



NOTICE OF MEETING

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: November 12, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. September 9, 2025 Meeting (attached, pp. 1-4/action item)
- b. October 22, 2025 Special Meeting (attached, pp. 5-6/action item)

4. Public Comment

5. Communications, Activities and Recreation Reports

(attached, pp. 7-29/action item)

6. Finance

- a. Claims Reports (attached, pp. 30-31/action item)
- b. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 32-43/action item)

7. Old Business

- a. NAPP – Randall Trust Final Approval (attached, pp. 44-46/action item)
- b. Other Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Director's Comments & Project Updates (attached, pp. 47-50/action item)
 - i. Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center
- b. NAPP – Schwark Partnership (attached, pp. 51-55/action item)
- c. ALPAC Priorities (attached, p. 56/action item)
- d. 2025 Connecting Communities Recommendations (attached, p. 57/action item)
- e. Scholarship Program Proposal (attached, p. 58/action item)
- f. Other New Business

9. Commissioners Comments

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF MEETING

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Staebler Farm County Park, Blackbird Lodge, 7734 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Members Present

Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President; Dan Ezekiel, WCPARC Secretary; Gretchen Driskell, Robert Marans, JoAnn McCollum, Brenda McKinney, Yousef Rabhi and Katie Scott.

Members Absent

Patricia Tupacz-Scribner and Robert Joerg

Staff Present

Meghan Bonfiglio, Director; Greg Hohenberger, Deputy Director; Rhonda Bouma, Deputy Director of Operations; Ginny Leikam, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration; Karen Harris, Parks Analyst; Ann Ziolkowski, Communications Manager; Matthew Bertrand, Park Planner; Kira Macyda, Park Planner; and Kyle Jasper, Communications Specialist

1. Call to Order

Ms. Bobrin called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. August 12, 2025 Minutes

The minutes of the August 12, 2025 regular meeting were included with the packet materials.

It was moved by Mr. Marans, seconded by Ms. Scott., to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025 regular meeting, as attached. All ayes, the motion was approved.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Communications, Projects & Activities

Ms. Bonfiglio provided a brief introduction of the new Chief Deputy Director, Greg Hohenberger. Mr. Gold introduced the Folk School staff and shared their roles: Wade Buck (Coordinator), Amy Coomer (Receptionist), and Justin Polley (Chef/Instructor). He also shared the upcoming events and activities planned for the fall season at Staebler Farm County Park and MI Folk School.

Ms. Bonfiglio continued with additional communications, including an update on another power outage at Independence Lake. She provided images and updates on the MLM, B2B Trail, and Stucki Preserve projects, noting that all projects are progressing well and remain on track.

Ms. Bouma discussed summer day camp enrollment data and shared plans to increase the number of new campers and better support the needs of current participants. She also provided updates on the Youth Arts Alliance program and partnerships. Ms. Bonfiglio concluded by announcing new volunteer opportunities across park operations.

It was moved by Mr. Marans, seconded by Ms. Scott, to receive and file the Communications, Projects & Activities for the month of August 2025, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

6. Financial Reports – August 2025

A. Claims Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on August 2025 claims which totaled \$1,366,231.50.

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi, seconded by Ms. McKinney, to approve the claims for the month of August 2025 as submitted. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

B. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks provided a verbal update which included revenue reports for YTD activity through August 31 as well as fund balance reports.

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi, seconded by Ms. McCollum to receive and file the fund balance reports for the month of August 2025 as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

7. Old Business

A. MLM Natatorium Art Installation

Ms. Macyda shared the background of the Ann Arbor Art Center, which under this recommendation would provide a list of vetted artists for the MLM Natatorium project. She explained the funding breakdown, summarized as 75% to the artist and 25% to the Art Center. The timeline for the project was also shared.

Mr. Rabhi requested information on what the Ann Arbor Art Center does within this process. Ms. Macyda responded that they provide a network of artists, insurance, and project oversight. Ms. McKinney expressed concern about spending money on this type of project given the difficult times we are in. Mr. Ezekiel stated that the environment in the gym and pool space is challenging and added that we want to create a memorable space for patrons. Ms. McCollum suggested that the process to select an organization to provide oversight be competitive. Mr. Rabhi and Ms. Scott also expressed support for an open bidding process.

Several Commissioners expressed concerns and asked questions regarding the project and requested funding. Commissioner Driskell offered to work with the team on proposals.

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel seconded by Ms. Driskell, to authorize a sole contract to the Ann Arbor Art Center for managing the Natatorium public art project for the Meri Lou Recreation Center, not to exceed \$100,000.00.

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi seconded by Ms. McKinney to postpone this item until the next regular meeting. The motion failed by voice vote.

Roll call vote on the original recommendation: 5 ayes, 3 nays (McCollum, McKinney, and Rabhi), 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

B. NAPP – Squiers Preserve Acquisition Final Approval

Ms. Leikam summarized the request for the Squiers property acquisition.

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi, seconded by Ms. Scott, to authorize the purchase of the Squiers property in Sylvan Township at a purchase price of \$218,000 contingent upon attorney review of final closing documents and to contribute \$25,000 to the stewardship special revenue fund for future maintenance. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

8. New Business

A. Director’s Comments and Project Updates

Ms. Bonfiglio provided an update on the Eastern Washtenaw Community and Recreation Center and noted that the schematics are complete. She added that community meetings will take place this month. Ms. Ziolkowski showed updates made to the county webpage and highlighted important links for Parks communications. The community outreach will begin with meetings in September at Christian Love Fellowship Church.

It was moved by Ms. Driskell, seconded by Ms. Scott, to receive and file the Commission Report as part of Director’s Comments for August 2025, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

B. NAPP – Roome Trust Sales Contract Approval

Mr. Bertrand discussed the Roome property and its evaluation scores in Augusta Township. He then outlined the proposal.

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi, seconded by Mr. Marans, to authorize a sales contract for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Roome Trust property in the amount of \$393,000, or \$5,099/acre, contingent upon completion of all necessary due diligence investigation and final approval of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

C. Westside Operations Facility

Ms. Bouma provided background on the need for a permanent facility to house NAPP/ROC staff operations. Visuals of the proposed property were shared. Mr. Rabhi suggested that a building purchase or purchase of a property to construct a building may be more cost effective than renting in the long-term and asked that this solution be a temporary one.

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Mr. Marans, to proceed with lease negotiations for the property located at 4111 Jackson Road in Ann Arbor, contingent on attorney review of terms. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

D. TAP Grant Application – Eastern Washtenaw Community and Recreation Center (EWCRC) Trails

Ms. Bonfiglio presented an overview of the Transportation Alternative Program grant application. She shared a map of the EWCRC trails, outlining plans to widen them and connect surrounding communities.

It was moved by Ms. Rabhi, seconded by Ms. McCollum, to authorize staff to proceed with the TAP application for \$2,000,000 in partnership with Superior Township, Ypsilanti Township and the Washtenaw County Road Commission, and to provide the \$400,000 local match from the non-motorized trail millage fund. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

E. Admin Roof and Building Repair

Mr. Power outlined the necessary repairs and improvements for the Parks Administration Building. He reported that contractors were sourced through the MiDeal joint purchasing program.

It was moved by Ms. McCollum, seconded by Ms. McKinney, to award a service contract to Laux Construction in the amount of \$168,320, including an additional 15% (\$25,248) contingency for potential change orders. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

F. Sharon Mills Hydraulic Analysis

Ms. Macyda presented the condition assessment of the hydraulic structure at Sharon Mills.

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi, seconded by Ms. McKinney, to approve a purchase order with Stantec to do a condition assessment, develop engineering plans for wingwall repairs, and conduct a hydraulic analysis at Sharon Mills County Park in the amount not to exceed \$76,000, and to authorize a 10% contingency of \$7,600. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Scribner); the motion was approved.

G. Other New Business

None.

9. Commissioners Comments

Mr. Marans shared details of a celebration of the Ralph C. Wilson Park in Detroit on October 25th.

Mr. Rabhi announced that he is expecting a baby in mid to late October and noted that he may miss a few upcoming meetings.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Rabhi, to adjourn. All ayes, the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: October 22, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center – Huron Room, 4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present

Patricia Tupacz-Scribner, WCPARC President; Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President; Robert Marans, JoAnn McCollum, Gretchen Driskell, Yousef Rabhi, Robert Joerg and Katie Scott.

Members Absent

Dan Ezekiel and Brenda McKinney

Staff Present

Meghan Bonfiglio, Director; Greg Hohenberger, Chief Deputy Director; and Coy Vaughn, Project Manager

Others Present

Caroline Sanders; County Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Ms. Scribner called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

4. Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center – Architecture & Engineering Services Bid Award

Ms. Bonfiglio provided an overview of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process as well as scoring metrics to identify finalists. Fifteen firms submitted proposals and the top for scoring firms were invited to interview. Staff interviewed the finalists in a meeting open to the public. Neumann/Smith Architecture was selected by the team as the primary architect for the project. Highlights of their proposal included an aggressive timeline as well as relevant experience including natatoriums.

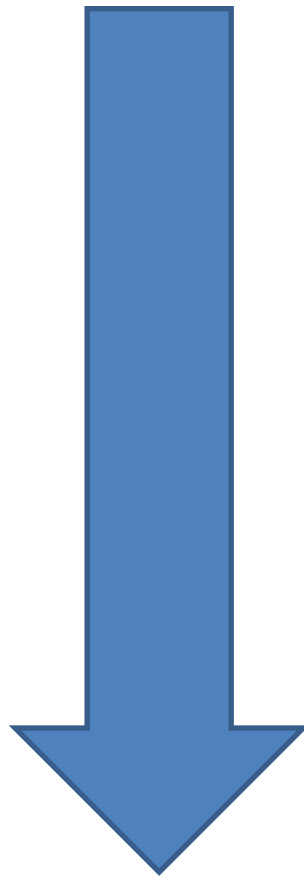
Ms. Bonfiglio further provided information to the commission that the Department in partnership with the Office of Community and Economic Development was able to secure \$800,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to be used for Architecture and Engineering for this project.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin, seconded by Mr. Rabhi to authorize a contact with Neumann/Smith Architects for \$1,834,200 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$2,017,620 for Architecture and Engineering services for the Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 2 absent (Ezekiel and McKinney); the motion was approved.

5. *Adjournment*

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi, seconded by Ms. Scott to adjourn. All ayes, the motion was approved.

Communications, Projects & Activities



MEDIA COVERAGE – September & October 2025

mLive – See photos of dogs taking over park pool, 9/6/2025 - <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2025/09/see-photos-of-dogs-taking-over-park-pool.html>

Concentrate - See inside Ann Arbor's newest park before it opens this weekend, 9/9/2025 - <https://concentratemedia.com/see-inside-ann-arbors-newest-park-before-it-opens-this-weekend/>

mLive - Broadway Park West, Ann Arbor's new riverfront park, now officially open, 9/12/2025 - <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2025/09/broadway-park-west-ann-arbors-new-riverfront-park-now-officially-open.html?outputType=amp>

WEMU - Washtenaw County updates Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center plans, 9/15/2025 - <https://www.wemu.org/wemu-news/2025-09-15/washtenaw-county-updates-eastern-washtenaw-community-recreation-center-plans>

The Sun Times – New B2B Trailhead to Honor Chelsea Native Joel Gentz, 9/24/2025 - <https://thesuntimesnews.com/joel-gentz-trailhead-chelsea-dedication/>

mLive - Pedestrians and cyclists, get ready: new Ann Arbor tunnel pathway opening soon, 9/29/2025 - <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2025/09/pedestrians-and-cyclists-get-ready-new-ann-arbor-tunnel-pathway-opening-soon.html>

mLive – Fallen Air Force hero honored at new B2B trailhead was 'humble,' loved the outdoors, 10/1/2025 - <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2025/09/see-photos-of-dogs-taking-over-park-pool.html>

Concentrate - Washtenaw County's conserved farmland to be spotlighted in upcoming tour, 10/1/2025 - <https://concentratemedia.com/washtenaw-countys-conserved-farmland-to-be-spotlighted-in-upcoming-tour/>

The Sun Times – New B2B Trailhead to Honor Chelsea Native Joel Gentz, 10/1/2025 - <https://thesuntimesnews.com/timbertown-trailhead-dedicated-to-local-rescue-officer/>

mLive - \$1M for Washtenaw County Border-to-Border Trail included in state budget, 10/7/2025 - <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2025/10/1m-for-washtenaw-county-border-to-border-trail-included-in-state-budget.html>

The Sun Times News – HWPI receives \$1M for the B2B Trail in FY2026 State Budget, 10/14/2025 - <https://thesuntimesnews.com/hwpi-receives-1m-for-the-b2b-trail-in-fy2026-state-budget/>

mLive - See plans, images for new recreation center taking shape near Ypsilanti, 10/20/2025 - <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2025/10/see-plans-images-for-new-recreation-center-taking-shape-near-ypsilanti.html>

Michigan House Republicans - Rep. Schmaltz highlights Washtenaw County projects funded in new state budget, 10/22/2025 - <https://gophouse.org/posts/rep-schmaltz-highlights-washtenaw-county-projects-funded-in-new-state-budget>

mLive - Ann Arbor to celebrate new tunnel path opening with ribbon cutting, limited-edition swag,
10/24/2025 - <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2025/10/ann-arbor-to-celebrate-new-tunnel-path-opening-with-ribbon-cutting-limited-edition-swag.html>

Lauren Koloski

From: Patti Smith <teacherpattis@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2025 9:30 PM
To: Lauren Koloski
Subject: Loved the quilting bee

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi! I stopped by the quilting bee on Saturday—it was so fun!! I'm super excited about the events that you have planned at the Parker Mill! Thanks for doing this.

Warmly,
Patti

Lauren Koloski

From: Sally Bund <sally.bund@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2025 7:25 AM
To: Lauren Koloski
Subject: Parker Mill Log Cabin Great!

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

On Saturday afternoon, I attended the Quilting Bee at the Parker Mill Log Cabin and enjoyed the gathering and learning immensely.

I first toured the cabin with Dana, who shared the history of the Parker family with us in an engaging and informative way. She has done a lot of research on the family and presented us with great stories about Mary Parker, in particular, who was a strong woman of significance in the pioneer history of Washtenaw County.

Having learned a lot about this early history of the family and their lives at Parker Mill, I then sat down at the quilting frame and enjoyed needling on the quilt with many other visitors. I came away with a new appreciation for this traditional way in which women socialized while creating a quilt in the early pioneer days. New skills were learned and the conversations were great fun.

I think that the opening of the Parker Log Cabin, with great historic interpretation by Dana, is a great new program of the County. In the future, I would also love to tour the Mill, which I understand is closed right now.

Thanks to the County for this fascinating and educational new programming at the Cabin, which enriches our understanding of the lives lived here in our community in the latter half of the 19th century.

All good wishes,

Sally Bund

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Following the development of a near and long term Master Plan for Staebler Farm Park, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission set out to develop a new Multipurpose Building. The 5,800sf heavy timber structure supports park programming and classes alongside the Michigan Folk School. Visitors to the park also benefit from public restrooms within the building and access to pathways connecting to the park's historic farmstead and nearby meadows.



BLACKBIRD LODGE

5,800sf / \$4,100,000

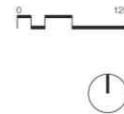
December 2023

Large Building (Non-Residential – over 3,500 SF & \$1M)

2026
Honor Awards Program

Staebler Farm
County Park
Master Plan

Blackbird Lodge



The building's design draws inspiration from the site's agricultural heritage, taking subtle cues from the surrounding farmyard context and out-buildings. The design team analyzed window proportions, roof lines and view corridors to ensure the new structure complemented its environment and anchored the building to the surrounding site.

2026
Honor Awards Program



AIA Huron Valley

Durable, low-maintenance materials were selected for longevity and character. Inside, a restrained palette of polished concrete and wood reflects the building's agrarian roots while supporting functional needs.

2026
Honor Awards Program



Exterior finishes include Shou Sugi Ban wood cladding and standing seam metal roofing. Covered patios on each side of the building can be used for outdoor programs, events and opportunities for expanded learning areas, while providing views of the landscape.

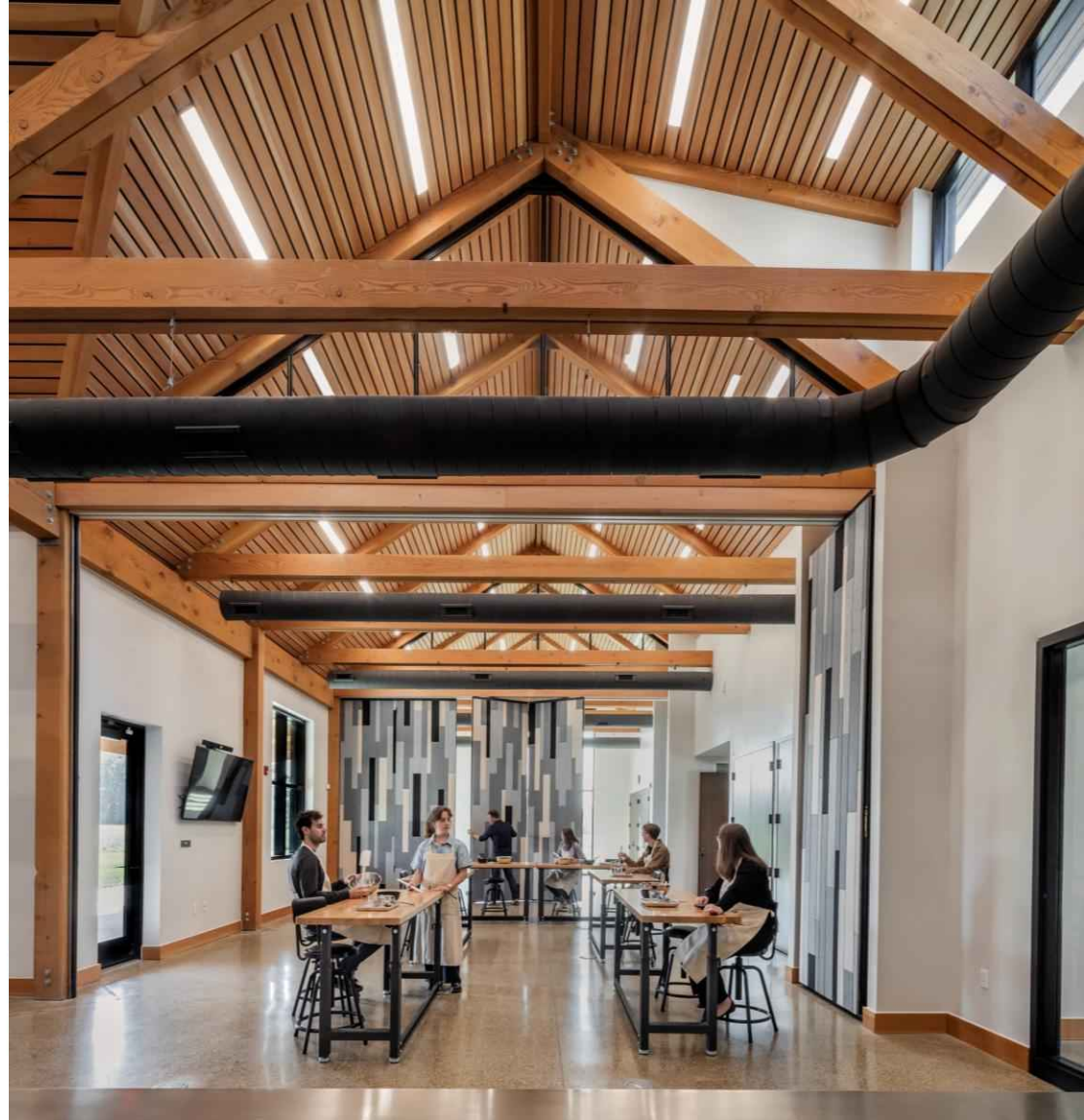
2026
Honor Awards Program



Floor Plan



- 1 Vestibule
- 2 Pre-Function Space
- 3 Classroom
- 4 Learning Kitchen
- 5 Mechanical
- 6 Restrooms
- 7 Office
- 8 Reception
- 9 Conference
- 10 Covered Patio









Situated along an existing tree line the new facility takes advantage of the park's natural features and picturesque views as well as a strong visual connection to the Staebler Farmhouse. The site includes rain-gardens for natural stormwater detention and a naturalized meadow of plantings native to Michigan.

2026
Honor Awards Program



Digital Report - September 2025

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

Monthly comparisons and Year to Date (YTD) accumulations (social media) will be used to track data and improve our outreach.

USEFUL DEFINITIONS FOR THIS REPORT

Views

The number of times your content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.

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Social Media Report

WCPARC FACEBOOK

WCPARC Followers
Growth

+154

Total Followers

7.59K

Views This Month

102.1K

Views Last
Month

55.2K

Views YTD

344K

Link Clicks This Month

Up 351%

Compared to Last Month

Link Clicks YTD

Up 36%



Post Highlight

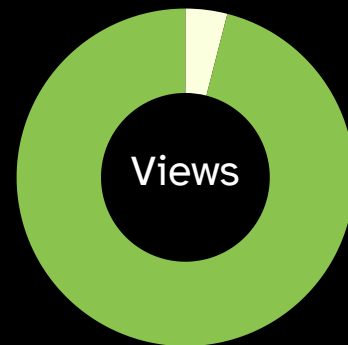
Women's Nature Camp



Post Highlight Views

56k

Post Highlight Views



From
Followers

4%

From Non-
followers

96%

Social Media Report

WCPARC INSTAGRAM

WCPARC Followers
Growth

+76

Total Followers

4.1K

Views This Month

18.5K

Views Last
Month

11.8k

Views YTD

70.7K

Content Interactions
This Month

Down 6%

Compared to Last Month
Content Interactions YTD

1.8k

Post Highlight

Fall River Day



Post Highlight Views

1200

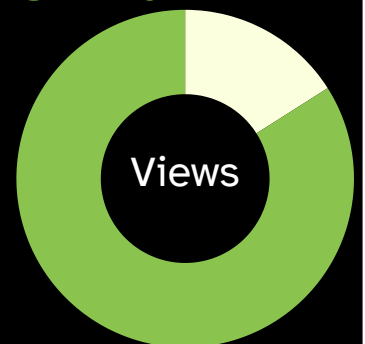
Post Highlight
Views

From
Followers

84%

Non
Followers

16%



E-News

October Newsletter

Open Rate

39%

Open Rate Last Month

40%

Link Click Rate

2%

Link Click Rate
Last Month

2.9%

Top Links Clicked

1. Fall Guide
2. Fall Fest Volunteer
3. Fall Fest Page
4. MI Folk School
5. WCPARC Main Page

Website

Most popular pages

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1,367

31.8%

1,133

42.6%

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627

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493

18.5%

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499

11.6%

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13.1%

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282

6.6%

259

9.7%

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234

185



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7.65K

Views This Month

35K

Views Last
Month

102K

Views YTD

379K

Link Clicks This Month

73

Total

Link Clicks YTD

Up 41% 

Post Highlight

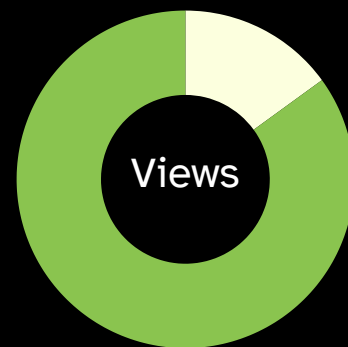
Fall Festival



Post Highlight Views

8.2k

Post Highlight Views



From
Followers

15%

From Non-
followers

85%

Views

Social Media Report

WCPARC INSTAGRAM

WCPARC Followers
Growth

+76

Total Followers

4.1K

Views This Month

13.1K

Views Last
Month

18.5K

Views YTD

79.6K

Content Interactions
This Month

+259

Content Interactions YTD

1.9k

Post Highlight

B2B Tunnel

Post Highlight Views

6.3K

Post Highlight
Views

From
Followers

NA

Non
Followers

NA

Views



Join us for the Bandemer-Barton Pedestrian Tunnel Dedication – honoring a project that brings our parks and people closer together.



E-News

November Newsletter

Open Rate

39%

Open Rate Last Month

39%

Link Click Rate

1.5%

Link Click Rate
Last Month

2%

Top Links Clicked

1. MI Folk School
2. Washtenaw.org
3. Class Signup
4. WCPARC News
5. Barton-Bandemer

Website

Most popular pages

Most popular pages

Title	URL		Page views % of total	Visits % of total
Parks & Recreation Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/288/Parks-Recreation		1,253 30.1%	1,032 38.7%
Parks, Preserves, Trails Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/289/Parks-Preserves-Trails		447 10.7%	358 13.4%
Parks & Facilities Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/418/Parks-Facilities		321 7.7%	245 9.2%
Fox Science Preserve Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/368/Fox-Science-Preserve		269 6.5%	236 8.8%
Part-Time Parks Service Officer Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/3027/Part-Time-Parks-Service-Officer		204 4.9%	164 6.1%

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

September 2025 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 939.48	\$ 15,057.57	\$ 44,463.92	\$ 60,460.97
Recreation Center	14,928.88	3,932.39	14,983.36	33,844.63
Park Maintenance	1,469.06	6,729.79	2,535.90	10,734.75
Pierce Lake Golf Course	2,246.95	8,381.35	22,459.30	33,087.60
Independence Lake	3,669.83	3,482.82	12,417.86	19,570.51
Rolling Hills	14,838.81	9,165.83	10,907.56	34,912.20
Parker Mill	168.02	-	269.96	437.98
Sharon Mills	172.20	69.35	42.00	283.55
Staebler Farm	817.04	4,288.81	48,693.96	53,799.81
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	-	-	159,393.01	159,393.01
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 39,250.27	\$ 51,107.91	\$ 316,166.83	\$ 406,525.01
 Road Millage Fund	 -	 -	 68,077.85	 68,077.85
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,077.85	\$ 68,077.85
 Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,107.30	\$ 225,107.30
Preserve Management	-	4,266.01	7,124.34	\$ 11,390.35
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,347.00	\$ 2,347.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	4,050.00	\$ 4,050.00
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 4,266.01	\$ 238,628.64	\$ 242,894.65
 TOTAL	\$ 39,250.27	\$ 55,373.92	\$ 622,873.32	\$ 717,497.51

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

October 2025 - Claims Report

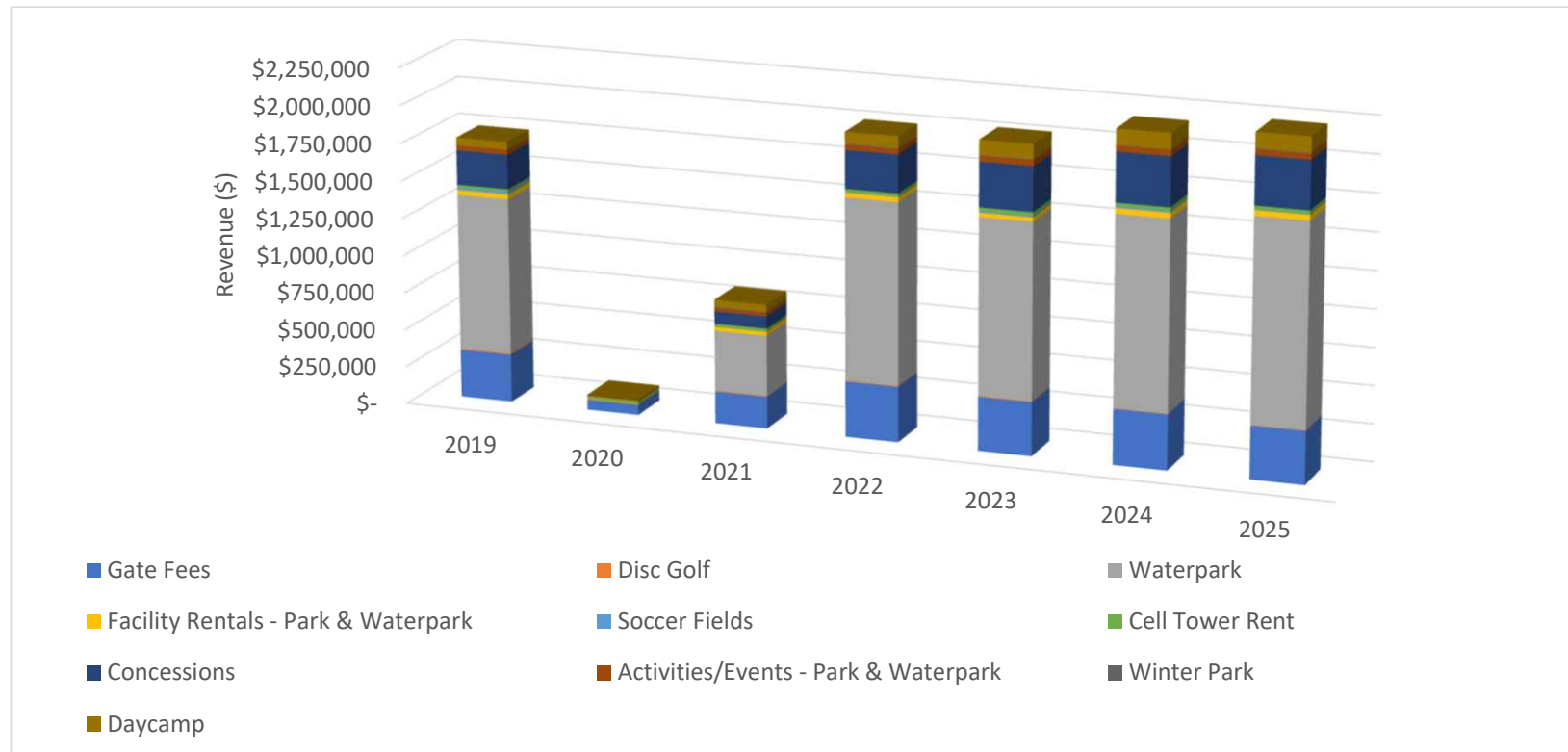
PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 1,078.81	\$ 10,805.58	\$ 85,697.37	\$ 97,581.76
Recreation Center	10,730.57	5,391.56	22,152.15	38,274.28
Park Maintenance	586.50	8,234.58	4,426.81	13,247.89
Pierce Lake Golf Course	2,977.68	6,023.10	17,719.40	26,720.18
Independence Lake	2,374.64	2,906.39	4,453.76	9,734.79
Rolling Hills	4,958.87	15,329.71	18,322.11	38,610.69
Parker Mill	39.26	-	336.80	376.06
Sharon Mills	158.75	-	1,365.08	1,523.83
Staebler Farm	1,515.53	1,557.97	3,907.70	6,981.20
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	-	-	36,975.77	36,975.77
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 24,420.61	\$ 50,248.89	\$ 210,356.95	\$ 285,026.45
Road Millage Fund	-	-	12,812.50	12,812.50
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,812.50	\$ 12,812.50
Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,756.38	\$ 17,756.38
Preserve Management	-	5,385.94	310.00	\$ 5,695.94
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,037.42	\$ 10,037.42
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 5,385.94	\$ 28,103.80	\$ 33,489.74
TOTAL	\$ 24,420.61	\$ 55,634.83	\$ 251,273.25	\$ 331,328.69

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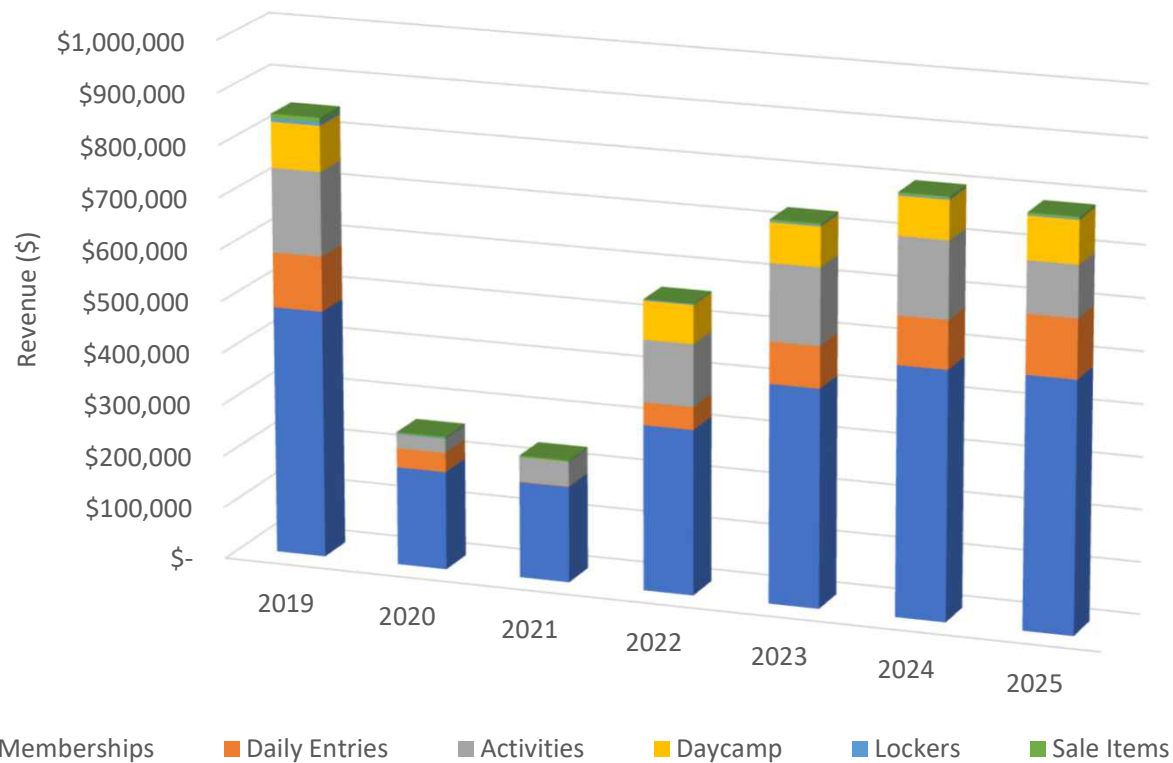
Rolling Hills County Park Revenue Report - September

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gate Fees	\$ 319,387	\$ 66,888	\$ 213,264	\$ 369,058	\$ 358,098	\$ 368,746	\$ 352,782
Disc Golf	\$ 8,460	\$ 4,868	\$ 5,558	\$ 5,566	\$ 5,624	\$ 3,363	\$ 2,570
Waterpark	\$ 1,038,935	\$ 48	\$ 402,006	\$ 1,209,228	\$ 1,171,593	\$ 1,263,624	\$ 1,346,688
Facility Rentals - Park & Waterpark	\$ 32,808	\$ 1,125	\$ 24,760	\$ 31,054	\$ 28,301	\$ 37,046	\$ 36,161
Soccer Fields	\$ 15,190	\$ 200	\$ 1,325	\$ 3,175	\$ 8,890	\$ 10,625	\$ 4,248
Cell Tower Rent	\$ 19,869	\$ 20,465	\$ 21,079	\$ 21,711	\$ 24,782	\$ 23,033	\$ 23,724
Concessions	\$ 229,584	\$ -	\$ 81,954	\$ 253,313	\$ 296,182	\$ 326,894	\$ 320,501
Activities/Events - Park & Waterpark	\$ 33,075	\$ 7,787	\$ 24,373	\$ 35,270	\$ 38,752	\$ 40,088	\$ 37,984
Winter Park	\$ 1,218	\$ -	\$ 5,088	\$ 5,245	\$ 4,600	\$ 2,180	\$ 5,610
Daycamp	\$ 52,405	\$ -	\$ 47,485	\$ 78,648	\$ 98,496	\$ 105,112	\$ 103,420
Totals:	\$ 1,750,931	\$ 101,381	\$ 826,892	\$ 2,012,268	\$ 2,035,318	\$ 2,180,711	\$ 2,233,687



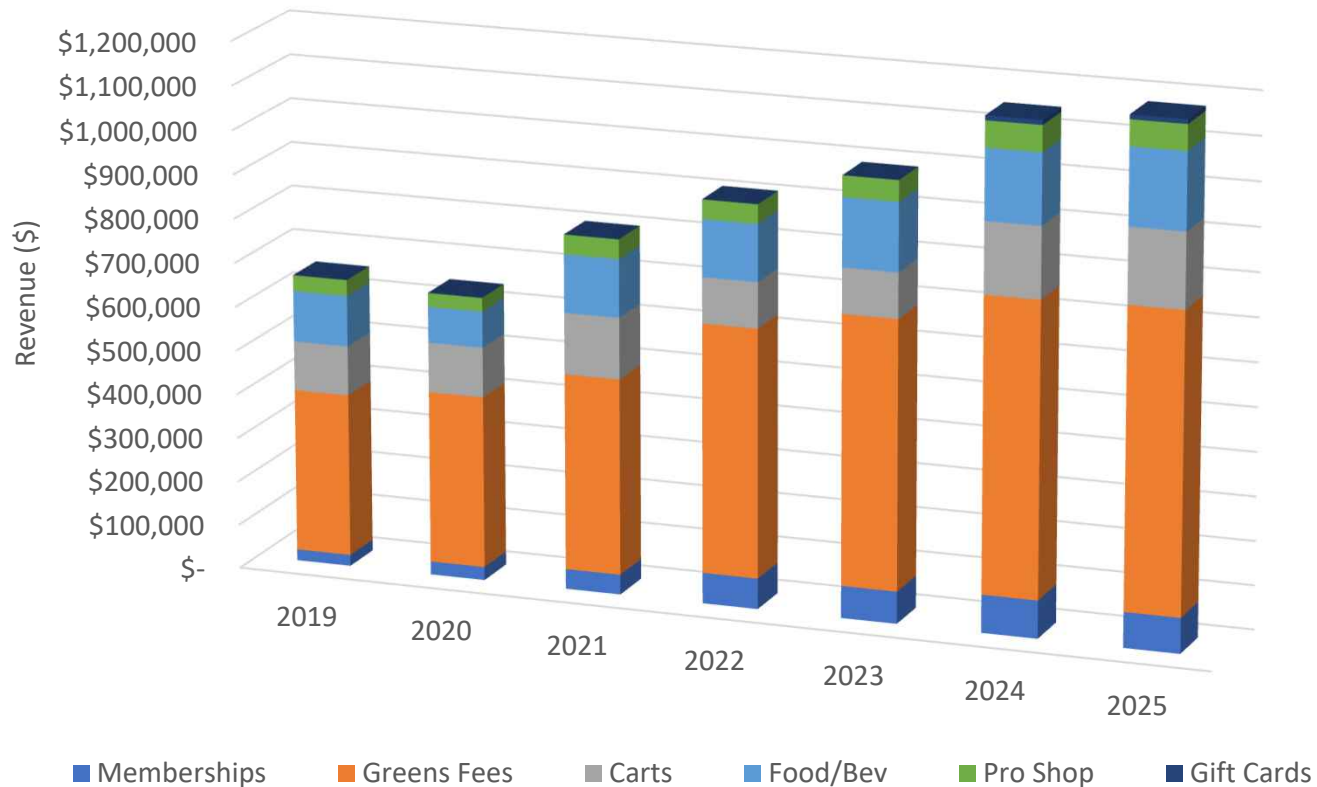
Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center Revenue Report - September

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Memberships	\$ 476,480	\$ 189,053	\$ 184,516	\$ 318,091	\$ 420,209	\$ 478,825	\$ 483,571
Daily Entries	\$ 106,234	\$ 37,275	\$ 1,207	\$ 43,804	\$ 80,515	\$ 93,716	\$ 114,451
Activities	\$ 162,644	\$ 25,786	\$ 46,417	\$ 119,824	\$ 148,457	\$ 148,996	\$ 99,734
Daycamp	\$ 88,617	\$ 630	\$ 405	\$ 74,590	\$ 76,886	\$ 75,341	\$ 83,141
Rentals	\$ 5,048	\$ 2,554	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lockers	\$ 6,287	\$ 2,267	\$ 780	\$ 2,031	\$ 2,323	\$ 2,415	\$ 2,058
Vending	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sale Items	\$ 9,037	\$ 2,318	\$ 2,490	\$ 58	\$ 2,931	\$ 3,713	\$ 3,504
Totals:	\$ 855,772	\$ 261,091	\$ 236,115	\$ 558,398	\$ 731,321	\$ 803,006	\$ 786,459



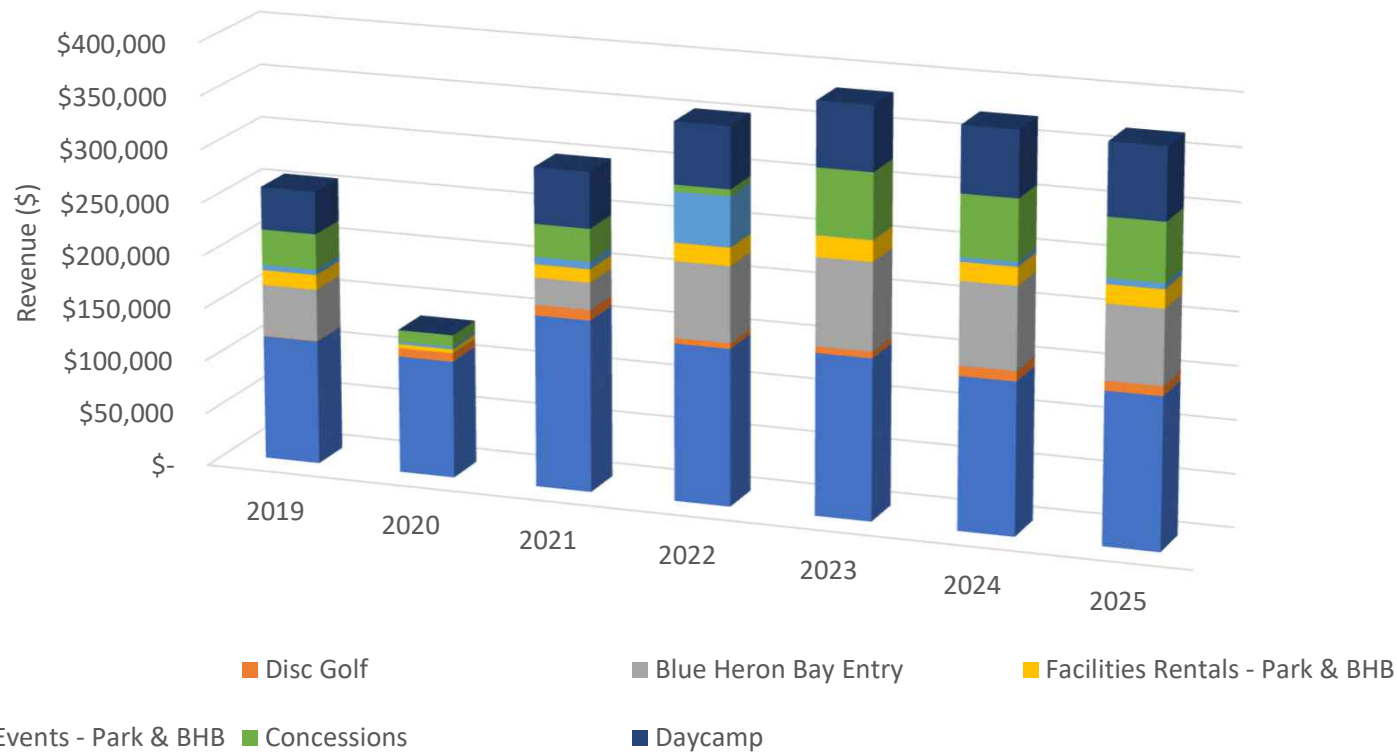
Pierce Lake Golf Course Revenue Report - September

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Memberships	\$ 25,175	\$ 29,882	\$ 45,194	\$ 69,455	\$ 72,908	\$ 86,230	\$ 80,740
Greens Fees	\$ 368,254	\$ 389,216	\$ 444,930	\$ 564,902	\$ 612,265	\$ 670,498	\$ 682,871
Carts	\$ 111,905	\$ 113,059	\$ 138,961	\$ 103,792	\$ 103,412	\$ 162,553	\$ 171,269
Food/Bev	\$ 115,036	\$ 81,605	\$ 131,810	\$ 129,652	\$ 155,846	\$ 161,004	\$ 175,106
Pro Shop	\$ 36,414	\$ 31,376	\$ 44,590	\$ 43,960	\$ 48,189	\$ 59,723	\$ 58,609
Gift Cards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,943	\$ 10,769
Totals:	\$ 656,784	\$ 645,138	\$ 805,485	\$ 911,761	\$ 992,620	\$ 1,150,951	\$ 1,179,364



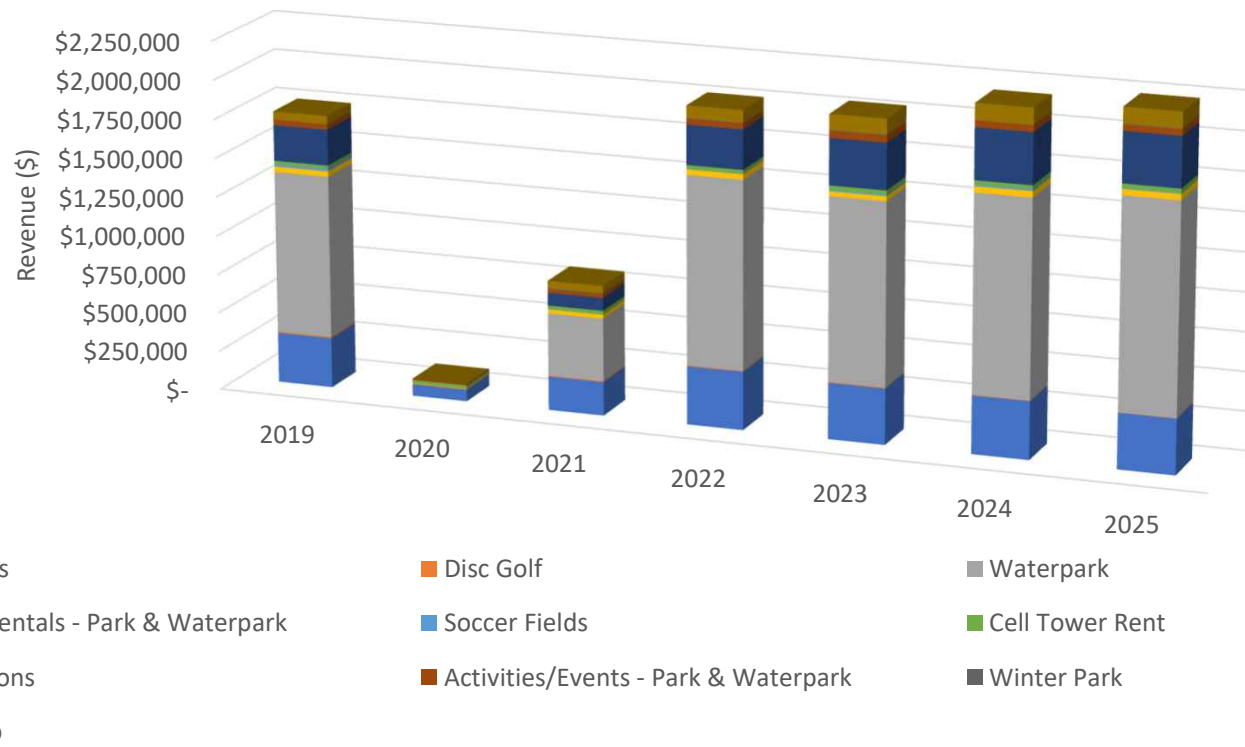
Independence Lake County Park Revenue Report - September

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gate Fees	\$ 116,564	\$ 110,041	\$ 161,645	\$ 147,889	\$ 151,945	\$ 143,580	\$ 143,268
Disc Golf	\$ 476	\$ 8,006	\$ 9,848	\$ 5,310	\$ 6,216	\$ 9,618	\$ 9,191
Blue Heron Bay Entry	\$ 48,563	\$ -	\$ 25,556	\$ 71,479	\$ 82,464	\$ 77,865	\$ 70,319
Facilities Rentals - Park & BHB	\$ 14,112	\$ 3,780	\$ 12,540	\$ 17,133	\$ 20,050	\$ 17,400	\$ 17,599
Activities/Events - Park & BHB	\$ 5,085	\$ 2,225	\$ 7,131	\$ 47,244	\$ 270	\$ 4,477	\$ 5,635
Concessions	\$ 33,469	\$ 11,026	\$ 30,547	\$ 6,470	\$ 61,880	\$ 57,625	\$ 55,397
Boat Rentals	\$ 4,503	\$ -	\$ 5,583	\$ 3,487	\$ 4,077	\$ 4,565	\$ 4,601
Daycamp	\$ 40,217	\$ 150	\$ 52,910	\$ 58,036	\$ 60,906	\$ 62,233	\$ 67,723
Totals:	\$ 262,989	\$ 135,228	\$ 305,760	\$ 357,048	\$ 387,808	\$ 377,363	\$ 373,733



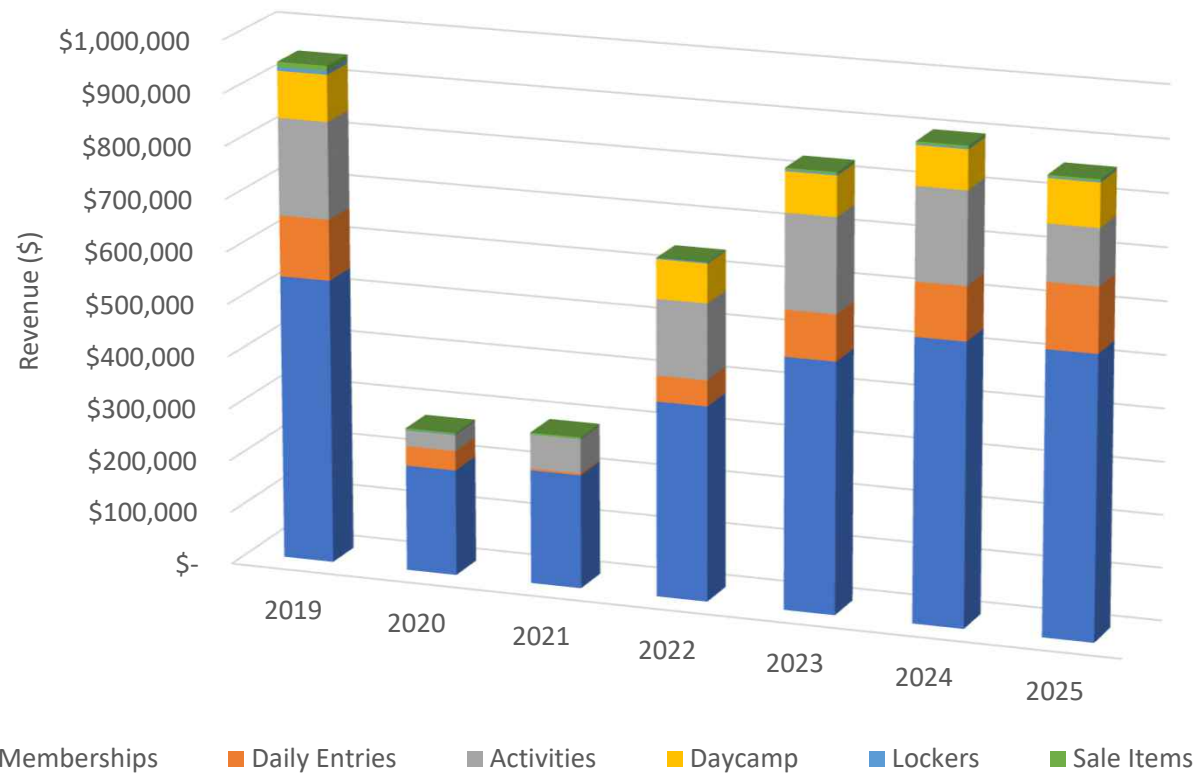
Rolling Hills County Park Revenue Report - October

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gate Fees	\$ 322,301	\$ 74,626	\$ 217,765	\$ 375,165	\$ 360,237	\$ 372,403	\$ 356,532
Disc Golf	\$ 8,818	\$ 5,364	\$ 5,802	\$ 6,032	\$ 5,682	\$ 3,497	\$ 2,704
Waterpark	\$ 1,039,674	\$ 48	\$ 402,006	\$ 1,209,698	\$ 1,171,941	\$ 1,265,106	\$ 1,346,688
Facility Rentals - Park & Waterpark	\$ 34,958	\$ 1,375	\$ 25,510	\$ 34,629	\$ 30,486	\$ 39,321	\$ 37,711
Soccer Fields	\$ 15,200	\$ 550	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 8,890	\$ 10,800	\$ 4,423
Cell Tower Rent	\$ 22,083	\$ 20,465	\$ 23,428	\$ 24,131	\$ 27,275	\$ 25,601	\$ 29,013
Concessions	\$ 229,584	\$ -	\$ 81,954	\$ 253,313	\$ 296,182	\$ 326,894	\$ 320,502
Activities/Events - Park & Waterpark	\$ 35,362	\$ 9,280	\$ 24,773	\$ 36,300	\$ 45,067	\$ 41,958	\$ 39,039
Winter Park	\$ 1,218	\$ -	\$ 5,088	\$ 5,245	\$ 4,600	\$ 2,180	\$ 5,610
Daycamp	\$ 52,405	\$ -	\$ 47,485	\$ 78,648	\$ 98,497	\$ 105,112	\$ 103,420
Totals:	\$ 1,761,603	\$ 111,708	\$ 835,311	\$ 2,026,161	\$ 2,048,857	\$ 2,192,872	\$ 2,245,641



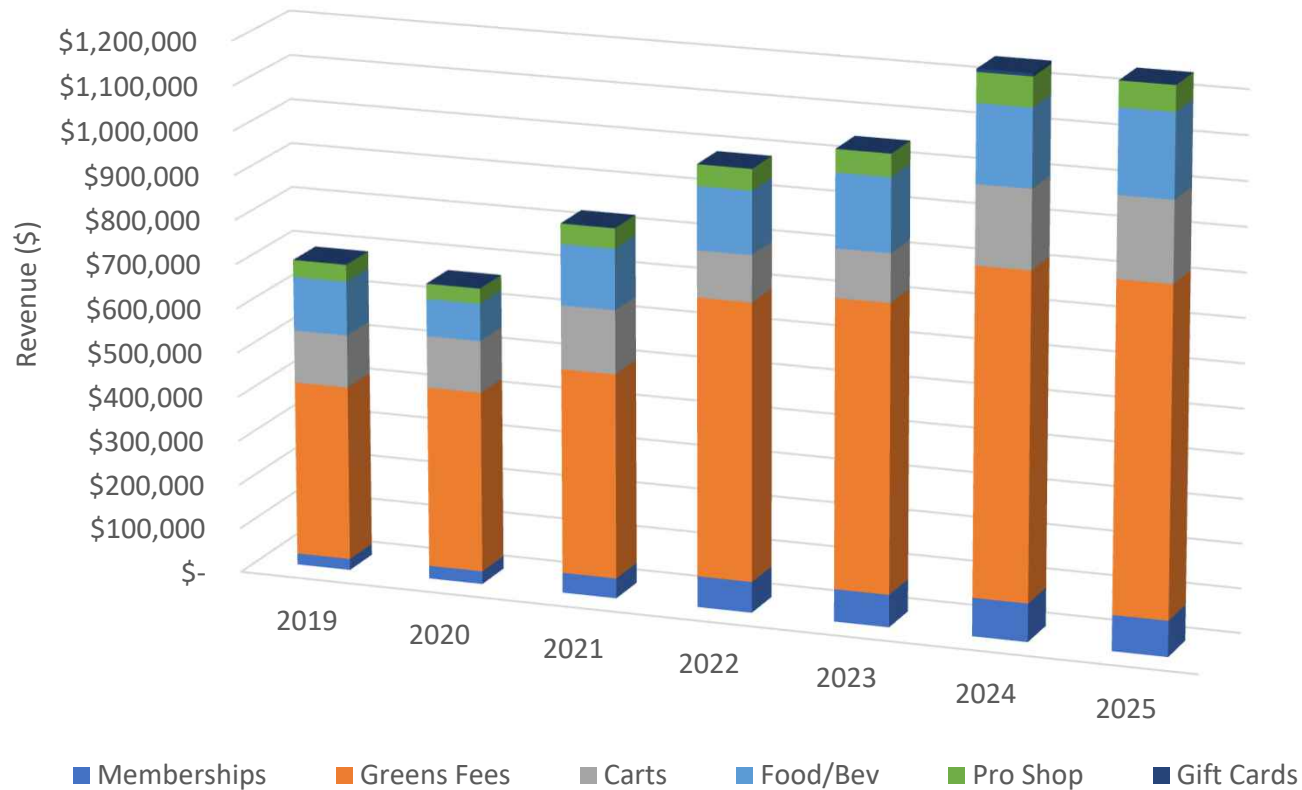
Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center Revenue Report - October

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Memberships	\$ 541,588	\$ 201,450	\$ 216,446	\$ 371,333	\$ 478,815	\$ 539,009	\$ 538,937
Daily Entries	\$ 116,020	\$ 37,275	\$ 3,602	\$ 49,268	\$ 88,228	\$ 102,714	\$ 124,100
Activities	\$ 184,619	\$ 29,042	\$ 64,538	\$ 144,478	\$ 180,462	\$ 176,296	\$ 107,059
Daycamp	\$ 89,077	\$ 630	\$ 360	\$ 74,590	\$ 77,066	\$ 75,341	\$ 83,146
Rentals	\$ 5,432	\$ 2,554	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lockers	\$ 6,857	\$ 2,267	\$ 930	\$ 2,158	\$ 2,573	\$ 2,565	\$ 2,198
Vending	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sale Items	\$ 9,973	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,915	\$ 85	\$ 3,618	\$ 4,033	\$ 3,770
Totals:	\$ 954,991	\$ 276,952	\$ 291,191	\$ 641,912	\$ 830,762	\$ 899,958	\$ 859,210



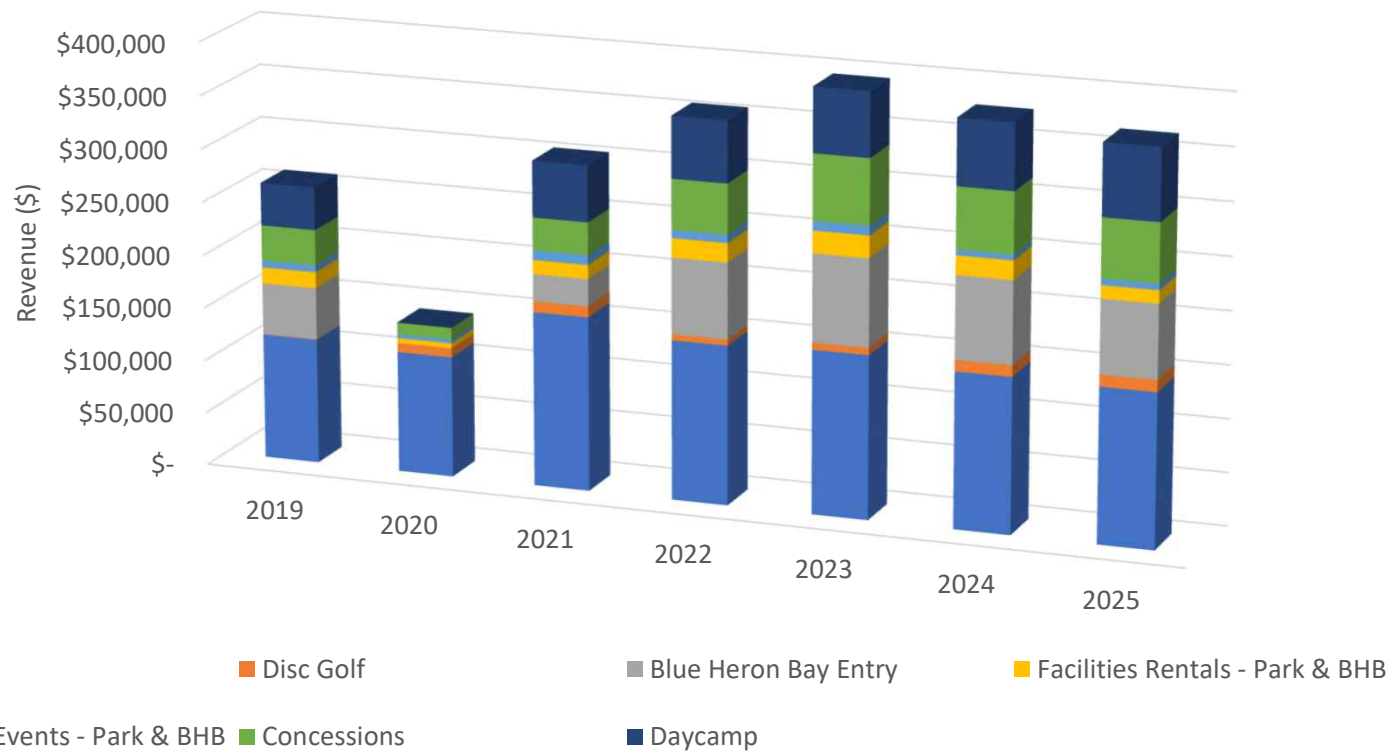
Pierce Lake Golf Course Revenue Report - October

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Memberships	\$ 25,175	\$ 28,883	\$ 45,194	\$ 69,455	\$ 72,908	\$ 86,230	\$ 80,740
Greens Fees	\$ 391,802	\$ 405,718	\$ 460,507	\$ 625,424	\$ 649,222	\$ 735,355	\$ 739,361
Carts	\$ 118,202	\$ 116,564	\$ 143,336	\$ 105,067	\$ 109,556	\$ 178,201	\$ 182,609
Food/Bev	\$ 121,268	\$ 83,921	\$ 137,050	\$ 141,957	\$ 166,645	\$ 176,123	\$ 189,221
Pro Shop	\$ 38,398	\$ 34,187	\$ 45,684	\$ 48,058	\$ 51,579	\$ 67,216	\$ 66,370
Gift Cards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,652	\$ 11,440
Totals:	\$ 694,845	\$ 669,273	\$ 831,771	\$ 989,961	\$ 1,049,910	\$ 1,256,777	\$ 1,269,741



Independence Lake County Park Revenue Report - October

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gate Fees	\$ 117,729	\$ 113,701	\$ 164,153	\$ 150,231	\$ 154,146	\$ 146,854	\$ 145,831
Disc Golf	\$ 542	\$ 8,592	\$ 10,244	\$ 5,726	\$ 6,846	\$ 10,920	\$ 11,293
Blue Heron Bay Entry	\$ 48,563	\$ -	\$ 25,556	\$ 71,479	\$ 82,464	\$ 77,865	\$ 69,319
Facilities Rentals - Park & BHB	\$ 15,262	\$ 4,730	\$ 13,240	\$ 18,133	\$ 21,050	\$ 18,150	\$ 12,360
Activities/Events - Park & BHB	\$ 6,387	\$ 3,579	\$ 9,122	\$ 7,632	\$ 8,823	\$ 5,113	\$ 6,005
Concessions	\$ 33,469	\$ 11,026	\$ 30,547	\$ 47,244	\$ 61,881	\$ 57,625	\$ 55,399
Boat Rentals	\$ 4,503	\$ -	\$ 5,583	\$ 3,487	\$ 4,117	\$ 4,565	\$ 4,601
Daycamp	\$ 40,217	\$ 150	\$ 52,910	\$ 58,036	\$ 60,906	\$ 62,233	\$ 67,723
Totals:	\$ 266,672	\$ 141,778	\$ 311,355	\$ 361,968	\$ 400,233	\$ 383,325	\$ 372,531



WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	14,781,564		75%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	10,500,149	10,653,897		101%	153,748
State Grant Funds	-	-			-
Fees & Services	4,388,000	4,611,148		105%	223,148
Interest Earnings	300,000	602,217		201%	302,217
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>99,000</u>	<u>94,900</u>		96%	<u>(4,100)</u>
Total Revenue	15,287,149	15,962,163		104%	675,014
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(8,562,262)	(6,865,790)		80%	1,696,472
Supplies & Other Services	(2,990,100)	(2,336,266)		78%	653,834
Internal Service Charges	(1,055,612)	(815,237)		77%	240,375
Capital					
Land Acquisition	-	-		-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(1,290,091)		42%	1,809,909
Contingency	(400,000)	(168,600)		42%	231,400
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(90,000)</u>	<u>(72,579)</u>		81%	<u>17,421</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,590,000)	(1,531,269)		43%	2,058,731
Transfers Out	(2,038,000)	(138,000)			
Total Expense	<u>(18,235,974)</u>	<u>(11,686,563)</u>		64%	4,649,411
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,948,825)	4,275,600			
Operating Reserve	(10,500,149)	(9,798,849)			
2025 Funding Commitments (Partnerships)	<u>(4,780,000)</u>	<u>-</u>			
	(15,280,149)	(9,798,849)			
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/25)	<u>7,052,739</u>	<u>19,057,164</u>			

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	10,037,013	75%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	5,563,519	5,665,595	102%	102,076
State Revenue	-	749,751		749,751
Interest Earnings	100,000	443,893	444%	343,893
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	0%	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total Revenue	5,668,519	6,859,239	121%	1,190,720
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(674,205)	(575,057)	85%	99,148
Supplies & Other Services	(654,200)	(231,276)	35%	422,924
Internal Service Charges	(37,719)	(18,280)	48%	19,439
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(2,900,000)	(1,001,674)	35%	1,898,326
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(3,397)</u>	17%	<u>16,603</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,920,000)	(1,005,071)	34%	1,914,929
Total Expense	<u>(4,286,124)</u>	<u>(1,829,684)</u>	43%	2,456,440
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,382,395	5,029,555		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/25)	<u>11,419,408</u>	<u>15,066,568</u>		

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - OCTOBER 31, 2025

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	14,781,564		83%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)			Variance
Property Tax	10,500,149	10,653,897		101%	153,748
State Grant Funds	-	-			-
Fees & Services	4,388,000	4,800,147		109%	412,147
Interest Earnings	300,000	602,217		201%	302,217
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>99,000</u>	<u>94,900</u>		96%	<u>(4,100)</u>
Total Revenue	15,287,149	16,151,162	106%		864,013
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(8,562,262)	(7,550,170)	88%		1,012,092
Supplies & Other Services	(2,990,100)	(2,744,894)	92%		245,206
Internal Service Charges	(1,055,612)	(901,355)	85%		154,257
Capital					
Land Acquisition	-	-	-		-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(1,292,741)	42%		1,807,259
Contingency	(400,000)	(193,597)	48%		206,403
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(90,000)</u>	<u>(72,579)</u>	81%		<u>17,421</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,590,000)	(1,558,916)	43%		2,031,084
Transfers Out	(2,038,000)	(138,000)			
Total Expense	<u>(18,235,974)</u>	<u>(12,893,335)</u>	71%		3,442,639
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,948,825)	3,257,826			
Operating Reserve	(10,500,149)	(9,798,849)			
2025 Funding Commitments (Partnerships)	<u>(4,780,000)</u>	<u>-</u>			
	(15,280,149)	(9,798,849)			
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/25)	<u>7,052,739</u>	<u>18,039,390</u>			

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - OCTOBER 31, 2025

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	10,037,013	83%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	5,563,519	5,665,595	102%	102,076
State Revenue	-	749,751		749,751
Interest Earnings	100,000	443,893	444%	343,893
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	0%	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total Revenue	5,668,519	6,859,239	121%	1,190,720
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(674,205)	(643,283)	95%	30,922
Supplies & Other Services	(654,200)	(263,646)	40%	390,554
Internal Service Charges	(37,719)	(19,585)	52%	18,134
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(2,900,000)	(1,089,124)	38%	1,810,876
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(3,397)</u>	17%	<u>16,603</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,920,000)	(1,092,521)	37%	1,827,479
Total Expense	<u>(4,286,124)</u>	<u>(2,019,036)</u>	47%	2,267,088
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,382,395	4,840,203		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/25)	<u>11,419,408</u>	<u>14,877,216</u>		



MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: November 12, 2024

Subject: Recommendation for Final Approval for Randall Trust Conservation Easement

BACKGROUND

The 61-acre farm is currently owned by the Randall Trust. The property is in proximity to other farmland already protected by Legacy Land Conservancy. The farm is located in Bridgewater Township, an area that has seen only limited investment by ALPAC through its recent acquisition of the Jansen easement, but contains high quality farmland based on the GIS assessment previously completed.

DISCUSSION

The Randall Trust farm was identified by ALPAC as a high priority in Round 22. The property is in active agriculture and was designated high quality by the Assessment and Prioritization mapping for agriculture sites and identified as a priority for stream protection. The ALPAC scoring system gives this project 55/83 points, rating highly for the percentage of prime soils, size and intensity of agriculture, and its location surrounded by active agriculture. The farm is also a Centennial Farm.

In April 2024, the Commission approved a sales contract in the amount of \$429,000 (\$7,509/acre) based on the appraised value of the 57-acre portion of the property covered by the easement. The sales contract was contingent upon completion of due diligence, which has since been completed.

- Appraisal was completed for the property in March 2024.
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment completed in August 2024 by ASTI showed no recognized environmental conditions (REC).
- A boundary survey including legal descriptions has been prepared.

The final purchase price is \$445,805.57 (\$7,509 / acre), revised upwards due to the boundary survey which identified an increase in the easement area from 57 to 59.368 acres.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the review by the Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee, along with the completion of the due diligence, it is my recommendation the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the conservation easement purchase of the Randall property as identified in attached maps in the amount of \$445,805.57, contingent upon attorney review of final closing documents. I further recommend that \$15,000 be contributed to the stewardship special revenue fund for the future monitoring and enforcement of the conservation easement.

Attachments

Randall West Property: Local Area Aerial

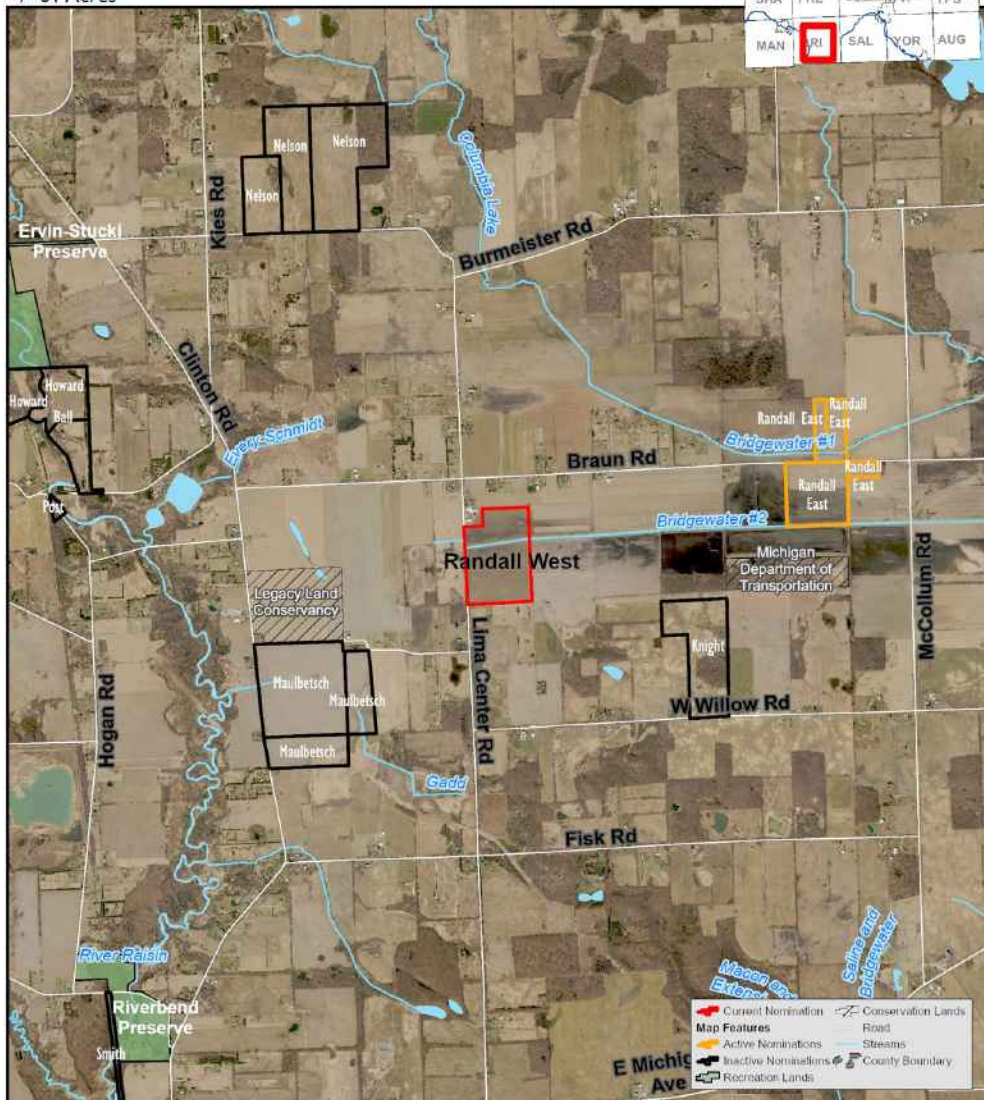
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Nomination ID:A22.154

Bridgewater Township

+/- 61 Acres

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Randall West Property: Aerial & Soils

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2020 Aerial Photo; NRCS Soils





MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

DATE: November 12, 2025

RE: Project and Activities Update – September & October 2025

Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake

- 575 players participated in the DGLO Disc Golf Tournament on September 5-7.
- Eleven players attended Disc Golf Glow Nights in September.
- Fall yoga classes began and will run through October.
- 50 Vendors and 450 people attended the annual Craft Show on September 27.
- Maintenance staff worked in September to close the spray park and prepare for fall programs.
- “Owl Night Hike” program was held on October 3. Thirteen families registered, and 25 participants attended the event.
- Eleven people participated in the “Self Defense” class on October 7.
- Thirty-nine players participated in the 10th annual Red Hawk Golf Disc Golf Tournament on October 10.
- The “Lantern Lit Trail” walk was held on October 24. Seventeen families registered, and 39 people attended.
- Parks staff, along with the JFR consultant team, is in the process of finalizing the construction documents, including site plan, for a new maintenance building. Team is in process of finalizing water treatment equipment, low voltage needs, and determining best approach for staff to operate during construction. Permit approvals are being sought with EGLE and other agencies.
- Parks staff is preparing to commence paving operations for this fall.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- Approximately 2,500 attended “Fall Festival” at County Farm Park on October 11.
- The Fall 2 Group Fitness Session will begin on November 9, and Winter term registration will open on December 15.
- Registration for Winter Break Camps will begin on November 14. Sessions will coincide with AAPS winter break.
- The facility is preparing to close for a week in November due to the ongoing natatorium construction project. Staff will be working closely with Communications staff to facilitate a plan to alert our patrons.
- Construction on the Natatorium renovation continues. CMU walls are being installed and the interior portion is near complete. Mechanical and electrical rough-ins continue to be installed and have passed all necessary inspections. The JFR team, along with WCPARC staff, are in the process of finalizing shop submittals and responding to any contractor questions. Project is currently on time and within budget.



- Staff has been working with the Ann Arbor Art Center to identify artists who will be invited to submit proposals for Natatorium artwork.

Rolling Hills Park

- The annual “Doggie Dip” event, held during the Water Park’s seasonal shutdown on September 6, sold out with 606 dogs participating. A video posted to TikTok garnered more than 140K “likes” and 700 comments.
https://www.tiktok.com/@alyssastavros/video/7547011214669335838?_r=1&_t=ZT-8zcA2FNfKON
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention held a 5k fundraiser at the park on September 20, drawing 600 participants and raising more than \$61,000 dollars. The organization has already booked the park for next year’s event.
- Pavement maintenance operations (crack filling, seal coating and striping) is planning to commence this fall.
- More than 700 people participated in the annual “Trek or Treat” event on October 4.
- More than 80 dogs participated in the “Pawtoberfest” on October 4.
- Work has begun to update the main pool mechanical equipment. All seven column pipes and pumps have been removed, and pumps and motors are in the process of repair.

Staebler Farm Park

- Farmhouse rehabilitation plans have been approved by all applicable permitting agencies. Water filtration design and technical specifications have been finalized and submitted to WCHD for approval prior to submitting to EGLE. The RFP is expected to be released for bids once the budget has been approved.
- Progress towards development of the north side of Staebler Farm Park continues on schedule for the \$283,380 grant from Ducks Unlimited. The consultant, Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio, is developing a final draft for the 30% schematic drawings for northside development, which will provide the foundation for construction engineering for the Ducks Unlimited-funded components (wetland restoration, shoreline stabilization, and breach crossing).

Special Initiatives

Border to Border Trail (B2B)

- Segment DAA7 (Barton-Bandemer Tunnel and Trail, in partnership with the City of Ann Arbor):
 - o Tunnel: The contractor, Davis Construction, is substantially complete with the project and a ribbon cutting was held on November 5. Some minor items remain to be completed such as final lighting connection (pending inspection), some additional plantings in the spring, and the punch list.
 - o Ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Chelsea on September 30, to dedicate the new trailhead at Timbertown in honor of Capt. Joel C. Gentz, a Chelsea native and Combat Rescue Officer who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2010.
- Engineering and permitting are in various stages for the following trail segments:
 - o Segment DAA4 (Delhi Metropark to Wagner Rd): Amtrak permit review still in process.
 - o The Dexter Connection Trail, Parker Road to City of Dexter. Design work continues, four easements have been secured and work the on rehabilitation of the 140-year-old Bell Road Bridge has started. Project is scheduled for fall 2025 bid and construction in 2026.



Connecting Communities

- Connecting Communities grant applications were due on August 28. Three proposals were submitted. Staff has reviewed applications and met with communities to obtain additional information. Funding recommendations will be made at the November Commission meeting.

Nelson Meade County Farm Park Master Plan

- Staff has reviewed input from both community and internal engagement efforts and has developed draft program recommendations for County Farm Park. Feedback from both groups generally aligned, highlighting the importance of preserving the park's natural areas.
- Draft program recommendations were presented to staff on October 29. Planning staff will begin preparing the draft Site Master Plan, which is expected to be presented to the park commission in early 2026.

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Stewardship

- Stewardship field crews controlled invasive plant species at Fox Science, Scio Woods, Meyer, Whitmore Lake, Watkins Lake, Miller-Smith, West Lake, Ervin-Stucki and Northfield Woods preserves and County Farm, Rolling Hills, Independence Lake, and Park Lyndon parks.
- A prescribed fire was conducted around Lake Genevieve in Park Lyndon.
- For the third year, in collaboration with Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW), 10 women and 10 volunteer mentors used blinds at River Raisin, Watkins Lake, and Leonard preserves, and Sharon Mills Park to learn and gain experience with archery hunting, October 3-5. Three deer were harvested.
- Botanic inventories were collected at Ervin-Stuck and Highland preserves.
- NAPP staff hosted the Michigan Technological Research Institute for a volunteer workday at Park Lyndon, focusing on shrub removal around areas with oak wilt.
- Staff attended training at Michigan Public Service Institute and MDNR's inaugural Michigan Certified Prescribed Burn Manager training.
- A review of data on eBird showed grassland nesting birds (including Meadowlarks, Bobolinks, Northern Harriers, and others) persisting at Devine, Watkins Lake, and Kosch Headwaters preserves and at Staebler Farm and Rolling Hills parks. Populations are beginning to be observed at grassland restoration sites including Sharon Mills County Park, and West Lake, Whitmore Lake, Northfield Woods, and Lost Wagon Lake preserves. Observations of these species have reduced at Independence Lake County Park, and Leonard and Brauer preserves.
- 70 community members participated in the inaugural Washtenaw Conserved Farm Tour on October 4, which provided behind-the-scenes access to three local farms conserved through a Conservation Easement. The event was led by WCPARC as a collaborative project of the Washtenaw Conservation Collective, with active support from the Washtenaw Conservation District, Legacy Land Conservancy, the Ann Arbor Greenbelt, Webster Township, and Scio Township. Participants visited Brines farm, Vestergaard Farm, and Annie G's Dairy.
- Friends and NAPP team staff visits Squiers Preserve to celebrate the Commission's closing on full ownership of the facility.
- Staff attended training at Michigan Public Service Institute and MDNR's inaugural Michigan Certified Prescribed Burn Manager training.



Programming, Events, and Volunteers

Educational & Interpretive Programming

- September: 653 patrons attended nature programs, which include “Women's Nature Camp,” archery, “Mindfulness Hike” at Fox Science, “Cordage and Rag Dolls” at Parker Mill Park.
- October: 633 patrons attend nature programs, which include “Owl Prowl” at Independence Lake Park, “Signs of Fall” Field Trips on the B2B trail, “Canids” at Chelsea Retirement Center, “Seed Collection Hike” at Rolling Hills County Park

Michigan Folk School

- September Classes: 198 students attended 24 classes, which included basketry, blacksmithing, fiber, leather work, stained glass, custom ink and dyes, natural beekeeping, yarn spinning, and sourdough bread.
- October Classes: 226 students attended 30 classes, which included basketry, blacksmithing, fiber, stained glass, date-night cooking, crochet, and sourdough bread.
- On September 20, 1,452 people attended the second annual Folk Festival at Staebler Farm County Park, which included demonstrations by 28 instructors, food vendors, three musical groups, and raising \$3,850 in auction and garage sale items. The event resulted in 38 new registrations.

Volunteer Programs

- September: Volunteers logged more than 194 working hours.
- Organized volunteer activities included:
 - o Four “Stewardship Workdays” held at County Farm Park
 - o Two “Stewardship Workdays” held at Independence Lake Park
 - o “Preserve Stewardship Rotation” at Sharon Mills Park
 - o Multiple Horticultural volunteering events
- October: Volunteers logged more than 119 working hours.
- Organized volunteer activities included:
 - o Three “Stewardship Workdays” held at County Farm Park
 - o Two “Stewardship Workdays” held at Independence Lake Park
 - o “Preserve Stewardship Rotation” at Burns-Stokes Preserve
 - o Multiple Horticultural volunteering events
 - o Fall Festival at County Farm Park/Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center
- A total of 2,827 volunteer hours have been logged in 2025 to date. Additional program hours will be calculated at year-end for some volunteer programs.



MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: October 14, 2025

Subject: Schwarck Property Conservation Easement – Partnership Request

BACKGROUND

In 2014 the Schwarck family nominated 222 acres of farmland and natural areas to Webster Township for consideration of a conservation easement. The property was shared with NAPP and prioritized for preservation by NATAC and ALPAC. Negotiations continued with the family and in 2023 a conservation easement was placed across 79 acres of agricultural lands. This first conservation easement was financially supported by Webster Township, ALPAC, and grant from the State of Michigan. Webster Township holds this conservation easement. Other portions of the Schwarck parcel are now being considered for a second conservation easement that includes agricultural land and natural areas. The natural areas are of significant interest to NATAC due to the habitats being adjacent and contiguous to high quality ecosystems protected in Independence Lake County Park and the University of Michigan's Mud Lake Bog.

DISCUSSION

This second Schwarck conservation easement includes land across two parcels covering roughly 80 acres with a 4-acre exclusion around the home and farming buildings. The first parcel contains agricultural land and buildings where current farm operations occur. The second parcel to the southeast, contains a 5-acre agricultural field along the northern boundary. The remaining 35 acres include forest and wetlands leading into Mud Lake Bog. The natural areas appear to be minimally disturbed from historic aeriels and though access is very limited NATAC observed high quality plant communities during site visits in 2014. NATAC designated the area as a top priority in the 2024 ranking. There remain additional parcels with the Schwarck family that include agriculture and natural areas of notable value by ALPAC and NATAC. These parcels could be considered for preservation in the future.

The value of the conservation easement is \$418,000. Webster Township has received a State Agriculture Preservation Fund award from the State of Michigan to support the purchase of this conservation easement. Webster Township is requesting \$160,229 (38% of the total value) from NAPP through NATAC. No ALPAC funds are requested. The State grant is contributing \$158,000 and the Township will contribute \$99,771 towards the purchase value and cover due diligence costs. Based on the breakdown of agricultural land versus natural area, the breakdown of NAPP contribution is as follows:

NATAC = \$160,229
 State of MI = \$158,000
Webster Township = \$99,771
 Total Value = \$418,000

RECOMMENDATION

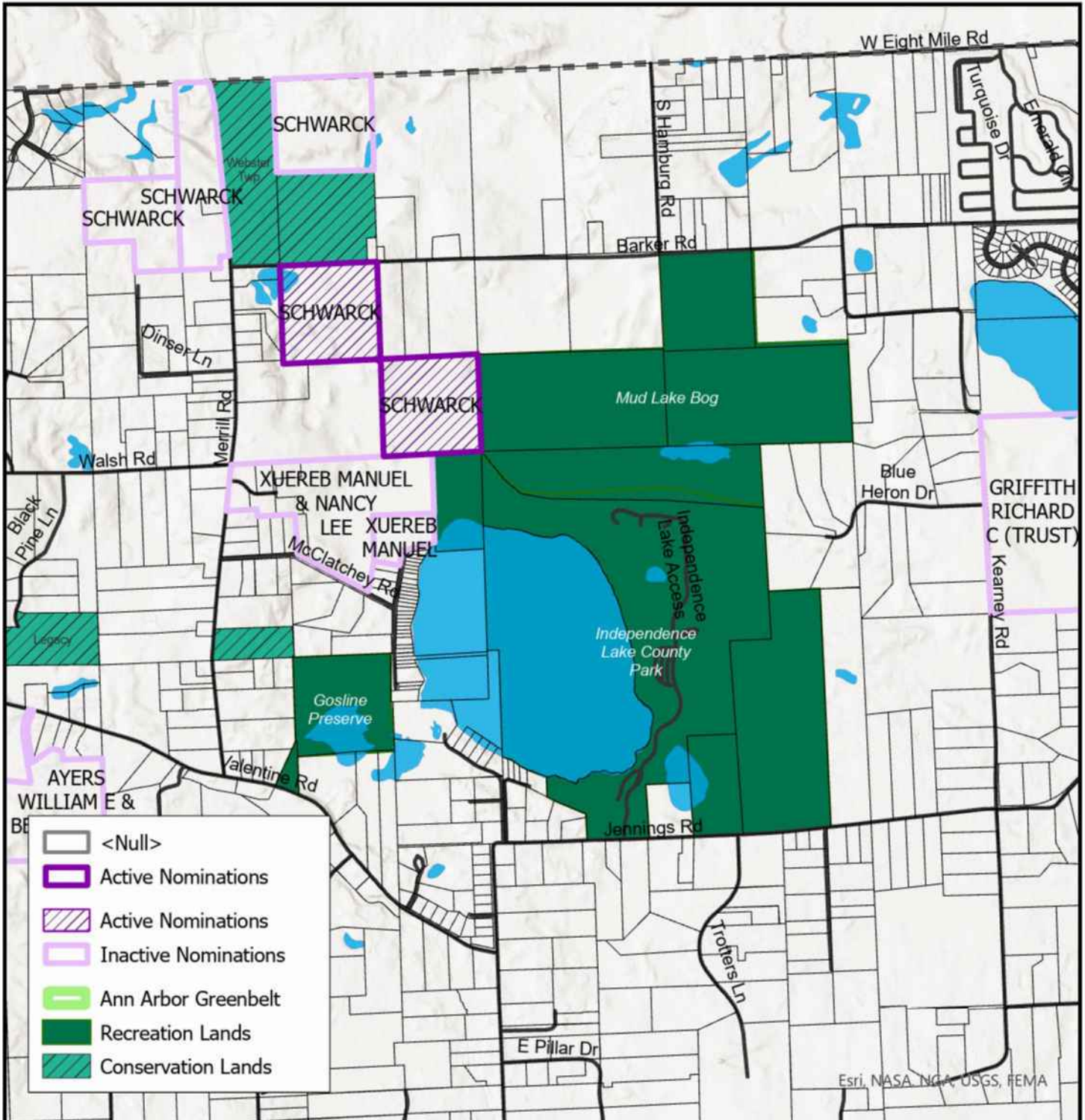
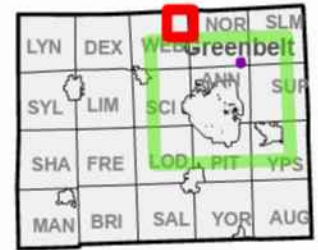
Based on review of the Natural Area Technical Advisory Committee and staff I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize a partnership agreement with Webster Township and contribute \$160,229 toward the purchase of a conservation easement with contribution from NATAC as outlined in the memo. I further recommend that \$7,500 be contributed to the stewardship special revenue fund to cover potential future monitoring or enforcement costs of the conservation easement.

NAPP 2025

Property Local Area

Schwarck 2025 CE

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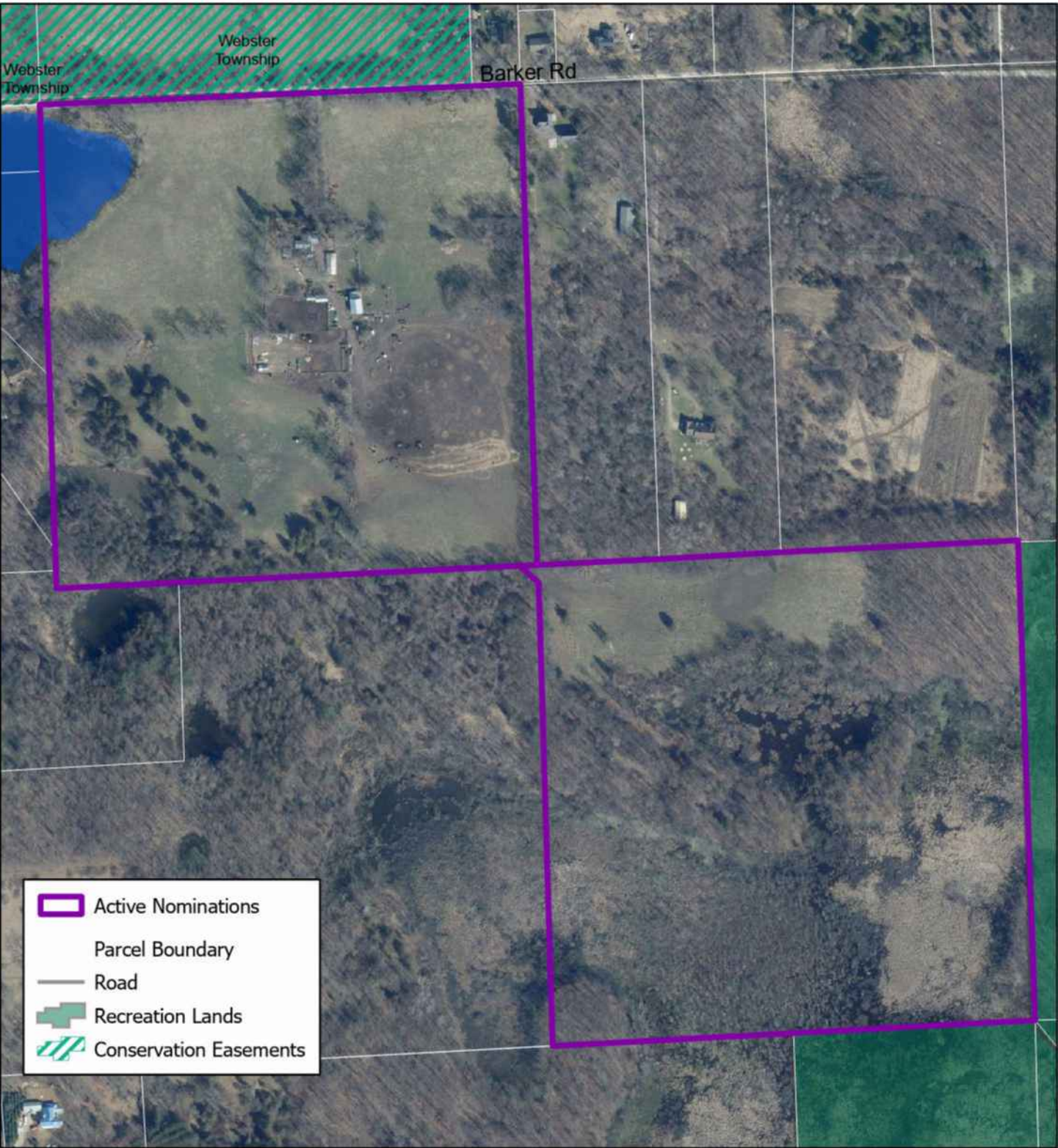
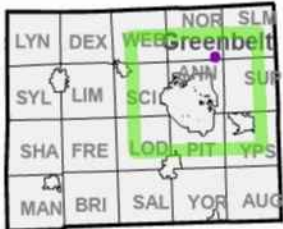
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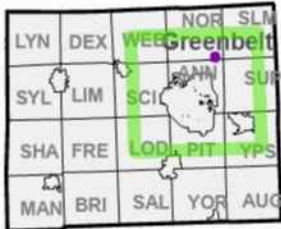
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NAPP 2025

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NAPP 2024

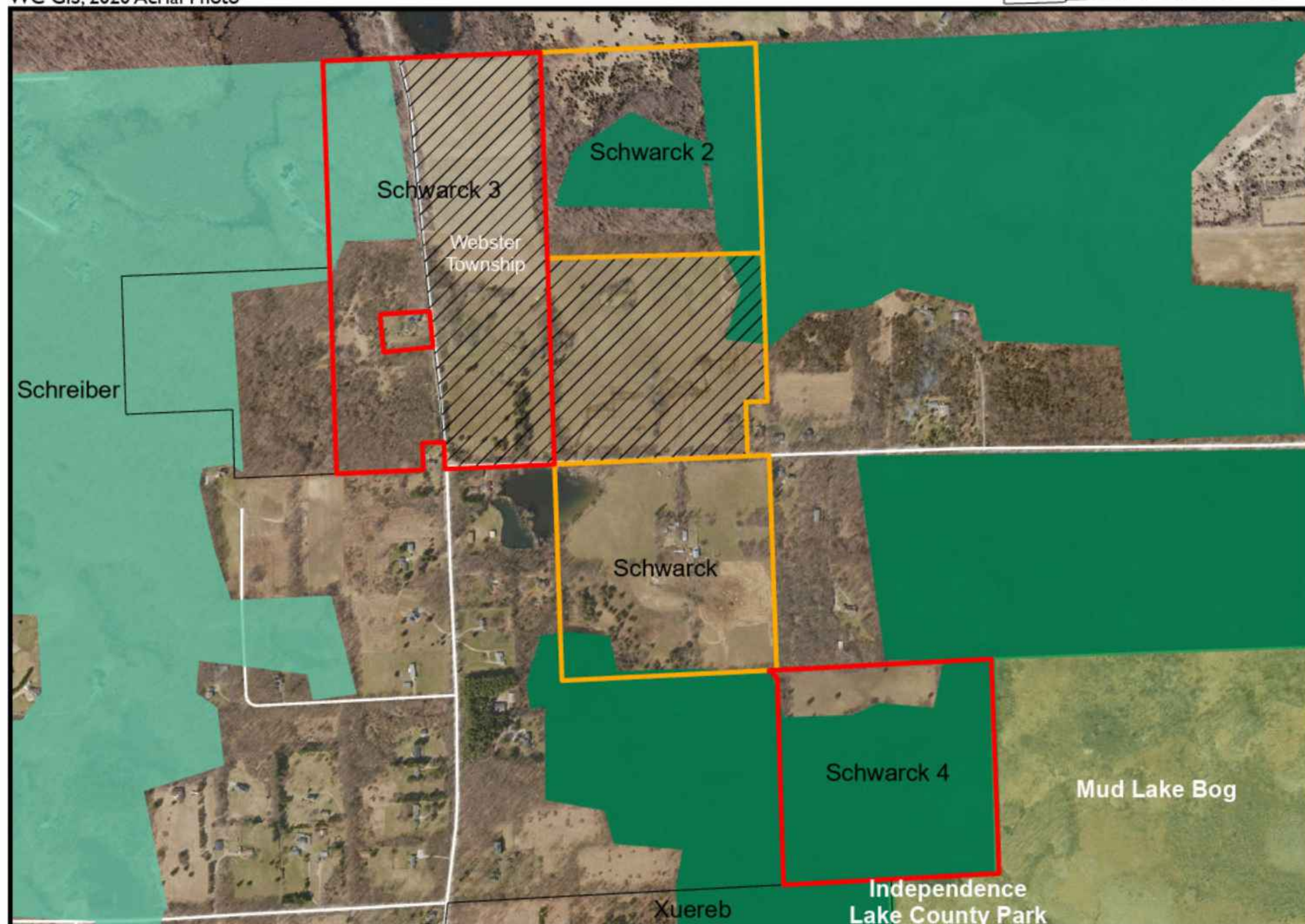
Schwarck 3 Schwarck 4 Assessment & Prioritization

222.00 +/- acres

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SYL	LIM	SCI	ANN	SUP
SHA	FRE	LOD	PIT	YPS
MAN	BRI	SAL	YOR	AUG



Legend

-  Current Nomination
-  Recreation Lands
-  Prioritized
-  ALPAC Priorities

Bioreserve Quality Ranking

-  Low Quality
-  Medium-Low Quality
-  Medium-High Quality
-  High Quality

→ 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.

Prioritized

0 320 640 960 1,280 1,600 1,920 Feet



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: November 12, 2024

Subject: Recommendation for Round 25 ALPAC Priorities

BACKGROUND

At their October 2025 meeting, the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee (ALPAC) evaluated all property nominations received in 2025 to determine which properties are the “highest priority” for protection. This evaluation uses an objective numeric scoring system that was adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and is intended to produce similar scores to models used at the State and Federal Level.

DISCUSSION

Highest Priority for ALPAC: In order of score, proceed with negotiations as funds available for acquisition, and seek matching funding opportunities as indicated below. ALPAC will make further recommendations once partnerships / grants are determined.

Property Name	Acres	Township	Grant / Partnership	Score
Nemeth 1	69	York		69
Seabury	147	Sharon	MDARD grant	59
McCalla *	122	Lima		59
Emmett	134	Superior		58
Brooks-Miller	20	Lima		57

*Property is also being considered as a priority for NATAC, for a potential split contribution.

Highest Priority for Partnerships: Partners have requested ALPAC’s partnership on several nominations, but no specific dollar amount has been requested to date. These partnership requests will be reviewed as they are received and as funds are available.

Property Name	Acres	Township	Lead Organization	Score
Wolfgang	98	Freedom	Legacy	50
Bergman	54	Northfield	Northfield	54
Kempf 3	34	Northfield	Northfield	50
Booms	35	Northfield	Northfield	50

The Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee presents the above recommendation for your consideration. The Committee is available to address any questions you may have concerning the recommendation and members can be available to attend a future Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on ALPAC and staff’s review of Round 2025 nominations, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission adopt the priorities as noted in memo above. I further recommend to direct staff to prepare and submit grant applications for top WCPARC – led priority properties as noted.



MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: November 12, 2025

Subject: 2025 Connecting Communities Project Awards

BACKGROUND

Connecting Communities is a competitive grant program that provides supplemental funding for the development of non-motorized pathways, with particular focus on making connections between communities and activity centers. The program is funded through the Road and Non-Motorized Millage, which was renewed this past August. Each year, WCPARC provides up to \$600,000 in funding for pathways in Washtenaw County, with \$100,000 going toward planning and \$500,000 for construction projects. Connecting Communities has awarded nearly \$7.75M for local non-motorized trail projects since its inception in 2010.

DISCUSSION

The 2025 Round of Connecting Communities grants was announced in May to local jurisdictions, with a deadline for submissions of August 28. Three grant proposals were received, all for planning projects: City of Chelsea, Scio Township, and Superior Township. As an additional consideration, in September, the Parks Commission approved a \$400,000 match for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application, funded through the Non-Motorized Millage, to support pathways connecting to the Eastern Washtenaw Community and Recreation Center. Funding for this project is included in the 2025 Connecting Communities recommendations.

In 2025, \$100,000 is available for planning grants and \$600,000 for construction, which includes funds carried over from the previous year's surplus. This year, planning requests totaled \$66,500 and WCPARC construction request totaled \$400,000. All grant applications were evaluated by staff for quality and feasibility. It is anticipated that communities seeking planning grants will submit for construction funding in future rounds.

RECOMMENDATION

After evaluating the proposals, it is my recommendation that the Commission awards grant funding as such:

Applicant	Request	Recommendation	
		Award Planning (P)	Award Construction (C)
City of Chelsea	\$17,500 (P)	\$17,500	
Scio Twp.	\$25,000 (P)	\$25,000	
Superior Twp.	\$24,000 (P)	\$24,000	
WCPARC	\$400,000 (C)		\$400,000
Total	\$66,500 (P); \$400,000 (C)	\$66,500	\$400,000



MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Park and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: November 12, 2025

Subject: Scholarship Program

BACKGROUND

Historically, scholarships have only been available for summer day camps at Rolling Hills Park, Independence Lake Park, Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center, and Eastside Camps. The number of scholarships was limited to the number of weeks offered at each location (for example, 11 scholarships at Rolling Hills and 8 at Meri Lou Murray). Scholarship applications were processed individually by each facility where the application was submitted.

DISCUSSION

To expand access and equity across the department, staff propose implementing a centrally managed Parks and Recreation Department scholarship program administered through Parks Administration. This program would align with the goals outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan by providing equitable access to recreational opportunities for Washtenaw County residents.

The program would encompass a range of essential offerings, including group swim lessons, group fitness classes, lifeguard training courses, day camps, Camp Big Heart, and Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center memberships and day passes. Each scholarship category (Programming, Camp, and Memberships) would begin with a \$10,000 balance. This amount will be periodically reviewed to ensure we are able to meet the needs of the community, and a recommendation for an increase would be brought to the commission if warranted. Scholarship would range from \$150 to \$300 per applicant and be awarded using the Washtenaw County HUD Income Limits and Affordable Housing Limits. Awards would be valid for the calendar year, expiring on December 31, and applicants would be eligible to reapply annually.

In 2025, a scholarship donation option was added to swim lesson and day camp registrations, generating \$300 in contributions. Centralizing the program will allow these donated funds to be incorporated into the larger departmental scholarship pool.

Applicants would also be able to register for classes online using their scholarship funds, addressing a significant administrative challenge encountered in previous years with day camp scholarships that required manual processing.

In the past, scholarships were not actively promoted, and applications were only provided upon request. The new departmental scholarship program will be marketed more broadly to increase awareness and provide equitable access for as many residents as possible. Centralized administration will also streamline processing, ensure consistent award distribution, and strengthen the department's commitment to inclusion and accessibility across facilities and programs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is my recommendation that the Commission approve implementation of the departmental scholarship program in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2026 calendar year.