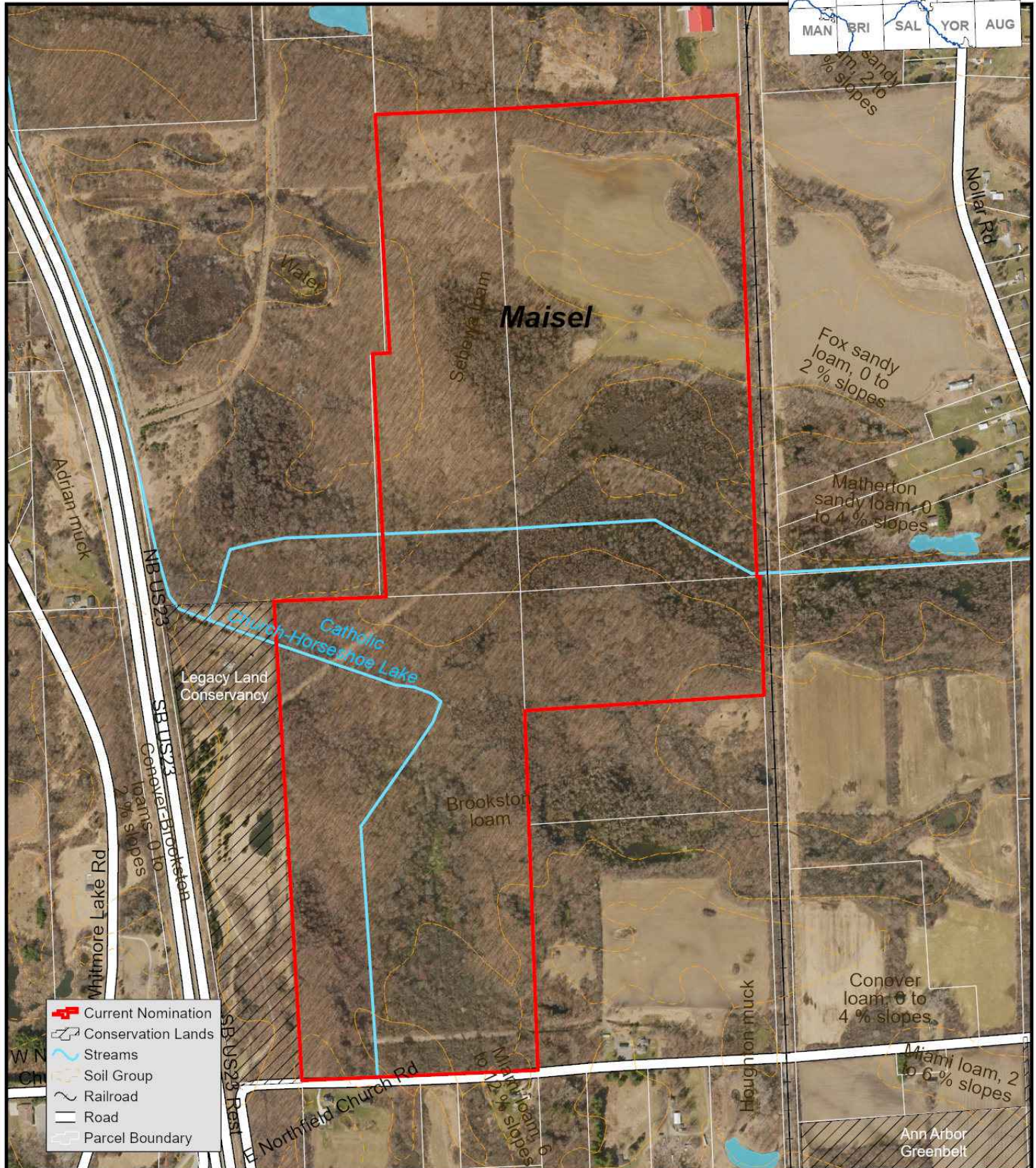
Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID:

Northfield Township

+/-220 Acres

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Locator Map



Maisel Property: Local Area Aerial

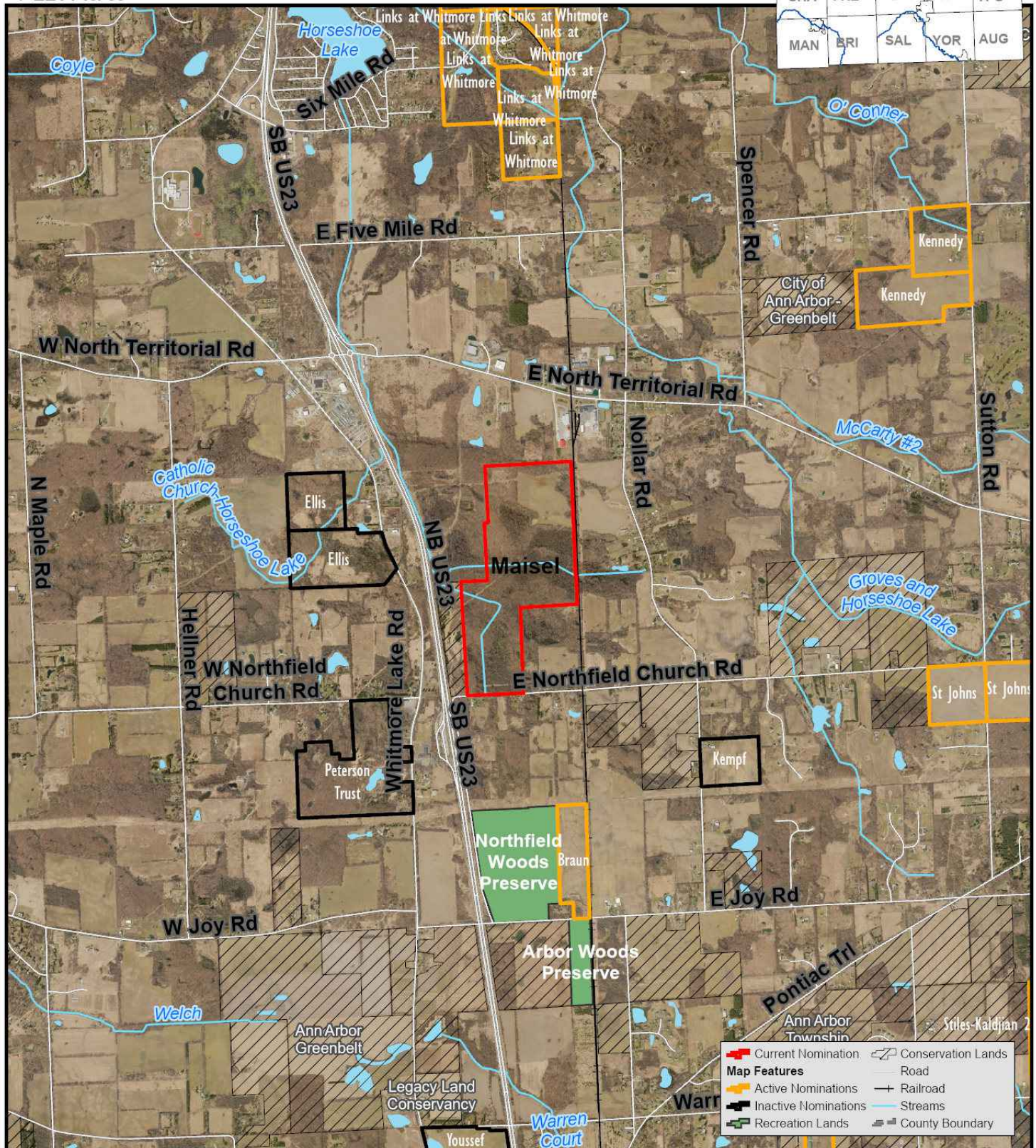
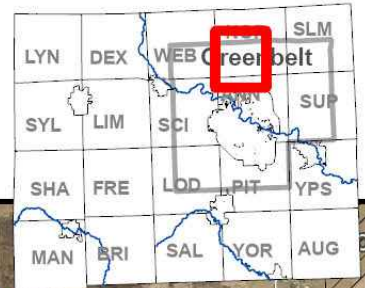
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Maisel Property: Assessment & Prioritization Mapping

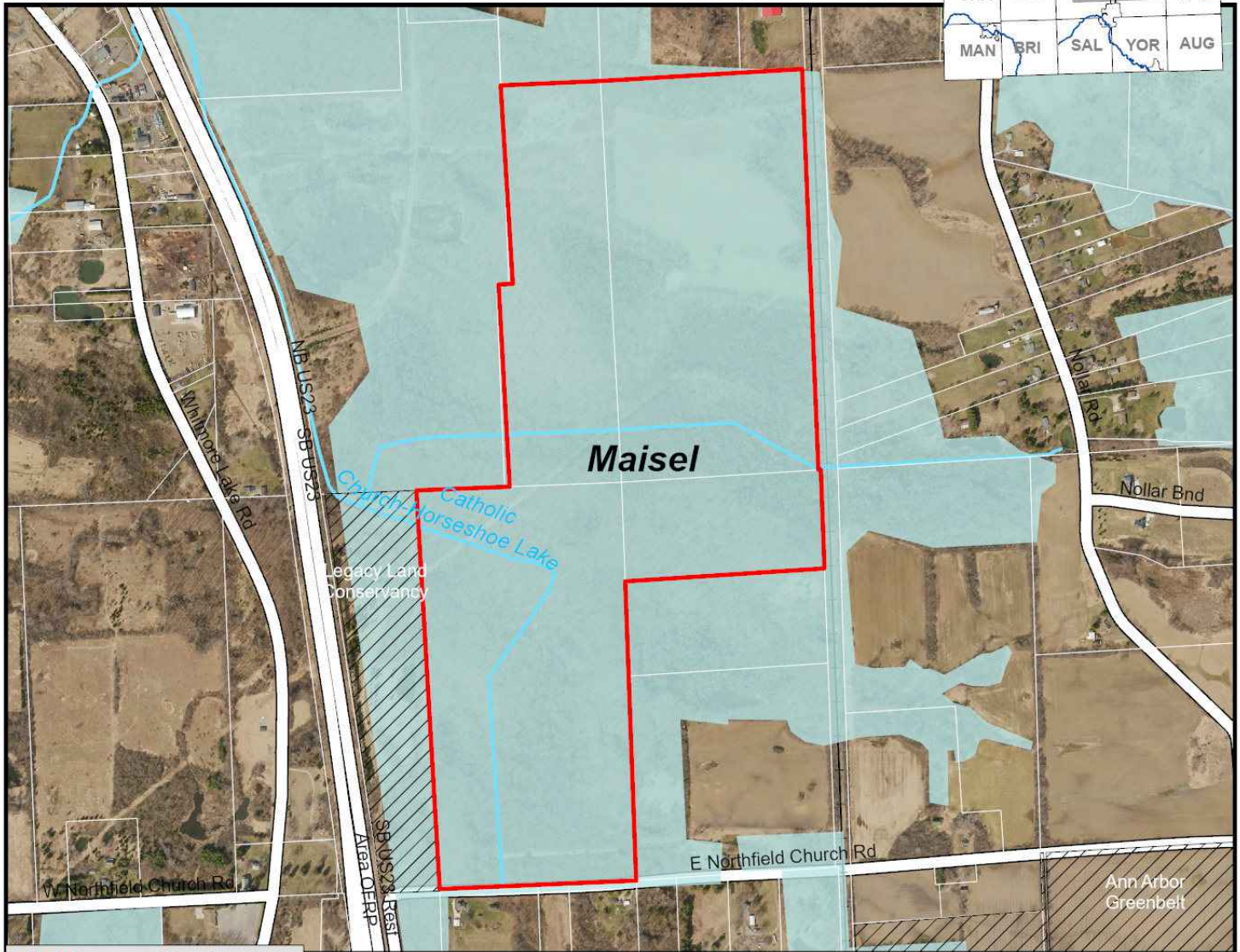
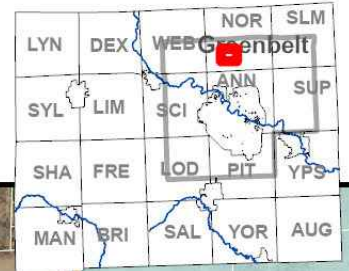
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At least one parcel or area on this property was prioritized based on:

Patch Expansion: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof enlarges the footprint of existing protected land.

New Patch Establishment: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof helps preserve land where none is currently preserved, in a manner that still offers "stepping stone" connectivity.

Corridor: Protection of this site protects land within an identified path of linear habitat connectivity.

Stream Protection: Protection of this site preserves or is ecologically connected to a site that preserves creek frontage.

Lake Plain Ecoregion: Protection of this site preserves land in the lake plain ecoregion, much of which has been developed and is significantly underrepresented in NAPP's portfolio.

➔ Not prioritized



Parks Commission Scoring - Fee Simple

